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## More RMI citizens joining Air Force

By Peter Rejcek  
Associate Editor

**J**unior Suan was the best of the best when he tested to be in the first group of Marshallese students accepted into Kwajalein schools in 1986. But a “rebellious” streak almost cost him his high school diploma in 1999, forcing him to finish his degree after the rest of his classmates graduated.

However, after joining the Air Force, he’s flying the straight and narrow path these days.

“Discipline came with time,” Suan, 21, conceded during a phone interview from Omaha, Neb., last week. He has his Airframe and Power Plant certification, working on jets — not unlike the toy ones he played with as a kid.

“He was always looking at airplanes,” recalled Cathy Furgeson, Suan’s older sister who helped raise him in the family of eight children.



Junior Suan

“We’re really proud of him. It’s a big step for him,” added Furgeson, who works at the Kwaj Lodge.

Suan, along with lifelong classmate Jeiar Sam, are part of a small but growing number of Marshallese who are choosing to join the Air Force for its career and educational opportunities.



Jeiar Sam

“Right now, I’ve got a lot of plans,” Sam said from Barksdale, Air Force Base in Louisiana, where he works in supply for Air Mobility Command. “I’m thinking about taking some classes now.”

Both young men say they miss their  
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(Photo by KW Hillis)

Joe Coleman paints mortar on the newly installed rock border around the fish pond at the Kwajalein Public Gardens Sunday morning. Volunteers have helped keep the gardens green despite scant rainfall.

## Gardens, island hurt by scant rainfall

By KW Hillis  
Feature Writer

Lack of rain, an empty botanist position and fewer volunteers are putting a strain on the Kwajalein Public Gardens’ botanical efforts.

Volunteers do a lot of the watering, transplanting and generating of nursery stock, allowing Kwajalein Public Gardens to provide more plants to Self Help, as well as for Kwajalein and Roi-Namur beautification projects, said Joe Loer, Solid Waste Management manager. Right now, lack of volunteers and rain has diverted Building and Grounds personnel to the important, but routine, task of watering.

“If it’s not raining ... watering becomes a priority,” Loer said. “[Usually,] we have four or five volunteers, but two of the volunteers who spend the most time, Beryl [McMasters] and Ann [Maley], are off-island for an extended [period].”

“Transplanting and generating nursery stock to Self Help suffer when there are fewer volunteers,” he said.

In about a month, an irrigation system will be installed at the Public Gardens, which will help, Loer said.

Joe Coleman, a volunteer who bikes to the gardens every day to feed the fish he donated for a pond, offered a  
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# Traveling on a wing, a prayer and a false identity

Really, I never had any intentions of visiting Cincinnati.

It would seem that I find myself caught up in one of those vicious life cycles again, like the time I kept bumping into professional wrestlers on airplanes during summer vacation. When I got home I kept trying to put my mother into a sleeper hold.

This time it appears more than my closest relatives stand to get hurt by my bad karma: Entire nations could fall before I'm able to shake off this latest curse.

You see, it all started late last year, when I was planning my annual leave. I found some great airplane tickets between Honolulu and Auckland, New Zealand, that offered a free stop in Fiji on the way over.

Shortly after we booked the tickets, the peaceful regime in Fiji was overthrown by about a dozen guys who apparently didn't like mixing the traditional Fijian drink of *kava* — identical to Pohnpei's *sakau* — with curry. (In reality, the Fiji majority does not get along with the Indian minority, which had won the presidency. It's kind of like having Dallas Cowboys and Washington Redskins fans all living in the same town.)



Needless to say, we were not too happy about spending part of our vacation in the middle of a country spasming with revolution. I don't do well as a hostage.

But despite our best efforts to cancel that leg of the trip, we still ended up spending a couple of evenings there on the way back from New Zealand, which is still politically stable despite my visit. Their economy is in shambles, though, so I'm afraid I didn't leave without some detriment to my Kiwi friends.

Everything turned out OK in Fiji, however. The only dodgy moment was when we were accosted by a Fijian woman the size of a lumberjack (actually, they're all about that stout) who "gently" guided us to a "friendly" travel agent at the airport. There, we booked a hotel that seemed to have a crossbreeding program underway in our room between spiders and tigers.

But this year things look even grimmer. We're headed to China. Well, maybe ...

Magnificent Hong Kong, ancient Beijing, the wondrous Great Wall and a billion very nationalistic Chinese who feel they have lost face over a recent international incident. I'm already starting to sweat and I haven't even sampled the Sichuan cuisine.

Of course this could all blow over tomorrow. Then again, hard labor on a former commune is not quite as appealing as diving with Great Whites on Australia's Great Barrier Reef.

And while I'm not a political scientist, all those little OPSEC ads are starting to haunt my dreams when the dreaded question of employment is raised on those airplane customs forms.

JOB TITLE: Journalist.

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: Kwajalein Missile Range.

YEARS YOU HAVE BEEN A SPY: ...

The next words I will probably hear are: "Would you please come with me. We have statement we would like you to read over the national TV."

Not to worry, I've already invented an alibi: I'm a fry cook at a McDonald's

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## Buckminster and Friends ————— By Sabrina Mumma



## Local poets gathering Saturday to share experiences, insights

By Barbara Johnson  
Feature Writer

As long as they are original, poems can be funny, novice or deep for Saturday's poetry reading, according to Eileen Carson, one of the event's organizers. The second Kwajalein poetry reading by local island authors will be held Saturday at 7 p.m. in CAC Room 7.

The first one, held March 17, went quite well, said Riri Khamsi, organizer. Five people read their poems to an audience of about 30 adults and children. "Afterwards, the desserts and coffee were a big hit, and people got to hang out with friends and chat for a bit as well," he said, adding, "As a result of it, my daughter Risa started writing poems at home. Maybe she figured that if her dad can read a poem about pencils in front of people, then she can, too."

"None of us are established poets," Carson said. "We just have enjoyed doing it once in a while in our lives. Some of the poems were humorous, some spiritual, some love/family oriented. It was very enjoyable to hear others' thoughts and styles.

"It is very casual. It struck me ... how nice it was to have the children there, and they really seemed to enjoy it. I hope other young people will come and participate as well."

Khamsi said he has had an interest in creative writing since his freshman year in college, when he got bored with the subject of a paper he was supposed to write about and just picked a nonsense topic of graffiti. Khamsi got an A.

He continued writing in graduate school whenever he got bored with studying. The goal was to be as bizarre as possible.

"It was done mostly for fun, and it was even more fun when others enjoyed it," Khamsi said. He started going occasionally to a coffee shop that had an open mike in the early '90s, but as different as he tried to be, "there was always someone there who made me feel quite ordinary.

"Writing for me is fun and I don't take it seriously, mostly because I don't have any 'message' to push. It's mostly to make people laugh — and try to help them feel normal in comparison," he joked.

Reading his poems for the first time was Bill Edwards, who has written poems over the past 20 years. The first, a love poem to his wife in 1977, was a "media for expressing his admiration, love and respect." She has kept it framed on her dresser since. He wrote two poems while backpacking on the Appalachian Trail, one a humorous ditty and the other expressing thanks for gifts received during his lifetime.

"The poem resulted from a desire to share my feelings with my family and those who had become and continue to be our Appalachian Trail family," Edwards said.

He read four poems at the March event and said he enjoyed the opportunity to share his poems and hear the other material, written by others.

Denise Bottomley also read her poems for the first time at the last reading, but she has been writing poems for herself and her family for about 10 years.

For her it's an outlet, a form of journaling — often about her children — that up until now she has just shared with family members.

She heard about the first poetry reading and "thought it was a great idea. Any creative things we can do here, so that people can see something different."

She also appreciated the chance for children to participate.

"Poetry is a good way to express feelings you might not tell somebody. It's a way to work through all different kinds of things," Bottomley said.

"Also it's interesting to hear the different kinds of poems. It's neat that people can get up and share. Everyone was real receptive, real supportive."

Attendance at Saturday's event is free and includes refreshments.

## Keep me far away from Washington ...

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in Honolulu, where I work hard to overthrow the yoke of the bourgeoisie and Oprah Winfrey. That, or I might pose as a Canadian. They're harmless enough.

Anyway, I feel like the Jimmy Carter of tourists (during his presidential years) these days. I understand the U.S. State Department is now directly linked with my travel agent. I book a ticket, and they issue a travel warning to the country of my destination. And Congress just issued a resolution forbidding me from coming to Washington — but encouraging me to visit New York. I wonder what that's about?

Maybe I should just skip vacation this summer and stay on Kwaj. Everyone will be safer that way.

Or will they ...

## Letters to the Editor

### CWF appreciates help

Christian Women's Fellowship wishes to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the Silent Auction. Your generosity and good will are overwhelming! We hope that you enjoyed attending our fundraiser. May God bless you all.

**June Foltz, president**  
**Christian Women's Fellowship**

Send your letter to:  
The Hourglass, P.O. Box 23, Local; or  
jbennett@kls.usaka.smdc.army.mil.

### *Kom ruwainene*

"*Kom ruwainene*" is the Marshallese way to say, "Welcome."

**Robert and Debra Levine** arrived recently from Colorado Springs, Colo.

They both work for Boeing System Test Engineers and were at Kwaj TDY to support IFT-4.

On arriving, they say, "We finally made it. We've tried to get an assignment here for about 18 months. We look forward to meeting all of you that we haven't yet."

## First RMI students to graduate from Kwaj doing well ...

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island home in the Pacific, but indicated they were looking to make the Air Force a career. Sam said he's set his sights on Officer Training School. Suan said there's a good chance he'll be a lifer, as well. Both are on six-year tours.

Resident Ray Denham, retired after 27 years in the Air Force as a master sergeant, has been an enormous influence and help in getting them and others aboard.

"The only reason I help the young men and women is that it is a good experience," said Denham, Surfway manager. Four RMI citizens are now members of the Air Force thanks to Denham. There are two more "in the hangar," he said.

Denham is the Kwajalein de facto Air Force recruiter, working with actual recruiters in Honolulu to help process paperwork and administer a pre-test to possible recruits to see if they qualify to join. Denham is an eager preacher of the benefits of joining the Air Force, explaining that it instills self-confidence, discipline and offers plenty of benefits, such as free housing and higher education.

"If it wasn't for Ray, these kids

wouldn't be in the Air Force," said Maryanne Lane, USAKA Host Nation specialist, who taught these two boys in the Summer Reading program in 1987, before they entered first grade.

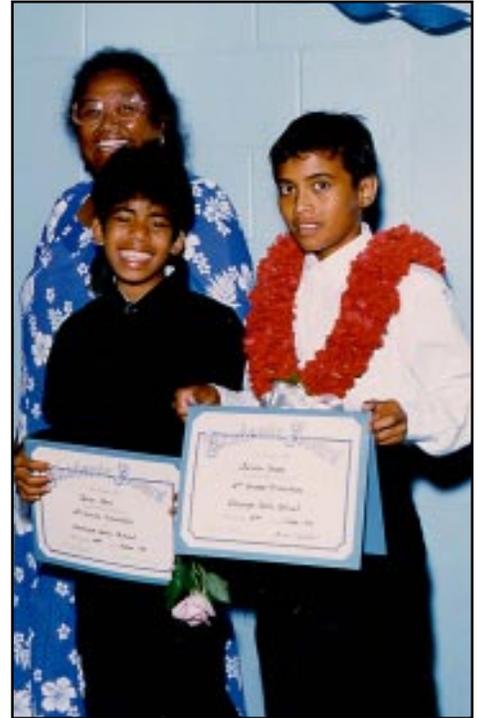
Sam agreed. "He really changed my life."

Also playing a key role for both young men was the Kwajalein school system, which they began in 1986 in kindergarten. Suan and Sam were two of the top five students chosen by the screening panel from the George Seitz Elementary School when the guest student program was first initiated.

"These kids are a good example of the school program," Lane said.

The two young airmen said they would be living very different lives had they not gone to school on Kwaj. "If I had gone to a different school, I would not be the person I am," Suan said.

Both men say they are still adjusting to stateside living — Nebraska weather is still shocking for the thin-blooded Suan, while Sam laments the days when you didn't need a car to get everywhere you wanted to go — but neither one is ready to come home just yet.



(Photo courtesy of USAKA Host Nation)

**Jeiar Sam, left, and Junior Suan are pictured with their sixth-grade graduation certificates. Both youngsters attended school here through high school before joining the Air Force.**

"Home is always going to be there, so I'll be there," Suan said.



The UOES Radar has been emplaced in the area between the Barge Slip Ramp and GBR-P.

All personnel are required to stay out of the RF hazard area outlined on the map above. The hazard area has been marked with buoys in the lagoon and with an orange fence on land.

For additional information, contact the Command Safety Office at 51516.

## KSC: Avoid nesting triggerfish

From staff reports

Kwajalein Scuba Club's safety officer is warning divers and snorkelers to stay away from the colorful but potentially dangerous triggerfish for the next month while the fish are nesting.

"[They] are in very nasty moods ... they will attack divers, and yes, they can inflict injuries," Hepler said.

Hepler said the warning extends to all the different types of triggerfish — from the large Titans to the beautiful Picassos. He said about once a year at this time the fish become extremely aggressive guarding their nesting territory.

About two years ago,



**Clown triggerfish and most other types of the species are nesting and should be avoided at all times for the next month.**

Hepler said he had a dive buddy attacked oceanside. The attack left her deeply bruised.

"It rammed her like a little torpedo over and over," he said.

## Rainy season looms just around the corner ...

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remedy and a chance for others on island to unwind after work, "The hoses are out at the gardens. People can take a little time after work and turn on the hoses ... stay for an hour and turn [the hoses] off before they leave."

Fortunately, even though the island is 10.05 inches (43 percent) short of normal rainfall as of this morning, there is enough non-potable water available to keep the public gardens and residential lawns and plants green.

But that can change very quickly, said Stan Jazwinski, Utilities superintendent. "The longer we go without rain the worse it gets. If we go three or four weeks without rain, [residents] use a lot of water to keep their plants and grass growing."

That extra non-potable water use puts a strain on both the reclaimed water and fresh water supplies on island, Jazwinski said, adding that right now the reclamation system is receiving about 400,000 gallons of water from toilets and showers every day. But 400,000 to 500,000 gallons are being used each day.

"That's the problem," he said.



Water can be saved by not watering excessively and by checking for leaks or toilets running continuously, Jazwinski said.

For example, at the USO comedy show Wednesday, he noticed that a toilet in the men's bathroom at the Richardson Theater was running constantly.

"That's a lot of water down the toilet," Jazwinski said.

Although residents want green plants and grass, leaving the sprinkler on all night is also a waste, he said. "Run it for about an hour and preferably not at the hottest part of the day."

There is relief in sight for the Kwajalein Public Gardens and the rest of the island.

"Rain will generally increase over the next month," said Mark Berteau, Aeromet meteorologist. "[Last week] every atoll to the south of us ... [was] blasted with rain. An Intertropical Convergence Zone is moving to the north and is pretty close to us."

Once that zone reaches Kwajalein, it is officially the rainy season, Berteau said. An ITCZ is where north-east and southeast trades come together, resulting in heavy rainfall.

Rain or no rain, the Kwajalein Public Gardens needs help, Loer said.

"We welcome any volunteer help, for watering or any other work around the nursery or gardens. Please remember, this is a public garden, so if you have a green thumb or want to get one, please let us know. It was developed for community interaction."

If you are interested in volunteering at the gardens, call Loer at 51165.

## Ground test of new missile defense booster slated for this week

(*Defense Daily*, April 18, 2001) The BMDO this week plans to conduct the first verification test of a new Boeing commercial-off-the-shelf booster for the ballistic missile defense program.

After months of delays, the April 28 ground test, called the "pathfinder" test, will examine all the technologies and procedures that lead up to an actual launch, program officials explained. An actual launch of the new booster system is scheduled for later in the year.

The test will take place at Vandenberg AFB, Calif. This test will focus on booster ground handling, silo emplacement, safety and flight termination system checks and all launch and safety procedures.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has told Air Force Lt. Gen. Ronald Kadish, the BMDO director,



to proceed with the NMD test program as planned despite the lack of a long-term plan for the program or deployment schedule.

After a 14-month delay, BMDO last year notified Boeing it needed to keep the booster program on track if it wanted to keep that portion of the NMD work.

Lockheed Martin was recently brought onto the Boeing team to provide greater assistance on the booster

issues.

Both Lockheed Martin and Orbital Sciences have indicated they have alternatives if the Boeing booster is not successful.

## Space laser on fast track

(*Aviation Week & Space Technology*, April 16, 2001) U.S. Air Force and industry officials say they could undertake an in-orbit Space-Based Laser experiment several years earlier than anticipated and accelerate the fielding of an anti-missile system.

The joint Air Force/Ballistic Missile Defense Organization SBL test could be completed before 2012.

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## 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, Andrea, 53705.**

**PUBLIC GARDENS COORDINATOR.** Part time. Responsibilities include determining on-going requirements for maintenance of Kwajalein Public Gardens, coordinating with supervisor and FOM, training and documenting employee work, performing plant care maintenance tasks, coordinating employee/volunteer efforts to ensure that sufficient plant stock is developed within the nursery for other island projects, providing information to others regarding plant identification, feeding and disease control, soliciting volunteers, coordinating planting of vegetation within island landscaping projects and other duties as assigned.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE.** Project Planning and Control. Full time. Duties involve processing service orders and work requests and dispatching trouble desk calls. Must possess good organizational, customer-service and interpersonal communication skills. Knowledge of construction helpful, as well as MS Word and Excel.

**ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE LEAD,** Finance. Full time. Oversee cash office, informal and formal receivables as well as invoice billings, assist employees as needed, provide backup support for other department members and process end-of-month closing reports. Excellent communication skills, customer-service skills and computer experience required.

**ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CLERK,** Finance Dept. Full time. Formal collections, end-of-month closing reports, interaction with USAKA and on-island contractors, backup for telephone system and PCS functions and backup for cash office when needed. Excellent communication skills, customer-service skills and computer experience required.

**ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE CLERK,** Finance Dept. Full time. Create accounts receivable invoices, perform detail analysis on customer accounts, prepare monthly reports and finance charge applications, process employee payroll deductions and other miscellaneous projects as assigned. Excellent communication skills, customer-service skills and computer experience required.

**APPLICATIONS** are now being accepted for the Raytheon Summer Employment Program. We are seeking individuals who enjoy working with children and can help provide a safe, fun learning environment. Adults and students are encouraged to apply. Applications will be accepted through May 15. Applicants selected will be required to support the Summer Fun program as instructors or recreation aides. First session begins June 12. Applicants may be required to undergo a criminal history background check. Applications can be picked up at the Raytheon Human Resources Of-

fice in Building 700. Applicants will be required to fill out a supplemental questionnaire. For more information on the Summer Employment Program, call Andrea, 53705.

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

**WANTED**

**HOUSE-SITTING** opportunity. Non-smoking family of four will be on island April 28-May 13. Contact Lt. Col. Harry Leach at [walter.leach@yokota.af.mil](mailto:walter.leach@yokota.af.mil), Pacific DSN 227-5378 or Kwaj Lodge after arrival. No dogs or cats.

**DEPENDABLE FISHING/trolling** partners Sunday or Monday mornings. Little or no experience preferred. No gear required. Split cost and fish. Average cost is \$25 per person. Call Ron, 52107.

**USED MICROWAVE** in working condition. Call Simone, 53331W or 52306H.

**LOST**

**WALLET** between post office and Ocean BQ April 19. Reward. Call 53212 or police dept.

**FOUND**

**REGULATOR** hanging at Emon Beach dive shack April 9. Call Steve, 53688 evenings.

**CANON SURE SHOT** camera with green case at Emon Beach. Call 52742.

**FOR SALE**

**IKELITE SLR** underwater camera housing, comes with Ikelite 100 substrobe with rechargeable battery package and charger, dome port and Pelican case, all manuals, will sell with Nikon 6006, Nikon 28-70mm lens, strap, new battery and film. This setup is the professional choice at half the price, \$1,400. Call Ed, 50900.

**PCS SALE.** VARIOUS inn tables, \$15 each; baker's rack, \$45; coffee table, \$35; computer desk, \$50; adjustable high chair, \$50; mini-blinds for 400-series housing, \$10 each; patio table, \$20; two sets of snorkel fins, used once, size XL, \$60; numerous curtain rods, \$2 each; beach chairs, \$7. Call 52232H after 5 p.m.

**"KIMO SABE."** A 25' center-console, direct-drive powerboat with a 351-cubic-inch Ford engine, includes aluminum trailer, covered lot, and boat shack with all the necessities to fish or dive, a great Mother's Day gift. Call Jim, 51494.

**FINAL PCS sale.** Womens three-speed bike, Kwaj-condition, \$30; womens bike with gooseneck, Kwaj-condition, \$30; microwave with turntable, \$50; Panasonic 27" TV, \$300. All items available May 3. Call 53279 after 5 p.m.

**PCS SALE.** Blinds for 400-series house, \$5 each; fencing, \$185 or best offer. Call 53731.

**WINDSURFING GEAR:** Five boards, two masts, three booms and more, \$1,200 or best offer. Call 52663 6-8 p.m.

**SONY PLAYSTATION 2** with two dual-shock controllers, dual-shock steering wheel, gas pedal/brake, 8MB memory card, DVD remote control, five games: *DOA2*, *Smugglers' Run*, *Armored Core 2*, *Gran Turismo 2*, *Street Fighter EX3*, all new, \$700. Call Tom, 54136 before 2 p.m.

31" TV, \$300; 19" TV, available May 23, \$150; VCR, available May 23, \$100; gas grill, \$50; oak table with leaf and four chairs, \$300; queen-size bed and mattress, \$400. Call 52602.

27" SCHWINN SUPER Sport road bike,

**POETRY**

*Roses are red  
violets are blue  
here I am  
listening to you*

*So make it short  
or make it sweet  
poetry is  
really a treat*

*Poetry's OK,  
poetry's allright,  
and we're going  
to listen tonight*

*I might be home  
watching TV  
but poetry's  
being read to me*

"Hoping to be  
really anonymous"

**If you can write a better poem than this (and who couldn't), come to the poetry reading Saturday, 7 p.m., in CAC Room 7. Attendance is free and includes refreshments. Children are welcome to read their poetry. If you would like to come, call Eileen, 52244, evenings or weekends.**

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chromoly frame, HP tires with pump, Rino bars, \$350. Call 54281.

BELLWETHER 28' racer/cruiser sailboat, fast and fun, sleeps four comfortably, complete and ready to sail, comes with galley with two-burner stove, sink, cooler, new instrumentation, AM/FM cassette, VHF radio, safety gear, 9.9 hp outboard, two anchors with ropes, sails in excellent shape. For more information and a test sail, call 52834.

COMPUTER GAMES: *Dark Colony*, *Command and Conquer Counter Strike*, *Command and Conquer Tiberian Sun*, *The Wheel of Time*, *Darkstone*, *11th Hour*, *7th Guest*, *Dark Reign*, \$10 each; Auto Sketch graphical design program, \$50; Print Shop Deluxe, \$10; telescope, \$85; juicer, \$35. Call 52295 before 8 p.m.

LINCOLN LOGS, \$7; Boy Scout uniform, blue, size 8-10, with book, \$20; vacuum cleaner including bags, old but works well, \$5. Call 51445.

CUBE REFRIGERATOR, walnut, 1.5 cubic foot, 17½" high x 17½" deep x 18½" wide, like new. Call 52504.

16' FENCE with gate plus enough pickets for approximately 40' of fence, \$125; Microsoft Sidewinder 30 joystick, \$20; 14" NEC monitor, \$20. Call 51894.

WETSUITS: Mens Henderson, size large, \$25; womens Bodyglove, size 7/8, \$50; pair of Kenwood talkies, \$50; golf bag with clubs, \$10; Sony digital answering machine, \$10; Panasonic 900 Mhz cordless phone, \$30; gas barbecue, needs glass, free; extra-long hose, \$15. Call 52555.

FOLD-OUT beach chairs, good condition,

\$5 each; 12" and 16" kids bikes, Kwaj-condition, \$5 each. Call 54434.

CORNER TV stand, great for BQ room, paid \$90, will sell for \$50. Call 52913 after 5 p.m. and leave a message.

O'BRIEN SKURFBOARD, three-fin design, \$40. Call Greg, 51990.

MICROWAVE OVEN, \$50; electric skillet, \$10; TV stand with wheels, \$20; Igloo Playmate cooler, \$10. Call 50881.

BLUE RECLINER, \$60; beige rattan recliner, \$60; 9' x 12' wide-weave sisal rug, \$100; ladies golf clubs and bag, \$25; microwave table, \$20; Connelly Comp R 66" slalom ski, \$50. Call 52534.

LA-Z-BOY queen-size sleeper sofa, \$150; La-Z-Boy recliner, \$80, both in good condition; body pillow with pillow case, \$5; Cuisinart coffee maker, \$10. Call 52742.

BEAUTIFUL WOODEN coffee table, matching couch end tables, lamp table with drawer, sturdy TV table with rollers. Call 53625.

MOUNTAIN BIKE with small basket, one year on Kwaj, \$30. Call Jennifer, 51161 or 54394.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

BARGAIN BAZAAR is open Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 1-3 p.m., and Wednesdays, 6-8 p.m. Donations and volunteers always welcome. Call 52434 or 53140.

KFCC GENERAL membership meeting is Sunday, 6 p.m., at the Pacific Club. There will be a potluck dinner. Questions? Call Lee Allas, 53789, or Shigeko Jackson, 53578.

SAY GOODBYE to Mike Donohue Sunday, 6 p.m., at Emon Beach main pavilion. Bring a dish to share. Beverages will be provided.

GRACE and DAN Fogarty are going to Guam. Say goodbye at a potluck dinner Sunday, May 6, 6:30 p.m., at the country club pavilion. Drinks and paper products furnished. Music by Pure Aloha. Questions? Call Karen or Pat, 53330.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL art show is Saturday, 6-8 p.m., in the MP room. Come see the funky, fantastic student artwork.

KWAJ KWILTERS meets tonight, 7 p.m., in CRC Room 1. ABC quilts will be displayed. Everyone welcome. Questions? Call Patti, 54316, or Jean, 54833.

DURING THE MONTHLY supply barge operation Thursday, all personnel are asked to remain outside the barricaded one-block area around the supply warehouse complex. This area is bounded by Marine Road, Poinsettia Street, and 6th and 8th streets. This request is in the interest of everyone's safety. Questions? Call Shipping and Receiving, 52180.

CORAL OPEN reminder: Tickets on sale Mondays, 9 a.m.-noon, on the mini-mall porch. Ticket sales and horse race qualification end May 7.

OPSEC MEASURES reduce the probability of the adversary either collecting indicators or being able to correctly analyze their meaning.

MIC SHOP is offering a golden cowrie through a sealed-bid auction. Rules and entry forms are available at the Mic Shop and the mini-mall bulletin board. The auction will be held through Saturday, May 12. For more information, call Susan, 58062.

MIC SHOP needs volunteers. Mic Shop supports educational programs throughout the Marshall Islands. If you can donate two hours per month, call Susan, 58062, or Dotty, 52420.

CONSERVATION TIP: Close your blinds or drapes during the heat of the day to allow air-conditioning systems to work more efficiently.

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ANY CHILDREN or adults interested in taking tennis lessons, call Ellen, 54352.

PCS PARTY for Craig and Toni Seiler and Elaine and Jim McMahan, Saturday, 6 p.m., at the Vets' Hall. Bring a dish to share. Questions? Call Laura, 52782.

KWAJALEIN Family History Center is open Thursday evenings, 7-9 p.m., in CRC Room 3. New holdings include Freeman's Bank Records and Addendum 4 to the International Genealogical Index (31 cards). Come search for your ancestors.



**See you at the movies!**

**Saturday**

**Little Giants (PG)**

A successful retired jock and his geeky younger brother play out their sibling rivalry by coaching rival little league football teams in this family comedy. Ed O'Neill is older brother Kevin, former Heisman Trophy winner and local hero, who builds an imposing football team from the town's best players. But his younger brother Danny (Rick Moranis), an awkward, bespectacled gas station owner, starts his own competing team of misfits. (105 minutes)  
*Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

**Billy Elliot (R, New Release)**

In this gritty coming-of-age drama, set during a 1984 miners' strike in Durham County, a young son of a poor English coal miner dreams of being a ballet dancer. Though his father, one of the protesters, at first refuses to consider his son's desire to go into ballet, he comes to realize that this might be the one shot his son Billy has at escaping the danger and tedium of a miner's life. (111 minutes)  
*Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.*

**The Family Man (PG-13, New Release)**

In this whimsical romantic comedy, Nicolas Cage plays Jack, a workaholic bachelor who gets to see what his life might have been like had he stayed with his old sweetheart Kate (Tea Leoni). Thirteen years before, Jack accepted a brokerage internship that marred his relationship with Kate. Much later, he has become a Wall Street exec with no wife or family, and a mysterious proxy offers him the chance to step into the life he left behind. (125 minutes)  
*Tradewinds Theater, 8 p.m.*

**Sunday**

**The Family Man (PG-13, New Release)**

*Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

**Billy Elliot (R, New Release)**

*Tradewinds Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

**Little Giants (PG)**

*Tradewinds Theater, 9:30 p.m.*

**Monday**

**The Family Man (PG-13, New Release)**

*Richardson Theater 7:30 p.m.*

**Billy Elliot (R, New Release)**

*Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.*



*(Photo by Peter Rejcek)*

A fish tank above the Texas A&M display in the Kabua Room at the Yokwe Yuk Club catches young Aggie Justin Netterville's attention as he looks over the memorabilia piling up from the alumni gathering Saturday evening.

**Aggies gather to remember departed**

By Peter Rejcek  
*Associate Editor*

Sandi Askew never attended a Texas A&M University class, but that doesn't keep her from being swept up in the spirit that binds the school's alumni, including her husband, Lou Askew.

"It's a lifelong family that you're part of," Sandi Askew said while setting up the Kabua Room in the Yokwe Yuk Club Saturday for the second annual Aggie Muster.

The Muster, reputedly celebrated in some 450 countries worldwide,

offers Aggies a chance for fellowship and to honor classmates who have passed on. Like many A&M traditions, it has a long history, stretching back to 1886 when Aggies met on June 26. The date was moved to April 21 in the late 1890s to coincide with Texas independence.

About 20 residents attended Saturday's dinner and ceremony.

Amy LaCost, class of 1990, explained the Aggie spirit is akin to the spirit of Texas itself — independent and big. "Texas Aggies do things bigger and better."

**WEATHER**  
Courtesy of Aeromet



**Sun • Moon • Tides**



**Tonight:** Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated showers.  
**Winds:** Northeast to east-northeast at 15 to 20 knots, with higher gusts.  
**Tomorrow:** Partly sunny with isolated showers.  
**Winds:** East-northeast at 14 to 20 knots, with higher gusts near showers.  
**Temperature:** Tonight's low 80°  
Tomorrow's high 88°  
**April rain total:** 1.22"  
**Annual rain total:** 7.63"  
**Annual deviation:** -10.05"  
*Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.*

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday April 24	0636/1859	0655/1931	0436, 5.9' 1651, 5.5'	1048, 0.5' 2252, 0.5'
Wednesday April 25	0636/1859	0740/2024	0505, 6.0' 1722, 5.3'	1120, 0.5' 2320, 0.6'
Thursday April 26	0635/1859	0829/2119	0536, 6.0' 1754, 5.1'	1155, 0.6' 2350, 0.8'
Friday April 27	0635/1859	0921/2217	0609, 5.9' 1830, 4.7'	1233, 0.9'