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Group hits home run with Ebeye kids

By KW Hillis
Feature Writer

Four professional-looking all-star baseball teams hit Dally and Regan Fields late Friday afternoon. After stretching exercises, the teams were coached in the fine points of throwing, catching, batting and fielding skills. Then, with the help of subs to fill out the roster, they played two games before calling it a day and getting on the bus with all their new gear to play in Ebeye's streets.

"They had a blast," said Derek Brower, who pitched the project. "They asked when they were coming back."

Just a few hours earlier, the 30 boys and one girl, between the ages of 8 and 13 years, clad in flip-flops, shorts and T-shirts, arrived on Kwajalein looking

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(Photo by KW Hillis)

Adrik Peter, 8, right, and Anthony Lat, 12, practice pitching with Brian Brewster's help.

Sage wisdom

Octogenarian looks at life on islands

By Jim Bennett
Editor

Nell Keju came to Kwajalein Atoll in 1945, but left Wednesday for the last time.

She wanted to go back to her home island, Mejit, said her granddaughter, Flomira Bollong, who accompanied the woman back to Majuro.

"She's very special," Bollong said.

At 83, Keju has seen the Marshall Islands through World War II and the American presence since. Her bright eyes, though wrinkled around the lids, look back into history and memories, of which others can only read.

Born April 11, 1919, on Wotje, Keju followed her family to Mejit early in life. She remembers the war and the Japanese occupation.

"There were several [Japanese on Mejit]," she said, through translator Lynn Lanej of the RMI office on Kwajalein. "But they were mostly on Jaluit."

Keju described the Japanese occupation as "strict," adding Japanese enforced meal times and many other rules. She wouldn't talk about what happened when rules were broken, but rather looked away.

After the war, Keju and her husband, Timothy, came to Kwajalein on a military flight, she said. They were among

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(Photo by Jim Bennett)

At 83, Nell Keju is only a year into retirement. She left Ebeye and headed to her home island of Mejit last week.

Surf's up on Kwaj Web sites

By Lynn Coppes
Feature Writer

If you thought no one knows about us way out here in the middle of nowhere, think again. There are probably more Web sites devoted to Kwajalein than you realize.

Curious about the weather? Check out *www.RTS-WX.com*.

Forecasts are updated four times daily. So if you want to be prepared for the day's weather, pop into their Web site and click on *forecast* to see if you'll get rained on while pedaling to work. You can look at a radar photo of the atoll and even see an animated weather pattern across the atoll – just click on *radar loop*.

There are tide tables, moon and sunrise tables and even a little section that tells you how rainwater is collected at Aeromet.

For general information, just type

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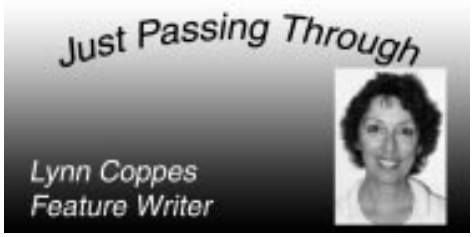
Editorial

Writer returns to find the more things change ...



After spending seven years on Kwaj, it was time for the family, particularly our 15-year-old daughter, to get back to the "real" world. So in May 1998, amid hugging, kissing and tears, we said goodbye to our friends, boarded a Continental flight, and roared down the runway.

Home at last. But I was completely unprepared for the noise, the confusion, the cold fog, the unfriendliness of people and, especially, the crushing traffic of the San Francisco Bay area. I wanted balmy breezes and my trusty, rusty Huffy bicycle.

In time, I adjusted. I no longer held the wheel of my car in a death grip on the freeways. I was amazed at the huge variety and number of programs on TV (one actually has real live surgeries shown with all the gore). Borders bookstore, shopping malls, Wal-Mart, art galleries, restaurants – they were all wonderful.

But in quieter moments, I dreamed of other things: sinking into the warm cerulean water of the lagoon, gearing up and diving the reef, scuffing along in flip flops, sitting on Emon beach watching the sun go down, palm trees rustling overhead ...

So when the opportunity came up to return to Kwaj TDY, to write for the paper, I jumped at it. Was everything going to be the way I remember? Or was I romanticizing all this stuff in my mind? Guess I'd find out soon enough.

Now that I'm back on this tiny piece of real estate, my general feeling is that I've somehow stepped into a time warp. Oh, there are a few changes I've noticed – the greenery and planters "downtown," the dome homes, and there's central air conditioning in more old housing units – but basically this old island is the same.

It's still a wonderful feeling to breeze around on my bike to wherever I want to go, I can wear shorts to work if I want and the lagoon is just as blue as I remember. Some of the same people I knew years ago are still in place here. It's great to see them again.

Yeah, it's good to be back – if only for a short time.

We'll have more on Judge Ito, the Bachelor and the GAO

By Jim Bennett, Editor

Now that we're entering the last week before the GAO returns a verdict on the contract protests, I feel like I did waiting for the O.J. Simpson trial verdict — painfully aware that either way I'd have more questions than answers after it was over.

And the newsroom where I worked had a pool going, so I had money riding on Judge Ito's upcoming words.

As I remember, pretty much all other news stopped at the time and even Peter Rejcek, who was embroiled in city politics at the time, looked up from his latest letter from the local gadfly to see history in the making.

CNN blared out their latest jingle. The O.J. graphic flashed across the screen, and there was the Juice, himself, and all the other lovable characters from the whole series. That was reality TV.

And today we criticize "The Bachelor" as bad television harking back to "the good ol' days." At least folks didn't riot when Trista got tossed.

But the GAO answer likely will come early in the morning when most of us are still in the land of nod. It won't be televised, but rather will be passed via e-mail (which hardly existed during the O.J. trial) and gossip throughout the island by lunch.

The *Hourglass* will follow up and get you the story, but we're not sharing the pool.

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Buckminster and Friends — By Sabrina Mumma

Octopuses offer local color and camo to reefs

By Lynn Coppes
Feature Writer

There's no question that the octopus is one strange-looking creature. But what it lacks in looks, however, it apparently makes up for in brain power.

Octopuses have a large central nervous system that controls an astounding number of functions. Each of its eight long arms has two rows of suckers, and each sucker has 10,000 neurons used for both taste and touch.

"You've got to have a big brain to handle all that," stated Roger Hanlon in a story by author Doug Stewart on the National Wildlife Foundation Web site. Hanlon is a cephalopod-behavior expert at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Mass. "The animal also needs brain power to coordinate the movements of its eight arms to walk, crawl, burrow, dig, swim, eat and mate."

Octopus intelligence has been studied in laboratories with fascinating results. In 1992, researchers Graziano Fiorito and Pietro Scotto in Naples, Italy, trained a group of octopuses to grab a red ball, which then yielded a treat. Meanwhile, another group of untrained octopuses, in an adjoining tank, watched.

When the untrained animals were released, they immediately pounced on the red balls, giving researchers information they never knew: invertebrates can learn to perform a task by watching — a hallmark of higher intelligence. It was also observed that octopuses mastered mazes faster than rats.

Jack Martindale, an avid diver and president of the Kwajalein Scuba Club, has made more than 500 dives since 1994.

"In all that time I haven't seen very many octopuses," he said. "They're pretty elusive and hide themselves very well."

But if you know what to look for, he remarked, you have a better chance of locating them.

"Once in its crevice, an octopus sometimes reaches out with its tentacles and carefully arranges rocks at the entrance to seal it up. If you look for those neatly stacked rocks, you might just find one," he said.

Octopuses belong to a group of marine animals known as cephalopods — those mollusks like cuttlefish, squid and nautilus — that have tentacles attached to the head. There are no bones in their bodies, which gives them extreme flexibility and compressibility, allowing them to squeeze and disappear into the tiniest of crevices.

(Photo by Jack Martindale)

Octopuses can be found in Kwajalein's waters, if you look closely. Their camouflage allows them to blend into the surrounding coral.

"And when it comes to camouflage," Hanlon said, "octopuses are the most capable organism on the planet."

Pigment-bearing cells in its skin, called chromatophores, are stretched or squeezed, giving the animal different textures and colors and allowing it to blend right into its environment.

"Chameleons, by comparison, are just dead boring compared to octopuses," he added. Body shape, pattern, color, texture and brightness can be transformed in a flash, a mere fraction of a second.

This disappearing act, along with excellent eyesight, helps them ambush their favorite meals — crabs, snails, shrimp and other crustaceans. After it has snagged a passerby, the octopus holds it against its underside and bites with a retractable, parrot-like beak.

There are approximately 200 species of octopus. The common octopus, and the one best known to scientists, thrives in warm, rocky shallows off the coasts of the southeastern United States, Western Central America and Japan, the Mediterranean and the Caribbean. It can weigh up to 50 pounds and have a 10-foot arm span. The biggest ever captured weighed more than 600 pounds and measured an amazing 31 feet from arm tip to arm tip.

Streamlined swimmers, octopuses take water into an area called the mantle cavity and then rapidly force the water out a tube called the siphon. The force propels them through the water.

"Out of the water, an octopus feels loose and slimy, almost like holding a jellyfish," noted Roland Anderson, a biologist at the Seattle Aquarium on the NWF Web site. "Underwater, though, they're very muscular, very strong." He told of one 40-pound creature that smashed the sealed, quarter-inch-thick Plexiglas lid of its tank and made its way to the floor.

The salivary glands of all octopuses secrete a chemical that helps disable its prey and break down its muscle tissue. Octopuses, however, are generally harmless to people, with the exception of an Australian species, the blue-ringed octopus, that contains a neurotoxin capable of killing an average-sized person in minutes.

Perhaps researchers don't know the exact depth of their intelligence. Maybe it doesn't even matter. But many would agree with Martindale: "These are some of the most fascinating and uniquely different creatures under the sea."

Woman describes island life over past 50 years ...

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a thousand or more workers from a number of atolls who would rebuild the island after the intense bombardment during the war that leveled the island. Asked what she remembers most, she thought of people and the rounded quonset huts.

In the early 1950s, the Kejus moved to Ebeye and built a home there. The '50s, she said, were about work on Kwajalein, supplemented by more work on Ebeye. She worked on Kwajalein as a domestic, a job she would hold for more than 50 years, retiring just last year. Timothy, a carpenter, worked on Kwaj by day and on Ebeye in the evenings. When they weren't working, they fished, using a traditional outrigger canoe.

"We built that kind of boat," she said. "Not like today."

There were only two churches, a protestant church and a Catholic church.

During that time, she raised two sons and a daughter — Aneo, Alex and Susan (now Bollong), from whom she now has 17 grandchildren and more than 30 great-grandchildren.

Time has marched on, and in some ways for the better, Keju said, remarking on the Americans.

"They're really good, and I hope they remain still, because they help the community a lot," she said.

And in other ways not necessarily for the better.

She said she'd like to see more schools on Ebeye, "for the kids," and reiterated that Ebeye is "too crowded," from the days in the '50s when only a 1,000 or more people lived on the island.

"I'm really sorry Marshallese skills are something we are losing," she added. "We don't have the materials, for example, on Ebeye. I feel sorry for this."

Kwajalein Web sites abound ...

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in "Kwajalein" under "Search." There are 93,900 "hits," but don't be alarmed. A lot of what's happening on our island is pretty much at the top of the list. You'll find many options:

- Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School (*www.smdc.army.mil/KWAJ/logistics/Personnel/education.html*)
- Kwajalein Scuba Club — includes a calendar and list of members (*www.kwajscubaclub.com*)
- Kwajalein Yacht Club (*www.kwajyachtclub.com*)
- Kwajalein Amateur Radio Club (*www.qsl.net/v73ax/*)

For photos of underwater scenes, take a look at *Bob Hampton's Kwajalein Shipwrecks*. This is a wonderful photographic tour showing Japanese wrecks with location sites and tidbits of information for each wreck. There's also a nice section with lots of photos and text on the German heavy cruiser, the *Prinz Eugen*. The ship's history is included.

Kwajalein Travel Guide (www.virtualtourist.com) will show you 100,000 hotels throughout the world, flights and other vacation ideas including cruises.

If you'd like to share your Kwaj memories, click on *Kwaj Community Website* (*www.world.std.com/~shermie/kwaj.html*)and then "Kwaj Memories." You'll also find an e-mail directory.

Lost touch with someone who PCS'd? Cruise through the *Kwajalein Address Book* (*www.pobox.com/~goff/kab*) with its directory of current and former residents.

Reagon Test Site (*www.smdc.army.mil/KMR.html*) will take you into Range Instrumentation, Missile Launch Facilities, Base Operations and others.

And, of course, click on the *Hourglass*, where you can read back issues.

Yokwe Online (*www.yokwe.net*) will give you all the latest info for "Everything Marshall Islands."

Finally, if your interest is World War II history, simply type in *Kwajalein World War II* under "Search," and you'll have a choice of 8,930 pieces of information – everything you ever wanted to know about that subject.

Log on and veg out.

Airlines waive fees for military members

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10, 2003 — Some U.S. airlines are adjusting their rules so service members won't have to pay penalties if they need to alter ticket reservations because of military duty.

AirTran Airways, Delta Airlines and Hawaiian Airlines now waive ticket change fees for service members on military deployment orders, while ticketing changes on Southwest Airlines are currently free, according to Jean Marie Ward of the Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. Continental, Frontier and Northwest Airlines waive change fees and also will issue refunds on request, she added.

Ward said particulars of these carriers' programs can be viewed at DoD's Military Assistance Program Web site (*http://dod.mil/mapsite/airtickets.html*) at *dod.mil/mapsite/airtickets.html*. Information from more airlines will be added as it becomes available, she said.

According to General Service Administration officials, a number of other airlines will waive ticket change penalties if service members present copies of their military orders or a letter from their commanders, Ward noted. The waiver procedures are official company policy for some carriers, she said, but not all reservation or check-in personnel may know that. She suggested travelers call their airline for waiver information before going to the airport.

Much of the U.S. airline industry has been in a financial tailspin since Sept. 11, 2001, and has instituted or boosted penalties for customers who want new tickets because of missed flights or changes in their travel plans.

Military travelers became prime penalty targets on Oct. 7, 2001, when America launched its military offensive against global terrorism.

Cardboard mitts prompt donation of 50 boxes of gear ...

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forward to a baseball clinic. The children were selected by teacher Jorge Gandara because he saw that they were all avid baseball players who live on Ebeye and play in the streets with makeshift equipment. When they arrived on Kwajalein they didn't know that two surprises awaited each one of them — a full set of baseball gear and a pizza dinner.

The gear, about 50 boxes full — including gloves, cleats, socks, pants, jerseys, hats, balls and bats — is thanks to the efforts of two people, Pete Weiland and Theresa Moxley, who visited the island TDY last summer, and their Madison/Huntsville, Ala. community including the local newspapers and television stations. On this end, the chapel, Community Activities, teachers and students prepared for the gear distribution and baseball clinic.

As the children finished the pizza and watermelon dinner in the Religious Education Building, Brower explained why they were surrounded by tables filled with baseball gear.

"There was a man, maybe a year ago, who went to Ebeye and he saw some of you playing baseball in the container yard by the dock," Brower said, while Thompson Tarwoj translated. "He saw some were playing with cardboard mitts, so he went back to the states ... He got together two teams and they collected all of this gear for you guys as gifts."

Before Tarwoj could translate the last sentence, the room reverberated with applause.

Off came flip-flops and T-shirts, as long bright-red socks or white socks with blue stripes were pulled on and shoe after shoe tried until a fit was found. Plopped down on the floor, Brian Brewster helped 13-year-old Junior George find shoes.

In the other corner, high-school senior Eric Corder helped find a flashy red shirt with "Weiland" stamped on the back for Anthony Lat, 12. Many of the children made a beeline for the glove box, pounding fists into the soft leather, while Seventh Day Adventist teacher Camille Trubey and Kwaj tenth-grader Michelle Corder made sure that Maxim Jagklick, 12, knew he had selected a catcher's mitt.

"I catch," he said as he walked away smiling.

The baseball pants, which are tight and come to just below the knee, presented the biggest problem and quite a lot of laughter from the children who are used to baggy pants.

"They thought they were stupid," said Amy Hansen, Recreation superintendent, until she showed one of the boys how they were supposed to look with the socks pulled up to the pants. "Then they all put them on," she said.

On the field, volunteer coaches including Gandara, Hansen, Trubey, Tarwoj, Peter Barbella, Scott Pratt and Ranton Riklon, along with student helpers, gave the children baseball pointers to improve their game.

"They look like an all-star team in the movie 'Hardball,'" Michele Corder said.

Southpaw Minty Lorak, 12, the only girl in the group, hit a homerun and two base hits during the two games her team played.

No score was kept on the games, but the children played as if the scores counted, Pratt said.

Said Hansen, "It was fun. They're good players and all very coordinated."

Volunteer Sonja Tagoilelagi, left, helps find just the right hitter's hat for Simon Tenje, 12. In the background other children select jerseys, pants and hats from the piles of donated baseball gear.

(Photo by KW Hillis)

(Photo by KW Hillis)

Jorge Gandara, second from left, teaches youths how to get down to properly catch a ground ball during a baseball clinic on Friday afternoon. Thirty-one Ebeye children each received a full set of gear.

Classified Ads and Community Notices

HELP WANTED

The following on-island positions are open with Raytheon. For more information or to submit a resumé or application, call HR employment, Alan Taylor, 54916, unless otherwise noted.

SECRETARY, Elementary School. Part time. 25 hours per week. Must have good computer skills and working knowledge of Word, Access and Excel. Attention to detail and good people skills are required.

PATIENT SERVICES COORDINATOR, Hospital. Process patients during sign-in, schedule appointments, verify patient demographics and insurance, file charts, maintain forms, prepare and maintain doctors' schedule and cross-train. Must be well organized, computer literate and have the ability to work in a fast-paced environment.

SCHOOL-AGE SERVICES/CDC INSTRUCTOR. Full time. Responsible for developing and implementing the SAS program. Will also provide preschool instruction. Recreation or school-age background and/or early childhood degree is required. Additional training will be provided. A criminal history background check is required.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, Elementary and high schools. Casual. Teaching certificate preferred, but not required. A criminal history background check is required.

DENTAL ASSISTANT, Dental Clinic. Casual. Criminal history background check required.

Raytheon off-island positions are updated weekly in the Career Opportunities Book at the HR counter, Bldg. 700.

SITTER FOR NEWBORN, two hours a day, five days a week. Call Viviana, 54622.

Ebeye Public School has the following vacancy:

FULL-TIME seventh- and eighth-grade English teacher. Prefer a volunteer, but will provide a salary to maintain a permanent teacher. For an interview, call Host Nation, 54848.

USAKA has the following vacancies:

PROTOCOL OFFICER, GS-0301-11. 24-month overseas tour. Closes Jan. 17.

SUPERVISORY GENERAL ENGINEER (RTS chief engineer), GS-0801-14, 24-month overseas tour. Closes Feb. 10.

For more information and announcement paperwork, call Cris Foster, 54417, USAKA Civilian Personnel.

WANTED

CONCRETE CYLINDERS for landscaping. Call 53276.

ADULT TRICYCLE to buy. Call 54571.

FOUND

LARGE BLACK CAT with white paws, white on mouth and chest and golden eyes. Call the vet clinic, 52017.

FOR SALE

PATIO COVER: Perfect fit for old housing, "A" side, L-shaped 20' x 16'/11' x 10', all one piece, pressure treated, excellent condition, wood value close to $1,200, will sell for $500 or best offer. Available in February. Call Al, 53792 days, 53715 after 5 p.m.

DACOR BCD, adult medium, in good condition, weights, U.S. Divers fins, diver manuals, $200; Frigidaire Flare dishwasher with countertop, good condition, $80. Call 51124.

UPRIGHT FREEZER, 7.5 cu. ft., $250; matching desk and bookshelf, will sell separately, $120; solid maple kitchen cart, $80; computer desk, $30; 6-ft. Christmas tree, $35; golf clubs, bag and caddy, $30; beanbag, $20; 36-inch-long cedar planter, $20. Call Steve, 50947 days, 59219 nights.

VHS MOVIES, $5 each; music CDs, various prices; CD rack, $8; pet water fountain with filters, $20. Call 51356 days, 59801 after 5 p.m.

WROUGHT IRON HEADBOARD, king-size, $100 or best offer. Call 53829.

NIKONOS CAMERAS II AND III, with 35mm and 80mm lenses, close up kit,Vivitar strobe with underwater housing and two Pelican hardcases, $300; Sea Quest BC, $50; misc. dive gear, call 55601 after 4:30.

SAILBOARDS, Sea trend 9'6" ATV with slalom fin, $300; custom epoxy slalom board 9'6", 100 liters, $200; sea trend race 9' 8", 120 liters $200; 5.0 race sail, great condition, $50. Call Kai at 53723.

CARPETS, 12' x 15' , beige, $70, 9' x 12' , light beige, $20; Maytag super capacity dishwasher, Quiet Pack, $300 or best offer; Yamaha PSR-230 keyboard withMIDI interface, sustain pedal and stand, $300; two sets of patio furniture, $30 each; formal dress, size 4, wine, never worn, $125. Call 51175 and leave a message.

QUEEN-SIZE SLEEP SOFA, La-Z-Boy, blue and cream plaid, $400 or best offer; four tray tables with stand, $20; sea kayaks, two Looksha IVs with rudder, storage compartments and too many accessories to list, $2700 or best reasonable offer. Call 54534.

BOAT 707 with twin Honda 40s and a great boat shack. See at lot 27. Will sell as a package or piecemeal. Call 52733 or 52324 anytime.

FUTON, opens to queen-plus, $40 or best offer; 36' MacGregor catamaran; 6 hp Yamaha outboard; 2.5 hp Nissan outboard; Avon dinghy; Bombardier dinghy, needs work; gardening pots, many different sizes, some with plants, inexpensive. Call 53750.

CANNONDALE R200 road bike, excellent condition, Rustman ready, $350. Myaita mountain bike, currently fitted with racing slicks for road training, $100, or both for $400. Call 53523.

SS PROPANE BBQ, huge, with cover, all new burners, $250 or best offer; Weber charcoal grill with cover, $15; Ornate upright piano, $500 or best offer; small electric keyboard on stand, $65; recliner, $35; blinds for 200-series housing, $5 each; wood craft table, 72"x 40", $30; plants, all sizes. Call 58598.

ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREE, 6 ft., $15; 40-jar spice rack with spices, $10; oversize dog bed, $20; small corkboards, $3 each; blue recliner, comfy but old, $25. Call 51114H or 53225W.

MEN'S HUFFY, "MT. ECHO," Kwaj condition, $25. Boys' Huffy mountain bike with front and rear suspension, good condition, $45. Call 52450.

MICROWAVE OVEN, Panasonic, excellent condition, $75 firm. Call 54158, leave a message.

TWO PATIO TABLES; TV/microwave stand; two-drawer metal filing cbinet; cookie sheet, like new; loaf pan; large pyrex baking pan. Call 52426 after 5 p.m.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FRANCOISE STANDIFER, USAKA paralegal, and Maj. Redmon, SMDC attorney, will be at Roi-Namur tomorrow, 8-11 a.m. For an appointment, call 53417 or 51431.

NEW CONSULAR HOURS. As of Jan. 7, the U.S. Embassy in Majuro is now open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Applications for visas will be accepted at these times only.

KWAJALEIN SWIM TEAM'S spring season practices began Jan. 13. There is still time to sign swimmers up. Call Ann, 52293, for more information.

MAKE PLANS FOR THE UPCOMING THREE-DAY WEEKEND. Small Boat Marina will be open Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, Tuesday, Jan. 21, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. They will close on Wednesday and Thursday for routine maintenance.

ATTENTION BOAT LOT OWNERS: All boat owners with assigned boat lots must make sure a boat lot permit is completed before building or modifying a structure. All proper paperwork for transferring boat information should be completed if selling a boat. Regulations and procedures can be found in SPI 1091 or call Les or Mike at 53643 with questions.

JOB CORPS PRE-ENROLLMENT TEST, Jan. 31,3 p.m. at Ebeye Public School. For questions, call Jallo Tokeak, Job Corps recruiter on Ebeye, 329-6622, or Kwajalein Job Corps, 55622. Picture ID is required.

KPD will conduct a bike auction Jan. 25, 4 to 5 p.m. All sales will be cash only. The auction will be held in front of the KPD Bldg. 807. For questions,call Sgt. Burdine, 54452 or 54448.

ORTHODONTIST will be on island Jan. 15-16. To make an appointment, call the Dental Clinic, 52165, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

TEN-TEN will be closed Thursday for inventory. Normal hours will resume Jan. 17.

HOBBY SHOP DEMONSTRATION: Interested in pottery? Come and observe a wheel-throwing demonstration Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at the Hobby Shop. Call Julie, 51700, for more information.

COME TO THE HOBBY SHOP every Monday at 12:30 during January for a pottery demonstration by Yong Rhee. He will also offer assistance for those wanting to learn the "demo of the day." For more information, call Julie, 51700.

ALL ANIMAL DROPPINGS must be picked up immediately by the owner or person responsible for the animal and disposed of in trash containers. When pets are outside, owners must have in their possession items capable of picking up and disposing of any animal deposits.

KWAJALEIN SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL will meet tomorrow, 7 p.m. in the Elementary School Music Building classroom. The 2003-2004 school calen-

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Small Arms Range Notice

The small arms range will be in operation tomorrow, 8 a.m. - noon. Avoid the hazard area shown below.

All watercraft must observe the red flags on the southwest end of the island.

dar will be presented. If you have questions, call 53761.

NEW-HOUSING AREA SAFETY NOTICE: Trenching for installation of the new communications conduit is underway. Keep children away from the trenches and tell them not to remove the protective caps from the barricade supports. For concerns, call Dave Dennis, 59081.

ATTENTION SNORKELERS: A flotation device is required in all waters surrounding Kwajalein except the roped portion at Emon Beach. Help to enforce this rule by informing all children and visitors. Citations can be issued.

REMI NDER: PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS are required to submit changes to officers, by-laws, etc., as they occur. Those that are not current should submit changes to USAKA Community Services as soon as possible. Those not current after Feb. 15, 2003, will be reviewed for suspension or termination of permission to operate on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur. For questions, call Pamela Dykema, 53400.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will hold an evening of praise and worship, fellowship and an inspirational message by Mrs. Ruth Harris, Saturday, 7 p.m. at the REB. A brief business meeting to elect officers will be held at 8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

UMUC Term III Registration

Introduction to Business and Management
W/F, 6-9 p.m.

Advanced Desktop Publishing
T/TH, 6-9 p.m.

Registration will be held through Saturday, Jan. 18, at the UMUC office, Bldg. 368, 1-5 p.m. Classes begin the week of Jan. 18. For more information, call 52800.

CONTINENTAL TRAVEL Office will be closed for training Jan. 18 - 21. Plan ticket purchases accordingly.

EDUCATION ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE will be sponsoring a book fair on Ebeye in February. We need your magazines and books. They should be easy reading and high-interest material. National Geographic is great. Highlights early readers such as "Goosebumps." They can be dropped off at Qtrs. 203-A, or call 55990 for arrangements.

IN SUPPORT of the airfield repairs project through Jan. 29, Heavy Equipment will be using Ocean Road and Zeus Boulevard adjacent to Holmberg Fairways. Refrain from using this portion of road for non-official use. If you need to use the road, be aware of increased traffic and stay a safe distance from all equipment.

DENTAL CLINIC will be open tomorrow, 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m., to accommodate Roi-Namur, Meck and schoolteachers. There will be no morning sick call.

THE 2003 SOFTBALL season is coming up. Team managers must bring their rosters and a league fee of $150 to the managers' meeting Friday, 6:30 p.m., in the Community Activities conference room. All Ebeye teams without their sponsor at the softball meeting will not be able to register. Questions? Call Scott, 53331.

CARD NIGHT, "Hearts and Spades," is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the ARC.

BARGAIN BAZAAR hours of operation are: Monday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-3 p.m.; Wednesdays, 5-7 p.m. Donations will be picked up Mondays. For a pickup, call 53686 before noon Mondays.

THEATER HIGH ALTITUDE AREA DEFENSE (THAAD) PACIFIC TEST FLIGHTS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: On behalf of the Missile Defense Agency, the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA), prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA. The EA analyzes the environmental consequences of conducting test flights of the Theater High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) missile over the Pacific Ocean. Up to 50 THAAD interceptor missiles and 50 target missiles could be launched over a four-year period. The next phase of THAAD flight-testing is currently scheduled to begin in late FY2005 and would continue through at least fiscal year 2010. THAAD flight tests and intercepts of target missile launches over realistic distances (503,000 kilometers (31-1,860 miles)) are required to validate the performance capability and overall effectiveness of the THAAD weapon system (i.e., interceptor missiles, radar, and support components) against representative threat ballistic missiles. The THAAD Pacific Test Flights EA analyzes the activities designed to confirm the effectiveness of the THAAD missile system before its procurement and deployment, including construction and operational procedures. The Proposed Action would involve THAAD interceptor missile launches and THAAD radar operation from a site at the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) located on the island of Kauai, Hawaii. An alternative to the Proposed Action, would be the use of the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site (RTS) in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. A second alternative would involve a combination of some or all of the proposed activities described in the Proposed Action, test flights at PMRFI and some or all of the alternative actions at RTS. The Proposed Action and alternatives would also require the construction of test support facilities and site preparation for THAAD launcher, radar and support equipment. Some clearing and road construction would be associated with the THAAD test facilities. Target missiles would be launched from the air, sea and/or land. Land launches of target missiles would occur from either Toton or Bigen islands in the Republic of the Marshall Islands or from Wake Island if RTS were used as the THAAD missile flight test location. Based on this analysis, the U.S. Army has determined that proposed activities are not expected to result in significant impacts to the environment. A draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and the Final EA are available at the following locations: Lihue Regional Library, 4344 Hardy Street, Lihue, HI 96766; Waimea Public Library, P.O. Box 397, Waimea, HI 96766; Hawaii State Library, Hawaii and Pacific Section Document Unit, 478 South King Street, Honolulu, HI 96813; Alele Public Library, P.O. Box 629, Majuro, Marshall Islands 96960; Grace Sherwood Library, P.O. Box 23, Kwajalein, Marshall Islands, APO, AP 96555. Public comments on the Draft FONSI/EA will be accepted through Jan. 20 2003. Submit written comments to: U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, ATTN: SMDC-EN-V (Mr. Thomas M. Craven), P.O. Box 1500, Huntsville, AL 35807-3801.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets on Roi-Namur Tuesdays and Fridays, 7 p.m., at Tr. 8311. If you have a desire to quit drinking, call 56292 and leave a message. We *will* get back to you.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets on Kwajalein Wednesdays and Saturdays, 6:30 p.m., at the PBQ, second floor, Room 250. If you have a desire to quit drinking, call 51143 to leave a message. We *will* call you back.

OPSEC REMINDER: Providing our military forces with uncompromised defense systems is necessary to minimize risks and enhance our potential for the successful termination of a conflict. Apply OPSEC.

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Classified ad deadlines

Tuesday issue: noon Friday
Friday issue: noon Wednesday

Marshallese Word of the Day

Yio - Year

See you at the movies!

Wednesday

Barbershop (2002, R)
This comedy follows a day in the life of a barbershop located in south Chicago. Calvin, who inherited the shop from his father, must decide whether or not to sell the struggling business. (Ice Cube)
Adult Recreation Center, 7 p.m.

Saturday

Barbershop (2002, R)
Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Crocodile Hunter (2002, PG)
Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin rescues a croc who, unbeknownst to him, is carrying a top secret radio beacon wanted by U.S. secret agents.
Roi-Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.

Sunday

Country Bears (2002, G)
Beary is a 10-year-old bear adopted by a human family, who travels to Tennessee to find his biological family and reunite the music group, The Country Bears, for a benefit concert.
Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Minority Report (2002, PG-13) In the future, crime can be foreseen and prevented. The system seems perfect until Det. John Anderton, head of the unit, is accused of a future murder. (Tom Cruise)
Roi-Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.

Monday

Barbershop (2002, R)
Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

(Photo by Jim Bennett)

'Summertime' in January

Dick Shields, left, plays a solo from George Gershwin's "Summertime" as Andrea Lindborg looks on. Lindborg, a visiting musician from New York City and former Kwaj kid, teamed up with local musicians including Shields, Ron Curtis, Son Wiehe, Bruce Johnson and Wise Roko for an evening of jazz Thursday at the Yokwe Yuk Club.

Grace Sherwood Library

Grand Re-opening

Saturday
9 a.m.
Building 805
Upstairs, above the Bowling Alley

- **Treats and giveaways**
- **Ribbon-cutting with**

Col. Jerry Brown, USAKA commander

WEATHER
Courtesy of Aeromet

Tonight: Cloudy with scattered rain and showers.
Winds: Northeast at 17 to 24 knots, with higher gusts near showers.
Tomorrow: Cloudy and windy with scattered showers.
Winds: Northeast to east at 15 to 20 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

Temperature:	Tonight's low	78°
	Tomorrow's high	85°
January rain total:		0.29"
Annual rain total:		0.29"
Annual deviation:		-1.62"

Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.

Sun • Moon • Tides

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday January 14	0708/1848	1506/0307	0120, 3.6' 1350, 4.5'	0720, 2.0' 2030, 1.8'
Wednesday January 15	0708/1848	1553/0358	0220, 3.8' 1440, 4.9'	0810, 1.8' 2110, 1.5'
Thursday January 16	0709/1849	1645/0451	0310, 4.0' 1520, 5.3'	0850, 1.5' 2150, 1.1'
Friday January 17	0709/1849	1740/0546	0340, 4.3' 1600, 5.6'	0930, 1.2' 2220, 0.8'