One of the greatest gifts is someone to love

This is meant as a Christmas present of sorts to someone very special to me. I humbly write it with all the husbands and significant others in mind who feel the same way about the women in their lives, especially at this time of year.

Thirty-two years ago, I stood at an altar watching the most beautiful girl in the world walk down the aisle toward me.

I couldn’t believe it was happening. I had no money. I was skinny and scrawny. I lived in a small scrumpy apartment and drove a beat up old car. I sure wasn’t anything to look at. Not exactly a great catch.

As I watched her get closer, I thought any second now, she’ll come to her senses and run away screaming.

But then she was beside me, smiling, lovely and radiant, taking my hand in hers to become my wife. Thank you, God.

I ask her sometimes why she married me. She says, “I love you.”

But why I ask, why do you love me? She shrugs her shoulders and says, “Just because.”

She’s been with me in times as dark as midnight and times as bright as the sun. Through times of poverty to times of money, the peaks and valleys, in all my disappointments and defeats to all my brilliant decisions and my little victories. She has been my best friend, my greatest strength, my soul mate.

She has put up with my crankiness and irritability, my inability to cook and my allergy to housework. She has been exasperated at not knowing the difference between a washer and a dryer. She has given me lessons for years, but I stoutly resist. After a lesson she will ask “Which one is the dryer?” “The white one,” I answer. She says though clenched teeth, “They’re both white.” “My point exactly,” I say. “It’s impossible to tell the difference.” She usually won’t talk to me for three days, but I don’t have to do the laundry.

People who know us think she’s a saint for living with me. I couldn’t agree with that more. Christmas is very special to her. I found that out the first Christmas we spent together. We were driving over to spend the day with her mother, who is a very nice lady in a prison warden sort of way. During the drive, I expressed over and over my joy at spending Christmas with ‘mom’. When we pulled up to the curb, my wife leaned across the seat, grabbed the front of my shirt, and got this look in her eyes. I’ve never seen the look in the eyes of a mafia enforcer, but this had to be close. “It’s Christmas,” she said. “I don’t care if you break your leg, you’re going to be pleasant company today.” Needless to say, I was so nice, Mother Theresa would have looked like a crazed beast next to me.

I have loved her for 32 years and if I had 100 more with her, it wouldn’t be enough.

I will borrow the words of a song by Iz, the wonderful Hawaiian singer.

“If it all falls apart, I will know deep in my heart, that the only dream that matters has come true — In this life, I was loved by you.”

To all you wives who put up with all us husbands and love us just because and no matter what, a very Merry Christmas and thank God for ya’.

**Flyers are coming to a newspaper rack near you**

Newspaper boxes with the Hourglass logo are popping up at various locations on Kwajalein — including the Post Office and Café Pacific — and the epidemic will soon spread to Roi.

But for those who may be worried about the Hourglass not being in their mailbox — not to worry,” as my cousin, Thelma used to say.

The boxes are slatted for other uses.

“Eventually, we are looking at putting official flyers and even a separate TV guide in the boxes,” said Lloyd Jordan, Community Services deputy manager.

Right now the boxes are in the process of being set up at the different locations and then bolted down.

When the boxes do go into use — as a minimum, official flyers, that the Post Office staff was delivering to each mail box, will end up residing there. But there will be some rules including who will clean up the old flyers. I sure hope I don’t get assigned that job.

The one thing to remember is that the key word is OFFICIAL flyers, not a stack of dog walking service flyers or ads to sell a boat.

Darn, I was going to put a flyer in about my patio sale on Jan. 5.

**Letters to the Editor**

Keep letters to less than 300 words, and keep your comments to the issues. Letters must be signed. We will edit for AP style and, if you exceed the word limit, space. Please limit yourself to one letter every 30 days to give other readers a chance to write. Send your letter to: The Hourglass, P.O. Box 23, Local; or jbennett@kls.usaka.smdc.army.mil.
Dodgen takes over command of SMDC from Cosumano

By Marco Morales

Staff Writer, The Eagle


Dodgen recently served as the commanding general, U.S. Army Aviation and Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

“SMDC has been an organization always pointed toward the future,” Dodgen said, adding, “This will not change. Over the next year in conjunction with MDA [Missile Defense Agency], we will bring on new missile defense capabilities to protect our homeland. We will embrace and mature new missions as the component of [U.S. Army Forces Strategic Command] under Adm. [James O. Ellis Jr.]; in addition we will continue to integrate space capabilities and develop new technologies to serve our tactical Army and its soldiers.

“For the men and women of SMDC, the future will be every bit as exciting as the past and I look forward to our service together,” Dodgen said.

“Working closely with joint partners, General Cosumano has led efforts to field the ground-based midcourse defense segment of the ballistic missile defense system on track for deployment in the fall of next year,” said Ellis, referring to one of many of the outgoing commanding general’s accomplishments. “The ground-based midcourse defense brigade and battalion will be cornerstone of the GMD system designed to protect the United States, our deployed forces, and friends and allies around the globe against ballistic missiles.”

Ellis further acknowledged the selfless support provided to Cosumano by his wife, Lydia.

“As some may know, as a breast cancer survivor, she has been involved in numerous outreach discussions and has been a tremendous role model,” Ellis said, adding, “She has demonstrated in every way in every day the sincere desire to improve the well being and quality of life not only for soldiers and their families assigned to SMDC, but also for all members of the joint team who are a part of the local community regardless of where the Cosumanos were stationed.”

Referring to a Civil War era Army general, Ellis used that general’s quote to make a point.

“Ideals are like stars, you will not succeed in touching them with your hands, but like the sea-faring man on the ocean desert of waters, you choose them as your guides and following them, you reach your destiny ... I like an Army man who’s willing to talk about ‘sea-faring,’” Ellis said, sparking laughter from the audience.

“Joe and Lydia, you certainly have had those stars before you and you certainly have followed your ideals and achieved a destiny that you can match,” he said, thanking them for their service to the Army and our nation.

Ellis then turned the audience’s attention to the incoming commanding general’s credentials.

“General Dodgen also brings an outstanding record of service to this command,” Ellis said. “He will add a wealth of experience and fresh enthusiasm to the team. His proven leadership has been demonstrated time after time over a career that now spans more than 30 years.”

Casey joined in on welcoming the Dodgens to SMDC.

“Larry and Leslie, as I said, it’s great to have you back in the D.C. area. You can even have your old house back after you get the Caseys out,” Casey said, as the audience laughed. “I know everyone joins me here in wishing you good luck as you pursue your duties at SMDC.”
By Jan Waddell
Reporter
Smiling faces filled with anticipation and excitement looked skyward, as two Huey helicopters approached and landed on two small islands at the outer edges of the Kwajalein Atoll.
The Yokwe Yuk Women’s Club made their annual Christmas drop to Mejatto and Ebadon, Wednesday.
Several members of the YYWC along with Col. Jerry Brown, USAKA commander, Greta Morris, U. S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands and Twilyn Sheet, USAKA intern, visited the islands, handing out Christmas gifts for young and old alike.
The group departed Kwajalein on the Twin Otter and flew to Elanak where the Army helicopters waited to take the group to the first stop, Mejatto.
Each member of the group was adorned with either a lei, head wear or shell necklaces and given a fresh coconut, to quench their thirst, by the adults of Mejatto, while the children waited patiently for the much anticipated Christmas offerings.
As Santa’s helpers took a designated bundle, the children lined up to receive a bag filled with holiday goodies.
One by one, after receiving their gifts bag and giddy with excitement the children ran off into the open field and tore into the bags.
The children showed off their new clothes, toys, school supplies, drinking cups and candy, laughing and talking wildly to each other.

While the children were busy, YYWC members handed out apples and oranges to everyone else.
The children then gathered in the open courtyard and sang a song for the visitors. Then the boys put on their new shirts they had just received and did a Jidbok dance.

Visiting Mejatto and seeing everyone “warms our hearts,” said Susan Goltz, YYWC president, to the assembled crowd.
Two of the Mejatto women brought out large boxes filled with gifts for the Christmas-drop group.
“We are very fortunate you came,” said a Mejatto spokesman, who explained that his people wished the visitors all the best.
Santa’s helpers then boarded their sleigh for another short flight — destination Ebadon.
As the helicopters landed in a field next to the school house the children lined up and shook everyone’s hand as they disembarked the chopper. The group then traveled down the dirt road to the school house.

Bags filled with gifts were brought out and children lined up to receive their gift.

Not only were the YYWC giving gifts to the children, but the children gave gifts back. Some had beautiful shells; others had shell necklaces, glass balls and palm frond baskets.

Laughter and excitement filled the air as the children opened their hand decorated bags and pulled out candy, toys, clothes, material and school supplies.
The children gathered in front of the school house and sang a song in English and then the young boys did the Jidbok dance.

Brown and Morris presented Bonjen Tom with a framed collage of pictures taken last year at the Ebadon Christmas drop.
After leading Santa’s helpers in “Jingle Bells,” Goltz then thanked the people of Ebadon.
As the helicopters left, the children once again looked to the sky waving goodbye to Santa’s helpers.

“This is one of my more memorable experiences from Kwajalein — fantastic,” said Goltz.
Shouts of laughter could be heard above the Christmas music coming from Roi’s Tradewinds Theater as children rolled down hills, tossed water balloons, raced hermit crabs, tried to hit the piñata and bowled with coconuts.

Approximately 390 Enniburr children and their family members gathered on Roi to play games and watch movies before meeting Santa and Mrs. Claus during the annual Enniburr Children’s Christmas Fund party.

“We’ve been making the kids happy with musical chairs and games,” said Gerry Wolf, volunteer from Kwajalein.

About 80 residents from Roi donated their time and energy Sunday setting up tents around the theater and organizing activities for Monday’s festivities. Stephenia Cousins was the project overseer, said Mike Ellison, Roi Community Activities superintendent, who worked with Cousins on the event. Volunteers from Roi and Kwaj, including Girl Scouts and high school National Honor Society members, donated their time entertaining the Enniburr residents on Monday.

A large drawing of Santa flying over the lagoon, his sleigh pulled by dolphins, with palm trees made of real wood blowing in the breeze decorated the back wall of the theater accented by large containers of presents and a Christmas tree on the stage.

While the older children played games earning tickets for prizes, younger children gathered in C Building for a special viewing of “Finding Nemo.”

Once the games were finished, and everyone had a meal from the food tent piled high with chicken, rice, corn, hot dogs and cold drinks, children began lining up in preparation for Santa’s arrival. Santa and Mrs. Claus made their entrance on a fire truck, tossing candy to eager children. The sky opened up and rain began to pour as hundreds of children gathered under the roof to have their picture taken with the jolly couple.

Children were presented with book bags and bags of goodies before they sat on Santa’s lap to have their snapshot taken. The Girl Scouts gave out glow necklaces and bracelets to each child as they left the stage.

Then everyone gathered together for a special musical program and the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Ellison served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening with Johnsay Kobency, KALGOV representative to USAKA, translating his comments into Marshallese.

The program opened with a gift presentation of two volleyball nets and balls, one for Enniburr and one for the Roi dock checkpoint, and two basketball hoops with a basketball to the residents of Enniburr from the Kwajalein Police Department, Roi Detachment.

The gifts were given in honor of Art LeBeau, a former KPD sergeant, who was responsible for starting ECCF over 10 years ago, said Lt. Damon Brown, ECCF vice president. LeBeau’s individual project of a Christmas party for the children of Enniburr became ECCF as the Roi community became more involved.

“We wanted to try and give a gift like this that the whole community can use,” Brown said.

The musical program opened with a performance by the Assembly of God Good News Club. Then the guests from Kwajalein and the hard working organizers from Roi were presented with handmade gifts. Additional musical performances followed with songs and dances from the United Church of Christ and Saint Leonard’s Group, closing with an energetic performance by the BNJ Church and Sunday School.

The final event of the day was the official lighting of the decorated tree in front of the Café Roi. In the spirit of the holiday, a Marshallese girl, Ejra Lokeijak, and boy, Dennis Erakdrik, turned the switch to light up the tree and the surrounding palm trees.

“It’s always a lot of fun. Just watching the kids and seeing how much fun they’re having makes it all worth it,” Cousins said.
Silky sharks will often take a trolled lure, and have saved many a tuna from the ice chest by putting up a dogged fight while the fishermen helplessly watch the object of their desires frolicking all around the boat.

It seems that silkys around Kwajalein have learned to associate boats with hooked, easy-to-eat tuna. Our attempts at blue-water spear fishing invariably result in encounters with these sharks before we even spear any fish. Probably they are attracted by the boat.

Silky sharks are regarded as fairly safe by most authorities. In fact, in the Caribbean, some dive shops sponsor trips that allow divers to feed the sharks without the protection of a cage. However, the silkys around Kwaj seem to react to debris in the water as a feeding opportunity. If a fisherman were to fall overboard, and especially if he were to flail the water while waiting to be picked up, things could get ugly.

**Tiger sharks**

Along with the great white shark and the bull shark, the tiger shark is one of those often implicated in attacks on humans. While some scientists speculate that great whites attack because they mistake people for seals, and bulls attack because of confusion due to murky waters, they make no excuses for tigers. These sharks are enthusiastically omnivorous. When they attack, it’s because people are as good to eat as anything else.

Tigers grow to huge size — 20 feet has been reliably reported — and they eat anything they can fit into their cavernous mouths. They are brownish-grey above and white underneath. The stripes that give them their name are not very distinct in smaller sharks and may fade away completely when the tiger attains about 10 feet in length.

In seven years of spearfishing, I have yet to see one; they are very seldom seen by divers. Occasionally, one is caught on hook and line.

They usually spend daylight hours in deep water, coming into shallower water at night to feed. Several have been caught at night from the Ebeye pier, indicating they prowl the lagoon under cover of darkness. Apparently they don’t often investigate divers.

Night diving from North Point is popular, and it seems sightings wouldn’t be so uncommon there if the sharks had any interest in divers.

Some scientists suggest these sharks may not be all bad. Dr. Samaul Gruebner even allows lay people to help with his research in the Bahamas as an adventure vacation, which includes swimming with tiger sharks that have been released from set lines. Valerie and Ron Taylor have handled tiger sharks for several films and consider them friendly.

Nevertheless, most authorities recommend that divers exit the water as soon as a tiger shark is seen.

**Silver-tip sharks**

Silver-tip sharks are seldom encountered by most divers at Kwajalein because they generally stay at 200 feet or so. These sharks are similar in appearance to grey reefs but silver-tips sport distinct white edges on the rear of their fins.
Local skills and customs will enhance classes

By April Brown
Reporter

Curriculum changes under development for the 2004-2005 school year include using the Marshallese students’ and their parents’ skills to incorporate handicrafts and legends into art classes.

“I think it will be beneficial to them to learn from their classmates,” said Jane Christy, K-12 art teacher.

The 2004-2005 curriculum and driver’s education were the prime topics at the School Advisory Council meeting, Wednesday night.

Next year’s curriculum for K-12 social studies courses is also under development.

“Currently we feel like we have a strong working rough draft,” said Sonya Sava, K-6 Social Studies committee member.

The committee’s priority is to develop a curriculum that meets national standards, Sava said. Incorporating Marshallese culture and history into the curriculum is also a mission for the final curriculum.

In addition to meeting national standards and incorporating Micronesian history, the 7-12 Social Studies committee established other goals for themselves, said committee members Doug Hepler and Ric Fullerton.

“We want to update the curriculum we did have and create curriculum where we were lacking,” Hepler said. “We want to avoid redundancy in the material.”

Driver’s Education

Registration forms have already gone out to students for the drivers’ education program beginning in the middle of January, said Maj. Jud McCrary, SAC chairperson.

Once a student completes the driver’s education program, a letter is placed in their file explaining the program offered here, said Steve Howell, Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School principal. The letter should be shown to an insurance agent.

Students are looking forward to the class, but since the class is only being offered after school for six weeks this school year, seniors may have a problem scheduling the course before they graduate, said Camilla Morrison, SAC Student representative.

Updates

The Parent, Teacher, Student Organization has two bikes ready for Ebeye students and another three under repair, said Jeffrey Parker PTSO representative. Parker and Lee Chewey, Kwajalein Police Department representative, will look into KPD donating confiscated bikes.

Winter break is Dec. 20 – Jan. 6. The next meeting is Jan. 21. Any questions and comments should be directed to a SAC representative.

These sharks are seldom seen ...

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Pectoral, dorsal, and caudal fins. They grow to about 10 feet in length.

Silver-tips are not as likely as grey reefs to approach a diver closely. Sometimes individuals will deviate from this, as Matt Fine and I found out while spearfishing off Lone Palm.

We were away from the drop-off in blue water when Matt pointed down. Hoping to see a big yellow fin, I was startled by a couple of white faces hurrying up from the depths. Two 5-foot silver-tips had that late-for-dinner look in their eyes as they rushed to within 15 feet before turning.

Once they joined us on the surface, they seemed to calm down a bit. They circled a few times and disappeared into the depths, only to come rocketing up to us again five minutes later. They repeated the performance several more times. They probably sensed our splashing from a couple hundred feet deep and expected to find a school of feeding fish instead of us.

A huge silver-tip has made a profitable habit of shadowing spear-fishermen a couple hundred yards south of SAR Pass. The shark is probably nine feet long (it looks 12). Its overwhelming size and casually intimidating style earned it the name, “Frankenstein,” but even this monster of a shark hasn’t made any threatening passes at divers, to my knowledge.

Lemon sharks

[Some years ago], one of the workers at Echo Pier caught a shark on a set line, and I wandered down to look at it. At first glance, it resembled a grey reef, but closer examination revealed that both dorsal fins were nearly the same size, the upper lobe of the tail was longer than a grey reef’s and the lower lobe was much shorter. It sported a blunt snout, small eyes, and narrow teeth in the upper and lower jaws. It could only be a lemon shark.

Lemon sharks were so named because some are lemon yellow to light brown in color, but not all fit this description; the one on the dock was grey.

Lemons have a reputation of being very shy and avoiding divers to the point of refusing to take speared, bloody fish. But paradoxically, they are also known to attack divers out of anger for no apparent reason and persist in the attack to extremes. They reportedly will circle for hours a coral head in which a tormentor has sought refuge.

Lemons prefer still, murky water and feed mostly on bottom fish.

It is not clear whether only one species exists worldwide or if there are several. The lemon sharks of our lagoon may be a rare species unique to Micronesia, but like many aspects of sharks, this is debatable.

Leopard sharks

Several years ago, Rick Jeffress and I were spearfishing in Gea Pass, when I was astounded to see a leopard shark lying on the bottom of a surge channel. It looked much like a nurse shark—the same roly-poly body, long upper lobe of the tail angled back almost to horizontal, and almost no lower lobe.

I dove to the sand beside it and took a picture. It had a blunt head like a tadpole’s and brown skin with large dark spots scattered over the back. After catching my breath on the surface, I dove again and got a couple more shots, but the shark didn’t like the company.

As it slowly rose from the sand and swam over me, I saw the two barbels beside its nostrils. It swam to the edge of the drop-off and glided down into the depths. Unfortunately, none of the pictures turned out.

Leopard sharks are very much bottom-oriented and seem to prefer to snooze away the daylight hours. At night, they forage for shellfish. The only fierce thing about leopard sharks is their name. They are inoffensive by nature, but will bite if harassed.
Manager’s extra effort earns him Patriot award

By Jan Waddell
Reporter

Steve Metta was surprised at KRS President Ike Richardson’s Tuesday morning’s staff meeting when he received a “My Boss is a Patriot” award from Mike Tracy, one of his employees who is also a National Guard Reservist.

Metta, KRS Quality Systems manager, received the award for his support when Tracy, a quality analyst, was called by the National Guard to attend the six-week Warrant Officer Academy at Fort Rucker, Ala., only a few months after Tracy started work for KRS.

The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve organization on behalf of the Department of Defense sponsors the “My Boss is a Patriot” program which is designed to recognize employers and employment policies and practices that are supportive of their employees’ participation in the National Guard and Reserve.

All members of the National Guard and Reserve forces are eligible to nominate their employers.

“I couldn’t have done it if Steve didn’t support me,” Tracy said, explaining that Metta picked up Tracy’s responsibilities like meetings and reorganization.

“What a load off my mind,” Tracy said.

Tracy said Metta often contacted his family, offering to assist them while he was away.

Tracy submitted Metta’s name at the end of July and the certificate just recently arrived after a trip around the world.

Tracy said, that the certificate first went to his South Carolina Guard unit, then to Georgia, Washington, DC, and Virginia and finally ended up in Germany with retired Brig. Gen. Walter G. Vartan. Vartan contacted Tracy and then sent the certificate to Kwajalein.

Metta was taken aback by the honor.

“It was pretty cool and nice of him,” said Metta. “[They] are defending the country as well as defending the constitution. I was really surprised.”

Metta’s name was also submitted for a National Award.

Months of practice lead up to Christmas Day

Editor’s Note: Parts I and II of A Marshalrese Christmas were published in the Dec. 16 Hourglass issue.

By Rev. Elden Buck
as told to Pat Cataldo

Christmas in the Marshalls - Part III

On Christmas Day, the celebration begins after all the jebta (“chapters” or singing groups) have gathered at the church to hear the Christmas story read from the Scripture and to offer their special thanks in prayer and worship. The celebration goes on until all the chapters have performed. On Ebeye, this can mean a 12- to 14-hour observance, or even a second day.

Each jebta leader begins by bringing into the church his group’s gifts of food and supplies and the props for its presentation. The jebta, gathered out of sight at some distance, begins singing its marching song and slowly approaches the church. This procession is actually a sort of dance, including intricate over-under and serpentine patterns. The leader, and sometimes the whole group, waves a flag or scarf, and all singing is done at the greatest possible volume.

The entrance march ends with the group in singing position — sometimes facing the audience, but more often facing the pulpit — and the presentation begins.

Between songs, there are speeches by the iroij (chief), the alap (landowner) and any other dignitary accompanying the group. Each jebta has some member of an iroij family as its sponsor.

The climax comes when the theme is explained, and the props are put into action. One year, a chapter chose “Paul’s Shipwreck” as its theme. They built a 25-foot float shaped like a ship and pulled it to the church. There the float fell apart on purpose, spilling gifts to the audience.

Should a prop not work or a jebta make an obvious mistake in harmony or words (all singing is done from memory), there is much laughter, clapping and friendly name-calling from the audience.

As the props are being activated, the first of the money gifts will become obvious. There is no giving in secret. The groups begins its “giving song” and marches past the altar, piling on cash. They don’t go around just once, but again and again, each time placing more money. For this reason, small change is at a premium. The groups must have their money among themselves, perfume over on-lookers. Gifts are seldom thrown to anyone in particular, although it is not unusual for a woman to be wearing several dresses and remove the top one to give to a friend or leader.

A chapter deliberately works toward hypnotic excitement in the giving song and march, increasing its singing volume while clowning outrageously. The greater this excitement, the more likely it is that members of the audience will jump up, join the circle, and add more cash to that of the performing group.

At the close of the day, the pastor leads a brief worship service. The altar area is jammed to the ceiling with food. It remains there for several days until leaders gather to divide it — a process that can also take several days.

The pastor and church leaders divide the money among themselves, the iroij and school teachers, traditionally returning some of the food to the chapter.

After Christmas

Midnight of the 25th does not signal

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The Kwajalein Hourglass
Dec. 20, 2003
First-timer Riley crosses marathon finish line first

By April Brown

Bill Riley, a first-time marathoner, surpassed a lifetime goal when he crossed the finish line first during the Pauper’s Marathon, Monday morning.

“It’s always been a life long goal to run one,” Riley said, explaining he began training over the summer.

The Pauper’s Marathon Relay is sponsored annually by the Kwajalein Running Club to coincide with the Honolulu Marathon, said Bob Sholar, KRC president.

Of the three individuals who ran the full 26.2 miles, Riley took first place with a finishing time of 4:20:25, Scholar said. Five teams of two to 10 individuals ran the marathon in relays. Team Green Machine, made up of soldiers from Col. Jerry Brown’s and Lt. Col. Daugherty’s staffs, took first place with a time of 3:17:26.

The individual runners began at 4 a.m. to avoid the heat. Bob Hamel, who finished third with a time of 5:36:25, and Riley were running to complete the marathon, but Sharon Greenbaum just ran to support Riley.

Riley attributed a lot of his success to both Greenbaum and Sholar.

“She was a lot of encouragement,” Riley said. “[Sholar’s] great for encouraging and puts a lot of effort into organizing the events.”

Riley reached the finish line at 8:20 a.m., while most of the relay teams were still in the midst of their races.

“I was hurting but I was still walking and talking so I was doing ok,” Riley said.

Riley’s completion served as a form of inspiration for Greenbaum.

“Well I decided on my last lap that I was going with Bill, at that point I kind of felt like I could just keep going,” she said. “Thanks to Bill I didn’t wear my pants should be proud.”

Sholar, 51815.

Eve Midnight Fun Run, Sholar said. “I think that even just being out there and surviving that long is an accomplishment.”

The next event is the New Year’s Eve Midnight Fun Run, Sholar said. For more information Sholar, 51815.

As Pauper’s Marathon individual winner Bill Riley crosses the finish line, Rick Funk and Sylvia Riley lead the applause. Three individuals and five teams competed. (Photo by KW Hillis)

Celebrations go on into January...

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the end of Christmas for the Marshallese. The chapters continue meeting, often until the middle of January, to sing and visit those village leaders they missed before Christmas — and especially to make plans for the great feast and party each chapter holds.

Almost always, these parties include a gift exchange for which names are drawn. No $10 limit here — very expensive presents are given. For example, a man or boy might receive three shirts, two pairs of pants, a pair of shoes, a new razor, several writing tablets, a box of laundry soap, a bag of sugar and a $20 bill.

With the jebta parties, the long holiday season ends. Christmas in the Marshall Islands is a thanksgiving festival, celebrated joyously to commemorate the coming of Christ.

Soccer Standings

League Champions are Bold

Men’s A Division

Fijian Connection ................................. 6-0-4
Fish.................................................. 6-2-2
Spartans Boys I ............................... 6-3-1
Locals ........................................ 6-4
Calvary United I ............................. 2-8
Abyss Football ................................ 0-9-1

Women’s A Division

Spartans Boys Red .............................. 5-3
Spartans Boys Blue............................ 5-3
Calvary United II ......................... 4-2-2
Jabro Boys............................. 2-4-2
Hacker's Angels ............................ 1-5-2

Men’s B Division

Spartans Girls I ................................. 6-0-2
Kicked Back .................................. 4-2-2
Spartans Girls II ......................... 3-2-3
Strikers .................................... 3-4-1
Sudden Rush ................................. 0-8

Women’s B Division

Spartans Girls Red .............................. 8-0
Spartans Girls Blue .................... 4-3-1
Calavy Girls .................. 4-4
Hacker's Doves .................. 1-5-2
Jabro Girls ............................ 1-6-1

Weekend Movies on Channel 23

Sunday
9:00AM Home Alone
11:00AM Home Alone 2

Monday
9:00AM TBA
11:00AM TBA

Thursday, Dec. 25
TBA

All AFN programming is subject to change without notice. Certain sporting events are not available on Kwajalein’s Direct-to-Sailor AFN Pacific feed.

Window on the Atoll: Christmas Time on Roi-Namur
**Sunday, Dec. 21**

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CAFÉ PACIFIC

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  Baked mahi mahi
  Beef and cheese turnovers
  Grill: Cheese sandwich
Sun  Kentucky fried chicken
    Tuna casserole
    Beef broccoli stir-fry
    Grill: Brunch station open
Mon  Beef and broccoli stir-fry
     Roast chicken
     Garden vegetable stir-fry
     Grill: Brunch station open
Tues  Spaghetti and meatballs
      Manicotti
      Baked cod
      Grill: Ham and Swiss croissant
Wed  Corned beef and cabbage
     Chicken-fried chicken
     Fresh vegetable stir-fry
     Grill: Cheese sandwich
Thur  Christmas Menu
  Kikkis pot roast
  Spicy taco pizza
  Vegetarian pizza
  Grill: Hot turkey sandwich
Fri  Christmas Menu

Dinner
Tonight  Swedish meatballs
  Barbecued chicken
Sun  Braised short ribs
    Savory chicken stew
    Red snapper Veracruz
Mon  Beef pot pie
     Marinated broiled chicken breast
Tues  Salisbury steak
     Spicy chicken curry
Wed  Herb roasted sirloin
     Roast caesar chicken
Thur  Christmas Menu
  Stir-fry to order
  Teriyaki pork loin
  Szechuan chicken
Fri  Stir-fry to order
    Tofu cheese

HELP WANTED
KRS has the following on-island job opening. Unless otherwise noted, call Alan Taylor, 55154.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER. Provide supervision and instruction in the absence of the regular classroom teacher. Organizational skills and structure are a prerequisite. Teaching certification preferred, but not required. Childcare clearance required.

REGISTERED NURSE. Casual, potential for part time. Diagnoses, plan and assess patient care. Proficient with hospital department practices that reflect JCAHO and Quality Improvement Standards. Requirements are graduate of an approved accredited school of professional nursing and current license as a U.S. Registered Nurse.

SECRETARY, Quality Systems. Full time. Provide administrative support to Quality and Risk Management office, maintain spreadsheets for claims, inspections and action items, prepare final versions of tech reports and forms, coordinate risk management and quality training.

CYS ACTIVITIES ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

CYS HOMEWORK CENTER LEAD

CYS TECHNOLOGY LAB ASSISTANT

MS/TEEN HOMEWORK CENTER ASSISTANT

CYS and MS openings are flexible hours, afternoons/evenings. High school diploma plus childcare/youth experience, childcare clearance required.

USA/ARTS has the following job vacancy. For job information, call Cris Foster, Civilian Personnel Officer, 54417. Access online at www.cpoi.army.mil.


WANTED
THREE-WHEELED adult bike for grandmother’s visit, Dec. 18-29. Will treat with extra care. Call Jennifer, 52965.

TRICYCLE to borrow or rent for visiting grandmother, Dec. 16-27. Call 52763.

BICYCLES in reasonably good working order or needing minor repairs can be donated to the junior/senior high school PTSO for use by Ebele students while on Kwajalein as transportation on school activities. To donate a bike, call Gregg, 59747/50952W, or Jennifer, 51585H.

ROJ AUTOMOTIVE will close on Christmas Day. The regular schedule, 6:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., will be observed Dec. 24 and Dec. 26.

GRACE SHERWOOD LIBRARY is looking for volunteers to read stories to kids after school and on weekends twice a month. This is a great way to give back to the community. For more information, call Amy, 53439.

A BABY-SITTING referral list has been developed by Child and Youth Services (CYS). The teens have completed the baby-sitter training course consisting of basic aid and child development. If you need a qualified baby-sitter, call Karen, 53610, or Trina, 52158.

SELECTION OF CHILDREN’S books are on sale at the MIC Shop. Just in time for Christmas. Just in time for Christmas. Just in time for Christmas.

Catholic services: Saturday Mass, 5:30 p.m.; Sunday Mass, 7 a.m. Call 53505.

For more information, call the chapel office, 53505.
Hey kids!

Scuba Santa

arrives at Emon Beach Monday, Dec. 22, 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to this unique Kwaj event. Santa will give out candy and treats.

The Kwajalein Hourglass

will publish one issue per week the weeks of Christmas (Dec. 27) and New Years (Jan. 3). The deadline for classified ads is Tuesday, Dec. 23 and Dec. 30.

Holiday cookies, cakes and pies:
Pumpkin pie
Apple pie
Cherry pie
Peach pie
Key lime pie
Lemon meringue
Coconut custard
Chocolate cream
Coconut cream pie
Mincemeat pie

all pies sell for $8. Southern pecan pie is $8.75.

To place your order, call 53445.

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**Volleyball Season** is Jan. 15-March 1. Pre-registration is Dec. 23-Jan. 3 at Community Activities. Fee is $150 per team. Need a team? Call Kaya, 53331, to be placed on a “free agent” list. An adult beginners clinic will be held Jan. 3, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at CRC gym. A mandatory managers’ meeting will be held Jan. 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m., in the library conference room. A scorekeepers’ clinic will be held Jan. 8, 5:30-6:30 p.m., in CRC gym. There will be new rules this year.

**Golf Course** greens fees and locker rentals are now due for January-June. The $168 fee is payable at Community Activities, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m., or mail a check to Community Activities, P.O. Box 23, Local, or at the golf course Pro Shop. Payment due by Jan. 3. A $15 late fee will be assessed to all late payments. Accounts not settled by Jan. 31 will result in lockers being emptied. Questions? Call 53331.

**Bowling Locker** rentals are now due for the period of January to June. The $12 fee is payable at Community Activities, 7:30-11:30 a.m. or at the Bowling Center or mail check to Community Activities, P.O. Box 23, Local. Payment due by Jan. 5. A $5 late fee will be assessed to all late payments. Accounts not settled by Jan. 5 will result in lockers being emptied. Questions? Call 53331.
Tree sale fills class coffers

From staff reports

The smell of pine was strong as residents, with the help of high school elves picked out their Christmas tree, Tuesday afternoon.

The funds from the sale go toward projects for the Kwajalein Junior/Senior High School, said Senior class advisor Barbara Bicanich. Juniors use their portion of the funds to sponsor the prom. The seniors put their funds toward the graduation performance every year. Additional funds go to other activities for the student body.

Twas the night before Christmas, the atoll was dark,
Not a creature was stirring, not even a shark.
The stockings were hung on the bookcase with care,
In lieu of a chimney, which just wasn't there.
The children were finally asleep in their beds,
While visions of Toyland danced in their heads.
Mama in her muumuu and I in my cap,
Had just settled down for a long winter's nap,
When out on the reef there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window, my go-aheads flapping,
I drew back the curtain to see what was popping.
The moonlight aglitter on white coral sand
Looked almost like snow in this tropical land.
When what to my wondering eyes did appear
But an outrigger canoe and eight tiny reindeer.
With a little old driver so lively and quick
I knew in a moment it must be Saint Nick.
More rapid than Spartan his coursers they came
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name.
"Now Dasher, now Dancer, now Prancer and Vixen,
On Comet, on Cupid, on Donner, on Blitzen,
Fly over the palm and pandanus tree,
To each trailer and house that's waiting for me."
And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each tiny hoof.
Before I could move to turn myself 'round
Old Santa appeared in the room with a bound.
His holiday clothes really brightened the scene—
An aloha shirt in bright silky green
With red plaid Bermuda—a colorful set—
And the bag for his toys was a huge fishing net.
Sandals he wore instead of his boots,
And he puffed on a pipe made of monkey pod roots.
A jaunty straw hat he wore perched on his head,
And his rosy red checks had a tanned look instead.
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And he filled all his stockings, then turned with a jerk.
He smiled, then he turned and gave me a bow,
And disappeared quickly, I don’t know quite how.
Then through the window I managed to view
Santa speeding away in his flying canoe.
And I heard him exclaim as I took a last look,
"Merry Christmas to all, and to all Yokwe Yuk.”
—Anonymous

Ben Carson helps Michele Cheatam with her tree, while his wife, Eileen waits to select their tree. Behind them, high school elves help other residents.

Weather

Tonight: Partly clear with isolated showers
Winds: East at 13-17 knots with higher gusts near showers.
Tomorrow: Partly sunny with scattered showers.
Winds: East-northeast to east at 13-17 knots.
Temperature: Tonight's low 80°
Tomorrows high 87°
December rain total: 5.18"
Annual rain total: 90.77"
Annual deviation: -6.56"

Call 54700 for updated forecasts and sea conditions.