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(The Nate Pearce Band entertained at the New Year's Eve Party Friday)

(A masked reveler enjoyed the fun at the Mardi Gras-theme party)

(Photos by Nell Drumheller)

New year prompts reflections on past

So a new year has begun. I sometimes think of past years when a new one starts, just remembering how things were and how they've changed.

We arrived on Kwaj just a little over 11 years ago. My wife and I just started our 12th year on island.

We arrived on Nov. 29, 1993.

As the plane flew over the island, I remember thinking surely that sand spit down there couldn't be what I had left my job, home and property for.

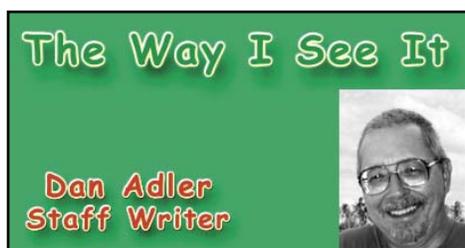
When the plane landed and confirmed that indeed it was the sand spit I had seen from the air, I was somewhat depressed.

It had been my lovely wife's idea to come out here and I turned to her and said, "Thanks a lot."

Then, we sat on the tarmac (with the air-conditioning off) for what seemed an eternity before they opened the door. It was during this period that I noticed it was a tad warm here.

Then they let us get off and I walked out into the bright sunshine and thought I had walked into hell.

It was HOT!! I'm talking hot! I think I lost five pounds as sweat rolled off me when I walked to the terminal. Back then, there was no air-conditioning in the terminal. When the drug dogs started doing their thing, I turned to my little wife and



thanked her again very profusely for bringing me here. I don't remember, but I think I actually snarled.

But the worst was yet to come.

Our so-called sponsor (the one who told us to bring a lawn mower) drove us around the island in a van with no air conditioning. I believe I lost another five pounds. I was wearing jeans and cowboy boots, which were my usual attire back home. I never thought cowboy boots could fill up with sweat.

Then, just as I thought I couldn't take anymore, we arrived at our new home, a trailer in Silver City on North Point.

When we walked inside, we couldn't figure out why we rubbed shoulders with the walls in the hallway until we noticed the floor slanted that way. It was just a little warped.

Ah, but we did get a "hostility" kit from Ye Olde Furniture Warehouse.

You know, the two towels, one wash cloth, two pans, three forks and one knife

you get to survive with until your shipment arrives (in about 30 days).

Then, there was the little matter of no shower curtain in the tub. I figured, what the heck, the floor's already warped so what's a little bit of water on it. It could use cleaning anyway.

Back then, Macy's and Macy's West never heard of shower curtains much less sell any.

I had told my wife before we left home there wasn't any way I was ever going to wear shorts and flip flops. It was jeans and cowboy boots for me.

That lasted about three days in this heat before I was begging someone to sell me shorts and flip flops.

To say I didn't like it here would be an understatement. But 11 years later, I guess I could say Kwaj grew on me (like mold).

I've been here through three contractors, six colonels, one typhoon and the coming and going of many people.

Sometimes, I even tell my wife thanks (for real).

This is such a unique place and a great experience.

Yeah, I've been out here a long time and I hope I'll be here for a long time to come.

I just hate it when the little lady says, "See, I told you so."

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Cajun, country music ring in new year

By Nell M. Drumheller
Editor

More than 1,000 people attended the New Year's Eve celebration on Brandon Field, according to Simone Smead, Community Activities manager, Kwajalein Range Services.

"We exceeded our expectations," she said of the dual-band, food, beverages and young-people's playground concept.

The Nate Pearce Band, playing country music, performed on the basketball court across from Café Pacific from 8 to 10:30 p.m.

While country music twanged, revelers young and old trolled the grassy slope eating food provided by Food Services, socializing, playing on the inflatable stations and watching the remote-control car demonstrations.

At 10:30 p.m. crowd moved to the Richardson Theater area where the Community Activities' staff had created an enclosure of palm fronds, and the Zydeco Party Band took over the musical entertainment.

This area was reserved for adults.

Dancing, visiting, eating and drinking continued under a star-filled sky as a slight breeze kept the air cool.

Smead said that it was great to see so many people out and that there was a lot of activity and energy.

Capping the evening was breakfast at the Three Palms Café, where many ate the first meal of the New Year.

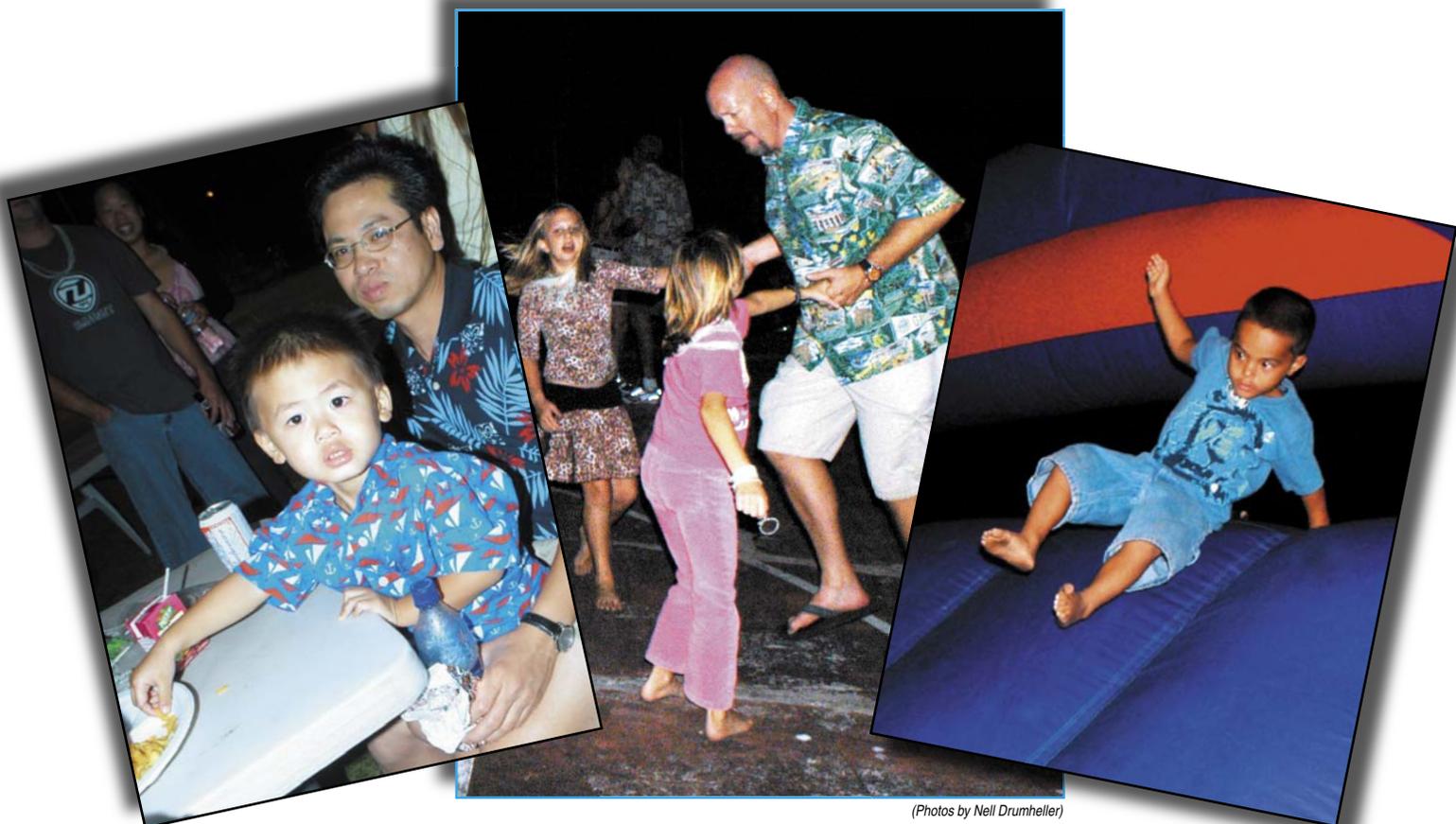
Pearce said he felt that performing on military installations is a way to thank servicemembers for risking their lives. The Nate Pearce Band is a part of the Armed Forces Entertainment program and their performances at the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll were the first on a 34-day tour of the Pacific.

"Wish we could stay longer on Kwajalein," Pearce said. This is the second performance season for the band with the AFE program. The Bakersfield-area based group started their AFE performing career in Alaska.

"This is my way of giving back," Pearce said. "It's a way to show the people serving our country how much we care about them."

The Zydeco Party Band and The Nate Pearce Band also played on Roi-Namur over the weekend and in the Yokwe Yuk Club, extending the party atmosphere for several days.

Smead summed it up when she said she hopes everyone has a great 2005!



(Photos by Nell Drumheller)

Cajun-style food was enjoyed by all and dancing to the country tunes of the Nate Pearce band was fun for young and old. The inflatable stations were also a big hit with the youngsters.

2004 sees missions, monuments, elections

JANUARY

- On Dec. 17, 2003 President George W. Bush signed the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003, which encompassed both the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia.

- The Republic of the Marshall Islands held its first official presidential inauguration with the swearing in of President Kessai H. Note Jan. 12.

- Temporary duty people arrived and most departments on island geared up to support the first mission, of what would be a very busy year for Reagan Test Site. IFT-13B was the first Ground-based Mid-course Defense mission since December 2002 and the first RTS high-profile mission since Sept. 10 when an inter-continental ballistic missile's Glory Trip lit up Kwajalein Atoll's evening sky.

- On Jan. 26 Celeste Gainey claimed the title of of the first Kwaj Iron Chef in an event that fed into future kitchen battles. Gainey, with assistant Erik Garrett, beat Josh Brazeal and Kristen Palé in the day-long battle royale.

- The 60th anniversary of Operation Flintlock, the mission in which U.S. forces liberated Kwajalein Atoll from Japanese occupation during World War II, was commemorated with a series of events including a 1940s-style dinner-dance and a community-wide dedication.



IFT-13B scores a successful launch in January.

FEBRUARY

- Residents both young and old gathered in the elementary school music room Jan. 30 to learn about the newest edition to Kwajalein's youth opportunities: the 4-H club.

- A 14-year effort to upgrade bachelor's quarters reached a conclusion Feb. 7 as Marty Olson, Corps of Engineers Construction representative, turned the newly renovated Ocean BQ keys over to D. Flynn Gideon, KRS Housing Office manager.

- Parades, ceremonies and sporting events marked a day-long celebration of the Republic of the Marshall Island's Memorial Day Feb. 9.

- Ike Richardson, KRS president, discussed insurance plans, aircraft availability, and community activities in a sensing session.

- Kwajalein schools received a passing marks after six members of the North Central Association for accreditation reviewed the school system during the week of Feb. 9.

- A community theater group started, with Judy Hoffman at the head.

- At the KRS Town Hall, Richardson discussed vacation time, insurance, increased computer bandwidth, housing, point-of-sale, vacation trailers, noise enforcement in the bachelor quarters and improvements in retail products.



Veterans gathered for the Operation Flintlock anniversary in February.

MARCH

- Ferry use changes were implemented with Kwajalein police riding the ferries that leave Ebeye at 6:20 and 6:50 a.m., and checking that only authorized passengers board.
- With the completion of the Ocean Bachelor Quarters, KRS Housing added 518 BQ rooms in the eight BQs on island used for permanent housing. Even with 60 or 70 of the rooms empty, there were still waiting lists for unaccompanied people who want a different room or to move out of the BQs and share a trailer.
- Kaleidoscope of Music entertained Kwajalein crowds on two nights, March 7 and 8.
- On March 22, after 1 p.m., Kwajalein residents looked out at the lagoon and witnessed a group of model outrigger canoes making their way from North Point across the harbor to Coral Sands, all without a captain or a crew, in the traditional Marshallese riwuit race.
- Instead of celebrating famous women such as Madame Curie, Sacagawea and Eleanor Roosevelt during Women's History Month, Lt. Col. Anne Daugherty, RTS commander, honored women who aren't celebrated in history books and made the most of opportunities life presented — people like her grandmother.
- School Superintendent Karen Ammann reported the Defense Education Activity review of Kwajalein schools, topping a short School Advisory Council Meeting March 26.
- A Johnston Island karaoke machine supports hidden talents at the Yuk Club. Other facilities and programs benefit from machines and equipment from JI.
- Kwajalein Police detained two individuals March 27 for attempting to carry box cutters, utility blades, razors blades and surgical blades onto Continental Flight 957 to Guam. KPD later arrested Emiliano Mendigorin Eligio Jr., 40, a Philippine national, for trying to board the flight and detained Manoj Kumar Kewlani, 22, an Indian national, already onboard Flight 957. The FBI later released Kewlani who had boarded the flight in Majuro.



DoDEA representatives visited Kwajalein schools in March.

APRIL

- Kwajalein had a run of record or near-record monthly temperatures including hottest November (in 2003) on record, followed by the second hottest December (2003), the hottest January, a tie for the hottest February and the second hottest March.
- At age four, the Spring Break Music Festival kept on growing. What started as an idea to get some bands together blossomed into a public gathering that raised more than \$2,000 for the Kwajalein Shrine Club.
- Members of the Kwajalein community filled the multi-purpose room at the high school April 9 to show love for one whose life was cut short. Robyn Clark, 15, died April 8 at Kwajalein Hospital of "pneumococcal meningitis," according to Dr. Eric Lindborg, chief medical officer.
- At least five Marshallese basketball teams ended a boycott of the spring season, following a April 10 meeting with command officials.
- The Zoll Automatic External Defibrillator Plus was placed in the field after an extensive training program for Marine and Fire Department personnel. AEDs are on the fire trucks and ambulances on Roi, Kwajalein and Meck.
- The Yokwe Yuk Club kitchen closed until further notice as officials address renovations needed to meet regulations.
- Kenneth Niles, a member the 4th MAWD squadron, 4th Marine Air Wing Division, returned to Kwajalein 60 years after serving here in 1944.
- Crossing the finish line at 2:15:45, Nick Perry claimed his first Rustman title and second record. Perry finished first among individual finishers and first in the men's masters or over-40 division. He set a new record for that age group, beating the old time of 2:19:32, set by current Kwajalein Running Club President Bob Sholar in 1998. Perry also holds the record for the fastest non-winner, when he turned in a 2:14:09 performance last year.



The Jobwa Stick Dancers came to Kwaj in April.



A mass-casualty drill took place in April.

The Year That Was

MAY

- A successful rocket flight May 2 near Kwajalein demonstrated how missile testing doesn't always require a land-based target. The Reagan Test Site supported the Missile Defense Agency's recent test flight of the Long Range Air Launch Target, a missile that is literally dropped out the back of a C-17 Globemaster aircraft before it ignites and flies to its target.

- The Mitch and Cindy Stevison family represented the command group here after being nominated for the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command's "Great American Family Award" competition. Capt. Mitch Stevison; his wife, Cindy; and children Brandon, Hunter and Katy received the most votes in an election held among U.S. Army active duty and civilian personnel.

- Lined up like Roman legionnaires with plexiglass shields, polycarbonate batons and 12-gauge shotguns loaded with rubber bullets, Kwajalein police marched toward continual improvement the week prior to May 22 during non-lethal civil-unrest training.

- AFN-Kwajalein announced that viewers would see the Olympics and two more channels beginning in August, according to Chief Engineer Craig McCarraher.

- In an effort to streamline and maximize missile testing in the Pacific, the Missile Defense Agency supported the cliché that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. The MDA brought together the Reagan Test Site with other missile test ranges to form the Pacific Range Support Team, which met on Kwajalein the week prior to May 21.

- A power outage impacted several critical areas on Kwajalein

May 19. Two feeder lines by Aviation "went to ground" at around 11:20 a.m., causing the outage, according to Ed Black, deputy manager of public works.

- Kwajalein schools hoped to hire the new superintendent by May 28. The hiring process for the new Kwajalein school superintendent and the North Central Association for accreditation of the Kwajalein school system topped the agenda of the last School Advisory Council meeting for the 2003-04 school year, May 19.

- May 23, some of the American forces onboard ships told the tale of how 60 years ago they sank a number of Japanese ships in the Kwajalein lagoon during Operation Flintlock through a recently produced film, "The Silent Wrecks of Kwajalein Atoll," which played at the Richardson Theater. Services.

- Lt. Joanna Bucknam of the Kwajalein Police Department offered her own solution to helping make available Marshallese language books by publishing a children's book, titled *I Remembered, or lar Ememej*, in both English and Marshallese.

- The Kwajalein Scuba Club became the second most active scuba club in the world, according to dive instructor Ron Gamble. The record of the most members in the club was 400, but has declined to less than 300 over the last year, Gamble said.

- KRS employees worked more than one million hours without an injury involving time away from work, as of May 21. For the approximate 2,300 employees of KRS, that translated to nearly three months of continuous safe operations.

- On May 31, residents of Kwajalein gathered at the flag poles to pay respects to those who have fallen in the fight for freedom.

JUNE

- Confidence born of accomplishment – that's what Kwajalein's largest class [30 students] in 20 years projected as they graduated June 4 amid a standing-room-only crowd of family and friends in the MP Room.

- Speaking in a pair of employee forums, on Roi-Namur and Kwajalein, Richardson outlined the bidding process for a new carrier to replace Staywell, the current provider.

- An increase in flies, loud music, rental tape availability and B-Boat maintenance were among topics brought forth by Larry Roberts on behalf of Roi-Namur residents at the June 2 sensing session meeting.

- Mariah Teague loved the mess that came with making her papier-mâché piñata, Madeleine Davie already knew 14 songs and Katy Stevison couldn't wait to build a turtle-shaped sandcastle at Emon Beach. The learned activities and crafts at the Summer Camp that ran through August 7.

- Under clear, blue skies on June 11, an estimated 400 people took to the playing fields near the Richardson Theater to compete in the 2004 Kwajalymphics. Sense of humor and teamwork were the only requirements for participation in this first-ever business-community sporting event.

- Lt. Gen. Larry Dodgen, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command commanding general, visited USAKA/RTS and Ebeye June 16-18 in a whirlwind tour, his first since taking over of the major command in December. He said that the only questions in Washington concerning USAKA revolve around "who



Kwajalein High School graduated the largest senior class in 20 years.

pays what, not should we be here. We're too strategically located and too important for our country."

- Alice Buck, missionary, wife, mother and friend, died June 28, ending a life dedicated in service to others.

- On June 28, Vending and Laundry employees hosted a bike clinic near Macy's porch. Close to 150 bikes were treated to seat and handlebar adjustments, air for the tires and chain oiling and tightening.

JULY

- Nominees for the 2003 Academy of Country Music's Top Vocal Duo, Hometown News, stopped in the middle of a whirlwind AFE Pacific tour to perform three shows in celebration of the Fourth of July weekend.

- Responding to community concerns over television reception, the command and KRS created a means and method for installing external antennas, providing a new way to receive AFN television.

- In the Olympic spirit, the Grace Sherwood Library sponsored a Race to Read program.

- Fireworks lit up the evening sky during Kwajalein's July 4 celebration. As the crowd cheered, fireworks shot up from a barge anchored in the lagoon. The show was done by Hawaii Explosives and Pyrotechnics. Following the display, the AFE band, Hometown News, entertained the crowd with a variety of rock and country hits as they closed the day-long celebration.

- Topping the list of Roi-Namur residents' concerns at the Town Hall meeting July 10, remained the fly problem. Both Col. Jerry Brown, USAKA commander, and Roi residents agreed that strides were made to answer concerns on the fly problem on Roi.

- New gym policies created time limits for residents hoping to use cardio machines because of the limited number available. All of that changed with the unveiling of new fitness equipment from Johnston Island.

- On July 11, Emon Beach was closed because of several baby sharks in the area. About "10 to 15 small, 12 to 18 -inch, sharks have been hanging around the jetty since Sunday," said Simone Smead, Community Activities department manager. "We have tried to get them to move along, but they continue to stay." Smead said they

were black tip sharks.

- A new and different challenge awaited Col. Jerry Brown, USAKA commander, as he and his family prepared for a move to Japan for his next assignment as Chief of Staff of U.S. Forces Japan. "I am not happy about [leaving Kwajalein]," Brown said. "Our hearts will always be here."

- A joint United States and Republic of the Marshall Islands task force including KPD, USAKA Host Nation Office, RMI National Police, KALGOV and a representative from the Majuro Attorney General's office combined efforts to serve search warrants on two different bars on Ebeye July 16. The entire operation was completed by 4 a.m. The team of eight RMI National Police from Majuro, 20 members of KPD, two medical team members and 15 KALGOV police along with National Police from Ebeye served the warrants, resulting in two arrests.

- On July 16, kids and their parents flocked to the MP Room with their treats in hand to attend this year's Summer Camp Dessertfest.

- Mike Tracy and Bert Godlewski, reservists, were called up to active duty and service in Iraq.

- Nurture, regenerate and celebrate, were the themes for the Pacific Arts Festival held in Palau, July 22-31. Almost 30 Pacific Island nations from Micronesia, Polynesia and Melanesia participated in this event, which is held every four years.

- The Change of Command ceremony, a tradition of passing the colors from the outgoing commander to the incoming commander, was held July 27 at the Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School MP Room. This signified a relinquishing of command from outgoing USAKA Commander, Col. Col. Jerry P. Brown to incoming USAKA Commander COL Beverly M. Stipe.

COL Beverly Stipe took command of USAKA/RTS in July.



AUGUST

- On Aug. 2, when the launch window opened for the NASA Wallops EQUIS II program, some of the night skies over the Kwajalein Atoll had a strange glowing-cloud, as scientists from NASA and several universities study the ionosphere.

- Through environmental studies and testing, two locations on Kwajalein were posted as 'No Fishing' areas. The first area was the harbor area between the Fuel Pier and Echo Pier and the reef area adjacent to the solid waste landfill was the second 'No Fishing' area.

- As one of the Army's first four women to command Patriot Air Defense Artillery battalions, COL Beverly Stipe came to Kwajalein with 24 years of experience in missile defense.

- Karen Ammann passed the reigns of Kwajalein

NASA EQUIS II launches light up the Roi-Namur night sky.



School superintendent/elementary school principal to Dan Frazier Aug. 6.

- A record number of Marshallese citizens were inducted into the United States Army Aug. 13 in Majuro. In the Nitijela Chamber, surrounded by family, friends and dignitaries, 21 young Marshallese raised their right hand and were sworn into the U.S. Army.

- Wallops NASA completed the six Hysell missions from Roi-Namur. There were two launches of three rockets per launch. The first launch was on Aug. 7 and the second was Aug. 15.

- On the morning of Aug. 15 around 6 a.m., a 100-foot rope antenna strung between two coconut trees made it possible for a small group of Kwajalein amateur radio enthusiasts to make history.

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AUGUST (continued)

- The turtle ponds improved daily by San Juan Construction, working with U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll Environmental and KRS Environmental. They donated their time to renovate the turtle ponds and surrounding area.
- Kwajalein's school kids participated in rocket design, building

and the thrill of launching rockets, with the aid of NASA. Kindergarten through sixth-grade students learned about what it takes to build and launch a rocket.

- After approximately two years of being ravaged by the harsh Kwajalein elements, the Syncolift skeleton frame finally received a covering.

SEPTEMBER

• *Sport Diver* magazine rated Kwajalein Atoll number four in top wreck diving spots, according to its September issue, but local divers say it is number one. Sharon Hurst, National Association of Underwater Instructors member, said, "[Kwajalein is] a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. It is easier than any place in the world. [Kwajalein] is a premiere world-class dive site."

• As part of the large-scale NASA EQUIS II sounding rocket campaign, many Wallops employees came to Kwajalein Atoll, some for the first time, while others participated in the EQUIS campaign in 1990 from Kwajalein. For one Computer Sciences Corporation employee, however, this trip rekindled memories from more than 60 years ago. Don Grant, a former United States Marine, returned to Roi-Namur after battling here in 1944.

• After 12 years with the luxury of both a car and driver, the Rev. John Sheehan, Roman Catholic priest, found that a sturdy tree on which to lean his bike is all he really needs. Sheehan arrived on Kwajalein Aug. 12 as Catholic chaplain, taking the place of the Rev. William Sullivan, who left in July for medical reasons. Sheehan came to Kwajalein after serving in Lagos, Nigeria in West Africa.

• Café Pacific offered families an alternative place to dine starting Sept. 19. In addition to Sunday brunch and holidays, families are welcome to enjoy all their evening meals there.

• Sept. 14, 32 NASA Wallops personnel loaded B-boats with 18 Alpha rockets, two four-foot Aerobee B rockets, approximately 350 ice-cold sodas and gift bags from the NASA Wallops Educational outreach and headed for Ennuburr. The bags were filled with coloring books, crayons, balloons, rulers and candy.

• Single-handed Laser sailboats made their way to Kwajalein via the closing of Johnston Island and are now available for rent. The 12-foot, single-sail fiberglass boats can reach speeds of up to 12 miles per hour and cater to a wide range of sailing abilities, according to Christian Rusby, Small Boat Marina coordinator.

• Access changes affected Marshallese workers.

• Jim Hart became the third Kwajalein Iron Chef, in an "Egg Battle" against last minute stand-in, Jim Muhich.

• New dentists arrived on island.

• On Sept. 22, Cheri Malloy was elected George Seitz Elementary School PTO president. In this capacity, she will oversee all PTO



USS Lake Erie visited Kwajalein in September for resupply and some R&R.

committees and serves as a voting member on the School Advisory Council.

• The second stage of teleradiology, the Picture Archival Communications System, is up and running at Kwajalein Hospital. The first stage, the Computed Radiography Unit, was installed last January and allowed for charged plate X-rays to be taken instead of film. However, with the final stage of the PACS now installed Radiology Associates in Honolulu receives the digital X-rays in five to 30 minutes, and can read the X-rays and get the results back to the Kwajalein doctors in about 48 hours. This new system speeds up the time factor for the X-rays to be read and the results to the physician on Kwaj, the old film method took around two weeks for the physicians to get the results back.

• Fenua ote Ora, a professional company of Polynesian entertainers, opened with a bang Sept. 28 at Emon Beach performing a Tahitian otea, or drum number for a crowd of more than 800.

• The sun wasn't the only thing providing heat on Roi-Namur Sept. 28. There were 21 containers of bubbling, spicy chili that upped the temperatures a notch or two for the 55 judges in the 5th Annual Roi-Namur Chili Cook-Off. The cook-off and activities brought in \$9,689 for the Ennuburr Children's Christmas Fund.

OCTOBER

- The KPD held a Bike Safety Rodeo, Oct. 4 from 9-11 a.m. on 7th Street next to building 704.
- When the classroom met the outside world, learning takes on a whole new meaning. Just ask students in Eric Nelson's marine biology class, who work with the endangered species at the turtle pond.
- New baker came to Kwajalein.
- Attendance is among the criteria to be used in a company-wide ratings and rankings effort announced by Ike Richardson, KRS president, who increased hourly wages for the top third of employees below the recommended minimum pay level, in accordance with the KRS compensation study.
- For Dave Nobis, Café Pacific manager, and his staff of 70 at Café Pacific working with colossal portions is the norm because they feed, on an average, 750 per day. He said it takes a lot of team work to ensure success each day, 365 days a year.
- A light breeze carried with it the smell of incense at the Japanese cemetery Oct. 3 as a letter was read aloud by a grieving son. The author, a 66-year-old man, struggled to maintain composure as he expressed his regret to his father for not visiting the site sooner. Twenty-two members took part in the annual ceremony on Kwajalein as the Marshall Islands Bereaved Families Association made their annual pilgrimage. Visits by the private organization, at the invitation of the Host Nation office, began in the 1970s.
- Migration of most jobs from Kwajalein to the states is not expected to occur this year announced Ike Richardson, KRS president, who addressed effects of USAKA's ongoing efficiency studies at a forum on Kwajalein Oct. 7. Other topics discussed included: a new bank, benefits program, catamarans, dome homes, B boats and a mobile kitchen.
- Thirty-four evaluators work hand-in-hand with their contractor counterparts to ensure approximately 600 inspectable lines meet or exceed the standards set in the Performance Work Statement.
- Vending machines offer healthy snacks.
- Six Sigma tools are enabling KRS Team employees to fine tune their daily processes. With these tools, Billie Sikes, AirScan Pacific logistics manager, and Mike Wiley, Automotive maintenance manager, found ways to make their areas more efficient, ultimately saving the customer money.



Japanese family members honored WWII dead in a ceremony held at the Japanese Cemetery.

- There are 16 teenagers on Kwajalein who may mean the difference between life and death for you or one of your family members. They are the lifeguards. Tough training and dedication made the lifeguards invaluable.
- Post office moves the mail. Speed of delivery is dependent on air transportation.
- Led by Ken Sims, KRS Environmental manager, visitors from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service conducted surveys to assess the world's most vital treasure, the environment.
- Getting the facts, forming an opinion, registering to vote, casting a ballot – it's a right and a privilege. Kwajalein Junior/Senior High School students did just that, making their voices heard by taking part in the National Student/Parent Mock Election.

NOVEMBER

• Thirty-eight vendors filled the Corlett Recreation Center Gym Nov. 8, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the Holiday Bazaar.

• Ike Richardson, KRS president, met with a large group of Marshallese workers Nov. 5 at the Rich Theater for his fourth RMI forum.

• Just getting through life's ever-winding maze is sometimes its own reward. For Paula Weaver, cancer survivor, who spent the past seven months of her life fighting for her life, the reward is that much sweeter.

• EC-130Js from the Air Force Special Operations Command's 193rd Special Operations Wing, Middleton, Pa. and their crews tested equipment on Kwajalein.

• In an effort to create a positive legacy in the Marshall Islands, Kwajalein Range Services implemented and will continue to foster a program called sustainable development.

• The Micronesia Tennis Cup was played on Kwajalein Nov. 13 and 14 and came down to the last match to decide the victors. Majuro

defeated Kwajalein for a sixth consecutive title, but it was a battle up till the end.



The PVT Sorenson was dedicated as part of the Veterans Day ceremony.

• Security and Safety Awareness Day, held despite the unrelenting rain, featured exhibits by numerous departments across the island.

• In light of recent access changes, evidence of impacts on the community emerged in the form of fewer arrests and an overhaul in bar atmosphere in light of sagging sales. October saw noticeable decrease in access violations, trespass violations and alcohol related violations for the month of October, according to Dennis Johnson, Kwajalein Police Department chief.

• Engines roared and dirt soared Nov. 14 at the Day of De-

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NOVEMBER (continued)

STRUCKtion remote-control race on Roi-Namur, in a series of races sponsored annually by the NitroRats RC Club.

- Kevin Foster, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service marine ecologist, met Nov. 14 with Kwajalein Junior/Senior High School marine biology students at Emon Beach for a lecture and snorkeling excursion. Foster was on Kwajalein to survey species around this and other islands.

- Retail services try to provide the freshest food at local outlets.

- Fuel for Ebeye, fiber optic cable, medical referrals and a joint labor relations board were among topics discussed by representatives from United States Army Kwajalein Atoll/Reagan Test Site, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the U.S. ambassador

Nov. 12 on Kwajalein at a bi-annual working-level Joint Committee Meeting.

- Col. James Bedingfield, U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command chief of staff, culminated a five-day visit to Kwajalein Nov. 13. He was on island leading a command inspection team for SMDC.

- Discussion at the Nov. 17 School Advisory Council public meeting centered on the effects of offering kindergarten classes that span a full day, each day on Kwajalein.

- “Men in skirts,” hip hop dancers and even a couple of ex-presidential candidates drew a standing-room-only crowd Nov. 24 at the Corlett Recreation Center for this year’s Turkey Bowl celebration. The event was designed to take the place of Homecoming.

DECEMBER

- World AIDs day was recognized, local health issue discussed.
- KRS provides interim cash services until Bank of America arrives, which is estimated to be February. During the two-month interim period, what has been referred to as the “Bank of Bob” enables employees to cash their paychecks and assumes deposit and cash replenishment services for KRS-operated retail facilities.

- COL Beverly Stipe, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll and Reagan Test Site Commander, shared personal likes and dislikes, dispelled rumors and addressed community concerns at her first town hall meeting Dec. 1 on Kwajalein.

- Remote-control car track was approved on Kwajalein.

- Aloha Airlines announced on Dec. 2 that it will discontinue its twice-weekly flights to the Marshall Islands and American Samoa. The airline will operate its last flight between Honolulu, Kwajalein and Majuro on Jan. 10.

- Santa and his Mrs. arrived on Kwajalein, bringing Christmas spirit with them.

- As the first “Kwaj Kid” to become a civil servant on Kwajalein, Alan Taylor brought with him nearly 40 years of “a different perspective.”

- Kwajalein Range Services demonstrated the value of employee accomplishments as employees shared in an incentive pool of approximately \$800,000.

- They’re fast, dependable and are designed to go anywhere at any time.

In January, a “sister” airplane will join two Metroliners used primarily for commutes between Kwajalein and Roi-Namur bringing the total to three fixed-wing aircraft.

- Beginning the second week of February the dairy aisles within U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll and Reagan Test Site will change, adding extended-shelf-life products.

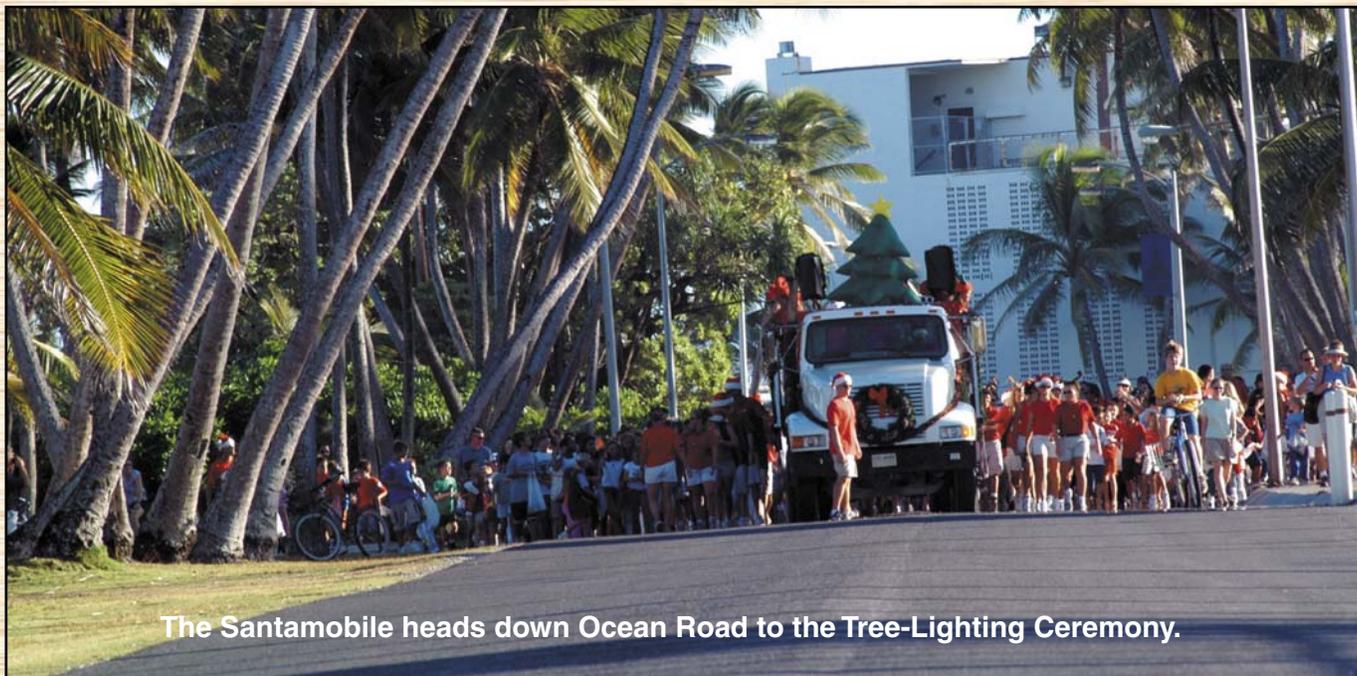
- Through the eyes of a child is the wonder of the season. The anticipation of a visit with Santa and the excitement of receiving a goodie bag are almost too much to contain, as is the gratification of selecting just the right prize after coconut bowling, the joy of jousting with friends old and new, and the appreciation of receiving a plate overflowing with food. Close to 500 Marshallese enjoyed all this and more Dec. 20 at the Ennubir Children’s Christmas Party and Roi-Namur Tree Lighting Ceremony.

- Jeptas performed traditional Marshallese Christmas celebrations on Kwajalein and Ebeye.

- Bicycles “unlike any that have been on Kwajalein previously,” according to David Fearon, Macy’s West manager, will soon illuminate the island’s streets and pathways. Three hundred and fifty fifth-generation custom Sun bikes are now available at Macy’s West and Gimbel’s. The bikes feature rims and handle bars with special luminous paint that glows a bright green at night.

- Leonard deBrum died Dec. 9.

- Coral infections need to be taken seriously.



The Santamobile heads down Ocean Road to the Tree-Lighting Ceremony.

Purchasing easier with pricing agreements

By Mig Owens
Assistant Editor

Once upon a time in the not-so-distant past, purchasing parts meant dealing with points of contact in various time zones, red tape and unpredictable delivery times. Facing factors such as these on a daily, sometimes hourly, basis created considerable frustration for Mark Scott, Mechanical/Electrical supervisor for Kwajalein operations.

Times have changed.

Now the only thing that stands between Scott and the part he needs is a catalog.

Kwajalein Range Services has established pricing agreements with five suppliers: NAPA for automotive parts, Grainger for electrical parts, Fastenal for fasteners, Harrington for industrial plastics for plumbing and MedSafe for safety supplies.

These competitively bid agreements, put in place by the newly formed Acquisition Services group, allow Scott and other employees to select what they need and, via the new group, communicate with the suppliers on a real-time basis.

This purchasing innovation improves cycle time while alleviating from the company's Richmond office the burden of small-dollar purchases, which constitute a large number of the nearly 66,000 recommended order buys handled each year.

"Over 90 percent of our purchases

are under \$10,000," Nick Perry, Acquisition Services manager, said. "We're volume driven. We want to do as many low-risk, off-the-shelf releases from the island as possible, which frees up the Richmond office for big-ticket items."

Perry said in six months, KRS intends for releases from Kwajalein to account for in excess of 50 percent of procurements defined as "simplified acquisitions," in comparison with the 15 percent previously released from the island.

Additional pricing agreements are on the horizon in the retail area and could be in place as early as the first quarter of next year.

"We're looking at retail now to develop a process that will allow us to procure from Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Costco and Lowe's," Perry said.

According to Tim O'Rourke, Six Sigma black belt involved in the procurement process, improvement project for six months, similar agreements for the areas of retail and office supplies would enable employees to use catalogs in these areas as well.

"The Richmond buyers were overwhelmed," O'Rourke said. He said that enabling employees to pick an item out of a catalog and simply give the number to Acquisition Services, cuts through the red tape that existed.

Perry explained, "We identified an

area that could be improved and applied Six Sigma to it. Delivery was unpredictable, making it hard to plan. There was no clear strategy on types of agreements."

Solutions included reorganizing to streamline processes and redesigning the acquisition strategy.

According to Perry, the recent formation of the Acquisition Services group makes one group accountable and brings the focus back to the island. That group now consists of Richmond, Honolulu, and the material controls side of Supply, as well as the Contracts, Subcontracts, and Property departments.

"The result should be a positive impact to all on-island process end users and anyone who's ordering commodities," Perry said.

According to Mike Proudfoot, Field Acquisition manager, the organizational change, effective as of Nov. 1, is beneficial because it provided integration.

"The functions haven't changed, but the options for them to perform those functions have," Proudfoot said.

From the customer's standpoint, the ability to communicate with suppliers and get real-time feedback is invaluable. Shortened, more predictable delivery time on materials is also a plus.

Most valuable, according to Scott, is simply, "the ability to look in a catalog and identify a part."

Tsunamis pose little threat to Kwajalein

By Mig Owens
Assistant Editor

Like a stone in a pond that causes ripples, waves are a result of energy that has been expended. In the case of the tsunami disaster that struck Asia and Africa, a 9.0-magnitude under-sea earthquake in the Indian Ocean on Dec. 26 agitated the water, which resulted in swells that became waves upon approaching shallow water at the shores of the devastated lands.

The resulting waves, or tsunami, gained momentum as it traveled and hit land with forces exceeding 500 mph, killing more than 150,000 people, leaving tens of thousands of people missing and millions homeless.

Understandably, phone calls from concerned relatives were received by Kwajalein residents in the wake of the disaster. Fortunately, because of the distance from the quake and the ocean topography, the island was physically, though not emotionally, unaffected.

According to experts, Kwajalein does not have the make up to turn swells into tsunami-type breakers.

Tom Dillon, Marine Services port captain, explains that a wave is a vertical circular motion of the water molecules in any given water column.

"A tsunami at sea may only be three to four feet high compared to the surrounding water because the vertical circular motion of the wave has an unlimited water depth even though the motion could be a hundred feet deep," Dillon said. "This circular motion however as the wave approaches shallow water forces the wave to get higher until it becomes so high that the circular motion can no longer support the weight of the water and the wave collapses or breaks, which is what we see happens to all waves at the shore line."

Tsunamis travel through the water at such high speeds that with Kwajalein's very steep coral formation there is no time for the wave to build, Dillon explained.

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Help on way

Pacific Command responds to tsunami

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

Three Marine Corps disaster relief assessment teams are on the ground in Thailand, Sri Lanka and Indonesia, and at least two P-3 aircraft are conducting initial reconnaissance of damaged areas as a wide range of other Defense Department assets works its way to tsunami-stricken regions of the Indian Ocean.

U.S. Pacific Command has marshaled assets ranging from carrier strike groups to water purification ships to aircraft to provide emergency support for victims following the Dec. 26 earthquake and subsequent tsunamis, Marine Corps Lt. Gen. James Conway, director of operations for the Joint Staff, told reporters at a special State Department briefing.

Navy Adm. Tom Fargo, commander of U.S. Pacific Command, stood up Joint Task Force 536 to coordinate U.S. relief efforts, Conway said. A forward command element has moved into a military base at Utapao, Thailand, and the headquarters is in the process of deploying. Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Rusty Blackman, commander of the 3rd Marine Expeditionary Force based in Okinawa, will command the joint task force.

Meanwhile, the first two of three Marine disaster relief assessment teams sent to the region arrived in Thailand Dec. 29. A third team arrived in Indonesia Dec. 30, Conway said.

In addition, U.S. Pacific Command has committed six C-130 aircraft and nine P-3 aircraft to the relief effort. Conway said all the C-130s and four

of the P-3s will operate out of Utapao. Five other P-3 aircraft will operate out of Diego Garcia.

Conway said at least two of the P-3s already are conducting observation and reconnaissance of damaged sites.

In addition, the USS Abraham Lincoln carrier strike group, which was in Hong Kong when the earthquake and tsunamis struck, has been diverted to the Gulf of Thailand to support recovery operations, Conway said.

Aircraft from the strike group are checking the Malacca Straits for debris before the strike group transits the area. "If it is clear — and early reports indicate it might be — the five ships associated with that carrier strike group will take position off the island of Sumatra," Conway said.

Conway said the Lincoln carrier strike group has 12 helicopters embarked that he said could be "extremely valuable" in recovery missions.

An additional 25 helicopters are aboard USS Bonhomme Richard, headed to the Bay of Bengal. Conway said the expeditionary strike group was in Guam and is forgoing port visits in Guam and Singapore and expects to arrive in the Bay of Bengal by Friday.

Conway said the strike group, with its seven ships, 2,100 Marines and 1,400 sailors aboard, also has four Cobra helicopters that will be instrumented in reconnaissance efforts.

Because fresh water is one of the greatest needs in the region, Fargo has ordered seven ships — each capable of producing 90,000 gallons of fresh water a day — to the region. Conway

said five of these ships are pre-positioned in Guam and two will come from Diego Garcia.

A field hospital ship pre-positioned in Guam would also be ordered to the region, depending on findings of the disaster relief assessment teams and need, Conway said.

The U.S. State Department is leading U.S. support for the relief effort. Marc Grossman, undersecretary of state for political affairs, is leading the U.S. task force formed today to respond to the crisis.

Grossman said the task force will work with the regional core group, made up of Australia, Japan and India, to provide coordination and assistance. It also will help coordinate the interagency response in Washington, D.C., and encourage additional international support for the relief effort, he said.

"This is going to be a giant international requirement. Although we make a substantial contribution — more than anyone else in these emergencies — this is certainly not for us to do alone," Grossman said. "It is going to take a worldwide effort. We would expect and hope and believe the world will respond."

But Andrew Natsios, administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, stressed "the principal responders in humanitarian emergencies are the people themselves who live there." This, he said, includes local officials who are in charge of responding and the national disaster response teams "who speak the language, have the maps, know the transportation system."

Obituary

Restha Jackreias, 45, of Namu Island, died Dec. 27 on Ebeye. RMI Chief Engineer of the USAV MANASSAS (LCU 1667), Jackreias had worked at the Marine Department since 1998.

Members of the department gathered to pay respects at the morgue on Thursday. According to Bob Babcock, Marine Operations manager, "His death is a professional and personal loss to all of us. Hopefully he's in a better place now."

Jackreias is survived by his wife Wape, and children, Amitlin, Shonia, Antak and Angeline, as well as five brothers and two sisters. He was a member of the Ebeye United Church of Christ.



Restha Jackreias

Letters to the Editor

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Protect your property, knowledge is key

By Mig Owens
Assistant Editor

On Kwajalein, Tim 'The Toolman' Taylor home improvement expertise is not a requirement. But, when the water hits the floor...unexpectedly and continuously...it's good to know how to shut it off.

"It's an occupant's responsibility to become familiar with the house itself," Flynn Gideon, Housing supervisor, said. "Develop a fire plan and know where the electrical panel and water shut offs are."

Information on these topics will soon become part of the new resident welcome packet, according to Gideon, in response to a recent early-morning incident in which a broken water valve caused minor water damage to a residence. In this case, shutting off the main valve stopped the flooding.

"We get a little spoiled because we don't pay rent or for service calls," Gideon said. "Residents may not take the same precautions as they would if it cost them out of pocket. But we are responsible to maintain government assets as well as if it were our own."

According to Gideon, there is no way to prevent problems, but there are simple steps everyone can take to curtail damages, should an incident occur in their quarters.

Gideon recommends finding and then becoming familiar with the electrical panel, which will enable residents to shut off a portion of or the entire house's electricity. Another vital piece of knowledge is the location of the

potable and non-potable water shut-off valves. For locations of both for various types of housing, see chart.

Potable water is used for washing machines, sinks, and all other uses indoors, except toilets, which use non-potable water. Potable water shut-off valves are yellow and non-potable water shut off valves are red.

Water shut off valves may be either circular or T-bar shaped. According to Gideon, for the circular valves, turn right. For T-bar shaped valves, the bar faces in the direction of the pipe when open. To close, a half a turn to the right shuts the water off.

"Residents also need to visually inspect their quarters regularly for any problems, like drips," Gideon said. Drips, and even running toilets, he explained are likely to become major problems and may be water-usage issues as well. Either merits a call to the Service Desk at 53550 during regular hours or 53139 after hours.

Though less common, incidents requiring shut off of the electrical include major plumbing leaks to the hot water heater. More often, a home's ground fault plugs automatically shut off power or "trip" themselves if a hazard is detected internally.

Residents are encouraged to tackle minor home repairs themselves and Self Help offers instructions, tools, and supplies at no cost, including air conditioning filters, which Gideon suggests replacing each month or more frequently if necessary.

Reducing government and personal property damage to "the least amount possible" is everyone's responsibility, Gideon said.

| Potable and non-potable water shut off valves | |
|---|--|
| <i>Housing type</i> | <i>Location</i> |
| 100 series and 202, 216 | Both on the front of the house by the kitchen. |
| 112-139 series | Both are in the stairwell closet. |
| Domes (Louisville section) | Both are in hand holes in the ground near the non-potable hose bib. |
| Domes (Jamestown section) | Both are in hand holes in the ground next to the road. |
| 208-214 series | Potable shut off is at the rear of the house. Non-potable is at the front. |
| 200/400 renovated | Both are at the rear of the house in hand holes in the ground next to the patio. |
| 400 duplex and quadruplex | Both are at the rear of the house by the kitchen. |
| 402, 404 | Both are outside on the north wall of the kitchen. |
| 496, 497 | Communal potable and non-potable shut off valves are at the rear of the house by the kitchen. |
| Trailers | Both are at the back of the trailer below/near the hot water tank closet. |
| Electrical panel | |
| <i>Housing type</i> | <i>Location</i> |
| 100 series | Some are in the kitchen, some outside the kitchen in the utility closet. |
| 112-139 series | In the laundry room next to the washer and dryer. |
| Domes | In the master bedroom behind the door. |
| 200 renovated series | In the lanai. |
| 200 non-renovated series | In the front carport area in the closet. |
| 400 duplex series | At the back of house, o/s closet. |
| 400 quadruplex series and 400 three-bedroom, one-story series | In the pantry near back door. |
| 402, 404 | In the kitchen. |
| Trailers | Service disconnect is on the outside of trailer either on the end or near the middle bedroom and also indicates which bedroom closet has the electrical panel. |

For more information or for clarification, call John Brown, Kwajalein Ops manager, at 5-3315.

Thursday, January 6

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| 12:00AM | The Late Show | College Football | FOX & Friends | Roller | Late Night with Conan O'Brien | Movie (Cont.) | Real Monsters | Lost <i>(Pilot)</i> | | | | | |
| 12:30AM | Access Hollywood | <i>Orange Bowl:</i> <i>USC vs.</i> <i>Oklahoma</i> | American Morning | C.S.I. | Star Trek: Enterprise <i>Similitude</i> | <i>The Longest Yard</i> | Rocket Power | Pacific Report | | | | | |
| 1:00AM | Headline News | | | | | | Spongebob | Tonight Show | | | | | |
| 1:30AM | The Late Late Show | | | | | | Rugrats | w/ Jay Leno | | | | | |
| 2:00AM | Dennis Miller | | | | | | The Proud Family | The Late Show | | | | | |
| 2:30AM | | | | | | | The Amanda Show | w/ David Letterman | | | | | |
| 3:00AM | | | | | | | Everwood | Access Hollywood | | | | | |
| 3:30AM | Countdown With Keith Olbermann | | | | | | NFL Live | CNN Live Today | Jamie's Kitchen | Movie: <i>Adaptation</i> | Movie: <i>Adaptation</i> | Sister, Sister | Headline News |
| 4:00AM | SportsCenter | | | | | | FOX News Live | | Friends | | | Sister, Sister | The Late Late |
| 4:30AM | | Entertainment Studios | Seinfeld | Show | | | | | | | | | |
| 5:00AM | ESPNNews | College Gameday | FOX News Live | | Breathing Space Yoga | Movie: <:09> <i>The Game</i> | Sesame Street | | Dennis Miller | | | | |
| 5:30AM | Headline News | <i>Orange Bowl:</i> <i>USC vs.</i> <i>Oklahoma</i> | Dayside with Linda Vester | Caribbean Workout | Barney & Friends | | Countdown With Keith Olbermann | | | | | | |
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| 6:30AM | | | | College Football | FOX News Live | Typical Mary Ellen | Dragon Tales | | Entertainmet Studios | | | | |
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| 10:00AM | General Hospital | | | Headline News | Fashion File | Movie: <:43> <i>In the Line of Fire</i> | Reading Rainbow | The Amazing Race | | | | | |
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| 12:00PM | Today | | | The Newshour with Jim Lehrer | College Basketball <i>Notre Dame at Seton Hall</i> | Charmed | Movie: <i>Children of a Lesser God</i> | | | | Bob the Builder | Dr. Phil | |
| 12:30PM | | NBA <i>Phoenix Suns at Houston Rockets</i> | Hannity & Colmes | | | | | College Basketball <i>Alabama at Vanderbilt</i> | Ally McBeal | Movie: <:13> <i>Striking Distance</i> | Dragon Tales | Oprah Winfrey | |
| 1:00PM | Sylvester & Tweety | | | Headline News | College Basketball <i>Alabama at Vanderbilt</i> | Any Day Now | Movie: <:13> <i>Striking Distance</i> | | | | Blues Clues | NBC Nightly News | |
| 1:30PM | | Buzz Lightyear | Business Report | | | | | Headline News | Law & Order | Inside the Actors... <i>Jeanne Moreau</i> | Barney & Friends | | |
| 2:00PM | Fairly Oddparents | | | Lou Dobbs Tonight | Headline News | Law & Order | Inside the Actors... <i>Jeanne Moreau</i> | | | | Funnest Videos | Judge Judy | |
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| 3:00PM | Jeopardy | | | NFL Total Access | Headline News | Law & Order | Inside the Actors... <i>Jeanne Moreau</i> | | | | Pokemon | Yu-Gi-Oh! | |
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| 4:30PM | | Arrested Development | NBA <i>L.A. Lakers at Dallas Mavericks</i> | | | | | Nightline | The Simpsons | Coming Attractions | Familly Oddparents | | |
| 5:00PM | Extreme Makeover: Home Edition | | | NFL Total Access | Newsnight with Aaron Brown | The Simpsons | Coming Attractions | | | | Rugrats | | |
| 5:30PM | | Lost <i>(Pilot)</i> | SportsCenter | | | | | BET Nightly News | The Simpsons | Coming Attractions | Even Stevens | Third Watch | |
| 6:00PM | Pacific Report | | | NFL Total Access | BET Nightly News | The Simpsons | Coming Attractions | | | | Kenan & Kel | | |
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| 9:00PM | Tonight Show | | | NFL Total Access | 60 Minutes | The Simpsons | Coming Attractions | | | | Home Improvement | | Will & Grace |
| 9:30PM | | W/ Jay Leno | SportsCenter | | | | | 60 Minutes | The Simpsons | Coming Attractions | Touched by an Angel | Desperate Housewives | |
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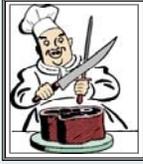
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| 3:00PM | Real Monsters | Headline News | Business Report | | Barney & Friends | Oprah Winfrey | | |
| 3:30PM | Sabrina | Lou Dobbs Tonight | Headline News | Any Day Now | Funniest Videos | NBC Nightly News | | |
| 4:00PM | NBA Inside Stuff | Headline News | ESPNNews | Third Watch | Full House | Judge Judy | | |
| 4:30PM | Jeopardy | Inside the NBA | Larry King Live | Law & Order | Pokemon | Charmed | | |
| 5:00PM | Access Hollywood | Headline News | Headline News | Showbiz Moms & Dads | Yu-Gi-Oh! | Charmed | | |
| 5:30PM | Bulletin Board | NFL Game of the Week | Newsnight with Aaron Brown | Movie: <:16> <i>Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery</i> | Disney's Doug | Ally McBeal | | |
| 6:00PM | Pacific Report | SportsCenter | BET Nightly News | Law & Order | Rocket Power | Ally McBeal | | |
| 6:30PM | Two and a Half Men Will & Grace <:25> | Headline News | Tavis Smiley | The Simpsons | Fairly Oddparents | Any Day Now | | |
| 7:00PM | Window on the Atoll (7:50PM) | PGA Tour | Nightline | Raymond | Rugrats | Any Day Now | | |
| 7:30PM | Desperate Housewives (8:00PM) | <i>Mercedes Championship 1st Round</i> | Headline News | Summerland | Movie: <i>Lare Croft: Tomb Raider</i> | That's So Raven | | |
| 8:00PM | C.S.I. | Headline News | Hardball with Chris Matthews | Summerland | All That | That's So Raven | | |
| 8:30PM | Pacific Report | Headline News | O'Reilly Factor | 48 Hours Mystery | 7th Heaven | Jeopardy | | |
| 9:00PM | Tonight Show | Headline News | Primetime | Friends | Movie: <:54> <i>The Spanish Prisoner</i> | Headline News | | |
| 9:30PM | W/ Jay Leno | Headline News | Headline News | Seinfeld | Sabrina | ESPNews | | |
| 10:00PM | The Late Show | SportsCenter | Headline News | The Daily Show | Sabrina | Pacific Report | | |
| 10:30PM | | | Headline News | Blind Date | The Cosby Show | King of the Hill | | |
| 11:00PM | | | Headline News | | Home Improvement | That 70's Show | | |
| 11:30PM | | | Headline News | | Touched by an Angel | Wife Swap | | |

Saturday, January 8

| Time | Channel 9 AFN Prime | Channel 13 AFN Sports | Channel 14 AFN News | Channel 17 Roller/Prime Sports | Channel 20 AFN Spectrum | Channel 23 AFN Movies | Channel 26 AFN Family | Channel 35 AFN Direct to Sailors |
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| 12:00AM | The Late Show | SportsCenter | FOX & Friends | Roller | Late Night with Conan O'Brien | Movie: (Cont.) <i>Wolf</i> | Real Monsters | Fear Factor |
| 12:30AM | Access Hollywood | <i>College Basketball</i> | | | | | Rocket Power | |
| 1:00AM | Headline News | <i>Gonzaga at Santa Clara</i> | | | Summerland | Movie: <i>Taking Care of Business</i> | Spongebob | Pacific Report |
| 1:30AM | The Late Late Show | | American Morning | | Summerland | | Rugrats | Tonight Show w/ Jay Leno |
| 2:00AM | | | | | | | That's So Raven | |
| 2:30AM | Dennis Miller | SportsCenter | | | | | All That | The Late Show w/ David Letterman |
| 3:00AM | | | CNN Live Today | | 48 Hours Mystery | Movie: <i>Lare Croft: Tomb Raider</i> | 7th Heaven | Access Hollywood |
| 3:30AM | Countdown With Keith Olbermann | College Gamenight | | | | | | |
| 4:00AM | | SportsCenter | | | Friends | | Sabrina | Headline News |
| 4:30AM | Entertainment Studios | | | | Seinfeld | Movie: <.54> | Sabrina | The Late Late Show |
| 5:00AM | ESPNNews | Inside the NFL | FOX News Live | | Breathing Space Yoga | <i>The Spanish Prisoner</i> | Sesame Street | Dennis Miller |
| 5:30AM | Headline News | | | | Caribbean Workout | | | |
| 6:00AM | Today | ESPNNews | Primetime | | Body Shaping | | Barney & Friends | |
| 6:30AM | | College Basketball | | | Tipical Mary Ellen | | Blues Clues | Countdown With Keith Olbermann |
| 7:00AM | | <i>Arizona at California</i> | FOX News Live | | | | Dragon Tales | |
| 7:30AM | | | | | The View | Showbiz Moms & Dads | Bob the Builder | Entertainment Studios |
| 8:00AM | Clifford | | Studio B with Shepard Smith | | Emeril Live | Ebert & Roeper | The Wiggles | Good Morning America |
| 8:30AM | Wheel of Fortune | 1st and 10 | | | | E.T. | Dora: The Explorer | |
| 9:00AM | Dr. Phil | NFL Live | Your World with Neil Cavuto | | Burt Wolf | Movie: <i>Danielle Steel's Rememberance</i> | Stanley | |
| 9:30AM | Oprah Winfrey | SportsCenter | | | Easy Entertaining | | Sagwa | |
| 10:00AM | <9:46> | Around the Horn | Lester Holt Live | | Decorating Cents | | Arthur | Beautiful Homes |
| 10:30AM | Guiding Lt. <10:35> | PTI | | | | | | |
| 11:00AM | General Hospital | SportsCenter | Headline News | | The Look for Less | Movie: <.48> | Reading Rainbow | Curb Appeal |
| 11:30AM | <11:17> | | NBC Nightly News | | E! News Live | <i>Multiplicity</i> | Sagwa | Joan of Arcadia |
| 12:00PM | Bulletin Board | PGA Tour | ABC World News | NFL Live | King of Queens | | Stanley | |
| 12:30PM | Judge Judy | <i>Mercedes</i> | CBS Evening News | NBA Shootaround | That 70's Show | | Dora the Explorer | Clean House |
| 1:00PM | Today | <i>Championship 2nd Round</i> | The Newshour with Jim Lehrer | NBA <i>Philadelphia 76ers</i> | Girlfriends | Movie: <i>Dr. Quinn: The Medicine Woman</i> | The Wiggles | |
| 1:30PM | | | Hannity & Colmes | <i>at Minnesota</i> | Charmed | | Bob the Builder | BBQ with Bobby |
| 2:00PM | | | | <i>Timberwolves</i> | Ally McBeal | | Dragon Tales | \$40 A Day |
| 2:30PM | | | | | Any Day Now | Movie: <.42> | Blues Clues | Fashion Police |
| 3:00PM | Teacher's Pet | | Headline News | | | <i>Ghost</i> | Barney & Friends | It's Good to Be Me |
| 3:30PM | Scooby Doo | NBA | Business Report | ESPNews | | | Funniest Videos | NBA <i>Miami Heat</i> |
| 4:00PM | Ozzy & Drix | <i>Houston Rockets</i> | Lou Dobbs Tonight | Headline News | Third Watch | | Pokemon | <i>at Portland</i> |
| 4:30PM | Brothers Garcia | <i>at L.A. Lakers</i> | | ESPNews | | | Yu-Gi-Oh! | <i>Traiblazers</i> |
| 5:00PM | Jeopardy | | Larry King Live | Headline News | Law & Order | Revealed | Disney's Doug | |
| 5:30PM | Access Hollywood | | | Headline News | | <i>Dana Carvey</i> | Rocket Power | ESPNews |
| 6:00PM | Bulletin Board | SportsCenter | Newsnight with Aaron Brown | Roller | The Simpsons | Hollywood Stories | Fairly Oddparents | WWE Raw! |
| 6:30PM | Pacific Report | | | | Raymond | E.T. | Rugrats | |
| 7:00PM | King of the Hill | Inside the NFL | BET Nightly News | | Charmed | Movie: <i>Blue Streak</i> | All Grown Up | Headline News |
| 7:30PM | That 70's Show | | Tavis Smiley | | | | Dave the Barbarian | Navy/Marine Corps |
| 8:00PM | Wife Swap | NBA | Nightline | | Boston Public | | Danny Phantom | Access Hollywood |
| 8:30PM | | <i>Philadelphia 76ers</i> | Air Force TV News | | | Movie: <.48> | Drake & Josh | Weekend |
| 9:00PM | Fear Factor | <i>at Minnesota</i> | Hardball with Chris Matthews | | Blue Planet | <i>Return to Me</i> | That's So Raven | Headline News |
| 9:30PM | | <i>Timberwolves</i> | | | <i>Tidal Seas</i> | | Sabrina | ESPNews |
| 10:00PM | Pacific Report | | O'Reilly Factor | | Friends | | Switched! | According to Jim |
| 10:30PM | Tonight Show | SportsCenter | | | Seinfeld | | Radio Free Rosco | Half & Half |
| 11:00PM | W/ Jay Leno | | Dateline NBC | | The Daily Show | Movie: <i>Friday</i> | The Cosby Show | C.S.I. Miami |
| 11:30PM | The Late Show | Inside the NFL | | | Blind Date | | Home Improvement | |

Café Pacific



Lunch

Thurs Charbroiled chicken
Beef tips in Burgundy
Grill: Cheese sandwich
Maple glazed pork loin
Baked spaghetti
Sautéed salmon

Fri Grill: Mini taco bar
Japanese saimin bar
Teriyaki beef steak
Sweet-and-sour chicken
Seafood chow fun
Grill: Teriyaki burger

Dinner

Tonight London broil
Pasta a la pesto
Chicken Monterey

Thurs Baked meatloaf
Chicken and dumplings
Blackened mahi mahi

Fri Herb baked chicken
Broiled ham steak
Ahi/papaya sauce

HELP WANTED

KRS has the following on-island job openings. Unless otherwise noted, call Jack Riordan, 55154. Full job descriptions and requirements are at Human Resources, Building 700.

CASHIERS, Tape Escape. Casual. Customer service, checking movies in and out, making sure movies are accounted for and arranged on the shelves correctly, file customer account information, open and close a cash drawer, clean movies, shrink wrap movies and sweep the store.

ALCOR/MMW FIELD ENGINEER I. Full time. Contract position. Duties require repairing and maintaining large moveable antenna systems, performing preventative maintenance, making modifications, fabricating and installing new mechanical systems and structures. Must be able to troubleshoot and repair systems. Requires reading schematics, wiring lists and assembly prints. Must be able to get Climber I, II and Respirator certifications and obtain a secret level clearance. Must work at moderate heights. (HR Req. 030725)

ENGINEMAN I, Roi Marine Department. Perform required preventative maintenance on LCM and assist marine repair shops with repairs and overhauls. Identify and troubleshoot all minor engineering problems. Maintain passenger and cargo safety standards. May count passengers during peak boarding periods. Strong verbal and written English language skills required to maintain logs and records. Mechanical background, especially for diesel engines, highly desirable. Must be able to reside on Roi-Namur.

SUPERVISOR YOKWE Yuk Club and Country Clubs. F/T Contract position. Responsibilities include a comprehensive food, beverage, and entertainment program; cash controls, profit and loss status, and overall operation of USAKA Kwajalein clubs and restaurants. Skills/knowledge required: written and oral communication; planning; budgeting; procurement; food safety policies/procedures; and inventory control. Participate in menu planning and food prep with support from Food Service department resources. Experience in club management required, experience with gaming equipment/procedures strongly desired. HR Req. 030685.

SECURITY SPECIALIST, KRS Security. Full time. Contract position. Responsible for oversight of the Criminal Records Check Program. Requires general knowledge of the CRC program and the ability to learn U.S. Army regulations and Public Law Regulations governing trusted positions. Requires proficiency using Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access. Successful applicant will also be required to cross-train to perform other industrial security-related tasks. HR req. 030677.

ACCOUNTING CLERK II, KRS Finance. Full time. Accept and process payments from customers, reconcile daily reports from all facilities, balance cash drawer daily, as well as going to the bank to make deposits and replenish cash. Also required to assist in Accounts Receivable with invoicing and filing as needed. Must be experienced in Excel. KEAMS knowledge desired. HR req. number K030595.

USAKA/RTS has the following job

vacancies. For information, call Cris Foster, USAKA/RTS Civilian Personnel, 54417. Applications must be submitted in accordance with announcements at <http://www.cpol.army.mil>, or USAJobs at <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST, GS-1035-12. USAKA/RTS Public Affairs Office. Permanent position, 24-month overseas tour of duty limited to DoD 5-year limitation on overseas employment. PCS costs, transportation and housing agreement and other foreign allowances. Announcement SCBK04286297. Closes Jan. 27.

GENERAL ENGINEERS, two vacancies, USAKA/RTS Test Support Division. Permanent positions, 24-month overseas tour of duty ltd to DOD 5-year limitation on overseas employment. PCS costs, transportation and housing agreements, and other foreign allowances. Announcement SCBK04273287, Closes Jan. 10.

GENERAL ENGINEER, GS-0801-13 (two vacancies). USAKA/RTS Test Support Division. Permanent positions, 24-month overseas tour of duty limited to DoD 5-year limitation on overseas employment. PCS costs, transportation and housing agreement and other foreign allowances. Announcement SCBK04273287. Closes Jan. 10.

PROGRAM ANALYST, GS-0343-13. USAKA/RTS Directorate for Resource Management. Permanent position, 24-month overseas tour of duty limited to DoD 5-year limitation on overseas employment. PCS costs, transportation and housing agreement and other foreign allowances. Announcement SCBK04273286D. Closes Jan. 18.

MANAGEMENT AND PROGRAM ANALYST, GS-0343-11 (potential 12). USAKA/RTS Directorate for Business Management. Permanent position, 24-month overseas tour of

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AFN Kwajalein radio line-up



FM 99.9 Country
FM 101.1 Classic rock and pop
FM 102.1 Top 40
AM 1224 National Public Radio

Chapel Services

Protestant services
Sunday, 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
Roi-Namur service at 4 p.m.
Sunday school for all ages
9:15 a.m., in the REB.

Catholic services
Saturday Mass,
5:30 p.m., in the main chapel
Sunday Mass
7 a.m., small chapel
9:15 a.m., main chapel
Mass on Roi at 11:30 a.m.

For more information, call the Chapel, 53505.

duty limited to DoD 5-year limitation on overseas employment. PCS costs, transportation and housing agreement and other foreign allowances. Announcement SCBK04323932. Closes Jan. 18

OFFICE AUTOMATION ASSISTANT, GS-0326-06 (two vacancies). Overseas limited appointment. Temporary not to exceed one year and may be extended up to one more year without competition. Announcement SCBK04323962. Closes Jan. 19.

WANTED

INFANT BED with mattress. Call Becky, 52275.

COUCH AND recliner in good condition. Call 54454 or 54396.

STURDY ROD/REEL combo for shore casting or bottom fishing. Call 54490H or 51340W.

LOST

WALLET, on Roi-Namur, Dec. 28. Call 50158.

PRESCRIPTION GLASSES, in green flowered cloth case. Call 59737.

RED AND WHITE Rutgers golf towel, on golf course, Dec. 22. Call 58954.

EMMA IS MISSING. \$100 reward offered for her return. She is an orange with touch of gray and striped female cat. She has a tattoo number in her ear. She lives at Qtrs. 404-A on Pine Street. Call 52682.

FOUND

SILVER BRACELET at Ivey Gym, call 52527 to claim.

FOR SALE

HIGH-BACKED child bike seat, very good condition, \$20; Little Tykes child swing, very good condition, \$5; nursing pillow (Boppy), like new, \$15; baby walker, \$20. Call 52763.

CARPET, neutral berber plus pad, wall-to-wall, fits 200 and 400 series three-bedroom housing, B side. Call 58672.

DOUBLE JOGGING stroller, \$70; exersaucer, like new, \$30; two pair of draperies with valance, tan, \$30 each or \$50 for both; child craft crib, white, sleigh-style, \$50. Call 53323, days, or 52529, evenings.

BABY CLOTHES, size birth to six months, perfect condition; Fisher Price baby jumper, perfect condition; baby basket/bassinet, never used; mosquito netting, fits king-size bed; 55-gallon fish tank, comes with all accessories including a family of six beautiful fish; lots of flowering plants. Call Becky, 52275.

ONE BABY BED, solid maple, changing table with mattress, all hardware and instructions, makes into a child's daybed, very nice, sheets and pads available, \$150. Call 59747 or come by Qtrs. 123-F to see.

38' LE COMPTE sailboat. Made in Holland in 1968. Hull, mast and rigging in good condition. Needs interior finished and exterior cosmetics. Includes rebuilt Volvo Penta engine, boathouse, autopilot, solar panels, many sails, tools, parts and supplies too numerous to mention. Priced to sell at only \$20,000. Call 52210 and leave a message.

BIKE TRAILERS; one double-wheel Burley wagon, modified, \$80; one small wheel "Yakima" bike trailer, looks new, \$100; two pair ladies' white tennis shoes, size 8, new, paid \$80, will sell for \$25 each. Call 53640, before 8 p.m.

21' SEASWIRL STRIPER powerboat, 150 hp Johnson, Evinrude 9.9 kicker, cuddy cabin, great for diving, fishing and pleasure, low hours, great condition, large boat shack with chest freezer, refrigerator, boat accessories and tools, nice deck with table and chairs, \$27,500. Call 50738, days, or 54791, evenings.

NEW FENCE, must see to appreciate, \$300; TV stand, \$15; luggage, \$45; plants, \$15-\$20.

Call 51888.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FLYERS FOR classes for Community Education will be available in the gray box at the Post Office. Signups for classes will be through Jan. 11 at the elementary school office, Building 368, during normal business hours, or call 51078, anytime. Classes begin Jan. 11.

ALL PATIENTS are asked to bring their current insurance ID cards and update their information at the hospital at time of treatment effective immediately. Patients employed by KRS/Chugach/AirScan who are covered by Aetna as of Jan. 1 are asked to bring in the cards when they are received. Failure to provide proof of insurance may result in charges being billed to the patient until that information is furnished. Plan to arrive 15 minutes early to complete the required paperwork.

WHILE RECYCLING is a term generally applied to aluminum cans, glass bottles and paper, water can be recycled as well. On Kwajalein, there are two separate water systems, one for drinking water and one for reclaimed water. Drinking water is used for sinks, showers, washing machines, drinking fountains and making ice at the ice plant. Reclaimed water is for use outside buildings such as lawn watering and vehicle, boat and airplane washing. Reclaimed water is used inside buildings only for toilet flushing. Reclaimed water is from the sinks, showers, washing machines and toilets on island that has been treated at the wastewater treatment plant to remove contaminants. Before it is pumped into the non-potable water system, it is filtered and disinfected with chlorine to make it safe to use. It is NOT fit for drinking or cooking, but is safe for incidental contact. The Utilities Department monitors the quality of the reclaimed water as closely as it monitors the quality of the drinking water.

MEDITATION is held weekly Thursdays, 5 p.m., at Qtrs. 215-A. This meditation is non-sectarian and people who are new at attempting meditation are welcome to attend this short weekly practice. Questions? Call Eileen, 52244.

EFFECTIVE SATURDAY, prices for Kwajalein pharmacy medications were brought in line with industry standards. Past prices have not recovered all pharmacy costs. With USAKA approval, charges will be increased, but will remain significantly lower than average stateside wholesale prices. At this time, we are unable to bill Aetna directly for prescription medications. Kwajalein Hospital and KRS Benefits continue to work toward that goal. Aetna patients will be required to pay for prescription medications and submit their claims directly to Aetna.

STAYWELL SILVER Plan members: Pick up your Silver Plan early refund check or loss report in Human Resources, Building 700, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, by Jan. 15. See Grace or Marilyn. You must sign a form to receive or decline your check. The StayWell Silver plan refund is a pre-funded deductible fund that is set up for each Silver Plan member at the beginning of the policy year. The maximum possible refund depends on your employment class such as Single, Double or Family. Only members who are enrolled for at least six consecutive months and have had premiums

BINGO

Bingo at the Yuk Club, Thursday. Sale of cards begins promptly at 5:30 p.m. Play at 6:30 p.m. Cash prizes! Food available for purchase.

BINGO

The advertisement features a large, stylized 'BINGO' title at the top and bottom. In the center, there is a graphic of a bingo card with a grid and the word 'BINGO' written across the top row. The card has several numbers marked with black dots, and a red star is placed over the number 12 in the third row, second column. To the right of the card, the text describes the event: 'Bingo at the Yuk Club, Thursday. Sale of cards begins promptly at 5:30 p.m. Play at 6:30 p.m. Cash prizes! Food available for purchase.'

paid for at least six months within a policy year are eligible for a refund. The checks may be cashed at KRS Finance, Building 702. Contact Finance during normal business hours.

LOOKING FOR a new hobby? How about trying amateur radio? Check it out at our meeting Thursday, 7 p.m., at the Adult Pool. Grilled hot dogs and goodies provided. Bring your own drinks. Swimwear highly recommended. The community is invited. Questions? Call Robert, 54013.

YOUTH SOCCER registration for pre-kindergarten through grade six is Thursday through Jan. 22, at the Child Development Center. A current physical indicating for which sports the child can be registered is required. For information, call 52158.

NYS CA COACHES' meeting is Friday, 7 p.m., in Room 20 at the elementary school.

HOUSING APPLIANCES biennial inventory. Kwaj hard housing and trailers only. BQs excluded. Property Management and Appliance Shop will conduct the biennial inventory of all tagged government appliances located in the Kwaj residential facilities (trailers and hard housing), Tuesday through Jan. 29, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. If you have pets, house-sitters or would like to be present for the inventory of your quarters, you must contact Reni Langrine or Albi Jelke, 53412, to make an appointment before Jan. 11. If you do not make an appointment, we will assume we have permission to enter your quarters to conduct the physical inventory. Tagged government appliances only are to be inventoried during this period. Furniture is not included.

KPD reminds residents to keep alcoholic beverages secure. Don't leave beer and other spirits on patios. Secure your doors to keep unauthorized persons from entering your quarters looking for opportunities.

DO YOU have an interest or skill? Would you be willing to share it through an Adult Education class? January classes are being scheduled. Call 53761.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets Tuesdays and Saturdays, 6:30 p.m., in PBQ Room 250. Call 51143 and leave a message. Your call will be returned.

ROSEWOOD FURNITURE

Now at Macy's West

Selected rosewood furniture is 15 percent off! Price as marked on these items. Free delivery available. Hurry for best selection

Emergencies



Do you know where your electrical service panels are?



Do you know where your potable and non-potable water valves are?

The recent tropical depression that passed by points out the need to be prepared for emergencies. Every member of your family should know where the potable and non-potable water cutoff valves are located, as well as the electrical service panel for your quarters. If you are unable to locate the service connections or if you have questions, call John Brown, Kwajalein Ops manager, 53315. He will be happy to assist you.

All that Jazz

Jazz artist
Andrea Lindborg



will perform as SOLADE with her band, Saturday, 8 p.m., at the Yuk Club. Enjoy a relaxing evening as Kwajalein hometown musical favorite plays an assortment of jazz tunes. Wine, cheese and fruit pupus available. Disc jockey Deakon will spin tunes into the night.

Marshallese Soldier reenlists on Kwaj

By Deanna Frazier
Staff Writer

"I, Jimmie Akeang, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies," echoed Staff Sgt. Jimmie Akeang, Friday during a ceremony at Island Memorial Chapel marking her reenlistment to the U.S. Army.

Being able to share her reenlistment experience with family and friends was "wonderful," she said.

"I wanted to have it on Kwajalein, so my family could be here," she explained, adding such ceremonies are normally performed by the Soldier's commander at his or her unit.

"This is where it all started, on Kwajalein," Akeang said of her nine-year Army career.

When Akeang decided to enlist in the Army in 1995, her father played a key role in motivating her toward her ultimate decision.

"He said he had always had a lot

of respect for the Army soldiers he'd met while working on Kwajalein," she explained of her father, Jimmy Akeang, who has worked on Kwajalein as a warehouse lead for 18 years. "When I told him I was interested in joining the Army, he suggested I talk with some of them to get a better understanding of (the Army), before I actually enlisted."

"I was young, spontaneous," she said of herself in 1995. "I wanted adventure."

Her nearly 10-year adventure landed her in several positions and career fields beginning as a medic in 1995. She then transferred into satellite communications at Fort Gordon, GA, as well as Camp Carol, Korea, where she was stationed for 15 months. Currently, she serves as an Army recruiter in Honolulu, a position she has held since 2002. She is scheduled to return to Fort Gordon and satellite communications in May.

Born and raised on Ebeye, Akeang

attended Marshall Islands High School and College of the Marshall Islands in Majuro. She taught math and English composition for a year at Queen of Peace and Calvary High Schools there before ultimately pursuing a career in the U.S. Army.

Once her first enlistment was nearing completion, family and friends urged her to return to Ebeye to serve the Marshallese community. The decision to reenlist was a difficult one, she said, but one of which she is very sure.

"A lot of people couldn't understand [my decision]," Akeang explained of some of her Marshallese family and friends regarding her reenlistment. "...Especially when they really need educated people [on Ebeye]."

"My reenlistment is serving them," she said reassuringly. "Small nations like the Marshall Islands need the United States for protection and other economic reasons. I am serving the people of the Marshall Islands by serving in the U.S. Army."

Tsunami from Page 11

"For us the wave passes so quickly that we will see no obvious change to the water it - just goes around us."

Norm Black, Environmental Safety and Health manager, explained that Kwajalein Atoll sits atop limestone and coral that rise from the ocean bottom of 2,000-plus feet, with the live coral no more than 180 feet below the surface due to its sunlight demands.

"When you stand at the beach and you see a swell coming in, energy at the bottom of the swell trips itself on the upslope to the beach causing what we know as surf or breakers," Black said. "We don't have trouble with most tsunamis because we don't have the gradual upsweeping land masses."

Tom Wright, chief meteorologist for 3D Research Corp., agrees.

"We have little to fear from tsunamis here on Kwajalein," Wright said. "Suffice it to say that Kwajalein Atoll lacks the gradually sloping undersea floor needed to produce a devastating tsunami."

The only exception, according to Wright, is "if an earthquake somewhere to our northwest were to produce a tsunami that came in through one of the passes, we may be able to get a small wave generated in the lagoon." He cites one anecdotal case of a tsunami producing an 18-inch rise in tide here.

"If a tsunami from the northwest happened to be coincident with a very high tide and strong west winds a tsunami might be able to produce a minor wash-over of the lowest parts of the island," Wright said. "However, the likelihood of those particular elements all coming together is exceedingly small."

Weather

Tonight: Variably cloudy with widely scattered showers.

Winds: Northeast-east at 18-25 knots with higher gusts near showers.

Tomorrow: Partly sunny with isolated showers.

Winds: Northeast-east at 15-25 knots with higher gusts near showers.

Temperature: Tonight's low 78°
Tomorrow's high 87°

January rain total: 0.26"

Annual rain total: 0.26"

Annual deviation: -0.40"

Call 54700 for updated forecasts www.rts-wx.com

Sun • Moon • Tides

| | Sunrise/set | Moonrise/set | High Tide | Low Tide |
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| Thursday Jan. 6 | 0706/1844 | 0220/1101 | 1250, 4.4' | 0600, 1.8' 1920, 1.9' |
| Friday Jan. 7 | 0706/1845 | 0316/1514 | 0110, 3.8' 1350, 3.9' | 0710, 1.6' 2030, 1.5' |
| Saturday Jan. 8 | 0706/1845 | 0418/1613 | 0220, 4.0' 1440, 5.4' | 0810, 1.3' 2120, 1.0' |