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Flights cut back for the summer

Changes could stick

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

Summer vacation means a smaller workforce, and that equates to a lot fewer seats being filled on the 1900D commuter flights between Kwajalein and Roi-Namur. Beginning Friday, the Aviation Department will fly one less morning and afternoon commuter flight.

A new flight schedule appears in today's *Hourglass*.

Flight 6, with an 8:40 a.m. closeout on Kwajalein and Flight 13, with a 5:25 p.m. Kwaj closeout and 5:45 Roi closeout, are being cancelled for now. That change could become permanent, however.

"We're going to look at it again when everybody gets back [from summer vacation]," said Joe Johnston, Aviation deputy manager.

Johnston said both commuter flights that are being cut have always been historically light in terms of passengers. The few passengers that were flying on those planes are being moved up to earlier flights, he

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(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

Mike Connolly tries to stay dry on the Saturday morning commute to work. Nearly two inches of the wet stuff fell between Friday and Saturday morning.

Rain returns to Kwajalein in force

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

The rainy season appears to have arrived in style, dropping 1.69 inches on the island Friday and bringing with it winds of over 40 mph. Or was it just a blip in a rather dry year?

"We are transitioning into the rainy season," said Jeff Mullins, Aeromet meteorolo-

gist. "Of course next week it could turn around and we could be dry again."

And so it goes with weather forecasting in the tropics.

What's called an intertropical convergence zone made a reappearance over the atoll Friday, bringing heavy showers and cloudy skies.

(See *TROPICAL*, page 5)

New transformer to boost power at nearby buildings

By Jim Bennett
Editor

What looks like a new, small, cinder block cubicle will power up and clean up the corner of Lagoon Road and Eighth Street.

Construction crews are currently building a new transformer vault to replace the existing vault, which stands about 15 yards away.

The new building will house a 480-volt and a 208-volt transformer, boosting the power to buildings currently on the site's power grid.

"This will allow us to reconfigure a 40-year-old transformer system," said Glenn Gandara, Facilities Engineering manager.

That's important with RSE Information Technology across the street, a department that requires a large amount of electricity. Building 702, the old Macy's Building, shares the lot and is scheduled for renovations to become office space, also requiring more electricity, said Roy McMaster, an electrical engineer with Facilities Engineering who is working on the project.

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(Photo by Jim Bennett)

Wayne Cran, RSE Environmental manager, examines a hole left by cleanup efforts underneath an old transformer.

Editorial

Do you a) agree, b) disagree or c) What's the question?

Perhaps no place else in the world are surveys more in vogue than at Kwajalein. The one for the *Hourglass* was certainly enlightening, particularly concerning the bigotry against geckos.

Anyway, it always seems that no matter how thorough a survey tries to be, certain fundamental questions never get asked. So in the proud and irreverent tradition of Mad Magazine, I submit for your disapproval, my first biannual list of survey questions "we'd like to see" ...

1) The Kwajalein sun is: a. Hotter than a cat on a hot tin roof; b. Punishment for some past misdeed; c. Little more than an inconvenience compared to a Texas summer.

2) The people leaving cigarette butts in the sand at Emon Beach should: a. Be force fed cigarettes until they turn as green as the shallow water in the lagoon; b. Help pay part of the \$3 billion judgment



recently made against the tobacco companies; c. Be given an extra 10,000 Marlboro miles.

3) If I ran the *Hourglass*, I would: a. Replace the editorials with recipe suggestions from Sodexo Marriott's Wellness Menu; b. Run a Page Three girl like in those racy English tabloid newspapers; c. Expand the ad pages to eight on Tuesdays and 12 on Fridays.

4) The book I would most like to see at Grace Sherwood Library is: a. "Gary Coleman: The Wonder Years, the Wounded Years"; b. "Z is for Zzzzzz" by Sue Grafton; c. "Bringing Out the Gecko in You" by Self-help author Peter Rejcek.

5) The Pacific BQ could be converted into: a. Prison for minimum security inmates; b. The largest wall of ivy in the free world; c. Luxury resort with proceeds to go to the rec fund.

Answer the following questions with a. Disagree; b. Agree; c. No opinion; I'll have

to ask mom; d. What was the question again?; e. Due to certain OPSEC issues, I cannot confirm or deny an answer at this time.

1) My Kwaj tan makes me look like the upholstery in my grandparent's foyer.

2) Karaoke should be featured at next year's change-of-command ceremony.

3) Roi-Namur should be ceded to the Japanese for a lifetime supply of glass balls.

4) Free the turtles!

5) Add all Marshallese public holidays to the official list of observed holidays at USAKA.

6) Change the term PCS to "I'm outta here!" or I-OH for short.

7) Write an SPI that establishes watching and photographing sunsets as the official pasttime at USAKA.

8) Fishermen must forever more share their catches of succulent, fresh ahi with the entire island.

9) Use little umbrellas for beverages at the Yokwe Yuk Club, Outrigger Club and Oceanview Club.

10) Put people who are banned from Kwajalein on Lone Palm Island.

11) Sponsor a "Be the colonel for a day" contest.

12) Replace the *Hourglass* with Maxim Magazine.

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Buckminster and Friends ————— By Sabrina Mumma





(Photo by Jim Bennett)

Standing by an aged transformer building, Darryl McKinley discusses construction issues with another worker near the new transformer building, background, on the corner of Eighth and Lagoon.

New site digs up old environmental case ...

(From page 1)

Over time the old building and some of the equipment, like everything else on Kwajalein, has rusted and requires replacement or maintenance.

"It's in Kwaj condition," McMaster said of the old transformer building.

McMaster said construction crews should finish the cinder block structure in another few weeks. They then will transfer one of the two transformers and reconfigure the system to maximize efficiency and reliability, a process that could take another six weeks or so.

Likewise, doing away with the old vault will allow Environmental to finally close the book on an old case.

In June 1991, a line broke at the site, spilling a few gallons of dielectric fluid, which, at the time, carried PCBs, a carcinogen.

New transformers no longer use PCB-laced fluid.

"We believe that all PCB-contaminated transformers have been removed from USAKA," said Wayne Cran, Environmental manager.

But the 1991 spill and subsequent spill at the same site, two months later, still haunt the department. The site has been cleaned up over the past 10 years, but much of the clean-up was done prior to development of the USAKA Environmental Standards.

"At this point, we are sampling to determine if the site needs additional clean up in order to meet UES requirements," Cran said.

Cleaning such a site means removing the concrete, digging around the site and testing the surrounding soil to ensure all contaminated earth has been removed. At the old transformer, a gaping hole below the

building shows the depth, about 10 feet, to which workers had to excavate, for only a few gallons of spillage.

It's not a cheap process, costing thousands, but should such fluids ever reach the ground water, clean-up could reach into the millions.

On the upshot, when workers finish the new transformer building, crews will demolish the old building and, assuming the environmental standards are met, the hole will be filled in, "and we can close the book on this vault," Cran said.

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Wayne Cran
RSE Environmental manager

Army forms now available on Web

By Nicholas J. Carter
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Service members can now access over 2,000 departmental forms with the click of their computer mouse.

Beginning Jan. 1 this year, the U.S. Army Publishing Agency made available a software program on their web site that can be downloaded by active- and reserve-component soldiers and Army civilians.

The program can be accessed from home or at work. The software is a major improvement in the economy and efficiency of managing Army forms, said Army officials.

"Nobody will have to buy form software again at the local units," said John Czekner, chief of publishing division, U.S. Army Publishing Agency. "They can just download the software and use it on their personal computers."

To date, 212,000 software licenses have been downloaded. The Army predicts an estimated savings of \$1.4 million for the first year and, so far, has seen a nearly 400-percent return on investment since it became available to service members, Czekner said.

Program users are able to enter and save data, print out a filled in form, and create databases — which will support generating reports. Another benefit of the site license is that the Army will not have to manage and design a number of forms, which requires extensive resources, Czekner said.

Maybe the most important benefit to the Army is that, for the first time, the site license allows users to use digital signature, he added. This allows forms to be approved electronically, which will help streamline the administrative process.

"Once you have that, you can start electronically transferring forms from one desk to another," said Czekner.

Users can access these forms online at USAPA's web site, www.usapa.army.mil.

Stork Club News

JOSEPH ANTHONY MILLER arrived June 19 at 2:46 a.m. in Cocoa Beach, Fla., to Thomas and Mary Miller. Joseph weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.



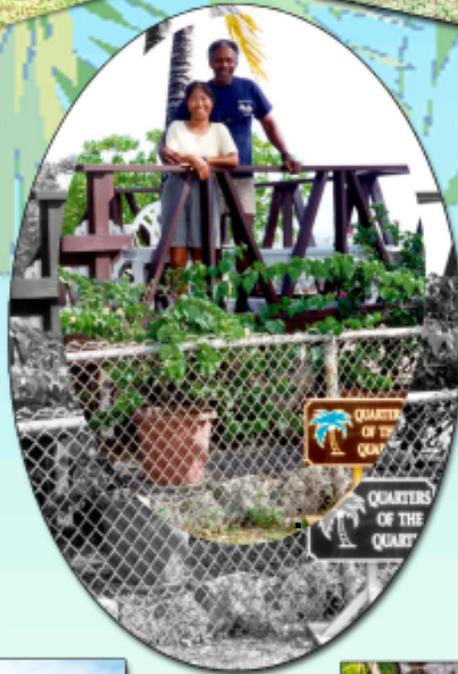
QUARTERS OF THE QUARTER



**Denise Morrow, Donna Groth
and "Shermie" for the
south housing area**



**Bill and Brigitte Kennedy
for ocean housing area**

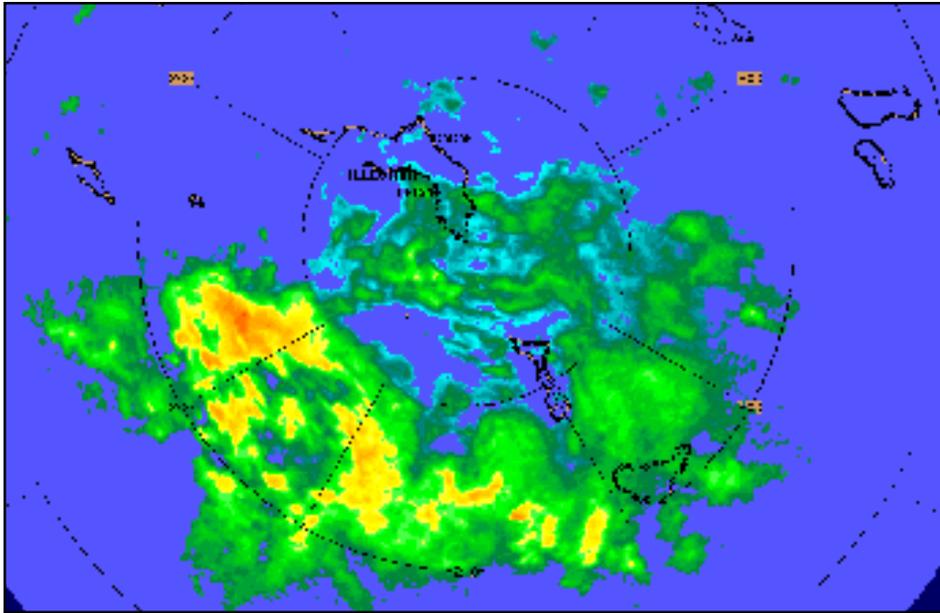


**Nate and Shigeko Jackson
for the Emon Beach area**

**Terry and Linda Hardy (not pictured)
for the north housing area**

**Jerry and Tessie Geronimo
for the central housing area**





(Image courtesy of Aeromet website)

Friday's weather radar by Aeromet showed massive rain cells passing to the south of Kwajalein Atoll.

Tropical weather hard to predict ...

(From page 1)

The ITCZ is a belt of converging tradewinds and rising air that encircles the Earth near the Equator. The rising air produces high cloudiness, frequent thunderstorms and heavy rainfall. The doldrums, oceanic regions of calm surface air, occur within the zone. The ITCZ shifts north and south seasonally with the sun. Right now, that belt is just south of Kwajalein.

"It varies quite a bit," Mullins said. "Sometimes we can predict it, sometimes we can't."

Tropical weather prediction is tricky at best, according to Mullins. One of the main reasons is that so few weather stations are collecting data, he explained.

"There's us, then Majuro and then 3,000 miles of ocean," Mullins said.

Aeromet sends up weather balloons every day to collect data, but the next station to do so is Hawaii. While some data comes from satellites, the weather patterns in the middle of the Pacific Ocean are not as tidy as those in the states.

"The tropics don't play by the same rules as continental weather," Mullins noted.

While forecasts may seem vague, or even plain wrong, that's rarely the case, he said. For example, a call for scattered showers is just that — showers somewhere around the atoll, maybe not at Kwaj, but perhaps 50 miles north at Roi-Namur or perhaps to the extreme northwest at Majetto.

"We forecast for the whole atoll," he said.

Despite the difficulties of forecasting,

Mullins said that historically rain and lots of it should be in the picture between now and November, with monthly average rainfalls between nine and 12 inches. September and October are the wettest months, with averages around 12 inches.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is calling for 90 percent of normal rainfall from May to October, according to Mullins. But, from November to June 2002, the Marshall Islands should experience 120 percent of normal rainfall. Whether that predicted late surge will help the atoll catch up on about 20 inches of rain remains a big question.

"There is a chance," Mullins said. "We need a few more of those kind of days [as Friday]."

Probably a lot more, considering Friday's downpour was more rain than Kwajalein recorded in all of March. It's only slightly less than February's total of about 1.75 inches and April's total of 2.17 inches.

In fact, despite slightly dampening some boating and outdoor activities for the weekend, this month's rain total of 4.52 inches is still 3.50 inches below average. On a daily basis, June averages about one-third of an inch per day. In reality, the rain comes in bunches, Mullins said.

"That's how it usually happens," Mullins said Saturday, adding that residents could expect "unsettled" weather for the several days, meaning better than average chance of rain.

Harvard U. offers scholarships to kids of military families

Harvard University recently announced the receipt of a scholarship fund intended to benefit undergraduates who have served in the military or who come from military families.

Established in memory of General James M. Gavin by his daughter Chloe J. Gavin and her husband, John F. "Jay" Beatty III, both Harvard graduates, the scholarship honors General Gavin's distinguished contributions to his nation and is intended to encourage members of military families to apply to Harvard.

Individuals who have served in the military, as well as children of military families, will be considered for the scholarship. Harvard has a need-blind admissions policy: the school admits students regardless of financial circumstances and meets the full financial need of each student who qualifies for aid.

For more information on applying to Harvard, please write to Harvard College, Admissions and Financial Aid, Byerly Hall, 8 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138.

Flight times get small tweaks ...

(From page 1)

said. Thanks to the summer exodus, even the first two commuter flights in the morning and afternoon are not full, according to Johnston.

"We had to move several people. It wasn't very many at all," Johnston added.

He reiterated that the change will be reviewed at the end of August or in early September.

No weekend flight changes are planned, though arrival times on both Roi and Kwaj have been moved up between five and ten minutes.

"That's adjusting for the speed of the airplane," Johnston said.

Late night weekday flights on Wednesday and Saturday will also remain. However, arrival and departure times at Roi for Flights 14 and 15 are moving up by 10 minutes. Other weekday flights are also being slightly adjusted to compensate for flight speed and the schedule revision, according to Johnston.

Classified Ads and Community Notices

HELP WANTED

The following on-island positions are open with Raytheon. For more information or to submit a resumé or application, call HR employment, Andrea, 53705.

OPERATIONS COORDINATOR, Kwajalein Hospital. Full time. Responsible for hospital employee databases, tracking licensure, training and recruiting, coordinating special projects and contracts and maintaining capital procurement database. Excellent written and verbal skills as well as computer skills required. Previous medical office work experience helpful.

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REGISTERED NURSE, Kwajalein Hospital. Casual. Looking for qualified registered nurses to work on an as-needed basis. Candidates will be required to undergo a criminal history background check.

RECREATION AIDE, CRC. Casual. Responsibilities include renting out sound equipment, sports equipment, tables and chairs to customers; general upkeep of the facility; and area maintenance. Must have good communication, computer and written/verbal skills.

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Casual. Seeking enthusiastic, positive and energetic individuals that would like to earn extra income and meet new people. Responsibilities include set up and break down of dining room, waiting on tables, inputting of orders into computer system and serving meals from the kitchen. Looking for individuals to work primarily Saturdays and other nights as needed. Shifts begin at 4 p.m. and end at approximately 9:30 p.m., with possible flexibility for candidates holding other full-time jobs. Great attitude and customer-service skills required.

STOREKEEPER-SUPERVISOR, Ten-Ten store. Full time. Responsibilities include directing and supervising employees, stocking shelves, displaying presentations of monthly promotions, monitoring expiration dates, monitoring sales floor, assisting cashiers, ordering merchandise, checking and logging refrigeration temperatures and closing procedures. Prior supervisory and retail experience preferred. Hours will be approximately 4 p.m.-12 a.m. five days per week, weekends possible. Looking for self-starter able to work independently.

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

WANTED

DANFORTH or Plow anchor, 20-30 lbs. Call Tom, 52573H or 58331W.

HOUSE-SITTER July 5-Aug. 10. Call John Brown, 53315W or 53759H.

HELP WITH yard work. Call 52741.

LOST

OCEANIC PRODIGY wrist watch dive com-

puter on oceanside west reef. Call 53711.

FOUND

DIVE GEAR at Emon Beach dive pavilion June 14. Call 53711.

GIVEAWAY

KWAJ-CONDITION bike and new bike handlebar. Call 53578.

FOR SALE

BABY/TODDLER high chair, clip-on type, toddler's tricycle, ages 2-4. Call 52573.

FOUR-DRAWER steel filing cabinet with lock, \$60; two-drawer cabinet, \$20; dehumidifier, \$75; Delonghi air-conditioner, paid \$1,200, will sell for \$500; men's Huffly bike, paid \$120, will sell for \$60. Call 53013 mornings.

HEALTHY PLANTS in good pots including many large specimens: ficus, calamansi, lime tree, ferns and more. See at Qtrs. 407-B or call 52498 evenings.

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LONGBOARD, \$150 new, sell for \$50. Call 52439.

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BARBIE mansion dollhouse, \$75 or best offer. Call 52614, after 5 p.m.

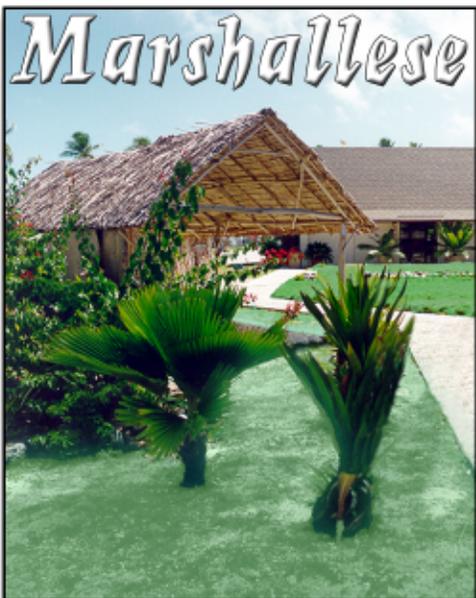
KWAJ-CONDITION bike, \$30. Call 52305.

COMPUTER DESK with hutch, \$75; boogie boards, \$5 each; four-drawer dresser, \$100; Sony 50-CD stereo with surround-sound, \$225; shoe cabinet, \$15; 6" dive light, \$25; Sony 20" TV/VCR combo, \$300. Call 52930.

UK DIVE light, new, \$35; dive knife, new, \$15. Call 53159.

PIANO, \$350; hollow-core door, 30" x 80", \$25; small barbecue, \$2; stainless barbecue, \$10; patio table, \$50. Call 53578, after 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

COMPUTER DESK, \$35; 13" Sony color TV, \$150; large entertainment center, \$150; Sony dual-cassette deck, \$70; Sony 300 CD changer, \$150; breakfast bar with two stools, \$100; various kitchen appliances; La-Z-Boy three-seat couch, \$300; 900 Mhz phone, \$70; cookbooks; large Sony speak-



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**Mondays, 4-6 p.m.
Fridays, 3-5 p.m.**

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ers, \$150; outside antenna, \$20. Call Tony, 54158, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., and leave a message.

AUTO HARP, \$25; children's costumes, \$5 each; Bissell carpet cleaner, \$30; plants, \$5-\$25. Call 52439.

COFFEE MAKER, \$5; toaster, \$5; Weber grill, \$5; vacuum cleaner, \$40; folding table, \$5; two child gates, \$5 each; patio table and six chairs, \$25; crib mattress, \$20. Call Denise, 52304.

WHIRLPOOL DEHUMIDIFIER, \$75. Call 51925.

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PLAYSTATION 2 *Eternal Ring* role-playing game, \$20; *Deep Color* giant ahi fishing video, new in box, \$20; Standard HX 230S handheld VHF radio, used, in good condition, two carrying cases, two batteries, high-speed charger, \$300 new, sell for \$100. Call 51161.

THREE-WHEEL bikes, \$60-\$150; refrigerator, 6 cubic feet, \$100; AM/FM cassette phono stereo system, \$60; two kayak/windsurfer trailers for bike, \$40 each; three-drawer cabinet, \$10; windsurf board, \$5. See at Qtrs. 121-A or call 52693.

COMPUTER: Intel Celeron 600, 128 MB RAM, 20 GB hard drive ATI Xpert graphics card, 52x CD ROM, 56k fax/modem, Windows 98, Microsoft Office 2000, Microsoft Sidewinder joystick, Razor Boomslang mouse, 17" monitor, \$600. Call 54374.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

BARGAIN BAZAAR is bursting with books for your summer and travel reading. Need a wardrobe? We have it. We have household and baby needs. Hours are 1-3 p.m., Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays; 6-8 p.m., Wednesdays. Call 53140 for donation pickup.

FREE TELESCOPE viewing tomorrow and Thursday, dusk until 9 p.m., at Emon Beach near the snack bar (weather permitting). Questions? Call Bob Carson, 52244, evenings.

PCS PARTY for the Holzrichter family is Monday, July 2, 6-9 p.m., at Qtrs. 494-B. Drop by anytime and bring a pupu to share and a family photo. Questions? Call Laura, 54753, or Marti, 53466.

NEXT BOATING orientation class is July 5-6, 6-8 p.m., in CAC Room 1. The fee is \$20 and attendance both nights is required. Sign up at the Small Boat Marina or Community Activities. Questions? Call 53643.

PLAYGROUND of the Pacific, Summer Fun 2001 for kindergarten through 10th grade, is just around the corner. Registration for Session II is June 29-July 11 at Community Activities. Late fee of \$10 applies after deadline. Session II runs July 24-Aug. 11. Register early as classes fill up quickly. Questions? Call Amber, 53331.

SMALL BOAT Marina will be open July 1-4,

8 a.m.-6:30 p.m., in celebration of the Fourth of July. Wow! That's a four-day weekend. Due to these extended hours, the marina will be closed July 5-6. Normal hours will resume July 7.

MEN'S MONTHLY prayer breakfast is Monday, July 2, 7 a.m., in the Religious Education Building. Newcomers always welcome.

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST cordially invites you to Sunday worship, 9:30 a.m., in CRC Room 1 and Wednesday Bible study, 7 p.m., in CAC Room 7. Questions? Call Paul, 51128, or Bill, 52384.

VETERINARY SERVICES hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. If these hours are not good for you, we will schedule a time that is. Sentinel is now in stock at the Vet Clinic.

SUMMER FUN 2001 needs donations of empty paper towel and toilet paper tubes, empty glass and plastic jars, all sizes, and baby food jars. Bring to Community Activities or the Youth Center. Questions? Call Amber, 53331.

GEORGE SEITZ Elementary School summer hours through July 25, are Tuesday through Saturday, 7:30-11:30 a.m. Normal hours resume July 26.

**This week
at
Gilligan's**

Friday
DJ Chris Askew plays
all your favorite music,
8-11 p.m.

Saturday
DJ Jim Hart plays mainstream
music from the mainland,
8 p.m.-2 a.m.

Sunday
Karaoke night with
Harry Lockett, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

Dart tournament results:
First, Dee Delaney/Thomas Easley
Second, Gerry Delaney/Jane Gowans
Third, Roger Reed/Malcolm Gowans

Fireworks!

**Wednesday, July 4,
at Emon Beach**

Family fun! food! games!

See you at the movies!

Saturday

Blackbeard's Ghost (G, 1967)

Peter Ustinov stars as the legendary pirate's ghost, who returns to Earth to come to the aid of his descendant, a woman whose home is threatened by some thugs who want to open a crooked casino. One of the first Disney films following Walt Disney's death. (Elsa Lanchester, Dean Jones) (107 minutes)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Dazed and Confused (R, 1993)

This movie is for the survivors of the 1970s — that group of Americans who came of age when bellbottoms, love beads, mantras and marijuana were the fashion; drinking and driving hadn't become taboo; and safe sex was used only to avoid pregnancy or VD. It follows the antics of a group of Austin, Texas teens who reach the pinnacle of high school stardom: They've become seniors, with one goal in mind — to torment the incoming freshmen. (Jason London, Wiley Wiggins, Rory Cochrane, Michelle Burke) (140 minutes)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

Weird Science (PG-13, Classic)

A couple of libidinous youths use some computer hocus pocus to create the perfect woman, Lisa. Lisa becomes their mentor, turning them from geeks to great guys along the way. (Anthony Michael Hall, Ian Mitchell-Smith, Kelly LeBrock)

Tradewinds Theater, 8 p.m.

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DoD computers target of hackers

By Steve Hara

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, June 25, 2001 — Defense Department computer security systems and specialists foiled nearly 22,500 would-be intruders in 1999 and 24,500 in 2000. There's no let-up in sight.

Special agent Jim Christy said he and others on his law enforcement staff are in a "growth business" chasing hackers and spies and running other criminal activities to ground. As representatives of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence, they also counsel DoD employees on being an effective first line of defense instead of the weakest link.

When he discusses computer security, Christy said, he drives home that average folks aren't expected to mount an ironclad defense. Rather, he stressed, they can do simple things that make life harder for bad guys .

- Use different passwords at Web sites and on every machine you use. Reject all site and system offers to "remember" you and your password. Bad guys know many people use just one password, so attacking an easily hacked site gives them "skeleton keys" to tough ones.

- Don't open e-mail attachments from people you don't know, and don't open them uncritically just because someone you do know supposedly sent them. Hackers use attachments to inject viruses and other mischievous or malicious computer code into machines and systems. A common means to spread infections is by sending e-mail copies to everyone in a victim's address book — using the victim's name.

- Log off or lock your workstation when you go on breaks or out to lunch. No point giving bad guys unfettered access to your computer and network — and leaving you holding the bag

because the system thinks you're at the keyboard.

- Never use personal diskettes, Zip disks and the like on classified systems. Computers divide files and write them to disk in units called sectors. If the file's last sector is only partially filled, the machine tops it off with data randomly pulled from memory or hard drives — there's no real telling in advance where the information might come from. So writing and saving even your holiday greetings letter on a classified system is a potential disaster. That's why the practice is a security violation.

- You can be a security risk even if you don't work with classified files, have none on your computer and have no access to any.

The mindset on the last point is wrong for at least three reasons, Christy noted. First, too many people think a secure system can't be hacked from their office computer network — usually because they themselves don't know how.

Fact is, good hackers really can launch attacks on your lowly machine if you give them the time and opportunity, he said.

Second, he continued, intelligence analysts make a living by drawing conclusions and educated guesses from bits and pieces of unclassified and seemingly unrelated information.

Third, information doesn't have to be classified to be sensitive. Medical records, personnel records and personal address and phone books aren't usually classified, but all contain data protected from public release by the Privacy Act of 1974. Good security, he said, means locking out all snoops, not just spies.

Christy and company's growing business in security issues gives constant rise to another: personal privacy. You have none, and that angers many employees.

Uncle Sam's machine, Uncle Sam's rules, Christy noted.

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Tonight: Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
Winds: East to southeast at 6 to 10 knots, with higher gusts near showers.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny skies.
Winds: East at 6 to 10 knots.
Temperature: Tonight's low 76°
 Tomorrow's high 85°
June rain total: 4.52"
Annual rain total: 17.78"
Annual deviation: -19.66"
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	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday June 26	0633/1911	1101/2342	0728, 5.5' 2012, 4.2'	0102, 1.3' 1407, 1.1'
Wednesday June 27	0633/1911	1157/	0822, 5.0' 2118, 4.0'	0157, 1.7' 1504, 1.4'
Thursday June 28	0633/1911	1250/0030 1st Qtr	0926, 4.5' 2236, 4.0'	0306, 2.0' 1610, 1.6'
Friday June 29	0634/1911	1342/0115	1045, 4.2' 2357, 4.2'	0434, 2.2' 1722, 1.7'