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Survey sez:

Commander OKs gambling, stops snack bar plan

With last Friday's *Hourglass* article, "Residents OK bingo, split on Emon Beach alcohol sales," you've had a few days to digest the results of the surveys promised in the town hall meetings. I'm here to elaborate on those results, but first want to say the surveys are intended to be a



vehicle to capture community feedback, not a decision device. I am the 600-pound gorilla with the ultimate decision-making authority. Some of these decisions are easy. Some are not, but as the column head reads on this page, "Mission first, people always."

First, I want to thank you. We mailed 1,200 surveys and received 464 responses. Not bad! I hope in the future to achieve a 50 percent return rate. Survey companies such as Nielson have this down to an art. We — USAKA/KMR — don't. Many of you provided comments with your surveys that questioned the way the surveys were worded. Keep in mind that we are neophytes at this process. Your comments help focus the survey results, and I read every one.

The majority of you who responded to the surveys voted for bingo and slot machines on Kwajalein.

About 73 percent of the survey respondents did not object to bingo, 50 percent supported slot machines, but only 42 and 30 percent of you said you would participate, respectively. Some things come down to strictly business, and you have to

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(Photo by KW Hillis)

Nurse Kim Morris checks Alsina Jesse's blood pressure at Kwajalein Hospital recently. The hospital is phasing out medical services to most RMI employees because health care is not included in Raytheon's scope of work.

Kwajalein Hospital phasing out services to most RMI employees

KW Hillis

Feature Writer

Kwajalein Hospital is gradually phasing out medical services to non-grandfathered Republic of the Marshall Islands workers.

The phase-out began this June and will continue through next April when "medical treatment for non-grandfathered employees will be limited to Workers Comp cases and work-related physical exams," according to a RSE Human Resources memo

that was sent to all RMI employees Sept. 30.

One phase-out is that only newly diagnosed public health cases will be referred to Ebeye Hospital starting Dec. 1. All dental cases have already been phased out. There are no further cuts of available services until Feb. 1.

"The bottom line is we have a contract [with Raytheon] that says these [non-RMI employees] are the people you treat, and that's all that is in the

(See *HOSPITAL*, page 5)

Events celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

By Bob Fore

Feature Writer

Three events in October will highlight Kwajalein's observance of Hispanic Heritage month, which runs until Oct. 15.

Originally created in 1968 by the U.S. Congress as a week-long celebration of contributions made by the Latino community to American society, it was expanded to a month-

long observance in 1988. Today, there are 26 million people of Hispanic descent in America, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. That's approximately 10 percent of the total population.

Local events begin with a luncheon at Gilligan's Thursday, featuring Southwest burrito pizza as the entrée, at a cost of \$8.95. Lunch will be

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Teen center hours to change based on survey ...

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invest money to make money. Will that be enough of a return on our investment? By word of mouth, will participation and profits increase with time?

We'll try it. We will pursue institution of these two activities on a limited trial basis. This will not occur overnight, and it still is dependent on the state of Hawaii granting an exception to Kwajalein from Hawaii law, so we'll keep you apprised of the progress.

Alcohol sales at Emon Beach received 46 percent *yes* votes and 45 percent *no* votes, but only 31 percent said they would *actually purchase* alcoholic beverages at the beach. (See accompanying chart.) We can't stay in business on that because we wouldn't make enough to pay the overhead. The Tradewinds Snack Bar has historically lost money due to lack of patronage. Do I try to keep its doors open by selling alcoholic beverages at a 300 percent mark-up, which ideally offsets other overhead expenses, or do I cut my losses now and close the snack bar completely?

Since I have the *big* vote, I have elected not to have alcohol sales at Emon Beach. Further, I have requested a review of the entire plan to renovate the Tradewinds Snack Bar. Since the profit margin of the snack bar is reliant on alcohol sales to a degree, it may not be financially feasible to maintain it. As I asked in the Kwajalein Town Hall, "How many food retail outlets can we, as a small community, support?" By comparison, bingo and slots are cheap to capitalize and operate versus a food concession at the beach.

Lastly, change teen hours at the youth center? Yes. Eighty-eight percent voted for the hours to change, 67 percent of whom asked for exclusive teen hours from 7

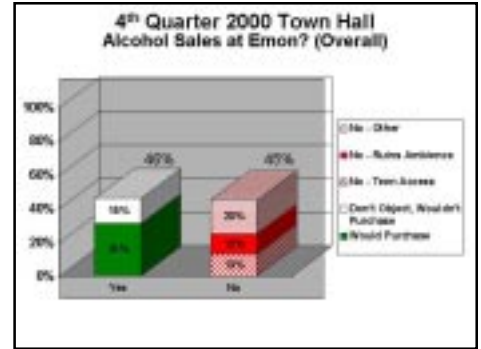
p.m. until closing. There were many comments on the surveys asking for extended privileges by peer groups rather than strict age cutoffs. Therefore, we will effect this change to

include junior high and senior high school students (i.e., students attending the seventh grade and above).

I truly appreciate those of you who took time to participate in the survey, and there will be more! Please exercise your right to determine what our community should look like in the future.

The comments are great, but I must caution, "attack the problem, not the individual." When you personalize things, people tend to become defensive by human nature. Let's stick to the high road. Be critical, but civil. No man or woman leads by himself or herself. Continue to support.

Are you with me? *Hooah!*



In other words ...

In last Friday's *Hourglass*, "Residents OK bingo, split on Emon Beach alcohol sales," we should have clarified by saying that about 73 percent of the survey respondents did not object to bingo, whether they would participate or not, and 25 percent objected.

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Buckminster and Friends ————— By Sabrina Mumma



Larry Briggs, Raytheon GBR-P program manager, Col. Tim McKaig, X-band Radar program manager, and Sam Bastianelli, Boeing radars IPT leader for NMD, from left, celebrate the GBR-P transition.

(Photo by Barbara Johnson)



Boeing/LSI takes over GBR-P

By Barbara Johnson
Feature Writer

The Ground Based Radar-Prototype marked a significant milestone Friday at a ceremony near the radar site. The ceremony celebrated GBR-P's move from development with Raytheon to integration into the National Missile Defense system with Boeing/Lead Systems Integrator. At this point, the radar goes from testing as a system element to testing as part of the whole system.

A number of people who have been critical to the radar's success attended the ceremony, including representatives from the Army, Raytheon, National Missile Defense, and Boeing/LSI.

"We proudly and gladly transition this radar from Raytheon to the Army to Boeing," said Col. Tim McKaig, X-band Radar program manager, Joint Program Office, in his remarks to the assembly. "It's a remarkable team that's been associated with the development of this radar, and I'm proud of all of the people involved."

McKaig said that most of the suc-

cess of the GBR-P can be attributed to the leadership of the program on both sides of the aisle — the government's and the contractors'.

He saluted Larry Briggs, Raytheon GBR-P program manager, saying that his vision and perseverance, along with a world-class supporting cast, helped the radar become a reality, which culminates in a successful test like Thursday night's.

In receiving a symbolic GBR-P key, Sam Bastianelli, Boeing NMD radars IPT leader, said he was proud to be a part of this major milestone to the program and honored to receive it for NMD. He likened the GBR-P to a fishbowl — in the eye of the community — leading the way.

GBR-P is the world's largest solid-state X-band, phased array radar, capable of simultaneous mechanical and electrical scan. It has been operating on Kwajalein continuously since August 1998.

Raytheon was awarded the original contract for development of the GBR-P in 1994. The radar was tracking its first target by July 1998.

Breakfast available to badged workers

From Staff Reports

If breakfast is indeed the most important meal, badged workers have another outlet. Café Pacific will open its doors to them Thursday from 5 to 6:30 a.m., offering the full line of eggs, pancakes and fruit for \$6.

The move is in response to community requests, particularly from Roi-Namur commuters, for break-

fast before 7 a.m., when the Three Palms Snack Bar opens, said Lloyd Jordan, RSE Residential Services manager.

The breakfast will continue Mondays through Saturdays, on a 30-day trial basis, after which officials will decide, based on the usage, whether or not to continue the arrangement.

Pegasus operation set to launch Friday

From Range Safety Office

There is a 500-foot radio frequency restricted area around the Range Safety Center (facilities 1011 and 1062; see map in Friday's *Hourglass*) until the L1011/Pegasus' launch on Friday, Oct. 6.

There will also be a 250-foot ground hazard area established around the hot spot in effect until launch. The ground hazard area will be restricted to all non-essential personnel.

Additionally, caution areas will exist in the broad ocean area outside Kwajalein Atoll, from 4:35 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, to 4:35 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7. See maps in Friday's *Hourglass*.

Questions regarding the above safety requirements for this mission should be directed to the Command Safety Office, Range Safety officer, at 54841.

Residents now able to charge some bills

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

Still waiting for that new book of checks to arrive before you pay that hospital bill? Well, just charge it.

A credit card machine was installed at the cash office at Finance last month, offering residents another option for getting their on-island bills paid.

"It seems to be working well," said Pat Bronson, Accounts Payable and Payroll manager.

The machine accepts Visa and Mastercard, though Bronson said American Express may soon be added. Bills that can be paid using the machine include telephone, hospital and dental. Residents can also charge AMC tickets and repay company advances.

Credit cards can't be used to pay for returned checks, according to Bronson. And sorry: No cash advances and all transactions require that a telephone connection is made to verify cards.

Kwaj Lodge is the only other island facility that accepts credit cards.

Jackson lands big catch after 18 years, two tours on Kwajalein

By Bob Fore
Feature Writer

At the monthly International Sport Fishing Club's meeting held Sept. 14, long-time member Ken Jackson was awarded a lifetime membership in recognition of his efforts on behalf of the organization.

"I thought it was a very nice gesture and was totally unexpected. The lifetime membership came as a complete surprise," Jackson said. "I am going to miss the fishing camaraderie. Every time we had a tournament the winner kept the bragging rights until the next contest."

Jackson is accepting a position with Sverdrup Technologies in the U.S. Air Force's Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile test program at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. He and his wife, Yvonne, will depart Kwajalein in early October.

A former president, vice president and equipment coordinator for the fishing club, Jackson's first tour on Kwajalein was from 1972 until 1979, when he worked for Kentron Hawaii Ltd. as a program engineer.

A senior systems engineer with IRE at Plans and Operations, he and Yvonne began their current tour in 1989.

"He has always been very involved and active in the



Ken and Yvonne Jackson PCS this month, after two tours and nearly 18 years at Kwajalein. Ken was awarded a lifetime membership by the International Sport Fishing Club for his avid support of the club over the years.

(Photo courtesy of Roy Howard)

club and the tournaments," said James Landgraff, the sport fishing club's vice president. "He has given so much to the club over the years."

Responding to a question about his future plans for carrying on with his fishing, Jackson replied, "I think we are going to switch to jet skis. There are a number of good places near our home in Destin for it."

Park offers alternative to street skating ...

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"The biggest thing it will provide is a scenario where they'll be safe but they can still do all the things they want to do," said Jim Estes, father of Tyler, one of original petitioners.

A lot of the visitors wanted the park to open that evening.

"To the untrained eye, the Skate Park looks like it's ready, but there is still a lot to do before it is opened," said Simone Smead, Community Activities manager.

The Skate Park will have its official grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Oct. 12, 4:30-6:30 p.m. There will be free skating, refreshments and a skating demonstration from Kwaj's top skaters.

Tony Ciardelli and Dave Benson, TrueRide Inc owners who designed and built the park, said it is safe.

"If you have a park that is built right, you are going to have fewer injuries," Benson said.

Safety for the skaters has been a prime concern — and one of the reasons for building the park.

"The main thing is to get [the kids] off the street ... it provides a good,



(Photo by KW Hillis)

Not yet open, the Skate Park is already becoming the place to hang out for some teens.

safe, industry standard park," said Lloyd Jordan, RSE Residential Services manager.

While surveying the kids swarming over the equipment, RSE Safety and Industrial Hygiene manager Dave Burris added, "The Pediatric Orthopedic Association says have a well-managed, controlled park and you will prevent or lessen the severity of

injuries."

The park stayed crowded until just before the gates closed.

"I wasn't sure if they would stick around this long," Smead said. "But this is what we thought: The Skate Park is going to turn into the kid hang out."

Skate pass sales begin Oct. 5. Call 53331 for more information.

Hospital officials warn of public health risk ...

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scope of the contract," said Lt. Col. Steven Beal, chief of USAKA/KMR Host Nations Office. "The [commander] is authorized to spend money for the contract ... If he is expending funds to do things that are outside that scope of work, then he is going against the wishes of Congress and the Army."

But there is work going on to modify the contract.

If the Kwaj Employees Association Trust, optional medical insurance for the Marshallese, can be directly billed, that may be an option, said Romeo Alfred, RSE Training manager and KEAT board member.

"When we had the meeting with the colonel and he emphasized the cost of the services, then we could work on our options," Alfred said.

Alfred and Noda Lojkar, USAKA/KMR ombudsman, will present a plan on Nov. 1 to Raytheon on how KEAT can ensure that all medical expenses are paid. Alfred said the plan will be submitted to USAKA/KMR after it is reviewed by Raytheon.

Beal said the proposal is feasible, but KEAT must "prove they are financially responsible and able to handle the billings they are going to get, before we are going to commit to utilize them."

But even if KEAT can prove itself, the contract has to be modified.

"There is no guarantee that that can happen. It's not impossible, but it's not a given," Beal said. "We feel that the care that is provided for our [Marshallese] workforce is something that they can't get on Ebeye and it is something that benefits this command," Beal said. "The potential for lost work days and work time and the spread of disease are issues."

Last Friday, the issues of safety, public health and lost work time were raised in a separate meeting at the hospital. Representatives of the hospital, RSE Safety, RSE Human Resources and KMR attended the meeting. Although invited, Ebeye hospital representatives did not attend.

"We are concerned about employees being healthy in the workplace and being able to do a good job," said Dave Burris, RSE Safety and Industrial Hygiene manager. "What are the public health issues when the services are phased out?"

TB is the major public health issue, said Dr. Eric Lindborg, Kwajalein Hospital chief medical officer.

"If an employee has TB or a suspicion of TB, they cannot come back to work until we are assured [they] are not contagious," Lindborg said. "There is an initial treatment in the hospital, and after seven to 10 days, we document they are no longer contagious. They can go back to work and we continue [to monitor] under the Direct Observation Treatment program.

The DOT program, developed about three years ago to handle public health cases, is overseen by Kathy Campbell, Occupational Health director.

"She watches them take their medicine," said Lindborg, adding that it would be difficult to ensure that the employee is not contagious until the entire documented treatment is completed on Ebeye. The employee may not be allowed to return to work for two to nine months depending on the length of the treatment program, he added.

"The paradox here is that we can treat it, we do treat it well and effectively. At Ebeye, they are not. Not only are they not getting their treatment, not only are they off work, but they are continuing to infect their

family," Lindborg said.

Campbell said she was concerned that workers will not seek medical help if it means being out of work.

"I think it will be less likely [for workers] to come to the clinic," she said. "Let's say a person has a chronic cough. Will they want to be tested? Fewer people will seek early help."

Burris added that there is a "mission impact ... either removal of the employee from the workplace or the problem of protecting the other employees."

Just the logistics of a Marshallese worker getting a prescription filled can cause an attendance problem.

"If a worker goes to Ebeye hospital to get eardrops because they have an ear infection, it could take a day to do it," Campbell said.

Jack Riordan, Human Resources RMI employee relations manager, said that his office was very concerned with attendance problems.

"That time equates to dollars — to command dollars," Burris said.

Lindborg said the RMI needs to assume adequate public health efforts.

"[We're] talking about beginning to have access to over-the-counter medications that have not been available regularly right now," Lindborg said. "[We're] talking about them assuming the burden for the hypertensive, the diabetics, the chronic illness ... that we've been doing. This all translates into additional costs and additional staffing.

"Part of the reason we have these discussions is so the RMI will have an opportunity to either get things rolling and have it ready, or to provide a statement of problems," said Lindborg, indicating his disappointment over the lack of RMI participation in the meeting.

Rodriguez to be featured speaker at SEEOPs luncheon Oct. 14 ...

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served from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

DoD's Special Emphasis Equal Opportunity Program will also hold a luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Yokwe Yuk Club.

The theme for this year's celebration will be "Children, Our Hope for

the Future." Featured guest speaker will be Julio Rodriguez. The luncheon is by reservation only, and will feature a Super Taco Salad as the main course. The cost is \$7.50.

A Salsa Night will round out the month's festivities, with a Mexican buffet in the club's main dining room on Oct. 15. The menu includes mixed

green salad, Mexican cornbread, Texican shredded pork and corn burrito, and a taco bar with chicken or beef. Dinner will be from 5:30 to 9 p.m. and is by reservation only. The cost is \$13.95.

After dining there will be Salsa music and dancing in the bar area of the club from 5:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

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.

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.

ASSOCIATE PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATOR, Human Resources. Full time. Individual will be responsible for Human Resource office administrative support and entry level HR duties including administration of tuition assistance program, processing relocation expenses and assisting employees and customers. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills required. Familiarity with Microsoft applications required. Willing to consider part time for right individual, if needed.

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.

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

TO BORROW: Tape of musical film "1776." Call Ric, 54200, and leave a message.

TO BUY: An awning or tarp for front of trailer. Call 58172.

BICYCLE PARTS: Frame, wheels, handle bars, pedals and sprockets. Call 53688.

LOST

LARGE, STUFFED Beanie Baby cat, white, Sept. 25, between new housing and Richardson Theater. Call 51114.

HUFFY EVASIVE women's bicycle, blue, borrowed from behind Surf BQ. Registration number P-0810. Return or call 52945 or 54156.

FOUND

BACKPACK and watch at Grace Sherwood Library. Call 53439.

FOR SALE

HP 1100SE Laserjet printer, four months old, \$350; 12-cup coffee maker, \$10; Slalom ski and case, \$25; women's small wet suit, \$35; Corelle dishes, setting for four, \$7; Pyrex bowls and baking dishes, \$1-3. Call 52790.

COMPUTER DESK, corner unit, great condition, drafter's-style, variable angle, desk top, with CD rack, filing shelves, drawer, cabinet, plenty of space and printer shelf, \$175. Call 51313.

IRONING BOARD, \$10; steam iron, \$10; small Sony AM/FM tape deck, \$20; VCR rewinder, \$7; vacuum cleaner, \$20; sweeper, \$8; two small rugs, \$2 each. All items in good condition. Call 53936, after 4:30 p.m., or leave a message.

GATEWAY 233MMX computer, 32 MG RAM, 4 MG HD, CD ROM drive, internal ZIP drive, with Altec speakers, works fine, case front face is damaged. Includes all needed cables, mouse and original software package, \$600 or best offer. Call 52796.

ALESIS QS6 keyboard/synthesizer, brand new, with hip-hop expansion card, pedal and many instruction/song books, paid over \$800, will sell for \$700. Call Brian, 52186, days, or 53483, evenings.

13 GOLF CLUBS with deluxe bag and cart, \$200 or best offer. Call 54778.

COMPUTER SOFTWARE for children: *Gizmos and Gadgets*, science for ages seven-12, \$10; *Outnumbered*, math for ages seven-10, \$10; *Logic Quest*, problem solving for ages eight-14, CD ROM, \$15; *Crayola Art Studio*, CD ROM, ages six-12, \$15; *Print Shop Ensemble*, CD ROM, \$10; Chessmaster

The next boating orientation class is Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 4-5, 6-8 p.m., in CRC Room 1. Attendance both nights is required. Register and pay your \$20 fee at Small Boat Marina or Community Activities office during regular hours of operation. Questions? Call the Small Boat Marina, 53643.

5000, CD ROM, \$25. Call 53759 until 5 p.m.

PLUSH ROCKER/RECLINER, light brown, in excellent condition, \$200; infant walker, \$25; travel stroller, \$45; blinds for 400-series housing: four rose-colored, three beige, two off-white, one beige roll-up blind, \$5 each; two white JC Penney blinds, \$7.50 each. Call Mandy, 54677.

FOURTEEN 4 x 4s and twelve 2 x 4s, painted brown, used for fence, \$300 or best offer; very Kwaj-condition Burley, available Oct. 9, \$30; bike and babyseat, available Oct 9, \$20. Call 54109.

LARGE MICROWAVE oven, \$40. Call 52342.

GE free-standing dishwasher, brand new, still in crate, \$550; sturdy black TV stand with glass door and storage for VCR and tapes, for TVs 32" and smaller, \$60. Call 50163.

RUG, light brown, 9' x 12'; large microwave oven; three-wheel bike, fair condition; Panasonic VCR; large plastic storage containers; kitchen step stool; Korean mink blanket. Call 52466.

NEW WORTH Supercell bat, 28 oz., 34", \$90; Rawlings left-handed softball glove, \$75; 15' Power Stick surf rod, \$65; Pacific stick 30-60 test trolling rod, \$50; 04 Penn Senator with trolling rod, \$75; corner wall-mounted TV stand, \$25. Call 51751.

It's coming at you!

Kwajalein Skate Park

Thursday, Oct.
12,
4:30-6:30 p.m.

Advance sales of monthly passes and punchcards will start Thursday, Oct. 5, at Community Activities. Call 53331.



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Small Arms Range Notice

The small arms range will be in operation tomorrow, 8 a.m.-noon. Avoid the hazard area shown below.



KENWOOD STEREO with CD amplifier, tuner, cassette player and speakers, great sound, \$350; queen-size box springs and mattress, 16 months old, like new condition, \$300; 55-gallon aquarium with 403 Fluval and Hot Magnum filters, two power heads, lights, food and test kits, \$300. Call 54728.

PACKARD BELL computer, 166 Mhz, 1.44M, 24 MB RAM with Altec Lansing speaker system and HP Deskjet 672C color printer, \$700 or best offer. Call Beth, 50898.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

KWAJALEIN AMATEUR RADIO Club meets first Friday of the month at 7 p.m., at the Ham Shack located on Ocean Road next to the adult pool.

MOPS meeting will be Thursday, 8:45 a.m., in the Religious Education Building. Questions? Call Lora, 54186.

INTERESTED IN playing paintball? Anyone 18 years or older interested in creating a paintball club, call Chris, 51313, or e-mail cheesypoofz@hotmail.com.

HOLMBERG FAIRWAYS will be aerifying and topdressing the greens Thursday and Friday, Oct. 5-6.

FAMILY POOL will not open until 2:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, due to a swim meet.

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.

ATTENTION SWIM team families: No need to pack a sack lunch for the next swim meet. Let the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club do it for you. We'll be selling brunch foods and water at the next swim meet Monday, Oct. 9, 9-11 a.m.

COLUMBUS DAY RUN is Tuesday, Oct. 10. **Race starts at 5:45 a.m. (note time correction).** Pre-registration by 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, is mandatory. Hand deliver entries to Qtrs. 457-A, Bob or Jane Sholar, 51815.

MIC SHOP board meeting will be tonight, 7 p.m., in the George Seitz music room. Questions? Call Dianne, 55990, or Ronalee, 54609.

VISION SCREENING will be conducted at

the junior/senior high school tomorrow, for grades seven through 12. Students who wear glasses should bring them to testing. Questions? Call Kris Brown, 53497.

TB SKIN testing will be administered to students in grades eight, 10 and 12 tomorrow, at the junior/senior high school. A signed permission slip must accompany your student or they will not be tested. Questions? Call Kris Brown, 53497.

SCIENCE FICTION course sponsored by UMUC has been delayed until October pending receipt of textbooks. There is still time to register. Don't miss this exploration of the science fiction genre. For more information, call 52800.

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

SOCCER MANAGERS' meeting for the fall season is Friday, 5:30 p.m., in CRC Room 7. Managers must bring rosters and \$150 for registration. Each team is required to provide one official for the league. Questions? Call Ian, 53331.

HOSPITALITY KITS should be returned within 72 hours after receiving household goods. When moving back to the states, kits should be picked up before leaving island. Call the Furniture Warehouse, 53434, to arrange pickups of all hospitality kits.

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.

KWAJALEIN Community Chorus will meet for its first rehearsal tomorrow, 7:30 p.m., in the elementary music room. Second rehearsal will be Oct. 11. Subsequent re-

hearsals will be Thursdays. For more information, call Dick, 51684.

THE WORLDWIDE Defense Energy Support System has published new fuel prices for the upcoming year. Effective Oct. 1, the following prices will be charged at the Small Boat Marina and other public fuel sale operations: diesel fuel, \$1.18 per gallon; straight fuel, \$1.29 per gallon; oil-mixed fuel, \$1.58 per gallon.

JUNIOR HIGH Band and Choir concert will be Thursday, Oct. 5, 7 p.m., in the MP Room.

HIGH SCHOOL Band and Choir concert will be Thursday, Oct. 12, 7 p.m., in the MP Room.

KWAJALEIN Filipino Civic Club will have a welcome back potluck dinner and meeting Sunday, Oct. 8, 6:30 p.m., at the Pacific Club. Questions? Call Lee, 53789, or Shigeke, 53578.

THERE WILL be a junior/senior high school parent's meeting tonight, 7 p.m., in the MP room. Everyone is invited. A short presentation of new classes and goals for the 2000-2001 school year will be given. The rest of the time will be given to questions and concerns about the school.

A U.S. GOVERNMENT property sealed bid sale will be conducted during the month of October. Items will be available (except holidays) 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. 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.

If you don't have a paper by 5:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, call 52114 before 6 p.m. and one will be delivered to you.

See you at the movies!

Saturday

Pokemon the Movie: 2000 (New Release, G)
A Pokemon collector, hoping to become the greatest Pokemon trainer in the world, goes after Lugia, a huge Pokemon of the sea. Lugia's powers are so great that if they fall into the wrong hands, the whole world could be destroyed. It's up to lead trainer Ash and friends to save the day. (81 minutes)
Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

American Psycho (New Release, R)
A prototypical yuppie is also a serial killer who murders, rapes and mutilates both strangers and acquaintances without provocation or reason. As a police detective gets closer to uncovering the truth, the killer's mask of studied, distant cool falls apart in this dark and violent satire of America in the 1980s. (Christian Bale, Willem DaFoe) (97 minutes)
Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

U-571 (New Release, PG-13)
In this World War II action thriller, a sinking German submarine holds the key to unlocking the secret code of the Axis powers. A U.S. sub is sent to retrieve the Enigma Machine. Meanwhile, German forces converge on the same location to rescue their comrades. (Matthew McConaughey, Bill Paxton, Harvey Keitel, Jon Bon Jovi) (116 minutes)
Tradewinds Theater, 8 p.m.

Sunday

To Kill a Mockingbird (Classic, 1962)
A highly respected Southern lawyer puts his reputation on the line to defend a black man accused of raping a white woman. (Gregory Peck) (129 minutes)
Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

U-571 (New Release, PG-13)
Richardson Theater, 9:30 p.m.
American Psycho (New Release, R)
Tradewinds Theater, 7:30 p.m.
Pokemon the Movie: 2000 (New Release, G)
Tradewinds Theater, 9:30 p.m.

Monday

Pokemon the Movie: 2000 (New Release, G)
Cancelled due to Manit Day festivities
American Psycho (New Release, R)
Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.



(Photo by KW Hillis)

Tanner Duncan, Key Ehart and Danny Razook, clockwise from top, get a taste of what the six-foot half pipe has to offer during an open house at the new Skate Park Friday. The facility opens Oct. 12.

Kids get first look at new Skate Park

By KW Hillis
Feature Writer

The walk-through of the new Skate Park turned into a race and glide-through as more than 40 kids, without skates, enthusiastically tried out the new equipment.

Roller bladers and skateboarders, perching on either side of the six-foot half pipe, tried out the view Friday evening. Every few seconds one would

“drop in” and run to the other side of the pipe.

“I had my doubts that it would happen, but they came through,” said 14-year-old Kye Ehart just before dashing up the side of the six-foot half pipe. Ehart helped lead a petition drive to get the park built.

Parents, as well as young people, were pleased with the park.

(See PARK, page 4)

WEATHER
Courtesy of Aeromet



Sun • Moon • Tides



Tonight: Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
Winds: East at 8 to 12 knots, with higher gusts near showers.
Tomorrow: Partly sunny with widely scattered showers.
Winds: East-southeast at 8 to 12 knots, with higher gusts near showers.
Temperature: Tonight's low 79°
Tomorrow's high 87°
October rain total: 0.27"
Annual rain total: 72.19"
Annual deviation: -5.55"
Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.
Forecasts available online: www.kmr-wx.com

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday October 3	0637/1839	1100/2257	0648, 4.4' 1906, 4.9'	0053, 1.3' 1244, 1.5'
Wednesday October 4	0637/1838	1150/2345	0716, 3.9' 1940, 4.4'	0127, 1.8' 1308, 1.9'
Thursday October 5	0637/1838	1240/	0750, 3.4' 2032, 4.0'	0213, 2.3' 1334, 2.4'
Friday October 6	0637/1837	1328/0034	0938, 3.0' 2307, 3.7'	0357, 2.6' 1437, 2.8'