

# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



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### Trash pick-up brings out the best in volunteers

I would like to thank our volunteers, contributors and logistics support that helped the Kwajalein Scuba Club with the Island Clean-up. As a result of everyone's efforts, we recovered over 1,000 pounds of trash around Kwajalein and Meck.

The clean-up was accomplished by the island's most spirited group of individuals that I have had the pleasure to meet. Through miles of rocky shoreline, they picked-up over 150 pounds of flip-flops, several pounds of golf balls, assorted toothbrushes, and all sorts of plastic containers. Though it became muggy and the small pieces of plastic seemed as if they would never end, our volunteers kept filling-up bags of trash that were generated internationally and locally.

In addition to all those listed in Jan Waddell's article last week, we would like to thank the generous contributors such as San Juan Construction Company, Oceaneering, Toni Redy, Kevin Dykema, National Air Traffic Controllers Association — Kwajalein, and,

MIT/Lincoln Labs who made monetary donations which were awarded to participants by way of earned awards or door prizes.

For their work behind-the-scenes, I would like to thank Community Activities for providing tents, tables and chairs. Additionally, I would like to thank Solid Waste Management for their contributions in getting set-up and for their assistance in removing the trash and recyclable materials from the site, and, Jeanette Johnson for the wonderful maps she provided.

**Komol Tata,  
Jack Martindale  
KSC President**

### Grief support in loss just proves you care

Nothing quite like a loss, reminds you of your friends. You might have thought I'd lost a close family member this week after the Chicago Cubs blew a 3-1 series lead behind their two best starters to give the pennant to the Florida Marlins.

Granted, I felt almost as bad after the eighth inning meltdown in Game 6, as I've felt since my sophomore year in college when my 17-year-old dog, Molly, died. In all fairness to Molly, she deserves a column all her own, but suffice it to say, she too endured the meltdowns in 1984 and '89 in a colorful manner,

promptly going to the backyard and yacking up Kibbles and Bits while I ranted.

To date, I've received condolence notes from across the country. My boss checked the morning after, to see if I'd come to work. People have stopped me on the street. These people seriously understand my anguish in that cosmic evil has been perpetuated.

I've even been offered pastoral care from our chaplain, but I'm still waiting for actress Kirsten Dunst to call and offer to cheer me up.

I've noticed too, the tremendous outpouring for baseball itself. People I had no clue even knew a ball from a strike discussed Mark Prior's ERA with me, and we spied known baseball fan and Yankee-hater Karren Campbell wearing a Yankees shirt, apparently the result of a bet gone sour.

In fact, reportedly 18 million Americans watched as the devil made good on his deal for the souls of nine Marlins players. That's up 65 percent from viewership last year.

Now that the Cubs and Sox are out, MLB's Bud Selig will have to sell his soul to get similar numbers for the World Series. Turns out, Game 1 of the World Series only captured around 11 million, according to statistics reported by the Associated Press.

Thanks for the support.

— Jim Bennett, Editor

### Marshallese Word of the Day

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### The Kwajalein Hourglass

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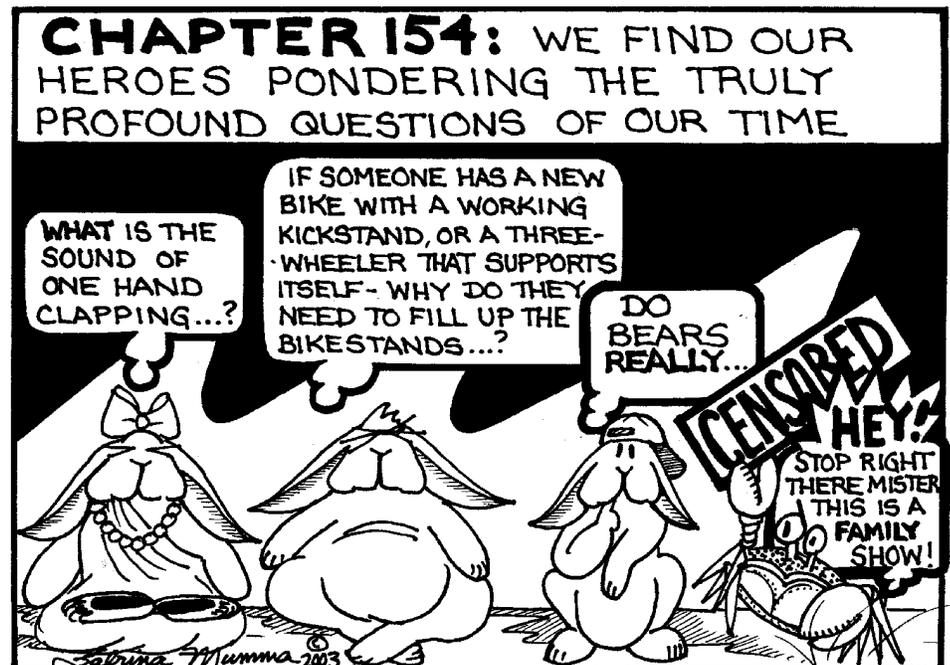
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### Buckminster and Friends

by Sabrina Mumma



# Session faces resident issues head-on

By Jim Bennett  
Editor

From dining in a newly built facility to adding more knives to hospitality kits, the island-wide sensing session has started tackling issues for residents.

Holding their third meeting last week, the sessions replace the bachelor and consumer advisory councils established under the Raytheon management of the island contract. Members include representatives from the community-at-large, each contractor, the government and KRS Community Services.

"We are trying to represent the community in all of the community services," said Lloyd Jordan, deputy manager for Community Services.

The committee listed 35 issues on the agenda, all brought up during the previous two meetings in August and September, but worked last week to narrow the focus to the top five issues. In the future, the committee hopes to concentrate on the top issues, achieve results and then move on to the next in line, rather than try and juggle the multitude of topics.

But fine dining led the parade of issues by cost and impact. The Yokwe Yuk Club temporarily shut down in February after cement portions of the ceiling fell from the rebar frame in the kitchen. Since then, a portion of the club, inspected and deemed safe, has resumed operations and serves patrons fine dining meals on Wednesdays and Saturdays, but chefs continue to work out of a portion of the kitchen along with the short order grill previously used for the bar. That reduces the service for bar patrons, though they may still order deliveries from the Three Palms Snack Bar.

Officials have studied the matter and are preparing estimates on a number of long-term recommendations to present to the command.

"Are we going to rebuild or renovate?" Jordan asked. "The decision has yet to be made and we're still looking at other facilities on-island and what we can do with them. Cooking food and then transporting it somewhere else, though, is not the best idea."

One completed estimate has renovations on the Yuk costing "in the millions." Those renovations would bring the facility into code compli-

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ance, but would not necessarily upgrade the facility or give it a new look, Jordan said.

An alternate plan, currently on the shelf and not under formal discussion, calls for the construction of a new dining facility that would encompass not only fine dining, but build in a segment for the main cafeteria and snack bar. Proponents say the single facility would streamline overhead costs significantly, while detractors value more the variety of locations.

Shorter-term dining alternatives under discussion, however, include: the addition of a ice cream parlor and coffee shop to the CRC; a food-court style renovation to the snack bar with streamlined, fast-food-style menu; a Country Club expansion to partially enclose the large patio area, upgrade the kitchen and create a taxi service; a self-help project at the Richardson Theater to enclose the area beneath the projection booth and offer popcorn and other movie treats; juice and health food vending at the Ivey Gym; and a fully functional mobile commercial-style kitchen that could cater special events anywhere on the island.

All of the above require studies to determine specific needs such as electrical, plumbing and sanitation requirements, to name a few, and

officials are working to draft drawings and plans.

"We have to articulate exactly what we want," Jordan said, adding he hopes to have a final plan in place early next year.

Much of the hour-long session centered on Housing issues, with Flynn Gideon, Housing manager, attending to answer questions and concerns. Gideon said he would look at adding more cutlery and cutting boards to Hospitality Kits, but that fitted sheets had a shorter life-span than flat sheets, and the cost of equipping all kits with them was prohibitive. Kit requirements, drafted by the Army, are listed in the Performance Work Statement, he added.

"And we exceed that," he said, explaining kits are valued at \$250. "We have more items than we're required to."

On a request to include names of all family members on home-signs, Gideon explained that signs cost between \$35 and \$45 a piece and are custom-made according to Housing specs, designed to minimize damage to home exteriors. The cost and the potential for greater damage to homes prevents them from expanding the sign market.

Another request called for a storage area for unaccompanied people,

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# Raiders assault of Makin rebuffed

**Editor's note:** Ben Carson was a member of Carlson's Raiders, the Marine Corps command unit that made the first American assault on Japanese-held territory in World War II. That was at Makin Atoll in the Gilbert Islands, Aug. 17-18, 1942.

He has been active for nearly 50 years in the effort to repatriate the remains of Raiders killed at Makin and to recognize the sacrifice of the Raider prisoners beheaded at Kwajalein.

Carson joined the Marine Corps in December 1941, six months after high school graduation. He was 18, and the Japanese had just attacked Pearl Harbor. With a trainload of other recruits, he arrived at boot camp in San Diego, Calif., on New Year's Day 1942.

After boot camp, Carson volunteered for what he heard was "a suicide unit some nutty major was setting up to infiltrate Japanese-held territory."

His "entrance exam" with Capt. James Roosevelt, son of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, consisted of three questions:

"What did you do in civilian life?"

"I was a farmer."

"Can you swim?"

"Yes, our farm was on a lake."

"Can you march 30 miles with full pack on a cup of rice?"

"I'm sure I can if the rest can."

Selected for duty with the 2nd Marine Raider Battalion, Carson embarked on five months of rigorous training at several sites: a farm near San Diego; San Clemente Island, off the California coast; and Camp Catlin and Barbers Point, in Hawaii.

In August, after having their regulation khaki shirts and pants dyed coal black, Companies A and B of the 2nd Raider Battalion were loaded aboard the submarines Argonaut and Nautilus for an unknown destination.

We know now it was Makin.

## PART I

### By Ben Carson

We arrived off Makin on the afternoon of Aug. 16, 1942.

I was passing through the main control room (of the submarine Argonaut) and noticed a lot of activity

around the periscope, so I eased over to learn what had been sighted.

A submarine officer was viewing Makin, and other officers and sailors were taking turns looking. One officer said, "Hey, Raider, you wanna look? There's where you're going tomorrow morning!" I saw palm trees, a beach, and lots of water.

There was considerable uneasiness among the Raiders trying to get some sleep that evening. When 3 a.m. arrived, we were fed breakfast and told to be ready to disembark at 4 a.m.

The sub surfaced, and fresh air rushed in as the hatches were opened. We had to exit up the ladders by boat teams, since our rubber boats were stowed deflated in the tubes used to load torpedoes.

We finally got the boat inflated and slid it over the side. The sea was running very high, and our boat disappeared down the side of the sub about 15 feet.

### On-the-job training in the dark

None of us had ever made a rubber-boat landing from a submarine before, but here we were attempting to board rubber boats from a completely dark submarine deck, with a sea running at least 15 feet and possibly much more.

Each time the boat returned near the level of the sub deck, someone from our crew would jump in. Finally, I lined up with the boat as it started its trip up to deck level and launched out for it.

The motor was soaked, the boat was full of water, and we had lost two paddles out of 11. We began paddling and bailing and headed for some boats rendezvousing shoreward.

### Rubber boats unmanageable in surf

Finally the arm wave to shore was given, and everyone bent to the task of paddling sodden rubber boats toward the surf marked by a luminous line on the horizon.

We were not prepared for the action those first rollers gave us. As our boat rode up the first wave, we were turned sideways and ended up making a full circle before we headed down the leeward side of the wave.

Everybody in the boat was doing his damndest to keep the bow of the boat pointed to the beach, but we made several other complete turns before our surf trip was over.

### Huge wave hit us

The nearer we got to the beach,

the more each wave bent the boat. About 50 feet from shore, a huge wave hit us, and I flew over the stern into the surf. I grabbed a mouthful of air and rapidly was dragged toward shore by the surf.

After two or three of these rises to the surface, I was surprised to find that I could stand up with my head above the water. I finally struggled to shore, and two Raiders grabbed me and walked me up the beach.

Gunnery Sgt. "Pappy" Lang was standing on the beach directing Raiders to their primary targets. He indicated to me to head down the beach. I finally caught up the my special squad, and directly, we could see the outline of Government House. I was surprised to see it was just as described to us during practice. I cautiously approached and looked in, the place was abandoned. I spied around the corner and was waved on.

### All hell broke loose

Just then, I heard a Browning automatic rifle bark, and moment later all hell broke loose. I was hurrying to get up where the action was, alternately running and seeking shelter. Up ahead, I could see a truck stopped in the road and scattered bodies.

I kept inching up toward a clump of mangrove trees and passed the body of a Marine Raider Tommygunner, who apparently has been in a terrible fire fight. Every one of his ammo clips was empty and he had been hit by a volley of bullets that tore up his chest.

This was my first encounter with a dead body outside a coffin, and I remember thinking for the first time, "This game is for keeps."

I crawled up to the edge of the mangrove trees, and a corporal from A Company was lying there, nursing a bullet wound in his upper left shoulder. He attempted to point out the location of a sniper up in a coconut tree, but every time he or I would move to get a better look, another round would be fired in our direction.

The corporal suggested I find a clear path through the mangrove trees and heave a grenade. After some very careful crawling around, I found a path and let a grenade fly.

Right about then, there wasn't any firing taking place, and I heard the pop of the cap that armed the grenade and also heard it bouncing



Ben Carson

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# Withdrawal is chaotic...

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off the mangrove brush. I heard it explode and was disappointed that it made such a small racket.

After half an hour more of trying to locate the sniper, I heard a shout to my rear and recognized Lang motioning us to withdraw. He had been shot in the arm and was wearing a white bandage and sling.

## Japanese torpedo bomber arrives

Sporadic firing was coming from beyond the breadfruit tree as we pulled back toward Government House, which now was being used to shelter the wounded. I was dashing from coconut tree to coconut tree as we were pulling back, and all of a sudden, a Japanese torpedo bomber appeared just above the trees, strafing the road between me and the leeward beach. We had been told not to fire at the planes.

I was really glad when that plane got past me without hitting anything, when all of a sudden, the lead was flying again. There was a rear machine gunner, and he was getting his jollies blasting the road as the plane pulled up.

There was the sound of bombs dropping beyond the breadfruit tree, and an occasional shot could still be heard in that direction, but the shooting part of the raid was over around 3 p.m. on Aug. 17.

We were told to slowly withdraw, with an established rear-guard action, to the beach area where we had landed early that morning. Darkness began to fall, and we slowly made our way to the beach.

The withdrawal took about an hour, and I was on the final protective line when we got to the beach area. I and about 12 other Raiders were given specific instruction on when we could finally board our boats and leave the island. These instructions included a flashlight signal indicating that all others had cleared the island.

## Wounded dumped into surf

The wounded were loaded aboard the rubber boats, lying lengthwise over the center seats, with the paddlers straddling the sides. The additional weight of the wounded in the fully manned craft proved too much. Many of the boats rounded the curl in the very high surf, and everyone was dumped. Many tales of valiant rescue efforts in circumstances like

this were repeated that evening.

As the boats upset, the crews' weapons were lost, as well as all equipment and supplies used by medical personnel.

It didn't take long before Carlson was aware that things were not working out as he had planned. Added to this was the fact that he was not aware that our holding force was in place on shore.

When a Japanese patrol approached the beach in front of our force, a shootout ensued in which one of our men was wounded, and we killed three Japanese. Carlson later recorded this event as the low point of the raid.

## "They're going to surrender"

Someone came by our position, crouched down low, and quietly blurted out the most terrible message I have ever been given: "Everybody's on their own now. They're going to surrender."

I turned to one of the rear-guarders and said, "Let's get out of here." I sent Pvt. Kuznewski to ask Carlson if we in the holding force could turn our weapons over to the worn-out Raiders on the beach and take a shot at the surf.

Permission was granted, and six of us from the holding force grabbed a rubber boat, stuffed the oars under the seats, and proceeded to swim that boat through the surf and into the open ocean.

Since none of us was higher than a private first class, we had been given no instructions on sub recognition or any other information to guarantee our survival.

Fortunately, we heard the sound of a sub's diesel exhaust, and we headed in that direction. It was just breaking dawn when we arrived at the Nautilus.

When I climbed down the ladder to crew quarters, a corpsman handed me a tiny bottle and said, "For medicinal purposes only." I slugged down the contents, and in about five minutes, I was glassy-eyed from the brandy.

Sgt. Carroll was on board, recruiting volunteers for the rescue mission, but when he looked at me, he said, "Go get some sleep." That little shot of brandy saved my life. Sgt. Allard and the rest of the rescue crew were later strafed while shooting a line over the surf to pull out the boats bearing Raiders and the wounded.

Look for Part II in Oct. 28 issue.

## Some issues are settled; some need more work...

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but Gideon said he didn't know of any facilities that could support the idea.

On another topic, the committee looked at noise concerns, when BQ or housing residents file complaints on their neighbors. A frustration stems from the fact that under the regulations, police must be called three times before a complaint ticket is written.

"If they call the cops one time that should take care of it" Gideon said.

Gideon said he's working with police to allow Housing to track complaints against residents.

With the conversation expanding on other residents' complaints against neighbors, the committee and Gideon, in general, agreed the first solution lies with residents themselves.

"Residents have to talk to other residents," said Gerry Wolf of USAKA Community Services.

In other matters, the committee closed the door on opening a separate youth center for pre-teens. The measure came up after the Youth Center revised its entry requirements to focus on students in grades 7 through 12. Youth services, however, now fall under Army regulations that govern child care including the home alone policy and management of child care centers. Between the regulations, a separate facility is not workable, said Ann McCoy, Child and Youth Services coordinator.

Another request called for low-calorie offerings at the Café Pacific. Representative Marian Ruffing, psychologist and certified Employee Assistance professional, spoke to the importance of having a dietician who works with the weight management class by giving true caloric and other dietary information about specific menu items at the cafeteria each week. Jordan said Food Services is hiring a new dietician, and he would make sure candidates understood that job requirement.

## HELP WANTED

**KRS has the following on-island job opening. Unless otherwise noted, call Alan Taylor, 55154.**

**TEEN CENTER ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR.** Full time. Assists manager of youth center in all duties, supervises students, develops activities and keeps records. Required to complete CYS training and secure a child care security clearance.

**ELECTRONICS REPAIR TECHNICIAN.** Part time. Repair TVs, DVDS, VCRs and audio equipment. Job responsibilities include coordinating a quality, time focused diagnosis and repair process. Applicant should have technical training in electronics and experience in electronics repair. Submit application or resumé to Paul Divinski at the Retail Office.

**SUPPLY SPECIALIST II.** Full time. Determine correct quantity of material for requisition. Duties include requisitioning, using both MIMS and blanket purchase orders. Requires strong customer support, supporting/interacting with /Richmond procurement. Working knowledge of MIMS and Word/Excel preferred.

**CERTIFIED TEACHER.** Contract hire-Exempt. Third grade position at George Seitz Elementary School. Duties include development and implementation of lessons, grading, supervision of students and classroom routine. Must possess valid teaching certification from any one of the 50 states and be able to pass a childcare background check. Previous teaching experience at primary level desired.

**SOUND AND LIGHTING TECHNICIAN.** Casual. Must be available evenings and weekends during events. Must be over 21 years of age to work shows at the clubs. Call Cathy, 53331.

**COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SECRETARY.** Full time position. Responsible for answering phones, key control, timecards, registration, fee collection, cash handling, reservations, supply orders and other duties. Must have excellent verbal and written skills, experienced with Microsoft Office and Outlook, self motivated and can handle a fast paced office.

**ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK.** Part time to assist Occupational Health Nurse in coordinating medical screening. Interface with employees, clinicians and related staff. Computer literate, familiar with medical terminology, flex time possible.

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER.** Provide supervision and instruction in the absence of the regular classroom teacher. Organizational skills and structure are a prerequisite. Teaching certification preferred, but not required. Childcare clearance required.

**CYS ACTIVITIES ASSISTANT DIRECTOR**

**CYS HOMEWORK CENTER LEAD**

**CYS TECHNOLOGY LAB ASSISTANT**

**MS/TEEN HOMEWORK CENTER ASSISTANT**

CYS and MS openings are flexible hours, afternoons/evenings. High school diploma plus childcare/youth experience, childcare clearance required.

**USAKA/RTS has the following job vacancies. For job information, call Cris Foster, Civilian Personnel officer, 54417. Access on-line at <http://www.cpol.army.mil>.**

**GENERAL ENGINEER, GS-0801-13,** Reagan Test Site Test Support Division. Two vacancies. 24-month overseas tour with transportation and housing agreement. Announcement No. SCBK03453981. Closes Oct. 30.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST,** Public Affairs Office. GS-1035-09. Temporary overseas limited appointment, full-time, NTE 2 years. Announcement No. SCBK03454686.

## WANTED

**VIOLA, VIOLIN** and anyone interested in getting a string quartet together. Also need electric or acoustic guitar, with pickup preferred. Call Lexy, 54240.

**INFORMATION** from residents who have recently vacationed on Jaluit, Arno or Mili Atolls. Call KW, 50734, or leave a message.

**BICYCLES** in reasonably good working order or needing minor repair can be donated to the junior/senior high school PTSO for use by Ebeye students while on Kwajalein as transportation on school trips and activities. To donate, call Gregg, 59747H/50952W, or Jennifer, 51950H.

## FOUND

**ROD AND REEL** near DSC bike area. Call Keith, 53612.

## FOR SALE

**MATCHING SOFA,** chair and Ottoman, \$200; sofa, \$75; color Lexmark Z23 printer, \$30. Call 54168.

**DACOR BCD,** freshly overhauled, size medium, \$150; U.S. Diver regulator with octopus and gauges freshly overhauled, \$200; weights, belts and fins also available. Call 51175.

**HP DESKJET 695C printer,** \$35; Evenflo, Trailtech toddler/baby backpack, \$30; My First Leap Pad-Thomas Train and the school trip, new in package, \$8. Call 52400.

**AQUARIUM:** 55-gallon reef aquarium set up, includes all equipment and a nice table/stand, just add water, \$350; men's aluminum Sun 12-speed, \$50. Call 52682.

**LA-Z-BOY recliner,** excellent condition, blue, paid \$450, will sell for \$200. Call 52642.

**METAL ROOFING** material, 660 square feet, galvanized steel, great for boathouse, you haul away, best offer; beginner's brewing kit, everything you need to start brewing your favorite beer, many extras, \$90. Call 52573H.

**RACING BIKE:** 12-speed Schwinn Super Sport with aero bars, large frame, perfect condition, \$300 or best offer. It's never too early to start training for the Rustman. Call Ken, 54176 or 57013.

**LA-Z-BOY recliner,** excellent condition, \$350. Call 53545.

**LOVESEAT SOFA,** old-style but super comfy, \$150. Call Rue, 54173.

**SAUDER COMPUTER** desk, \$160; shelf oak trimmed cabinet, \$75; wood grain file cabinet, \$25; small mahogany table, \$50; hand-carved chess set and board, \$45; 20" TV with VCR, \$175; four TV stands with rack and VCR; programmable coffeemaker; Air pot; iron, musical equipment and recording gear. Call 55509, evenings.

**BIKE HELMETS,** \$5; folding omelette pan, never used, \$8; vacuum bags, \$4; electric rice cooker/warmer, never used, \$70. Call 53875

and leave a message.

**21' BOAT** with twin 90 hp Johnson, \$15,000 or best offer. Call Wise, 55647W or Ebeye cell phone, 692-235-0118.

**PCS SALE.** Two 27" TVs, \$200 each; two La-Z-Boy chairs, \$200. Many more items. Call 52398.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**SMALL BOAT MARINA** changes to winter hours Nov. 1. Winter hours are: Thursday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday-Monday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. All rental boats are required to be back at the marina by 5:30 p.m. Questions? Call Les or Mike, 53643.

**UNACCOMPANIED PERSONNEL:** Mark your calendars for the Friday, Oct. 31, sunset catamaran costume cruise, 6-8 p.m. Music, food, beverages and lots of fun. Wear a costume or just a one item costume. Bring friends and make new friends. Cost is \$8 and tickets can be purchased at Community Activities through Oct. 29. Sponsored by the Protestant Chapel and Community Activities. Questions? Call the chapel, 53505, or Lydi, 54223.

**YOU'RE INVITED** to the 228th United States Marine Corps Birthday Ball, Nov. 10, at the CRC gymnasium, in honor of the visiting WWII Makin Raiders. Receiving line is 5:30-5:50 p.m. The program begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$50. Seating is limited. Attire is formal. Military should wear dress blues or Class A uniform with bow tie. Civilians should wear coat and tie, women should wear formal or cocktail dress. No sharp heels allowed. Bus transportation will be provided via the regular church route. For information and tickets, call Donna, 52660, or Denise, 54595.

**ARE YOU** interested in pottery? Assistance in basic wheel throwing techniques will be given every Thursday evening, 6:30-8 p.m., at the Hobby Shop. Limited to five persons at a time. For more information, call Julie, 51700.

**VET IS** scheduled on island Oct. 31-Nov. 5. If your pet needs to be seen, call 52017, as soon as possible.

**DRUG AWARENESS** forum is Oct. 27, 7 p.m., in the MP room. Parents, students and community members are encouraged to attend.

**FAMILY POOL** is closing at 11:30 a.m. Friday due to the Shaving Cream Social. There is no public swim or swim team practice in the afternoon or evening.

**GRACE SHERWOOD** Library is closing at 6 p.m. on Halloween night, Friday, Oct. 31.

**PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS** for the 33rd annual Kwajalein Open. Tickets are on sale Sundays at the golf course or Mondays, 10 a.m.-noon, on Macy's Porch. The Kwaj Open is Nov. 2, 3, 9 and 10. For more information, call Amanda, 59088.

**UMUC TERM II,** Oct. 27-Dec. 20. IFSM 201 Introduction to Computer-Based Systems. Tuesdays/Thursdays, 6-9 p.m. Instructor is Phyllis Rockett. To register, call 52800 or e-mail: [Fkwajalein@ad.umuc.edu](mailto:Fkwajalein@ad.umuc.edu).

**PTO MEETING** is tomorrow, 7 p.m., in the elementary school music room.

**"JAGSTAR,"** a DoD rock band is scheduled to perform Wednesday, Oct. 29, 6:30 p.m., at Roi Outrigger; Thursday, Oct. 30, 6 p.m., at Emon Beach with a family-style barbecue by food services; Friday, Oct. 31, 7 p.m., at the Youth Center (Halloween party for grades 7-12 only). Saturday, Nov. 1, 9 p.m., at Gilligan's (adult Halloween costume party).

CUB SCOUT Pack 135 meeting is Sunday, Oct. 26, 5:30 p.m., at Coral Sands. Come for the bonfire, pow wow and s'moores.

THERE IS a school-age parent workshop "How to Deal with Homework," Oct. 23, 7 p.m., in the elementary school music room. Questions? Call 52158.

GRACE SHERWOOD Library's Halloween book draw runs through Oct. 30. Sign up to win five leather-bound books by Agatha Christie, including "Death on the Nile," "Murder on the Orient Express" and "And Then There Were None." One registration per person. Winner will be announced by Rich Feagler on his morning show, Oct. 31.



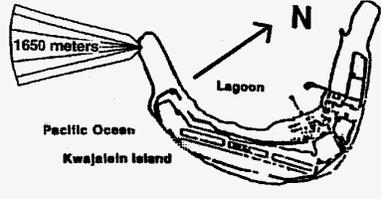
**Café Pacific presents**

# Germanfest

**this Sunday**

- \*German potato soup
- \* Roast sauerbraten
- \*Wienersnitzel
- \*Bratwurst & sauerkraut
- \*German-style quiche
- \*German potato salad
- \*Braised cabbage

**The Small Arms Range is in operation tomorrow, 8 a.m.-noon. Avoid the hazard area shown below. All watercraft observe the red flags at the southwest end of the island.**



## HOBBY SHOP WOODWORKING



To use the Hobby Shop woodworking shop, it is mandatory to take a safety orientation. The class is scheduled for the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. Pre-registration is necessary. For information and to register, call Julie, 53331.

### See you at the movies!

**Wednesday**  
**Men of Honor (2000, R)** A true story about Carl Brashear, the first African-American to serve as a diver for the United States Navy  
*Adult Recreation Center, 7:30 p.m.*

**Saturday**  
**Dracula (1979, R)** When Count Dracula, one of the undead, moves from his home in Transylvania, the reign of terror begins.  
*Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.*  
**IT (1990, R)** A Stephen King story about a evil supernatural force which masquerades as a circus clown.  
*Roi Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.*  
**Casper (1995, PG)** The friendly ghost haunts a home where there is hidden treasure.  
*Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

**Sunday**  
**The Dead Zone (1983, R)** A school teacher wakes up after a five year coma to find he has the ability to predict the future.  
*Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.*  
**The House of Usher (1989, R)** Edgar Allen Poe's tale about a man who offers twisted hospitality to his nephew and bride-to-be.  
*Roi Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.*  
**The Little Vampire (2000, PG)** A nine-year-old boy moves to a new town and makes friends with a family of vampires, who are in hiding.  
*Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

**Monday**  
**Dracula (1979, R)**  
*Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.*  
**Casper (1995 PG)**  
*Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

# ARE YOU INTERESTED IN FLIGHT GROUND SCHOOL?



*Flying*

Come to the Kwaj Club meeting Thursday, 6 p.m., in Bldg. 735 conference room.

## Kwajalein Atoll International Sport Fishing Club



Monthly meeting is tomorrow, 7 p.m., at the Pacific Club

# Burn patients sent to Shriner's hospital

By KW Hillis  
Assistant Editor

The fascination of playing with matches led to second and third degree burns over a large percentage of Corina Calep's and Miriam Ned's 8-year-old bodies on Oct. 8.

"It was some container having to do with a Xerox machine that did ignite when they struck a match. It blew up and caught their clothes on fire," said Dr. Lance Ray, Kwajalein Hospital staff surgeon, who took care of the girls after they were transferred to Kwajalein on Oct. 10. "The doctors on Ebeye had taken care of them for the first 24 hours ... they were in excellent conditions."

Dr. Edmundo Valera, Ebeye hospital surgeon, took care of the girls, but since the burns were so extensive, "a special burn center is needed," said Dr. Tin Soe, Ebeye hospital and Public Health Center Medical director in an e-mail.

Monday, the tiny girls, Calep with her grandmother Hency, and Ned with her mother Nancy, and Ebeye hospital pediatrician, Dr. N. Guiao, left Kwajalein. The ultimate destination is Shriners Children's Hospital in Sacramento, Calif. The children's care will be free of charge and the adults will be housed in in-hospital apartments set aside for that purpose, Ray said.

Ned, with burns on 64 percent of her body, 17 percent third degree; and Calep, with burns on 48 percent, 12 percent third degree, need more care than either Ebeye or Kwajalein hospitals could provide.

"Second degree burns are blisters and they will heal without skin grafting," Ray said. "Third degree burns are full thickness burns of the skin and these require skin grafts for them to heal."

"In the states there are whole units for burn victims,"



Miriam Ned, left, with her grandmother, Kimiko Balente, smiles and shows off her new gift despite burns covering 64 percent of her body.

(Photo by KW Hillis)

said Jane Cassel, Kwajalein Hospital director of nursing, explaining the hospital has to look at its resources before taking on an outside patient. "[We're] doing the best we can with what we have available. It is very labor-intensive to accomplish a dressing change and meet their needs. It can take up to an hour or more."

Burn victims must be kept in sterile conditions with visitors wearing caps, masks and gowns, she said. Because their bodies use a lot of calories to try to heal, the girls need additional nutrition and hydration. Nurses are around them 24 hours a day.

"The nurses here have particularly done a fantastic job," Ray said.

Yesterday before their flight to Honolulu, swaddled in bandages and medicated against the pain, Ned smiled as she sat up in her hospital bed and awkwardly combed her hair for the visitor. Across the room, Calep her cheeks burned black, breathed into a hand-held pulmonary exerciser to help strengthen her lungs. Colorful gift bags and small stuffed toys surrounded both girls. If the girls grimaced in pain, the TDY registered nurses Maybelline Hendrickson and Shane McEwen quickly tried to help.

"It was all I could do to change their dressing the first day," Hendrickson said, explaining that she knew it was painful for them.

Soe said this accident serves as a lesson.

"A big lesson for Ebeye community and in general for all, is to let parents and the community know how important to teach children not to play with fire," he said. "Fire like this could not only endanger two girl's lives, but could also wipe out the whole shanty housing on Ebeye, worse than the worst storm Ebeye had ever faced."



Corina Calep prompts her grandmother, Hancy, and nurse Shane McEwen to look across the hospital room.

(Photo by KW Hillis)

## Weather

Courtesy of 3D Research

**Tonight:** Mostly cloudy with showers likely.  
**Winds:** Southeast to southwest at 7-15 knots, higher gusts near shower.  
**Tomorrow:** Variably cloudy with showers likely early.  
**Winds:** Southeast to southwest at 5-10 knots, higher gusts near showers.  
**Temperature:** Tonight's low 77°  
 Tomorrow's high 87°  
**October rain total:** 11.47"  
**Annual rain total:** 78.89"  
**Annual deviation:** +1.24"  
 Call 54700 for updated forecasts and sea conditions.

## Sun • Moon • Tides

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
<b>Tuesday October 21</b>	0637/1831	0225/1512	0100, 4.3' 1350, 3.9'	0740, 1.7' 1930, 1.9'
<b>Wednesday October 22</b>	0637/1830	0318/1558	0150, 4.8' 1420, 4.5'	0810, 1.2' 2020, 1.3'
<b>Thursday October 23</b>	0637/1830	0411/1643	0230, 5.2' 1450, 5.1'	0850, 0.8' 2100, 0.7'
<b>Friday October 24</b>	0637/1830	0505/1728	0310, 5.6' 1530, 5.7'	0920, 0.5' 2140, 0.2'