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Teens speak out on drinking

By C.J. Johnson
Hourglass Intern

The Kwajalein Police Department picked up three teens Saturday night for allegedly drinking alcohol behind the youth center.

"We got a phone call from a concerned parent that some teenagers were drinking," said Police Chief Kevin Dykema.

After the phone call, police got to the scene and detained three teenagers.

"After detaining and transporting the teenagers to the police station, the parents were notified. The teenagers were processed in the presence of their parents and then released into the custody of the parents. Upon completion of the paperwork, it will be forwarded to the USAKA command for adjudication (See *TEEN*, page 4)

CILHI team maps out strategy to recover Marines

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

The search for the remains of nine Marine Raiders believed to have been executed on Kwajalein during World War II began this week with a site visit by members of the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii.

"I think we have a really good shot at this," said archaeologist Greg Fox during a briefing with archaeologists from the RMI Historical Preservation Office and USAKA officials Wednesday morning in the command conference room at the air terminal.

Part of the reason for that kind of optimism is the location of the proposed excavation site — a patch of cleared land across the street from the Japanese Cemetery that abuts the gravel road into the landfill. Fox called the site pristine because there has been little construction in the area since the war, except for the installation of utility lines. Even during the battle when U.S. forces bombarded the beaches with ordnance in early 1944, this section of real (See *MASS*, page 5)



(Photos courtesy of RTSP Photo Lab)

Maj. Gen. Willie Nance, former GMD director, far right, Brig. Gen. (P) John W. Holly, new GMD director, second from right, and the rest of the Ground-based Midcourse Defense Segment team celebrate a successful intercept in IFT-7.

EKV scores second straight hit

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

A second straight intercept in Tuesday's Ground-based Midcourse Defense Segment test proves the system is not only viable, but ready to move on to the next step, according to two of the program's leading officials.

Jim Hill, GMD site manager, said IFT-7 accomplished the overriding objective of proving that an intercept is repeatable. "This shot was even better than IFT-6," he said, adding that such a system has never enjoyed two straight successes.

"That shows our maturity and that we're working out the bugs," he said.

Tuesday's test was a mirror reflection of July's intercept, according to Hill. But that didn't make it any easier, especially with a 48-hour delay from the original launch window and then two additional slips thanks to foul weather at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

"It truly took our A team being on their A game," said Jerry Cornell, Boeing site manager. Boeing is the Lead System Integrator for GMD.

Added Hill, "It really stretched everybody... It would have been difficult to do a fourth time." (See *NEXT*, page 4)



The EKV launches from Meck Tuesday.

Letters good way to open constructive debates, offer kudos

The cobwebs are growing in the old *Hourglass* mailbox. The Post Office is threatening to shut down our box, unless we start getting some letters to the editor. We even had to call upon Editor Jim Bennett, TDY in Honolulu, to write a few words this week to justify the existence of our Editorial page. (You all remember, Jim, right? Crusty but kind of cuddly. Yeah, that's the guy.)

But back to the letters to the editor. It's really not such a hard concept, folks. Maybe you liked a story, or disliked a story. Perhaps you have an idea of how to do something even better, or just want to recognize a few volunteers who made an event possible. That's what this page is for. Use it or lose it.



A good example of how one may use a "letters to the editor" page might be found in the recent circulation of an article in "Harper's Magazine" entitled, "This is Only a Test." It seems our little range found itself the subject of feature story by a freelance writer who visited about a year ago. Her perspective, or more precisely, the items she decided to focus on, were ... interesting.

If I were to write a letter to the editor of the magazine, it might go something like this:

Dear Editor,

Enjoyed your piece about Kwajalein. Your writer has a vivid imagination and is an excellent writer. I particularly enjoyed her analogy of comparing the Hourglass to a cross between a Pennysaver and a corporate newsletter. I imagine those periodicals often have stories about underage drinking, cancer and an archaeological excavation, as we do in our Dec. 7 issue.

Sincerely,

Me.

Any questions? Remember, don't forget to sign your letters.

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.

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Aloha spirit fosters healing of wounded souls

HONOLULU – Sitting at an open-air bar on Waikiki Beach in Honolulu, the guitar-pickin' Hawaiians called out to the audience.

"If any of you are from New York, we'd like to pass on our condolences and share with you the spirit of Aloha."

Seems the states of New York and Hawaii and a number of businesses got together and brought out a number of the survivors from the Sept. 11 attacks and family members of those killed for a week-long, all-expenses-paid trip.

I turn to the other guy at my table.

"I sure hope those New Yorkers have a nice visit," I said. "I don't know how I'd feel making a once-in-a-lifetime trip after that."

"Me too," he said. "Maybe just getting away will give them a chance to put it out of their minds for a minute or two."

A woman sits nearby with a man who appears to be her husband. He's certainly big enough to be someone's husband and maybe scare off would-be suitors, too. She wears a dark blue jacket; the trade winds blow coolly through the bar. On the back of the jacket, bright yellow letters spell out FDNY. No doubt what her husband does for a living. She gives him a peck on the cheek. They get up and head to the hotel tower. It's fairly late. He limps a little.

The couple passes another interesting table, one where a Japanese man and woman sit with another couple, also apparently Japanese. The first man wears a Japanese Navy blouse and hat. A bugle



hangs around his neck. The other man at his table simply wears the naval cap. Both uniforms look about 60 years old, the men probably 80.

"I wonder if the last time he visited Hawaii, he was wearing that uniform," I mention to my table mate.

"He was probably on a ship nearby," he answers.

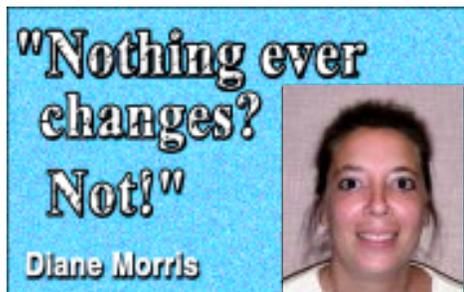
They sit at a table next to another table with two more couples. The men at that table wear American Legion hats.

Everyone seems to be enjoying themselves.

The four Japanese get up shortly afterwards and leave, following the same route as the New Yorkers. The American Legionnaires and their wives take off, too. They all pass by the same the 20-foot-tall pine tree sparkling with lights and decorated with old-fashioned dolls, bears and little drummers.

Maybe it is the spirit of Aloha. Maybe it's the giant tree and the spirit it represents. Maybe it's some combination thereof. But for one cool night on Waikiki Beach one group of people tried to heal and another showed they had.

New electronic survey system offers fast results



The results are in. With the new (mostly) e-mail survey distribution, the results are already tabulated because the software does it for us. Now, we can give you the results much more quickly. Thank you for continuing to care about the world around us. Your concern was evident in the number of responses we received. We have again reached the 95 percent confidence level. Actually we surpassed it.

Notice that Adult Education soared in favorable responses? This might be attributed to increasing the public's awareness as to the role they play on island. See how a little information goes a long way? The CDC has done it again. Could this be the future sweepstakes winner? Dental fared well as usual, and the hospital climbed. Interesting to note, the hospital and dental portions of the survey were taken di-

rectly from the Military Health System Customer Satisfaction surveys. The Post Office improved in the number of favorable responses, but it also has the most unfavorable comments.

While the chart shows the percentage of favorable responses, the actual report breaks it down to the average scored in a focus area. For example, we were able to get the scores for Adult Education in the areas of access, instruction, offerings and value. From there, the process owner has a greater way to determine which area might deserve the greatest attention. This survey gave us some powerful information to work with and will continue to show us where to put our efforts for you, the customer.

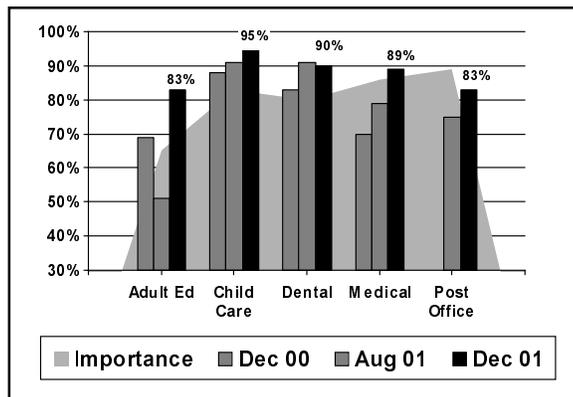
Here they are:

Adult Education: Access, 75.6%; Instruction, 75.4%; Offerings, 63.8%; Value, 76.2%

Post Office: Access, 52.6%; Competence, 70.1%; Courtesy, 71.8%; Wait Time, 64.2%

Medical: Access, 68.1%; Care, 77.7%; Interpersonal, 81.3%

Dental: Access, 69.4%; Care, 85.3%; Interpersonal, 85.9%



CDC: Care, 84.4%; Competence, 83%; Facility, 78.1%; Value, 78.2%

We discovered some bugs in the software recognition for a few systems out there. We'll continue to work with the designers to fix the problems, but meanwhile, please don't stop responding. We'll continue to offer hard copies to anyone who requests them, but will make a concerted effort to get one to you before you have to call us. The software company has been very receptive and has demonstrated excellent customer service. (I hope they send out a survey!) Until next time ...Happy Holidays!

Relay for Life seeks more teams, participants for February event

By KW Hillis
Feature Writer

There are 14 team leaders and about 140 team members committed for Kwajalein's first Relay for Life, now less than three months away—but more teams are needed.

RFL team leader chairperson Beverly Schmidt said that she would like to have at least 30 10-member teams supporting the overnight 12-hour fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. She said that certain misconceptions about what each team member has to do have kept residents from joining or forming a team.

"When I talk to people in the community ... they think they have to walk the whole 12 hours and they have to be at the relay the entire 12 hours," Schmidt said.

There is really only one rule that has to be followed by teams during the relay.

"It's not regimental," Schmidt

said. "The only requirement is that each team have a member on the track the entire 12 hours ... if the entire team wants to walk around the track together or one at a time, however they want to do it—that's fine."

A team member doesn't even have to be at the relay for the entire 12 hours, Schmidt said, but he or she may want to just for the fun.

An art show, movies and bands, including the Zooks, will entertain the participants all night long, said Julie Balter, RFL entertainment chairperson.

"I'm wanting people of all ages and crafts to be able to participate in the art show," Balter said. There is a \$3 entry fee to enter, with the fee going to the ACS.

"Photography, painting, metal crafts, sculpture, even bicycles ... you name it, can be entered," Balter added.

Each team can pitch a tent and

even have a potluck, said team leader Sarah Stepchew, who still is looking for a few more team members from the Yacht Club.

"It should be fun," Stepchew said. "[My team] is starting to fill up ... I'm looking for people pretty committed to staying for that night."

Part of the commitment is for each team to raise a minimum of \$1,000. With 10 team members, that's \$100 each. Schmidt noted that some residents have come up with clever methods for raising money.

"Brenda [Panton] is going to have cut-athon," Schmidt said. "Sometime in February, the beauty shop is going to cut people's hair and the proceeds are going to go to the Relay for Life."

There is no maximum amount a person can donate, so participants can raise their personal goals. Also, there is a form letter available, which can be modified so team members

can ask family and friends for donations, Schmidt said.

"If they just want to come out and participate for a few hours—and give whatever kind of support they can give ... that's great," Schmidt said, explaining that the important thing is for people to commit.

"It not like you are going to run out there and have fun for a few minutes and go home," she said. "It's a commitment that you are making to help raise cancer funds and awareness. ... I think once they've been there, they will understand that you get so caught up in it ... and before you know it, it's a big block party and a family gathering to support each other—it's like a giant sleepover."

Anyone who wants to find out about joining or forming a team can call Schmidt, 52728, or email her at bev_kwaj@yahoo.com. For information about entering the art show, call Balter at 51700.

Teen drinking brings host of negative consequences ...

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through the Juvenile Review Board," Dykema said.

Is this incident an aberration or the sign of a deeper problem?

Alcohol is the No. 1 drug problem among young people, according to Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Official police records show six recorded incidents involving underage drinking at Kwaj over the last three years. During this calendar year, police recorded two incidents, not including Saturday's detention.

Dykema said, "We're here to assist the public. To be honest, we do not see underage drinking as a problem."

Teens interviewed by the *Hourglass*, under condition of anonymity, said there is an underground drinking culture at Kwaj.

"Dude, I've seen 15-year-olds chug a bottle of 151. They can drink better than I can. I just drink out here to drink, not to get drunk like a lot of these kids out here," said one 19-year-old male.

Fifteen percent of eighth-graders binge drink, and 24 percent have consumed alcohol, according to MADD.

Dykema said, "Statistics show 90 percent of teenagers have tried alcohol."

Those underage drinkers who are caught by the police not only face administrative action at a later date, but are turned over to their parents.

"If there is a situation we will respond appropriately," Dykema said.

"If we apprehend an underage drinker, we place that juvenile under apprehension, notify the parents and then process them in front of their parents," Dykema said.

While the police can't catch everyone, parents sometimes do, according to some teens.

"I've gotten caught drinking by my parents before. They freaked; then, that's when I stopped," said one male, 17.

"Yeah, I just chose to stop drinking. I'll probably start up again, but for now I stopped because the consequences of getting caught are great," said one male, 17.

Why do teens drink? And where do they get their alcohol? Some say they steal it from their parents, while others say adults buy them alcohol. MADD reports that 75 percent of young teenagers say alcohol is easy to acquire, and two-thirds of teenagers report they buy their own alcohol.

"I used to drink because it was fun, and I started in eighth grade. I've never gotten caught and I'm not afraid I am [going to]. There have been a couple of close calls, but I've never been caught," said one male, 17.

"I drink because I'm good at it," said an 18-year-old male. "Everyone knows I drink. I tried to stop, but I just started up again," said another 18-year-old male.

Casual drinking can lead to binge drinking, according to MADD. Statistics also show that 31 percent of 12th graders in the U.S. reported

binge drinking — drinking five or more drinks in a row.

"I used to drink a couple of beers with my friends, and now I get drunk almost every weekend," said one male, 17.

But contrary to what teenagers have been saying, Dykema said underage drinking at Kwaj is less severe than stateside. "We're in a controlled environment. Our statistics show drinking happens less and less here."

And for every teen raising a bottle, there's another who says he or she doesn't or won't.

"In 9th grade, I drank for the first time. I don't drink, like, all the time like my friends do because I don't want to get taken advantage of," said one female, 17.

Kids who take their first drink at 13 have nearly a 47.3 percent chance of having a lifetime alcohol dependence problem, according to MADD. Teenagers drinking alcohol are also 7.5 times more likely to use an illegal drug and are 50 more times likely to use cocaine than teenagers who do not drink, MADD said.

Shawna Ferstl, school psychologist said, "We're gonna be starting awareness groups. My understanding is that drinking is a large problem on this island. It's illegal, and we want to start activities where you don't drink."

Ferstl also reported that alcoholics experience all the social pressures everyone else does, but their ability to cope is undermined by alcoholism and the problems get worse. Alcohol has an effect on the brain that causes severe psychological and emotional distortions of the normal personality, she said, explaining that sobriety reveals an alcoholic's true personality.

Peer pressure is also a factor, said one teen.

"I once tried to stop drinking. I think a lot of people my age have, but it's really hard to stop when everyone around you drinks," said one male, 17.

Ferstl said, "Many kids drink because of peer pressure, coping with things and stress. If kids want to, they can come in and talk any time. I do have to get parent permission for ongoing counseling, but anyone can come in and talk anytime. Call, e-mail or voice mail, if you don't want anyone to know. Confidentiality is a big part of my job."

There are more than just legal and parental consequences awaiting teens who drink, according to MADD. Alcohol kills teenagers 6.5 times more than all other drugs combined. More statistics show poor grades are correlated with increased use of alcohol. Alcohol is implicated in more than 40 percent of all academic problems and 28 percent of all dropouts.

"The consequences are negative for teenagers. One of them is getting in trouble not just with your parents but with the law. If you need help, try to get help," Ferstl said.

Next GMD operation at range set for February timeframe ...

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Hill said the operation was not only a success in terms of an intercept, but also in the data collected by the range, from telemetry to optics.

"We want to extend our deepest appreciation for everyone at RTS and USAKA," Cornell said. "We don't get there alone."

IFT-8 is tentatively scheduled in the February timeframe. Expect a more complex scenario this time around, Hill said, though he said it is premature to discuss specifics.

"We are taking the next step," he said, echoing comments made by Lt. Gen. Ron Kadish, director of the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, the agency that oversees GMD, before Tuesday's successful intercept.

The need for a ground-based midcourse defense — which refers to the exoatmospheric stage of a robust missile defense shield — seems greater than ever based on the events of Sept. 11, Hill and Cornell noted.

"[Sept. 11] was a wake-up call: The United

States can be attacked," Hill said.

Cornell said the BMDO command stressed the importance of GMD in the war against terrorism. "We are truly part of the Homeland Defense system," he said.

GMD is scheduled to deploy by 2005. And while operational testing will likely include facilities other than the Reagan Test Site, Hill said RTS will continue to play a big role in the program. "Kwaj will always be the primary developmental test site," he said.

Mass grave may contain bodies of Marines, air crews ...

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estate saw little action after the initial assault.

"This end of the island was passed over quickly," Fox said later that morning during a trip to the site where the survey team plans to measure and set boundaries for excavation next month.

The CILHI team is also upbeat thanks to the paper trail put together by Tripp Wiles, a historian/analyst with CILHI who has been working on this project for about a year. Wiles gathered information from a variety of sources. Aerial photographs of that era from the Bishop Museum in Honolulu show the site before it was blown away and bulldozed over. Data and maps also came from the National Archives, the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office, transcripts of the war crimes tribunal in Guam and a recently found copy of the memoirs of the Japanese officer believed to have been in charge of the execution.

"He pretty much confirmed where we were thinking it was," Wiles said. Another important piece in the puzzle was a crude map of the area provided by Lt. Commander Koichi Hiyashi, executive officer of the Guard Unit on Kwajalein. Hiyashi provided the sketches to U.S. Navy war crimes investigators prior to the trial of Vice Admiral Koso Abe, the Kwajalein commander who ordered the executions. CILHI investigators used the map to determine which area on Kwaj mostly closely resembled its configuration.

Wiles also conducted interviews during his



Greg Fox, CILHI archaeologist, second from right, shows a map of the excavation site to Bob Esher, USAKA Environmental contractor, far right, and RMI archaeologists for the Historical Preservation Office Leslie Mead, second from left, and Hemley Benjamin.

(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

investigation, talking to Eugene C. Sims, a former Kwajalein resident and historian who first brought the story of the executed Marines to the *Hourglass* nearly two years ago. Wiles also spoke to Ben Carson, a Marine Raider who participated in the 1942 raid on Makin Atoll, in the former Gilbert Islands. That raid ended with the capture of at least nine Marines who were later transferred to Kwajalein and then executed with a blow to the neck with a samurai sword.

The trail has not been an easy one to put together, according to Wiles.

"The problem with this thing is, that most of the people who knew anything about it are dead," he said.

The investigation is also much broader than when it began. Besides the Makin

Raiders, Wiles said he believes there were at least three B-24 bomber crews executed at Kwajalein, and there is a good chance that their remains may be found as well.

When it returns in January for the excavation, the CILHI team, led by Capt. Nathan Chamberlain, USMC, could be looking for a mass grave of almost 30 bodies, Wiles said. If the remains are found, Fox said he expects the task to be further complicated because the bodies were beheaded. "That's going to make the identification even harder," he said.

During the excavation, the team must also be sensitive to the host nation.

"Human remains are a very high priority to the RMI HPO," said Leslie Mead, archaeologist for the RMI Historical Preservation Office, who met with the three members of the CILHI team to discuss protocol. Mead said the excavation site, which used to represent the southern extremity of the island, was an important traditional area for the Marshallese.

Historically, burials were reserved for an *iroj*, or traditional leader, she explained, meaning any Marshallese remains that might be found would belong to royalty.

"It's important we do this correctly," Mead said.

The mission is an important one to the team from CILHI, which has similar operations around the world, from North Korea to Turkey to Papua New Guinea. There are 80,000 personnel missing from World War II alone, according to Fox.

"They need to be returned," Wiles said of the executed soldiers on Kwajalein. "There is a lot of interest."



(Photo courtesy of CILHI)

This 1943 aerial photograph from the National Archives of the southern end of Kwajalein shows the possible site where CILHI archaeologists and historians believe the bodies of U.S. service members may be buried. A team will excavate the circled area in January.

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Marshallese teams add twist to soccer season

By Kim Parker
Sports Writer

Smiles are lighting up Brandon Field these days, thanks in part to the many Marshallese athletes participating in the adult soccer season. More Marshallese teams are playing this season than have ever before played on Kwajalein.

Six teams started the season, but due to scheduling complications and the difficulties involved in commuting, two teams dropped out, leaving four teams from Ebeye and Gugeegue on the schedule, according to Ian West, Adult Athletics supervisor for Community Activities.

Each game day, the students go straight from school to catch the LCM, said Amber Morse, Queen of Peace Men's sponsor/coach. Players typically return on the 7 p.m. or 8:30 p.m. LCM.

"It really makes for a long day for them," she said. "Anytime they come to Kwaj for sports, they're looking at a minimum of four hours."

But the players don't seem to mind. "It absolutely means the world to them to be able to come over here," Morse added.

In spite of their willingness to make the commute, arranging practice on Kwajalein can prove quite challenging, so most Marshallese teams don't practice.

"Soccer isn't like basketball or volleyball," she said. "[Those



(Photos by Kim Parker)

The Calvary I Mens team takes a break from the action on the sidelines.

sports] are played on Ebeye on a daily basis."

Maure Muller, Calvary II women's player/coach, agreed.

"Soccer is pretty new to us," Muller said.

Though the sport is new to most players, they still welcome the competition. "We enjoy when we play against the tougher teams," she said. "It's exciting."

Muller says all the excitement associated with this new sport would not be possible without the volunteers from Kwajalein who sponsor and coach the Marshallese teams.

"[The sponsors] bring us water and they give us some shoes and socks to use," Muller said.

In addition to those duties, sponsors must also sign in the players at the Dock Security Checkpoint.

"Sponsoring isn't a big commitment," Morse attested. "It's a great, great way to get to know these kids."

For more information on sponsoring or coaching a Marshallese team, contact Community Activities at 53331.



The Queen of Peace Mens team warms up before taking the field.

Army beats Navy, 26-17, at the Vet

By Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — While it is a long-standing truism in sports that you need a good offense to win, Army had great help from its defensive unit in its 26-17 win over Navy in Philadelphia's Veterans Stadium Dec. 1.

The Black Knight defense, led by senior linebacker Brian Zickefoose and freshman Ardell Daniels, severely limited Navy access to the end zone — keeping Navy scores mostly to field goals despite an Army fumble and four intercepted passes.

"I'm a senior and it feels great to know that my class came in with a

(Army-Navy) win and is going out with a win," said Cadet Todd Hieldebrant, who watched the game with the rest of the Corps of Cadets from stadium seating. "While the win feels great, I was most impressed with all the civilians who came out to watch the game. Whether they came to root for Army or for Navy, it's nice to see them supporting the military."

President George W. Bush attended the game and conducted the coin toss at the start of the game. Navy won the toss and elected to receive.

Army leads the 102-game classic series 49-46-1. Army ended the season 3-8; Navy, 0-10.

Soccer wraps up next week

By Kim Parker
Sports Writer

The Men's A division championship final took shape Wednesday night as the Locals beat Kobeer, 3-2, in sudden death overtime.

The victory assured the Locals a spot in the championship game against Spartans I. The two teams meet tonight at 6:45 p.m. before playing the championship final on Dec. 12 at 6:45 p.m.

With a record of 2-0 in the playoffs, the Spartans II Men will face off against the Queen of Peace Men for the B division championship Dec. 12 at 5:15 p.m. QP Men are 1-1 in the playoffs.

The Men's C division championship will be played on Dec. 11 at 6:45 p.m. The teams are undetermined at this time.

The teams vying for both of the Women's division championships are also undetermined at this time. The Women's A final will be played on Dec. 13 at 6:45 p.m. The Women's B game will be Dec. 13 at 5:15 p.m.

Classified Ads and Community Notices

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Lunch

Sat	Pesto pasta casserole ★ Seasoned roast beef Chicken and vegetable stir-fry Grill: Ham and cheese with tomato
Sun	Eggs Florentine Roast beef with pan gravy Sunday-fried chicken Grill: Brunch station open
Mon	Brunch station open ★ Corned beef and cabbage Pineapple chicken
Tues	Baked potato bar ★ Hawaiian chopped steak Red beans and sausage Grill: Bacon, tomato and cheddar
Wed	Grand Wailea mahi mahi ★ Shoyu chicken Beef turnovers Grill: Italian meatball sandwich
Thur	Spicy Oriental noodles ★ Crispy-fried chicken Island hamburger steak Grill: Hot Reuben sandwich
Fri	Baked acorn squash ★ Roasted turkey Fish and chips Grill: Western cheeseburger ★ <i>This symbol denotes the Wellness menu</i>
Dinner	
Tonight	Tofu vegetable curry ★ Spicy pork stir-fry Shorribs Jardinaise
Sat	Build-your-own pizza bar ★ Korean-style grilled chicken Beef and pepper ragu
Sun	Black beans and rice ★ Pork carnitas Mahi mahi empanizado
Mon	Tofu vegetable stir-fry ★ Beef stroganoff Glazed roast chicken
Tues	Sesame noodles and veggies ★ Teriyaki pork chops Beef bourignon
Wed	Primavera casserole ★ Grilled sirloin steak Honey barbecued chicken
Thur	Fresh vegetable sauté Keoki's pot roast Sweet-and-sour pork
Fri	Stir-fry to order ★ Kal Bi short ribs Blackened chicken breast

★ *This symbol denotes the Wellness menu*

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.

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

WANTED

HOUSE or trailer for visiting adult children Jan. 24-Feb. 3. Great with pets and plants. Nonsmokers. Call Barbara or Mike, 53652.

LARGE knee pads for rollerblading. Call 51114.

LOST

14K GOLD Hawaiian heirloom earring with plumeria etching between downtown and terminal. Call Vicky, 51013W or 52412H.

MICRO SCOOTER with clean wheels and owner's name written on bottom. Call 51114.

SPEEDO with Tyler on back, at Emon Beach. Call 51489.

FOUND

MASTERLOCK key, No. P252, on oceanside perimeter road north of CRC. Key attached to black necklace-size cord. Call 52654.

SUNGLASSES at tennis court. Call 52687.

U.S. DIVER blue fin. Call 51359.

GIVEAWAY

FREE BASS guitar. Call 54784.

PATIO SALE

MONDAY, 8 a.m.-noon, Qtrs. 461-A. Blinds, curtains, ironing board, shelving, children's, men's and women's clothing.

FOR SALE

VITANTONIO Tortilla Chef, non-stick surface, make your own flour/corn tortillas, used twice, \$55; fish and shell hanging plant rooters, clear blown glass, can be used as Christmas ornaments, \$4 each; Christmas tree oil candle, \$6; TV tray tables on rolling storage cart, like new, \$25; solid pearlized glass ornaments, \$6 each. Call 54879, before 9 p.m.

BLINDS for old housing, \$5 each. Call 54558.

CENTURY 10" x 14" fireproof safe, \$20; Sony five-CD carousel player, \$85; kid's silver skateboard helmet, \$5; assorted plants; Sony 1090 stereo receiver, \$195;

Panasonic 900 Mhz portable phone, \$15; small whiteboard for kitchen or bedroom, \$5. Call 54643.

SNORKELER'S OUTFIT: Vest, booties, weights and belt, men's large fins; Panasonic boombox, AM/FM dual-cassette, \$20; Sharp 20" color TV with remote and four-head VCR with remote, both for \$200. Call 50009 or pager 167.

CLASSES AND COURSES

MAKE A fruit basket in one night. Kwajalein Art Guild offers beginning basket-weaving class Dec. 12, 6-9 p.m., in the Art Annex. Instructor is Michelle Parkhurst. Cost is \$25. Signup forms are on the mini-mall bulletin board. Call Karen, 51391, after 4:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MICRONESIAN HANDICRAFT Shop is closed Saturdays until further notice. Shop hours are: Mondays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Wednesdays, 5-7 p.m.; Thursdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Fridays, 5-7 p.m. NOTE: Shop is closed Dec. 24-Jan. 2.

YOKWE YUK Women's Club annual Holiday Tour of Homes tickets are on sale Monday, 10 a.m.-noon, at the mini-mall. Sign up early to see 10 of our "Island-Style" Christmas homes. Questions? Dianne, 55990.

FERRY SCHEDULE CHANGE: In support of the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club annual Christmas Exchange Party, the 10:30 p.m. ferry to Ebye tomorrow will be delayed one-half hour and depart at 11 p.m.

ATTENTION FISHERMEN and fisherwomen: Clean out your tackle boxes and boathouses and donate used fishing tackle to the Outer Island Christmas Drop. For pickup, call Maryjon, 52517.

MARSHALLESE CULTURAL Center holiday hours: Closed Monday, Dec. 24, and Monday, Dec. 31. Open Wednesday, Dec. 26 and Wednesday, Jan 2. Open Friday, Dec. 28, and Friday, Jan. 4, 3-5 p.m.

CERAMICS DEMONSTRATION by Julie Balter, Hobby Shop coordinator, is Dec. 15, 6:30 p.m., at the Hobby Shop. Create your own work of art in ceramic. Questions? Call Julie, 51700.

OVERDUE STUDENT immunizations: Kwajalein Hospital immunization hours are 1:30-4 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. Parents need to accompany students to sign required immunization consent. Bring any letter you have received from the school with you. If you would like the hospital to verify needed immunizations, call the hospital, 52223, and leave a message.

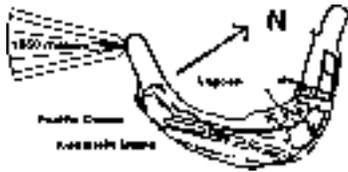
KRC's Pauper's Marathon is Monday, 6:30 a.m., at the Namu Weto Youth Center. Pre-registration by 6 p.m. Saturday is mandatory. Teams are five members, each running two 2.6-mile loops to complete a total of 10 2.6-mile segments. Register at Qtrs.

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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.

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



457-A or call Bob Sholar, 51815H.

ROI-NAMUR Scuba Club's Splash is tomorrow, 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 tomorrow, 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

"Christmas in the Marshall Islands"

A program sponsored by the Marshallese Cultural Center, featuring songs and dances by the Ebeye religious community, is Monday, Dec. 17, 7 p.m. at the Richardson Theater.

Volunteers are needed for decorating, food and cleanup. Call Cris, 52935.

free delivery by Santa's elves. All trees are 5' 6" Douglas firs.

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

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. 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 in the elementary school music room. The whole community is welcome to shop tonight, 6-8:30 p.m. Questions? Call Meredith, 52115.

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

KENT DUNCAN, attorney, will be on Roi-Namur tomorrow, 1-3 p.m. To make an appointment, call 51462 or 51431.

Bowling locker

fees are due for Jan. 1-June 30.
\$12 fee is payable at the Bowling Center, Community Activities or mail check to Community Activities, P.O. Box 23, Local. Payment due by Jan 2. Questions? Call 53331.

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Date change:

The Protestant
"Family Christmas" musical
dress rehearsal and dinner is
Dec. 28, 5:30 p.m., in the REB.
The "Family Christmas"
musical production is
Sunday, Dec. 30,
10:45 a.m., in
Island Memorial Chapel.

Safety Recall Notice

Select Whirlpool, Kitchen Aid and
Kenmore "Over-the-Range"
microwave hood combinations can
overheat and cause fire. Affected
units have a serial number that starts
with XC. Stop using these units
immediately. For more
information, call 1-800-785-8897 or
e-mail at www.repair.whirlpool.com.

Aviation notice:

There will be no flights on the
1900Ds or helicopters Dec.
25 or Jan. 1, except for
emergencies.

Hey kids!
Scuba Santa

arrives at Emon Beach Saturday,
Dec. 15, 7 p.m., to distribute candy
and good tidings. Questions?
Call Doug, 52681.



Winterfest

Dec. 13, 5-9 p.m.



Macy's
Macy's West
Ten-Ten

Shopping, music,
food booths
and wine-tasting



Hark!

The Herald Angels Sing



Holiday Concerts

- Dec. 10 Community Band Carol Concert, 9:30 a.m., featuring the CDC singers on Macy's porch (note date change)
- Dec. 10 Community Chorus Concert performing Handel's *Messiah*
- Dec. 12 High School Band and Choir Concert
- Dec. 13 Junior High Band and Choir Conert
- Dec. 19 Primary grades concert

All concerts except the Macy's Porch concert are in the MP room at 7 p.m.

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.

Sunday

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)
Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Monday

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The Score (2001, R)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

Note: There will be no movies at the Tradewinds Theater this weekend due to the Enniburr Christmas Party and Tree-Lighting Monday.



(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

The crew of the RMIS *Lomor* stands at attention on Echo Pier as, from left, Maj. Thomas Heine, chief of surveillance on the *Lomor*, Lt. Col. Steve Morris, USAKA assistant chief of staff, Operations, and Maj. David Coffey, USAKA Host Nation chief, honor the men during a ceremony Wednesday morning recognizing their efforts to keep the atoll secure before and during IFT-7.

Marshallese crew honored for security help

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

This time around they only had to battle 20- to 30-knot winds and choppy seas for two weeks.

"We're fortunate that it was very boring," said Lt. Col. Steve Morris, USAKA assistant chief of staff, Operations, during a brief ceremony Friday at Echo Pier recognizing the crew of the RMIS *Lomor* for its efforts to

help secure the atoll for IFT-7.

"It was a pretty smooth mission," said Maj. Thomas Heine, chief of surveillance aboard the *Lomor*.

The *Lomor* is a 31.5-meter-long vessel that sports two 50-caliber guns. Its anchorage is Majuro, where its primary mission is fishing surveillance.

Morris said the ship and crew will return for the next IFT shot, likely in February.

WEATHER
Courtesy of Aeromet



Sun • Moon • Tides



Tonight: Mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers.
Winds: Northeast at 13 to 18 knots, with higher gusts near showers.
Tomorrow: Variably cloudy with isolated showers.
Winds: Northeast to east-northeast at 12 to 17 knots.
Temperature: Tonight's low 78°
Tomorrow's high 86°
December rain total: 01.53"
Annual rain total: 69.41"
Annual deviation: -26.15"
Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Saturday December 8	0652/1830	0036/1314 Final qtr	1034, 3.6' 2243, 4.2'	0409, 1.6' 1617, 2.2'
Sunday December 9	0652/1830	0131/1400	1209, 3.9'	0537, 1.6' 1808, 2.0'
Monday December 10	0653/1831	0224/1446	0016, 4.2' 1314, 4.4'	0646, 1.4' 1925, 1.6'
Tuesday December 11	0653/1831	0316/1531	0125, 4.3' 1403, 4.9'	0738, 1.1' 2020, 1.2'