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U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands



(Photo by Jim Bennett)

Christmas Past

Women of the Ebeue *Jebta* from Ebeue perform last Friday night at the CRC Gym as part of the "Christmas in the Marshalls" program. The dance is just one of many they have rehearsed for months in preparation of Christmas, when all the churches host elaborate yuletide programs that are now a tradition. For more Christmas photos from throughout the season, see pages 6-8.

Brown tree snake alert goes out

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

The brown tree snake, blamed for virtually wiping out all bird species in Guam, hasn't been seen on Kwajalein since 1987 — and Mike Nicholson wants to keep it that way.

The RSE Pest Management manager is putting the island on alert following a typhoon that wrecked Guam's infrastructure earlier this month. The storm caused widespread damage, including knocking down the barriers that prevent the invasive pest from getting on outgoing vessels and planes, according to Nicholson.

"The inspection program they have on Guam has been shut down," he said, adding that the program could be up

(See *TYPHOON*, page 4)

Traveling with luggage these days is not a trip to be taken too lightly

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

The balancing act between travel safety and convenience at airports took another swing toward the former with last week's announcement of new check-in luggage procedures by the Transportation Security Administration.

The TSA is urging passengers to leave checked luggage unlocked in case there is a need to do a physical search should X-ray machines detect a suspicious item, according to a TSA press release and reports by CNN.com. Commercial airports across the country are currently working against a Dec. 31 deadline to install a new "in-line" explosives detection system for screening

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Canoe-building helps shape youths

By Jim Bennett
Editor

MAJURO — Teach a youth to build a canoe and he might sail a straight course for life.

That's the theory behind *Waan Aelon In Majel*, a program for at-risk youth on Majuro that combines the centuries-old lessons of canoe building with modern day lessons of life.

The program currently has 16 students, all learning the basics of building a traditional outrigger canoe, sailing and navigation, said K. Jill Luciano, administrative trainer. The average student enters the program with an eighth-grade educa-



(Photo by Jim Bennett)

A *Waan Aelon In Majel* student pieces together a traditional sail for a canoe model as part of a training program targeting at-risk youth in Majuro.

tion. The program serves students male and female ages 16 to 25. Stu-

(See *PROGRAM*, page 5)

Editorial

All I really wanted for Christmas was a \$2.5M-signing bonus

Christmas 2002 has passed, so now's a good time to review my Christmas list and see where Santa has left me cold.

Seven-figure contract offer — negative, so far. I'm still in negotiations with KRS. We're still stuck on the \$2.5-million signing bonus, and, actually, I'm willing to bend on the incentive clauses — six months with no libel suits against the *Hourglass* = \$500K. I think I can go nine months, but don't tell them just yet. They're pushing for a year. Ouch.

The Legoland Castle Set. This has been on my list since 1982, when it was then the hottest item, short of a Cabbage Patch Doll, for which I had no interest. My mother searched high and low for it and got into a scuffle at a local Wal-Mart while



trying to obtain said gift. The police report stated that some guy, last name Norris, did a flying kick to her head, but she leveled him with a punch aimed lower. Still, he crawled away with the castle set and some kid, last name Norris, enjoyed the present while I got the Star Wars AT-AT walker. The AT-AT was cool and five years later I destroyed it with optimally placed M-60s and BB gun fire. Good times ...

Speaking of Star Wars ...

Jedi light saber construction kit. My laser crystal burned out on my last light saber while cutting through some leftover fruit cake.

All-Star third baseman and catcher for the Cubs. I want this gift for America and all the little people out there who long for the world peace that would follow a Cubs World Series win. They have pitching and Sammy Sosa. In the name of international good will, would it kill the Cubs to

plus-up the budget a couple million and sign some really stellar bats to seal the deal?

The "Saved By The Bell" Reunion Show. Another gift for America. Hey, if folks will watch "The Facts of Life" reunion, minus one of the five stars, they'll watch anything. But, more importantly, do we really have enough Screech and Mr. Belding in our lives? Did Zack and Kelly have kids, or divorce at their 10-year reunion? What happened to the gal who played the smart girl on the show, and then went on to play in the movie "Showgirls"? Besides, if we can get Gary Coleman to somehow make a guest appearance, our television lives will be complete.

What Santa did bring me:

Great friends with whom to spend the holidays.

After a bit of a scare earlier this month and thanks to the folks at the hospital, looks like I'll be around for a few more Christmases.

A lovely wife and a great kid who punctuates most recent conversations with "Santa, soon?" "Mehie Kissmas" and a high-pitched, "ho-ho-ho." These talks are better than blowing up AT-AT walkers.

I suppose I did all right this year.

Now, if KRS will just budge on the signing bonus ...

Letters to the Editor

Keep letters 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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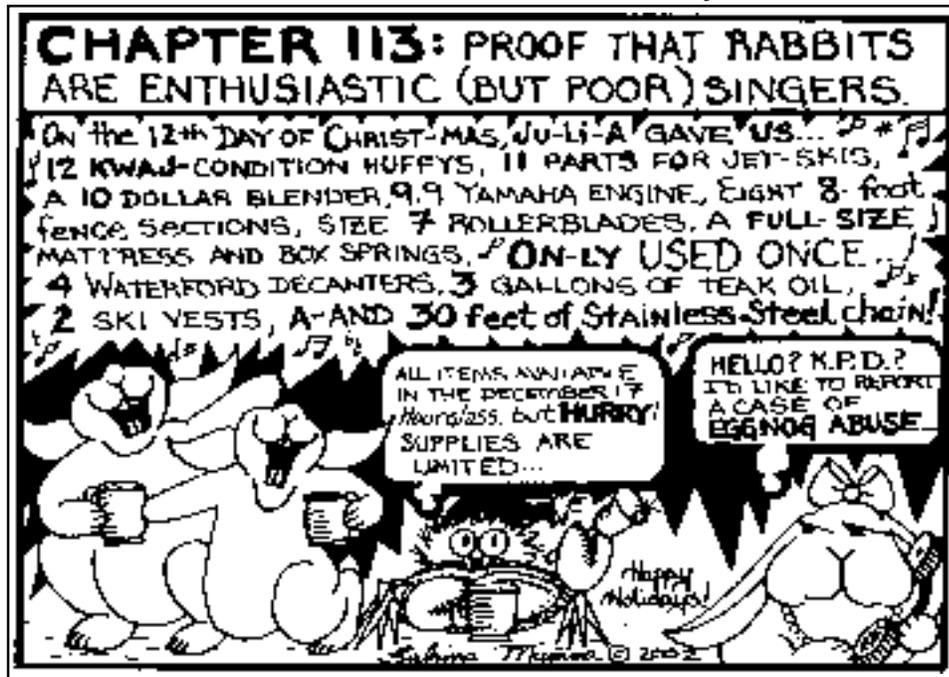
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Buckminster and Friends ————— By Sabrina Mumma



'K-19' resurrects Cold War chills or just leaves you cold?

By KW Hillis
Hourglass

The uneasy feeling that the war on terrorism has created is reminiscent of the profound distrust and paranoia that swept the world during the Cold War. "K-19: The Widowmaker" whisked me back to a world of children practicing a futile "duck and cover" under frail school desks and the precarious balance sought by the two most powerful nations on earth.

This is a story of how heroic individuals can make a difference in an explosive, hair-trigger world. The year is 1961, when the United States and Russia had enough weapons of mass destruction to annihilate each other and the planet many times over. Balance is achieved by checkmating the opponent's weapons with ones of similar caliber.

The story, based on a real incident, takes place aboard a claustrophobic, poorly built, Russian nuclear submarine. A leaking nuclear reactor isn't the only problem aboard the ship. The loyalty of the ship's crew is engaged in a tug-of-war between their former captain, now the executive officer (Liam Neeson), and the new captain (Harrison Ford), who doesn't inspire trust by the crew.

Extraordinary acting by veterans Ford and Neeson complement a superb, believable cast of unknown, young actors. I found myself wondering what is it that allows submariners to take



the risk of even boarding such a ship.

Surprised when the opening credits listed the film as a National Geographic feature, my surprise melted away as the set and actors became a working ship and crew.

Director Kathryn Bigelow went far beyond just a documentary by weaving in the emotions and reactions of a crew fleshed out with real histories and a heroic destiny. For a little over two hours, I was transported into our world's real and scary past.

By Jason Bischoff
AFN

In "K19: The Widowmaker," a movie as unimaginative as the title it bears, Harrison Ford plays Capt. Alexei Vostrikov. Vostrikov, checkered past and all, married his way up the military ladder and is given command of Mother Russia's first-ever nuclear submarine. Liam Neeson plays Capt. Mikhail Polenin, the tried, true and trusted captain of the sub's crew.

Vostrikov is given command of the sub when questions arise about Polenin's inexperience and ability to lead. Together they have to find a way to survive radiation poisoning, a mutinous crew and a submarine that appears to be falling apart at the seams. I smell a sitcom!

Director Kathryn Bigelow's vision of a sappy Russian navy, where men lounge in their bunks and talk about their feelings, is more appropriate for Oprah's Book Club than National Geographic, a story from which the film is based.

The score is schmaltzy, overly orchestral and inappropriate for a movie without any real love story. It tries to be a sweeping epic, but falls well short. Ford's Russian accent sounds more like a speech impediment, and at times Liam Neeson comes off like he's phoning it in.

To Bigelow's credit, the film doesn't get bogged down with the clichés you find in most submarine movies, and the supporting cast does a good job of not making you want to root for the sub to sink.

Movies like "K19" teach us that the Russians had more to fear from their own stupidity and ineptitude than the good ol' U.S. of A during the 60s. If you're in the mood for a movie that takes place during the Cold War, where the lead actor has a bad accent, rent "Thirteen Days." "K19" is unsalvageable.

New Year's Day

Holiday Hours, Wednesday, Jan. 1

(Other hours normal unless otherwise noted.)

KWAJALEIN

Community Activities

Beaches

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|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Coral Sands | Buddy system |
| Camp Hamilton | Buddy system |
| Emon Beach | 12:30-3:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 12:30-6 p.m. |
| Bowling Center | Closed |
| Tuesday | Closed |
| CRC Gym/racquetball | noon-9 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. |
| Golf Course | Sunrise to sunset |
| Golf Pro Shop | 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 4:30-6 p.m. |
| Driving Range | Closed |
| Tuesday | Closed |
| Hobby Shop | 12:30-6 p.m. |
| Ivey Gym | 2-7 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 5:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; 4-6 p.m. |
| Pools | |
| Adult | Buddy system |
| Family | 1-6 p.m. |
| Small Boat Marina | Closed |

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| Tuesday | 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. |
| ARC | Closed |
| Tuesday | 10 a.m.-6 p.m. |
| Youth Center | 3-5:30 p.m.; 7-10 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 3-5 p.m. |
| Skatepark | 4:30-6:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday | Closed |
| Library | Closed |
| Hourglass | Closed; publishes Friday only |
| UMUC | Closed |

Food Services

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| Yokwe Yuk Club | Closed |
| Snack Bar | 8 a.m.-2 p.m. |
| Sunrise Bakery | Closed |
| Oceanview Bar | 2-9 p.m. |
| Country Club Bar | 6 a.m.-5 p.m. |
| DSC Snack Bar, Enra Food Truck | Closed |
| Café Pacific | |
| Breakfast | 7-9 a.m. |
| Brunch | 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. |
| Dinner | 4:30-7 p.m. |

Merchandising

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| Macy's and Macy's West | Closed |
| Tuesday | 10 a.m.-5 p.m. |
| Surfway | Closed |
| Tuesday | 10 a.m.-6 p.m. |
| Ten-Ten | 1-8 p.m. |
| Laundry | Closed |
| Tuesday | 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. |

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| Beauty/barber shops | Closed |
| Tuesday | 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 1:30-6 p.m. |
| Tape Escape | Closed |
| Tuesday | 10 a.m.-8 p.m. |
| Continental Travel Agency | Closed |
| Monday | 8 a.m.-noon |
| Tuesday | 8 a.m.-noon |
| Bank of Guam (Roi and Kwaj) | Closed |
| Post Office (Roi and Kwaj) | Closed |
| Tuesday (Kwaj only) | Closes at 4 p.m. |
| Thursday | Closed |
| Hospital Services | Emergencies only |
| ROI-NAMUR | |
| Gimbel's | Closed |
| Tuesday | 10 a.m.-6 p.m. |
| Community Activities | |
| Gear Locker | Call for checkout |
| Golf Course | Sunrise to Sunset |
| Hobby Shop | Closed |
| Library | Closed |
| Small Boat Marina | Closed |
| Tuesday | 8 a.m.-6 p.m. |
| Food Services | |
| Outrigger Bar | 5-11 p.m. |
| Outrigger Snack Bar | Closed |
| Café Roi | |
| Breakfast | 7-9 a.m. |
| Brunch | 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. |
| Dinner | 5-6:45 p.m. |

Typhoon on Guam knocks out quarantine program ...

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as soon as in another couple weeks or possibly another couple of months.

Nicholson is placing posters at the airport, marina and around the community, warning of the reptile. The posters include a picture of the brown tree snake along with a detailed description of the pest and information on who to call if a resident does spot it.

Currently, he said, "There are no brown tree snakes on the island."

The brown tree snake (*Boiga irregularis*) averages about two to three feet in length, but can grow up to 10 feet. Its color is described as olive brown to yellow brown and may have faint banding. It is mildly venomous and can be fatal to infants, small children and pets, according to Nicholson. It kills its prey by chewing to inject its venom, and is relatively strong, holding its prey by wrapping its body around the victim.

A native of eastern Indonesia, the Solomon Islands, New Guinea and parts of Australia, the brown tree snake was first spotted inland from Guam's seaports in the early 1950s, according to a fact sheet by the U.S. Geological Survey and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Today, the snake infests the interiors of the island, with upwards of 13,000 per square mile in forested areas.

Besides its voracious and wide-ranging appetite, the snakes are known to crawl on electrical lines, causing power outages and damage.

"They're great climbers," Nicholson said.

Authorities at both the airfield and marina have been alerted to the problem, he added, and will notify Pest Management if they find anything suspicious.

The most likely entry point, Nicholson said, would be the airport because of the three Continental flights each week

and the military aircraft that pass through, but the high altitudes would likely kill any snake stowaways, he noted. Tree snakes were found aboard planes in Alaska and Diego Garcia, he added, but in both instances the pest was contained. Four snakes were also found in Hawaii, though none have been known to escape, according to a news report in the *Honolulu Advertiser*.

Lott Lawson, Aviation Services manager, said his ground crews have been briefed on what to look for by Nicholson.

Nicholson said.

Amy LaCost, port captain, said, "We don't get anything that comes directly from Guam." She did say that some containers may originate in Guam, such as the Dick Pacific materials, and arrive from other points. Those containers are identified and isolated when possible.

The entire Pacific has been notified about the potential threat, Nicholson said, and both the Republic of the Marshall Islands and Federated States of Micronesia are on alert.

The Guam quarantine program, when running, is highly effective, Nicholson said. The *Advertiser* reported that the agency involved in destroying the snake, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services, captured 13,000 snakes in the 2002 fiscal year. A staff of 41 manages 3,200 traps baited with live mice, the paper reported, but most of those traps were destroyed when Super Typhoon Pongsona hit.

Kwaj is home to one snake species, the tiny blind snake (*Rhynchophis braminus*), also known as the flowerpot snake, because of one of its favorite hiding places. Harmless to humans, the blind snake feasts on the eggs and young of termites and ants. Nicholson said they are found throughout Micronesia.

"We usually see them after a big rain," he said.

Nicholson hopes that's the only snake anyone ever sees on Kwajalein.

"There's not much out there that bothers me. Brown tree snakes bother me," he said.

If you spot a snake, immobilize it, and contact: USAKA Environmental office, 54128; RSE Environmental office, 51134; the Pest Management office, 54738; the Trouble Desk, 53550; or after hours, the Kwaj Power Plant, 53139.



BROWN TREE SNAKE

Origin: Indonesia, New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Australia

Color: Olive brown to yellow brown; may have faint banding

Length: Typically 2 to 3 feet but can reach more than 10 feet

Habits: Lives in trees and shrubs

Nocturnal: Seldom seen during the day. Moves out of the trees while foraging for food. Has grooved, venom-conducting teeth at the rear of the mouth.

"Everybody's been told and we're being real careful," Lawson said. "We're having everybody watch for the snakes."

Lawson said the Continental crews are doing their own inspections before the plane even leaves Guam, and every plane that arrives at Kwaj is inspected regardless of its departure point.

An infestation by sea is less likely, Nicholson said, because little marine traffic is received from Guam. But, he said, last week seven containers of materials for the Dick Pacific cold storage warehouse project did arrive. In that case, the containers were isolated and thoroughly searched.

"The inspection didn't find anything,"

Tickets bought overseas prompt more 'random' searches ...

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checked baggage.

Under Secretary of Transportation for Security Adm. James M. Loy made the announcement Dec. 19 (CONUS time) during a demonstration of the EDS at the Jacksonville (Fla.) International Airport. Loy also asked passengers to not pack food or beverages in checked bags and to pack footwear on top of other contents. Put personal belongings in clear plastic bags to reduce chances of a TSA screener having to handle them, and spread out, not stack, books, he said.

Locally, no new procedures are planned at Bucholz Army Airfield, but that could change if the TSA hands down what's called an aviation security notice, according to Bruce Bell, site manager for the Kwajalein Police Department.

"They can change things on us at any time," he said.

Currently, passengers here put their check-in luggage through the X-ray machine before they go to the ticket counter. If security personnel find something suspicious — an item they can't identify or one the machine highlights because the density matches an illegal object such as an explosive — they will hand-

search the luggage in front of the passenger, Bell said.

Under the TSA rules, physical searches of screened check-in luggage will not necessarily be done in front of the passenger because of the way it is processed. Security agents will put a card inside each bag they search, indicating it has been opened and inspected, and then the bag will be resealed, Loy told CNN.

The press release said the TSA is moving toward providing travelers with free, padlock-like seals that screeners can snip open if a search is necessary. But for now, air travelers are advised to use cable or zip ties as an alternative to baggage locks.

Bell noted that the TSA also discouraged passengers from traveling with wrapped Christmas gifts, as they would be forced to open them for a physical search.

The TSA was created last year to beef up security at the nation's 439 commercial airports. In fact, TSA officials even paid a visit to Kwajalein as part of the department's evaluation process.

While the airport here must adhere to the same federal guidelines as those stateside, some measures may not be applicable or practical, Bell said.

In that case, alternative solutions are sought. For example, he explained, the command can't afford \$3 million for a bomb detection machine, so instead uses bomb-sniffing canines.

Bell said the Federal Aviation Administration recently tested airports at both Guam and Kwaj, and Bucholz did so well the FAA officials threw security personnel a pizza party. In Guam, he said, the results were far different: They shut the airport down after one agent was able to smuggle a knife past security, he said.

"They get pretty serious about their testing," Bell noted.

Random searches?

Travelers from Kwajalein seem to get a firsthand experience of how serious security is these days more than other passengers. Many Kwaj passengers, including Bell, tell how they've been stopped at every airport on vacations home for a random search of their luggage.

"Once you're randomly selected, you're always randomly selected," Bell quipped.

It's not entirely random, according to the personnel at RSE Travel.

Tickets issued outside the United States — especially those Visit USA passes, or

VUSA tickets, that must be purchased overseas — are often tagged, according to Tammy Laikin, with RSE Travel.

"A lot of times if you're a frequent flyer [with that airline], they won't tag you, but that's not guaranteed," she said.

Gina Sansone, RSE Travel coordinator, said the searches have reportedly not been as frequent since the end of the summer.

"I heard it has gotten better," she said, adding that airports are also cutting back on luggage inspections at the gates in addition to the normal checks at the X-ray machines before passengers get to the concourse area.

Both Laikin and Sansone advise passengers to travel as light as possible, eschewing carry-on luggage completely if possible. Bell said he's going one step further this holiday, mailing most of his luggage to his final destination to avoid the hassle. Also, these travel experts suggest passengers avoid wearing belts, jeans, boots and any other items that might set off metal detectors.

"I travel with a book, my ID and some breath mints," Sansone said.

Program teaches traditional skills for modern-day work needs ...

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dents also receive a stipend to allow them to stay in the program rather than seek full-time jobs, precluding their education.

Luciano tells the story of two young women who sailed their first canoe on a rainy, stormy day in the Majuro lagoon and returned highly motivated.

"They came back soaking wet," she said. "But you could see it in their faces. They were on a mission."

The program also features a fiberglass shop teaching valuable vocational lessons that can transfer to future employment.

"While the training techniques for these young men and women focus on

canoe building and other related techniques of construction, the capacity building and life skills learned are preparing young men and women trainees for jobs in any field," said Director Dennis Alessio in a written program overview.

The program receives U.S. and RMI government funding, supplemented by the students' own sales of canoes and dinghies. Word of their work is getting around, too. The program has maxed out on orders for 8-foot dinghies and they're still working on a 23-foot fiberglass catamaran for carrying copra, passengers and cargo inside the lagoon of Ailuk Atoll and a 30-foot traditional canoe.

Local sailors heading to the Sixth

Annual Outrigger Marshall Islands Cup national races this spring at Alinglaplap Atoll will see the students' work, as they are set to participate in the original "WIA" racing outrigger canoe.

The program also hopes to grow with more funding to expand existing programs, by entering cooperative programs with other agencies and adding after-school anti-drug and alcohol programs.

"The program raises public awareness, promotes participation in, sponsors training programs and encourages knowledge and appreciation of Marshallese culture while directly working toward the reduction of poverty," writes Alessio.

'TIS THE



An Enniburr child goes one-on-one with Santa



Santa draws a crowd



Marshall Island Club members sing on Carlos



Santa greets children & friends



Job Corps singers perform

SEASON



crowd on Enniburr



Little dancers celebrate the season



Scuba Santa arrives at Emon Beach



fills bags at Kwaj airport



Ebadon children receive treats from a volunteer

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A Carlos Christmas

Marshall Island Club brings Christmas to Carlos

By KW Hillis
Feature Writer

Small children dressed in red and carrying leis almost bigger than themselves impatiently waited for the catamaran *Jelang K* to dock at Carlos' pier. The Marshall Islands Club's 11th annual Christmas on Carlos was underway as soon as the first of 49 Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School students disembarked. USAKA Commander Col. Jerry Brown, Host Nation personnel and family members joined them for the event.

"I wanted today to come," said 10-year-old Carlos resident



Above: Teacher Ric Fullerton gives style pointers to a small piñata batter while Jane Brown, Marshall Islands Club members and Carlos residents stay out of the way of the stick.



Left: Santa arrives on Carlos to the delight of the island's children.

Below: Carlos children, led by 16-year-old John Sailas, energetically dance for the Kwajalein visitors.

(Photos by KW Hillis)
(Layout by Dan Adler and KW Hillis)

Henrose Buleke, a veteran of past club visits.

The club was formed 11 years ago by co-sponsors Peter Barbella and Ric Fullerton. The students gather money and decide what goes in the 24 family boxes and what the children will get from Santa, Barbella said. This year gifts included flip-flops, T-shirts, fruit, small toys, candy and flutes.

"This is the biggest group ever," Fullerton said. The event is so popular that former students come along to help.

For the next four hours, the courtyard in front of the new Carlos schoolhouse swarmed with activity. Santa arrived and, with the help of his elves, gave presents to each child. After Santa left, the Marshallese children danced for the visitors. Fullerton, on his guitar, then led the traditional singing of "Rudolph, The Red-Beaked Parrot Fish," accompanied by children tooting flutes.

"I'm so very proud of the high school youth," Brown said. "It's programs like this that have significant impact."



Classified Ads and Community Notices

**CAFÉ
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**CROSS ROADS
Cuisine**

Lunch

| | |
|---------------|--|
| Sat | Baked barbecued chicken Taco and burrito bar Grill: Sloppy Joes Carved ham |
| Sun | Crispy-fried chicken Eggs Benedict Grill: To order brunch items Pork carnitas |
| Mon | Batter-fried cod Bacon quiche Grill: Miami ham and cheese wrap/ to order brunch items |
| Tues | Flank steak Chicken teriyaki Grill: Tuna melt |
| Wed | Autumn beef stew Pulled barbecued pork Grill: Chicken cordon bleu sandwich |
| Thur | Crispy-fried chicken Old-fashioned meat loaf Grill: Roast beef poor boy |
| Fri | Golden-fried catfish Brunswick stew Grill: Monte Carlo sandwich |
| Dinner | |
| Tonight | Cashew-crust red snapper Savory beef stew |
| Sat | Cantonese pineapple pork Beef enchilada casserole Pizza |
| Sun | To order fajita bar Pot roast Polish cabbage rolls |
| Mon | Ancho chili barbecued beef Chicken fricassee |
| Tues | Blackened snapper Taco and burrito bar Black pepper pork loin |
| Wed | Corned beef and cabbage Spaghetti and meatballs Pizza bar |
| Thur | Herbed London broil Baja mahi mahi |
| Fri | Baked pork chops Chicken and broccoli supreme |

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.

SECRETARY, Elementary School. Part time. 25 hours per week. Must have good computer skills and working knowledge of Word, Access and Excel. Attention to detail and good people skills are required.

PATIENT SERVICES COORDINATOR, Hospital. Process patients during sign in, schedule appointments, verify patient demographics and insurance, file charts, maintain forms, prepare and maintain doctors' schedule and cross-train. Must be well organized, computer literate and have the ability to work in a fast-paced environment.

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.

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

MAGAZINES and children's easy readers. Call 53140.

CUSTOM-MADE cushion covers for Kwaj furniture for Grace Sherwood Library. Call 53439 or 52670.

ASTROTURF, 55" x 115" or larger. Call 51494.

LOST

EMMY THE CAT, black with golden spots, has a red collar. Call 54119.

GIRL'S WIRE frame glasses, purple and silver, in October. Call 50225.

FOUND

BLACK CAT with white chest, whiskers, paws and chin, green eyes. Call Vet Clinic, 52017.

PATIO SALES

SUNDAY and MONDAY, 8 a.m.-noon, Qtrs. 461-B. Golf stuff, kitchen stuff, patio stuff. No early birds.

FOR SALE

TABLE-TOP fountain kits and starter kits, \$15-\$40; two foam beach floats, like new, \$35 each; automatic aquarium fish feeder, \$20; clear glass column oil lamp, \$5; one large desert rose, \$35; large aralia, \$10; very large Norfolk pine, \$45; peach day lilies, \$5. Call 52430.

NINTENDO GAMECUBE game "Metroid Prime," just released, still in package, teen rating for ages 13 and up, \$50. Call Derson, 51201.

PLANTS; blinds for 200-series housing, new set of pots and pans, \$30; free landscape rocks; eight 8' white fence sections \$300; 13" TV, \$75; four beach chairs and umbrellas, \$25. Call 54396.

MEDELA Pump-in-Style double electric breast pump with accessories, like new, \$200; baby wipes warmer, \$15; baby furniture including crib (converts to toddler's bed), changing table and large white dresser, excellent condition, \$350; portable bassinet, \$40; maternity clothes, \$5 each; infant footed sleepers, \$4 each; Kwaj-condition Burley, \$25. Call Mandy, 54677.

SMALL KARAOKE machine, \$80; Marshallese sleeping mat, pandanus, \$50; heavy-duty dishwasher, \$175. Call 52492.

GRACO BABY stroller with bassinet/car seat, \$50; Precious Moments walker, \$25; Graco open-top baby swing with six speeds, auto timer and music, \$50; J.C. Penney baby bouncer, \$15; baby carrier, \$10; L.L. Bean playpen, \$50; Kids II play gym, \$5; The Singing Machine karaoke, \$50. Call 54536.

TWO LOVESEATS, \$450 each; sofa, \$550; two wingback recliners, \$400 each; Sony 200-CD carousel, \$200; tarp and poles, \$600; golf cart, \$60; computer desk, \$75; two bookcases, \$65 each; nightstand, \$50; assorted shelves; ceiling fan, \$60. Call 52543, or come by Qtrs. 401-A after 5 p.m.

WOMEN'S SCUBA PRO BCD, size medium, perfect working condition, with AirII system included, \$100. Call Eric, 53010, afternoon or evenings, or e-mail at ericfisher@email.com.

PLANTS; dehumidifier, \$100; decorative concrete blocks, 50¢ each; ice maker, \$50; computer desk, \$250; small refrigerator, \$50; La-Z-Boy recliner, \$100; Wagoner Power Painter, \$250; 20" Sony TV, \$200; 31" Panasonic TV, \$600; Porter cable profile sander kit, \$50. Call 52348, 4:30-7 p.m.

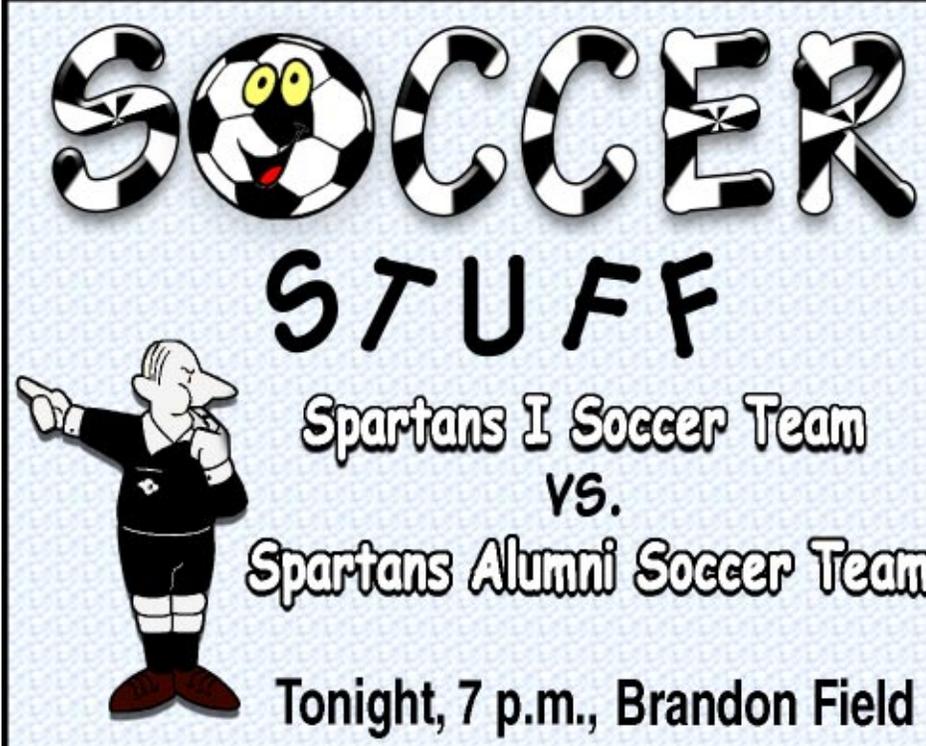
WROUGHT-IRON etagere, \$75; piano, \$400; Sauder computer desk, \$250; kid's computer desk, \$50. Call 52779, after 7 p.m.

COMPLETE COMPACT flash-mounted iGPS system for Compaq iPAQ, new, in box, voice activated, off-route warning, comes with mobility pack, never been used, \$300. Call 52782.

RECLINER, blue, like new, \$100; entertainment center, \$100. Call 52663.

DESKTOP VIDEO editing board, Pinnacle DC30, with breakout box and Adobe Premiere 5.1 video editing software for Windows PC; handheld GPS units: Magellan GPS Color TRAK Satellite Navigator, excellent condition, \$100; Garmin e Trex Personal Navigator, brand new, in unopened original packaging, \$50. Call

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SOCCER
STUFF

Spartans I Soccer Team
VS.
Spartans Alumni Soccer Team

Tonight, 7 p.m., Brandon Field



The Hourglass
will not publish
Tuesday, Jan. 31

Scott, 52774.

UPRIGHT VACUUM cleaner, \$100; men's XL BCD, XL midi-dive suit, regulator with octopus, used digital computer, all for \$200; Ping Eye 2 wooden woods, 1-3-5, \$40; Ping Eye 2 wooden driver, \$20; Ping 3 wood, \$20; Tour Edge titanium 3 wood, \$20; Dunlop 3 wood, new, \$20; Olimar trimetal hipsteel 3 wood, \$50. Call John, 51130.

KENMORE DISHWASHER, black front, woodgrain top, \$100; Yamaha 4 hp, two-stroke outboard motor, long shaft, was running, needs lower unit work, \$100. Call 53070.

COCKTAIL DRESS, black with gold decorations, size 12, \$50; TV stand, \$30; two Christmas tree stands, \$3 each; two bougainvillea plants, pink and red, \$25 each. Call 53578 and leave a message.

FUSION 36' catamaran, ready to sail after complete refurbishing in spring 2002, includes 7' inflatable with 3½ hp engine, new 15 hp outboard, trampolines, electrical and stereo system, boat lot has power and water, \$17,000; kayak, \$150; JBL XHD speargun, \$100; Yamaha four-stroke 9.9 hp engine, \$1,200. Call Trudy, 52245.

COMPUTER: Compaq 667Mhz, 192 Mhz RAM, 15 GB hard drive, 40x CD drive, CD-RW drive, 3D graphics, 56K modem, \$500; 17" monitor, \$100; Canon Multipass C3500 photo-quality printer with scanner, photo copier and fax, all-in-one machine, \$150; Palm Pilot, \$125. Call Mike, 51385.

SONY SUBWOOFER, model SA-W101, \$60; Panasonic five-disc DVD player, model DVD-C220D, \$100. Call 53716 and leave a message.

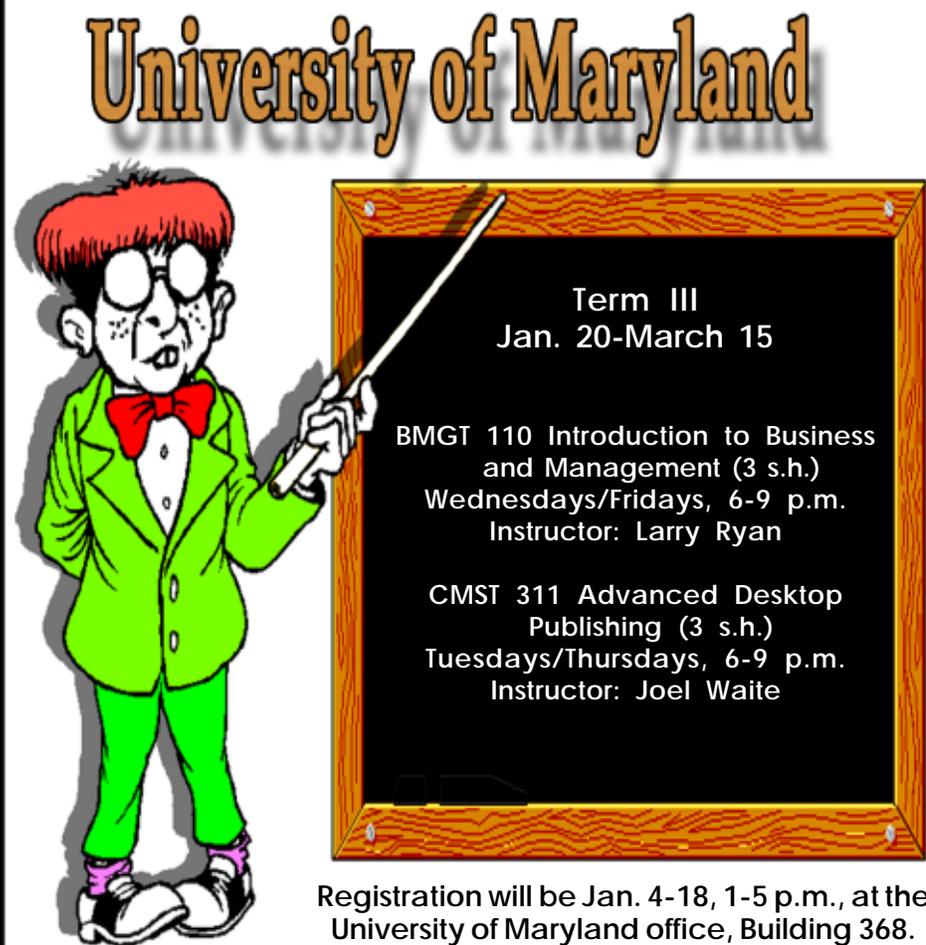
NINTENDO N64 with two controllers plus 11 top-rated video games, all E rated for all ages, over \$500 invested, will sell for \$150 for all. Call 51031.

9.2' DINGHY inflatable boat with 4 hp, four-stroke Yamaha motor, two years old, paid \$2,700, will sell for \$1,900. Call Paul, 53159, or leave a message.

THREADED BICYCLE suspension forks: one Black aluminum RST model 281R, brand new, never installed or used, 1-1/8" diameter steerer tube 6¼" in length, will fit Huffy Zeta and many other bikes, sells new for \$60-\$90, will sell for \$40; one silver RST, new, never installed, 1-1/8" diameter steering tube, \$35. Call 52283W or 53694H.

KID'S PLAYHOUSE, pink and blue, excellent condition, \$130; Kids 'n Cats art crib tent, new, \$50; glass patio table and plastic chairs, \$50; large Rubbermaid outdoor storage cabinet, \$220; 150-quart cooler, \$75; Horizon submersible VHF marine radio, \$150; Penn tuna stick with Penn Senator reel, \$200; various fishing gear. Call 53569.

PLANTS, blinds for trailer, computer table and



University of Maryland

Term III
Jan. 20-March 15

BMGT 110 Introduction to Business and Management (3 s.h.)
Wednesdays/Fridays, 6-9 p.m.
Instructor: Larry Ryan

CMST 311 Advanced Desktop Publishing (3 s.h.)
Tuesdays/Thursdays, 6-9 p.m.
Instructor: Joel Waite

Registration will be Jan. 4-18, 1-5 p.m., at the University of Maryland office, Building 368.

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INTERN VACANCIES

The US Army Kwajalein Atol is recruiting applicants for two one-year term positions. Applicants must be:

- interested in a college program in Public Affairs or Protocol
- citizens of the Republic of The Marshall Islands
- high school graduates
- fluent in English (verbal and written)

Meals and lodging provided. Allow \$2000/month allowance.

Email: luvinie.lanasa@usace.army.mil for more information and applications. Deadline for receiving applications is January 31, 2003.

chair, two-drawer file cabinet. Stop by Tr. 844, or call 54521.

PCS SALE. Three person, 1200cc Kawasaki STX Jet, runs great, extra parts, \$4,000; two 20" TVs; eight 8' fence sections, \$300 or best offer; plants; ironing board and iron, \$10; dishes and glasses, \$30; golf clubs and bag, \$25; new 12' x 15' blue and green carpets. Call 54396.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TO WHOEVER is taking my husband's sandals from our backyard: Stop taking them. If you need sandals, ask for them. Don't steal.

BARGAIN BAZAAR hours of operation are: Monday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-3 p.m.; Wednesdays, 5-7 p.m. Donations will be picked up Mondays. For a pickup, call 53686 before noon Mondays. We will be closed Jan. 1.

VOLLETTBALL MANAGERS' meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 7, 6:30 p.m., in Community Activities/library conference room. Bring a registration fee of \$150 and your team roster. Individuals wanting to join a team should attend this meeting. Questions? Call Community Activities, 53331.

ICE PLANT will only be open 7:30-11:30 a.m. until further notice due to operation requirements.

THEATER HIGH ALTITUDE AREA DEFENSE (THAAD) PACIFIC TEST FLIGHTS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: On behalf of the Missile Defense Agency, the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA), prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing NEPA. The EA analyzes the environmental consequences of conducting test flights of the Theater High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) missile over the Pacific Ocean. Up to 50 THAAD interceptor missiles and 50 target missiles could be launched over a four-year period. The next phase of THAAD flight-testing is currently scheduled to begin in late FY2005 and would continue through at least fiscal year 2010. THAAD flight tests and intercepts of target missile launches over realistic distances (503,000 kilometers (31-1,860 miles)) are required to validate the performance capability and overall effectiveness of the THAAD weapon system (i.e., interceptor missiles, radar, and support components) against representative threat ballistic missiles. The THAAD Pacific Test Flights EA analyzes the activities designed to confirm the effectiveness of the THAAD missile system before its procurement and deployment, including construction and operational procedures. The Proposed Action would in-

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volve THAAD interceptor missile launches and THAAD radar operation from a site at the Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) located on the island of Kauai, Hawaii. An alternative to the Proposed Action, would be the use of the Ronald Reagan Ballistic Missile Defense Test Site (RTS) in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. A second alternative would involve a combination of some or all of the proposed activities described in the Proposed Action, test flights at PMRF and some or all of the alternative actions at RTS. The Proposed Action and alternatives would also require the construction of test support facilities and site preparation for THAAD launcher, radar and support equipment. Some clearing and road construction would be associated with the THAAD test facilities. Target missiles would be launched from the air, sea and/or land. Land launches of target missiles would occur from either Toton or Bigen islands in the Republic of the Marshall Islands or from Wake Island if RTS were used as the THAAD missile flight test location. Based on this analysis, the U.S. Army has determined that proposed activities are not expected to result in significant impacts to the environment. A draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and the Final EA are available at the following locations: Lihue Regional Library, 4344 Hardy Street, Lihue, HI 96766; Waimea Public Library, P.O. Box 397, Waimea, HI 96766; Hawaii State Library, Hawaii and Pacific Section Document Unit, 478 South King Street, Honolulu, HI 96813; Alele Public Library, P.O. Box 629, Majuro, Marshall Islands 96960; Grace Sherwood Library, P.O. Box 23, Kwajalein, Marshall Islands, APO, AP 96555. Public comments on the Draft FONSI/EA will be accepted through Jan. 20 2003. Submit written comments to: U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command, ATTN: SMDC-EN-V (Mr. Thomas M. Craven), P.O. Box 1500, Huntsville, AL 35807-3801.

through Jan. 1 for the holidays. We will reopen Jan. 2.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets on Roi-Namur Tuesdays and Fridays, 7 p.m., at Tr. 8311. If you have a desire to quit drinking, call 56292 and leave a message. We will get back to you.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets on Kwajalein Wednesdays and Saturdays, 6:30 p.m., at the PBQ, second floor, Room 250. If you have a desire to quit drinking, call 51143 to leave a message. We will call you back.

OPSEC REMINDER: Providing our military forces with uncompromised defense systems is necessary to minimize risks and enhance our potential for the successful termination of a conflict. Apply OPSEC.

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**Classified ads
for next Friday's
Hourglass are
due by noon
Tuesday, Dec. 31.**

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND College will be closed

**Marshallese Word
of the Day**

Biit - Dance/dancing

See you at the movies!

Saturday

Men in Black II (2002, PG-13)

Super-agents Jay and Kay must once again save the world, this time from a monster alien disguised as a lingerie model. (Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones) (88 minutes)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Austin Powers in Goldmember (2002, PG-13)

Mike Myers is back as the retro British agent and the devious Dr. Evil in the third installment of the comedy franchise.

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

Sunday

Stuart Little 2 (2002, PG)

The intrepid mouse befriends a wounded bird being hunted by a dangerous falcon. (76 minutes)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Undisputed (2002, R)

A boxing champion must fight for his life in prison against an upstart brawler.

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

Monday

Men in Black II (2002, PG-13)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

K-19 Widowmaker (2002, PG-13)

Harrison Ford and Liam Neeson star as Russian officers aboard a damaged submarine during the Cold War.

Adult Recreation Center, 7:30 p.m.

WEATHER

Courtesy of Aeromet

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a shower or two.

Winds: East-northeast at 15 to 20 knots.

Tomorrow: Partly to mostly sunny with isolated shower activity.

Winds: East-northeast at 15 to 20 knots.

Temperature: Tonight's low 80°
Tomorrow's high 86°

December rain total: 6.08"

Annual rain total: 104.70"

Annual deviation: 3.92"

Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.

ERT training focuses on team-building

By Peter Rejcek

Associate Editor

Dangling like a spider 20 feet off the hard concrete floor below, police Sgt.



(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

Sgt. 1st Class Travis Tikka, USAKA provost marshal sergeant, assists police Sgt. Charles Gowins as he prepares to rappel off a walkway in the DCCB Saturday.

Charles Gowins braces himself, and then with one powerful push off the side of the walkway, he rappels down, standing on the ground only moments later.

While the exercise by the KPD Emergency Response Team is not necessarily mission-related, it's a valuable and fun training tool, according to Cpl. Shannon Burdine, who, with Sgt. Luke Olander, is overseeing the day's training.

"It builds confidence, teamwork," said Burdine, a former MP.

About 10 members of the team spent the day at DCCB rappelling, as well as practicing skills at the shooting range.

At the latter, team members negotiated a course where paper cutouts of "bad guys" and "good guys" appeared at various distances. A member had only a second or two to determine whether the figure was friendly or not — and squeeze off a couple of shots if the figure appeared threatening.

The exercise is not as easy it sounds. Before they began, members jogged for a couple of minutes to get the heart rate up, and then sprinted through the course. The thugs and the good guys were not so easy to distinguish, either: A cell phone can be mistaken for a weapon, and the lady with the purse is sporting a handgun at her hip.

"When you're under stress, you're shots aren't in a nice, neat pattern," Burdine noted, adding that while a few friendlies got shot, overall the trainees did well.

Sun • Moon • Tides

| | Sunrise/set | Moonrise/set | High Tide | Low Tide |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Saturday December 28 | 0702/1839 | 0120/1340 | 1120, 4.1' 2340, 4.0' | 0450, 1.7' 1740, 2.1' |
| Sunday December 29 | 0702/1840 | 0213/1426 | 1240, 4.4' | 0610, 1.6' 1900, 1.8' |
| Monday December 30 | 0703/1840 | 0308/1515 | 0100, 4.1' 1340, 4.9' | 0710, 1.4' 2010, 1.4' |
| Tuesday December 31 | 0703/1841 | 0406/1607 | 0210, 4.2' 1430, 5.3' | 0800, 1.2' 2100, 1.1' |
| Wednesday January 1 | 0704/1841 | 0506/1703 | 0300, 4.5' 1520, 5.7' | 0850, 1.0' 2150, 0.7' |
| Thursday January 2 | 0704/1842 | 0608/1802 New Moon | 0350, 4.6' 1600, 6.0' | 0940, 0.9' 2230, 0.5' |
| Friday January 3 | 0704/1842 | 0709/1902 | 0430, 4.7' 1640, 6.1' | 1020, 0.8' 2310, 0.5' |