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McMillens reminisce, look to the future after Kwaj

By Barbara Johnson
Feature Writer

When the McMillens step on the plane in two days, they will take their first step in completing the full circle of their Army career.

Col. Gary K. McMillen, USAKA/KMR commander, and his wife, Pam, end their two-year tour here with the change of command ceremony Thursday and then head back to where it all began in Tampa, Fla.

"We started our marriage and our Army life there," Pam McMillen said.

McMillen's next assignment is U.S. Central Command engineer at MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa.



(Photo by Jim Bennett)

Col. Gary K. McMillen, USAKA/KMR commander, and his wife, Pam, talk with an *Hourglass* reporter about the life they're leaving behind and the one they are headed to. The change of command is scheduled for Thursday.

As USCENTCOM engineer he will be responsible for construction projects in a 25-nation area in South-west Asia.

Pam, this is a good place to end our Army career."

McMillen is leaving Kwajalein with
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The McMillens shared some of their thoughts with *Hourglass* staffmembers recently about their Army career and their tour here, about leaving Kwajalein and about what lies ahead.

McMillen's Army career began 26 years ago in Tampa.

"I just came into the Army and was commissioned a second lieutenant in Tampa and had been living in a trailer and finishing college," McMillen recalled. "I said to

400-pound tiger shark caught by Roi-Namur patrol boat

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

A nine-and-a-half-foot-long tiger shark was caught and killed Saturday afternoon after it was spotted close to the lagoon shore off Roi-Namur a week earlier.

The female tiger shark, estimated to weigh about 400 pounds, was hooked around 1:30 p.m. Saturday by a police patrol boat.

"We don't like to kill any animal," said boat captain Chuck Harper. "USAKA personnel safety comes first."

Swimming areas on Roi-Namur had been temporarily put off-limits as early as July 16-17 after two separate sightings of the tiger shark in shallow water.

A police patrol boat spotted the shark shortly before 3 p.m. July 16 near the beach area west of the fuel pier, according to Lt. Harry Lockett of the Roi-Namur Police Department. A separate sighting was reported from the Parrothead Club, he added.

"The patrol boat stayed out for several hours trying to

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(Courtesy photo)

A nine-and-a-half-foot-long female tiger shark was caught close to shore on the lagoon side of Roi-Namur. Tigers are one of the few species aggressive against humans.

Change of command creates mixed feelings

How do you say "Farewell," and "Welcome" in the same breath?

Well, that's the task this week as we wish bon voyage to our departing commander, Col. Gary K. McMillen, and his wife, Pam, and welcome incoming commander Col. Curtis L. Wrenn Jr. and his wife, Sheila.

Everyone's invited to the change of command ceremony at 9 a.m. Thursday at Island Memorial Chapel. If you have the chance, you should attend.

Here at the *Hourglass*, we enjoyed McMillen's support and help. I came on board during the McMillen administration, so I'm not sure how other commanders have treated this paper, but McMillen backed us up. But then he has backed up the whole community.

I'm sure he hasn't always pleased everyone all the time. No good commander does.

Gen. Colin Powell wrote, "Trying to get everyone to like you is a sign of mediocrity; you'll avoid the tough decisions, you'll avoid confronting the people who need to be confronted and you'll avoid offering differential awards based on differential performance because some people might

Time and Space

Jim Bennett
Editor



get upset."

But look around and compare this place to two years ago.

The island looks great, thanks to some major improvements in paving and landscaping. It sure makes my bike ride to work easier with no potholes in my way to cause an unexpected bump and coffee spill.

The community enjoys greater Internet access, all day, almost all the time. That goes a long way to keeping us in touch with the states, though my wife has discovered the beauty of online shopping. Ouch.

We have a new community garden, providing beautiful plants and a nice place to picnic.

Though I never attended a session, I've heard only great things about Mrs. McMillen's basket classes. Leadership comes in many forms.

Construction and renovations continue at a break-neck pace, which will soon add homes for new residents and improve the homes for a number of single residents. I was in

the BQs for awhile, so I appreciate their plight and I know it will make a difference.

Never mind the lead role we've taken on the Washington stage through National Missile Defense or the international relations work we never see, but know must be happening, because we still have an island on which to live.

It's the little things we notice and that improve our lives on Kwajalein — like no potholes, a handy Internet connection or a picnic spot.

McMillen said in a recent interview, he didn't finish everything he wanted to accomplish. Time simply ran out. But if McMillen has left the place a little better than how he found it, what else can you ask of him?

On Wrenn, we look forward to working with him. The *Hourglass* is the commander's tool, to inform, educate, and, when possible, entertain the troops — you, the readers. We're ready to do that to the colonel's satisfaction.

So, as the sailors would say, "Fair winds and following seas," to the McMillens. We will miss you, and hope you'll come by the island again sometime.

Col. and Mrs. Wrenn, welcome to Kwajalein. We hope your time here is as fruitful as the McMillens'.

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Tiger shark taken in Roi waters ...

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track it," Lockett said. Patrolmen laid out bait in the water, trying to lure it out of the shallow water and back into the ocean, but the animal was not spotted again, he said. The swimming areas remained closed until about 11 a.m. Monday and then

were reopened.

"We didn't want to take any chances. We had several families in the water," Lockett said.

A patrol boat kept an eye on the area, setting a line out 600 feet from shore in an effort to hook the tiger shark, which Harper said has been seen in deeper waters for about a year. On Saturday, after about a half-hour fight, the shark was brought in.

"We don't usually see the larger sharks so close to shore," Harper noted.

Tiger sharks are one of at least three known species of shark that attack humans. Able to reach up to 18 feet or more in length, tiger sharks look mostly black or a bluish green. The underside is white and yellowish, with stripes on top of its body.

— Did You Know? —

Biting facts ...

The International Shark Attack File, compiled by the American Elasmobranch Society and Florida Museum of Natural History, recorded 58 unprovoked shark attacks last year, of which four were fatal. The majority, 37, were in the United States (35), Mexico (1) and the Bahamas (1).

Kapahu hangs up uniform in return to island life

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

Jinita Kapahu, born and raised on Ebeye, misses the Missouri snow, though that wasn't necessarily the case in the winter of 1997 as she went through Army basic training.

"It was to the point where I was actually mad at the people here [at the Marshall Islands]," she recalled of her days at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. "Why am I here ... I'm freezing. I can't even feel my legs."

From September 1997 to November 1999, when she went on maternity leave, Kapahu was a private first class in the U.S. Army, one of a handful of Marshallese nationals who join the Armed Services each year.

"Most of my friends, they wanted to join. I didn't join because of the money or anything," she explained. "I wanted to know how it is [out in the world]; I wanted to experience something different."

It was her first time to the continental United States, though the 27-year-old had been as far east as Hawaii and went to college in Pohnpei. But joining the Army was certainly the biggest adventure Kapahu had undertaken.

"It was everything I expected and more. Unexpected things happen every day. You don't know what will happen tomorrow," she said. "The most interesting thing that I found — and it was scary too — was basic training."

From Fort Leonard Wood, Kapahu was transferred to Fort Sam Houston, where she went to school for seven weeks to train as a dental assistant. She was then assigned to Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D.C., where after a month in dental X-ray, she was assigned to work in oral surgery. The days were long: Mornings would begin at 5 a.m., with physical training for an hour, followed by a short breakfast. At work by 7 a.m., Kapahu would not get home some evenings until 9 p.m. — seven days a week.

A framed picture of the hospital, with numerous farewell messages scribbled in ink, adorns a wall in her trailer near the lagoon. Kapahu, look-



(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

Jinita Kapahu, 27, hung up her U.S. Army uniform to return to her tropical home. A native of Ebeye, Kapahu lives on Kwajalein with her husband, Manuel, and two children.

ing at the photo with naked fondness in her dark eyes, said the stateside experience was tremendously positive, though difficult at times.

"It was big. It was nice. You can just get up and go. That's what's so good about it. You have unlimited activities. You can go to the mall or just get in your car and drive," she said. "Here, if there's no flight, you're stuck."

The mother of two said she would advise any of her countrymen to serve as a way to broaden their experiences.

"For somebody out here, that's a good way to learn about more stuff and get out and see the world," she noted.

Still, leaving home was not easy, particularly from a culture where family plays a central role in one's life. Kapahu admitted culture shock did hit her.

"I was just shocked the way people talk to each other and treat each other," she said.

When she was feeling homesick, Kapahu said she would visit the Republic of the Marshall Islands embassy. She only encountered one other female Marshallese soldier while on tour.

That's not too surprising. While no

hard statistics exist on how many Marshallese serve in the armed services, officials at the USAKA/KMR Host Nation office estimate between 100 to 200 nationals are currently assigned to one of the four military branches. The highest rank achieved by a Marshallese soldier has been sergeant major.

"We've had several [Marshallese serve] in Bosnia and Germany," said Maryanne Lane, RMI relations specialist, estimating as many as a third of those serving are women.

Kapahu is married to RSE employee Manuel Kapahu, with two children, 8-year-old Aisa and 3-month-old Manuel Jr. The Job Corps graduate said she is undecided whether or not she will join the Reserves when her maternity leave expires in November. If she does make the transfer, her station would be in Missouri.

"Basically, I loved it. I miss snow ... It's fun walking on the snow," she said of her stateside adventures, but added, "It would break my heart to leave my family again."

For more information about how to join the armed services, contact the Host Nation office at 54848. An annual aptitude test is usually given in February, on both Kwaj and Majuro.

McMillens come full circle on Army career path ...

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a legacy of a number of accomplishments. He ranks high among them the community coming together as one group.

"I think we've made a lot of improvement eliminating the 'us-they' attitude between the military and civilians out here. We've all banded together a lot closer in the last two years."

Part of this he attributes to the success of site managers of all the contracts in supporting the Army Performance Improvement Criteria.

"This is something they have done voluntarily," he said. "They realized that for us to function in the future with the most efficient organization

on the island have given of themselves in many ways as volunteers. For example, the Kwaj gardens.

"The landscaping in the downtown area was all provided by the gardens," McMillen said. "I'd like to continue that as far as landscaping our buildings and our facilities. Again, it's very little cost, making the community aesthetically nicer."

He sees improvements still to be made, however.

"We haven't fixed the transportation problem. Inter- and intra-atoll ... reliability and passenger seat availability still leave a lot to be desired.

"I've seen what happens when you don't invest in the infrastructure to maintain an installation. That's prob-

renegotiations with the Marshallese government.

"What we agreed to 15 years ago has changed," he said.

The last thing he cited is the importance of National Missile Defense testing to our government. It brings up issues with our allies, both in NATO and other friendly countries.

"That's what has made it challenging and fun out here," he said.

From Pam McMillen's point of view, the highlight of their tour has been "the people. The scenery is gorgeous. But I think the people. I've lived in a lot of Army installations and always have considered that my family. But this has been the best. I just realize everyone has been kind and consid-



(Photos by Jim Bennett)

and within our budget they have to embrace it.

"The Army overall is downsizing and this is going to have a great impact on how we do business and drove us to do APIC. We had to come up with a different plan."

As an engineer, he has been able to work with some construction projects: the power plant on Roi, the silos on Meck, beautification of the mall area, the Enniburr pier and schools and clinics on the outer islands.

"A lot of good things have happened out here," McMillen said. "With the new construction, we've done some paving of the roads, there's been some maintenance, we've made some improvements of the phone system and improvements to the Internet."

Also on the success side, the people

ably been where one of my disappointments is ... that I haven't been able to ... at least maintain it. It continues to deteriorate. It's a lack of funds and a very harsh environment."

Of his assignment here, McMillen said, "This has been my toughest assignment, but it's also been my most rewarding and most frustrating. You don't have enough hours in a day to accomplish everything.

"I haven't been able to accomplish as much as I thought I would be able to in two years' time," he said. "This is a small island, but a large organization, and it takes time to change things — the way people think and the way money comes down to us."

McMillen sees several major ongoing challenges. The major support contracts are due for re-competiton in 2002. Another is the compact

erate, and it's really pretty hard to leave."

And, she leaves a legacy of basket weavers behind, from her popular classes.

"I'm hoping every time you weave something you'll think of me, because I'll certainly be thinking of you all every day," she said to her ex-students. "[Teaching the classes] was a good way to meet the women in the community and have some camaraderie. And we had some fun."

What advice would they give to their successors?

Col. McMillen: "Listen to your staff — we have some great people out here on the island; we have experts in each area. Listen to your staff and ... based on your experience in the military, you still have to make that final decision."

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McMillens headed to Florida, leave advice to next commander ...

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Pam McMillen: "To be herself. To have a good time — enjoy it out here. Give everybody a chance. Just go out and meet the people and appreciate it. Those two years — when they're gone, they're gone quick."

Looking ahead to the future, McMillen said, "For the next couple of months I'll be learning as much as I can about the different countries [in USCENTCOM], their cultures, the programs they've had there in the past, what works and what doesn't work, and develop a program to support the U.S. military in that area of the world. I'm looking toward a different challenge as I leave here. I'm going to an office with only nine military people in it, and no civilians. I think I have a large area here. Now, I will be responsible for construction activities in 25 countries."

He added, "I promised my wife that I would be home by six in the evening, and that probably is not going to happen."

Five years from now?

"We'll be retired, at least from the military. I'll be looking for a job someplace where it's warm and wet. I'll be making a few boat trips."

Their two-masted sailboat is scheduled to be shipped to Florida on Aug. 7, he said.

Although McMillen jokingly promised Pam a double-wide trailer this time around in Tampa, they have a house with a pool waiting for them. She said the pool is the proverbial carrot, helping make it easier to leave Kwaj.

"I enjoyed the lack of craziness and malls here," Pam said. "I do just fine out here on this little island."

Any regrets?

McMillen said that he regrets he didn't spend more time taking advantage of the beauty out here ... "follow my own advice."

"I'm not going to say goodbye here," McMillen said. "I'll say 'til we see each other again."



(Photo by LuAnne Fantasia)

Col. Gary K. McMillen, USAKA/KMR commander, his wife, Pam, and son, Jason, were showered with traditional handmade farewell gifts by the people of Enniburr last week. Throughout the day, the people of Third Island offered the outgoing commander and his family an abundance of food, song and dance to show their appreciation for USAKA/KMR's help during the past two years.

Friendships between nations

Enniburr, Ebeye say 'yokwe yuk' to the McMillen family

By LuAnne Fantasia

USAKA/KMR Public Affairs

Last week proved to be one of an outpouring of honor and appreciation for the McMillen family from the citizens of Enniburr and Ebeye islands.

Col. Gary McMillen, USAKA/KMR's outgoing commander, will transfer to Tampa, Fla., but not before friends from both islands showered him and his family with song, dance and traditional handmade gifts and food, as well as celebration of joint accomplishments and achievements.

Earlier last week at Enniburr, Kwajalein Atoll Sen. Sato Maie said of McMillen, "He has made an impact here and on Ebeye, on our quality of life. So many things for these people of Enniburr ... new roofs, paint, upgrading the dispensary, building materials for the island's community center, laundry with hot water on Roi ... so many things."

"A lot has been accomplished on both islands, but it wasn't me," McMillen said Friday night on Ebeye.

"It was all of us working together. It was our friendships between our islands and our two countries."

In a lively and festive farewell party at the Mon La-Mike Club, the citizens of Ebeye made the McMillen family's leave-taking an entertaining one, starting in tradition.

"The *Jobwa* stick dance performers can perform only by the authority of the chief," the master of ceremonies said. "No one else can direct them to perform. So, this is a gift to you — a small token of our appreciation to you."

Noda Lojkar, USAKA/KMR ombudsman, presented McMillen with Resolution 0093, "to express appreciation and thanks from the Kwajalein Atoll," Lojkar said.

Good working relationships and a high degree of understanding are two of the achievements highlighted in the resolution.

"I won't say goodbye forever," McMillen said. "We have too many memories to say goodbye to you forever. So I will say *kommol tata* and God bless."

Classified Ads and Community Notices

Appointment of part-time U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of Hawaii at Kwajalein Missile Range, July 2, 2000.

Note: Law degree not required

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a part-time magistrate judge for the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii at Kwajalein Missile Range, on July 2, 2000.

The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging, and include: 1) the conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; 2) the trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; 3) the conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the judges of the district court; and 4) the trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

The basic jurisdiction of the United States magistrate judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. Section 636.

To be qualified for appointment, an applicant must: 1) be, and have been for at least five years, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least five years (with some substitutes authorized), **or have a degree from a college or university of recognized standing, with a minimum of five years of progressively responsible administrative experience in public service or business;** 2) be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness; 3) be less than 70 years old; 4) not be related to a judge of the district courts; reside on Kwajalein.

A Merit Selection Panel that includes attorneys will review all applicants and recommend to the judges of the district court in confidence the five persons it considers best qualified. The court will make the appointment, following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the appointee. An affirmative will be made to give due consideration to all qualified candidates, including women and members of minority groups.

The current annual salary of the position is \$3,275.

The term of office is four years.

More information on the magistrate judge position may be obtained from the clerk of the district court or the chairman of the selection panel.

Three (3) copies of a resumé must be submitted by interested persons. Resumés should be addressed to: Merit Selection Panel for United States Magistrate Judge - Kwajalein, United States District Court, 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Room C-338, Honolulu, HI, 96850.

All resumés will be kept confidential.

unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the Merit Selection Panel and the judges of the district court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.

NOTE: Part-time magistrate judges are not normally tendered government-furnished chambers or office space. They are reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties (28 U.S.C. Section 635(b)).

HELP WANTED

The following on-island positions are open with Raytheon. For more information or to submit a resumé or application, call HR employment, Nancy, 53705.

ASSOCIATE PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATOR, Human Resources. Full time. Responsible for HR office administrative support and entry level HR duties, such as administration of tuition assistance program and processing relocation expenses. Good interpersonal and communication skills and computer knowledge a must.

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TRAFFIC AGENT, Aviation. Part time. Will be responsible for ensuring safe and timely loading and off-loading of commercial and military passenger and cargo aircraft; conducting emergency ticketing; and utilizing airline-style computer systems for cargo and passenger processing and accountability.

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

COLLEGE OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, Business Dept. Teachers in accounting, management and economics for the fall semester. Minimum requirement is bachelor's degree. Call 51034 or 52188.

WANTED

BURLEY and rocking chair. Call 52262.

LOST

BULLET 8 iron golf club July 19. Call 53888 or 52158.

BIKE from Café Pacific July 15. Call Jennifer, 53643. No questions asked.

BLUE AND GRAY foam weightbelt and one black nylon ScubaPro weightbelt at Emon Beach dive hut July 12. Call 54728.

FOUND

LADIES' GOLD WATCH, July 15, at Emon Beach. Call Joe or Sharon, 53450.

MAN'S SILVER ring with engraving at Emon

Beach. Call 52664.

SERVICES OFFERED

RESPONSIBLE 12-YEAR-OLD boy would like to earn money baby-sitting, watering plants or taking care of pets. Call Christopher, 53925.

FOR SALE

PCS SALE. Giant-size men's mountain bike, 1999 model, excellent condition, bought for \$490, will sell for \$300; Sony Playstation with two controllers, four-way playing adapter and one game, \$150; Traxis remote-controlled monster truck with two batteries and quick-speed battery charger, \$75 or best offer; snorkeling gear, \$40. Call Mario, 52929W or 59815H.

1987 CATALINA 34' sailboat, "Mata Oa," sloop rig with roller furling, 5000 BTU air-conditioner, 2.5 kilowatt generator set and electric windlass, located at Majuro, \$45,000. For complete specifications, contact Hal Dunn at hhdinrmi@tcsn.net

U.S. DIVERS' BCD, Calypso, extra-small, like new, very basic, perfect for teenager or small woman, black with yellow trim, includes owner's manual, \$85. Call Gene, 56032.

LA-Z-BOY dual-recliner couch, beige, \$450; Sony dual-tape deck, like new, \$100; 54-quart Igloo cooler, \$20; 40-quart Igloo cooler, \$15; Spaulding golf clubs, PW through driver, \$20; Orbiter 11 fairway wood, \$30; men's golf sandals, size 9½, \$10; shorty dive suit, size medium, \$40. Call Gina, 54109.

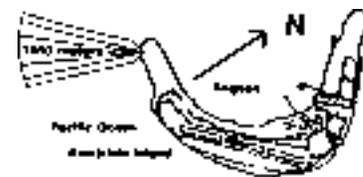
ORIENTAL black lacquered cabinets and wall plaques, electric body massagers, electric foot bath/massager, five Baht Thai gold chains. Call 52466.

ALUMINUM BALI mini-blinds for 200-series housing; 25 cranberry blinds from J.C. Penney, paid \$650, will sell for \$15 each or all for \$200. Call 52797.

STEREO CABINET with glass door, \$50; three new carpets cut for rooms in trailer, \$50 each; dishwasher, \$100; Cannon AE1 camera, carry bag and assorted lenses; guitar amp, \$50. Call 52791.

Small Arms Range Notice

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



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Vacationing in strange lands?



Check with Kwajalein Provost Marshal's Office for last-minute travel threats. Visit the Consular Information program website at <http://travel.state.gov> to review public announcements, travel warnings and regional brochures for up-to-the-minute travel warnings and security information.

RECLINER, rose color, excellent condition, \$225. Call 52504.

TWO PAIRS of Worthington soft collection flat leather shoes with 3/8" stacked look heel, size 7½", bone and navy, \$20 each or both for \$30. Call 52840 after 5:30 p.m.

26" BICYCLE, available Aug. 4, gooseneck, good condition, \$50; 20-gallon aquarium with filters, pumps and accessories, \$25; food dehydrator, used once, \$20; shoe-fit swim fins, size 4-5, \$5. Call 52567.

PCS SALE. G & L ASAT classic electric guitar, paid \$900, sell for \$550; JVC 27" TV, \$300; shorty wetsuit, \$80; Pioneer single-disc CD player, \$60; MS Sidewinder joystick, \$40; assorted snorkeling gear, make an offer. Call 53473; leave a message.

SEATEC BCD, XL, \$100; Mares Plana Avanti fins, \$35; Penn XO reel, \$100; Ugly stick tuna stick, \$90; Gaff, medium-large, \$30; five bar stools, \$75/set; Weber charcoal grill, \$20; Weber smoker, \$20; propane

The boating orientation class is tomorrow and Thursday, 6-8 p.m., in CRC Room 1. Attendance both nights is required. Register and pay your \$20 fee at Small Boat Marina or Community Activities office during regular hours of operation. Questions? Call the Small Boat Marina, 53643.

grill, \$20; eight bikes at various prices, available July 26; trolling lures, \$3 to \$14; windsurfer with two sails, \$80. Call 52345.

KAWASAKI three-seater jet ski, 80 HP, bought new in July 1995, kept inside for 3½ years, great condition, very stable, comes with heavy-duty trailer. Call 54434.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ISLAND ORIENTATION will be tomorrow, 8-11:30 a.m., in CAC Room 6. New arrivals and dependents over 12 years of age are encouraged to attend.

OFFICIATING and SCOREKEEPING clinic for adult Summer Fun basketball will be tomorrow in CRC Gym. Scorekeeping clinic will be at 5:30 p.m., followed by the officiating clinic at 6:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to earn some money and get involved with the community. For more information, call Lynn, 53331.

PCS PARTY for Lynn Olson will be Sunday, July 30, 6:30 p.m., at Coral Sands Beach. The following would be appreciated: A-K, side dish, dessert or pupu; L-Z, drinks to share. Questions? Call Julia, 54196.

INTRODUCTORY classes for the Ivey Gym new equipment will be held through July 29, 6:30-7:30 p.m. There will be a class Thursday, 10:30-11:30 a.m. These classes are open to individuals 15 years or older who are not familiar with the equipment and would like instruction. For more information, call Lynn, 53331.

CATHOLIC CHAPEL will have a special Mass Sunday, Aug. 6, 8:30 a.m., in the MP room. There will be a pancake breakfast for the Catholic parish. There will not be a 9:15 a.m. Mass at the chapel. Questions? Call Nancy, 50225.

TRIPLER obstetrician and gynecologist will

be on island Aug. 2-4. Limited appointments available. Call 52223 or 52224.

THREE PALMS Snack Bar will be closed for maintenance and repairs Sunday, July 30, until 2 p.m.

2000 ULTIMATE FRISBEE frenzy will be Friday, 6 p.m., at Brandon Field. Anyone in seventh grade or older is welcome to join in on this night of frisbee fun. Individuals interested in playing need to meet on Brandon soccer field at 6 p.m. For more information, call Lynn, 53331.

CONSULAR representative from the U.S. Embassy in Majuro will be on Kwajalein Aug. 1-4. For an appointment, call the USAKA/KMR Legal Office, 51431.

PEST CONTROL will be fogging weekly on Kwajalein during August, weather permitting.

ORTHODONTIST will be on island Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 8-9. 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.

KWAJALEIN CHURCH of Christ meets Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., in CRC Room 1. Bible classes are Thursdays, 7-8 p.m., CRC Room 6. All are welcome.

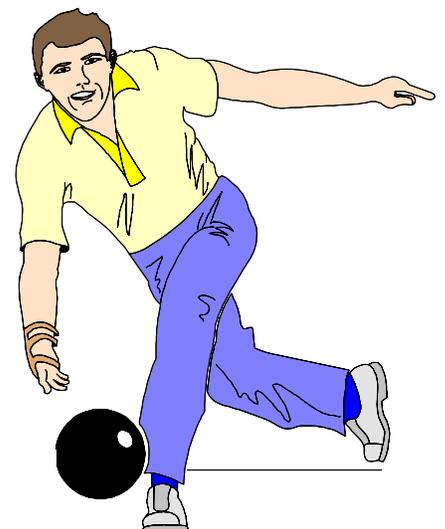
PREGNANT? For caring and confidential advice, call CareNet, 1-800-395-HELP.

DERMATOLOGIST from Tripler will be on island July 26-28. Limited appointments are available. For an appointment, call 52223 or 52224.

ALCOHOLICS Anonymous meets on Roi-Namur at Tr. 8311, Tuesdays and Fridays, 8 p.m. (note time change). If you have a desire to quit drinking, call 56292 to leave a message. We will get back to you.

Beginning bowling league

There will be a special five-week beginning bowling league starting Monday, July 31. Come in and learn how to bowl in this once-a-week instructional league. Questions? Call the Bowling Center, 53320.



See you at the movies!

Saturday

The Englishman Who Went Up a Hill but Came Down a Mountain (PG)

This fanciful tale was based on a true story about a Welsh community that finds its civic pride threatened when a pair of bungling surveyors inform them that the town's most cherished landmark, a mountain called Ffynnon Garw, is only tall enough to be called a hill. (Hugh Grant, Colm Meaney, Tara Fitzgerald) (100 minutes)
Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Topsy Turvy (New Release, R)

A biography of comic opera composers W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan. Both men have hit a crossroads in their lives: Sullivan is experiencing a creative crisis, while Gilbert must deal with his failing marriage. On top of that, they've just suffered their first artistic failure and Sullivan announces he's giving up operetta for good. (Jim Broadbent, Alan Corduner, Lesley Manville) (160 minutes)
Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

The Cure (PG-13)

A 13-year-old boy befriends his younger next-door neighbor, who acquired AIDS from a blood transfusion. The two buddies set out to find a cure they read about in a supermarket tabloid. (Joseph Mazzello, Brad Renfro) (99 minutes)
Tradewinds Theater, 8 p.m.

Sunday

Captains Courageous (Classic, 1944)

Adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's story about a spoiled rich kid who falls from an ocean liner and is rescued by kind fishermen, who teach him a little civility. (Spencer Tracy, Freddie Bartholomew) (114 minutes)
Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

The Cure (PG-13)

Richardson Theater, 9:30 p.m.

Topsy Turvy (New Release, R)

Tradewinds Theater, 7:30 p.m.

The Englishman ... a Mountain (PG)

Tradewinds Theater, 9:30 p.m.

Monday

The Englishman ... a Mountain (PG)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Topsy Turvy (New Release, R)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.



Safety tastes sweet as Phillip "Smitty" Smith, Automotive Operations superintendent, grills chicken, burgers and ono for a department party celebrating the reduction of injuries and the success of the group's Safety Council.

(Photo by Jim Bennett)

Automotive rolls on safe practices

By Jim Bennett
Editor

The past year has been uneventful for RSE Automotive, at least in injuries, and that's the way they like it.

"It's been outstanding for the department morale," said Tim Blackwell, Automotive manager.

The department celebrated its safety record with a cookout Saturday afternoon, featuring food, prizes and camaraderie.

And why not? Over the past three years, the department has all but eliminated recordable injuries.

In 1997, the department recorded 15 injuries, one of which caused an employee to be out for 40 days. The injury record came down eight injuries with no lost time in 1998. And in 1999 it dropped even more, to five recordable injuries, again with no lost time. This year, the department has had only one re-

cordable injury to date.

How did they do it?

Automotive created what they call the Safety Council. The group, made up of members from each of the eight shops, a supervisor and a Safety Department representative, meets every Saturday for one hour, discussing relevant issues and seeking solutions. Both members and supervisors are rotated out every four to six months to give safety greater exposure to more workers.

Besides making the workplace safer, Blackwell said the thrust toward safety has brought the department closer together as a group.

"The guys feel we care," agreed Phillip "Smitty" Smith, Operations superintendent. "And because we include everyone, they know they're a part of it. It takes a little effort, but we're willing to do that and recognize that effort."

WEATHER
Courtesy of Aeromet

Tonight: Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
Winds: East-northeast to east at 8 to 13 knots, with higher gusts near showers.
Tomorrow: Partly to mostly sunny with widely scattered showers.
Winds: East at 8 to 14 knots, with higher gusts near showers.
Temperature: Tonight's low 79°
Tomorrow's high 86°
July rain total: 6.95"
Annual rain total: 41.89"
Annual deviation: -5.23"
Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.
Forecasts available online: www.kmr-wx.com



Sun • Moon • Tides



	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday July 25	0640/1912	0044/1319 Last qtr. moon	1001, 4.0' 2312, 4.2'	0356, 2.1' 1628, 1.8'
Wednesday July 26	0640/1912	0131/1413	1138, 3.8'	0540, 2.2' 1753, 1.8'
Thursday July 27	0640/1912	0222/1511	0038, 4.6' 1310, 3.9'	0715, 1.9' 1910, 1.6'
Friday July 28	0640/1912	0317/1613	0147, 5.0' 1419, 4.2'	0822, 1.4' 2012, 1.3'