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Army and RMI dedicate Carlos school

By Barbara Johnson

Feature Writer

The first day of school each year is an exciting time for many children. But it has a special significance for families from Carlos Island, who will have their own school again this year.

A ceremony, held facing the newly constructed schoolhouse Thursday afternoon, marked the dedication of a new elementary school, as traditional and elected Marshallese leaders, representatives of the RMI government and the U.S. Embassy in Majuro, visitors from Kwajalein and Ebeye and many Marshallese families looked on.

The catamaran *Jelang K* carried its 150-passenger capacity on the trip up to the small island nine miles north of Kwajalein for the ceremony. About 100 of the passengers had embarked at Ebeye.

"The school will bring back people from Ebeye, and it will give them the culture they haven't had," said Kwaj resident Nancy Opiniano, who was born on Carlos and lived there until she was seven. At the ceremony, she represented her grandmother, Jilo Lantir, an *alap*, or landowner, on Carlos. The new schoolhouse sits on her parcel of land. "It's a very

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— Nancy Opiniano

exciting thing. Lots of people will be coming back."

When asked about her relatives on Carlos, Opiniano said, "[It's] just about everybody. This is our village."

Opiniano recalled the old school she attended, just up the road from where the dock is now — a one-room school that had seven or eight students.

Now more than 100 Carlos residents have moved to Ebeye so their children could attend school, according to Botlang Loek, Republic of the Marshall Islands representative to Kwajalein and *iroji*, or landowner, at Carlos. The old school closed a year ago.

About 100 people still live on Carlos, said Noda Lojkar, USAKA ombudsman and councilman for Kwajalein Atoll Local Government, but as many as 30 or 40 students originally from

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NMD critics debate threat versus cost

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The United States is ready to spend billions on ballistic missile defense. The question many critics have is whether the threat warrants the investment.

"Right now some 28 countries have ballistic missiles, they are of different ranges, they have various warheads, they have various ways to launch them," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said recently. That number will only go up.

The threat exists, and Americans have been on the receiving end for almost 60 years. It started when the Nazis launched hundreds of V-2 rockets against Britain and Allied forces in Europe during the closing months of World War II. More recently, 28 Americans died and 98 oth-

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USAKA honors Women's Equality

By Jim Bennett

Editor

Women are not equal to men, yet. But they should be.

That was the message from Maryanne Lane Friday at the Special Emphasis and Equal Opportunity Program luncheon honoring Women's Equality Day.

"For the first time we are seeing women here on their own [accompanied] contracts," Lane said. "But with each one, the island telegraph questions why this has happened. We haven't reached true equality, but we're slowly getting there. It's hard or disheartening to have to explain something you deserve."

Lane headlined a luncheon that opened with a timeline of the women's movement, read by Gwyne Copeland, while Mariko Erekson and Hannah Poirer carried suffragette signs describing the historical reference.

The guest speaker next took the podium

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(Photo by Jim Bennett)

Hannah Poirer carries a sign declaring the institution of Women's Equality Day as Gwyne Copeland, background, describes the timeline of the women's movement Friday at the Women's Equality Day luncheon.

Confessions surface from a timecard violator

The fear is always there — always lurking in the far recesses of my mind. A fear that I don't even acknowledge until I hear those dreaded words from my supervisor, "You didn't fill out your timecard correctly, and we were caught!"

With apologies to Rosemarie Hall, a nice lady who recently took over one of most maligned jobs on island, the unannounced visit from "the timecard police" is an occasion that sends cold chills down my spine. I suspect it sends chills down Jim Bennett's spine too, since I work for him, and when it comes to timecards, I seem to have a bit of a problem.



Well, doctor, it all started when I was three years old and I had to color within the lines of a coloring book picture. I just couldn't do it ... uh. Sorry, wrong forum.

It's not that I don't try to dutifully fill in each little box with the appropriate number at the appropriate time of day, then adding the small numbers together to make a larger number to insert in the little box at the bottom of the page. It's not that I don't want to get paid for the number of hours I work. I suspect I harbor a hatred of all forms, and what they represent, not just timecards.

Forms permeate our lives starting with birth and continuing on through school, employment, retirement and death. Neat little boxes reduce our exciting — first driving license, SAT results, marriage, first child — and devastating — traffic tickets and

taxes — individual life experiences into maintainable, generic, colorless documents. I'm sure each one of us is defined by a huge file of forms in a vast warehouse which would require an archaeological dig to unearth.

Messing up a form is akin to a freedom fighter in a quest to throw off the repressive bonds of documentation for every move.

The ironic part is that some of my occupations over the years have actually brought me into closer proximity to forms most people don't even know about. From Air Force administration specialist responsible for more "in triplicate forms" than should exist to systems analyst with reams of computer forms — I erroneously filled out more than my share. For a short time I even was in funeral sales, and the massive number of forms that have to be filled out to die properly.

But no matter how I long to be free of forms — I will never be free.

Accepting that fact is the first step in my attempt to have an error-free timecard for at least two weeks in a row. Got to go and fill in that block for today ... darn ... I'll start next week. I promise, Jim.

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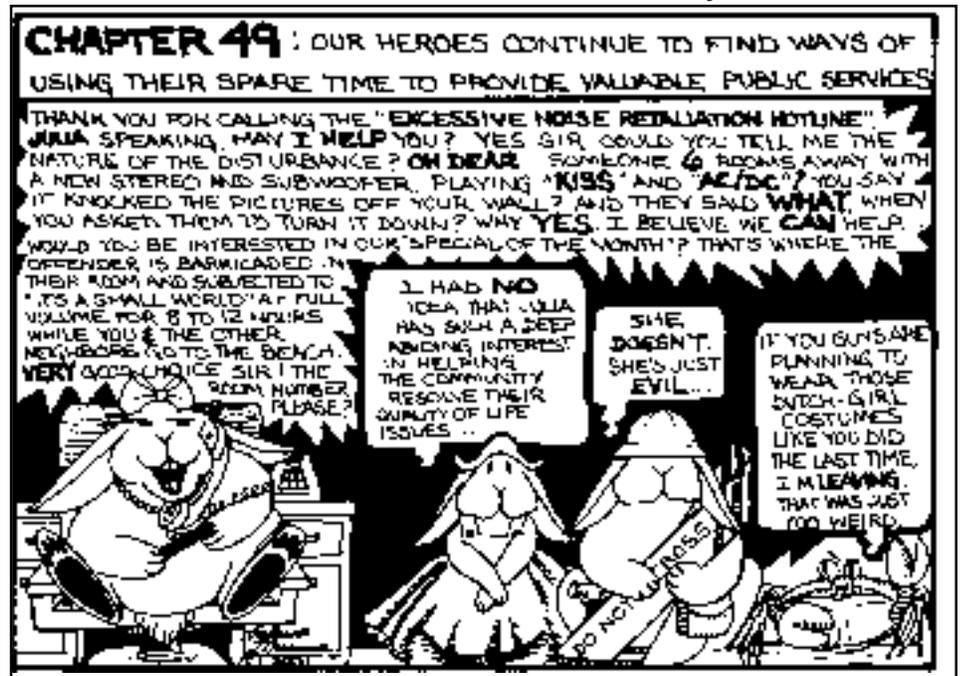
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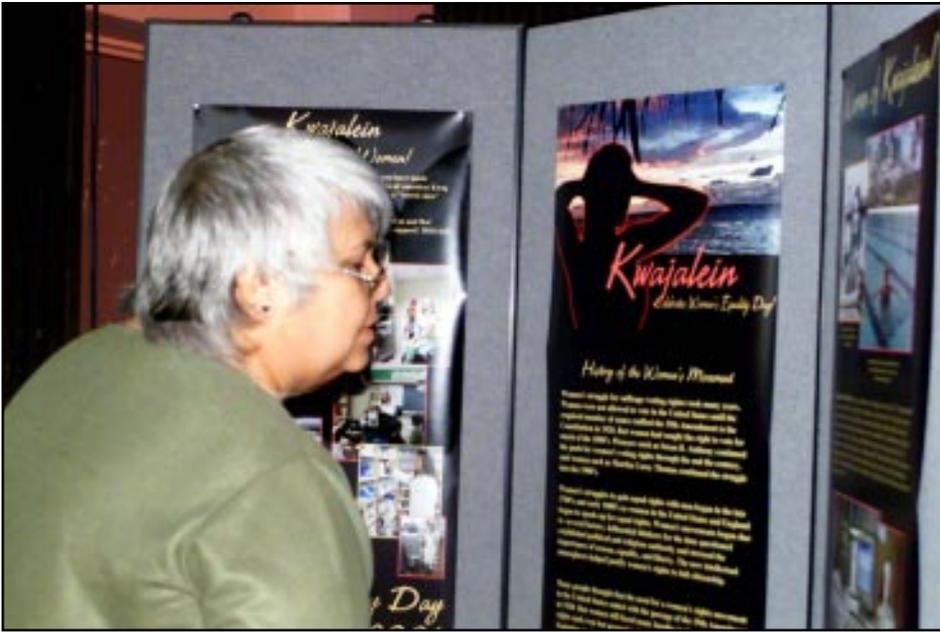
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Buckminster and Friends ————— By Sabrina Mumma





(Photo by Jim Bennett)

Beverly Vencill checks out a graphic display depicting the women of Kwajalein at the SEEOP luncheon for Women's Equality Day, held Friday at the Yokwe Yuk Club.

Lane: women of Kwaj share bond ...

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saying she would talk about, "my apologies to the men, but the most vibrant, talented and skilled aspect of Kwajalein — its women."

Lane outlined five kinds of Kwaj woman: dependent, non-working mothers; dependent women who find jobs; single contract holders; accompanied contract holders; and Marshallese women of Ebeye and Enniburr. With each group she described women she knew who fit the description and what she admired most about each.

On non-working mothers she said, "I was a product of a non-working mother and not a day goes by I don't think about her and thank her for the time she spent with me."

She described dependent working women as following their husbands to Kwajalein on his career, adding, "If she's lucky, she finds a job in her profession, but many must take jobs outside their career fields."

Lane said that was her story. A teacher by trade, she worked with Global Associates in human resources, designing the on-the-job training program for Marshallese workers. She joined the USAKA Host Nation office in 1988 as an RMI relations specialist.

On single contract holders she said, "Years ago when I came here [in 1985] there were few of these, teachers and nurses, the 'safe' women professions, but today there are women in technical management, finance ..." She contin-

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— Maryanne Lane

ued to list numerous departments throughout the island.

Lane said for women with accompanied contracts, "This is a new phenomenon, within the last decade."

And finally on women of Ebeye and Enniburr, she said, "They get up early to tend to their families then leave them to come here to work ... I know if I was to come from what they had to deal with, I wouldn't be so happy."

Lane concluded that despite the different categories of women, "We are all women of Kwaj and we share a common bond — the Kwajalein experience. It goes with us wherever we go, and we must try to help the future women of Kwaj."

The luncheon was part of the SEEOP committee's continuing recognition of special events. Look next for Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs Sept. 15 through Oct. 15.

Clarification:

Greenpeace protester Alice Leney was arrested on Friday, July 13, based on an order from the Chief Justice of the RMI High Court. A Deportation Notice notified Mr. Leney that the RMI intended to deport him on the grounds that he was conducting himself, "in a manner prejudicial to the peace, defense, public safety, public order, security and good government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands," not on criminal charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, as reported in a July 17 article, "Mission success will impact Kwaj."

KSC to host annual clean-up

From Staff Reports

Members of the Kwajalein Scuba Club will do their part to clean up the island above and below the water Sept. 9, and they're looking for a few good folks to join them.

The club will host the clean-up in conjunction with Project AWARE, an annual event sponsored by the Professional Association of Dive Instructors as part of an international beach and coastline improvement project.

More than 70 Kwajers joined in the effort last year, collecting more than 2,000 pounds of trash while scouring the island from Coral Sands Beach to North Point.

Organizers want to not only clean the area, but also catalog the types of garbage trashing the region.

PADI will collect the information for a larger study designed to reduce ocean dumping.

Getting involved is easy. Individuals and groups should meet at the scuba club tankhouse near the Small Boat Marina between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Scuba Club will provide plastic trash bags, tally sheets and transportation to assist trash collectors. Refreshments will be provided at the tankhouse during the day.

Areas will be assigned or groups can select an area of their choice. Prizes will be given for the most unique piece of trash, most flip-flops and most trash collected by an individual, small group and group of eight or more people. Awards will be presented at 5 p.m.

For more information or to sign up by phone, contact Don Wren at 52342 or Ivy Springer at 54814, before 9 p.m.

'Nations of concern' are developing weapons ...

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ers were wounded when an Iraqi Scud missile struck a barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Those weapons used conventional warheads, but future missiles could be tipped with weapons of mass destruction.

Iraq had adapted some of its Scuds to carry chemical weapons and had started a nuclear weapons program before the Gulf War.

The idea of a country like Iraq with nuclear bombs shouldn't be startling. The technology and know-how behind the World War II atom bombs are 60 years old, so all any nation or party needs for a nuclear weapons program today are resources and the inclination. The image of a nuclear missile strike against the United States or U.S. forces, even with a primitive Hiroshima-type bomb, is as terrifying now as it was in 1945.

There are threats today that we know of. The point of missile defense is, we can't say with any certainty where the threats of the future will come from. A variety of states and groups continue to seek to acquire weapons of mass destruction and the means to deliver them.

CIA Director George Tenet testified before Congress in February about the growing missile threat. "We continue to face ballistic missile threats from a variety of actors beyond Russia and China — specifically, North Korea, probably Iran and possibly Iraq," he said.

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— George Tenet
CIA director

and in other cases, they are the beneficiaries of direct foreign assistance," he continued.

"While these emerging programs involve far fewer missiles with less accuracy, yield, survivability and reliability than those we faced during the Cold War, they still pose a threat to U.S. interests."

Three years ago, North Korea tested its Taepo Dong-1 rocket, which could be converted into an ICBM. The missile would be capable of delivering a small biological or chemical weapon to the U.S. mainland. The follow-on Taepo Dong-2 could deliver a nuclear payload to the United States.



Testers scored a successful intercept during Integrated Flight Test-6, conducted July 15. NMD officials hope to repeat the success in October.

(File Photo)

Tenet said Iran has one of the largest and most capable ballistic missile programs in the Middle East. "(Iran's) public statements suggest that it plans to develop longer-range rockets for use in a space-launch program, but Tehran could follow the North Korean pattern and test an ICBM capable of delivering a light payload to the United States in the next few years," he said.

"And given the likelihood that Iraq continues its missile development work, we think that it, too, could develop an ICBM capability sometime in the next decade, assuming it received foreign assistance."

The ICBM threat is in the future. The threat from short-range and medium-range ballistic missiles is here now. Deployed U.S. forces must be able to defend against this threat. Iraq's Scud, North Korea's No-Dong missile, Iran's Shahab-3, Pakistan's Ghauri and the Indian Agni II could pose significant threats.

The countries themselves might not launch the missiles. Their sales of these technologies to others could pose risks in the future.

"Russian entities last year continued to supply a variety of ballistic missile-related goods and technical know-how to countries such as Iran, India, China and Libya," Tenet said. "Indeed, the transfer of ballistic missile technology from Russia to Iran was substantial last year, and in our judgment will continue to accelerate Iranian efforts to develop new missiles and to become self-sufficient in production."

In turn, Iran may sell its newfound expertise to a third party.

"Chinese missile-related technical assistance to foreign countries also has been significant over the years. Chinese help has enabled Pakistan to move rapidly toward serial production of solid-propellant missiles," Tenet said. "In addition to Pakistan, firms in China provided missile-related items, raw materials or other help to several countries of proliferation concern, including Iran, North Korea and Libya."

China has reiterated its commitment to curb sales of missile technology. "Based on what we know about China's past proliferation behavior, ... we are watching and analyzing carefully for any sign that Chinese entities may be acting against that commitment," Tenet said.

These countries are some of the known threats today. Where will the threat come from tomorrow? Rumsfeld has said U.S. strategy should be "capability-based" in the future. This means the United States should have the means to combat any threat, no matter what it is or where it originates.

Further, U.S. research, development and testing should expand to include defenses against cruise missiles.

The threat posed by ballistic missiles armed with weapons of mass destruction exists and promises to intensify. Rumsfeld's repeated position is that the United States doing nothing to protect its population from such a threat could be tragically wrong.

RMI puts focus on elementary education ...

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Carlos, and some members of their families, are expected to return because of the new school. Two teachers—Jiro Emejwa and Milon Mweketo—will move to the island, too.

The 120-foot by 30-foot, one-story building houses three classrooms, with one that can be divided in two, and quarters for the teachers. The facility will also serve as an infirmary, with medical personnel from Ebeye paying regular visits to provide care.

“You can see that the *iroj* and the minister [of education] are really happy [about the school],” Lojkar said. “Elementary education is the foundation of the future.”

At the dedication, RMI Minister of Education Wilfred Kendall spoke about the shift in emphasis of the ministry to elementary education because of its importance for achieving in high school and beyond. He also stressed the importance of maintaining the schools once they are built, saying, “It’s ours to take care of.”

Before returning to Majuro Saturday, Kendall spoke to the *Hourglass* about the importance of elementary education to the Marshallese people.

“We have come to realize that there is little we can do at the high school level and above without good elementary education,” he said. “We are shifting to putting more emphasis on the elementary school level,” Kendall said,

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— Wilfred Kendall
RMI Minister of Education

adding that studies support this and give the department direction.

“It’s very important that we have a maintenance program in place,” he added. As part of the reorganization program of the Ministry of Education, there will be a plan in place to emphasize maintenance, Kendall said, adding that because of a lack of maintenance for about the past 15 years, about 30 of the RMI’s elementary schools need to be torn down.

“We need to start changing our attitude toward school. This is our education. These are our schools,” he said.

As the dedication began, families with chil-



(Photo by Starr Lawson)

Young Marshallese students get ready for school as their new, five-room building opens after a dedication ceremony Thursday. The new school gives as many as 40 students and members of their family the opportunity to return to Carlos from Ebeye, where they lived to allow the children to attend school.

dren joined the visitors under a tent and in the shade of trees surrounding the seating area.

Olen Lawson, USAKA deputy garrison commander, spoke of the project as a “win-win situation”— training for the soldiers and a school for the children.

“We can accomplish a lot when we work together,” he said.

Maj. John Larson, who represented the 264th Engineer Company from the Wisconsin Army National Guard, presented a key to Loeak, turning the building over to the RMI.

Explaining that he didn’t want to give an empty building, Larson also presented Loeak with school supplies, including soccer balls and pads and pencils, donated by the National Guard unit, and brought out for the ceremony by Sgt. Maj. Jerry Clark.

Seventy-eight National Guardsmen from the 264th Engineer Company, based in Chippewa Falls, Wis., built the school. They came in two-week rotations, all led by 1st Lt. Eric Leckel, the officer-in-charge, and Sgt. Ray “Snowman” Sosnowski, non-commissioned officer-in-charge for the project. They began work the last week of June.

Construction of the school was funded through a Title 10 Humanitarian Civic Action Program. KALGOV Public Works Department laid the concrete pad for the structure, and RSE Facilities Support Division, working

with the police and marine departments, handled the logistics.

Maj. David Coffey, Host Nation chief, praised the engineer unit for completing the project on time and under budget. A surplus of \$15,000, with matching funds by the RMI, is being used on Ebeye to fix up a public school that had been condemned, he said.

“It’s heartening that we did it at such short notice,” Coffey said, explaining that funds are being used to paint the building, patch the roof and address safety problems by reinforcing stairways. The school is scheduled to open Sept. 1 and will serve as many as 500 students on Ebeye, Coffey said.

As soon as the dedication ended, children rushed into the brand new building, eagerly looking around and trying out the desks for size. Some sat with hands folded, apparently ready to get started.

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SWIM AIDE, Elementary school. 1.25 hours four days per week, 10:30-11:45 a.m.

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

JOB CORPS INSTRUCTOR. Half-time to teach reading, English as a second language and work skills to Marshallese young adults. BA degree and teaching experience preferred. Apply at Kwajalein Job Corps or call Ruby at 55622 for more information.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. Full time, temporary position. Aeromet is seeking administrative support for weather station personnel Sept. 13 through Oct. 23. Applicant should have good verbal skills and be familiar with Microsoft Office 2000. Here's a chance to build your resumé. Call Annette Alley or Mark Fair at 51508 to apply.

WANTED

PIANO in good condition. Call 52763.

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FREE-STANDING patio cover with large-diameter pipe construction, modular, 20' x 30', paid \$1,100, will sell for \$700; wood fence, white, 75' long, 5' high, with two gates, \$400; dishwasher, good condition, \$120; mini-blinds for 400-series house, ivory color, \$10 each. Call 51031.

WEIGHTLIFTING BENCH with sit-up board, leg lift accessories and 260 lbs. of weights, \$125; Sega Dreamcast with extra controllers, memory and 10 games including *NFL 2K1* and *Jedi Power Battles*, \$350; one-of-a-kind decorative 20-gallon aquarium with stand, bamboo Oriental-style construction, beautiful in any room, \$125. Call 53793.

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BABY SWING, \$25; baby walker, \$20; infant bathtub, \$5; adult bike, Kwaj-condition,

needs back wheel, \$15; blender, \$10; large Weber grill with new grate, \$10. Call 52669.

LITTLE BOYS BIKE and little girls bike, both Kwaj-condition, \$10 each; Okie Dokie baby walker, like new, \$20; twin-size Little Tykes cottage bed with roof and window, cute first little-girl bed, \$75. Call 53670 after 5 p.m.

TODDLER BED with mattress and white frame; Panasonic LD/CD player, auto side change, \$40 or best offer; Harmon Kardon five-disc CD player, \$75; tarp and poles for patio cover, in good condition, \$400. Call 52763 after 4 p.m.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ISLAND ORIENTATION is tomorrow, 8-11:30 a.m., in CAC Room 6. All new island arrivals and dependents over 10 years of age are encouraged to attend. After orientation, there will be a trip to Ebeye sponsored by Host Nation from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Bring lunch money and your K-badge to tour the town. Women should wear long dresses or modest skirts. Questions? Call Host Nation, 54848.

OPEN HOUSE for elementary school is as follows: Grades 1-2, Aug. 30, 7 p.m.; grades 5-6, Aug. 31, 7 p.m.; grades 3-4, Sept. 6, 7 p.m.

MEETING FOR all Kwaj residents sponsor-

ing an RMI junior basketball team is Friday, Sept. 7, 6:30 p.m., in the library conference room. Questions? Call Audra, 53331.

RMI YOUTH junior basketball registration is Tuesday through Saturday, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m., at Community Activities. Last day for registration is Sept. 5. Call today for registration requirements. Limited number of team slots available on a first-come first-served basis. Questions? Call Audra, 53331.

GIRL SCOUT leaders are needed for 2001-2002. Call Ann, 52293, or Dotty, 52420.

GIRL SCOUT registration is Thursday, 5-7 p.m., in CAC Room 7. Questions? Call Ann, 52293, or Dotty, 52420.

FIFTH-GRADE beginning band meetings are Thursday and Friday, Sept. 6-7, 7 p.m., in the elementary school music room. Fifth-graders interested in playing in the school band are invited along with their parents to meet the band director and a representative of a music store. Band participation and arrangements for obtaining a band instrument will be discussed.

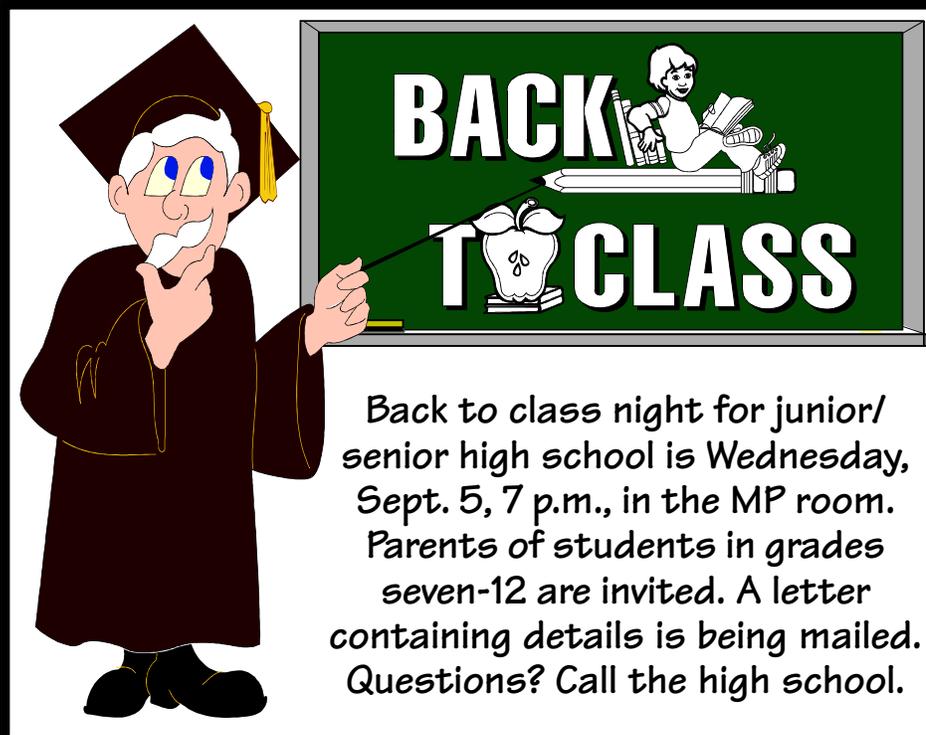
2001 FALL SOFTBALL MANAGERS meeting. The fall softball season is right around the corner. If you are new on island and interested in playing, attend the softball managers meeting tomorrow 6:30 p.m. in CRC Room 1. Team managers bring your

HIGH SCHOOL PHOTOS

will be taken Friday morning, Sept. 7, in the MP room. Order forms are being mailed.

These forms should be returned Sept. 7 with checks made payable to Nate Jackson. Questions? Call the high school.

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BACK TO CLASS

Back to class night for junior/senior high school is Wednesday, Sept. 5, 7 p.m., in the MP room. Parents of students in grades seven-12 are invited. A letter containing details is being mailed. Questions? Call the high school.

team rosters and league fee of \$150. Fees must be turned in no later than 9 a.m. Sept. 1. Questions, call Ian, 53331.

KWAJALEIN SWIM TEAM fall 2001 registration forms are available on the mini-mall bulletin board or by calling Ann at 52293. Registration will be accepted through Sunday. First practice is Monday.

YOUTH BASKETBALL AND KICKBALL registration for age 3 to sixth grade is through Sept. 1. Register at Community Activities,

Tuesday through Saturday, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m., or at the Youth Center, Tuesday through Saturday, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-5:30 p.m. Questions, call Audra, 53331.

LADIES, COME TO the first "Get Acquainted" coffee of the season. The Yokwe Yuk Women's Club invites newcomers and old-timers to find out about island activities and make new friends, tonight, 9:30 a.m., Qtrs. 203-A. Questions, call Dianne, 55990.



BOATING ORIENTATION

Sept 12-13, 6:30-8:30 p.m., in CAC Room 1. Fee is \$20 and attendance both nights is required. Stop by the Small Boat Marina to register. Questions? Call 53643.

ALL HOUSING AND TRAILER occupants: If you have any trees or shrubs that need to be trimmed or removed, call the Housing Office, 53450.

HELP, VOLUNTEERS are needed for the local MOPS organization, particularly child care. If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity, contact Lora ASAP, 54186.

CWF is hosting a "Back to Kwaj" tea, Monday, Sept. 10, at 2 p.m. in the REB. All women are invited to come and get acquainted with what's happening on island for women.



This week at Gilligan's

Friday
DJ Chris Eskew plays the hottest music on the Billboard charts, 7-11 p.m.

Saturday
DJ Kim Parker keeps you dancing, 8 p.m.-2 a.m.

Sunday
DJ Thomas Twitty plays the best funk, soul and R&B, 9 p.m.-2 a.m.

DART TOURNAMENT

Dart tournament results for Thursday, Aug. 23:
1st: Mark Berteau/Andy Estacion
2nd: Anthony Adviento/Chris Galloway
3rd: Anne Greene/Gerry Delaney

See you at the movies!

Saturday

Return to Oz (1985, G)

In the sequel to The Wizard of Oz, Dorothy escapes from Kansas back to Oz, only to find evil rulers have taken over the magical land. Once again, Dorothy must come to the land's rescue. (Walter Murch, Nicol Williamson) (110 minutes)
Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

The Tailor of Panama (New Release, R)

Pierce Brosnan plays a spy, though not James Bond, in Panama who makes a deal with an in-debt tailor (played by Academy Award winner Geoffrey Rush) for information. Both men use each other until they come across information that could threaten the world as we know it. Critics gave this movie high marks for its direction (John Boorman) and complex, spy-novel storyline. Jamie Lee Curtis co-stars.

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

The Real McCoy (1993, PG-13)

Kim Basinger plays a cat burglar and ex-con who wants to go straight but must pull off one last heist to save her kidnapped son. (Val Kilmer) (106 minutes)

Tradewinds Theater, 8 p.m.

Sunday

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(Photo by C.J. Johnson)

Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School students dance the night away Saturday during the "Welcome Back to School" dance, held at the MP room.

Kwaj kids jam for back-to-school

By C.J. Johnson
Hourglass Intern

The school year began Friday in an atmosphere full of both excitement from students to reunite with old friends and boredom as they began to receive homework. Saturday night, however, the lights dimmed, marking the beginning of the "Welcome Back to School" dance for all high school students.

The Kwaj kids came alive, smiling and hanging out with their friends. But the dance kicked off with a rocky start, with not too many people dancing or even at the dance at all. Later, more students from all grades had arrived and the

dance was on its way.

"At first I didn't like it, but then it was great," smiled Rory Scott, a ninth-grader.

The Kwaj kids danced in the MP room to the latest tunes from all varieties of music.

"It's fun because of the music variety," said eighth-grader Michael Graham.

A strobe flashed a bright, white light, flickering on and off onto the massive crowd of dancing teenagers. Smoke then poured out, sweeping across the floor with the flow of the music blasting into the air.

"Awesome!" exclaimed seventh-grader Wanneta Corder.

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Tonight: Scattered showers, some heavy, and a possible thunderstorm.
Winds: North-northwest to north-northeast at 5 to 10 knots, with higher gusts near showers.
Tomorrow: Scattered showers, some heavy, and a possible thunderstorm.
Winds: Northeast at 13 to 17 knots, with higher gusts near showers.
Temperature: Tonight's low 78°
Tomorrow's high 85°
August rain total: 8.76"
Annual rain total: 34.38"
Annual deviation: -23.91"

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	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday August 28	0641/1900	1445/0148	1311, 3.2'	0716, 2.4' 1837, 2.5'
Wednesday August 29	0641/1859	1536/0238	0130, 4.3' 1424, 3.6'	0827, 2.0' 1956, 2.2'
Thursday August 30	0641/1859	1625/0329	0225, 4.6' 1501, 3.9'	0904, 1.6' 2042, 1.8'
Friday August 31	0641/1858	1712/0419	0303, 5.0' 1530, 4.3'	0932, 1.3' 2117, 1.4'