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Making strides

Federal program aids local workers

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

John Edwin and Phillip Harry both studied hard to complete their Airframe and Power Plant certifications at the Aviation Department.

The pair, with nearly four decades between them at the department, would use their lunch hours to read over materials. Management put a computer at their disposal to help with their studies and encouraged them to take the test. As the day approached for the certification, there was

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(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

Aviation Department A&P mechanics Phillip Harry, left, and John Edwin install a component in the right wing of a 1900D aircraft Wednesday morning. Both men were certified in 1998, thanks, in part, to a federal program that funds workforce development.

SBM officials respond to customer feedback

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

A random telephone survey conducted by RSE Quality Assurance for the Small Boat Marina found patrons dissatisfied with some services, but officials are promising facility improvements along with new programs intended to increase weekday use.

The survey was completed Aug. 31, with 205 respondents. Patrons identified several issues that affect satisfaction.

“Poor equipment reliability and maintenance” and “Need new boats and engines”

One of the top complaints by patrons is how well the boats run.

The majority of the marina’s fleet of 18 Boston Whalers — 12 on Kwajalein, six on Roi-Namur — sport dual Evinrude 70hp engines. With an average life expectancy of about six years under normal conditions, the engines get a lot of wear-and-tear from the highly corrosive atmosphere and heavy usage, according to officials. And out of the 36 total 70hp motors, 27 were purchased between 1991 and 1995.

“On the positive side of this is the fact that we now have a multi-year replacement program in place to upgrade our fleet, starting this year, to begin replacing the oldest engines and hulls,” said Lloyd Jordan, Residential Ser-

vices manager.

Just last month, boat 79, completely refurbished, was outfitted with two new Honda 90hp engines.

“This, coupled with the hiring of a new, experienced and proven off-island mechanic in late October, will pay dividends to the overall improvement and reliability of the Small Boat Marina fleet,” Jordan added. “We will be monitoring the improvements and are dedicated to make positive changes.”

Drew Van Voorhees, SBM supervisor, said engine reliability and efficiency has improved since mechanic Dave Baer arrived.

“We do keep track of [boat reliability] and it has been a lot better,” he said.

Patrons have taken notice.

“I think [the marina is] vastly improved,” said avid diver Lary Hayden of the change in management since June.

Van Voorhees is also researching new hulls and motors for the fleet. Some of the hulls date back to 1985, he said.

Options include either buying new B-boats or maybe a new style of boat, such as a catamaran, that would require a smaller engine for comparable use. The latter option is far cheaper, meaning more boats could be purchased with the same dollars, Van Voorhees noted.

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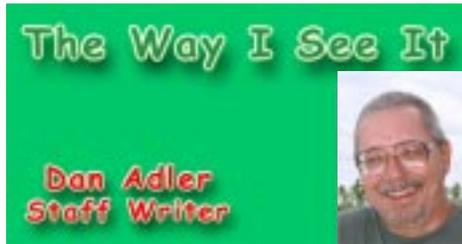
And the stocks were hung out to dry with care ...

The *Hourglass* recently ran a story about depression at holiday time. But that really didn't affect me, since I'm depressed most of the time anyway. So, normally holidays aren't much different.

This year, though, the holidays do seem special for depression. We don't know who the next president will be and half of the country is saying, "God help us if (take your pick) gets in." What difference does it make anyway? There's going to be more tension and fighting in Washington than when my cousins Duke and Earl argued over who was going to take the wheels off the new home.

Then, of course, there's the little stocking stuffer for those of us who own stock or have 401Ks. The stock market is crashing just in time for Christmas. Oh, honey, you know that trip to Europe you wanted this year? Ha, Ha, Ha, fat chance.

So add these things to my usual disposition, which I am told by friends and colleagues does NOT brighten a room when I enter it (one of my co-workers said it scared her when I smiled one morning), and you can see it truly is a special depression time of year. Speaking of that smile,



I didn't like it much either; it hurt my face muscles... .

Yes, yes, I know: I have my health (at least a pulse), my wife is wonderful and she loves me, but the stock market is crashing!

Speaking of my wife, she likes to do things around this time of year that drives me crazy . . . She sends gifts and money home to the relatives! Now, I'm not tight with money, at least not compared to bark on a tree. (I paid good money for a used Christmas tree for the office. It was a little dry, but what the hey, it was cheap.) But my brothers and their wives keep having kids! I'm happy for them, of

course, but every time this happens, I see my wife writing out another check. I've always thought that McDonald's gift certificates were thoughtful, but she won't play along with it. I insist my brothers practice abstinence henceforth. I have complained to my wife about these things and she starts doing a bird imitation, "cheep, cheep, cheep." What's up with that?

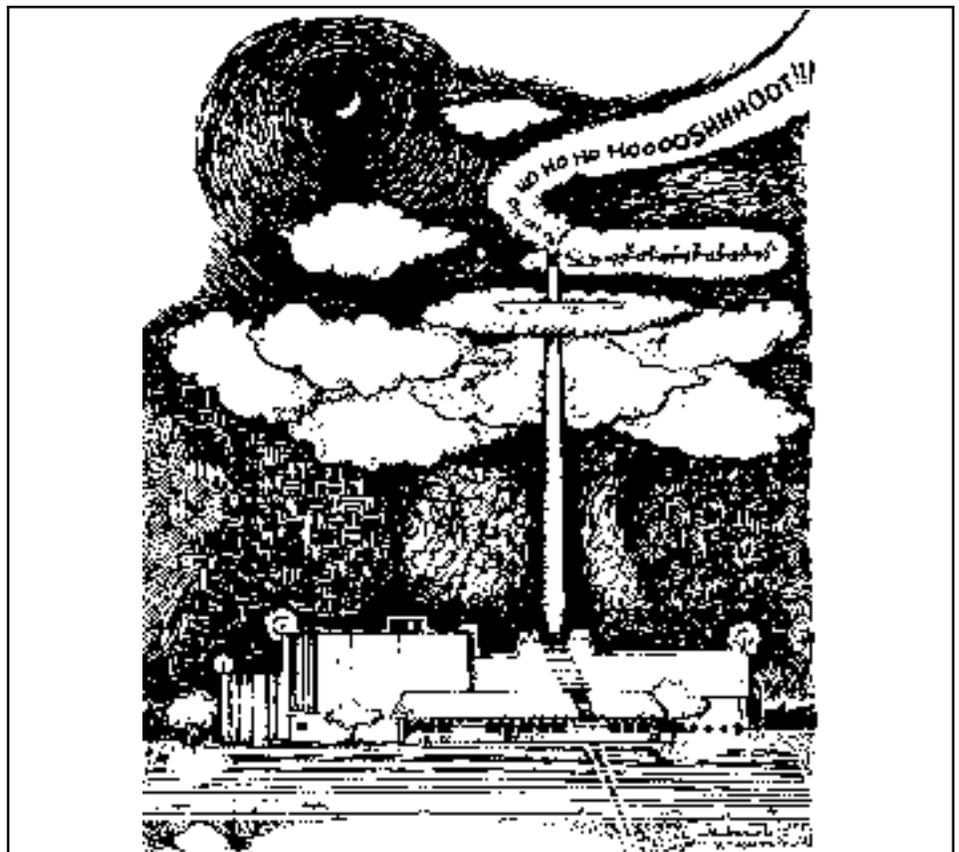
The funny thing is, my wife doesn't spend money on herself that much. But she's free with the money when it comes to other people. I have been told that this is generosity. I've always hated that word. It sends chills up my spine when I hear it.

Have I mentioned that the stock market is crashing?!

My wife is also cheerful. A real double whammy — generous and cheerful. When I am shedding tears watching the latest Nightly Business Report, she always says things will

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Jest for Fun ————— By Ron Tsubamoto



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Holiday puts me in the market for depression ...

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be alright. The market will come back up. Yeah, right, she just wants that trip to Europe. There's people there she's never met she can be generous with I bet.

She really does look at things differently than I do. As I am bemoaning and wailing over the substantial amount of money we just lost in the market, she says things like "Oh, I remember when we didn't have any money to lose." This is supposed to cheer me up?! The vision of my retirement home is starting to make cousin Duke and cousin Earl's place look pretty good.

As for me, all I want for the holidays is good earnings reports, the Microsoft antitrust case to go away, a kinder, gentler Federal Reserve and an interest rate cut.

There really could be a Santy Claus and he could turn out to be Alan

Greenspan. Who'd a thunk it?

Have I mentioned that the stock market is crashing?!

Well, she who knows me best says that I'm never really happy unless I'm depressed, so I guess I must be ecstatic right now.

A co-worker recently called me a curmudgeon. I don't know what it means, but he didn't say it like it was a good thing. I just hope it's not some kind of weird cult. I'd really be bummed about that. After all, if it's a cult, they probably want money. Hey, too bad. Have I mentioned that the stock market is crashing?!

By the time you read this, hopefully we will know who the president-elect is, the stock market will be soaring and this whole thing will be a moot point. By then, I'll have found something else to be depressed about and will just have to wait until next holiday season for it to be really special.

Post Office delivers increase on postage

By **Barbara Johnson**
Feature Writer

First class and international postal rates will go up Sunday, Jan. 7, 2001, according to Sgt. 1st Class Maurice Robinson, postmaster.

That means anything mailed after midnight Jan. 6 will be subject to the new rates.

Domestic first class postage will be 34 cents, up from the current 33

cents. New Statue of Liberty 34-cent stamps should arrive soon, Robinson said.

"We will have sufficient one-cent stamps [for the old 33-cent stamps], but there are no makeup series stamps this year," he said.

Customers sending international mail should come in and have their letters weighed to find out the new rate.

Letters to the Editor

Boegel remembered

Dear Editor:

Judy Boegel, Stephen Boegel's wife, who worked at Finance, requested I write a letter to the editor to relate the following. She wanted me to relay her thanks to all who pitched in on their behalf. She says that words cannot express her appreciation for the immense outpouring of love, thoughtfulness, kindness and help from everyone concerned during this devastating time. Her e-mail address is jboegel@catc.net.

Sincerely,
Doris Raymond

Obituary

Stephen Boegel, 50, died at his home in Arkansas, Nov. 25, 2000, after a six-month battle with kidney cancer. He had been chief engineer of the *Worthy* since 1995. He was a veteran and a member of the American Legion. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or American Legion.



Jeramon non kom

"Jeramon non kom" is the Marshallese way to say, "Goodbye and good luck friends."

Departing Dec. 18 on Continental is **Susan "Susu" Sasano**, along with her mom, Harriet Sasano, who has been visiting for the past month. Susu's headed for Oregon and "wherever the wind takes me."

She was RSE Community Activities Youth Activities supervisor for most of her 2½-year tour.

Susu says, "This was definitely a unique and great experience. I love the friendship that has been fostered. *Dis* island has *da* *kine* tons of *Aloha! Mahalo* for being part of my life. Happy Holidays, Kwaj, and I wish you all a prosperous and peaceful 2001."

Departing Dec. 19 on ATI are **Kevin** and **Elizabeth Stanforth**, along with children **Rachel** and **Hannah**.

The Stanforths are headed to Bahrain in the Middle East after almost three years at Kwaj. Kevin worked as a physical therapist with Raytheon.

On leaving, the Stanforths say, "We enjoyed our tour immensely and shall certainly miss our Marshallese and American friends."

Kom ruwainene

"Kom ruwainene" is the Marshallese way to say, "Welcome."

Steve and Lynda Golly recently arrived from Sunnyvale, Calif. Steve is Lockheed Martin site manager.

The Gollys' thoughts on arrival are: "Too good to be true ... made to feel instantly welcome."

The next Boating Orientation Class is Jan. 3-4, from 6 to 8 p.m., in CAC Room 1. The fee is \$20 and attendance both nights is mandatory. Sign up at the Small Boat Marina or Community Activities office. Questions? Call 53643.

Marina staff researching new boats, engines ...

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No decision has been made.

“Prices too high”

Patrons said rental and fuel prices are too steep for their pocketbooks.

Rental prices for B-boats, sailboats and ski boats were last increased in January 1997. Since then, the only change was a reservation system that went into effect Jan. 1 that required weekend and holiday boat rentals to be done in five-hour blocks. That works out to \$30 plus fuel, which is still \$6 per hour in rental charges.

Fuel prices were raised Oct. 1 in response to a Defense Energy Support Center mandate that all Department of Defense installations worldwide increase fuel prices.

“These increases were passed onto customers at Kwaj and Roi. There were no increases in the overhead fees,” Jordan said. “The increases were the result of the worldwide explosion in crude oil prices that have tripled since last December.”

Again, Jordan said fuel efficiency is improving with the addition of a new mechanic, as well as new engines.

“In the past, the old engines were not always properly maintained and the fuel economy was very poor,” Jordan said. “Our new mechanic is currently in the process of rebuilding all the carburetors, and this will significantly improve fuel economy and reduce the fuel costs to the operator. As the fleet is upgraded ... we anticipate further reliability improvements and operating efficiencies.”

“Rent by the hour versus block-time slots”

Patrons also took issue with the weekend and holiday rental policy. Jordan said the policy was changed for two reasons.

“First, we received complaints from the customers that boats were sitting at the dock because patrons only used them for an hour or two and they would have liked to have the opportunity to reserve them the entire time frame,” he explained. “Secondly, by having the boats sitting idle and not fully utilized during the prime time, there was a loss of income. We were losing income, and this new policy has increased the revenues

and helped to accommodate more customers.”

“Boating classes not good quality”

Community Activities is looking into making curriculum changes, including a practical course at the marina. Weekend classes are also available depending on demand.

Van Voorhees noted that the marina staff is already available to help residents learn the ins and outs of boating. The only charge is the hourly rental fee plus gas.

“I think the way we do [the class] now is fine,” he said, adding that the boating classes are made up of people with a broad range of nautical experience. “Why make someone like the captain of the *Worthy* spend three hours of class learning to turn on a boat?”

“Get rid of canopies”

Van Voorhees said he initially received complaints from some fisherman about the canopies, but the problems were corrected, and most patrons seem pleased with the canopies, which cover about half the fleet.

“Before we make a decision to remove the canopies, a survey will be conducted to gain feedback from the boaters concerning this issue,” Jordan said, adding there’s been much positive feedback from other boaters about the canopies.

“Get rid of carry-on fuel tanks”

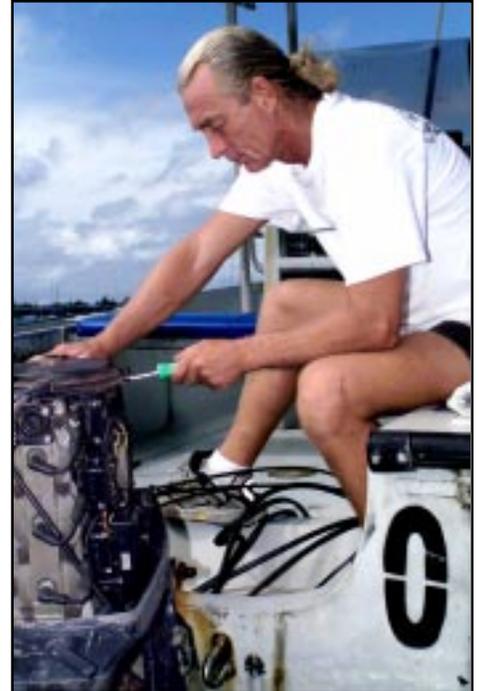
Officials say, as the fleet is updated with new engines, the external tanks will be replaced with internal tanks. Currently, four B-boats at Kwajalein, as well as both ski boats, have internal tanks, though only one B-boat is available at this time.

Van Voorhees said two more tanks are already on the way.

“Facility is inadequate to support users”

Some of those polled complained that the restroom facilities were inadequate, while others thought the sign-up window created a backlog for patrons and needed to be improved. Jordan said funding to build a new Small Boat Marina at the end of this fiscal year through troop labor dried up and the project has been shelved for now.

“We will continue to get it rein-



(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

Kwajalein SBM mechanic David Baer keeps the fleet’s aging engines working until replacements are ordered. SBM officials say the fleet will be upgraded over the next several years.

stated as soon as possible,” he said. “In the meantime, we will continue our efforts to have the existing restrooms renovated.”

Upcoming programs

While the marina is busy most weekends, boats are often idle during the weekdays. Van Voorhees said the staff is working on several ideas to increase patronage from Thursday to Saturday.

One idea involves guided excursions with marina staff, such as island or fishing trips. Drift diving is also a possibility, Van Voorhees said.

The marina is trying to compile a list of patrons and their particular interests, such as diving or fishing, so that someone who is looking to join in on a dive or put a fishing trip together will have a ready-made database at the marina.

“I’m sure you can find people who want to go out,” Van Voorhees said.

Finally, marina staff are toying with the idea of offering weekday promotions — for example, rent a B-boat six times during the week and get one free rental.

“The possibilities are endless,” Van Voorhees said.

Roi hosts 500 for Enniburr Christmas party

Organizers raise more than \$6,000 for event

By KW Hillis
Feature Writer

It was a scene right out of "The Night Before Christmas."

The prize table overflowed with toy cars, games and fluorescent pink high-heel shoes. Charcoal settled into a glowing bed near the stacked bags of hot dog and hamburger buns. Hundreds of gift bags were heaped into a massive toy chest near a larger-than-life living room complete with fireplace, stockings and windows looking out on a wintery evening.

After months of work, the Enniburr Children Christmas Fund Committee and Roi-Namur Community Activities stood ready for the 500 Third Island residents who arrived for the annual Enniburr Christmas party early Monday afternoon.

"It is a real community effort, [by] both Roi and Kwaj," said Margaret Thompson-Williams, ECCF vice presi-



(Photo by KW Hillis)

A Third Island youngster in her Sunday best sits with Santa and Mrs. Claus. More than 350 children visited the couple and took home a picture and a gift bag to prove it.

dent. "We had over 900 visitors come on island from Enniburr, sponsorships and [the volunteers] from Kwaj."

By 3 p.m., the party was in full swing. Excited children stood in line to pitch softballs, putt golf balls and play musical chairs. Grasping winning coupons, each raced over to the prize table and pointed to one of the brightly colored toys.

Small girls, with bows and ornaments woven into their long hair, shyly waited for a palm tree or sunburst tattoo.

Each visitor, from the oldest to the youngest, emerged from the food tent line with heaping plates.

When everyone was full and all the prizes were gone, Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived by fire engine throwing candy into the wide-eyed crowd of children.

"It's for the children," said volunteer Phillip "Smitty" Smith, watching a small girl in a voluminous blue velvet dress, clutching a gift bag, climb onto Santa's lap.

At dusk, Lt. Col. David K. Stoddard, USAKA/KMR acting commander, presided over the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony with the help of Santa.

The evening was brought to close when the Third Island residents, led

by Enniburr representative Julius Lejjana, thanked all the Roi and Kwaj volunteers with hand-crafted gifts and songs by two choirs of children.

"Overall, we thought it was a great success," Thompson-Williams said. "Everybody seemed to have a very good time. I think everybody was really touched."

Although the day-long event took a lot of planning, work and many volunteers from both islands, the fun of seeing the children enjoying the day was the important thing.

"It was so much fun to see the children. I'll help again next year," said volunteer Cindy Stephens. "They were so excited just to get a balloon hat. It has to touch your heart."

Thompson-Williams is already thinking about next year's party. This year, the committee raised more than \$6,000 through the Poker Run and Chili Cook-off fundraisers, as well as other donations, to cover the cost of the party.

"Sue Burt and the Girl Scouts always help us with toys," Thompson-Williams said. "A lot of people who have been involved keep it in mind when they go home [to the states]. They buy toys and send them to us."



(Photo by KW Hillis)

Balloon hats were the "in" thing to wear at the all-day party on Roi. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and many Roi and Kwaj residents helped make the day special for more than 500 Third Island visitors.

Marshallese workforce focus of federal program ...

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only one problem: How would they get to Honolulu to take the test?

That's where a U.S. workforce program came in. U.S. funds, administered by a local board of Marshallese business and government officials, helped send both men overseas. The certification meant more responsibility — Harry is now a lead mechanic — and a significant salary increase for both men.

"We were glad they could help us out," Edwin said, adding that he and Harry hope to set an example to their fellow Marshallese.

"That's why we work very hard, so [the door] is open for other Marshallese," he said. "Now we're helping those who don't have licenses."

Edwin and Harry are just two success stories thanks to the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, formerly the Job Training Partnership Act, a U.S. federal program that provides funding for workforce training, as well as for a number of employment programs nationwide. In the Marshall Islands, the WIA is administered by a board of directors who allocate money and oversee the program throughout the nation, from Majuro to Kwajalein to the outer islands.

The board convened on Kwajalein for the first time last week to discuss employment issues, hear proposals and learn more about how WIA money is being spent at USAKA/KMR and the rest of the atoll. Board members include several RMI ministers — Minister of Public Works Rien Morris, Minister of Resources and Development John Silk and Minister of Education Wilfred Kendall.

Romeo Alfred, RSE Training specialist and WIA board member, introduced a pair of speakers at last Friday's meeting in the Religious Education Building to explain the employment system at USAKA. Jack Riordan, RMI employee relations manager for RSE Human Resources, discussed local workforce issues, from hiring practices to disciplinary issues. Jim McMahon, RSE Site Contracts manager, explained how the contract between the government and company affects the employees.

Alfred said the WIA board had wanted to better understand the mechanisms in place for employment and education at USAKA. Negative press in the *Marshall Islands Journal* led some board members to wonder why they should allocate funds to help train the USAKA workforce.

Alfred said the RMI is benefiting in several ways by

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**John Edwin
Aviation Dept. A&P mechanic**

helping to certify or train its citizens who work at USAKA. At the top of the list, he said, is the economic impact.

For example, WIA helped pay for the training of six Marshallese to become electricians. Raytheon hired all six, with combined salaries of more than \$60,000. Five full-time carpenters together make more than \$50,000 annually. And out of eight citizens trained for secretarial duties, Raytheon immediately employed five, and another one was hired by the College of the Marshall Islands, for a combined payroll of \$80,000.

"We're able to certify these employees almost at the same pay level [as off-island counterparts]," Alfred said. "There's not a limit to what can be done."

Another impact of training Marshallese for USAKA jobs, according to Alfred, is to get them into more and higher positions.

"We're trying to get away from bringing in people overseas when we have a lot of talent here," he said. "The ultimate goal is promotions."

Nationally, jobs are reportedly at a premium. The 1999 unemployment rate in the Marshall Islands was 31 percent, according to a recent article in the *Marshall Islands Journal*. That's quite a jump from the previous year's rate of 12.5 percent. Riordan said there are more than 1,100 Marshallese employed by Raytheon alone. Almost 300 are grandfathered employees — employees who were hired on or before

October 1986 and who are paid comparable wages to their off-island counterparts.

The board did approve a proposal to send a Marshallese employee at USAKA off-island to be certified in pest management. Board members were also keen on making sure future funding requests for employee training would focus in job areas applicable to all the RMI, not just Kwaj.

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**Romeo Alfred
RSE Training Dept.**

In other business, the board discussed an upcoming census of the country in regard to what skills are needed, as well as the establishment of one of the cornerstones of the WIA program — One-Stop centers. The One-Stop center serves as a sort of employment clearinghouse, where employers and employees can find help, from skills training to counseling.

Following the meeting at USAKA, the WIA board visited work sites on Ebeye, as well as the grave of Greg Sammer, dean of CMI Kwajalein Campus at Gugegue, who was instrumental in getting the WIA program established in the Marshalls.

Army unveils new beret flash

By **Wayne V. Hall**
Army News Service

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — The Army flash, which will be worn on black berets in June, was designed through an intense process that sped up normal work deadlines, said Pam Reece at the U.S. Army Institute of Heraldry.

Each new flash is a semi-circular shield measuring 1 7/8 inches wide by 2 1/4 inches high, and will consist of 4,001 stitches and two colors. The flash is designed to closely replicate the flag of the commander in chief of the Continental Army at the time of its victory at Yorktown, Reece said.

All soldiers will initially wear the universal flash, except for those in units that already have berets, such as Ranger, Airborne and Special Forces. These troops will continue to wear the beret flashes they currently have.

The new flash will be worn on the

left front of the beret. Officers will wear their rank in the center of the shield, and enlisted soldiers will wear their distinctive unit insignia in the center of the shield.

The black berets that will initially be issued to soldiers will be shipped with the universal flash already sewn on them, Reece said.

Additionally, the universal flash will eventually be replaced by unit-specific flashes.

The universal flash is to be worn for a period of one year, Reece said. During that year, the Institute of Heraldry will be working with representatives of the Army's 16 major commands to design and develop distinctive flashes.

Just how far below MACOM level distinctive unit flashes will be created has not yet been decided, Reece said.

For now, the Institute of Heraldry's part in flash development is finished.

School immunization requirements change

By **Kris Brown**
Kwajalein Hospital

Changes in immunization requirements are coming for the Kwajalein School System.

Currently, students starting kindergarten, fourth grade and any new student entering the school system for the first time are required to show proof of having received the Hepatitis B vaccine and the varicella vaccine, unless they have had chicken pox. If students have not had the vaccines or chicken pox, then they are required to receive the shots if they wish to continue as a student attending school.

New policy requires all students be vaccinated against Hepatitis B and varicella, if they have not had chicken pox.

The Hepatitis B vaccine has been given to infants as part of their routine "baby shots" since 1991. Children born before 1991 have likely not been immunized against Hepatitis B. Currently, 43 states have mandated Hepatitis B vaccination laws for childhood, daycare, elementary school and middle school admission, with vary-

ing years of start dates for implementation.

For adolescents aged 11-15 years, a two-dose series of Hepatitis B vaccine is now recommended. The child would receive an initial Hepatitis B vaccine shot and return for a second dose in four to six months. This would complete the series. For children under the age of 11, and people over the age of 15, a three-dose series is still recommended.

Twenty-five states now have varicella vaccine mandates or immunity laws for daycare entry, elementary school, middle and/or junior high school, at varying dates of implementation. For varicella vaccine, children over 11 years of age, as well as adults, require a two-dose series, four to eight weeks apart. For those younger than 11, one dose of the vaccine is recommended.

Questions regarding school immunizations can be directed to Kris Brown, R.N., 53497, or Kwajalein Hospital, 52223.

Immunization hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 1-4 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

New

from the
Tape Escape



Chicken Run — While the chickens on evil Mrs. Tweedy's farm dream of a better life, a clever hen named Ginger is hatching plans to fly the coop for good. The only problem is, chickens can't fly — or can they? Every escape attempt goes fowl until a smooth-talking rooster crashlands into the coop and tries to teach Ginger and her friends how to fly. Features unforgettable characters, animated by Dreamworks. *Rated G.*

X-Men — Children are born who possess extraordinary and dangerous powers caused by genetic mutations. Under the tutelage of their professor (Patrick Stewart), these outcasts try to harness their powers for the good of mankind while also trying to protect those who fear them. *Rated PG-13.*

The Replacements — Keanu Reeves plays Shane Falco, a washed-out all-American quarterback, the key player on a team of misfits called to fill in for striking pro football players. Gene Hackman is the veteran coach who assembles this unusual team, and the underdogs become top dogs in this movie that's been called "the best football comedy of the last few years." *Rated PG-13.*

Gladiator — The death of emperor Marcus Aurelius in the year 180 throws the Roman Empire into chaos. Maximus (Russell Crowe), one of the Roman army's most capable generals and advisor to the emperor, is stripped of his rank and sold into slavery, as Marcus' devious son Commodus (Joaquin Phoenix) ascends to the throne. Forced to become a gladiator, Maximus becomes one of the most famous men to fight in the Coliseum and believes he can use his fame and skill to lead the people of Rome to overthrow their leader. *Rated R.*

Perfect Storm — In October 1991, a dying tropical hurricane from Bermuda collided with a cold front from the Great Lakes, resulting in a "perfect storm" of previously unknown destructive impact that resulted in 100-foot waves. Based on the best-selling book by Sebastian Junger, *The Perfect Storm* tells the story of the ship's brave and hard-working crew. George Clooney and Mark Wahlberg lead a talented cast in this harrowing special-effects adventure, which intercuts the plight of the seafarers with the heroics of air-sea rescue crews. *Rated PG-13.*

Sports

Soccer season ends

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

A season of spirited soccer competition came to an end last week, as ten teams battled for supremacy in their respective divisions.

The real nail-biter of the season finale was in the Women's B Division game. Penalty kicks decided the winner between Spartans Green and Spartans Red, who were knotted at 0-0 through regulation and a 10-minute overtime period. Spartans Green edged Spartans Red, 2-1, with Amy Estes and Sara Barrs getting goals for their team. Mallory Smith scored the only goal for Spartans Red.

The Men's A Division championship game was cut short after a Kobeer player was injured. Kobeer conceded the game to Locals, who were winning 3-0 10 minutes into the second half of the game.

In Men's B Division play, Spartans I handily defeated Coconut Killers 4-1. Spencer Mawhar lead the scoring for Spartans I with two goals.

Who's Your Daddy outmuscled their young competition, Spartans III, by a score of 5-2 to take the Men's C Division crown. Ben Bader contributed three goals to the cause.

Spartans I couldn't generate the offense to keep up with Play On, falling 2-0 in the Women's A Division game.

Young Bucks cash in at Monday's Pauper's Marathon

Morris turns in lone performance

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

David Morris kept alive a tradition some two decades old when he crossed the finish line Monday during the Pauper's Marathon on Kwajalein.

Morris was the only individual to do the entire 26.2-mile course by himself.

How does it feel to run for four hours, 45 minutes and 47 seconds?

"Sore," Morris said, competing in his third marathon. "I trained quite a bit ... but not enough."

While calling the time his worst performance, Morris said, "There always a sense of satisfaction."

In the team competition, Brower and the Young Bucks, made up of Derek Brower and several of his high school students, won by cracking the three-hour barrier in 2:59:53. Jacob Olsen led his team and the field with a time of 15:07 on lap one, which was slightly shorter than the nine remaining laps. Brower, however, finished with the best rate per mile time of 6:18.

Seven other teams, made up of between five and 10 runners, finished the 10-lap race in the next hour.

Only a few minutes behind the Young Bucks, Coconut Crabs took second place with a time of 3:03:46. After Mike Neely finished the last lap, it was nearly a half-hour before the next team would cross the line.

Wind Breakers finished the race with a time of 3:31:19. Taking You to School was less than two minutes

Pauper's Marathon results

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION	
David Morris	4:45:47
TEAM COMPETITION	
Young Bucks	2:59:53
Coconut Crabs	3:03:46
Wind Breakers	3:31:19
Taking You to School	3:32:55
GBRP S. Point Radiators ...	3:37:38
Five Sixes	4:03:32
Tevaulters	4:08:14
Reality Check	4:09:31

behind, finishing with a team total of 3:32:55. In the same pack was GBRP South Point Radiators, with a time of 3:37:38.

Five sixth-grade boys, Five Sixes, each ran about five miles to take sixth place, with a combined time of 4:03:32. Tevaulters finished with a time of 4:08:14, just good enough to avoid last place. Reality Check came in last, finishing more than a minute behind with a time of 4:09:31.

According to Bob Sholar, Kwajalein Running Club event organizer, the Pauper's Marathon coincides with the Honolulu Marathon. The local start time of 6:30 a.m. is three hours after the Hono marathon start, which is at 5:30 a.m. Hawaii time.

Four Kwaj residents flew to Hono for the race. They were Ray Jones, Steve Beal, John Eggert and Sharon Greenbaum.

"The name 'Pauper's' derives from not being able or willing to buy a Kwaj to Hono round-trip airfare, and instead running at Kwajalein," Sholar said.

"In its heyday, more people did the entire 26.2-mile by themselves at Kwaj," he added. "Peak was 1982, when 13 started and 12 completed the local marathon. Ten to 12 Kwaj runners typically went to Honolulu back then, also."



Call the Sports Hotline at 54190 for a daily update on game schedules, officials and scorekeepers.

Bowling Scores

Sunday Night Mixed Bowling League, Dec. 3

Men	
1st high game: John Tompkins	258
2nd high game: John Tompkins	227
1st high series: John Tompkins	657
2nd high series: Jimmy Clemente	632
Women	
1st high game: Lea Fellows	173
2nd high game: Cathy Thomas	164
1st high series: Cathy Thomas	455
2nd high series: Lea Fellows	364

Sunday Night Mixed Bowling League, Dec. 10

Men	
1st high game: Bob Carter	214
2nd high game: Brian Burnham	205
1st high series: Bob Carter	575
2nd high series: Brian Burnham	570
Women	
1st high game: Karla Long	163
2nd high game: Mary Wiehe	158
1st high series: Karla Long	404
2nd high series: Aimee Burnham	374

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CAFE PACIFIC



Lunch

- Sat Eggplant Parmesan ★
Beef Stroganoff with pasta
Baked potato bar
Grill: Sliced beef sandwich
- Sun Brunch station open ★
Roasted steamship round
Country-fried chicken
- Mon Brunch station open ★
Spaghetti with meat sauce
Barbecued ribs
- Tues Marinada roasted vegetables ★
Turkey cutlet
Chicken chow mein
Grill: Barbecued beef sandwich
- Wed Broccoli and cheese pasta ★
Kalua pork and cabbage
Cajun fish
Grill: Ham and Swiss croissant
- Thur Vegetarian chow mein ★
Country-fried chicken
Polish-style cabbage rolls
Grill: Reuben sandwich
- Fri Eggplant Parmesan ★
Roasted turkey
Fish and chips
Grill: Cheese/mushroom burger

Dinner

- Tonight Vegetable shepherd's pie ★
Turkey pot pie
Catch of the day
- Sat Eggs and broccoli au gratin ★
Chicken-fried steak with gravy
Manicotti and marinara sauce
- Sun Fettuccine Alfredo ★
Broiled ham steak
Hamburger bar
- Mon Fresh vegetable stir-fry ★
Tempura chicken
Tuna noodle casserole
- Tues Baked potato bar ★
Beef Stroganoff
Chicken breast Parmesan
- Wed Garden vegetable quiche ★
Prime rib
Chicken and dumplings
- Thur Deep-fried sesame tofu ★
Apple ginger pork chops
Oriental shrimp and vegetables

★This symbol denotes the Wellness Menu.

Gilligan's Lunch Specials

(Dec. 16-Dec. 21)

- Sat 12/16 Chef's choice
Burger: Chef's choice
- Thur 12/21 Chef's choice
Burger: Chef's choice

Gilligan's Dinner Specials

(Dec. 15-Dec. 21)

- Tonight Spaghetti and meat balls
Prime rib
- Sat Chef's choice
Prime rib
- Sun Chef's choice
- Mon Chef's choice
- Tues Chef's choice
- Wed Chef's choice
- Thur Chef's choice

HELP WANTED

The following on-island positions are open with Raytheon. For more information or to submit a resumé or application, call HR employment, Andrea, 53705.

SECRETARY, Automotive. Full time. Must possess general office skills and be proficient in Windows, Excel and Word. Must be detail-oriented with good communication skills.

SCHEDULER, Aviation. Casual position. Requires general computer and office skills. Responsible for helicopter manifests and compiling and filling out required forms in compliance with Army regulations.

POL SPECIALIST, Aviation. Casual position. Will be responsible to ensure safe and accurate fueling of assigned and transient passenger and cargo aircraft, as well as other POL responsibilities. Must be able to work weekends and evenings. Desire military POL experience.

FINANCE ACCOUNTANT, Finance. Full time. Senior accounting position responsible for general accounting tasks. Computer literacy and spreadsheet experience necessary. Must be proficient in Windows and Excel. Finance-related degree and experience with Oracle applications desired. Good interpersonal and communication skills required.

INSURANCE ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR, Hospital. Full time. Responsible for administering electronic direct billing program for insurance carriers, reconciling payments with patient accounts, following up with carriers and patients regarding claims and financial reports. Must be extremely detail-oriented and possess good basic computer skills. Must be knowledgeable in industry standard CPT codes and ICD-9 coding.

STOREKEEPER, Ten-Ten. Part time. Will be responsible for clerical and administrative tasks. Must have excellent interpersonal communication skills and available to work weekends and evenings. Computer and supervisory experience preferred.

STOREKEEPER, Tape Escape. Part time. Responsibilities include database management, data entry and various clerical tasks. Must have computer skills. Must be available to work days and be able to travel to Roi one day a week. Creativity is a plus.

CASHIER, Kwaj Tape Escape. Casual positions available. Hours are evening and weekends. Must be able to work independently and have good communication skills. Computer skills helpful.

DENTAL HYGIENIST, casual position. Must be registered licensed dental hygienist. Good communication and people skills required.

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

TEACHERS, College of the Marshall Is-

lands. Business, education, math, English and computer classes beginning in January. For more information, call 51034 or 52188.

LOST

LARGE CAT, black and gray striped. Call 52642.

FOUND

EMPTY WALLET, colorful. Call 53750.

SET OF KEYS for master lock between helicopter pads and Building 1010. Call 52576.

GARLAND on Dec. 8. Call 53434.

GIVEAWAY

LUMBER from boatshack, many 2 x 4s and some good plywood, on lot #301. Yours for the taking. Take the whole shack away. Call 53793.

PATIO SALES

SATURDAY, 7-10 a.m., Tr. 673. Lots of clothing.

SATURDAY, 3-5 p.m., Qtrs. 486-B. Clothes, video tapes, video stand and household goods.

MONDAY, 7 a.m.-noon, Qtrs. 205-B (back patio.) Final PCS sale. Everything must go.

MONDAY, 7:30 a.m.-noon, Tr. 518. Clothes, workout equipment, dive gear, shoes and more. No early birds.

MONDAY, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Qtrs. 486-A. Plants, gas grill, patio ceiling fans, snorkel gear, fishing gear and more.

FOR SALE

XS SCUBA PRO BCD, \$85; 70-quart cooler, \$35; set of dive gear, XL, includes BCD, fins, weight belt, regulator, octopus, gear bag, dive knife and power inflator, \$350. Call 53455.

RADIO SHACK 900MHz cordless phone, \$40; toaster oven, \$15; silverware, \$10; hotplate, \$15; Sony five-disc CD player, \$150; ladies Wilson golf clubs with cart and accessories, \$250 or best offer; Fisher 17" TV, \$225; scuba fins, \$10. Call 52245.

LOW FIRE glazes, new, \$2 each; light brown recliner with navy and burgundy specks, \$175; video and CD storage drawers, \$5 each; two pet carriers, \$5 each; Sentry fireproof box, \$25. Call 53279 after 5 p.m.

SET OF golf clubs 3-PW, new shafts and grips, cavity backs, \$100 or best offer. Call 52540.

PCS SALE. Plants, \$3-\$40; Sanyo 27" TV, \$275; Magnavox 48" TV, \$750. Call 53565.

GOLF CLUBS with bag, folding cart and balls. \$95; fishing poles, reel and tackle, priced to sell; complete dive gear set: BCD, extra-large, regulator, weights, mask and snorkel, fins, two lights, two knives and large dive bag, \$450; Dacor regulator, new, only three dives, paid \$470, sell for \$365. Call 52617.

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COMPRO swim fins, large, adjustable, \$15. Call Paul, 52318W or 53639H.

BOATHOUSE, three years old, will hold two jet skis, \$1,500 or best offer. Call John, 52860.

LADIES HUFFY, Kwaj-condition, \$10. Call 52449 after 5 p.m.

PRICE REDUCED. 23' Bayliner with Chevy 350 Volvo outdrive, new heads, exhaust manifolds, water pump, carburetor, 1998 Evinrude four-stroke, 15 hp kicker, GPS/fishfinder, radios, boathouses, trailers and extras, \$16,000. Any reasonable offer considered. Call Mike, 56298H or 56599W.

PIANO, two barbecue gas cylinders, Cannondale all-aluminum bike frame, Hamilton Beach juicer. Call 52295 before 8 p.m.

6' ARTIFICIAL Christmas tree, racing bicycle for Rustman, Playskool child's desk, 80-foot vinyl picket fence with vinyl posts, Big Wheel, JVC seven-disk CD player, maple wall secretary, various VHS videos, mostly children's. Call 52602.

TOWN and COUNTRY surfboard, 6' 10", good condition, \$250. Call Bill, 53612H or 58989W.

BLINDS for 400 series house: three black, three white, four blue, good condition, \$3 each. Call 53488.

JENNY LIND crib and changing table, \$50; stroller, free. Call 53693.

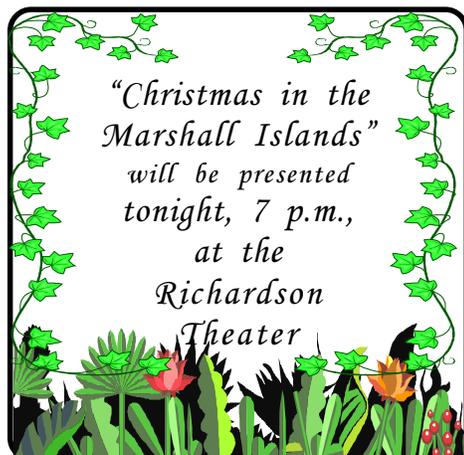
PCS SALE. Four adult bikes, two Kwaj-condition, \$25 each; three-speed ladies bike, \$35; brand new Huffy with basket, \$100; bike wagon, \$20; 51-foot wood fence, \$60; blinds for 400 series house, \$5 each; 9' x 12' carpet, \$40; 12' x 16' carpet, \$30; curtain rods, single, \$1 each, double, \$4 each, triple, \$7 each. Call 52576.

RECLINER, dark green, in great condition, \$175. Call Todd, 58607.

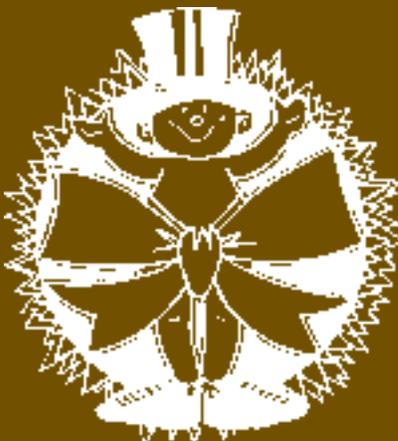
COMMUNITY NOTICES

ARTS and CRAFTS supplies can be purchased from the Kwajalein Art Guild Sundays, noon-1 p.m., at the Art Annex. Questions? Call 54216.

"Christmas in the Marshall Islands" will be presented tonight, 7 p.m., at the Richardson Theater



Ring in the New Year



at Kwajalein Running Club's Walk/Run Celebration.

Pick up your registration form on the mini-mall bulletin board or at Qtrs. 430-A.

Questions? Call Larry or Joan Krone, 52840, or Jan Paget, 53003.

HOLIDAY OFFICE hours for the elementary school are as follows: Dec. 19, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Dec. 20, 12:30-4 p.m.; Dec. 21-22, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Dec. 23, 12:30-4 p.m.; Dec. 27, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Dec. 28-29, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Regular hours of 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. will resume Dec. 30.

RMI YOUTH junior soccer registration will be Dec. 19 to Dec. 30, 7:30-11:30 a.m., and 12:30-4:30 p.m., at Community Activities office. Limited number of team slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For registration requirements, call Amber, 53331.

RIDE ALONG, SING ALONG for grades three and up will be Dec. 22, 6:30-8 p.m. Meet at the Youth Center. Questions? Call Amber, 53331.

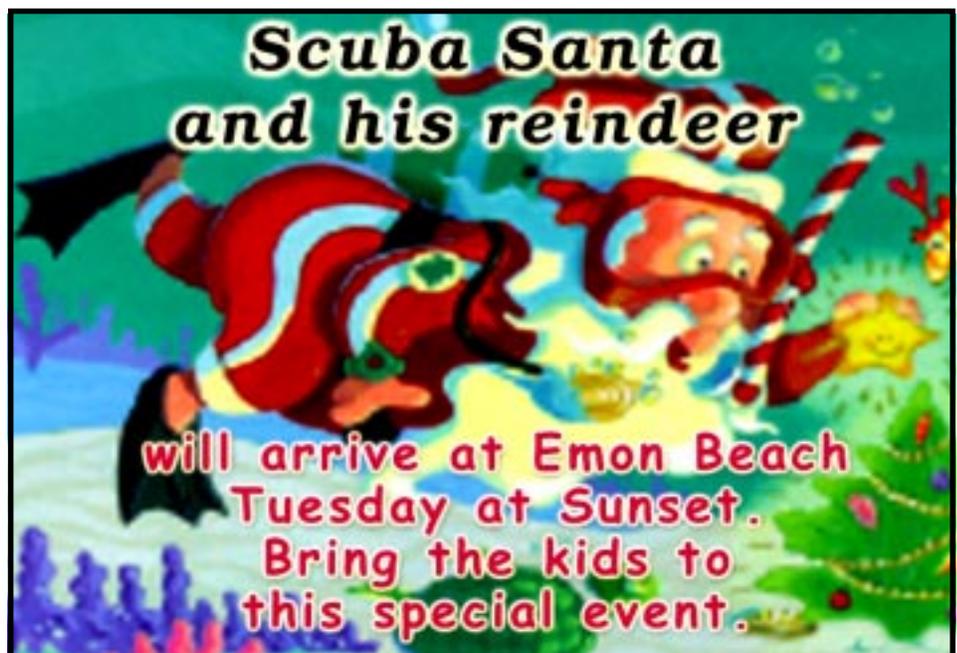
TICKETS are still available for the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club Tour of Homes. Call Dotty, 52420.

KWAJALEIN FILIPINO Civic Club Christmas party and election will be Sunday, 6 p.m. All unaccompanied personnel are welcome. Bring a beverage to share. Gift exchange is optional. Gifts should not exceed \$20 for an adult or \$10 for a child. Questions? Call Lee, 57002, or Shigeiko, 53578.

AMERICAN LEGION Women's Auxiliary will meet Dec. 19, 6:30 p.m., at the Vets' Hall. Women interested in joining are welcome to attend. Questions? Call Lorraine, 54612.

2000 CO-ED Pick-Up Soccer Tournament will be Monday, Dec. 18, 4-7:15 p.m., at Brandon Field. This will be a pickup-style

Scuba Santa and his reindeer

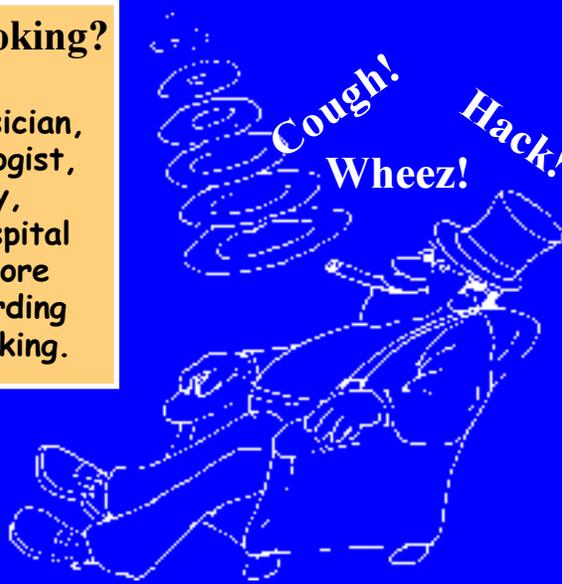


will arrive at Emon Beach Tuesday at Sunset. Bring the kids to this special event.

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Want to stop smoking?

Contact your physician, Kwajalein psychologist, Dr. Theo Riley, or Kwajalein Hospital pharmacy for more information regarding how to stop smoking.



To our Marshallese friends and neighbors:

You are invited to shop Saturday, Dec. 23, at Macy's and Macy's West, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and at Gimbel's, 10:45 a.m.-7 p.m.

Children under 18 will not be permitted on island for the purpose of shopping at the retail facilities.

tournament. Teams will be made on the field. All players must wear shin guards. Questions? Call Ian, 53331.

EMPTY NESTERS: Join others who will spend Christmas Day without the kids. For more information, call Barbara, 50227.

YOUTH SOCCER registration for ages 3 through sixth grade will run until Dec. 30 at Community Activities, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, or at the Youth Center, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-5:30 p.m. Questions? Call Amber, 53331.

DO YOU need a good map, a travel guide to Micronesia or Bali, or a book on the Marshall Islands? Check the Mic Shop for these and other items.

GET INVOLVED with the community and earn some extra money, too. Come to the adult volleyball scorekeepers' clinic Friday, Dec. 29, 5 p.m., in CRC Gym, followed by the adult volleyball officiating clinic at 6 p.m. For more information, call Ian, 53331.

SAFETY REMINDER: Do not park bicycles on the downtown walkways. Park in designated parking areas.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION about the reclaimed water system: the reclaimed water system did not meet disinfection requirements. The Kwajalein Island non-potable or reclaimed water system recently violated a treatment standard. Although this situation does not require that you take any precau-

tion, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do and what we are doing to correct this situation. The USAKA Environmental Standards requires the reclaimed water have a residual disinfectant level of 0.5 parts-per-million (ppm) chlorine at all locations within the distribution system. At several times between Nov. 6 and 8, the residual chlorine was detected at less than 0.5 ppm at monitoring locations within the system. Additionally, the pH (relative acidity or alkalinity) was detected slightly lower than the recommended range for the water on three occasions during the same period. What does this mean? This is not an emergency. If it had been you would have been notified immediately. We routinely monitor for disinfectant residual in the distribution system. This measurement tells us whether we are effectively disinfecting the water. Disinfectant residual is the amount of chlorine present in the pipes in the distribution system. If the amount is too low, organisms could grow in the pipes. Due to the nature of reclaimed wastewater, maintenance of a disinfectant in the system is critical to providing safe non-potable water to the community. Prior to being used as non-potable water, the reclaimed wastewater is disinfected at the Kwajalein Wastewater Plant and put into storage within a tank at the Water Plant. Prior to use, the water is again disinfected as it enters the distribution system. The water is also tested daily for bacteria. The pH of the water is an important factor in controlling corrosion in the pipes. What is being done to correct the problem? To determine the cause of the low chlorine levels, additional tests are being performed to ensure adequate chlorine is being added to the water. In addition, samples were immediately collected at all monitoring sites within the system and tested for bacteria. All samples were found negative. Equipment has recently been in-

Special Hours

Macy's and Macy's West will have special hours Wednesday, Dec. 20, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 5:30-8 p.m.

New items for sale
See Santa at the mini-mall
Jine Tip Tip Club
Christmas carolers
Food by Sodexo Marriott

stalled at the Water Plant to continuously monitor the levels of chlorine in the system. Previously, all monitoring was done by hand. This equipment should allow better control of the system and avoid future problems with maintaining adequate levels of disinfectant in the water. If the problem persists, the system may be switched temporarily to another source of water such as groundwater or saltwater until the problem can be resolved. You will be notified prior to any change. Currently, no restrictions on the normal use of reclaimed water (irrigation, vehicle washing, etc.) are necessary. Contact the Utilities Department at 51847 or the Environmental Office at 51134 if you have any questions regarding this notice or the reclaimed water system.

Macy's

would like to borrow Tiki torches for Wednesday, Dec. 20. Call Annemarie or Shelby, 52143, or Eileen, 53308.

See you at the movies!

Saturday

A Christmas Story (1983, PG)

Set in a 1940s-era Midwestern town, this hilarious holiday tale revolves around the trials and tribulations of a seven-year-old boy who only wants one thing for Christmas — a Red Ryder BB gun with a compass in the stock. Along the way he must overcome the prejudice of his parents, teacher and even Santa Claus, who all tell him “you’ll shoot your eye out” with the toy. (Peter Billingsley, Melinda Dillon, Darren McGavin, Jean Shepherd) (95 minutes)
Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Bless the Child (New Release, R)

An autistic girl is abducted by a Satanic cult that believes she may be humanity’s last hope against ultimate evil. (Kim Basinger, Jimmy Smits) (107 minutes)
Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

Nutty Professor II (New Release, PG-13)

Overweight scientific genius Sherman Klump is back and in love with a brilliant DNA research scientist. Still troubled by Buddy Love, his dark half, Klump enlists his girlfriend’s help to splice Buddy out of his DNA structure for good. (Eddie Murphy, Janet Jackson) (105 minutes)
Tradewinds Theater, 8 p.m.

Sunday

Camille (Classic, 1936)

The lovely Camille, kept by the wealthy and powerful Baron de Varville, is one of the most glamorous courtesans in Paris. But the wealth grows dull when she falls in love with a handsome, young man, whose father disapproves of the relationship. (Greta Garbo, Robert Taylor, Lionel Barrymore)
Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Nutty Professor II (New Release, PG-13)

Richardson Theater, 9:30 p.m.

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(Photo by Jim Bennett)

On the record

JoAnn Wypijewski, a reporter for Harper’s Magazine, interviews Bevan Jacobs, ALTAIR sensor leader, and Jim Flavin, KMAR integration lead for ALCOR, in front of the Roi-Namur terminal Wednesday. Wypijewski has been researching a story about the people of National Missile Defense. The article could run in July or August.

Cohen to appoint panel to study Osprey

By Linda D. Kozaryn

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary William S. Cohen will appoint a panel to look at the MV-22 Osprey program in the wake of the second tilt-rotor aircraft crash since early April.

Four Marines died Dec. 11 when their Osprey crashed near Jacksonville, N.C. Killed were Lt. Col. Keith M. Sweaney, 42, of Richmond, Va., Marine Helicopter Squadron 1, Ma-

rine Corps Base Quantico, Va.; and Maj. Michael Murphy, 38, of Blauvelt, N.Y., Staff Sgt. Avelly W. Runnels, 25, of Morven, Ga., and Sgt. Jason A. Buyck, 24, of Sodus, N.Y., all of Marine Medium Tilt-rotor Training Squadron 204, Marine Corps Air Station New River, N.C.

The crash was the fourth accident involving the tilt-rotor aircraft since 1991. The Navy and Marine Corps have grounded all MV-22 Osprey flights until further notice.

WEATHER
Courtesy of Aeromet



Sun • Moon • Tides



Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers.
Winds: Northeast at 18 to 22 knots, with higher gusts near showers.
Tomorrow: Partly sunny with widely scattered showers.
Winds: Northeast at 18 to 22 knots, with higher gusts near showers.
Temperature: Tonight’s low 79°
Tomorrow’s high 86°
December rain total: 8.26"
Annual rain total: 95.23"
Annual deviation: -2.42"
Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.
Forecasts available online: www.kmr-wx.com

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Saturday December 16	0655/1832	2332/1123	0733, 4.0' 1946, 5.0'	0134, 0.8' 1317, 1.4'
Sunday December 17	0656/1833	1213	0835, 3.8' 2046, 4.5'	0229, 1.2' 1417, 1.8'
Monday December 18	0656/1833	0027/1300	0958, 3.6' 2207, 4.1'	0338, 1.5' 1543, 2.2'
Tuesday December 19	0657/1834	0119/1344	1136, 3.7' 2344, 3.9'	0500, 1.7' 1737, 2.2'