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## Dealing with Death

### Custom dictates funeral plans

Adapted from the *Tel*, written by Romeo Alfred and Alan Taylor

Of all the customs in the Marshallese culture, the most respected and observed are funerals. They reinforce loyalty to relationships — family, clan and island — an important part of Marshallese life.

Most Marshallese are Protestants, reflecting the impact of 19th century missionaries, but some are also Catholics, Mormons, Seventh Day Adventists and Jehovah's Witnesses.

The traditional Marshallese funeral custom crosses all denominations and has little variation. It includes five phases: *emmej*, the vigil held immediately after death; *ilomej*, the viewing; *kallip*, the burial; *anak*, the time spent with the deceased's spirit; and *oraak*, when the deceased's family acknowledges community support.

#### *Emmej*

*Emmej* literally means "staying up." This around-the-clock vigil held immediately after a person dies serves two purposes. First, custom dictates that someone stay with the body until it is buried, and second, it's an opportunity for the community to show their support for the deceased's family.

As soon as the relatives are notified of a death, they, along with other friends, gather at the home  
(See FUNERAL, page 4)



(Photo by Jim Bennett)

A member of the staff that will operate the morgue, Arti Smith examines the new two-drawer chiller installed at the Leiroj Kitlang Memorial Health Center earlier this month.

## New morgue involves more family

By Barbara Johnson

Feature Writer

The morgue is now operational at Leiroj Kitlang Memorial Health Center on Ebeye. This means Marshallese people on Ebeye will no longer have to transport their deceased to the morgue on Kwajalein.

"They are now able to provide this service to the Ebeye community," said Stephan Notarianni, Host Nation support officer.

The morgue opened Oct. 4, after the hospital built a partition to separate the morgue area from the rest of the hospital. The unit, which has two drawers with doors that open individually in

the front, is installed in a room near a door that leads outside to an area behind the hospital. This allows family members and friends of the deceased plenty of room for the Marshallese traditional vigil, said Irene Paul, RMI assistant secretary of health and environment.

The door to the room will soon be replaced with a sliding glass door, Paul said.

Having a morgue on Ebeye will make a big difference to the Marshallese people living there, said Alan Taylor, manager of RMI Employee Relations.

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## Halloween scares should be fun, not dangerous

By KW Hillis

Feature Writer

Kwajalein residents can help keep Spiderman, Harry Potter and Raggedy Ann and Andy safe as they run from house to trailer on Halloween in search of treats.

Halloween is on Oct. 31, and trick-or-treating will run from 6 to 9 p.m.

Increased risks of pedestrian injuries, burns and falls makes Halloween

night one of the most dangerous nights for children in the United States, according to National Safe Kids Campaign's Web site: [www.safekids.org](http://www.safekids.org). Kwaj's own safety, fire and protection officials were asked about any tips to reduce the chance of turning a fun night into a frightening night for both parents and children.

There is four times the risk of chil-

(See TRICK-OR-TREATING, page 5)

# There is no vacation like an annual leave

After traveling 25,000 miles in 28 days on my vacation, I still have some unpacking to do. I know, I know, I returned over a month ago, and an *organized* person would have gotten everything washed, folded and neatly put away long ago. My excuse? I'm still resting up from my vacation.

For 28 days, I schlepped two suitcases and a backpack with wheels from here to Hono to two stops in New Zealand to Hono to Boston to Dallas to St. Louis to Dallas to Hono to here. It's exhausting just to list the itinerary. The total mileage was greater than a trip around the world, but I'm just a piker when it comes to the number of stops, mileage or number of flight hours other residents put on themselves and their luggage during annual vacations.

I've heard of flights to exotic locations



like the Scilly Isles (pronounced "silly") off the coast of England, which take so many hours that the traveler has to declare the plane as a residence on his or her next tax return.

Other travelers see how many destinations they can squeeze into a four- to six-week vacation. The most I've heard of so far in a six-week vacation is 17 different stops. Just the thought of it makes my back hurt — those airplane seats are killers.

So, how does someone take a long vacation to the destinations of his or her dreams and come back rested? Travel guides and books like "Travel Hints for Dummies" have great suggestions, but they lack something for Kwaj and Roi travelers.

*Travel light.* Not possible unless you can resist the lure of consumer goods. I send at least two boxes from each stop so I can still close the suitcases and stay within the 70-pound weight limit per bag. After being here for a year, I go into a

shopping frenzy when I get off-island. A hint to new arrivals: residents leave on vacation with two suitcases, one inside the other, for all the "must haves" they will bring back.

*Bring a small shaped pillow for the plane.* We're talking a minimum of seven-hour flights here. In addition to the pillow, bring a blanket, water, aspirin, real food to eat, rather than cardboard "airplane" food, "War and Peace" to read and an individual port-a-potty. The last is required when you are trapped in your window seat by a narcoleptic snorer.

*Purchase wheeled luggage.* Or why luggage contains the word "lug." Luggage is not good luggage unless it has wheels and doesn't lay down on the job. When the suitcase acts like the tricycle Artie Johnson rode on "Laugh-In," it's time to pitch that luggage. "Dum de dum dum."

*Make arrangements before you get to your destination.* Great idea, but be flexible. That beachfront villa with gourmet meals described on [www.vacationsRus](http://www.vacationsRus) web site may be the result of a fertile mind. It may turn out to be a weed-choked, mosquito-infested blockhouse with a Luby's next door. One webmaster's castle is another person's dump.

*Bring toilet paper.* Enough said. Have a great vacation, I did.

## Letters to the Editor

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



# Our critics howl over 'Brotherhood'

**Editor's Note:** Every so often, the Hourglass and AFN-Kwajalein will review new releases at Tape Escape. Look for the reviews here in the Hourglass and on the air during "Rich in the Morning," 101.1FM.

By KW Hillis

The Hourglass

"Brotherhood of the Wolfs" cinematography is stunning. Exquisite scenery and contrasting colors and tones set a different mood for each of the 20 DVD chapters. Rich golds and reds rest heavily and warmly on royal walls, furniture and even clothing in one chapter. Then frigid black and white forest scenes reminiscent of Ansel Adams photography made me grab a blanket.

The story is loosely based on a French legend about a wild beast attacking women and children. Two men are tasked to stop the beast.

The actual execution of the story made me go to sleep — it was good I had that blanket.

The perfect blending of moods using color, costume and exquisite scenery are not matched by the story told in the overly long (140 minutes) film. Director Christopher Gans' story recipe may have gone something like this: Take a French legend, add a pinch of sci-fi designed weapons and armor, sprinkle in kung fu performed by an Iroquois Indian, add a hefty dose of grisly animal attacks, add a pinch of religious fervor, then lace with an erotic overtone. Finally, place all in a 17th century countryside. Voila!

I must admit that the voiceovers of this French-language movie were partly to blame for my nap. I think one person did all the voiceovers for the men and another voiced the women's lines. The second time through I turned on the subtitles so I was able to



distinguish who was saying what — that helped.

There is a target audience for this movie, but it requires a major "suspension of disbelief." Maybe I'm not enough of a kung-fu/sci-fi buff to appreciate this movie like 17-year-old David Danals. He didn't have a problem with an Iroquois Indian (Mark Dacascos) performing kung fu moves and a beast covered with steel armor roaming about in 17th century France.

"I would recommend it," he said.

By Josh Bischoff

AFN-Kwajalein

"Brotherhood of the Wolf," or "*Le Pacte des Loups*" if you *parle vous* French, is the story of a small town terrorized by a mysterious ferocious beast and the fight to stop it. The box and previews I saw promised me a kick-butt martial arts flick, which it only partly delivered.

It takes place in France near the time of the revolution, and as the film opens, the narrator, a French nobleman, whose castle is under siege by a mob of angry, torch-wielding peasants, flashes back to our tale.

And it starts out great. A woman and her elderly father are outnumbered and under attack from a group of dirty guys with sticks. Suddenly two masked men on horses show up. One of them gets down and, without saying a word, proceeds to put the smack down on all

of them. We soon find out that one of the men is a scientist in the king's court, who was sent to the town to study the beast once it was caught and killed, and the other is his Native American "brother," who happens to be a marshal arts master.

After one more mediocre fight scene, the film slowly moves over the next hour from a period piece, to a horror flick, then to a love story, and finally to a social commentary on classist French society ... or something like that.

It finally picks back up with the fighting with about 20 minutes left, but by that time I was so annoyed with the characters that I didn't care who won. I was actually rooting for the bad guys at a couple of points.

I don't have a problem with foreign films, or love stories, or anything like that, but don't tell me I'm going to get filet mignon and feed me fried chicken.

There's more wrong with this flick than its lack of consistency. All of the action sequences are shot like music videos, which I found totally distracting. Also, most of the characters are one-dimensional and stereotypical, like Mani, the warrior sidekick who knows everything, and the snobby French aristocrats who refuse to believe that a "savage" could possibly know anything they don't.

Perhaps you might like "Brotherhood of the Wolf" if you didn't have any expectations about it, and you've never seen a good movie before so you didn't have anything to compare it to.

It seems like "Brotherhood" wants badly to be in the same class as "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," but hey, I want to be in the NBA, and that ain't happening either.

## Correction

The Food and Drug Administration and American College of Radiology, not the American Cancer Society, mandated the X-ray equipment upgrade at Kwajalein Hospital reported in the Oct. 18 story, "Mammogram service set for restart."

The Hourglass regrets the error.



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During the current government-directed work stoppage, KRS is still accepting employment applications at Building 1762, or via the Kwaj Post Office – P.O. Box 5095.

Interviews and job offers will resume as soon as KRS receives government approval to resume transition operations.

## Access made grieving hard ...

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"It allows the Marshallese to participate in their own funeral customs," he said.

In Marshallese custom, friends and relatives hold an around-the-clock vigil immediately after the person dies, and someone stays with the body until burial (See related story, page 1).

Prior to the new morgue, Marshallese used the morgue on Kwajalein, currently co-located with the Bargain Bazaar in a building near the Dock Security Checkpoint. But access policies at Kwajalein only allow a certain number of people to stay at night, and often the Marshallese have large families, Taylor and Paul said.

"It was painful to choose what people got to stay," Taylor added.

Kwajalein's regulation limiting access is hard, Notarianni agreed. "In Marshallese custom, a lot of people are close."

At the morgue in Ebeye, when someone dies there could be hundreds of people gathered, Taylor said.

On Ebeye, "People can come in anytime to visit," Paul added.

"This is a better setup than ours [on Kwaj]," Notarianni said, referring to the large area where people can gather, and the air-conditioned, roomy area in the morgue.

"This location is temporary until we get a permanent building outside," Paul said, adding that funding is available and they are asking landowners to submit proposals.

The new hospital on Ebeye opened in mid-February, and the morgue unit is part of the original Ebeye Health and Infrastructure hospital project, Notarianni said. The housekeeping department will maintain the morgue unit at the hospital, and the service is available 24 hours a day, Paul said.

If a person dies outside the hospital, then it's necessary to call the emergency room at 329-8514 for access to the morgue, she said.

Said Taylor of the Ebeye morgue, "This will allow them to participate fully in the things that they value."

## Funeral follows phases ...

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of the deceased to begin preparations. Some prepare the body for immediate viewing or transportation to the morgue, while others prepare food and drinks for the many people who will attend the vigil. Some just come to be present at the gathering.

The body is washed and rubbed with pounded leaves of the kiden bush, which is believed to control odor. Then the body is dressed in formal clothes, such as a suit or dress.

### *Ilomej*

The second phase is the *ilomej*, which is when the prepared body is publicly viewed. The viewers are divided into groups. Each group, or *tal*, is made up of people who have a common relationship with the deceased. They might be classmates, co-workers, family clan members or relatives of the deceased's mother or father, or they may come from the deceased's home island.

During each group's viewing, everyone places a bar of soap or dollar bill next to the casket. The soap symbolizes washing away any wrongs or hard feelings between the individual and the deceased. The money helps the family defray the large cost of the funeral.

After everyone has placed a gift next to the casket, the *tal's* spokesperson introduces the group and gives a eulogy.

Then the group is invited outside for refreshments, which normally include coffee, punch, sandwiches, Japanese biscuits and donuts.

It's not uncommon for 20 *tals* to view the body. More *tals* will attend when the deceased has a high status with the community. When many *tals* attend a viewing of a person who is not a traditional or appointed leader, the deceased is recognized as someone who has fulfilled his or her obligations toward their family, clan and home island.

### *Kallip*

*Kallip*, the actual burial, is the shortest phase of the funeral. Usually three speeches are given at the gravesite. The leader of the family thanks the landowner of the burial site and announces the exact date of the final phase of the funeral. Next, the landowner acknowledges the honor of providing the land for the burial. Third, the *iroij* speaks about traditional funeral practices and the importance of

maintaining them. A final blessing is then given, and the coffin is lowered into the ground.

### *Anak*

Immediately after the burial, a few close relatives and friends return to the deceased's home. The participants live and sleep in the house for about three days.

There are two reasons for this phase. Because the Marshallese believe that the deceased's spirit stays around the house for a few days after death, relatives and friends stay close to the house so they can be close to the spirit before it departs for good. Second, participants discuss and resolve disputes that arose during earlier phases of the funeral.

### *Eoraak*

*Eoraak* means "lay out." In this phase all differences between family members are symbolically addressed and forgiven. Family members and friends again gather at the gravesite to hear speeches by a family leader, the landowner and the *iroij*. Also the family expresses their gratitude for the support they received during the mourning period.

White coral stone, a sign of forgiveness and renewal, is spread around the grave's immediate area. After the ceremony, the family of the deceased treats everyone to food, leis, soap and small hand towels, thus returning to the community everything that was offered in the earlier phases of the funeral.

As many as 1,000 people usually attend some phase of a funeral, and this number can be much larger if the deceased was a traditional or appointed leader. The deceased's family can spend as much as \$5,000 on the funeral to meet its obligations to the mourners. All family members are expected to contribute time and money until the funeral is completed.

Traditional funeral customs are preserved and passed on by elders, particularly older women, in the community. Recently, local *iroij* have asked families to return their deceased to their home island for burial because the three burial sites on Ebeye and North Loi have become crowded. Because of this and in response to changes in financial, transportation or logistical requirements, the traditional funeral may change in years to come.

## ***Hospital stands up new and improved services***

By Barbara Johnson

Feature Writer

Since the Ebeye hospital opened last spring, several more departments are now up and running. The X-ray department is fully operational, with two X-ray units and a developing room. Maj. Ray Morton, Chief, Health Physics Section, Tripler Army Medical Center, visited the X-ray center to consult with them about the setup and safety, Notarianni said.

The hospital's lab is almost operational, and the dental department is just awaiting two dental units, Paul said, explaining that they have been held up by the shipping strike on the West Coast.

Also, the hospital, since opening, provides meals for patients for the first time in RMI history, Paul said, adding the new service has come with a learning curve.

"We still have people sneaking food in," she said. "But we just have to educate them. I'm being patient right now."



(Photo by Jim Bennett)

Army Andrew, left, and Patricia Maika operate the new X-ray wing at the Leiroj Kitlang Memorial Health Center on Ebeye. The facility and portable unit shown above began operation recently as the new hospital, which opened last spring, stands up all of its services.

## **Trick-or-treating can be scary, and safe ...**

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dren getting hit by a car on Halloween night in the states, but getting hit by a bike here can be bad, said Amber Morse, Safety engineer.

"I worry about bikers not seeing kids," she said. "Sometimes walkways and bikeways are the same thing."

Part of the problem is dark costumes.

"Children should wear light clothing and carry a flashlight," said Kevin Dykema, Kwajalein Police Department chief.

Reflective tape or clothing can be a part of a costume and make the child more visible, Morse said.

"Make sure kids can actually see through the masks and that shoes fit. Costumes that are too long are also a problem," she added.

Halloween pumpkins usually mean lit candles, but a flashlight or other ways of illuminating the decorations would be safer, said Mike Gabney, Fire Prevention acting assistant chief.

"My biggest tip would be to refrain from using candles ...even in a pump-

### *Halloween Safety tips*

#### **Costumes**

- Make sure it fits — Billowy and baggy outfits can trip a trick-or-treater or catch fire on nearby candles. Ill-fitting shoes can also cause a fall.
- Masks should allow full vision
- Use flexible props

#### **On the streets**

- Be visible in the dark
- Trick-or-treat in a group
- Cross streets safely

#### **Treats**

- Let parents inspect treats before eating them.

kin," he said. "I'm not a fan of candles, only because so many serious fires are caused by them."

Costumes with fire retardant labels should be chosen, according to Na-

tional Safe Kids campaign. Children need to be taught to "stop, drop and roll" if clothing does catch fire.

Pets, especially dogs, can be a problem and should be kept inside behind a closed door, Morse said.

"They are not used to all the people coming around," she said. Animals and small children may both become frightened.

The safest way for children to go trick-or-treating is in groups, Dykema said.

Even though Kwajalein is small, children should trick-or-treat in their own neighborhood from people they know, Morse said.

"Kids can get lost; make sure they know their house or trailer number," she added.

"Make sure parents look at the treats before the children eat any," Dykema said. He said that there hasn't been a problem with treats in the past, but that it is better to be safe.

Offering the final tip, Dykema said, "Parents should know where their kids are."

**HELP WANTED**

*The following on-island positions are open with Raytheon. For more information or to submit a resumé or application, call HR employment, Alan Taylor, 54916, unless otherwise noted.*

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**DENTAL ASSISTANT**, Dental Clinic. Casual. Criminal history background check required.

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

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**RING** on Emon Beach Aug. 28. Call 54534.

**FOR SALE**

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**COMPUTER**, 1.2 Ghz with CDRW and DVD/CD ROM (with 15" monitor, \$600) (with flat screen LCD monitor, \$1,100); five-disc CD/laser disc player, \$50; cordless phone/answering machine, \$15. Call 50163.

**BARGAIN BAZAAR** has a Gateway computer, \$400. Call Starr, 54691.

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**PCS SALE**. LA-Z-BOY double recliner, \$200; two complete sets of scuba gear with lots of extras, \$350 each or \$600 for both; complete china set, \$50; barbecue grill, \$25; charcoal smoker, \$25; gas grill, needs work, make an offer; six plastic patio chairs with table, \$25; lots of indoor plants; outdoor plants including lime trees and palms. Call Steve, 53331 or 54184.

**750 MHZ Athlon**, 256MB PC, 100 RAM, 5GB HD space, 16MB ATI AGP video, 52x CD-ROM, 56K modem, keyboard, mouse, UMAX 24-bit SCSI scanner, no monitor or audio card, \$275. Call 58706.

**DESK** with shelf, \$50; tall shelf unit, \$30; rolling file drawer, all in gray laminate, \$30; loft bed, fits double mattress, \$200; upright freezer, \$200. Call 51117.

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**UPRIGHT PIANO**, Kwaj-condition in appearance but is tuned and has beautiful sound, \$300; Bernina sewing machine with cabinet, works great, \$100; videos, \$5; craft supplies. Call 53140.

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**DUETO** Marine Department operational requirements, the hyperbaric chamber will be unavailable through Friday. Recreational diving is limited to 50 feet during this time.

**BOATING ORIENTATION** course will be Nov. 6-7, 6-8 p.m., in CRC room 1. Register at the Small Boat Marina with a \$20 fee. Questions? Call 53643.

**FIRST QUIT** smoking clinic begins Wednesday, Nov. 6, 6-7 p.m., in the hospital conference room. To register, call Marion, 55362. Meets once a week for four weeks.

**ISLAND 10,000 Steppers** Health Group begins Wednesday, Nov. 6, 7-8 p.m., in the hospital conference room. To register, call Marion, 55362. Meets twice a month.

**WOMEN'S OPEN** topic discussion group begins Thursday, Nov. 14, 6-7 p.m., in the REB main room. For information, call Marion, 55362. Meets second Thursday of every month.

**MEN'S OPEN** topic discussion group begins Thursday, Nov. 21, 6-7 p.m., in the REB main room. For information, call Marion, 55362. Meets third Thursday of every month.

**FAMILY POOL** will be closed after 11:30 a.m. Friday for the Shaving Cream Social.

**ANNUAL KWAJALEIN** Pottery Show will be Monday,

noon-3 p.m., in CAC room 6. Don't miss this one.

**OUTER ISLAND** Christmas Drop needs donations of school supplies or toiletry items. Drop items at Qtrs. 424-A, or call Trina, 52842.

**HOBBY SHOP** is offering a first-time-ever woodshop safety orientation Wednesday, Oct. 30, 6 p.m. Learn how to safely operate all the machinery in the woodshop. This three-hour orientation is now mandatory for using the Hobby Shop woodshop. Space is limited. To register, call Julie, 51700.

**BARGAIN BAZAAR** has Halloween costumes in all sizes.

**PTO READING ROUNDUP** Book Fair will be Nov. 5-7. Classroom visits are Nov. 5, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-3 p.m. and Nov. 6, 9-11:30 a.m. Community nights are Nov. 6-7, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at George Seitz Elementary School music room. Questions? Call Marie, 52034.

**FOR YOUR** safety, do not enter the water at Emon Beach between the safety cones as there are exposed, sharp rocks.

**FAMILY POOL** will close at 2 p.m. Sunday due to a swim meet. Questions? Call 52848.

**PARENT/TEACHER** conferences for the junior/senior high school will be held Friday, Nov. 1. Students will attend classes that morning and will be dismissed for the day at 11:25 a.m. Conferences will be held 2-5:30 p.m., and 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the MP room. There will be no afternoon classes Saturday, Nov. 2. Conferences on Saturday will be by special arrangement with the teacher. Questions? Call 52011.

**MICRONESIAN SHOP** will hold a special sale Monday, Nov. 4, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Arts and Crafts Fair in CRC room 1.

**DEVELOPMENT** and **DEMONSTRATION** of the Long Range Air Launch Target System Environmental Assessment. The Missile Defense Agency (MDA) has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA), prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and implementing regulations. The EA analyzes the environmental impacts of conducting two developmental tests for the Long Range Air Launch Target (LRALT) System. The first test would involve dropping an inert missile from an aircraft into a designated area on U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground (YPG), Arizona. For the second test, a fully operational LRALT test missile would be air launched over the Central Pacific Ocean from a point about 200 nautical miles south of Midway Island. The test missile would travel a southwest trajectory toward U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The expended rocket motors and target payload would impact within the open ocean. In preparation for the tests, rocket motor processing and missile assembly/checkout would occur at Hill Air Force Base, Utah, and at YPG, respectively. The military cargo aircraft used to launch the LRALT in the second test would be staged out of the Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai, Hawaii. Based on this analysis, the MDA has determined that the proposed activities are not expected to result in any significant impacts to the environment. Beginning Oct. 18, the EA and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is available to the

public for a 15-day review period. Both documents will be accessible on the Internet at <http://ax.losangeles.af.mil/axf> and at the following locations: Alele Museum and Library, and the Grace Sherwood Library. Public comments on the EA/Draft FONSI will be accepted through Nov. 1. Submit written comments to: SMC/AXFV, Attn: Thomas Huynh, 2420 Vela Way, Suite 1467, El Segundo, CA, 90245-4659. Comments may also be submitted via facsimile at 310-363-1503, or by e-mail at [Thomas.Huynh@losangeles.af.mil](mailto:Thomas.Huynh@losangeles.af.mil).

**UPCOMING SCOUT events:** Oct. 26-27 will be a campout with Webelos on Carlos. Parent must accompany each Webelo. For information, contact Greg Ouder Kirk.

**GRE GENERAL test** will be offered through Adult Education Monday, Oct. 28, 8 a.m. This is offered on a walk-in basis and no formal registration is required. This is the only offering on Kwajalein this school year. For more information, call Teri, 51078.

**UNIVERSITY OF Maryland Term II** Oct. 28-Dec. 21: BMGT 395 Customer Service Management (3); Wednesday and Friday, 6-9 p.m.; instructor is Larry Ryan. Registration will be at the UMUC office, Building 368, 1-5 p.m., through Oct. 26.

**TO ORDER prescription refills**, e-mail to [pharmacy@kls.usaka.smdc.army.mil](mailto:pharmacy@kls.usaka.smdc.army.mil). Include your name, phone number and details of prescription. Questions? Call 53406.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** meets on Roi-Namur Tuesdays and Fridays, 7 p.m., at Tr. 8311. If you have a desire to quit drinking, call 56292 and leave a message. We will get back to you.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** meets on Kwajalein Wednesdays and Saturdays, 6:30 p.m., at the PBQ, second floor, Room 250. If you have a desire to quit drinking, call 51143 to leave a message. We will call you back.

**OPSEC REMINDER:** Providing our military forces with uncompromised defense systems is necessary to minimize risks and enhance our potential for the successful termination of a conflict. Apply OPSEC.

# Kwajalein Art Guild

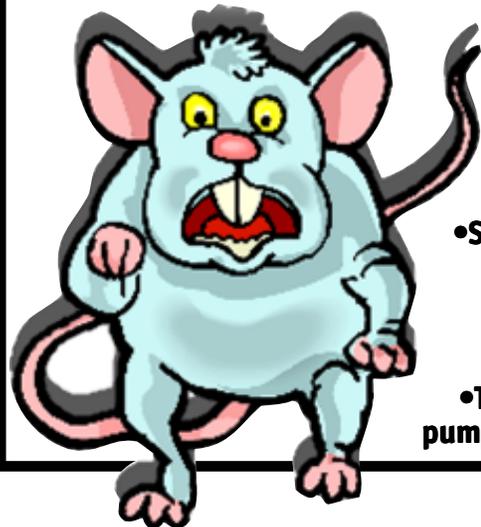


## Arts & Crafts Faire

Nov. 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., CRC gym

# Don't Miss

# THE ROI RAT EVENTS



•Thursday: poolside volleyball, 7 p.m.

•Saturday: October birthday parties with Roi band Wigglestick, 7 p.m., Outrigger Club

•Tuesday, Oct. 29: Poolside pumpkin carving contest, 7 p.m.

•Wednesday, Oct. 30: DOD band with Kathleen LaGue, 7 p.m., Outrigger Club

•Thursday, Oct. 31: Haunted jungle walk, 8 p.m., at the scuba shack

•Sunday, Nov. 10: Chili Cook-off, 11:30 a.m., poolside.

**Marshallese Word  
of the Day**

*baluun* - airplane

**See you at the movies!**

**Wednesday**

**Blade (1998, R, DVD)** Part-man, part-vampire, Blade hunts vampires to avenge his mother's death.

*Adult Recreation Center, 7:30 p.m.*

**Saturday**

**Life or Something Like It (2002, PG-13, VHS)**

A television reporter, interviewing a seer, learns she is going to die in a week. She then re-evaluates all that is important in her life. (Angelina Jolie, Edward Burns)

*Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

**The New Guy (2002, PG-13, VHS)**

A high school geek learns to be cool and takes his new persona to a new high school. (DJ Qualls, Eliza Dushku)

*Roi-Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.*

**Sunday**

**Hocus Pocus (1993, PG, DVD)**

A young man in Salem, Mass., conjures up three long-dead witches. (Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker, Kathy Najimy)

*Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

**Kiss of the Dragon (2001, R, VHS)**

A Chinese intelligence officer travels to Paris on a mission, only to get caught up in a conspiracy. (Jet Li, Bridget Fonda)

*Roi-Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.*

**Monday**

**Life or Something Like It (2002, PG-13, VHS)**

*Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.*



(Photo by Jim Bennett)

Almer Simon, a seventh-grade teacher at Ebeye Public School, teaches a lesson in a newly renovated classroom. Contractors gutted and rebuilt the two-story, eight-room wing of the school, serving sixth and seventh grades.

**Renovated Ebeye school opens**

By Barbara Johnson

Feature Writer

This year, Ebeye Public School sixth- and seventh-graders had a new building to look forward to along with the first day of school.

A renovated wing at the school opened after a dedication ceremony Oct. 15.

The wing was demolished in June when school let out, and workers gutted the building, said Stephan Notarianni, Host Nation support officer.

The whole inside was redone, he said, including walls, floors, ceilings, lights

and windows. The new louvered windows and ceiling fans make a big difference in classroom temperatures, he said.

AIC International, Inc., based in Guam, the same company that built the new Ebeye hospital, did the school renovation work as well as part of a government improvement project, he said.

Principal Carl Jeadrik said he is happy the students are now able to attend school all day, instead of the split sessions they had before the wing opened.

Said Jeadrik, smiling, "I hope this building will produce a good product."

**WEATHER**  
Courtesy of Aeromet

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy with a passing shower.

**Winds:** East-southeast to southeast at 8 to 12 knots, gusts to 16 knots near showers.

**Tomorrow:** Partly sunny with a chance of a shower.

**Winds:** Northeast to east-northeast at 6 to 10 knots with gusts near showers.

**Temperature:** Tonight's low 78°  
Tomorrow's high 87°

**October rain total:** 8.54"

**Annual rain total:** 91.07"

**Annual deviation:** 11.78"

Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.



**Sun • Moon • Tides**



	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday October 22	0637/1830	1911/0704	0430, 5.2' 1640, 5.6'	1030, 0.6' 2300, 0.6'
Wednesday October 23	0637/1830	1952/0749	0500, 5.1' 1710, 5.6'	1100, 0.6' 2320, 0.7'
Thursday October 24	0637/1829	2035/0837	0520, 4.9' 1730, 5.5'	1120, 0.8' 2350, 0.9'
Friday October 25	0637/1829	2122/0927	0550, 4.6' 1800, 5.3'	1140, 1.0'