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Reach out and touch someone

## Local phones score high in survey; long distance improving

By Barbara Johnson

Feature Writer

The results have been tabulated from the recent USAKA/KMR telephone survey, and local phone and repair services ranked high, while long distance service didn't rate as well.

The survey, administered by the Raytheon QA department, was sent to USAKA and contractor offices at the beginning of August and was received either by e-mail or printout by about 1,500 people. It asked about customer satisfaction in several areas of phone service.

Responding to the survey were 293 Kwaj and Roi residents, which gives the results a 90 percent confidence factor, according to Jonathan Jackson, RSE QA manager.

"We're very pleased with the results," said Jim Schilling, Mission Communications supervisor. "It's an excellent baseline, which was the purpose of the survey."

Local telephone service received a positive response, with 92 percent satisfied or very satisfied.

"It wasn't surprising to find that no one was totally dissatisfied with the local telephone service," said Lou Stegmann, Communications manager.

Off-island call satisfaction wasn't as high. Approximately 65 percent of the residential respondents were not satisfied or totally dissatisfied with long-distance calling service from Kwaj and Roi. Business user results were slightly more positive, with about 56 percent not satisfied or totally dissatisfied.

If you've noticed an improvement in off-island phone service lately, there's a reason. Twenty-three lines were added in mid-September, Schilling said, which should decrease

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(Photo by KW Hillis)

## Celebración

A blindfolded fourth grader, with the help of Amber Morse, takes a healthy whack at the piñata during Celebración Latina at the Emon Beach Youth Center Saturday night. More than 75 kids, from third-graders to high school seniors, enjoyed the Hispanic Heritage Month event planned and run by Community Activities and the Youth Council. (See story, page 3)

## Employee arraigned in RMI court

By Jim Bennett

Editor

An American contractor, of Kwajalein, was arraigned in RMI High Court on Ebeye Wednesday on charges stemming from an alleged Aug. 30 assault. He pleaded not guilty and will appear with his attorney, David Lowe of Kaneohe, Hawaii, in a preliminary hearing Nov. 8.

"I'd like to try this one as early as possible, probably January," Lowe said Wednesday, by phone from Hawaii.

Lowe filed a demand for a jury trial.

John Young, prosecutor for the RMI High Court, did not object to a jury trial. Jury trials are unheard of in the RMI because most Marshallese reach plea agreements or are tried with a judge only, called a bench trial, Young added. A jury trial in the

RMI would consist of four jurors who, as in the states, must reach a unanimous verdict. They are picked from a pool of 100 names in a box. How the 100 names are picked, however, remains unsettled.

"It will be interesting with only four jurors," Lowe said. "Hopefully, we'll agree on the procedures. It's not going to be easy, but it's not something we can't do ... It's going to take some ingenuity."

Wednesday, Judge H. Dee Johnson allowed the defendant to remain free on \$1,000 bond set and paid earlier this month, but ordered him not to visit Ebeye except for court business, nor leave the RMI.

Johnson read the charges and outlined the defendant's rights. As in

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# Letters to the Editor

## Reader spooked by Halloween schedule

Dear Editor:

It seems that many island residents are disappointed that the command changed the Halloween celebration from the traditional Oct. 31 to Sunday, Oct. 29. Residents feel the customary celebrations should be put back to the traditional date of Halloween for a variety of reasons.

I've talked with some parents who feel that a lack of an organized activity for kids on the traditional date will encourage them to find other means of celebrating that night. This leaves concerned parents no choice but to host additional Halloween activities on Oct. 31. I could be wrong, but CIS may also be concerned with the outcome of a Halloween night without supervised and organized activities

for the kids.

There are also parents who voice a concern with deliberately changing Halloween to a Christian day of worship. It's one thing to have Halloween land on a Sunday, quite another to put it there on purpose.

Numerous kids have, themselves, voiced the desire to Trick or Treat on the traditional day.

Maybe those of us who felt that the holiday should be switched back to the original and customary day of the celebration are the minority. But those of you reading this letter who do happen to feel the same way as myself and others, please let the Commander's Hotline know or contact me to sign our petition.

Bonnie Burris

## Cuban-born soldier finds vote a privilege

**Editor's Note:** Sept. 15-Oct. 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month. In November, the U.S. will hold a general election to choose our next president. This story links important aspects of both events.

**By Sgt. William P. Bradner**

*Special to American Forces Press Service*

FORT BLISS, Texas — More than 40 percent of Army personnel didn't take the time to vote during the 1996 presidential election. During this year's election, at least one soldier will be in line waiting for the doors to open.

Spc. Giraldo Gonzalez of William Beaumont Army Medical Center here lists one of his immediate goals as voting in the 2000 election. He's encouraging everyone in his section to do the same.

"It's a privilege, one that is too valuable to forsake," according to the Cuban-born naturalized U.S. citizen. "My co-workers, more than half didn't care. I'm trying to push them to vote. For me, it's even more exciting, because this is the first time in my life I can have a choice."

Gonzalez fled Cuba in a 10-foot boat with five friends. They built a small motor by jury-rigging a propel-

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## Want to voice an opinion?

If you have a community-wide issue to raise and no other outlet, perhaps you should write a letter to the editor. Keep your verbage to less than 300 words, and keep your comments to the issues. This would be a no-libel zone. Letters must be signed. We will edit for AP Style and, if you exceed the word limit, space. Send your letter to: *The Hourglass*, P.O. Box 23, Local; or [jbennett@kls.usaka.smdc.army.mil](mailto:jbennett@kls.usaka.smdc.army.mil).

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## Buckminster and Friends — By Sabrina Mumma



# Youth Center reverberates to a Latin rhythm

## Kids celebrate Hispanic Heritage month

By KW Hillis  
Feature Writer

The heavy beat of the Macarena ricocheted off the walls as 40 kids, in unison, executed the dance's intricate movements. Other kids, standing against the wall, seated in the TV area or munching chips and salsa swayed to the music.

The Youth Center at Emon Beach was packed, much to the delight of the Youth Council representatives.

Senior council representative Giselle Gil, 16, was running late on Saturday evening when another member of the council called her.

"She told me I better get down here, that a lot of kids had shown up," Gil said. "I was really surprised."

Crammed into a little control room looking out over the packed dance floor, three of the eight Youth Council conferred on how the evening was going. Rudy Gil Sr. concentrated on spinning Latin tunes, which cascaded into the small room in spite of



(Photos by KW Hillis)

**The dance floor was packed for the Macarena Saturday night. Popular Hispanic dances, food and music and special activities for different grades filled the evening.**

the closed door.

"Since it was Hispanic month, we wanted to come up with something for the kids," Giselle Gil said. "Last year there was a community event in the MP Room. The kids performed some dances and everybody could go."

This year, they planned a Hispanic event themselves. The council planned early evening events for the younger grades and other events for the high school students.

The piñata and ensuing candy scramble was an activity designed to entertain the third- to sixth-graders, although everyone attending seemed to participate.

Throughout the evening, the loud, incessant beat of the music drew everyone to the dance floor.

Later in the evening, a merengue demonstration, performed by five couples, was planned.

"Our goal ... is to make the teen center a better place for kids to come," said Rudy Gil Jr., eighth-grade representative. "So parents think that they are sending their kids to a safe place, where they can have fun and do fun activities."

According to the Gils and Jacqueline Butler, junior council representative,

the Youth or Teen Center has not always been a favorite place to go.

"This has been a place that kind of had a reputation of being kind of a dull place," Butler said.

That could be changing.

This year the council representatives, who are elected by their peers — one for each grade, seventh through 11th, two for 12th grade and one Ebeye student — plan and run each event. Community Activities Youth Supervisor Amber Morse oversees the council.

The General Council, consisting of more than 35 students, vote on the ideas. The entire council along with parents help with the events.

The council hopes to meet with the commander in the near future and discuss the center's hours and their ideas on how to make the center better.

Future events are already in the works, Giselle Gil said.

"There will be a Halloween dance on Oct. 21," she said, "And we will ride the Santamobile and throw candy to the kids."

In addition, special movie nights, karaoke and music nights are in the planning stages.



**The broken piñata rains down candy on Max Cohen and Justine Burris.**

## Contractor faces jail sentence, if convicted ...

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the states, the defendant is presumed innocent and must be convicted beyond a reasonable doubt. He also may remain silent throughout the legal process.

Asked if he understood his rights, the defendant answered, "Yes sir." Lowe was unable to attend the arraignment, but had sent written in-

structions on behalf of his client.

If convicted, the defendant faces up to 25 years in a Marshallese jail. Historically, rape and attempted rape convictions carry on average a three-year jail sentence, served in the Majuro jail, which is larger than the Ebeye jail, but still very simple, Young said.

Young termed the case "a date

rape," saying the defendant and the victim, a 24-year-old woman, were on Ebeye at the time of the alleged incident. The woman suffered from major trauma as a result of the assault, he added.

"We can find the crime reprehensible, but we cannot vilify the man until he has been found guilty," Lowe said.

## Soldier meets goal with citizenship and voting ...

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ler onto an engine used for fumigation. They left behind everything for a chance to win their freedom of choice in America. They became lost between the Bahamas and Florida, but were sighted by a fishing boat and picked up by the U.S. Coast Guard. Their ordeal lasted four days.

"It was dangerous and risky," he said, "but worth it to live in the United States."

Gonzalez was a medical doctor in Havana, Cuba, before fleeing to the states. He's now an operating room technician at Beaumont.

He gave up his life there to, in his words, "become a person."

"It was hard to live there," he explained. "It was hard to do anything without being scrutinized. I was tired of living the life where you have two faces.

"This is *me*," he said. "This is who I am."

Gonzalez recalled friends and family members who were fired or denied job opportunities because they expressed views not shared by the political party. He spoke of times being "obligated" to participate in anti-American or pro-Cuban marches and rallies, out of fear of repercussions at his hospital if he failed to attend. He remembered the time his mother was denied the chance to attend a career-development program because it took place outside Cuba.

"It was hard leaving my mother and all my family," he admitted, "but she was afraid for me and wanted what was best for me."

Gonzalez had no contact with his family in Cuba for almost four years

after arriving in the United States, but he doesn't regret his decision. He recently re-established contact by phone, but he doesn't see himself going home to visit any time soon.

"I'd like to go, but I simply can't right now. Maybe someday," he said. Until then, he's focusing on his life in America. He enrolled in an English language course and began taking medical assistant classes shortly after arriving in Florida, but changed tracks after visiting in-laws in Panama.

"One of my relatives there was a U.S. soldier," Gonzalez explained. "I used to say 'the last thing in my life I'm gonna do is be a soldier,' but that was in Cuba."

Gonzalez was impressed with what he saw on the U.S. military base. He saw the Army as a melting pot of American society, and remembered the soldiers he met as being professional, treated well and having lives of their own. He was so impressed that he enlisted shortly after returning from vacation.

His next step was to become a citizen.

"No one influenced me (to become a citizen)," he said. "It was my love of this country and my desire to serve in an unrestricted capacity."

He began a 10-month process of paperwork and took the oath of citizenship just a few months ago. His study guide contained more than 200 questions on the history and government of our nation, but the most difficult part, he said, was the red tape.

"The Army didn't really help in any way," he said. "I did it all on my own

through the immigration office." The only assistance: His co-workers helped him understand the government and U.S. politics.

"Becoming a citizen was my way of saying 'thank you' for the opportunity to become what I have dreamed," he said.

Gonzalez faces a couple more examinations before attaining all his goals. One he intends to take in the not-too-distant future is the U.S. Medical License Examination.

"I'm not prepared to take it yet, but I will be," he said.

"It tastes better — the triumph — when you attain your goals on your own," he explained. "I don't have a lot, but everything I have came through my sweat. After four years in America, I feel better and trust myself more. I've discovered more potential that I never knew I had before."

He has three pieces of advice to share. He encourages those newly arriving in the United States to "learn the language and the culture because it's a whole new life. I haven't forgotten I'm Cuban — my culture, religion and folklore — but you have to adapt to the new culture."

The biggest differences between America and anywhere else, according to Gonzalez, are you can be a person here and you can be whatever you want. "You don't have to be rich to reach your dreams, you just have to work hard," he said.

His final piece of advice: Vote.

"People complain, but they don't play their role," he said.

(Sgt. William P. Bradner is assigned to the Beaumont Army Medical Center Public Affairs Office.)



(Photo by Jim Bennett)

Spartans I first baseman Sarah Barrs looks to second after tagging first on a grounder hit by Yvonne Jackson, left, of Homeplate Tuesday. Homeplate edged out the previously undefeated Spartans I, 13-12, in the bottom of the seventh.

## Softball heads into playoffs

### Top teams play for championships

By Jim Bennett  
Editor

Playoff action came to Kwajalein this week, and it's not on television. Softball action starts with the best vying for the championships.

In Men's A division, only two teams registered - Criminals and Son of Bob. They will face off in a best two of three series.

In Men's B division, where 13 teams registered and were split into two conferences, the top four teams from the East conference and top four teams from the West conference will play an eight-team single-elimination tournament for the championship. Teams are Chapel, Medicare, SE United and Ebeye Mid II from the East, and Kamje, Guppies, Arctic Engineers and Stingrays/Dove from the West. The remaining B division teams will play a single-elimination tournament.

### Gear Locker moving

The Gear Locker will be moving to a Matson Container behind the present building as the building is renovated.

In the nine-team C/D division, the top four teams — SPI, Tolemour, EJ-BWE-Wot and Lejimmas — will play a single-elimination tournament for the C division championship. Teams ranked five through eight — 8 Isn't Enough, Mosey, Barnacles and Spartans III — were scheduled to play a single-elimination tournament for the D division championship. Spartans II forfeited the remainder of the season, opening the door for ninth-ranked Spartans III to enter the tournament.

In women's action, the top four teams will play a single-elimination tournament for the women's A division championship. Spartans I took first with a 6-0 record, while three teams — 30 Something, Jab Eliklik and Homeplate — locked up with a 4-2 record.

The bottom three teams — Scrubs, Deenju and Spartans II — held 1-5 records and will all play each other, again. The best record in the round robin matches determines the B division champion.

## Survey shows communications points ...

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the persistent "all trunks busy" signal during high-use periods. When the survey was generated in June, it wasn't certain that the island would be able to get the additional lines.

The long distance lines increased from 36, with eight two-way lines, to the current 59, with 15 two-way lines.

"You could probably count on one hand the all-trunks-busy signals since mid-September," Schilling said. "Virtually no one is having trouble calling CONUS. We haven't been successful in increasing the lines to Honolulu though," he added.

"We've been counting calls, and it looks like the incoming calls are increasing too," Schilling said, explaining that people off island are realizing there are more incoming lines.

All areas of the phone repair process received an 80 percent or above level of satisfaction from respondents.

Percentages of satisfaction with local and long distance service compare favorably with customer results in the U.S., as reported in FCC reports delivered to Congress.

Jackson explained that the survey process, initiated by Army Performance Improvement Criteria, is now part of Raytheon's performance metrics management review program.

"We want to have an idea of what the community is feeling ... what the perceptions are and have a tool to address the concerns," Jackson said.

"If their perceptions are mistaken, it's also a way to give the community information," Schilling added.

Jackson and Schilling say they would like to conduct the survey again in six months to see how the results have improved.

"The graph should change dramatically [for off-island calls]," Schilling said.

Schilling and Jackson say they will study all areas of the survey to find areas that need improvement and then take action to increase the number of satisfied customers.

## 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, Ann Louise, 53435.

SECRETARY, Education Dept. Full time. Will be responsible to maintain attendance and records, prepare correspondence and assist the teaching staff. Must have knowledge of Windows, MS Word and databases. Selected individual will be required to undergo a criminal history background check.

SECRETARY, Automotive Dept. Full time. Must be detail-oriented and possess general office administration skills, as well as excellent communication skills. Experience with Microsoft applications required.

FINANCE ACCOUNTANT, Finance Dept. Full time. Accounts receivable experience required. Duties include preparing and mailing weekly/monthly invoices, collecting documentation for invoices, assisting with end-of-month closing procedures and setting up new accounts for customers. Experience with Microsoft applications and spreadsheets required. Oracle experience helpful.

SKATE PARK ATTENDANT, Community Activities. Seeking self-motivated and reliable applicants interested in working with the community at the new quarter-pipe skate park. Requires strong supervisory and communication skills. Submit application to HR or call Community Activities, 53331.

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

OFFICE ASSISTANT, Corps of Engineers. Full time GS-06. Support office administration. Responsibilities include a wide variety of clerical and administrative duties necessary for maintaining detailed correspondence logs, registers and budget. Requires use of Internet data base programs. MS Office proficiency is a must. For more information, call 52187.

## WANTED

OLD FISHING line, tuna cans, three-pound coffee cans and old or half-used black paint for decorating supplies. Call 53688.

TWO-DRAWER file cabinet. Call Kristen, 54364.

MELTED DOWN, unusable wax candle stubs. Call Ed, 50900, and I will come to your home and take them so they may shine again.

DONATIONS OF hotel soaps and shampoos for the outer island Christmas drive. Call Kristy, 51031, or Denise, 54630.

TO RENT or buy: Computer monitor until mine arrives. Call 59333 and leave a message.

## LOST

GREY TABBY female cat, answers to the name "Precious." Call 54240.

SAILBOAT PIN between Macy's and the



## University of Maryland

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<b>BMGT 364</b>	<b>Management and Organization Theory</b>	<b>White T/W/Th/F</b>
<b>COMM 293</b>	<b>Technical Report Writing</b>	<b>Wherry T/Th</b>
<b>AMST 204</b>	<b>Film and American Culture Studies</b>	<b>Wherry W/F</b>

**Term II registration is Monday, Oct. 16, 10 a.m.-noon; Tuesday, Oct. 17 through Saturday, Oct. 21, 1-5 p.m., in the University of Maryland office, Bldg. 368. Classes start Oct. 24. For information, call 52800. The schedule is subject to change at any time prior to registration. Contact the field representative for the latest Distance Education information. Questions? Call 52800 or e-mail us at [umkwaj@kls.usaka.smdc.army.mil](mailto:umkwaj@kls.usaka.smdc.army.mil) or [umkwaj@hotmail.com](mailto:umkwaj@hotmail.com)**

**Note: University of Maryland now accepts credit cards.**

chapel Sept. 27. Call Shelby, 52384 or 52143.

EYEGASSES with small brown wire rims at REB Oct. 1. Call Melissa or Sue, 52837.

SHORT MACHETE with specially wrapped handle during building of Marshallese Cultural buildings. It is a treasured piece. Call 52935 or drop off at the Marshallese Cultural Center or Qtrs. 229-A.

## FOUND

EARRING for pierced ear with red stone in Grace Sherwood Library. Call 53439.

GLOVE at Ragan Field around Sept. 30. Call 53331.

SUNGLASSES at Marshallese Cultural Center Oct. 2. Call Tricia, 52417.

WIRE-RIMMED GLASSES and set of four keys on shower curtain ring at Emon Beach. Call 52701.

## CLASSES AND COURSES

ESTATE PLANNING class is Friday, 7 p.m., in the elementary music room. Kent Duncan of the USAKA/KMR Legal Office will present.

KWAJALEIN Dance Association classes have been postponed one week. Introductory salsa and swing classes begin Friday. Introductory waltz, rumba, two-step and Texas two-step begin Saturday, Oct. 28. For more information and to register, call Donna, 53470.

## FOR SALE

FULL-SIZE mattress and box springs, never used, \$488. Call 54152.

GE DISHWASHER, freestanding, brand new, still in crate, \$450; sturdy black TV stand (not an entertainment center) for 32" or smaller TV, has glass door and storage for VCR and tapes, \$50. Call 50163.

AQUARIUM rock vacuum, \$13; BCD and regulator, \$130; fins, \$10; assorted weights. Call 54509 and leave a message.

LITTLE GIRLS' dresses, shoes and clothes, sizes up to 4T, priced to sell. Call Jane, 52379.

SOCCER CLEATS, new, never worn, women's size 7, \$35. Call 52741.

ROCKER/RECLINER, hunter green color, almost new, \$250. Call 53336 after 7 p.m.

LASER PRINTER, full-function fax, copier, telephone and scanner, uses plain paper, \$195. Call 52589 after 5 p.m.

MODERN DINING room table with six chairs. Call 52648.

PORTABLE DISHWASHER, \$425; five-disc CD player, \$90; sheers for 200 series living room windows, very nice, \$400; rugs: 12' x 15' ivory sculptured, \$75; 6' x 9' rose, \$15; 9' x 12' berry, \$60; 9' x 12' grey/silver, \$45; cream mini-blinds: vinyl, \$10; two aluminum, \$10 each. Call 54643.

SOCCER SHOES, women's size 4, worn once, \$20; 55-gallon fish tank with all accessories, custom top and pedestal, \$250. Call 52725.

PCS SALE. Treadmill, \$550; two golf carts, \$50 each; Oriental rug, 3' x 5', \$30; two microwaves, \$50 each; microwave cart, \$40. Call 52543, after 5 p.m. weekdays, or anytime weekends.

ADORABLE Halloween costumes for girls; 80 feet of maintenance- and termite-free Gothic-styled vinyl fencing, new, with vinyl posts, post tops, brackets and vinyl glue, \$650. Call 52602.

ROLLAWAY carry-on luggage, \$15; file box for hanging files, \$5. Call 52790.

PCS SALE. La-Z-Boy recliner, \$100; 19" color TV, \$75; microwave, \$100; vacuum and extra bags, \$75; high-neck bicycle, \$25; boombox with CD, \$30; set of dishes, \$30; glasses, 25¢ each; two sets of silverware, \$15 each. Some available now, some on Oct. 19. Call Eck, 52607 or 56416.

SAMSONITE 26" softside suitcase, excellent condition, \$50. Call 53759 after 5 p.m.

LADIES' GOLF clubs; Kwaj Open '91 bag and bagboy cart, \$100 or best offer. Call Niki, 53660.

GE SPACEMAKER III microwave oven, \$50;

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wooden TV stand on wheels; glass-top wooden end table. Call 53698.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

FLOOR LAMPS are available for family housing residents on a first-come, first-served basis. Allotment is one per quarters. To arrange delivery, call Lexy Galloway, 53434.

COME SAY farewell to the Brown family Sunday, Oct. 15, 6 p.m., at Emon Beach. Bring a heavy pupu. Drinks, music and fun provided.

SCHOOL ADVISORY Council will hold its next monthly meeting Wednesday, Oct. 18, 7 p.m., in the elementary school music room. Public is invited.

USAKA/KMR legal officer, Kent Duncan, will be on Roi-Namur Saturday, Oct. 14, 8-11 a.m. For an appointment, call the Legal Office, 51431.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is participating in "Operation Christmas Box," a program to provide Christmas to orphans worldwide through "Samaritan's Purse." If you would like to donate toys, new clothing, hygiene items or others, call Lora, 54186, before Oct. 19.

Dr. Elliott, orthopedist from Tripler, will be on island Oct. 25-27. Limited appointments are available. To make an appointment, call 52223 or 52224.

YOUTH BASKETBALL and kickball team photos will be taken beginning Monday, Oct. 16. Players should contact coaches for specific dates and times. Remember to wear your uniforms. Questions? Call Amber, 53331.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S Fellowship prayer circle will be Sunday, Oct. 15, 7:30-9 p.m., in CAC Room 6. All ladies are welcome to attend or submit prayer requests. Call Joan, 54519, or send e-mail to jriggs@nsimail.com.

FALL SOCCER officials' meeting is Friday, 5:30 p.m., in the library conference room. Learn how to officiate soccer and make some extra pocket money.

DURING THE MONTHLY supply barge operation tomorrow, 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.

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

CHURCH of CHRIST meets for worship Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., in CRC Room 1. Bible study is Wednesdays, 7 p.m., in the Religious Education Building.

ROI-NAMUR Bachelor Advisory Council will meet Oct. 18, 1 p.m., in Building C.

OPERATION SECURITY (OPSEC) definition: A process designed to deny adversar-



ies not only classified information, but also sensitive unclassified information that concerns friendly capabilities or intentions.

GRACE SHERWOOD Library has old newspapers for projects or school assignments. Ask at the desk. Let's recycle.

NEXT SCUBA CLUB meeting is tonight, 7 p.m., in CAC Room 6. Next dive trip will be to Meck or Eller Island Oct. 22. Sign up by sending your \$50 check to KSC, P.O. Box 988, Local. Questions? Call Darryl, 54797.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER is having a parent workshop on developmentally appropriate practice and how to incorporate the ideas into activities with your child Saturday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m., in the CDC office.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER parent advisory meeting is Oct. 21, 9 a.m., in the CDC office. It will be followed by a parent workshop on speech and language development conducted by Lynn Beckler, speech and language pathologist.

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY: Kwajalein Dental Clinic's new sick call hours are 7-8 a.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Adhere to the new hours so we may serve you better. Dental emergency patients having trauma, swelling or pain not controlled by over-the-counter medication, report to the Dental Clinic during normal hours 7 a.m.-4 p.m. After hours emergencies should go to the hospital emergency room or call 52223.

ORTHODONTIST will be on island Oct. 17-

18. To make an appointment, call the Dental Clinic, 52165, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

NATIONAL HISPANIC Heritage Month is celebrated each year from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. This year's theme is "Children: Our Hope for the Future." A special luncheon is planned for Saturday, Oct. 14, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Yokwe Yuk Club. Julio Rodriguez is the guest speaker. Lunch is \$7.50 plus gratuity. For reservations, call Jewels, 58909.

A U.S. GOVERNMENT property sealed bid sale will be conducted during the month of October. Items will be available for inspection Oct. 3-14, Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and 4:30-6 p.m. (except holidays). Sealed bids will be received until 6 p.m. on Oct. 14 at the Raytheon Range Systems Engineering, DCCB, Facility 1500. Bids will be opened at 9 a.m. Oct. 17. For additional information, contact Raytheon Reutilization and Disposal, 51770 or 51076.

DO YOU WANT TO STOP DRINKING? We can help. Alcoholics Anonymous meets three times a week in Building 932, Kwajalein: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, 6:30 p.m. Call 51143 and leave a message for information or help. We will call you back.

ARE YOU concerned about the use of alcohol by friend or relative? Al-Anon meets every Tuesday evening, 7 p.m., in the Religious Education Building.

**See you at the movies!**

**Saturday**

**Running Free (New Release, G)**

This movie follows the story of a horse born at sea on a German supply ship during World War I, separated from his mother and turned out into the wilds of Africa, where he makes some new friends in other animals and a native girl. (81 minutes)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**Gladiator (New Release, R)**

In 180 A.D., Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius is murdered, and his trusted advisor, General Maximus, is sold into slavery as a gladiator, while his family is murdered by the new Emperor Commodus. The gladiator vows revenge. (Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix) (154 minutes)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

**Shanghai Noon (New Release, PG-13)**

Set in the 1850s, a Chinese Imperial Guard captain kidnaps the emperor's daughter and takes her to America. Jackie Chan follows, taking his martial arts to the Old West and meeting up with an unlikely partner, an American train robber. Together, they pursue the kidnappers. (Owen Wilson, Lucy Liu) (110 minutes)

Tradewinds Theater, 8 p.m.

**Sunday**

**Revenge of the Creature (Classic, 1955)**

A giant gillman is taken from the Amazon to an aquarium in Florida. He breaks free from his prison to wreak havoc on tourists and residents. Clint Eastwood has a bit part as a lab assistant in this, his first film. (John Agar, Lori Nelson) (82 minutes)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**Shanghai Noon (New Release, PG-13)**

Richardson Theater, 9:30 p.m.

**Gladiator (New Release, R)**

Tradewinds Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**Running Free (New Release, G)**

Tradewinds Theater, 9:30 p.m.

**Monday**

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Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**Gladiator (New Release, R)**

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.



(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

From left, Rudy Gil Sr., Rudy Gil Jr. and Bobby Lamug Sr. check out the Pegasus Air Launch System last Wednesday at the "Hot Spot" at the end of the airport runway.

# Satellite to locate gamma ray bursts

By Peter Rejcek  
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The satellite launched from the L1011 Monday by the Pegasus Air-Launch System is headed for a long stay in space.

Bob Dill, MIT program manager, said the satellite that was sent into orbit via a three-stage rocket will remain in space for about 10 years. Its mission: to locate gamma ray bursts.

"We want to try to understand them," Dill said, explaining that more energy is released in a brief burst of gamma rays than all the energy put out by the sun in its lifetime.

The project is largely funded by

NASA, although France and Japan have contributed components, according to Dill.

"It's an international collaboration," he said.

The satellite is relatively small, weighing about 275 kilograms. It's about three feet tall and two feet in diameter.

The original launch in 1997 was unsuccessful. It's taken about three years to rebuild the craft, which took about five years to develop, Dill said.

For up-to-date orbit and mission information, check out the web page at [www.mit.edu](http://www.mit.edu). It features maps, graphics and technical data.

## WEATHER

Courtesy of Aeromet

**Tonight:** Partly to mostly cloudy with isolated showers.

**Winds:** East-northeast to east-southeast at 3 to 8 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

**Tomorrow:** Partly sunny with isolated showers.

**Winds:** East to east-southeast at 5 to 10 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

**Temperature:** Tonight's low 78°  
Tomorrow's high 86°

**October rain total:** 2.61"

**Annual rain total:** 68.98"

**Annual deviation:** -6.28"

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## Sun • Moon • Tides



	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Wednesday October 11	0636/1835	1712/0438	0304, 5.2' 1526, 5.1'	0919, 0.8' 2127, 0.9'
Thursday October 12	0636/1834	1754/0526	0333, 5.5' 1552, 5.5'	0944, 0.6' 2156, 0.6'
Friday October 13	0636/1834	1837/0615	0403, 5.7' 1619, 5.8'	1011, 0.4' 2227, 0.4'