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Flurry of Christmas activities usher in Kwaj holiday



(Photos by Peter Rejcek)

Mrs. Claus hands over a candy cane to Austin Mack, 4, while his friend Luken Bottomley, 4, awaits his turn for a treat at Bucholz Army Airfield Saturday when she and Santa Claus arrived via the 1900D.

By Jim Bennett

Editor

The Christmas season officially opened on Kwajalein this weekend with the arrival of Santa Claus and a variety of holiday events.

Santa and Mrs. Claus landed at Bucholz Army Airfield Saturday evening, greeted on the tarmac by Col. Jerry Brown, USAKA commander, and his wife, Jane. Hun-

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A parade in honor of the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus heads down Ocean Road.

Running through the jungle

Security force ensures mid-atoll is clear for missions

By Peter Rejcek

Associate Editor

It's a no-man's land of jungle-covered islets, with no perceptible boundaries to let you know you're riding through the bull's eye of the world's biggest missile range.

Most days of the year, the mid-atoll corridor, which bisects Kwajalein Atoll between its bottom boomerang and its Florida-like panhandle, is open to visitors for recreation and other purposes. But during mission times, the area is off-limits except to range and security personnel.

Monday, the SR-001 — with its four-man crew, along with two members of the Kwaja-

lein Police Department Emergency Response Team and four soldiers of the 25th Infantry (Gimlets) IFT-10 security force — swept down the west reef like a broom to ensure the area had been evacuated as required since Sunday.

"It's been about a year since we've had to clear anybody out," said Lt. Gail Fabrizio, with the KPD marine police, as the SR-001 moved out shortly after 7 a.m. from the harbor.

Would today be different? Over the next 10 hours or so the SR-001 would slice and pummel her way through white-capped waves to check

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(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

Sgt. Jack Stinnett and Spc. Kyle Dean inspect an abandoned shelter on an island Monday afternoon during a sweep of the west reef in preparation for tomorrow's mission.

Write your own offer letter filled with love

The phone rang like any other time, yet I knew this call was different. "Jim. This is Tim Fay at KRS and I have your offer letter here at Building 1762 if you'd like to pick that up today," he said.

That's great, but to expedite matters, as I knew the KRS team to be very busy, I had already written my own offer letter. It read:

Dear Mr. Bennett:

We are pleased to extend this offer of employment with the Kwajalein Range Services (KRS) Team assigned to the great island of Kwajalein, reporting to no one but God and your own conscience, or lack thereof. This offer is good regardless of any legal outcomes resulting from all the hoo-haa over the contract. In fact, we will pay you next year starting Jan. 1, guaranteed, and if that's in addition to some other salary from some other source. Good for you. You deserve it.

Included in our offer are the following provisions:

Position: Roving journalist with no apparent responsibilities.

Starting base salary: \$20,000 per month (I'm not greedy.)

Assignment status: Accompanied plus meal card plus limitless number of dependents. Bring out your friends; make it a party.



Housing authorized: Pick a building, any building.

Anticipated duration of assignment: How long do you want to stick around?

Point of origin: Norfolk, Va.

We also offer benefits, but in your case you just get whatever you need and send us the bill. We'll take care of it.

Love,

The KRS Team

Attachments:

Selected resorts on Sicily

Company boat brochures

Not that Mr. Fay didn't give me a fair offer, but I liked mine better, and I signed my letter with "Love."

I think these offer letters should be signed "Peace and Love" as a friend of mine used to close correspondence. It's the Christmas season. Besides, you can write a foreclosure notice, but signed with love, it's so much more palatable.

Furthermore, I learned about the KRS organization when I noticed my job title has been changed from "editor," under Raytheon, to "ballerina," under KRS. I later spoke to KRS Transition Manager Tom Gioconda about this, and he explained that KRS tried to map job titles to something similar to the corporate parents so that when I have grown tired of this island I can apply to move within the company and have a job title that matches the next step in my career. I'm practicing my toe-step as I write this.

This transition has been a truly traumatic experience and it's not over yet. I really thought that the new contract process could be painless, but truth be told, I feel like I just sat through a "Saved by the Bell" marathon. A lot of this process has been that painful — or close anyway.

But the good news is we're moving forward. Offers are coming out as I write this (sans the "love" closing, but what can you do?), and the General Accounting Office will have an answer on the protests for us by Jan. 17.

I don't know how that will turn out. No one knows (though I hear bookmakers in Vegas are posting odds), but I'm sure we'll be watching.

In the meantime, I'm going to celebrate Christmas with the family, watch the AFN special "Screech and Mr. Belding's Christmas Vacation" and try to think outside the drama that is life on Kwajalein today. Yeah, I know. Good luck.

Love,
Jimbo

A few weekend observations:

• Lovin' all the music and dance of the season. What is it about December that brings out our collective love for the arts? A lot of people like music and dance during the year, but come Christmastime, everyone seems in the mood for melodies.

• Christmas albums are like crack and I'm addicted. I need help.

• Anyone else notice the new collection of luggage on sale at Macy's West Monday? Painfully ironic, I say.

• ESPN's Peter Gammons writes that baseball is in a flux with hundreds of players uncertain of their futures because of the recent labor contract and its effect on the job market. I finally have something in common with pro ballplayers and it's not a sweet swing or a 98-mph fastball. Dang the luck.

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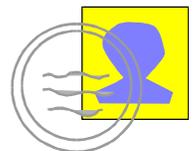
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West reef littered with WWII debris, makeshift camps ...

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the west reef from just past Ninni to Yabbernohr, a stretch of 29 islands, to ensure all was nominal. On some islands, a security party would land aboard the SR-001's small inflatable, manned by engineman Abimelek Danny and deckhand James Langitor.

At 7:12 a.m. Fabrizio briefs the security personnel, reminding them that if they do find any Marshallese on the islands to treat them with respect.

"They may own the island," he pointed out.

The plan is to head up the reef on lagoonside, returning on oceanside, as most activity tends to happen inside the lagoon, where the islands are generally more accessible by boat. Only one island will be searched on the return leg of the trip along the ocean.

Danny and Langitor, along with Yoshi Kemem, an investigator with KPD and ERT member, will lead the security team during each search.

"Danny knows where all the camps are," said Mike Herrington, KPD senior boat operator on the SR-001.

The "camps" are makeshift habitations used by the Marshallese while visiting the islands for everything from collecting coconuts and breadfruit to using them as transit points during long voyages.

On one island, the camp is nothing more than a low-lying shelter made of rusted steel drums holding up corru-



A grave at a cemetery on a west reef island is marked by a row of Japanese saki bottles. The cemetery is the final resting place for the *iroij*, or royalty, of the Marshall Islands, according to KPD investigator Yoshi Kemem.



(Photos by Peter Rejcek)

KPD senior boat operator Mike Herrington guides the SR-001 into the harbor at a west reef island for the day's first stop during a sweep of the west reef Monday. The crew carried out a similar patrol of the east reef today in preparation for tomorrow's mission.

gated tin sheets as a roof. A layer of dried-out palm fronds serves as a bed. A water catchment is nearby.

On another island, nicknamed "Zigzag" by the crew because of the maze of coral the inflatable must negotiate to reach the beach, the camp consists of a structure with three walls and a roof. One of the more elaborate camps (the crew refers to it as "the village") is on an island fairly far along the west reef. It consists of two large shelters, with a pen filled with coconuts attached to one of the structures. Several pits covered by grates obviously serve as ovens, and there's a full shelf of cookware in one building.

None of the camps, however, appear to have seen any recent activity. And from SR-001, a visual inspection of the islands tells a similar story, as any footprints or tracks would be easily seen from the boat.

"You can see the disruption in the sand," Herrington said.

Added Fabrizio, "That's what we're looking for, to see if there's been any recent activity."

Kemem said weather is a major factor that determines whether or not the islands see any visitors; the brisk trade winds of recent weeks have kept people away, he noted.

"It's because of the weather," he said.

The weather hasn't been entirely kind on this day. The winds are blowing hard between 16 and 24 knots most of the time, and the rocking motion of the boat can test the most cast-iron of stomachs.

"No matter how bad it is, it could be worse," Fabrizio said optimistically.

The churning of the seas does eventually ease, and by 4:30 p.m. or so, the last island has been checked. The only signs of terrestrial life are crabs, rats and rather large spiders.

Just a typical day?

"Just a typical day," Fabrizio agreed.



Spc. Kyle Dean with the 25th Infantry (Gimlets), left, and SR-001 engineman Abimelek Danny examine what appears to be a piece of an American airplane, likely from World War II. There are many such artifacts scattered on the islands.

Thyroid dysfunction more common in women

By KW Hillis
Feature Writer

Odd health symptoms kept Suzy Jorgensen from joining her husband when he moved to Kwajalein in 2000.

First, her skin broke out, after having a good complexion all her life. Once that cleared up, she developed photophobia — any light at all hurt her eyes. She started losing weight and then, one by one, her ankles swelled to huge proportions, before returning to their normal size. The symptoms, coming one after another during a 10-month period, were confusing for both Jorgensen and her doctor.

One morning, while reaching for toothpaste, tremors in her arm and fingers sent Jorgensen rushing back to the doctor's office.

"I was scared to death. I thought I had Parkinson's," she said. While waiting for her appointment, her heart started hurting and the nurses in the office thought she was having a heart attack.

"When [the doctor] finally heard about the tremors, he put it together," she said. Jorgensen was diagnosed with Graves' disease, one form of hyperthyroid-

ism, or too much thyroid hormone in the body. By the time she was diagnosed, she had experienced 14 of 16 symptoms listed in a hospital pamphlet on the disease.

"The only ones I didn't have was the bulging eyes and the goiter," she said.

Half of the 14.8 million people who actually have thyroid dysfunction don't know it, the Thyroid Foundation of America said. Ten times more women suffer from Graves' disease — overactive thyroid hormone production — than men. Heredity can cause a predisposal to the disease, and factors such as stress or just the aging process can trigger it.

Ten to 20 cases of thyroid hormone overproduction or underproduction are usually diagnosed at Kwajalein Hospital each year, estimated Dr. Eric Lindborg, Kwajalein Hospital chief medical officer. "[Usually] it is a diagnosis of hypothyroidism that is

Kwajalein Hospital sees up to 20 cases per year

far more common than hyperthyroidism."

Resident Anne Greene did have a small goiter, enlargement of the thyroid gland, when she was diagnosed with hypothyroidism, or not enough thyroid hormone, while living on Kwajalein in 1987.

"There were a myriad of symptoms, but not all at the same time," she said. "I would be tired and then I wouldn't be and my hair was falling out. I had weight gain and I was always cold."

Even at a soccer game in Kwajalein's tropical climate, Greene found herself wearing a sweater.

Because none of the symptoms were life-threatening, Greene thought she was just fighting off one of the many Kwaj colds. It took

months for her to realize that something was really wrong. A doctor at the hospital suspected a thyroid problem, and a simple blood draw that was sent to Honolulu

the doctor's suspicion.

"The thyroid gland and the thyroid hormone ends up affecting how the body works everywhere," Lindborg said. "It is basically a chemical that controls the rate of metabolism ... It is not just a thyroid gland that goes wrong; it can affect every single tissue in the body. As a consequence, you can have a wide range of symptoms that can be experienced by an individual."

Greene's hair loss is unique in that the symptom is usually associated with too much, rather than too little, hormones.

"How the disease presents itself is an individual matter," she said.

Although lists of symptoms for both hyperthyroidism and hypothyroidism are available on many Web sites and in hospital brochures, Lindborg warned residents against jumping to conclusions.



"It is important to stress that the symptoms for both are pretty general and virtually anybody is going to have one or two symptoms listed there," he said. "But if they have a constellation of symptoms, it would be more likely that something is going on" and the person should check with a doctor about the blood test.

Once diagnosed, the treatment for hypothyroidism involves taking a thyroid hormone pill to supplement the hormone in the body and regular blood tests to monitor the levels, he said.

"Hyperthyroidism is a lot trickier," Lindborg said. Off-island thyroid scans and an endocrinologist consultation would usually be in order.

Jorgensen said she was given three choices — use medicine to block the over-abundance of hormone, surgery to remove the gland or use radioactive iodine to slow down the thyroid production. She chose the third option.

Both Greene and Jorgensen are taking hormone replacement pills to balance their hormone levels.

"The final goal is to assure the proper amount of thyroid hormone is available to the body, Lindborg said. "We don't fix things; we just end up making sure that ... there is not too much or too little."

Jorgensen and Greene said it is a balancing act to keep their hormones at the right level.

"As long as you take the proper dosage and get blood drawn on a regular basis, you won't even notice it," Greene said, adding that she knows when her hormone levels are low because leg cramps wake her up.

An additional thyroid problem can be growths or "bumps and lumps on the thyroid," Lindborg said. "A thyroid cancer ... would present in a lump or bump or an asymmetrical swelling of the thyroid gland," he

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"How the disease presents itself is an individual matter."

— Anne Green

Fire department sheds light on Christmas fire hazards

By KW Hillis
Feature Writer

The holiday season is in full swing on Kwajalein and Roi-Namur, with indoor and outdoor decorations festooning the island. As of today, decorated cut trees will become the centerpiece in some offices and many island homes. The twinkling lights, both electric and candle, add to the beauty but require extra vigilance, said Mike Kearney, Fire Prevention assistant chief.

"A trailer burned because of an unattended candle a couple of years back," Kearney said.

"Candles have increased in fire-related investigations in the states ... [People] have to remember that candles can start a fire."

Although the incident that caused damage to the trailer, displaced the occupants and brought the fire department out in full force did not occur during the traditional holiday time, candle use is on the upswing, said Jerry Leverett, Kwajalein Fire Department assistant fire chief.

"The holiday could be ruined and the things people worked for could be destroyed," he said.

Lit candles in the workplace should not be an issue due to existing fire regulations, Kearney said.

"Candles are not supposed to be [lit]



in the workplace," he noted. Candles can be displayed in the workplace, but not supposed to be used except for authorized special events.

Gel candles need a little extra care because some were sold with containers too thin to handle the heat from the candle, according to a fire services bulletin received last year, Leverett said. The heat makes the container shatter and the burning gel spreads. Although the culprit candles were taken off the market, some may still be in use and homemade gel candles may have, the same problem, so extra vigilance is needed, he said.

Candles are not the only culprits of

holiday fires.

In the United States, Christmas trees alone are responsible for an annual average of 400 fires, 30 deaths, 90 injuries and more than \$17 million dollars in property damage and loss, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. More than 8,000 people are admitted to emergency rooms during the holiday season for falls, cuts and shocks due to holiday lights and decorations.

"Prevention generally is just common sense," Kearney said.

A few more pieces of advice from the fire department: Never leave candles or cooking food unattended; make sure live, cut trees are watered and that they don't block any exits; and limit the use of extension cords and make sure all lights are turned off at bedtime. Also, decorative lights for use outdoors need to be checked to be sure they are for outside use; discard any light strings that have worn or broken wires or lights.

Kearney said residents should be safe rather than sorry and call 911 if they "smell any peculiar electrical odor" or if there is any hint of a fire.

"The department doesn't want anyone to get hurt," Leverett said.

For a home or office holiday decoration fire safety inspection, call the Fire Prevention office, 52137.

Marshallese exposed to fallout suffer from thyroid cancers and nodules ...

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said, adding that a physician would check the thyroid during a regular physical exam to rule out that possibility.

In the Marshall Islands, thyroid disease is a "scary theme," Lindborg said. "The single, clearly documented long-term effect of the nuclear testing fallout exposure has been an increased number of thyroid cancer and nodules in exposed Marshallese."

Fortunately, there is no evidence that the children or descendants of the exposed Marshallese have increased chance of cancer or nodules, he said.

"It is a common concern that living on the islands has caused thyroid disease or illness," he said. "The evidence at this point would support the conclusion that only the fallout-exposed Marshallese would be at risk for cancer. Otherwise, they have the same likelihood of thyroid problems as the rest of the world."

Mission op set for tomorrow

From the Command Safety Office

A range operation is scheduled for tomorrow. Caution times are 6:01 p.m. through 4:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 12.

For caution areas, see last Tuesday's *Hourglass*, Dec. 3.

In order to ensure clearance of non-mission support personnel from the mid-atoll corridor by the window opening time, Kwajalein Police Department island clearance procedures will continue until evacuation has been accomplished. Egress of all air and sea craft will be required when requested by authorized clearance personnel. Subsequent to lagoon clearance, the hazard area will be in effect until mission completion.

In conjunction with this operation, a Kwajalein met rocket is scheduled as soon as possible after the launch from Meck Island tomorrow.

In the event of a mission slip, the caution times and areas will be in effect for the following days:

•6:01 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, through 4:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13

•6:01 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, through 4:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14

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

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, Alan Taylor, 54916, unless otherwise noted.

SCHOOL-AGE SERVICES/CDC INSTRUCTOR. Full time. Responsible for developing and implementing the SAS program. Will also provide preschool instruction. Recreation or school-age background and/or early childhood degree is required. Additional training will be provided. A criminal history background check is required.

VETERINARIAN TECHNICIAN. Part time. Responsibilities include providing 24-hour emergency care, routine clinical services, minimal surgery using general and injectable anesthesia and assisting veterinarian when on island. Position involves approval of all pet importation and coordination with USAKA concerning pet policies and inspection of pet facilities on Kwajalein. Previous experience or nursing experience preferred. Knowledge of Microsoft Office programs a must. To schedule an interview, call Beth, 52225.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, Elementary and high schools. Casual. Teaching certificate preferred, but not required. A criminal history background check is required.

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

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

Ebeye Public School has the following vacancy:

FULL-TIME seventh- and eighth-grade English teacher. Prefer a volunteer, but will provide a salary to maintain a permanent teacher. For an interview, call Host Nation, 54848.

Boeing GMD has the following vacancies:

BOEING GMD has numerous job openings at RTS for engineers and technicians to support the Ground-Based Interceptor launch effort. All positions require the ability to obtain a security clearance. Job duties will be performed at Meck Island. Some travel to CONUS locations will be required. All positions are currently posted on the Boeing employment Website at <http://www.boeing.com/employment/sitemap.html>. For more information, call John Correnti, 57161, or Steve Moore, 57072.

WANTED

BATTERY-OPERATED baby swing to buy or borrow. Call 51815.

LOST

IRONMAN triathlon swim goggles with tinted lenses. Return to Qtrs. 462-B, or call 52280.

CHILD'S BROWN and **BLACK** Sketcher shoe. Call Jane, 51815.

FOUND

NEW SCUBA mask and towel at adult pool. Call 52398.

BLUE GOGGLES with black rims at Emon Beach Nov. 30.

GIVEAWAY

COMPUTER DESK, mirrors for crafts, craft shells and

coral. Call 53711 or come by Qtrs. 445-A.

FOR SALE

YAMAHA JET SKI 96 Wavealster with extras, \$3,750; 44 concrete cylinder blocks for landscaping, 50¢ each; racing bike, \$250; various plants. Call 54377.

ALESIS QS 6.1 synthesizer keyboard, paid \$600 new, will sell for \$175; electric guitar with crate amplifier, \$100; Performance wetsuit, men's size small, sleeveless, \$10; Igloo cooler, medium size, \$3; 40-quart ice chest, \$5. Call 52538.

TWO DIVE KAYAKS with rudders, storage compartments, lightweight carbon fiber paddles, removable seats with back support, knee straps, anchors and life jackets, easy to handle and dive from, both in excellent condition, \$750 each. Call 56693.

1993 BAYLINER 2352 Trophy walkaround cuddy cabin with Mercruiser 5.7 liter Alpha One, Yamaha 9.9 hp four-stroke kicker, EZ Loader trailer, complete package includes boat house with attached shed and boat cover. Excellent condition with low hours. Located at boat lot #83. \$39,500. Call John, 56195, before 3:30 p.m., or 51546, after 5 p.m.

TELESCOPE: TOWA astronomical, 41-450 power, 60 mm, equatorial mount, three eyepieces and accessories and hardwood tripod \$175; blue crystal decantur and five colored hock glasses, \$70; portable CD player, \$70; monkeypod salad bowl and dishes, \$15; Corning Ware casserole dishes; black/white reversible comforter, \$10; bedding for double bed, \$10. Call 53640, 4:30-8 p.m.

PCS SALE. Little Tykes Burley, no rust, \$195; two Tupperware plastic six-popsicle molds, \$6 each; three green wood box planters, \$9 each; front door mat, \$2; ironing board, \$5; new TV antenna, \$10; green round planters, \$3 each. Call 52276.

COMPLETE PATIO tarp cover fitted for 400A/B-series housing, \$300; wooden outdoor locker, \$40; large craft or pantry cabinet, \$40; 12' x 15' blue rug, \$30; 6' x 9' gold rug, \$20. Call 53711, or come by Qtrs. 445-A.

PCS SALE. Blinds for 200-series house, brown, white, \$3; video tapes, \$5 each; beach chairs, \$5; CD holder, \$5; small cooler, \$5; filing cabinet, \$35. Call 52034.

PCS SALE. Four-piece wicker patio set, \$50; wood deck, \$200; plastic patio table and four chairs, \$25; plants, \$5-\$25; Queen Anne-style coffee table and two end tables, \$50; large entertainment center, \$100; 27" TV, \$125; 7' Christmas tree, \$30; various carpets. Call 52483.

SANSUI SP-100 speakers, \$100; Bose 601 TM series III speakers, \$350; Sansui dual stereo cassette deck, \$75; two-drawer wooden filing cabinet, \$20; Samsung laser disc video player, like new, with several laser disc movies, \$75; Little Chief home electric smoker, \$75; golf cart with used clubs, \$100. Call 52324.

TWO HUFFY bikes, good condition, \$30-\$40. Call 52642 and leave a message.

7' CANADIAN PINE artificial Christmas tree, \$30; four TV snack trays with holder, white wood with marbleized tops, \$40; Mr. and Mrs. Snowman, 12" high, \$10 each; light-up angel tree topper, \$5. Call 54538,

**25th Infantry Gimlets
challenges
USAKA & KPD
to a
softball game
Dec. 12, 3 p.m.,
Dally Field.**

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after 5 p.m.

TWO 16" boy's bikes, good condition, \$20 each; "Miss Congeniality" movie, VHS, never been opened, \$10. Call 52555.

PORTABLE TABLE or computer lamp, \$25; 5' x 8' area rug, beige/multicolored, \$15; 26" Samsonite soft-side suitcase, \$35; rollerblade in-line skates, youth size 3-6, \$20; green patio table with collapsible umbrella, \$20; CD rack, \$5; wooden magazine rack, \$5; computer games, \$15 each. Call 53759.

TWO 9' windsurf boards, includes four sails, two masts, Naish boom, extra-long cart and sails bag, \$400. Call 54210.

MAYTAG Jetclean dishwasher, super capacity, Quiet Pack, \$300 or best offer; two 12' x 15' carpets, neutral color, \$70 each; 9' x 12' beige carpet, \$20; 20" Sanyo color TV, \$75; dual-cassette boom box, \$25; 9' runner, \$5. Call 51175 and leave a message.

CD RACK, \$5; eight-cup rice cooker, \$40; two decorative pillows, \$12 each; Packard Bell 13" monitor, \$20; Wayne Gretzky rollerblades, size 6½-7, new, \$40; rollerblade protective gear, \$20; two new tennis rackets, paid \$28.75 each, will sell for \$20 each; Dunlap tennis rackets, \$10; Master tennis racket, \$5. Call 51567.

DIVE LOCKER for outdoors, \$20; patio ceiling fan, \$10; cement blocks, \$1; African violets, \$5. Call 53711.

QUEEN-SIZE comforter and two standard shams, mocha/teal green/amethyst, just laundered, paid \$132, will sell for \$60 for set; two Ensolite foam 6' pool floats, like new, \$35 each. Call 55150, days or 54879, before 9 p.m.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

COME ENJOY a wonderful evening of Christmas music Sunday, 6 p.m., at Island Memorial Chapel. A variety of music will be performed including traditional Christmas carols.

YOKWE YUK Women's Club is hosting its annual Holiday Exchange Dinner Saturday, 7 p.m., at the Yokwe Yuk Club. Join us for an evening of dining, dancing and gift exchange with the ladies from Ebeye. For tickets and information, call Denise, 54630, Lynn, 53693, or Dianne, 55990.

CARD NIGHT, Hearts and Spades, at the ARC is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

TO THE owner of two unmarked aluminum tanks in the Kwajalein Scuba Club tankhouse: Identify yourself to the tankhouse manager, Mike McMurphy, so the tanks can be properly maintained.

KWAJALEIN SWIM TEAM fall banquet will be Monday, 6-7:30 p.m., at Emon Beach Pavilion I. Bring a batch of your favorite cookies. We will serve root beer and orange floats. Questions? Call any board member or Laura, 54753.

CPSC RECALL: Oceanic USA of California is recalling 24,700 Oceanic CDX first stage regulators used for scuba diving. Items were sold May 1999-October 2002. For a list of serial numbers, call 1-866-723-2642, or visit www.OceanicWorldWide.com. Photos of the unit are on the mini-mall bulletin board. Questions? Call RSE Safety, 51503.

YOUTH SOCCER registration for ages 3-grade six will be Dec. 11-Jan 4. Fee is \$20 per child. An additional \$10 late fee will be charged after Jan. 4. Pay at Community Activities office. Questions? Call 53331.

HOLIDAY CONCERTS: High School Choir and Band Concert is Thursday, 7 p.m., in the MP room; Junior High Choir and Band Concert is Friday, 7 p.m., in the MP room; Elementary Choir and Band Concert, Wednesday, Dec. 18, 7 p.m., in the MP room.

HOBBY SHOP orientation is tonight at 6 p.m. This month's class is full. Call Julie, 51700, to pre-register for the January class. Woodshop orientation is mandatory for use of the Hobby Shop woodshop.

MOPS meets Thursday, 8:45-11 a.m., in the REB. The craft is snowman T-shirts. There will be a \$10 gift exchange. Bring a brunch dish to share. Childcare provided. All mothers of preschoolers welcome. Questions? Call Beth, 52763. Sponsored by the Protestant Chapel.

TO THE PERSON who took the papayas from Launch Ordnance EOD, Building 1025: We would like you to stop taking things. We are a small group and have worked hard on the garden we have planted. If you would like something from the garden, come and ask.

IF YOU are PCSing or have stopped your domestic help, call Host Nation, 54848 or 55033.

MAKE PLANS to join the Christian Women's Fellowship Ornament Exchange Dec. 21, 5 p.m., in the REB. Bring a wrapped ornament with a value of \$10 or less and an appetizer to share. Questions? Call Aimee, 54991.

BARGAIN BAZAAR hours: Monday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-3 p.m.; Wednesday, 5-7 p.m. Donations always welcome during operating hours. For donation pickup, call 53686 before noon Mondays. We have lots of golf bags for \$1. We need plastic bags.

DENTAL CLINIC will be open Wednesday, Dec. 18, 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m., to accommodate Roi and Meck patients and schoolteachers. There will be no morning sick call.

THERE WILL be no flights to Roi Christmas Day. Aviation will provide additional flights before and after Christmas for those desiring transportation to Kwaj or Roi.

BOWLING LOCKER rental fees are now due for January to June. The \$12 fee is payable at Community Activities, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, or by mailing a check to Community Activities, P.O. Box 23, Local. Payment is due by Jan. 5. An additional \$5 fee will be charged to all late payments. Lockers not paid for by Jan. 31 will be emptied.

GOLF COURSE greens fees and locker rentals are now due for January through June. The \$168 fee is due by Jan. 5 and is payable at Community Activities, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, or by mailing a check to Community Activities, P.O. Box 23, Local. An additional \$15 fee will be charged to all late payments. Lockers not paid for by Jan. 31 will be emptied. Questions? Call 53331.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS workshop will be held Monday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., in CRC room 1. All children are welcome to make Christmas gifts for moms, dads and grandparents such as wooden games, bracelets, ornaments, earrings and snow globes. Children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult. Bring a sack lunch and be prepared for a full day of fun and activities. Questions? Call Lora, 54186. Sponsored by the Protestant Chapel.

**Classified ad deadlines
Tuesday issue: noon Friday
Friday issue: noon Wednesday**



**Christmas in the
Marshall Islands**

**A performance by our Marshallese neighbors sharing their Christmas traditions with the Kwaj community.
Friday, Dec. 20, 7 p.m. in CRC gym.
Helpers are needed. Call Cris, 52935.**

**Marshallese Word
of the Day**

lju - Star

See you at the movies!

Wednesday

A Shot at Glory (2002, PG)

The manager of a second-rate Scottish soccer team is under pressure from his American boss to win or the team will move from its century-old home. (Robert Duvall)

Adult Recreation Center, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

A Shot at Glory (2002, PG)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Fight Club (1999, R)

Described by critics as the "Clockwork Orange" of the 1990s, Brad Pitt and Ed Norton star as two men who find emotional release and empowerment by fighting each other.

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

Sunday

Hey Arnold! The Movie (2002, G)

The animated TV series hits the big screen when the gang mobilizes to save their neighborhood from becoming a mall.

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Road to Perdition (2002, R)

Tom Hanks plays a hitman during the Depression whose wife and youngest son are murdered by his own partner. Hanks and his eldest boy hit the road for revenge.

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

Monday

A Shot at Glory (2002, PG)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.



John Beckler plays percussion for the Community Band Monday morning. The band set up on Macy's Porch and played a variety of Christmas songs throughout the morning shopping rush.

(Photo by Jim Bennett)

Holidays open with parade, concert ...

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dreds of children and their parents also greeted St. Nick from the northeast end of the airport near the service road, where police had set up a barricade. The jolly elf and his wife returned the greetings, shaking hands and passing out candy.

From there, Santa, Mrs. Claus and a host of "elves" drafted from the community, led a parade ending at the Yokwe Yuk Club, where a crowd gathered for the 35th annual Christmas tree-lighting ceremony.

The event featured live performances from the Kwajalein Pipes and Drums, Karen Brady's dance class, the Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School band, the Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School combined choirs and the Job Corps student choir.

Brown gave the keynote address, and was then joined by Santa Claus

on the stage.

"I know who the ranking officer on this stage is now," Brown joked.

Together, and joined by their wives, they flipped the switch that lit up the shaped and decorated Australian pine outside the club.

Christmas parties abounded Sunday with the Raytheon and MIT/LL parties occupying the Yuk Club.

Monday, the community's shoppers enjoyed a concert by the Community Band outside Macy's.

Up on Roi-Namur, the community joined together for the annual Third Island Christmas party, where Santa passed out goodies to the children of Enniburr, also known as Third Island. (See Friday's *Hourglass* for story and photos of this annual event.)

Back on Kwajalein, parents took their children to see Santa Claus at the Club Monday evening.

WEATHER

Courtesy of Aeromet

Tonight: Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

Winds: Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

Tomorrow: Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

Winds: Northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

Temperature: Tonight's low 79°
Tomorrow's high 85°

December rain total: 4.84"

Annual rain total: 103.46"

Annual deviation: 7.12"

Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.



Sun • Moon • Tides



	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday December 10	0653/1831	1158/	0810, 3.6' 2010, 4.4'	0210, 1.6' 1340, 2.1'
Wednesday December 11	0653/1831	1240/0000 1st Qtr.	0920, 3.4' 2120, 4.0'	0310, 1.9' 1450, 2.5'
Thursday December 12	0654/1831	1318/0046	1100, 3.5' 2250, 3.8'	0420, 2.0' 1640, 2.6'
Friday December 13	0654/1832	1355/0131	1230, 3.7'	0550, 2.0' 1820, 2.5'