

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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Commander sends out holiday message

Holiday greetings to our Kwajalein Atoll family from Col. Gary K. McMillen, USAKA/KMR commander:

The holiday season is a very special, joyous time in our lives. We gather with family or friends once again to celebrate the holidays on Kwajalein through prayer, song and the exchange of gifts.

The season is special to each of us in many different ways. But a common thread binds us ... a feeling of belonging, a special bond that is apparent in our closely-knit community. Because of our remoteness to the rest of the world, we share a common void of not having certain loved ones with us during this season. Our friends on Kwajalein, our extended family, help fill that void.

We celebrate the Kwajalein experience and we reflect on and appreciate our many blessings ... blessings of freedom, peace, and prosperity. Freedom ... peace ... prosperity are very special

and precious gifts to the American people. These gifts came from the founders of our country and those that have defended it. These gifts come from us, the people of Kwajalein, because we participate in the continuing great effort to defend our homeland and its ideals.

We approach the dawn of a new century and a new millennium with a renewed sense of faith in America and in our fellow man.

Pam joins me in praying that the peace and joy of this holiday season will remain with you throughout the coming year. To our friends and co-workers in Washington, Huntsville, Honolulu, Lexington, and Burlington, and to our friends on Majuro, Ebeye, Enniburr, and other islands of the atoll, we wish you *Meri Kirijmoj*, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa, and a Happy New Year!

May God's blessings be upon all of us.



Col. Gary K. McMillen, USAKA/KMR commander, speaks at the Roi Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 13.

Christmas crosses cultural bounds

Camilla Dunham, a member of the *Jine Tiptip Club*, dances during the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club Exchange Dinner on Saturday night. The annual event matches women from Kwajalein and Ebeye for an evening of food, entertainment and gift exchange. Traditional Marshallese dances and songs were performed during the event.

(Photo by Carol Adler)



Huffy, Royce issue recall of bicycles

From staff reports

Two bicycle manufacturers, in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, recently issued recalls on over 20,000 mountain bikes.

The Huffy Bicycle Co. is recalling about 18,600 men's mountain bicycles because the frames can break apart. The recall involves the ALX 1000 bicycles with model number 26809; ALX 1500 with model number 26849; and Aluminum 300 with model number K6809. The model number is located on the bottom of the frame near the crank and pedals.

These bikes were sold through various retailers between June 1998 and Sept. 1999.

Royce Union Bicycles is recalling about 3,700 men's mountain bikes, as the frames can break apart. The recall involves ABT 2000 bikes with model number 16368. The model number is located on the bottom of the frame near the crank and pedals.

Sears stores sold these bikes between April 1998 and Sept. 1999.

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Holiday Hours of Operation

New Year's Eve
Friday, Dec. 31

New Year's Day
Saturday, Jan. 1

Unless otherwise noted, Thursday and Sunday hours are normal operating hours.

KWAJALEIN

Community Activities

Beaches
Coral Sands Buddy system at all times
Camp Hamilton ... Buddy system at all times
Emon 12:30-3:30 p.m.
Bowling Center 1-8:30 p.m.
CRC Gym 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
Racquetball Courts 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
Gear Locker 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Golf Course Sunrise to sunset
Golf Pro Shop 4:30-6 p.m.
Golf Driving Range Closed
Hobby Shop/Photo lab 12:30-5 p.m.
Ivey Gym 5:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 4-7 p.m.
Library 1-7 p.m.
Small Boat Marina 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Pools

Adult Buddy system at all times
Family 1:30-6 p.m.
UPRC 11 a.m.-10 p.m.
Youth Center 3-6 p.m.

Food Services

Yokwe Yuk Club (dinner) Millennium Party
Yokwe Yuk Club (lunch) Closed
Three Palms Snack Bar 5:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Yokwe Yuk Club (bar) 6:30 p.m.-3 a.m.
Oceanview Bar Closed
Country Club Bar Closed
Sunrise Bakery Regular hours
Checkpoint Snack Bar (DSC) 6:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
Café Pacific
Breakfast 5-8 a.m.
Lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Dinner 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Merchandising

Macy's and Macy's West 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 3:30-6 p.m.

Surfway 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 3:30-6 p.m.
Ten-Ten 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Laundry 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Beauty/Barber Shops 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 1:30-6 p.m.
Tape Escape 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Self-Help 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Continental Travel Agency 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Bank of Guam Closed
Thursday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Post Office Closed

Hospital/Dental Services Normal

ROI-NAMUR

Gimbels 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Community Activities

Library Closed
Gear Locker Call 56580
Hobby Shop Closed
Small Boat Marina 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Golf Course Sunrise to sunset

Post Office Closed

Bank of Guam Closed

Food Services

Outrigger Bar 5 p.m.-2 a.m.
Roi Snack Bar (lunch) 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Roi Snack Bar (dinner) 5:30-9:30 p.m.
Café Roi
Breakfast 5:30-8:00 a.m.
Lunch 10:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Dinner 5-6:45 p.m.

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CRC Gym 12-6 p.m.
Racquetball Courts 12-6 p.m.
Gear Locker Closed
Golf Course Sunrise to sunset
Golf Pro Shop Closed
Golf Driving Range Closed
Hobby Shop/Photo lab 12:30-6 p.m.
Ivey Gym 2-7 p.m.
Library 1-7 p.m.
Marina 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Pools

Adult Buddy system at all times
Family 12-6 p.m.
UPRC 10 a.m.-10 p.m.
Youth Center Closed

Food Services

Yokwe Yuk Club (dinner) Closed
Yokwe Yuk Club (lunch) Closed
Three Palms Snack Bar Closed
Yokwe Yuk Club (bar) 4:30-11 p.m.
Oceanview Bar 12-9 p.m.
Three Palms delivery. 4:30-9 p.m.
Country Club Bar Closed
Sunrise Bakery Closed
Checkpoint Snack Bar (DSC) Closed
Café Pacific
Breakfast 7-9 a.m.
Brunch 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Dinner 4:30-6 p.m.

Merchandising

Macy's and Macy's West Closed

Surfway Closed
Ten-Ten Closed
Laundry Closed
Beauty/Barber Shops Closed
Tape Escape Closed

Self-Help Closed

Continental Travel Agency Closed

Bank of Guam Closed
Sunday, Monday Closed

Post Office Closed

Hospital/Dental Services Emergencies only

Tuesday (Hospital) Sick call all day

ROI-NAMUR

Gimbels Closed

Community Activities

Library Closed
Gear Locker Closed
Hobby Shop Closed
Small Boat Marina 12-6 p.m.
Golf Course Sunrise to sunset

Post Office Closed

Bank of Guam Closed

Food Services

Outrigger Bar 3 p.m.-2 a.m.
Roi Snack Bar Closed
Café Roi
Breakfast 7-9 a.m.
Brunch 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Dinner 5-6:45 p.m.



Yuletide pride on display

Anne Reed, foreground, and Jane Sholar marvel at the Christmas tree decorations at the home of David and Marti Wallner during the Holiday Tour of Homes sponsored by the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club on Monday. About 161 residents visited a total of seven homes and one BQ room.

(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

Hospital increases several fees

**By Elaine McMahon
Kwajalein Hospital Administrator**

Effective Tuesday Jan. 4 there will be some medical fees and charges that will change. These changes reflect stateside standards and are based upon the allowable charges in Hawaii by CHAMPUS, the insurance that provides medical coverage for military families.

Not all fees will increase; the main areas affected are facility and laboratory fees, some fees for inpatient stays and special procedures. In most other areas of the hospital there will be minimal increases or none. In some cases they will be reduced. Veterinary Services and the Dental Clinic will not have any increases at this time.

As the new fees go into effect, Kwajalein Hospital reminds residents of two important points:

- The USAKA/KMR Financial Policy and Rate Manual requires payment

at time of service for services of \$50 or less. This includes pharmacy items.

- Emergency room and after-hours care is significantly more expensive than scheduled appointments and visits during regular sick-call hours.

The new fees will be regarded as "usual and customary" by insurers; the hospital provides a HCFA form for services to be submitted to the insurance carrier, which makes processing the claim much more efficient. In general, charges for medical and dental services at Kwajalein still remain below charges that would be incurred for services from private medical groups in most West Coast, New England and Hawaiian communities.

A copy of the new charges will be available for review at the hospital reception desk. Specific questions regarding charges may be directed to the Kwajalein Hospital administration office.

Kom ruwainene

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

Jason Bischoff arrived recently from Kent, Ohio. He is a broadcaster for CPN.

His reaction on arrival: Wow — Just wow!

Holiday Reading
at
Grace Sherwood Library



Young People's Collection Holiday Fiction

Christmas With Ida Early by
Robert Burch

A Christmas Sonata by Gary
Paulsen

American Girl Holiday Stories:
*Addy's Surprise, Kirsten's
Surprise, Samantha's
Surprise, Felicity's Sur-
prise, Molly's Surprise,
Josephina's Surprise*

A Little House Christmas by
Laura Ingalls Wilder

Holiday Nonfiction

*The Oxford Christmas Book for
Children* by Roderick Hunt

Christmas Around the World by
Mary Lankford

Christmas in America by Lillie
Patterson

Children's Holiday Picture Books

An Amish Christmas by
Richard Ammon

Madeline's Christmas
by Ludwig Bemelman

Babar and Father Christmas by
Jean de Brunhoff

*The Christmas We Moved to the
Barn* by Alexandra Day

The Mouse Before Christmas
by Michael Garland

The Christmas Day Kitten by
James Herriott

Santa's Time Off: Poems by
Bill Maynard

*The Night Before Christmas in
Hawaii* by Clement Moore

*Elijah's Angel: A Story for
Chanukah and Christmas*

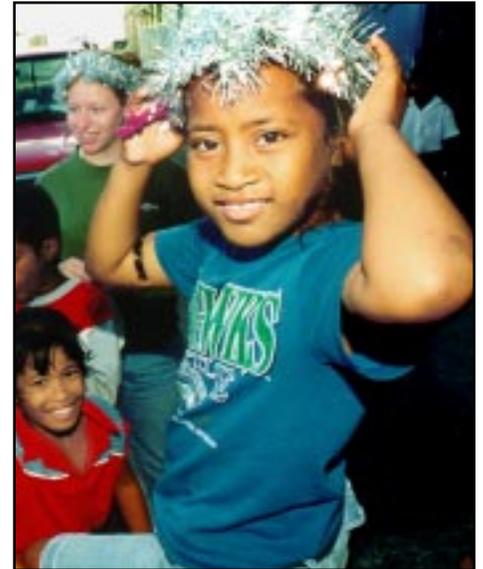
by Michael Rosen

Eloise at Christmastime by Kay
Thompson

Max's Christmas by
Rosemary Wells

Honor students bring gifts to Ebeye children

Marshallese schools welcome holiday surprise



NHS students Mary Etta Burt, left, and Laura Burt hand out candy to children in front of Queen of Peace High School, while one young Marshallese girl (above) gets into the holiday spirit with a tinsel tiara.

Story and photos by Peter Rejcek

Student Cody Baker summed up the experience of delivering gifts and candy to the children of Ebeye as she exclaimed to Scarlett Scholte:

"This is wonderful. I'm so glad I came."

Maybe not as glad as the scores of school children who received everything from flip-flops to nail polish from Kwajalein's National Honor Society students Tuesday morning.

Piling sacks of candy and clothes baskets of goodies into the backs of a

couple of pickup trucks, students and their sponsors traveled the island delivering their gifts, which had been collected over the last month.

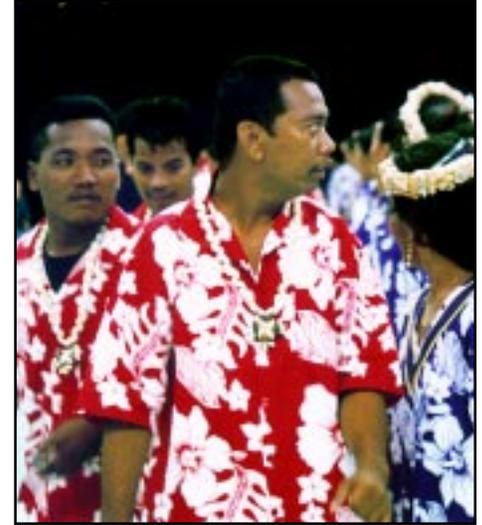
"Next time we're going to start a lot earlier," said Scholte, one of the organizers of the event.

Scuba Santa hits the beach

A scuba-diving Santa Claus (a.k.a. Ken Winchester) hands out a candy-filled stocking to Demetrius Kelly and hundreds of other children Tuesday night at Emon Beach. Santa emerged from the lagoon with a number of elfin divers shortly after sunset and was quickly surrounded by the anxious children. His visit was sponsored by the Kwajalein Scuba Club.



(Photo by Jim Bennett)



Left: Mrs. Santa Claus was a big hit with the kids when she appeared earlier this month with a bag full of candy. Above: Dancers from *Monnen Jepta* performed traditional Christmas dances at the MP room last week.

A Kwaj Christmas 1999

A look back at the earlier holiday events of the month on Kwajalein.



Left: The annual Christmas parade the first weekend of December drew a large crowd of people hoping to get their first look at Santa and Mrs. Claus. Bottom left: Santa Claus set up his workshop in the Yokwe Yuk Club for a photo opportunity with children and to hear their wish lists.

(Photos by Peter Rejcek and KW Hillis)



Annamarie Glenn, Evan Brown, Liam Brower, Luke Shattuck and Madison White (left to right) performed "Jingle Bells" at the KAPS and Community Band concert earlier this month.

Claus, clowns and choruses on Roi

Christmas season on Roi-Namur was truly a community celebration, as neighbors from Third Island joined residents for the Enniburr Children's Christmas Party on Dec. 13. Right: Using a candy cane, Santa Claus tries to console a young boy overwhelmed by the elfin couple. Below: Clown Matt Hatfield made impromptu balloon animals for the children.



(Photos by Peter Rejcek)



Chorus singers from Assembly of God GNC entertained Roi residents and visitors from Third Island following the Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 13. Several other chorus groups from Enniburr performed, including singers from St. Leonard's Catholic Church, a Sunday School group and a youth group.

TV CPN
Program Guide
Kwajalein
Roi-Namur

Channel 9

- 5:00 Jeopardy!
- 5:30 Showbiz Today
- 6:00 **Window on the Atoll/Bulletin Board** 
- 6:30 NBC Nightly News
- 7:00 Winnie the Pooh and ChristmasToo
- 8:00 Just Shoot Me
- 8:35 NYPD Blue
- 10:00 Headline News
- 10:35 Tonight Show with Jay Leno
- 11:35 Late Show with David Letterman

Channel 13

- 5:00 Larry King Live
- 6:00 The News with Brian Williams
- 7:00 The O'Reilly Factor
- 8:00 Nightline
- 8:30 Nightly Business Report 
- 9:00 NHL: Stars/Blackhawks

Saturday, Dec. 25

Channel 9

- 12m Late Show with David Letterman
- 12:35 ESPNews
- 1:05 **Movie: "It's A Wonderful Life" (PG)**
James Stewart is a man on the verge of suicide until an angel comes to show him what the world would be like without him.
- 3:20 **Movie: "How to Marry a Millionaire" (PG)**
- 5:00 Headline News
- 5:30 **Bulletin Board**
- 6:00 Headline News
- 6:30 Early Today
- 7:00 The Today Show
- 9:00 Sesame Street
- 10:00 Blues Clues
- 10:30 Kiana's Flex Appeal
- 11:00 Oprah Winfrey
- 12n **Window on the Atoll/Bulletin Board** 
- 12:30 Wheel of Fortune
- 1:00 Port Charles
- 1:25 Guiding Light
- 2:15 General Hospital
- 3:05 Sylvester and Tweety Mysteries
- 3:30 Nightmare Ned
- 4:00 Sister, Sister
- 4:30 Sabrina the Teenage Witch
- 5:00 Jeopardy!
- 5:30 Showbiz Today 
- 6:00 **Bulletin Board**
- 6:30 NBC Nightly News
- 7:00 Rudolph the Rednose Reindeer
- 8:00 AFN Special: A Christmas Carol
- 10:00 Headline News
- 10:35 Tonight Show with Jay Leno
- 11:35 Late Show with David Letterman

Channel 13

- 12m Sportscenter
- 1:00 48 Hours
- 2:00 Headline News
- 2:30 Morning Business Report
- 3:00 Good Morning America
- 5:00 NHL: Avalanche/Sabres 
- 8:00 NFL: Cowboys/Saints 
- 11:00 World View
- 11:30 NBC Nightly News
- 12n ABC World News Tonight

- 12:30 CBS Evening News 
- 1:00 NASCAR: Save Mart 350K
- 4:30 Sports News
- 5:00 Larry King Live
- 6:00 The News with Brian Williams
- 7:00 The O'Reilly Factor
- 8:00 Nightline Special Edition
- 8:30 Nightly Business Report
- 9:30 ISKA Karate
- 10:00 Motoworld
- 10:30 NFL Blast
- 11:30 College Bowl Kickoff Show

Sunday, Dec. 26

Channel 9

- 12m Late Show with David Letterman
- 12:35 ESPNews
- 1:05 **Movie: "High Anxiety" (PG)**
- 3:45 **Movie: "Madame Sousatzka" (PG)**
- 5:00 Headline News
- 5:30 **Bulletin Board** 
- 6:00 Headline News
- 6:30 Classic Cartoon
- 7:00 Christmas at Eureka's Castle
- 7:30 Mickey's Christmas Carol
- 8:00 Walt Disney's Very Merry Christmas Parade
- 10:00 Crystal Cathedral's Christmas Eve
- 11:00 Headline News
- 11:30 Navy/Marine Corps News 
- 12n **Bulletin Board**
- 12:30 The View
- 1:30 Caroline in the City
- 2:00 Promised Land
- 3:00 7th Heaven
- 4:00 Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman
- 5:00 Touched by an Angel
- 6:00 The Cosby Show
- 6:30 **Bulletin Board** 
- 7:00 Beverly Hills, 90210
- 8:00 Melrose Place
- 9:00 20/20
- 10:00 Headline News
- 10:30 Saturday Night Live

Channel 13

- 12:00 Sportscenter
- 1:00 Headline News
- 1:30 Navy/Marine Corps News
- 2:00 Headline News
- 2:30 The Wall Street Journal
- 3:00 McLaughlin Group
- 3:30 Washington Week in Review
- 4:00 Headline News
- 4:30 NFL Preview
- 5:00 Blue and Gray All-Star Classic 
- 8:00 The NFL Today
- 9:00 NFL: Broncos/Lions 
- 12n Headline News
- 12:30 Army Newswatch
- 1:00 NFL 2Night
- 1:30 Oahu Bowl: Oregon St./Hawaii 
- 5:00 Headline News
- 5:30 Your Health
- 6:00 Larry King Weekend
- 7:00 Judith Regan Tonight
- 8:00 Showbiz This Weekend
- 8:30 Style with Elsa Klensch
- 9:00 NASCAR: Winston 500 (encore) 

Monday, Dec. 27

Channel 9

- 12:00 Motown Live
- 1:00 Soul Train
- 2:00 Storytellers
- 3:00 Friday Night
- 4:00 The Entertainers
- 5:00 Headline News
- 5:30 Hour of Power
- 6:00 Café Video 
- 6:30 **Bulletin Board**
- 7:00 Animaniacs
- 7:30 The World of Peter Rabbit
- 8:00 Wishbone
- 8:30 Goof Troop
- 9:00 Sunday Today
- 10:00 Wild Things
- 11:00 Headline News
- 11:30 **Bulletin Board** 
- 12n Tom and Jerry
- 12:30 The Jetsons
- 1:00 The Flintstones
- 1:30 Scooby Doo, Where Are You?
- 2:00 Leave It to Beaver
- 2:30 Gidget
- 3:00 The Brady Bunch
- 3:30 Different Strokes
- 4:00 I Dream of Jeannie
- 4:30 The Beverly Hillbillies
- 5:00 The Munsters
- 5:30 Laverne and Shirley
- 6:00 Mork and Mindy
- 6:30 The Twilight Zone
- 7:00 Chips
- 8:00 **Movie: "Searching for Bobby Fischer" (PG)**
A father discovers his 7-year-old son has a genius for chess and enters him in competition. (Joe Mantegna)
- 10:00 Headline News
- 10:30 Pensacola: Wings of Gold
- 11:30 WWF Superstars

Channel 13

- 12:00 Sportscenter
- 1:00 MSNBC Weekend Magazine
- 2:00 CBS Sunday Morning
- 3:30 Face the Nation
- 4:00 Headline News
- 4:30 Army Newswatch
- 5:00 The NFL Today
- 6:00 NFL: Jaguars/Titans 
- 9:00 NFL: Chiefs/Seahawks 
- 12n ESPNews
- 12:30 NFL: Redskins/49'ers 
- 4:30 This Week in the NBA
- 5:00 This Week
- 6:00 **Window on the Atoll/Bulletin Board** 
- 6:30 Science and Technology Week
- 7:00 Motor Week
- 7:30 George Michael's Sports Machine
- 8:00 CNN World Report
- 9:00 NFL: Panthers/Steelers 

Tuesday, Dec. 28

Channel 9

- 12:00 WWF Superstars (continued)
- 12:30 Walker, Texas Ranger
- 1:30 America's Black Forum
- 2:00 Meet the Press
- 3:00 **Movie: "A Climate for Killing" (PG)**
- 5:00 Headline News
- 5:30 **Bulletin Board** 
- 6:00 Headline News
- 6:30 Early Today
- 7:00 The Today Show
- 9:00 Sesame Street
- 10:00 Zoboomafoo
- 10:30 Kiana's Flex Appeal

11:00 Oprah Winfrey 
 12n **Bulletin Board**
 12:30 Wheel of Fortune
 1:00 Port Charles
 1:25 Guiding Light
 2:15 General Hospital
 3:05 Disney's Pepper Ann
 3:30 Jumanji
 4:00 Cousin Skeeter
 4:30 All That
 5:00 Jeopardy!
 5:30 Showbiz Today 
 6:00 **Bulletin Board**
 6:30 NBC Nightly News
 7:00 60 Minutes
 8:00 Drew Carey
 8:30 The King of Queens
 9:00 The Practice
 10:00 Headline News
 10:35 Tonight Show with Jay Leno
 11:30 Saturday Night Live

Channel 13

12m Sportscenter
 1:00 NBC Special: Nueva America
 2:00 Headline News
 2:30 Morning Business Report
 3:00 Good Morning America
 5:00 Street Rodder
 5:30 Motoworld
 6:00 NFL Films Present
 6:30 College Football: BYU/Marshall 
 9:30 Headline News
 10:00 Navy/Marine Corps News
 10:30 Army Newswatch
 11:00 World View
 11:30 NBC Nightly News 
 12n College Basketball: Princeton/Xavier 
 2:00 Billiards
 3:00 Newstand
 4:30 Sports News
 5:00 Larry King Live 
 6:00 The News with Brian Williams
 7:00 Monday Night Football: Jets/Dolphins 
 10:30 NHL: Thrashers/Red Wings (JIP) 

Wednesday, Dec. 29

Channel 9

12m Saturday Night Live
 12:35 ESPNNews
 1:05 *Movie: "Visitors of the Night" (PG)*
 3:00 *Movie: "Paper Mask" (PG)*
 5:00 Headline News
 5:30 **Bulletin Board** 
 6:00 Headline News 
 6:30 Early Today
 7:00 The Today Show
 9:00 Sesame Street
 10:00 Teletubbies
 10:30 Coed Training
 11:00 Oprah Winfrey 
 12n **Bulletin Board**
 12:30 Wheel of Fortune
 1:00 Port Charles
 1:25 Guiding Light
 2:15 General Hospital
 3:05 Space Goofs
 3:30 Popular Mechanics for Kids
 4:00 Teen Files
 5:00 Jeopardy!
 5:30 Showbiz Today 
 6:00 **Bulletin Board**
 6:30 NBC Nightly News
 7:00 7th Heaven
 8:00 *Movie: "Outbreak" (Drama, PG)* Dustin Hoffman is a doctor fighting a deadly virus that has infected a small town.
 10:00 Headline News
 10:35 Tonight Show with Jay Leno
 11:35 Late Show with David Letterman

Channel 13

12m Sportscenter
 1:00 Dateline
 2:00 Headline News
 2:30 Morning Business Report
 3:00 Good Morning America
 5:00 Harlem Globetrotters/College All-Stars 
 7:00 NBA Inside Stuff
 7:30 NCAA Football
 8:00 Sportscenter
 9:00 20/20
 10:00 Your World
 11:00 World View
 11:30 NBC Nightly News
 12n The Kickoff Show 
 12:30 Alamo Bowl: Penn St./Texas A & M 
 4:00 Headline News
 4:30 ABC World News Tonight
 5:00 Larry King Live
 6:00 The News with Brian Williams
 7:00 The O'Reilly Factor
 8:00 Nightline
 8:30 Nightly Business Report 
 9:00 NHL: Red Wings/Sabres

Thursday, Dec. 30

Channel 9

12m Late Show with David Letterman
 12:35 ESPNNews
 1:05 *Movie: "Son-in-Law" (Comedy, PG)*
 A young farm girl goes off to college and brings home a real wierdo — her fiancé.
 3:50 *Movie: "Bad Boys" (PG)*
 5:00 Headline News 
 5:30 **Bulletin Board** 
 6:00 Headline News
 6:30 Early Today
 7:00 The Today Show
 9:00 Sesame Street
 10:00 Blues Clues
 10:30 Bodyshaping
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 1:25 Guiding Light
 2:15 General Hospital
 3:05 Taz-Mania
 3:30 The Secret Files of the Spydogs
 4:00 Power Rangers in Space
 4:30 Dear America
 5:00 Jeopardy! 
 5:30 Showbiz Today 
 6:00 **Bulletin Board**
 6:30 NBC Nightly News
 7:00 AFN Special: The Story of Kwanza
 8:00 Party of Five
 9:00 Buffy the Vampire Slayer
 10:00 Headline News
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 5:00 NHL: Rangers/Coyotes 
 8:00 Sportscenter
 9:00 College Football: Syracuse/Kentucky 
 12:30 The Kickoff Show
 1:00 Holiday Bowl: Washington/Kansas St. 
 4:30 World News Tonight
 5:00 Larry King Live
 6:00 The News with Brian Williams
 7:00 The O'Reilly Factor
 8:00 Nightline
 8:30 Nightly Business Report 
 9:00 NBA: Heat/Magic 
 11:30 NBA 2Night

Friday, Dec. 31

Channel 9

12m Late Show with David Letterman
 12:35 ESPNNews
 1:05 *Movie: "The Last Sunset" (PG)*
 3:00 *Movie: "Blind Spot" (PG)*
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 5:30 Showbiz Today 
 6:00 **Window on the Atoll/Bulletin Board**
 6:30 NBC Nightly News
 7:00 Dharma and Greg
 7:30 Two Guys, a Girl, and a Pizza Place
 8:00 Just Shoot Me
 8:35 NYPD Blue
 10:00 Headline News
 10:35 Tonight Show with Jay Leno
 11:35 Late Show with David Letterman

Channel 13

12m Sportscenter
 1:00 Dateline
 2:00 Headline News
 2:30 Morning Business Report 
 3:00 Good Morning America
 5:00 NHL: Penguins/Capitals
 8:00 College Football: Louisville/Boise St. 
 11:30 NBC Nightly News
 12n The Kickoff Show 
 12:30 Peach Bowl: Clemson/Mississippi St. 
 4:00 Headline News
 5:00 Larry King Live
 6:00 The News with Brian Williams
 7:00 The O'Reilly Factor
 8:00 Nightline Special Edition 
 9:00 NHL: Oilers/Kings

Programming Note: All programs are subject to change without notice. Channel 13 sports are most likely to be changed. CPN cannot control changes. CPN will continue to serve the community with the best programs available.

Dec. 25 not the end of Marshallese holiday

Conclusion

(Part II appeared Dec. 17)

By Rev. Elden Buck
as told to Pat Cataldo

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

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

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

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

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

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

As the props are being activated, the first of the money gifts will become obvious. There is no giving in secret. The groups begins its "giving



Kwaj residents got a taste of traditional *jebta* dancing last week at the MP room by *Monnen Jebta*. Ebeye churches welcome visitors on Christmas Day.

song" and marches past the altar, piling on cash. They don't go around just once, but again and again, each time placing more money. For this reason, small change is at a premium on Ebeye at Christmas time. An individual's gift might be \$10, but he will want it broken into small denominations, so he can give again and again.

During this same time, the singers throw gifts to the audience, including bars of soap, boxes of matches, gum, thread, candy, pieces of material, rolls of pandanus, and so forth, while the women lavishly spray cologne and perfume over on-lookers. Gifts are seldom thrown to anyone in particular, although it is not unusual for a woman to be wearing several dresses and remove the top one to give to a friend or leader.

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

At the close of the day, the pastor leads a brief worship service. By that time, the church is completely littered with gum wrappers, match

boxes, leaves, ribbons, and parts of the props. The altar area is jammed to the ceiling with food. It remains there for several days until leaders gather to divide it — a process that can also take several days.

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

After Christmas

Midnight of the 25th does not signal the end of Christmas for the Marshallese. The chapters continue meeting, often until the middle of January, to sing and visit those village leaders they missed before Christmas — and especially to make plans for the great feast and party each chapter holds.

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

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

Carlos celebrates Christmas

Story and photos by KW Hillis

Smiles, Santa, brightly wrapped presents, a piñata, music, songs and 42 of Santa's elves from Kwajalein's Jr./Sr. High School Marshall Islands Club arrived in Carlos under threatening skies last Friday. They were greeted at the dock by lei-laden residents.

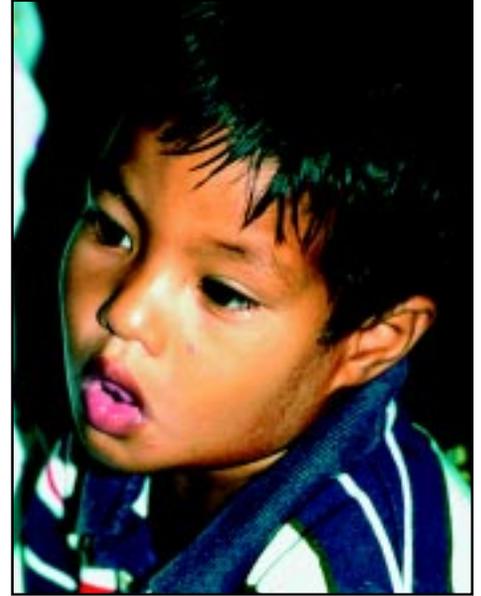
A brief rain didn't dampen spirits or the music, as everyone crowded into the one-room schoolhouse to enjoy the spirited holiday tunes

played by the students.

As the sun appeared, so did Santa Claus. With the help of his elves, he handed out flip-flops, baseball hats, T-shirts and candy to children with ear-to-ear grins.

According to club advisers, Peter Barbella and Ric Fullerton, this was the largest group of students to participate.

"The word is out. They have to work hard, but it's fun," Barbella said. "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Parrot Fish"



Bruno Rich, 4, is mesmerized by the beautiful Christmas music played by the members of the Marshall Islands Club.

stayed on tune with help from Fullerton's guitar.

The residents thanked everyone by performing songs and presenting handmade crafts and a delicious lunch of fried fish, coconut rice and fresh coconut milk.

Over \$1,000 worth of groceries and gifts were given, part of the \$1,500 total collected by the students. Madelain Westermann's third-grade class contributed almost \$450 to the fund by making and selling shell trinkets.

The remainder of the money will be used to sponsor other club events during the year.



Above: Santa Claus (a.k.a. Ric Fullerton) jokes with one of over 30 Carlos children happily receiving gifts of flip-flops, candy and fruit. Left: The third swing is the charm as, moments later, the bat connects with the piñata to the delight of the other children waiting to pounce on the candy and small toys.



Carlos residents wait to greet Col. and Mrs. Gary K. McMillen and other distinguished visitors, along with Marshall Islands Club members.

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Lunch	CAFE PACIFIC	
Sat	<i>Special Christmas menu</i>	
Sun	Brunch station open ★ Spicy Szechuan stir-fry Italian lasagna	
Mon	Brunch station open ★ Rosemary chicken Savory beef brisket	
Tues	Eggplant Parmesan ★ Beef turnovers Lime cilantro chicken	
Wed	Grill: Barbecued pork sandwich Grilled tandoori chicken ★ Oriental beef and broccoli Top-your-own taco bar	
Thur	Grill: Bacon and Swiss sandwich Four-cheese pasta ★ Country-fried chicken Cantonese pineapple pork	
Fri	Grill: Reuben sandwich Cajun red beans with rice ★ Baked meat loaf Fish and chips Grill: Western beef	

Dinner	Tonight	
	Beef and broccoli stir-fry ★ Chicken fingers with sauce Catch of the day	
Sat	<i>Special Christmas menu</i>	
Sun	Sweet-and-sour chicken ★ Baked ham Three-cheese pasta	
Mon	Pasta bean casserole ★ Yankee pot roast Turkey a la king with biscuits	
Tues	Broccoli bake ★ Rigatoni with sausage Pork chops Virginia	
Wed	Shrimp and vegetable stir-fry ★ Bratwurst and kraut Sizzling fajitas	
Thur	Vegetable pasta ★ Pepper steak Chicken curry	

★This symbol denotes the Wellness Menu.

YOKWE YUK CLUB LUNCH SPECIALS		
Sat	Closed	
Tue	Shrimp jambalaya	
Wed	Cumin flank steak quesadilla	
Thur	Closed	
Fri	Closed	

YOKWE YUK CLUB DINNER SPECIALS		
Tonight	Closed	
Sat	Closed	
Sun	Closed	
Wed	Chicken-fried steak with gravy Prime rib	
Thur	Family Night Chinese buffet Sweet-and-sour seafood with peppers Chicken with teriyaki sauce Vegetable lo mein	
Fri	<i>New Year's Eve party</i>	



HELP WANTED
KAPS AIDES, Education Dept. Positions available. Classroom assistant needed for preschool and school-age service programs. Responsibilities include assistance with snack preparation, food sanitation procedures, supervision of children and participation in a wide variety of recreational activities. Individual must possess a cheerful, energetic spirit and be able to work well with children. Selected individuals will be required to undergo a criminal history background check. Submit application or resumé to HR, Nancy, 53705.

ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN, Aeromet Weather Station. Responsibilities include installing, maintaining, troubleshooting and repairing weather and weather-related systems throughout the atoll, as well as working rotating meteorological observer shifts. Specific job tasks include maintenance and repair of weather radar, weather satellite receiver, computer workstations and PCs, upper air sounding systems, wire and fiber communications and meteorological observing and recording systems. Knowledge of radar systems and calibration techniques is highly desired. Call Julie Rehman, 51508.

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 an application, call HR, Nancy, 53705.

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
FENCE POST material and used bike trailer in good condition. Call 54692 and leave a message.

HOUSE-SITTING situation for my responsible parents in a house, trailer or BQ room. They will be visiting Jan. 15-24. Call Elizabeth, 50894.

55-GALLON fish tank to buy or borrow until June. Call 52293.

DOG-SITTER for one week in spring, our house or yours. Would consider trading for watching a compatible dog. Call 52293.

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
14K ROPE chain bracelet. Call 54168.

FOUND
SNORKELING GEAR and a hat at Emon Beach. Call 51128.

ANNIE, I found your penguin, Penny. Call Mikey, 55501.

CAT, young, black and white male, in new housing. Call 52017.

PATIO SALES
MONDAY, 7-10 a.m., Tr. 852. Final PCS sale. All must go.

MONDAY, 8-10 a.m., Qtrs. 471-A. Cancelled if raining. No early birds.

FOR SALE
MEN'S 18-SPEED bike, available Jan. 5, \$50; three-speed chopper, comes with a box of miscellaneous bike parts, \$50. Call 51031.

HOOVER FUTURA canister vacuum with extra bags, runs great, three years old, \$75 or best offer.

AINSLEY DISHES and tea/coffee pot and cups. Call 53659.

BOYS' 16" BIKE, only three months old, with training wheels, \$45; RCA 19" color TV with remote, \$100; Sylvania VCR, \$75; Sony Hi-Fi stereo VCR, \$185. Call 54643.

PATIO TABLE and four chairs with cushions, \$30. Call 53648 after 4:30 p.m.

CANNONDALE ROAD bike, \$300; beer-brewing equipment (complete set), \$40; bike trainer, \$20; silverware with blue handles, \$25; Oneida silverware, \$30; front bike basket, \$10; rear bike basket, \$15. Call 52704.

WORKOUT CENTER with 150 lbs. of weights, includes arm press, leg curl center, butterfly center, lat bar, and more, \$150; two men's three-speed bikes, \$50 and \$75; women's bikes, \$25 and \$35. Call 52602.

FULL SET OF MEN'S GOLF CLUBS with bag and cart, \$150; ladies' starter clubs with bag, \$50; ladies' snorkeling gear set (mask, fins, vest, size 7 booties, dive box, gloves) and beach mat, \$80; new Barbie doll on stand, \$25. Call 52650.

ARTIFICIAL 6' CHRISTMAS tree with stand, green, great for home, BQ or trailer, \$10. Call 53410.

MEN'S SIZE 5, CCM100 hockey rollerblades, worn twice, \$100. Call 53828 and leave a message.

LOFT BED, \$50; white mini-blinds, different sizes, \$5 each; 6' Christmas tree with stand, \$30; two Samsonite hardcase pullman suitcases, \$25 each; cordless speaker

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phone, \$25. Call 52602.

GIRL SCOUT uniform, size 10, includes blouse, skirt, vest, shorts, belt, socks, ties, pouch and sash, excellent condition, \$30. Call 52602.

LARGE ORIENTAL bamboo birdcage, \$25; orange fishing net floats (balls), \$2, \$3 and \$4; TV stand, \$20; small patio tables, \$2 each; cement blocks (all sizes), \$40 for all; wooden cabinet, good for outside, \$8; metal cabinet for outside, \$6; large ficus trees, \$10 each; large plumeria, \$5; wooden picnic tables, \$5 and \$10. Call 52449 after 5 p.m.

FOUR PAIRS of Levis, size 34/36, two are pre-washed; two are indigo, three are new and not worn, one has been worn twice; three new ones are \$10; used are \$5; Power Walker, great indoor exercise, \$25. Call Vanessa, 54577.

BEDSPREAD, fits double- or queen-size bed, off white with lace trim, quilted, with matching shams, good condition, \$30. Call 52504.

SCUBAPRO scuba gear: Men's medium size BC with Air2 and integrated weight system, used three times; one softweight, used once; fins, used a few times, scratched but work great; first stage, good condition, bought used; second stage with gauges, no computer, works great, bought used; men's medium neoprene gloves; men's size 10 shin-high booties; \$450 takes all, may be willing to sell individually. Call 52757.

22' BOSTON WHALER No. 103 with twin Evinrude 70s and boathouse and accessories (lot No. 39), \$8,500. Call Mark, 57266W or 52574H after 6 p.m.

COMPUTER COMPONENTS: 14" VGA monitor, 16 1MB 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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PET OWNERS: The veterinarian from Honolulu has been delayed. She will be coming in January. Owners of pets on the list to be seen will be contacted at that time. Questions? Call 52017.

THERE WILL be a PCS party for the Banducci family Jan. 2, 5:30 p.m., at the MP room. Bring a Mexican dish to share and a family photo for the memory book. Paper products and soda provided. Questions? Call Denise, 52582, Leah, 52777 or Wanda, 53227.

DUE TO construction in the Airport Terminal, the door into the terminal by the Mic Shop will be closed Dec. 27-30. All foot traffic use the door by baggage check-in. For your safety stay out of the construction area.

ATTENTION ALL BOAT OWNERS: Notify Trea, Small Boat Marina supervisor, by Jan. 20 if your items in the hand launch area have been tagged for removal. The Marina will impound any items that are tagged and then not claimed and a fee will be applied. Questions? Call 53643. The Small Boat Marina wishes everyone a happy holiday and "Mele Kalikimaka."

YELVINGTON FAMILY PCS party will be Sunday, 5 p.m., at Emon Beach main pavilion. Bring a dish to share: A-E, salad or fruit; F-N, main dish/meat; O-T, side dish; U-Z, dessert. Drinks and paper goods provided. Questions? Call Lynn, 53511.

ADULT COMMUNITY ED will be offering ESL II starting Jan. 12. Prerequisite is placement testing or prior enrollment in ESL II fall A session. Classes will meet Wednesdays and Fridays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., in the library. Placement testing is by appointment. Class ends March 5. Instructor is Gerri Jackson. Questions? Call 51107.

MOVIEGOERS: Due to repeated vandalism, the vending machines at Richardson Theater have been removed and will no longer be available. Popcorn, soda and snacks will be available at the snack bar prior to the show. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

START THE NEW MILLENNIUM off right by learning to preserve your memories from the last one. Come to the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club general membership meeting Jan. 11, 7 p.m., in CRC Room 1 where we will learn how to scrapbook. Bring eight pictures, a pencil or pen, scissors and your own supplies or \$3 for a small kit of supplies. Questions? Call Lesley, 53235.

THE MARSHALLESE Cultural Center will be closed Friday, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 for the holiday. It will remain open Mondays, 4-6:30 p.m.

VISIT the fastest growing church on Kwaj. Sunday worship in CRC Room 1, 10:45-11:45 a.m. Bible classes Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m., in the Religious Education Building.

RECIPES FOR the next Kwaj cookbook can be sent to CWF, P.O. Box 1068, Local. Ask your family for favorite holiday recipes. Send typed or printed recipes with your name, address and phone number. No form needed. Questions? Call Pat, 53355.

ISLAND ORIENTATION is Wednesday, Dec. 29, 8:30-11:30 a.m., in CAC Room 6. This training is required for all new RSE employees. Dependents over 10 years of age



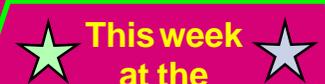
welcome. Guest speakers will present useful and need-to-know information.

NEW HIRE SAFETY training will be Wednesday, Dec. 29, 12:30-3:30 p.m., in CAC Room 6. This training is required for all new RSE employees (no dependents). Topics include safety, PPE, injury reporting and hazard communication.

BOWLING LOCKER rental fees are now due for Jan. 1-June 30. The \$12 fee is payable at Community Activities office, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m., at the bowling center or by mailing a check to Community Activities, P.O. Box 23, Local. Payment is due by Dec. 31. There will be an additional \$5 fee assessed to late payments. Questions? Call 53331.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

ISLAND RESIDENTS: This bulletin is to advise you that the Kwajalein paving project has begun. This project is a massive undertaking that will affect virtually the entire island. The nature of this project requires a number of large pieces of equipment to accomplish the various tasks. With this in mind, and in order for the project to be accident free, we ask for the entire community's assistance. As with any undertaking, the Raytheon policy is safety first, and this project is no exception. With the enormity of this undertaking and the types of equipment utilized, we implore you to discuss this project among yourselves and with your families. It is important to be aware of and remain clear of hazard tape, safety fences, cone barricades and other construction markings. Flagmen may also be used to designate construction areas. Note that the interiors of these marked off areas are construction areas and intended for construction personnel only. The CPN roller will be providing updates as to where and when the crews will be working.



This week
at the
Yokwe Yuk Lounge

Sunday
is Boxing Day.

Join the bash and party with
special guest DJ Chris Hale
playing great '90s music,
8 p.m.-1 a.m.

Don't miss the annual
KYC Parade of Lights,
Friday, 7p.m. The best place to
view this island tradition is from
the rocks next to the ski area.



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New Year's Eve Block Party

Face painting!
Food booths



Scavenger hunt!!



Dancing

**for the whole community,
6:30 p.m., outside the Yokwe Yuk Club!**

putting contest



**Live
music**



**A special
performance
by the
*Kwajalein
Pipes and
Drums!***

**Y2K photo
booth**



If elegant dining is what
you're looking for this
New Year's Eve,
then the Yokwe Yuk dining
room is where you should be.

It will be a spectacular
evening you don't want to
miss, with a five-course
dinner, hosted bar and
live entertainment!

*Make
your reservations
today —
call Michelle at 53513.*

Happy New Year!



See you at the movies!

Saturday

It's A Wonderful Life (Classic, NR, 1946)

A small-town banker is saved from committing suicide one Christmas Eve by a neophyte angel who shows him what a difference his "wasted" life has made to those around him. (Jimmy Stewart, Donna Reed, Lionel Barrymore, Thomas Mitchell) (132 minutes) Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Special holiday showing

No movie tonight at the Yokwe Yuk

No movie tonight at the Tradewinds

Sunday

Iron Will (PG, 1994)

The enthralling true story of Will Stoneman, a teenager from a turn-of-the-century South Dakota farm who enters the grueling 500-mile dog-sled race from Winnipeg, Canada, to Minneapolis in order to win the \$10,000 prize to help his debt-ridden family. (Mackenzie Astin, Kevin Spacey and David Ogden Stiers)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Blue Streak (PG-13)

Miles Logan, a talented jewel thief, is involved in a \$20 million jewelry heist that goes bad, and is forced to hide the precious diamonds at a construction site. Three years later, Logan is out of jail and returns to pick up his loot, only to discover that the site where he hid the diamonds is now a police precinct. (Martin Lawrence)

Richardson Theater, 9:30 p.m.

Eyes Wide Shut (New Release) (R)

A happily married couple is drawn into New York's sexual underworld, where they experiment with forms of sexuality with extra-marital partners, and their dreams begin to penetrate their waking days. (Tom Cruise, Nicole Kidman)

Tradewinds Theater, Roi-Namur, 7:30 p.m.

It's A Wonderful Life (NR, Classic, 1946)

Tradewinds Theater, Roi-Namur, 9:30 p.m.

Monday

Blue Streak (PG-13)

Richardson Theater 7:30 p.m.

Eyes Wide Shut (New Release) (R)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

Kwajalein's Night Before Christmas

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

—Anonymous

WEATHER
Courtesy of Aeromet

Tonight: Partly cloudy.
Winds: East-northeast at 13 to 18 knots.
Tomorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy.
Winds: East-northeast at 13 to 18 knots.
Temperature: Tonight's low 79°
Tomorrow's high 84°

Annual rain total: 84.77"
Annual deviation: -14.97"

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and sea conditions.
Forecasts available online: www.kmr-wx.com



Sun • Moon • Tides



	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Friday December 24	/1837	2014/	1722, 6.2'	2350, 0.1'
Saturday December 25	0701/1838	2116/0910	0548, 4.8' 1802, 6.0'	1139, 0.5'
Sunday December 26	0701/1838	2215/1007	0630, 4.5' 1843, 5.6'	0032, 0.3' 1219, 0.8'
Monday December 27	0702/1839	2310/1059	0714, 4.2' 1925, 5.1'	0115, 0.7' 1301, 1.2'
Tuesday December 28	0702/1839	0002/1147	0803, 3.9' 2011, 4.6'	0200, 1.1' 1349, 1.6'