

# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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## Ombudsman appointed for Marshallese workers

Story and photo by Peter Rejcek

Noda Lojkar has spent his life as a member of two cultures. This week he officially becomes the bridge between two nations.

Lojkar, 37, is the first ombudsman for Marshallese workers employed by USAKA/KMR and its contractors in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI).

"He has been hired specifically to deal with complaints, concerns, grievances of all RMI citizens working for contractors," explained Maryanne Lane, acting chief with the USAKA/KMR Host Nation Office. "He got this job because he was the best person for it.

"He was chosen because he understands both cultures," Lane added.

A native of Ebeye, Lojkar spent much of his childhood and young adult life in the United States, attending high school in Ohio. He later attended Ohio State and graduated with a degree in political science from the



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University of California in Irvine. At age 25, Lojkar returned to his home country and has been working for the Kwajalein Atoll Local Government ever since, most recently as a protocol officer.

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## Roi power plant construction underway



Participating in the groundbreaking ceremonies were (left to right) mechanic Ted Merep; Gene Dohrman, USAKA/KMR project manager; Lou Askew, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers resident engineer; Lou Muzzarini, chief of construction, COE Honolulu office; Mike Gwyn, vice president of J.A. Jones International Division; Charles Johnson Jr., J.A. Jones site manager; Joe Woods, Roi Power Plant superintendent; John Wallace, Raytheon site manager; Von Christiansen, Raytheon outer islands site manager; and Col. Gary K. McMillen, USAKA/KMR commander. (Photo by Cynthia Brewer)

By Carol Sword

The construction of a new power plant on Roi-Namur is now a reality.

Congress finally approved the project that began 10 years ago and was delayed due to lack of funding. On Dec. 8, the ground was officially broken for the new plant. Col. Gary K. McMillen, USAKA/KMR commander, called it a "momentous occasion for the folks at Roi," as he recognized the need for a reliable source of power for the future.

"This power plant is essential for successful operation of the Kwajalein Missile Range," McMillen said. "This two-year, \$35.2 million project will ensure reliable, high-quality electrical power for Roi-Namur and the KREMS sensors well into the next century."

He noted that the new facility would have nine 1.5-megawatt generators with the same generating

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## Lojkar brings knowledge of two cultures to job ...

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The ombudsman position, which has been in the works for about two years, came into existence through a confluence of factors. According to Lane, the position is the fulfillment of a dream by former chief of external affairs, Norm Smith. Smith had been responding to a 1994 resolution from the *Nitijela* (Marshallese parliament), which addressed grievances by Marshallese workers under U.S. contrac-

### Kom ruwainene

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

**1st Sgt. Tony W. Burford** arrived recently from Ft. Belvoir, Va. He is the newest addition to the USAKA/KMR staff.

On arrival, he says, "I really enjoyed the sights. This place is a little bit too small for my taste, but I can adjust."

## Holidays to change Hourglass schedule

The *Hourglass* will only publish one issue the week before Christmas (Friday, Dec. 24) and the week before New Year's (Friday, Dec. 31).

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tors.

Lane said her office now fields complaints by Marshallese employees, and these grievances range from money issues to condescending attitudes to alleged discriminatory language in the workplace.

Some of the friction, Lojkar noted, can be attributed to cultural differences.

"A lot of the complaints are [misunderstandings]," he explained. "A lot of things can be solved at the point [of conflict] rather than bringing it up all the way to this office."

Lojkar will be working under a contract through M & S Consultants, a small company based in Guam. His office will be located at Trailer 500, near the Dock Security Checkpoint.

In essence, the position is like any other contract with USAKA/KMR. Lojkar will work directly with Marshallese employees and their respec-

tive company's human resource office.

Often workplace problems have nothing to do with an employer, according to Lane and Lojkar. Sometimes the issue can be between Marshallese employees who must balance the demands of their jobs with their traditional beliefs.

"A good example is at the Dock Security Checkpoint. We are asking [constables] to turn very important people [such as an *iroj* or chief] into their supervisors for doing something wrong," Lane explained.

The son of a former Kwajalein Atoll senator, Lojkar said he specifically returned to Kwajalein Atoll to become involved in public service. In fact, in last month's elections, Lojkar was elected to the Ebeye council.

"I always wanted to get into public service. I always wanted to come back [to Ebeye]," he said. "I think I'm going to enjoy the challenge."

## CFC tops goal with \$11,587 in contributions

### Story and photo Cynthia Brewer

The USAKA/KMR Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) exceeded its goal this year by more than 50 percent, recording \$11,587 in contributions.

The CFC is the annual fund-raising drive conducted by federal employees in their workplace each fall. Each year federal employees and military personnel raise millions of dollars through the CFC that benefits thousands of non-profit charities.

"My goal was to give everyone in the command the opportunity to contribute," said Renate Woods, USAKA/KMR's CFC representative. "I contacted everyone in the command personally, emphasizing that contributions are voluntary, but also emphasizing the good contributions can do for the more than a thousand worthy charities that participate in CFC. People were open. When they reviewed the wide variety of charities in their information packets, I think almost everyone found charities they would like to support. Contributions were made to the CFC campaign or



Renate Woods, USAKA/KMR's Combined Federal Campaign representative, stands next to the CFC goal poster showing contributions reaching \$11,587 total, exceeding the command goal by more than 50%.

to specific charities affiliated with the CFC, so they decided where they wanted their money to go."

## Construction scheduled for completion in two years ...

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capability as the current facility. The current facility is operating at 70 percent efficiency.

"We will also gain in fuel efficiency and reliability," McMillen added. "During the construction phase, we will still be challenged to keep our present plant on line to meet current power needs."

Joe Woods, superintendent of the Roi power plant, said he is ready to meet that challenge. Meanwhile, he is anticipating the features of the new plant.

"We were able to incorporate many of the lessons learned from the construction of the Kwaj power plant into designing the systems and selecting the equipment for the new Roi plant," Woods said.

Added Dr. Frank Robey, associate site manager for MIT/Lincoln Laboratory, "The new power plant has some tighter specifications than what you would find at other plants. Clean reliable power is critical to the continued support of the KMR technical mission."

"Reliable, high-quality electrical power on Roi-Namur is essential to continued uninterrupted operation of the KREMS radars," explained Phil Backstrom, KREMS plant engineer for MIT. "We are extremely pleased to see the start of this construction, and are anxiously looking forward to the new power plant coming on line to coincide with the operation of the new, modernized radars on Roi-Namur."

Overseeing the two-year construction project will be the Kwajalein Resident Office of the Corps of Engineers. Louis Askew is the resident engineer for the project. There will be two people from that department living on Roi — Linda Johns, the electrical engineer, and Michael Hucceby, the mechanical engineer — George Lum, the construction representative, will be commuting from Kwajalein on a daily basis.

"I'm looking forward to the successful administration of this construction contract," Askew said.

Louis Muzzarini Jr., chief of the Construction Branch of the Hono-

lulu Engineer District, said he believes — based on the professionalism and positive attitude of all involved — that everyone will be reassembled two years from now to dedicate the completed project.

"Our goals are to develop the project team and establish effective working relationships among all the stakeholders involved in this project to ensure that we achieve a high-quality product that is completed safely, on time, within budget and to the satisfaction of our customer, USAKA," Muzzarini said.

J.A. Jones Construction will be constructing the new power plant. Its recent accomplishments at USAKA/KMR include the construction of the GBR-P and the Salt Water Intake on Roi-Namur. In 1993 the company rebuilt Kwajalein Hospital, Surfway and Café Pacific.

"One of the elements of our company's vision is to build lasting relationships with preferred customers such as USAKA and the Corps of Engineers," said Michael Gwyn, vice president of J.A. Jones' International Division. "We want to be a positive influence on the community, and we look forward to being a part of the community on Kwajalein Atoll again."

Emphasizing the need for teamwork for the success of the project, McMillen asked members of the Corps of Engineers, J. A. Jones and Raytheon to join in a line to break ground for the construction of the new plant. He offered the first shovel to Ted Merep, who has been at the Roi power plant since 1966, as the plant's most experienced mechanic. In unison, the group lifted the first shovels of dirt from the ground, and the construction of the new power plant had officially begun.

"Many of us here have looked forward to this day for a long time," noted Von Christiansen, manager of Outer Island Logistics. "We are very pleased to see this effort finally get underway. Until then, we are totally focused on keeping the old plant running."

John Wallace, RSE site manager, put the day's events into perspective.

"Having worked on Roi for twelve years dating back to 1976, I have witnessed many changes, including the construction of new BQ rooms, the MMW radar, satellite TV and now a new power plant," Wallace said. "The Roi power plant has provided extremely reliable service, which is critical to our mission. In two years, the existing facility will be a memory, like the Jackaroo Club, the C54 commuter aircraft and the ALTAIR soccer field.

"One thing that has not changed is the quality and dedication of the Roi-Namur resident work force so critical to our mission success," he added.

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## Don't let fire ruin the holiday season

From the Kwajalein Fire Department

Follow these safety tips from the National Fire Protection Association for a safe and happy holiday.

**Children and flames:** Keep matches and lighters out of their reach and teach them not to play with candle flames.

**Toys:** Check for fire safety labels. Keep electric toys away from tree.

**Holiday lights:** Only buy safety labeled lights. Outdoors, make sure they are labeled for outside use. Do not overload outlets or put lights on a metal tree. Replace light sets that have loose connections and worn wires. Unplug any holiday lights before going to bed or leaving home.

**Parties:** Use large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Check for lit cigarette butts in upholstery and trash cans. Be sure cigarettes are completely out before emptying ashtrays.

**Candles:** Put candles in holders before lighting. Do not use in decorations or displays and keep away from curtains or other combustible materials. Never use in windows or near exits. Keep away from small children's reach.

**Smoke detectors:** Change the batteries in the month of December.

# Christmas in RMI offers unique experience

By the Rev. Elden Buck  
as told to Pat Cataldo

Americans who observe a Marshallese Christmas celebration gather memories to last a lifetime. It is an occasion of excitement and gaiety, of surprises and delights, and of generous — even lavish — gift-giving, in which the whole community enthusiastically participates.

The Rev. Elden Buck, who shares his knowledge of Marshallese customs in this reprinted article, was Protestant chaplain at Kwajalein from 1968 until 1981. Before that, he and his wife, Alice, served as missionary advisers on Ebeye for five years and on Kosrae for four years.

Buck and I prepared these articles to help Kwajalein residents understand and appreciate the holiday activities of their neighbors.

### Part I

Preparation for Christmas in the Republic of the Marshall Islands begins in October, when singing groups, called *jebta* (chapters), are called together. These groups are mostly gathered around the landowner on whose land they live, although on Ebeye there are also island chapters, made up of people from Ailinglaplap, Jaluit or *Kapinmeto* — the western and northern islands of Lae, Ujae, Bikini, Wotho, Rongelap, Eniwetok and Ujelang. *Kapinmeto* means “those at the edge of the sea.”

Everyone is involved in the singing groups, with old people and small children included in the same *jebta*. On Ebeye, the groups may have as many as 40 or 50 members.

By the time of the first rehearsal, songs will have been selected by the



An Ebeye *jebta* (chapter or singing group) sings, marches and dances into the Ebeye United Church of Christ to present a Christmas performance. Songs and dances are developed around a theme selected by the *jebta*. (File photo)

*iroij* (chief), *alap* (landowner) or appointed director. Some of the songs are new and original each year; some have new words for old tunes. Twenty or 30 years ago, all the songs were new every Christmas, and there were no traditional Marshallese Christmas songs.

Americans would have a hard time recognizing written Marshallese music (see box). There is no clef, no staff — in fact, there are no notes. Instead, the four-part harmony is written in a number system: Do=1 and 8, Re=2, Mi=3, and so on. The singers sight-read.

All through November and December, the *jebta* rehearse almost every

evening, meeting from about 9 p.m. until as late as 2 or 3 a.m., in schoolrooms, living rooms, on porches — and even outside.

Rehearsals don't much resemble an American choir practice. It is common to see some members sleeping, others conversing, and children playing noisily, while some people study the numbers and others learn from the better sight-readers. The cacophony doesn't seem to disturb the director or those concentrating on the music.

Selection of the songs is carried on in great secrecy, but rehearsals are not. In fact, there is exciting competition, and it is considered special fun when two groups can hear each other while rehearsing. Each group is eager to have the best songs, and the more verses, the better. Often one *jebta* learns 10 songs.

Early in the rehearsal schedule, the *jebta* appoints a committee to decide upon and purchase material for uniforms, dresses and shirts, all made of the same fabric. Often, a *jebta* will have three or four uniforms.

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3	5	4	3	6	5	5	4	3	8	8	8	5	5	5
1	1	1	1	4	5	5	1	3	4	4	5	5	1	
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Four-part harmony for “Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let Earth receive her King” is written like this in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

(Part 2 of this three-part series will appear Dec. 17)

# Self Help: The handyman's paradise

## Store also place to borrow lawnmowers

Story and photo by Peter Rejcek

It's the kind of place that makes one want to grunt with Tim Allen-like pleasure.

The Home Improvement television star would certainly make his trademark animal noises if he ever walked into Kwajalein's Self Help store. Allen would undoubtedly salivate over the slew of saws and bark at the bulk of bolts available — at no cost — to the island's residents.

From lawn equipment to plumbing supplies to garden tools, the Self Help store is an undiscovered handyman's paradise, according to Floyd Corder, superintendent for FOM.

"This is really a neat place," Corder said during a recent tour of the well-kept and well-stocked facility. "They try to give you everything you're going to need."

Bicycle broken? The Self Help store can loan you the tools to fix it. Planning a garden? Store clerk George Ashiro can not only hook you up with the right supplies, but once signed for, he can have the equipment delivered directly to the residence with a 24 hours notice.

"That's why this store is so unique," Corder exclaimed. "A lot of people don't realize what they have to offer."

As the name implies, not only does Self Help have a lot to offer, but it's easy to use.

All the supplies — from light bulbs to pest traps to air conditioning filters — are free of charge. And Ashiro, with some 20 years of experience behind him, knows which filter fits every home on the island.

Equipment is loaned out on a temporary basis. Something as simple as a hammer or as heavy duty as a chainsaw can be borrowed through the store, located on Lagoon Road across the street from the Aviation Services offices. Residents are responsible to return items on time for other people to use.

"Before [residents] go to Macy's, they should come here. Self Help has



**Mechanic Renwe Batlok carries out routine maintenance on a push lawnmower.**

a lot of stuff," Corder said.

Self Help is also the place to go for lawn equipment, including push lawn mowers.

Roads and grounds crews dispense about a dozen mowers every day, delivering them between 12:30 and 2 p.m. The machines are picked up curbside the following day between 7:30 and 9 a.m.

According to Corder, there has recently been a spate of breakdowns involving lawn mowers. He said his department is working to improve the service and quality of the mowers. Residents are asked to call Self Help if there are any problems. A mechanic is on staff from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"Corrosion is a big problem [with the mowers]," noted Doug Curry, road and grounds maintenance lead. The problem recently with the mowers is corrosion on the contactors and replacement parts for rewinds.

Curry and his two-man crew are responsible for the island's fleet of 42 push mowers and seven riding Toros. They also keep many other machines running, from weed eaters to chainsaws.

"Basically, anything that has a small gas engine with it," Curry said.

Also bedeviling Curry and his crew

in keeping the mowers running well is the island's hard coral surface. Blades dull quickly, he explained. Blades are sharpened once a week, and after each use mowers are washed down, the oil/air filters checked and the machine refueled.

But if a mower won't start, it's not always a mechanical failure: The operator may be trying to start the machine improperly. A tag explaining how to use the mower is attached to each one. Frequently, Corder said, the operator simply fails to prime the machine before trying to start it.

For more information on lawn mowers or other services available at the store, call Ashiro at Self Help at 54990 during regular working hours.

### **Bowling** **Scores**

#### Friday Night Bowling League, Nov. 26

##### Men

1st high game: John Tompkins .....	224
2nd high game: Danny Kaiminaauao .....	215
1st high series: Danny Kaiminaauao .....	563
2nd high series: John Tompkins .....	543

##### Women

1st high game: Peggy McGinnis .....	179
2nd high game: Joan Sasiela .....	175
1st high series: Joan Sasiela .....	485
2nd high series: Shirley Smith .....	465

#### Thursday Night Women's Bowling League, Dec. 2

1st high game: Anita Davis .....	185
2nd high game: Sirina Rowe .....	162
1st high series: Elena Lockett .....	421
2nd high series: Sirina Rowe .....	411

## Classified Ads and Community Notices

**HELP WANTED**

**AUDITOR, Finance Dept.** Part-time position. Seeking individual to examine department records, inspect accounting systems, ensure compliance with policies, prepare reports and make recommendations for corrective actions. Position requires high school education; desire bachelor's degree in Business or Finance or five to seven years equivalent experience. Must be familiar with MS Office. For more information or to submit a resumé, call HR, Nancy, 53705.

**ACCOUNTING CLERK, Finance Dept.** Full-time (or job share) position. Individual will be responsible for formal billing, assisting with formal collections, postage meter, delivery of U.S. mail, answering telephones and various other office tasks. Good communication skills a must. Must be detail-oriented and have good computer skills with knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel. For more information or to submit a resumé, call HR, Nancy, 53705.

**INVENTORY MANAGEMENT CLERK, Merchandising Dept.** Full-time position. Individual will perform a variety of inventory management clerical tasks required to establish and maintain records, files and database for the efficient operation of customer service functions. Clerk will also stock and display merchandise in retail facilities. Knowledge of Gold+ is preferable. Good written and oral communication skills a must. Submit application to HR, Nancy, 53705.

**OPERATIONS COORDINATOR, Hospital Administration.** Full-time position. Individual will provide support to the hospital administrator. Responsibilities include maintaining employee databases and fixed-asset/equipment database; coordinating subcontract visits and reviewing internal policies and procedures. Good written and verbal skills required. Must have knowledge of MS Word and Excel. To submit an application or

resumé, call HR, Nancy, 53705.

**GS-06 AUTOMATION ASSISTANTS, USAKA/KMR.** Positions currently available. Computer knowledge and clerical abilities a must. For more information, call Terry Morton, 54417.

*Raytheon postings for on-island positions are listed in the Hourglass. Off-island positions are updated weekly in the Career Opportunities Book at the HR counter, Bldg. 700.*

**WANTED**

**CHILD CARE** for 2½- and 1½-year-old girls for two mornings a week. Call 52337.

**LOOKING FOR A** mother to trade two or three hours of interactive playtime with a 1½ year old girl one morning each week. I'll watch yours, then you watch mine another morning. Call 52337.

**DESPERATE!** I have a friend visiting for the holidays and I need a place for the two of us to stay. I will take great care of your home. I even do windows! Call Craig, 54801 or 53875.

**DO YOU KNOW** someone in the community who volunteers his or her time above and beyond the call of duty? If so, drop that person's name along with a 25-word description of that person's contribution in the *Hourglass* drop box (Building 805, second floor).

**LOST**

**RUDOLPH** the Rednose Reindeer pin. Reward offered. Call 51576.

**35MM OLYMPUS** camera in green fanny pack-type bag at Camp Hamilton. Call Jerry, 53515.

**SMALL GOLD HOOP** earring with rope design between beauty shop, Ten-Ten and new housing. Call 54523H or 51137W.

**FOUND**

**CANVAS TOTE** bag on Brandon soccer field. Call Community Activities, 53331.

**LOST AND FOUND** box at the elementary school is overflowing. All items left after Friday, Dec. 17, will be donated to the Bargain Bazaar.

**FOR SALE**

**COMPUTER COMPONENTS:** 14" VG A monitor, 16 MB SIMMs, 8 x CD drive, power supply and more; software: Word Perfect 6.1, Lotus 1-2-3 rev. 5, Windows 3.11; various books on MSDOS, Basic, Clipper and DBase. Call 52609.

**PANASONIC VCR** with remote, four-head, hi-fi stereo, Omnivision VHS, VCR plus, on-screen programming, purchased in March, barely used, \$180. Call 53554 after 6 p.m.

**THREE 24" X 12"** walnut shelves with mounting strips and brackets, \$10; indoor TV antenna, \$5; 4" clear-glass sphere oil lamp with stand, new, \$5; electric

**YOUTH SOCCER SIGN-UPS**

Youth soccer registration is being taken at the Community Activities Office now through Dec. 31. The Youth Center will take registrations 3-6 p.m. during the above dates. Fee is \$15 per child before Dec. 31. Late fee is \$20 after Jan. 1.

**COACHES MEETING**

Wednesday, Jan. 5, at CRC #5  
5:15 p.m. for Tiny Tots  
6:00 p.m. for Small Frys  
7:00 p.m. for Pee Wees  
8:00 p.m. for Juniors

**OFFICIALS CLINIC**

Friday, Jan. 7 at CRC #5  
4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Come prepared to learn rules and game mechanics.

**SEASON BEGINS ON MONDAY, JAN. 17**

For further information contact Susan at 53331.

aromatherapy air diffuser with scent beads, used, but in box, \$15; spices/flavored oils/vinegars in beech revolving stand, new in box, great gift, \$18; pretty orchid/rose/aqua print shirtdress-style muumuu, size medium, \$15. Call 54879 or 55150.

**CHILD'S** ride-on Jeep, for ages three and up, great Christmas gift, \$264. Call 51815.

**MEN'S HUFFY CAUSEWAY**, green and white, six-speed with hand brakes, two months old, \$100. Call 55806.

**THREE MEN'S** bikes: one brand new aluminum Huffy (never out of box), one used aluminum Huffy and a one-speed Huffy, three months old. Call Chris, 57142W or 54337H.

**BRAND NEW** Burley, \$150. Call 52639.

**JET SKI HANDYMAN** Special: Two waverunners on aluminum trailers, one works great, includes fully stocked boat

**Attention Ronglap and Utrik communities on Ebeye:**

**Dr. Neal Palafox** from PHRI will be on Ebeye to conduct the community advisory group elections for the DOE/PHRI special medical program tomorrow, 7 p.m., at Triple J. Questions? Call Dr. Tom Jack, 54999/235-0999.

**Kojela nan aolep armij in Ronglap im Utrik ro ilo Ebeye bwe enaj wor juon kwelok ippen Doctor Neal Palafox nan kelet community advisory group eo an DOE/PHRI medical program eo. Jikin eo ej Triple J ilo December 15 raan 1999 ilo 7 awa jota. Jouj im naj mokaj nan ien. Ne enaj wor bar kajitok jouj im kebak Dr. Tom Jack ilo telephone 54999 ak 235-0999. Barwot ilo kautej. Kommol tata.**

**A special program of Marshallese Christmas traditions performed by some of Ebeye's church groups, especially for the Kwajalein community, will be Friday, 7 p.m., in the MP room. NOTE time change from Friday's Hourglass. Sponsored by the Marshallese Cultural Society.**

**Classified Ads and Community Notices**



**The  
Micronesian  
Handicraft  
Shop**



**Sunday** ..... Closed  
**Monday** ..... 4-6 p.m.  
**Tuesday** ..... 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
**Wednesday** ..... Closed  
**Thursday** ..... 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
**Friday** ..... 4-6 p.m.  
**Saturday** ..... 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

house and many extras, \$8,900. Call 52860.

MATERNITY CLOTHES, size small, several outfits, \$100 takes all or best offer. Call Amy, 54756.

BARBIE DOLLS and clothes, Barbie bank, Barbie Pizza Hut, Barbie supermarket, Barbie soda shoppe, Barbie living room Christmas set, Barbie kitchen, Crystal Princess castle set and three dolls, various size Polly Pockets. Priced to sell. All in time for Christmas. Call 52607.

GIANT ALUMINUM 24" mountain bike, 21 speeds, front shock, bar ends, rear rack and headlight, would make a cool kids' bike, \$75. Call 51034.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

RECIPES FOR the next Kwaj cookbook can be sent to CWF, P.O. Box 1068, Local. Get recipes from family members or record them when making your favorite holiday dishes. Type or print, no forms necessary. Include your name, address and phone number. Questions? Call Pat, 53355.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND will be closed Thursday. Regular hours will resume Friday.

MORE SOCCER! Community Activities will sponsor an adult pick-up coed soccer tournament Monday, Dec. 20, 9 a.m.-noon, at Brandon Field. Teams will be formed on the field the morning of the tournament, so all you have to do is show up and be ready to play soccer. For more information, call Lynn, 53331.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) will meet Thursday, 8:45 a.m., in the Religious Education Building. For more information, call

**The Bargain Bazaar**

**Monday** ..... 1-3 p.m.  
**Wednesday** ..... 6-8 p.m.  
**Thursday** ..... 1-3 p.m.  
**Saturday**.....1-3 p.m.

Joan, 52280. MOPS is sponsored by the Protestant Chapel.

ATTENTION GOLFERS: A shipment of silica sand will be arriving this week or next. Be advised that when it gets in, we will be aerifying and top-dressing the greens.

WE'RE TRYING to find the PTO dunk tank for the George Seitz carnival. Call Laura, 52823.

KWAJALEIN YACHT CLUB'S meeting will be Friday, 6:30 p.m. There will be a white elephant gift exchange. Bring one wrapped gift per person. Dinner provided. Guests are welcome. Come enjoy the festivities and holiday cheer. Questions? Call Carol, 53276.

ELEMENTARY CHOIR and Band Concert will be tomorrow, 7 p.m., in the MP room.

COME TO the George Seitz PTO Book Fair: tonight, 6-8 p.m. and tomorrow, 3:30-5:30 p.m., in the music room.

MILLICAN FAMILY Pool will be closed Dec. 18 through Dec. 27 for painting. The adult pool will have public swimming hours with a lifeguard on duty available for those under 18. Hours are as follows: Saturday, Dec. 18, through Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1-4 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 22, closed; Thursday, Dec. 24, through Monday, Dec. 27, 1-4 p.m. All children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Questions? Call Ian West, 52848.

ROI-NAMUR BACHELOR ADVISORY COUNCIL meeting will be tomorrow, 1 p.m., in C Building. The Bachelor Advisory Council has been established in accordance with USAKA/KMR Regulation 15-3 to serve in an advisory capacity to the commander, USAKA/KMR, on matters pertaining to is-

**This week  
at the  
Yokwe Yuk Lounge**

**Tonight**  
**Monday night  
 football.**  
**Broncos/Raiders,**  
**7 p.m.**  
**Watch on the  
 large screen TV.**

land policy and regulations affecting the social and living conditions of bachelors/bachelorettes residing on Roi-Namur. Council members from each BQ building are solicited. Unaccompanied personnel wishing to have input to this meeting should contact their representatives. All Roi-Namur residents are invited to attend. For additional information, call Community Services, 53400. Roi-Namur representatives are as follows: Zeus, TDY; Ajax, Sandy Linell; Sprint, Tim Gernold; Apache, Robert Kersch; Nike, Gerald Wright; Spartan, Rick Everette; A Building, Greg Howson; and B Building, Margaret Thompson.

AMERICAN LEGION monthly meeting will be tomorrow, 6 p.m., at the Vets' Hall. We will be meeting on the third Wednesday of December, January and February. All current and prospective members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

*The DoD band "Coverdogs" is coming to ROCK Kwajalein Atoll*

Saturday, Dec. 18,  
8 p.m., Outrigger Club

Sunday, Dec. 19,  
8 p.m., Yokwe Yuk Club

Monday,  
Dec. 20, 5 p.m.,  
Emon Beach

For more information, call Steve, 53331.

**See you at the movies!**

**Saturday**

**Toy Story (G)**

A treat for all ages, this is the story of a group of toys in a child's room that come to life when no one is around. Woody, a pull-string cowboy, fears losing his "favorite" status to new arrival "Spaceman" Buzz Lightyear, who is convinced he is really alive. (Voices include Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, Jim Varney, Don Rickles)  
*Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

**The Sixth Sense (New Release) (R)**

Young Cole Sear is haunted by ghosts. He is terrified by threatening visitations from those with unresolved problems who appear from the shadows. Child psychologist Dr. Malcolm Crow tries to uncover the ominous truth about Cole's supernatural abilities, but the consequences for both client and therapist are harrowing. (Bruce Willis and Haley Joel)  
*Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8:00 p.m.*

**Mickey Blue Eyes (New Release) (PG-13)**

A young Englishman falls in love with a beautiful young American woman, who seems reluctant to become involved with him. The young man finally learns that her father is a crime boss, but he will not give up trying to win her affections. (Hugh Grant)  
*Tradewinds Theater, Roi-Namur, 8:00 p.m.*

**Sunday**

**White Christmas (NR, 1954)**

Two famous song-and-dance men seek to help their former Army commander keep his inn in Vermont. (Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Vera Ellen and Rosemary Clooney)  
*Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.*

**Mickey Blue Eyes (New Release) (PG-13)**

*Richardson Theater, 9:30 p.m.*

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# Good deed warms the heart

**Story and photo by Peter Rejcek**

Talk about a good deed. This is the kind of holiday tale that warms the coldest Grinch heart and softens the most miserly of Scrooge souls.

Our story begins around the Thanksgiving holiday on a small island named Kwajalein in the vast Pacific Ocean. A patio sale was taking place at the home of Vanessa and Tony Longhurst. Like most such affairs, the atmosphere was busy and hectic as shoppers grabbed up the bargains and brought them to Vanessa Longhurst to purchase.

At some point, a \$100 bill was presented, and Longhurst scrambled to make change. But the \$50 bill she had for the exchange suddenly disappeared, as if the Grinch himself had slunk through and pocketed the greenback.

"It was one of those things where I wasn't expecting a hundred dollar bill," Longhurst recalled. "I took it as a loss."

Customers pulled together to search for the missing money. One Marshallese lady, Longhurst said, even attempted an ancient method of water divination using a bowl of water.

"It was her way of trying to help," Longhurst said. Other customers tried to assist by purchasing more items at the sale.

But the money was lost.

Meanwhile, on Ebeye, Kina Korok was retelling the story to her friend Athes Philip. Philip had also been at the patio sale that day. And when she had paid for her taxi ride back to

Ebeye from Kwaj following the sale, she had discovered a \$50 bill where she had expected only a \$1.

Philip said she immediately realized the mistake that had been made.

"The next day, after work, I returned the money," she said.

The act of honesty and kindness still brings emotion into Vanessa Longhurst's voice.

"I just thought it was remarkable," Longhurst said. "I felt wonderful. Not because I got the \$50 but because somebody gave it back."

This is not the first Good Samaritan act by Philip, who works at the snack bar and has been employed on Kwaj for seven years. Last year, Philip explained, she found \$50 and an I.D. badge at the Yokwe Yuk Club. At that time, the money was returned to its owner, too.



**Good Samaritan Athes Philip works at the snack bar.**

**WEATHER**  
Courtesy of Aeromet



**Sun • Moon • Tides**



**Tonight:** Partly cloudy with isolated light showers.  
**Winds:** Northeast at 15 to 20 knots, with a few higher gusts.  
**Tomorrow:** Partly to mostly sunny with a slight chance of a shower.  
**Winds:** Northeast at 15 to 20 knots, with higher gusts possible.  
**Temperature:** Tonight's low 78°  
Tomorrow's high 84°  
**Annual rain total:** 84.08"  
**Annual deviation:** -13.31"  
*Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.*  
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	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday December 14	/1833	/2337	1951, 4.5'	
Wednesday December 15	0656/1833	1216/0026	0842, 3.6' 2051, 4.2'	0234, 1.6' 1423, 2.1'
Thursday December 16	0656/1833	1300/0116 <b>1st Qtr. Moon</b>	1009, 3.6' 2218, 3.9'	0343, 1.7' 1558, 2.3'
Friday December 17	0657/1834	1344/0116	1144, 3.8' 2354, 3.9'	0508, 1.7' 1749, 2.1'