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Christmas treat

(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

Santa and Mrs. Claus hand out candy to a horde of children Saturday after landing at Kwajalein via 1900D. The Christmas couple then got into the Santamobile and headed to town for the tree-lighting ceremony. See Friday's *Hourglass* for more event photos.

IFT-7 slips to today

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

Poor weather conditions at Vandenberg Air Force Base forced IFT-7 to be delayed twice over the weekend. Ballistic Missile Defense Organization and Reagan Test Site personnel are expected to see if the third time is the charm when the countdown resumes today.

"It is really a safety issue," said Col. Curtis L. Wrenn Jr., USAKA commander, shortly after it was announced Monday afternoon that the test would be delayed another 24 hours.

"It's a combination of things," Wrenn said, referring to the weather situation at Vandenberg AFB, Calif. Heavy cloud cover, thunderstorm activity and winds in excess of 30 mph combined to upset the test. Weather was also blamed for Sunday's cancellation.

Part of the problem is, the commander explained, that the target Minuteman II rocket that is launched from Vandenberg has been modified for the test. Normally (See *WEATHER*, page 4)

Leading authority on Micronesia visits Kwajalein

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

Father Francis X. Hezel does not proselytize or pontificate when it comes to discussing issues related to Micronesian and Marshallese society and culture. After nearly 40 years living and studying in the islands, Hezel is all pragmatism, with an undeniable optimistic bent.

"I think our concern about the erosion of culture is unfounded," Hezel said of the Marshall Islands.

Hezel participated in a series of lectures on Ebeye and Kwajalein last week, covering a broad range of topics, (See *HEZEL*, page 5)



Lt. Jerry Abner Jr., Roi-Namur fire station acting assistant chief, examines the damage caused by a fire at a FOM Electrical Shop office Friday.

(Photo by KW Hillis)

Roi fire causes more than \$5,000 in damages

By KW Hillis
Feature Writer

A fire that apparently started in a wastepa-

per basket at a FOM Electrical Shop caused more than \$5,000 in estimated damage Friday.

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Editorial

Cancer event a shining example we can change the world

George Harrison is dead.

What does that mean, besides the fact that a 58-year-old man lost a nasty battle with cancer?

I've never been a Beatles fan, per se. I've enjoyed their music, as I do much of the music of that era, though my tastes lean more toward The Doors in that category that's come to be known as classic rock.

I was born about two years after the Beatles broke up, and was only about 8 years old when John Lennon's life was prematurely ended by a deranged fan. My personal affinity with the Fab Four doesn't go very deep.

Yet, the announcement of his death



has been on my mind all day. And it's not because some pop culture era has come to an end. As one writer for *Newsweek* pointed out, that came in 1970 when the group disbanded.

Perhaps it's what Harrison individually represented. He was the one who sought spirituality in India. He was the so-called quiet one who to a large degree shunned the spotlight. His final words, we are told, were for everyone to love one another. He was the innocence that marked the Beatles and other bands of their era—the personification of the love that they sang would change the world.

Change the world they did, even if in the cynical hindsight of three decades we tend to notice the commercialization more than the message any more.

But to tame the metaphysics and speak on a more visceral level: Perhaps George Harrison's death is yet another reminder that no matter how famous, humble or good a human being may be, cancer will kill you before those who love you are

ready to let go.

We are almost unfazed when we hear a rock star has died of a drug overdose or gone down in a plane crash. (If you're a rock star you must be on drugs if you board some small, private airplane. There must an eleventh, missing Commandment somewhere that says, "Rock stars shall not fly noncommercial airplanes.") But cancer?

As many of you know by now, there are a lot of folks at Kwajalein putting together the Relay for Life, the signature event for the American Cancer Society. In Friday's edition, we'll tell you a little bit more about what's going on with that event.

Today, I just wanted to use these few remaining lines to encourage everyone to get involved with a worthwhile cause. I'm not going to throw a bunch of stats at you or remind you that you know somebody who's died from the disease. (For me, it's my mother, Jackie M. Rejcek, Jan. 10, 1949-March 2, 1997.)

Instead, I want you to come because this is a community event unlike any other we normally hold. It's not to benefit our neighbors, it's not an excuse to hit the beach (or the beer cooler) and its impact probably won't be felt by anyone here.

No, all we want to do Feb. 18 is to change the world a little. Let's help others see the sun for a few more tomorrows.

Want to voice an opinion?

If you have a communitywide issue to raise and no other outlet, perhaps you should write a letter to the editor. Keep your verbage to less than 300 words, and keep your comments to the issues. This would be a no-libel zone. Letters must be signed. We will edit for AP style and, if you exceed the word limit, space. Please limit yourself to one letter every 30 days, to give other readers a chance to write.

Send your letter to:

The Hourglass, P.O. Box 23, Local; or
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Buckminster and Friends ————— By Sabrina Mumma



Kwajalein Hospital lab meets stateside standards



(Photo by KW Hillis)

Sandra Clark, Kwajalein Hospital Laboratory supervisor, examines a specimen under a microscope. The lab was recently recertified by the Commission on Office Laboratory Accreditation, meaning its work conforms to stateside standards.

By KW Hillis
Feature Writer

Kwajalein Hospital Laboratory is comparable to any stateside lab—and it has the papers to prove it.

The lab just received notice that its certification was renewed by COLA, formerly known as the Commission on Office Laboratory Accreditation, said Sandra Clark, Kwajalein Laboratory supervisor.

“It should give [residents] a measure of assurance ... that we are equivalent to a stateside lab ... and have demonstrated proficiency,” Clark said, explaining that she used to work for COLA and was impressed enough with the medical laboratory on Kwajalein to come to work here three months ago.

In 1988, Congress passed the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments, or CLIA, that requires laboratories performing tests on humans to meet certain quality standards of accuracy, reliability and timeliness, according to the Health Care Financing Administration, which oversees CLIA implementation and testing by government and private agencies. “There are three or four independent agen-

cies ... including COLA ... that have accreditation programs deemed equivalent to government agencies,” Clark said.

COLA originally accredited Kwajalein Hospital Laboratory in 1999 with a certification valid for two years, Clark said. After the laboratory applied for a re-certification and performed a self-assessment, COLA sent a surveyor to conduct an on-site survey in March.

The surveyor recommended a few changes, in the documentation of the policies and procedures that “were probably already in place,” Clark said, explaining that once those changes were made, the laboratory received its certification.

“The laboratory here does quite a lot of different things with just three full-time staff members ... such as microbiology, chemistry tests, monitoring diabetic patients and occupational health tests,” Clark said.

The lab sees an average of 445 patients per month, performs an average of 4,510 tests per month and does about 162 water tests on pools and beaches and potable water on Meck, Kwaj, Roi and Carlos, according to Clark.

“[The lab] is quite versatile and certainly unique,” she said.

Matsunaga and Co. deliver the goods at shipping department

From staff reports

The 2001 Transportation Excellence Award plaque is on a neat pile of paper in one corner of Jimmy Matsunaga’s desk. It will soon take its place on the Shipping and Receiving department’s wall next to two other transportation awards presented in 1999 and 1997 by the Military Traffic Management Command.

At the MTMC Pacific conference awards ceremony Oct. 30 in Hawaii, Army Maj. Gen. Kenneth L. Privatsky, MTMC commander, presented the award from the 599th Transportation Group to Matsunaga, RSE Shipping and Receiving manager.

“This is a highly coveted award with the DoD transportation area and is the third time in the last five years that MTMC has recognized RSE Shipping and Receiving department’s efforts,” said 1st Lt. Jeffrey Emhuff, USAKA transportation officer, who nominated the department for the award. “They provide a wide variety of services to the island. They are also extremely flexible and often work late hours and weekends to process cargo or an emergency delivery. It definitely makes my job much easier.”

The department won the award as a result of last year’s record, Emhuff said. The department shipped and received more than 46.8 million pounds of cargo via surface and air from the United States and 11 million pounds to and from outlying islands. Most incoming surface cargo was processed and delivered within seven to 10 days while incoming air cargo normally took only one to two days. Additionally, the packing and crating section packed out 328 shipments of household goods weighing a total of 714,000 pounds and delivered 295 shipments weighing a total of 533,000 pounds.

The department also delivers cargo to warehouses and organizations on Kwajalein, Emhuff said. The department delivered about



(Photo by KW Hillis)

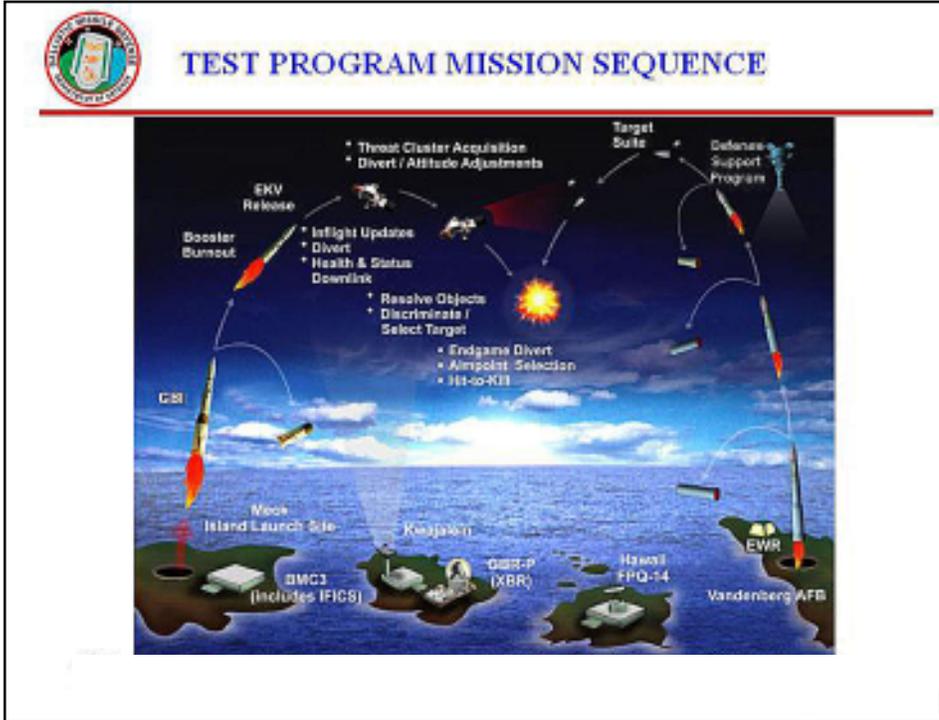
RSE Shipping and Receiving Manager Jimmy Matsunaga, left, helps Stan Aron, Air Cargo Warehouse leader, shuttle outbound air cargo.

3,000 pieces of cargo, including mail, aviation and marine maintenance parts, power plant generators, merchandise and missile parts, each month, as well.

Missions impose an additional workload on Shipping and Receiving, Emhuff noted. During IFT-6, the department coordinated with the transportation officer, vendors, commercial carriers and the Air Force

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Weather delays IFT-7 twice over the weekend ...



for a third day in a row.

“We’ll go over [the] checklists ad nauseam,” he said. Wremm said the test is delayed 24 hours to give personnel a chance to rest, since the countdown began at 7 a.m.

“After eight to 10 hours, they’re not as sharp,” he explained. “We try to make these decisions [to proceed or not] as soon as possible.”

IFT-7 had originally been set to go Friday, but was delayed 48 hours due to a problem with the nose cone on the Exoatmospheric Kill Vehicle, according to a *Santa Maria Times* news report released by BMDO. Wremm said because this is a developmental test, testers had the luxury of bringing out another nose cone.

In a press conference in Washington, D.C. Friday afternoon (CONUS time), Lt. Gen. Ron Kadish, BMDO director, also emphasized the nature of developmental testing versus operational testing, which he said is about two years away.

“We are testing to learn, we are not testing as pass-fail for some operational reason ... that is, we’re learning about the system, we will make corrections as a result of any anomalies, and we will continue to test to build our confidence and to learn more until such time as we feel confident to do operational testing against more realistic targets and more realistic scenarios,” Kadish said in a news transcript released by the Department of Defense.

Kadish noted that there are elements of operational realism in IFT-7.

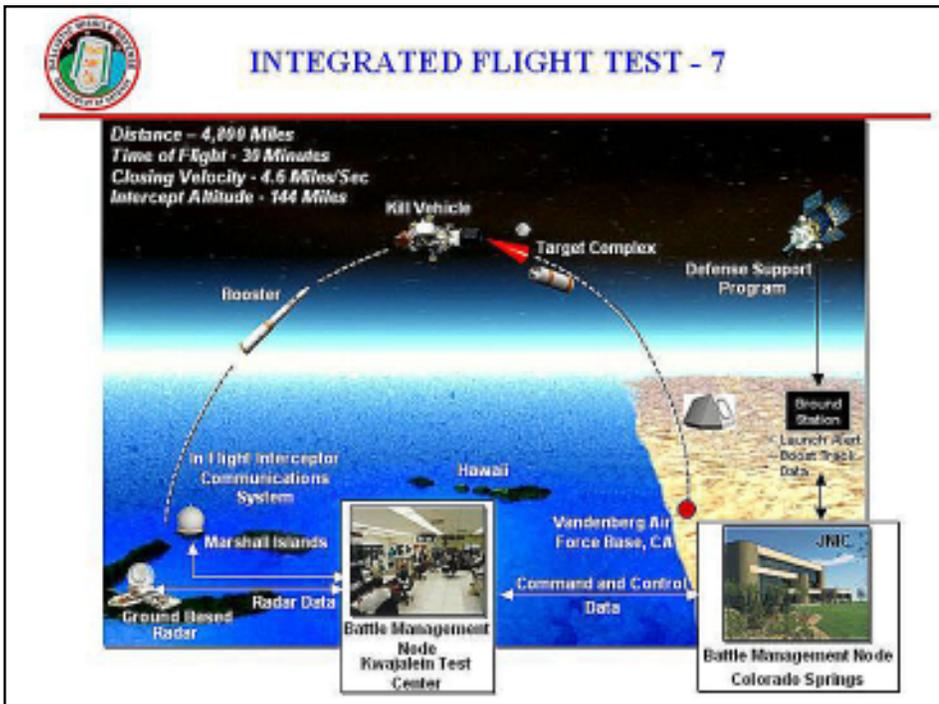
“The idea of having a decoy of some sort [is] in there. The geometry that we have is somewhat representative of the class of things we would like to do,” he explained.

If the EKV scores a hit today – assuming there is not another delay – Kadish said the next test, tentatively scheduled for February, would probably be more complex.

“I think, if we have success ... even if there’s an anomaly of some sort, as we expect in a lot of these tests, we will have increased our confidence to move on to more aggressive and complicated efforts in these tests,” he said.

After the success of IFT-6, BMDO announced a most robust testing schedule, with at least four tests per year. While IFT-7 had originally been scheduled for October, Kadish said BMDO only missed that mark “by about four or five weeks. But we are narrowing the gap in terms of the developmental process on how fast we can do these tests as well as how effectively we think our process is to do them.”

Asked to respond to what his reaction would be in the event of a success, Kadish said, “It will be one step forward on a journey.”



These two graphs were released Friday (CONUS time) during a press conference given by Lt. Gen. Ron Kadish, BMDO director. The top graph gives a blow-by-blow account of the test. The bottom graph gives a general overview of the program test.

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an all-weather missile, the test modifications could be affected by the weather, Wremm said.

At Kwajalein, everything was “green” and

ready to proceed, he added.

“Our folks are ready to go,” Wremm said, adding that personnel will not grow complacent as they prepare to repeat the countdown

Hezel boasts nearly 40 years studying Micronesia ...

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from education ("My No. 1 priority," he reiterated time and again) to history to globalization to suicide. His visit was sponsored by the Marshallese Cultural Society.

His itinerary was an ambitious one: Hezel met with educators on Ebeye Wednesday, lectured on a broad range of issues at a public forum Thursday night, headed a luncheon discussion among some of the atoll's most prominent leaders in American-Marshallese relations Friday and capped his visit with a lecture on suicide hosted by the Marshall Islands Medical Society that evening.

"I continue to be surprised by the things I don't know about Marshallese and Marshallese history," Eric Lindborg, Marshallese Cultural Society president, said as he introduced Hezel at Friday's luncheon at the Yokwe Yuk Club.

Indeed, Hezel offered a number of intriguing arguments and hypotheses during his talks. For instance, he said Marshallese and Micronesian culture is not in any danger of extinction. "I think the Marshallese culture is strong and healthy," he said, adding the statement applies as well to Pohnpei, Chuuk and Guam.

Hezel argued that the cultures are able to absorb elements of other societies — "put their own signature" on it, he explained — while maintaining cultural norms. Suicide in the Marshalls, which is abnormally high, is actually a symptom of a healthy traditional society, he maintained.

"I think a lot of the importance of [Marshallese] life is relational, not achievement," he said. When that cultural norm is crossed, pressure builds on the individual, perhaps leading to something as desperate as suicide, Hezel postulated. If there was a cultural vacuum, he explained, there would be no pressure — or thoughts of suicide.

History also offers evidence of the continued strength of culture in the Marshalls, based on Hezel's Thursday evening lecture. He said the Marshall



(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

Father Francis X. Hezel, far right, lectures Thursday night about Micronesian and Marshallese culture and society at CRC Room 6. Hezel has spent nearly four decades in Micronesia, studying its various cultures and authoring numerous books and articles on the subject.

Islands is the only nation in Micronesia that allows its traditional leadership to play a major role in its modern politics.

"The Marshalls is an anomaly," he said. "The people [of other cultures] have segregated the modern system from the traditional system."

But like all the cultures of Micronesia, the Marshalls is caught in globalization. However, under Hezel's philosophy, that's not necessarily a bad thing. He said globalization has brought benefits, for as the ex-pat Marshallese population abroad grows, more money flows back to the country. And, if jobs are available, many of those émigrés do come home, bringing with them new skills.

"I think we're looking at a people who are going to be an international people," he said. "The tide is coming back."

To achieve that status, and to shake off the yoke of dependence on foreign money, Hezel said education must improve.

"I think [Marshallese are] being cheated by the deficiencies in their education," he said. In response to a question from Sheila Wrenn on whether or not bilingualism is a help or hindrance, Hezel added, "The more tools these people have when they leave the islands, the better off they're going

to be."

Noda Lojkar, USAKA ombudsman and local city councilor at Ebeye, said that one key to improving education is getting parents involved. That's not happening right now,

he said. Another contributing factor, at least on Ebeye: There are as many children not in school as there are in school, according to Lojkar, who blamed a lack of classroom space for the situation.

Despite the obstacles ahead in the next century,

Hezel ended upbeat. "The Marshallese have a good ability to take care of themselves."

Hezel first came to Micronesia in 1963 as a high school teacher at Xavier High School on Chuuk. He is currently the director of the Micronesian Seminar, a research-pastoral institute founded by the Catholic Church in 1972 and turned over to the Jesuits of Micronesia in 1992. The MicSem assists the people of Micronesia in reflecting on life in their islands under the impact of change in recent years. Its Web site at www.micsem.org contains a number of materials related to the region's political, social and cultural history.

"My field is Micronesia," Hezel said, explaining his longevity in the area. "I love the people. I have a sense of duty to the people."

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— Fr. Francis X. Hezel
Jesuit scholar on Micronesia

Books by Fr. Francis X. Hezel

The New Shape of Old Island Cultures (2001)
Strangers in Their Own Land (1995)
The Catholic Church in Micronesia (1991)
The First Taint of Civilization (1983)
Micronesia: Winds of Change (1980)
Foreign Ships in Micronesia (1979)
From Conquest to Colonization (1989)
Truk Underwater Archaeology (1997)

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, Beverly Schmidt, 52728.

COORDINATOR, Housing Services. Full time. Seeking responsible, detail-oriented individual to fill critical position in the Housing Services office. Responsibilities include maintaining computer database for all housing keys, assisting with administrative tasks and coordinating Housing Services customers and personnel. Experience with customer service helpful.

DESK CLERK, Kwaj Lodge. Part time. Seeking flexible individual to work the front desk at Kwaj Lodge. Flexible schedule to help cover call-outs and last-minute schedule changes a must. Previous hotel or customer-service experience helpful.

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

WANTED

INFLATABLE kayak in good condition to buy. Call 53569.

LOST

WOMENS prescription sunglasses, dark brown frames, UV dark plastic lenses, Nov. 15. Call Kris, 53759.

FOUND

U.S. DIVER blue fin. Call 51359.

WALLET. Call 54691.

CLASSES AND COURSES

MAKE A braided seagrass basket with handles in two nights. Kwajalein Art Guild is offering an intermediate basket-weaving class Dec. 5-6, 7-9 p.m. Students must have attended previous basket-weaving classes. Cost is \$35. Instructor is Michelle Parkhurst. Sign-up forms are on the mini-mall bulletin board. Questions? Call Karen, 51391, after 4:30 p.m.

FOR SALE

SAILBOAT: "Pacifica," 39' Ericson racer/cruiser equipped for blue water sailing, retrofit in 2000, new engine, rigging, paint, refrigeration, instruments and more. Over \$70,000 invested, make a reasonable offer.

Small Arms Range Notice

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

All watercraft observe the red flags on the southwest end of the island.



TOUR OF HOMES

Yokwe Yuk Women's Club Holiday Tour of Homes is Dec. 23. For tickets and information, call Dianne, 55990.

Call Jude, 52413.

MENS 15 lb. Brunswick Command bowling ball and Brunswick mens bowling shoes, size 10½, almost new, both \$50; 100 sheets of 8" x 10" Kodak professional photo printing paper, \$10. Call 53652.

4' HIGH white fence, \$300. See at Qtrs. 480-A. Call 50150.

55-GALLON black acrylic aquarium with oak stand and complete accessories, \$250 or best offer; blinds for old housing, \$5 each. Call 54558.

MACINTOSH home computer and accessories: Macintosh Power PC (Performa 6116 CD), Stylewriter 2400 printer, Apple monitor, Umax-Astra 1200S scanner, \$250 for all; Gaggia espresso machine, excellent condition, six months old, \$75. Call 52935.

ORIENTAL RUG, 8' x 11', navy, burgundy, green, \$35; king-size bedspread, southwest pattern, \$35; Thomas battery train set, lots of track and extra trains, \$35; Cannondale bike, Rustman-ready, \$290. Call 53276.

KENWOOD communications receiver, R-1000, 200 Khz to 30.0 Mhz, \$200. Call 54551, after 6 p.m.

DELUXE 11-piece, extra-large Santa Claus suit, \$200; large deluxe tumbling/yoga/exercise folding mat, \$50; Hoover floor polisher/buffer, \$40; Henderson extra-large

3mm dive suit, \$35. All in excellent condition. Call Kim, 53680.

SET OF womens golf clubs with bag. Call 52819 and leave a message.

LET'S PRETEND ELMO, new, still in box, \$25; Graco five-in-one Pack 'n Play, new, \$125. Call 53470 evenings.

B FLAT pocket trumpet (folding trumpet) by Maxtone, silver, with hard case and mouth-piece, excellent condition, great for travel, \$190. Call 53368, after 5:30 p.m.

EVENFLO HIGHCHAIR, converts to toddler seat and table, \$20; booster seat, \$5. Call 51145.

COMPUTER, COMPAQ, keyboard, Compaq Presario 5BW 5000A; color printer, Hewlett Packard Deskjet 648C; mouse. Call 58656, after 6 p.m.

1GHz AMD Thunderbird, 640 MB RAM, 10 Gig HDD, Matrox G450 32MB dual-head AGP video, Diamond MX400 sound card, USB hub, firewire card, 56K modem, CD-ROM, 3.5" drive, WinXPro and Office XP installed, \$750 or best offer. Call Chris, 51313H or 52575W or email: cheesyooof@hotmail.com.

SONY surround-sound stereo, AM/FM, five-CD changer with seven speakers, \$300. Call 54152, after 5 p.m.

SEVERAL boxes of guitar and music magazines. Call 51713.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

KRC's Pauper's Marathon is Monday, 6:30 a.m., at the Namo Weto Youth Center. Pre-registration by 6 p.m. Saturday is mandatory. Teams are five members, each running two 2.6 mile loops to complete a total of 10 2.6 mile segments. Register at Qtrs. 457-A or call Bob Sholar, 51815H.

BOATING ORIENTATION is tomorrow and Thursday, 6-8 p.m., in CAC Room 1. Register at Small Boat Marina. \$20 fee. Questions? Call 53643.

ROI-NAMUR Scuba Club's Splash is Saturday, 5 p.m. There will be dinner, games, a bonfire, beverages, music and fun. Roi Scuba Club members free. Non-members, \$10. Come and visit with us. RSVP to roiscubaclub@yahoo.com.

VETERINARIAN from Honolulu is on island through Dec. 11. To make an appointment, call Vet Services, 52017.

CAUTION REMINDER: Use extreme caution riding bikes on perimeter roads due to potholes. FOM has to wait for two days of dry weather in order to grade the roads without creating additional hazards. Use paved roads if possible.

FAMILY and adult pools will be closed for intake pipe cleaning Dec. 12-14. Questions? Call Kristin, 52847.

CHRISTMAS TREES are on sale Saturday, 5-7 p.m., at the high school. K-badge is required. There will be an entrance for natural, unshaped \$20 trees and an entrance for full-bodied, shaped \$35 trees. You can take the tree home yourself or have free delivery by Santa's elves. Office trees must be ordered from the high school secretary by Thursday. Office trees must be sprayed with fire retardant. They will be delivered Saturday between 3-4:30 p.m.

STARTING DEC. 15, adult pool usage agreements must be filled out by all instructors using the adult pool for classes such as water aerobics, scuba or swim lessons. A pool usage agreement form can be picked up at the family pool or the Community Activities office. Completed forms must be submitted to Kristin Haney, Pools and Beaches coordinator. Questions? Call Kristin, 52847.

KWAJALEIN AMATEUR Radio Club meets Thursday, 7 p.m., in the Ham Shack next to the adult pool.

KWAJALEIN SCUBA Club meeting is Dec. 12, 7 p.m., in CAC Room 6. Note date change.

ALL FAMILY childcare providers doing more than 10 hours of childcare per week must be registered and trained through the Child Development Center. Questions? Call Trina Tiffany, 52158.

U.S. GOVERNMENT property sealed bid sale will be conducted during December. Items are available for inspection Dec. 11-22, except holidays, Tuesday-Friday, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Winterfest

Macy's West

Macy's

Ten-Ten

**Winterfest is
Thursday, Dec. 13,
5-9 p.m.**

**A wonderful shopping opportunity, entertainment,
food booths and wine tasting.
Join us and celebrate the season.**

and 4:30-6 p.m. Sealed bids will be received until Dec. 22, 6 p.m., at Raytheon Range Systems Engineering, DCCB, Building 1500. Bids are opened Dec. 27, 9 a.m. For more information, call Raytheon Reutilization and Disposal office, 51076.

GEORGE SEITZ PTO Book Fair is Dec. 6-7, in the elementary school music room. The whole community is welcome to shop Dec. 7, 6-8:30 p.m. Questions? Call Meredith, 52115.

FRIENDS OF Bob Snyder are putting together a well-wishes video for Bob and his family. Call Denise, 56608W/53760H, or Chuck, 56405W/54352H, by Dec. 8.

HOLIDAY CONCERTS: Dec. 6, Elementary Band and Choir Concert; Dec. 10, Community Chorus Concert featuring Handel's *Messiah*; Dec. 12, High School Band and Choir Concert; Dec. 13, Junior High Band and Choir Concert; Dec. 19, Primary Grades Concert. All concerts except the Macy's

porch concert are in the MP room at 7 p.m.

ANYONE wishing to provide input into the 2002-2003 school calendar should call 53761, or send suggestions to P.O. Box 51, Local, before Dec. 8.

LADIES: The Christmas Exchange Party with the women's clubs of Ebeye is Saturday, 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$16.50. Don't miss this fantastic event with singing, dancing and gift exchange. To make reservations, call Brigitte, 52641.

JOB CORPS pre-enrollment test is Dec. 7, 3 p.m., at Ebeye Public School. Questions? Call Jallo Tokeak, Ebeye Job Corps recruiter, 329-8462, or Kwajalein Job Corps, 55622. Photo ID required.

KDA's Dec. 15 community dance is postponed. Dances will resume in January.

SURFSIDE Beauty Salon is accepting walk-in haircuts on alternating Thursdays. For more information, call 53319.

See you at the movies!

Saturday

Holiday Inn (1942, Classic)

A singer and dancer who is fed up with show business and working all the time decides to start a resort that is open only during the holidays in this classic musical. (Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire, Marjorie Reynolds, Virginia Dale) (101 minutes)
Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

The Score (2001, R)

Nick Wells is a master burglar contemplating retirement so he can run his jazz club in Montreal. But an old acquaintance makes him an offer he can't refuse — a priceless 17th century scepter made for a girl queen. (Marlon Brando, Robert De Niro, Edward Norton) (120 minutes)
Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within (2001, PG-13)

Computer-animated sci fi movie based on a computer game. The year is 2065, and humanity is fighting for its survival against an alien invader that sucks the life force out of its victims. (Voices of Ming-Na, Alec Baldwin, Steve Buscemi, James Woods, Donald Sutherland) (105 minutes)
Tradewinds Theater, 8 p.m.

Sunday

Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within (2001, PG-13)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

The Score (2001, R)

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Monday

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The Score (2001, R)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

Fire likely started in trash can ...

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Heavy soot coated every inch of the small office. Charred papers, a computer and printer with the plastic melted off attested to the intense flames, smoke and heat.

"There was more smoke damage than fire," said Michael Kearney, Kwajalein Fire Department assistant chief of Fire Prevention, who was on Roi to investigate the fire. "If there were any heavy flames, it was confined to the trash can." However, the fire did damage papers and a filing cabinet in the vicinity.

But smoke can be toxic, generate high heat and can cause a flare-up or backdraft if not handled correctly, according to fire officials.

"It was not a backdraft situation, but it was very close," said Lt. Jerry Abner Jr., acting assistant chief at the Roi-Namur fire station. "When we first got there we just cracked the door open; you don't want to put a large amount of oxygen in. We didn't put a lot of water on the fire. We didn't want to destroy anything for the investigation and [we wanted] to keep water damage to a minimum."

Abner, firefighters John Ford, Michael Lilley and Jose Garcia, along with the ambulance crew of Robert Guidi and Al Gammon were at

the scene within three minutes of an 11:59 a.m. call notifying the fire department that smoke was coming out of the Electrical Shop's eaves.

"I called 911," said Dan Fass, FOM supervisor, when he was alerted to smoke pouring from the shop's eaves. He said he didn't open the shop's door because, "I know just enough about fires that oxygen could have made it worse. The experts were just three-and-a-half minutes away."

The fire was out and contained by 12:20 p.m., according to Kearney's preliminary investigation findings the next day.

"It was non-incendiary — not purposely set," Kearney said. "As far as the actual cause, the probability of a cigarette discarded is one possible means. Something hot was placed inside the trash can and that was the source of the fire."

Saturday morning, Roi-Namur Operations manager Floyd Corder had a meeting with the FOM employees about fire caution and not smoking in the building — an overall safety review, Kearney said.

"We're doing some cleanup there now," Fass said. "It's good it didn't happen at night or it could have been a lot worse."

Shipping department efforts recognized ...

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to ensure on-time delivery of several important pieces of equipment vital to the mission, he said.

"This was all done with a workforce of only 35 personnel," Emhuff said. "This is a very efficient and customer-oriented department."

Matsunaga said, "As I have said before, I am lucky to have an outstanding workforce. My staff members have been with me for 25-plus years. That's experience and continuity."

Emhuff believes Matsunaga's workforce is just following their manager's lead.

"Jimmy is constantly looking at ways to save money and improve services to the island," Emhuff said. "He not only works with other government agencies, but works with commercial carriers, such as Matson Navigation Co., who agreed to reduce their in-cube charge of their containers ... This is saving USAKA several thousands of dollars in shipping costs too."

WEATHER
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Tonight: Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
Winds: Northeast at 10 to 15 knots, with higher gusts near showers.
Tomorrow: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of a shower.
Winds: Northeast to east-northeast at 10 to 15 knots.
Temperature: Tonight's low 80°
Tomorrow's high 87°
December rain total: 00.48"
Annual rain total: 68.36"
Annual deviation: -26.41"
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	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday December 4	0650/1829	2141/0942	0603, 4.4' 1817, 5.7'	0008, 0.6' 1150, 0.9'
Wednesday December 5	0650/1829	2242/1040	0646, 4.1' 1902, 5.3'	0052, 0.8' 1231, 1.2'
Thursday December 6	0651/1829	2340/1135	0740, 3.8' 1955, 4.9'	0143, 1.1' 1320, 1.6'
Friday December 7	0651/1830	/1226	0853, 3.6' 2107, 4.4'	0247, 1.4' 1430, 2.0'