

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



DC United midfielder Justin Moose shows off some moves at a soccer clinic held Wednesday evening on Brandon Field.

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(Photo by Nell Drumheller)

Getting back something I lost

Are you familiar with the movie, *A Christmas Story*? You know — the one where the young boy wants a BB gun more than anything in the world?

Well, I've got a Christmas story too.

When I was around seven or eight, I really don't remember, I wanted an official St. Louis Cardinals jacket more than anything in the world. No cheap substitutes would do — I wanted the real thing.

I badgered my father endlessly about getting one for Christmas.

My father took me to see the local department store Santa and I told him I wanted one. Santa said, "sure, no problem."

As I got off his lap, I noticed my father was looking daggers right at Santa — like he wanted to do him great bodily harm.

At eight years old, I was unconcerned that a Cardinals jacket was very expensive — way too expensive for my father to afford. All I knew is

that I wanted one.

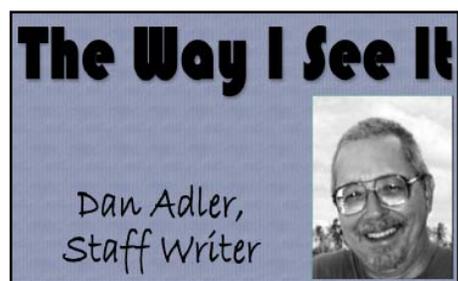
Well, Christmas morning finally came. I rushed into our small living room and started rummaging through the gifts under the tree and came up with one that felt like it had a jacket inside. I tore it open and sure enough, I owned an official St. Louis Cardinals jacket, at last.

I was as happy as a youngster could be. Santa Claus had come through. Hooray for Santa.

The next day, I went to the schoolyard to hang out and show off my cool new jacket.

There were four older boys there and they came over and said my jacket was neat and asked where I got it. I told them it was for Christmas and that Santa Claus had given it to me.

They started laughing and saying bad things about Santa and how I was a nerd and stupid to think Santa had given me the jacket. But worst of all,



they said Santa wasn't real. I argued with them, but they just kept laughing and saying bad things about Santa that I took great offense at.

Now, each of those guys was at least six inches taller than me and outweighed me by at least 30 pounds. But hey, they were messin' with Santa.

So, I took off my glasses, carefully put them in my brand new jacket pocket, drew back my right arm, made a fist, said, "this is for you Santa," and punched the biggest of

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Letter to the editor

Navy, Marine Corps personnel offer their apologies to Army

On behalf of all of the Navy and Marine Corps personnel on the atoll, whether retired, reservist, active duty or veteran, I would like to, once again, send out an almost sincere apology to all of the Army personnel on the atoll, whether retired, reservist, active duty or veteran, for the serious whooping the Midshipmen of the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis gave to the Cadets of the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, during their annual gridiron confrontation this year. Once again, better luck next year.

God bless all of those who serve.

Greg Howson —Go Navy!



To all of the participants in the Community Choir, and the junior/senior high school band and choir for all of their hard work and two very enjoyable Holiday concerts last week.



To the inconsiderate parents at the Dec. 6 concert, for not removing their disruptive children from the hall. The last 25 minutes of the concert would have been more enjoyable without the unnecessary distractions of running and squealing toddlers.

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Grace Sherwood Library changing Facility will lose staff, alternatives are sought

By Nell Drumheller
Editor

The Kwajalein community is undergoing a lot of changes as part of the transformation plan required by the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll.

One of the latest is that beginning in January the Grace Sherwood library will be de-staffed.

"The Grace Sherwood Library has been a much appreciated and well-loved part of the Kwaj community for years, but due to the current fiscal environment there is no longer funding to support the library," explained Simone Smead, Community Activities manager for Kwajalein Range Services. "However, there is an opportunity to have a private club or organization, established or newly created, take over the library and run it as a club."

Staffing depends on level of service and hours of operation, according to Smead. If volunteers can be

found to staff the library that should ensure the doors don't close permanently.

An alternative is to have the library run on an honor system.

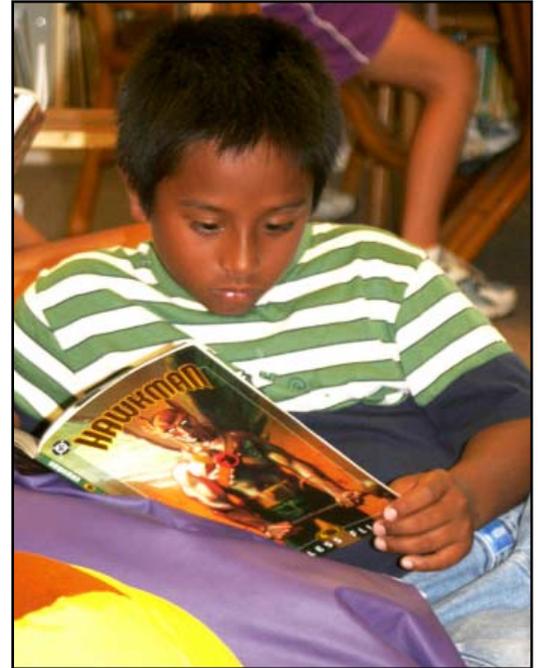
KRS is looking at options to keep the doors from closing.

The library is closed on Tuesdays and holidays, open 9 a.m.-noon and 1-8 p.m. on Wednesdays; 1-8 p.m. on Thursdays and 1-6:30 p.m. Saturdays through Mondays.

The library has computers for public use, magazines, books, movies and audio books.

The staff sponsors special reading challenges; preschool times and events; and monthly themes.

"We are asking the community to think about this and if you are interested, please contact me at 53331," Smead said.



Grace Sherwood Library has been a place of reading and learning for young and old on Kwajalein for many years. The library will not be staffed beginning in January.

Kwaj, Ebeye women attend Christmas exchange dinner

By Tamara Ward
U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll

"As a first time attendee, I felt honored to share time with the Ebeye and Kwajalein Ladies. Such a great kindredship this gathering provides, as well as kindness," Leslie Smith said.

Dating back over 40 years, the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club Christmas Exchange Dinner has been a fun-filled event where women from Ebeye and Kwajalein get together, put aside their differences, and have good old-fashioned fun. This year's special guests from Ebeye included Leroij Seagul Kabua-James, Senator Jeban Riklon's wife Emma, and Ebeye High School Principal Kiorong Sam.

This year YYWC President Jenny Norwood decided to put a different spin on things. Wanting to place more emphasis on service rather than gift giving, she asked all women to refrain from exchanging gifts and instead, recommended the women from Kwajalein donate to the "Eileen Account." Funds from that will be distributed to the hospital on Ebeye. Norwood started the night's event with a heartfelt presentation and



Jabkol Harry, left and Lise Sheet enjoy the Christmas Exchange dinner.

(Photo by JJ Klein)

welcome to the visiting Ebeye women. "You bring two very important things with you when you come," Norwood stated, as she opened a decorative gift box, and pulled out two cards. "Friendship and fun."

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Christmas Cheer

Ennubirr children try their skills at putting during the Children's Christmas Party Monday on Roi.
(Photos by Nell Drumheller)

Annual party brings Christmas to Ennubirr children on Roi-Namur

By Nell Drumheller
Editor

For the nearly 400 youngsters, 12 and under, on Roi-Namur Monday, holiday wishes really did come true.

Members of the Ennubirr Children's Christmas Fund work from season to season to raise money, buy gifts and make the annual Christmas party a reality.

The Roi-Namur community has been 'playing Santa' to Ennubirr children for many years, since 1992.

"The Roi-Namur Police Detachment started a "Toys for Tots" campaign for approximately 75 children age 12 and under," Joe Coleman, ECCF president, said. "As the Ennubirr Island

Santa says hello to a not-so-sure-she-likes-this little girl.





Presents make good pillows for a tired little boy.

population began increasing at a fast pace, the police turned it over to the Roi-Namur Community in 1996.”

This year’s turnout was estimated at more than 600 people for the half-day Christmas party.

“We spent just over \$10,000 on gifts for the kids and enough food to feed the families from Enniburr Island and the many volunteers at the ECCF Children’s Christmas party,” Coleman said. He said that the bulk of donations come in the form of money raised from the ECCF Chili Cook-Off, and the rest comes from money raised from the ECCF Coconut Cup Race and ECCF Bingo.

The day combines games, food, meeting Santa, gift giving and a Marshallese music program.

“The best part of the event is watching the kids laugh and have so much fun playing all of the games; also watching the Marshallese music program,” Coleman said. “I get a lot of satisfaction out of seeing how much fun the Enniburr kids have during this event.”

He added, “The most challenging thing about the event is ensuring all of the gifts have been bought and received in time for the Christmas party. The games and gifts are purchased on-line and Lannie Carroll buys the Christmas gifts with ECCF funding each year when she goes home on vacation to the Philippines.”

I would like to thank the residents of Enniburr, Roi-Namur and Kwajalein for all of their help and support without which the ECCF could not possibly put on the magnitude of the annual ECCF Chili Cook-Off and the ECCF Children’s Christmas Party,” Coleman said.

“We would like to get the Marshallese community more involved by looking into having dual ECCF Committee officers,” Coleman said. He thinks having both Enniburr Island ECCF officers and Roi-Namur Island officers would improve next year’s event. “This would give us a closer working relationship as to the best way to spend the money for the children and allow the Marshallese to be a part of planning and helping with fund raisers.”

For more information on the ECCF, contact Coleman at 56552.

Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007



Baggo is big at the children’s party.



Life is just a bunch of bubbles for this little girl.

School of SOCCER



DC United soccer player Justin Moose shows off some foot skills at the soccer clinic. (Photos by Nell Drumheller)

Visiting DC United players hold clinics for Kwaj residents

By Nell Drumheller
Editor

Four professional soccer players from the DC United team were on Kwajalein this week providing clinics to athletes young and old. The athletes are touring military installations as a part of the Armed Forces Entertainment program.

Jeff Carroll, midfield; Marc Burch, defense; Nick Addlery, forward and Justin Moose, midfield conducted three clinics over a two day period.

The first clinic was held on Tuesday evening for approximately 30 players in the 7th – 12 grade range.

“I think the most important thing that the participants got out of the clinics was the opportunity to learn the basics from professional soccer players,” said John Morgan, Kwajalein Range Services Community Activities adult athletic supervisor. “The clinics taught the participants how to dribble, pass, shoot, communicate, and how to work as a team while making the experience fun and memorable.”

The clinics were conducted on the level appropriate for each age group.

The professional players patiently helped children as young as kindergarten age understand the basics while adding fun touches to the clinics. The second clinic was held on Wednesday for kindergarten through



Students warm up for the soccer clinics held by DC United players.



Justin Moose, left, Paul McGrew, Dustin Bonham and Jim Stepchew watch as Allison Hibberts displays newly learned talents.

6th grade athletes. Approximately 60 children participated. This clinic was broken down into two groups, with kindergarten through third in one and fourth through sixth in the other. There were soccer balls everywhere with young people kicking, dribbling, and bumping into one another.

Moose kept the attention of the fourth through sixth graders while he taught them a variety of foot skills that had many of the adult volunteers watching in awe.

“It was absolutely amazing to work with professional soccer players. It’s not everyday you get the opportunity work with professional athletes and it truly was an amazing experience,” Morgan said.

The final clinic was Wednesday evening. It was for adults and had approximately 20 participants.

“Being the Adult Athletic Supervisor, it was fun watching them work with the various age groups and realizing that they are just normal people helping teach the sport they love,” Morgan said. “I felt the players did an excellent job catering their clinics to fit their desired age groups. They did a wonderful job of getting the K-6th grade students excited about their upcoming soccer season.”

The DC United stop on Kwajalein was one four on their 14-day tour of the Pacific. The trip included bases in Hawaii, Guam and Japan.



Fifth grader Bryce Smith gives the ball some air time off his knee.



Third grader Jillian DeCoster practices kicks as Nick Adlery looks on.

Festival of lights

Preschoolers learn Hanukkah tradition

By Yael Beals
Contributor

Preschoolers on Kwajalein participated in a Hanukkah celebration Wednesday. The class sang the dreidel song, lit the candles in the Menorah and ate traditional Hanukkah food.

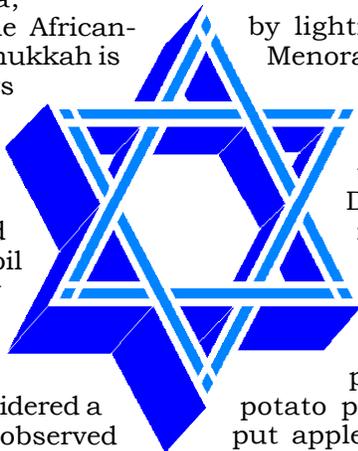
“My favorite part of Hanukkah is dreidels because I love the dreidel song,” said Sofia Beals, 3. A dreidel is a four-sided spinning top that children play with on Hanukkah.

Hanukkah, also known as the festival of lights, takes place around the same time as Christmas, a celebration of the birth of Christ, and Kwanzaa, a holiday honoring the African-American heritage. Hanukkah is observed for eight days and commemorates the repossessing of the second temple of Jerusalem. After the Jews recaptured the temple they lit an oil lamp. There was only enough oil in the lamp to burn for one night, but it burned for eight nights, which was considered a miracle. Hanukkah is observed



Sofia Beals lights the Hanukkah candles.

(Photo by Yael Beals)



by lighting the candles in a Menorah, a type of candelabrum.

Karen Tyson’s preschool class at the Kwajalein Child Development Center made Hanukkah arts and crafts projects and cooked the traditional Hanukkah Latkes, or potato pancakes. “I like the potato pancakes because we put apple sauce on top,” said

Kai Gregoire.

Lynn Elkin brought the preschoolers a taste of Hanukkah, the traditional Sufganiyot, a sweet pastry similar to a jelly donut. Elkin read a story about Hanukkah and then lit the candles in the Menorah

“There’s not a big mix of cultures in our preschool classroom, so we are talking about the winter holidays including Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa,” said Tyson.

As Hanukkah comes to an end, the class is looking forward to learning about Christmas and Kwanzaa.

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Over dinner women were able to get to know one another. Seating was arranged so that a YYWC club member, Kwajalein and Ebeye resident was at each table.

One of the traditions of the dinner was to have the women from each island entertain each other, with the host island, Kwajalein, beginning the night’s festivities. After the presentation of gifts to the “Eileen Account”, Cheryl Shields enthusiastically taught all the ladies the “Cha Cha”. Comic relief was also provided by the Kwajalein women who sang, or made an attempt to sing “Santa Baby”. The women from Ebeye, including recognizable employees of Kwajalein and a Recruit Indoctrination candidate performed two songs and five dances.

The Ebeye women also brought along with them a band of three young Marshallese men who played a variety of dancing music for the women. Wherever you looked in the multi-purpose room that night, there were women laughing, dancing around the room, and hugging their new friends. One Kwajalein resident even made a future date to visit her new Ebeye friend and learn how to make rice coconut balls and jerk chicken.

So did Norwood keep the women from exchanging gifts altogether? Nope. There were so many bags given by both sides, there was a table full of leftover treats. But by that time, the most meaningful gifts had already been exchanged.

Pauper's marathon held Monday

By Bob Sholar
Kwajalein Running Club

The Kwajalein Running Club held its Pauper's Marathon and Rely Monday. The event is held annually to coincide with the Honolulu Marathon in Hawaii.

Congratulations Jon, Alex, Christi, John, Valerie, Julianne and Doug; also to the teams.

I vaguely remember that unexpectedly pleasing combination of emotional high and acute muscle soreness felt the day after running a 26.2-mile marathon. Enjoy it, you earned it. If you find yourself grinning as you hobble the stairs, don't worry; that is completely normal.

Between Kwaj and Honolulu, seven Kwaj runners covered the full 26.2 miles. That is the highest count since the early 1980s. All starters finished.

Four of the five local marathoners elected to start at 3 a.m. The Honolulu Marathon starts at 5 a.m. Hawaii time, so it was a concurrent start. The teams started at a more humane 6:30 a.m. The fifth full local marathoner Jon Jahnke, did not want to get up that early, so he started by himself about 5:30 a.m.

Locally we had five individual marathon runners and 23 runners participating on the four teams. There are no rules to team size, except teams have to include between two and 10 members.

There are 10-loops to Pauper's Marathon. The first is 2-1/4 miles and the last nine are 2-2/3 miles. They are carefully measured to be a total of 26-miles plus 385-yards, which is the official modern marathon distance.

We've been getting one or two residents per year trav-

eling to Hawaii to run the Honolulu Marathon in the past decade. The local runners are unable (or unwilling) to buy a plane ticket, hence: "Pauper's Marathon". Back in the early 1980s, an amazing total of twenty (yes 20) Kwajalein residents flew to Hawaii to run the Honolulu Marathon. All twenty finished.

This year Doug Helpler and Julianne Kirchner ran in Hawaii.

AnnElise Peterson arrived at the race location at 2:30 a.m. and spent the next eight hours doing the loop timing.

This was the 26th Annual "Pauper's Marathon and Relay".

Pauper's results:

Jon Jahnke: 3:46:05 - 2nd marathon and personal best

Alex McGlinn: 4:33:30 - 1st marathon

Christi Davis: 4:40:01 - 1st marathon

John Lafferty: 5:12:28 - 1st marathon shedding 80 pounds on the way

Valerie Hill: 5:24:28 - 1st marathon

Range Rats: 3:19:26 (formed by Johann Schleiss)

Team Marine: 3:41:19 (formed by Jack Carey)

Team Elias: 3:54:50 (Brent and Krystal Peterson - husband and wife duo team)

Kwaj Kids: 4:38:31 (Justin Hill's team of 10 boys)

Honolulu results:

Julianne Kirchner: 4:03:35 — 2nd marathon and personal best

Doug Hepler: 5:19 — 1st marathon shedding 50 pounds on the way



Valerie Hill's sons, Sawyer, left, and Justin, join her as she finishes her tenth lap during the Kwajalein Running Club's Pauper's Marathon relay Monday.

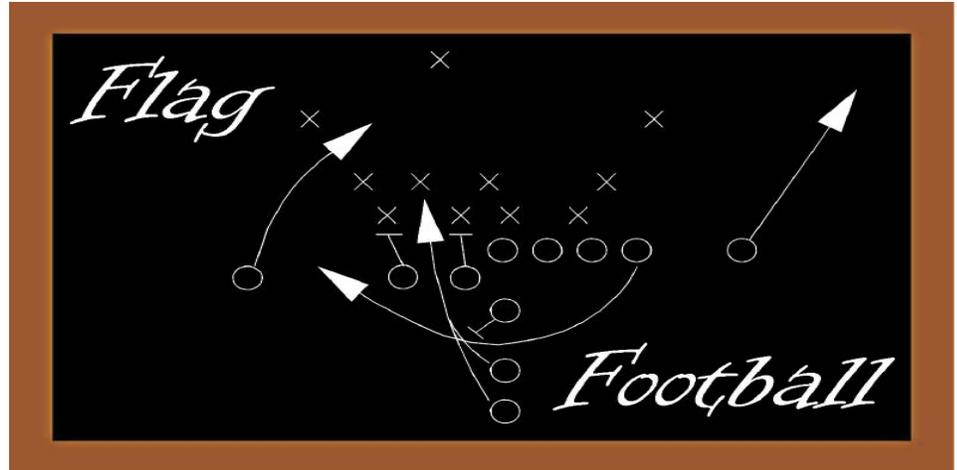
(Photo by Bob Sholar)

Big plays marked flag football games Dec. 4

By Jason Kettenhofen
Child and Youth Services program

The 2007 youth flag football season has hit the midway point and all teams have shown improvement since they first took the field in mid November. The game on Dec. 4 between the Yellow Kwaj Dogz and Blue Warriors came down to big plays.

Yellow Kwaj Dogz struck first in the half with a Cody Wright catch and run touchdown from Annie Hepler. Preston Parker-Roop's 15-yard catch set up a two-yard touchdown catch, Hepler to Wright. The Blue Warriors had a few potential scoring opportunities with Noah Gray passing to Sam Jahnke, but the Yellow Kwaj Dogz defense held firm and turned the Blue



Warriors away on downs. Jun Jun Davis, Keith Brady and the rest of the Blue Warriors defense had some great plays on defense in the second half. The only score came

late in the half when Wright took a pitch and busted through a hole for a 12-yard touchdown run. Both teams showed hustle and good gamesmanship.

Christmas in the Marshall Islands

6 p.m., Monday, in
Corlett Recreation
Center Gym

CHRISTMAS IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS IS A PROGRAM OF TRADITIONAL MARSHALLESE HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES. THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED TO SHARE IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON WITH OUR MARSHALLESE NEIGHBORS. SPONSORED BY THE MARSHALLESE CULTURAL SOCIETY. QUESTIONS? CALL CRIS, 52935

Five servicemembers die in Global War on Terror



Spc. Randy W. Pickering, 31, of Bovey, Minn., died Sunday in Baghdad, Iraq of injuries sustained in a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the Regimental Support Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, Vilseck, Germany.

Cpl. Tanner J. O'Leary, 23, of Eagle Butte, S.D., died Sunday in Musa Qal'eh, Afghanistan of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Spc. Johnathan A. Lahmann, 21, of Richmond, Ind., died Monday in Tikrit, Iraq of wounds suffered in Bayji, Iraq when a improvised explosive device struck his vehicle. He was assigned to the 59th Engineer Company, 20th Engineer Battalion, 36th Engineer Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas.

Staff Sgt. Gregory L. Elam, 39, of Columbus, Ga., died Tuesday in Kandahar, Afghanistan as a result of a non-combat related illness. He was assigned to the 54th Quartermaster Company, 49th Quartermaster Group, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), located at Fort Lee, Va.

Chief Petty Officer Mark T. Carter, 27, of Fallbrook, Calif., Tuesday, as a result of enemy action while conducting combat operations in Iraq. He was permanently assigned as an East Coast-based Navy SEAL.



(Photo by Nell Drumheller)

Nothin' but net

A local team of basketball all-stars, in the white uniforms, took on the Harlem Ambassadors in a game Thursday night. The Harlem Ambassadors' team was on Kwajalein to provide the community an entertaining show with a positive message about the need to exercise, a commitment to education, and the prevention of substance abuse. Half of the proceeds of the show went to the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll/Reagan Test Site Recruit Indoctrination Program, a private voluntary organization dedicated to providing opportunities to young Marshallese that want to join the U.S. military but need additional training, in order to buy books and instructional material.

Tickets for the Annual Holiday Tour of Homes will be on sale, 10 a.m.-noon, Monday on Macy's porch.

The Tour of Homes is scheduled for 6:30-9 p.m., Dec. 21. Transportation provided upon request.

Christmas Eve hours of operation

Kwajalein

Beaches	
Emon Beach	11 a.m.-3 p.m.
All other beaches	Buddy system at all times
Bowling Center	Closed
CRC/Raquetball Courts	7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Gear Locker	Closed
Golf Course	Sunrise to sunset
Golf Pro Shop	6:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Driving Range	Closed
Hobby Shop	12:30-5 p.m.
Ivey Gym	Cipher lock
Kayak Shack	1-3 p.m.
Library	1-5 p.m.
Adult pool	Buddy system
Family pool	11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Skate Park	Buddy system at all times
Small Boat Marina	8 a.m.-6 p.m.
ARC	noon-10 p.m.
Surfway	Closed
Ten-Ten	10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Gimbel's	9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Macy's and Macy's West	9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Beauty/Barber	Closed
DVD Depot	Normal hours
Laundry	Closed
Sunrise Bakery	6 a.m.-noon
Three Palms Snack Bar	10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Pizza delivery	11 a.m.-8 p.m.
Dock Security Snack Bar	Closed
Ocean View Club	4:30-11 p.m.
Country Club	6:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Post Office Kwaj	10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Community Bank	Closed

ATM will be operational
telephone and online banking will be available

Roi-Namur

Roi gym	normal
Roi Hobby Shop	normal
Roi Small Boat Marina	8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Roi library	normal
Roi golf course	normal
Roi adult pool	normal
Roi gear locker	normal

Christmas Day hours of operation

Kwajalein

Beaches	
Emon Beach	Buddy system
All other beaches	Buddy system
Bowling Center	Closed
CRC/Raquetball Courts	Closed
Gear Locker	Closed
Golf Course	Sunrise to sunset
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Non-potable water

- Pipes and spigots are color coded red.
- Not suitable for drinking, wading pools, children's sprinkler toys or water toys.
- Suitable for watering plants, watering lawns, washing vehicles and washing of patios.
- Produced by waste water treatment plant.
- Filtered and disinfected with chlorine.

Dren eo etoon im ejjab dren in idrak

- Pipe im bojet ko rekolar biroro (red)
- Ejjab emon non idrak, karreoki jikin tutu ko, kab kein ikkure dren ko nejin ajiri ro im menko erok wot.
- Emon non utidrikdikrimeneddeko, kwaliimkarreokiwako, etonaak, ko im menko erok wot.
- Emoj karreokiki kin jerako

POTABLE WATER

Potable water

- Pipes and spigots are color coded yellow.
- Suitable for drinking, bathing, cooking and washing clothes.
- Produced mainly from rainfall.
- Limited island supply.
- Filtered and disinfected with chlorine.

Dren eo erreo

- Pipe im bojet ko rekolar jalo (yellow)
- Emon non idrak, tutu, kmat, kwalkol nukruk im menko erok wot.
- Ewor jonan kojerbale ilo juon alon.
- Emoj karreokiki kin jeraiko
- Walok elaptata jen woot.

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the four in the nose.

Even all these years later, I wish I had thought a little more before I did that, because it didn't work out too well.

You know — it's really amazing how fast you can go into the fetal position when you're getting the snout knocked out of you.

As I cringed on the schoolyard pavement, those guys seemed real serious about getting their licks in. I don't know how long the unpleasantness went on, but it seemed like about a week.

Either they got bored or tired — I don't know which — but eventually they left, still saying uncomplimentary things.

Now, I don't have any idea where Santa was that day, but I do know he *wasn't* around while I was getting the stuffing beat out of me.

So there I was on the schoolyard playground — I had a broken nose, a badly split lip, a deep cut over my right eye, my glasses were busted and my brand new Cardinals jacket was torn and covered with blood from my nose. All things considered, it hadn't been a good day so far.

I got up, dragged myself home and walked into the kitchen. My father was sitting at the table eating a sandwich. He looked up at me and said, rather unkindly, "what the bleep happened to your *JACKET?*"

So I explained, "You see daddy (sniff sniff), there were these guys (blubber) on the playground and they (sniff) said bad things about how (blubber blubber) Santa wasn't real and I (sniff sniff blubber) wasn't going to let them say bad things (blubber) about Santa. So I fought them daddy. Nobody's (sniff) going to say Santa's not real to me (blubber)."

My father looked down at the floor for a second or two and then looked up, put his hand on my shoulder and told me something about Santa I really didn't want to hear right then.

My reaction was calm. I screamed, "WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!!"

I remember thinking that it would have been helpful if he had given me that information *YESTERDAY!*

It cost my poor dad a fortune to take me to the doctor to get my nose, lip and eye taken care of, not to mention how much it cost to replace my glasses.

My new Cardinals jacket was a total loss, torn and blood-stained. I cried and cried over it.

Needless to say, my thinking about the white-bearded guy soured a little after that. I got pretty cynical about a lot of things at my tender age.

That non-trusting view of the world stayed with me into my young adulthood.

Then I met a wonderful girl. She bubbled over with the excitement of life. To her, every day was a new adventure to be savored and enjoyed. She almost never let trials and tribulations (of which she had many) get her down. She still remembered every fairy tale she'd ever heard and every little childhood song.

My miserable, snarly, 'life stinks' view of the world couldn't have been more different from hers.

Somehow, thank God, she fell in love with me and became my wife. Even though she managed to mellow me out somewhat, I told her that her view of life wasn't very realistic. I always told her to be careful about what she trusted in.

She was the most excited when Christmas came around. She loved going to shopping malls just to hear the music and see the lights. She would drag me to Christmas tree lightings downtown and other various holiday-related activities. She said she wished she was still a little girl and could sit on Santa's lap again. I just shook my head.

Then, we found ourselves with a daughter, and Christmas, like everything else in our lives, was about her.

When my daughter was old enough, my wife asked me to take her to see Santa at the big downtown department store. Well, that was the last thing I wanted to do, but my wife insisted, so off we went.

We got to the store and the place was packed with children and their parents. Everyone was brimming with excitement, except me. I just wanted to get it over with and get out of there.

But then, I saw the sparkle and excitement in my daughter's eyes. She just couldn't wait to see Santa. I looked up and down the long line and saw the same anticipation and joy in all of the other children and even in their parents. I heard the Christmas carols. I saw shoppers in the store actually smiling at each other and wishing each other Merry Christmas.

And as I stood in that line with my daughter and the other children, something happened — I got back what I had lost so many years ago in that schoolyard.

I believed again. I knew for sure then and there that Santa is real.

He exists in every child's sparkling eyes. He exists in every child's laughter. He exists in every parent who brings their children to see him, and maybe, for just a few moments, becomes a child again with their own fond Christmas memories.

Yeah, I got back a little of what I had lost. Maybe the world wasn't as bad a place as I thought it was. I realized that Santa Claus lives and always will as long as there are children who believe, and adults who are young at heart.

I guess what I'm saying is that no matter how old you are, no matter how much life has knocked you around, no matter how the world has tried to make you think there's nothing good out there, it's nice to believe in the idea of Santa and to let the spirit of giving and love he represents, into your heart.

But, I would strongly recommend you never get into an argument about it with four guys bigger than you.



Hey boys and girls!

Scuba Santa

will arrive Dec. 22 at
Emon Beach!

HELP WANTED

KRS has the following job openings. For contract hire positions, call Sheri Hendrix, 256-890-8710. For all others, call Carolyn Veirup, 51300. Full job descriptions and requirements for contract openings are located online at www.krsjv.com. Job descriptions for other openings are located at Human Resources, Building 700.

NEED EXTRA money? KRS employment applications are continually accepted for all Community Services departments and the Human Resources temporary pool for casual positions. Some examples of these positions are: sport officials, scorekeepers, delivery drivers, lifeguards, catering/dining room workers, medical office receptionists, temporary office support, etc. For more information, call the KRS HR Office at 54916.

ON ISLAND HIRES

AC&R TECHNICIANS I, full-time, Kwaj Ops., HR Reqs. K050009 and K050010

CARPENTER II, full-time, Kwaj Ops, HR Req. K050158

CARPENTER III, full-time, Kwaj Ops, HR Req. K050047

GENERAL MAINTENANCE I, full-time, Marine Department, HR Req. K050160

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR II, full-time, Meck Operations, HR Req. K050150

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR II, full-time, Kwaj Ops., HR Req. K050038

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR IV, full-time, Solid Waste, HR Req. K050155

INCINERATOR OPERATOR III, full-time position, Solid Waste Mgmt., HR Req. K050112

INCINERATOR OPERATOR III, full-time position, Meck Operations, HR Req. K050144

MECHANIC II, full-time, Roi Power Plant, HR Req.

K050183

PLUMBER/PIPEFITTER II, full-time, Utilities, HR Req. K050040

PETROLEUM, OIL and LUBE TECHNICIAN, full-time, Supply/Fuel Farm, HR Req. K050385.

RAMP WORKER I, full-time position, Airfield Ops, HR Req. K050251

RETAIL ASSOCIATE III, Gimble's, full-time, HR Req. K050291

SHEETMETAL WORKER II, full-time, Kwaj Ops., HR Req. K050011

STYLIST, casual position, HR Req. K050275

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, casual positions, on-call

TOOL ROOM ATTENDANT I, full-time position, Roi Operations, HR Req. K050137

TRAFFIC AGENT I, part-time, Airfield Ops, HR Req. K050181

TRAFFIC AGENT, full-time, Airfield Ops, HR Req. K050250

WAREHOUSE RECEIVING AND RECORDS CLERK, full-time, Property Management, HR Req. K050153

CONTRACT HIRES

(A) accompanied (U) unaccompanied

Even numbered requisitions=CMSI

Odd numbered requisitions=KRS

ABLE SEAMAN, HR Req. 031482 U

AC&R TECHNICIAN II and III, three positions, HR Reqs. 031378, 031454 and 031530 U

AC & R TECHNICIAN IV, HR Req. 031522 U

ACCOUNTANT II, HR Req. 032083 U

ACCOUNTING CLERK III, HR Req. 032097 and 032099.

Religious Services

Catholic

Saturday Mass, 5:30 p.m., in the small chapel.
Sunday Mass, 9:15 a.m., in the main chapel.
Mass on Roi is at 12:30 p.m., in Roi chapel.

Protestant

Sunday

8 and 10:45 a.m., on Kwaj and Roi-Namur service at 4 p.m.
Sunday school for all ages is at 9:15 a.m.

Later-Day Saints

10 a.m., Sunday, in
Corlett Recreation Center, Room 3.

Baptist

9:40 a.m., Sunday, in elementary school music room.

Church of Christ

10 a.m., Sunday,
in Quarters 442-A.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LEAD, HR Req. 032095.

ALCOR TRANSMITTER FIELD ENGINEER II, HR Req. 032063 U

ALCOR/MMW LEAD RECEIVER ENGINEER, HR Req. 032069 A

APPLIANCE REPAIR TECHNICIAN IV, HR Req. 031528.

CALIBRATION REPAIR TECHNICIAN II and III, HR Reqs. 032057, 032021 and 032055

CARPENTER II, III, IV, HR. Reqs. 031348, 031346, 031524, 031350 and 031442 U

CDC INSTRUCTOR, HR Req. 032019 U

CERTIFIED TEACHER, HR Req. 032087 U

CHIEF ENGINEER, HR Req. 032049 U

CHILD YOUTH SERVICES DIRECTOR, HR Req. 032093.

Lunch

Sunday Carved round of beef Vegetable ragu Breaded chicken breast Grill: Brunch station open	Monday Broiled pork chops Herb roast chicken Three-cheese quiche Grill: Brunch station open	Tuesday Beef Stroganoff Chicken picatta Broccoli/rice casserole Grill: French dip	Wednesday Szechuan pork Chicken katsu Thai shrimp pasta Grill: Teriyaki burger	Thursday Swiss steak Chicken stir-fry Tuna casserole Grill: Sicilian hoagies	Friday Kalua pork and cabbage Cheeseburger macaroni Baked nairagi Grill: Tostada bar	Dec. 22 Pot roast Sicilian pizza Tofu stir-fry Grill: Corn dogs
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Dinner

Tonight Minute steak Marinated salmon Vegetarian beans	Sunday Cantonese pork Tandouri chicken Eggplant Parmesan	Monday Hamburger steak Penne pasta a la cacciatore Turkey peapod stir-fry	Tuesday Kwaj fried chicken Honey lime ono Hawaiian chopped steak	Wednesday Flank steak Barbecued chicken Chef's choice	Thursday Ham steak Hawaiian Oven fried chicken Brunswick stew	Friday Stir-fry to order Korean beef ribs Charsiu chicken
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Café Pacific

Lunch

Sunday Arroz con pollos Pot roast French toast casserole Grill: Brunch station open	Monday Hawaiian chopped steak Grilled moon fish Spirals with chicken Grill: Brunch station open	Tuesday Braised Swiss steak Chicken thigh fricassee Parmesan potatoes Grill: Pork sandwich	Wednesday Penne pasta Beef ravioli Chicken Parmesan Grill: N/A	Thursday Pork carnitas Beef/chicken tacos Cowboy's fried squash Grill: Chicken quesadilla	Friday Stuffed cabbage Chicken divan Chili mac Grill: French dip	Dec. 22 Pork chili rejoy Monterey chicken Black beans/rice Grill: Burritos
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Dinner

Tonight Corn beef and cabbage Cornish game hens Chef's choice	Sunday Teriyaki beef steak Cantonese pork Sautéed nairagi	Monday Spaghetti Beef piccata Eggplant/chicken Alfredo	Tuesday Barbecued ribs Spiced ham loaf Fried chicken	Wednesday Grilled sirloin steaks Chicken chausseuer Pasta primevera	Thursday Chicken katsu Thai pork and rice Thai shrimp pasta	Friday Roast chicken Wild rice and beef Baked ziti
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Café Roi



COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN II, III, HR Reqs. 031941, 031803, 031999, 031967 and 031883 U
 COMPUTER OPERATOR II, HR Req. 031955 U
 COMSEC TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 031957 U
 CONTRACTS PURCHASES SPECIALIST, HR. Req. 031851 U
 CYS TECHNOLOGY LAB LEAD, HR Req. 031851 U
 DESIGNER/PLANNER IV, HR Req. 031308 U
 DISPATCHER, HR Req. 031540 U
 DRAFTER II, HR Req. 031486 U
 DRIVER II, HR Req. 031117
 ELECTRICIAN II, III and IV LEAD, HR Reqs. 031224, 031210, 031332, 031408, 031412, 031570, 031504, 031304, 031380, 031414, 031578, 031580 and 031448 U
 ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN I, II, III, HR Reqs. 031719, 031825, 031869, 031743, 031959 and 031931 U
 ENGINEER, HR Req. 031436 U
 EQUIPMENT REPAIR TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 032101 A
 FIELD ENGINEER I and II, HR Reqs. 031867, 031753 and 032075 A
 FIRE INSPECTOR, HR Req. 031466 U
 FIRE LIEUTENANT, HR Req. 031546 U
 FIRE SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 031428 U
 FIREFIGHTER, HR Reqs. 031268, 031312, 031316, 031544, 031554, 031556, 031558, and 031534 U
 HARBOR CONTROLLER, HR Req. 031568 U
 HARDWARE ENGINEER I and II, HR Reqs. 032005, 031897, 031979 and 032065 A
 HEAVY EQUIPMENT MECHANIC III, HR Req. 0315 U
 HELP DESK TECHNICIAN II and III, HR Req. 032077 and 032109 U
 HOUSING INSPECT/EST/MAINT SPECIALIST, HR Req. 031390 U
 KWAJALEIN POWER PLANT, OPERATOR

ELECTRIC, HR Req. 031494 U
 LEAD FIRE INSPECTOR, HR Req. 031424 U
 LEAD WELDER, HR 031198 U
 LICENSED MARINER I, HR Req. 031456 U
 MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST, MECK, HR Req. 031386 U
 MANAGER, INVENTORY CONTROL, HR Req. 031542
 MANAGER, NETWORK OPERATIONS, HR Req. 032115 A
 MATE, 500T, HR Req. 031526 U
 MDN NETWORK ENGINEER, HR Req. 032029 U
 MECHANIC III, IV, HR Reqs. 031432, 031488, 031246 and 031474 U
 MECHANICAL ENGINEER III, HR Req. 031512 U
 MECK POWER PLANT MECHANIC III, HR Req. 031462 U
 MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST, HR Req. 032015 U
 MMW OPERATIONS DIRECTOR, HR Req. 031945 U
 NETWORK ENGINEER III-MO, HR Req. 031855 A
 PAINTER III, HR Req. 031366 and 031472 U
 PHYSICIAN, SURGEON, HR Req. 031901 A
 PLANT TECHNICIAN II, III, HR Reqs. 031947 and 031643 U
 PLUMBER PIPEFITTER III and IV, HR Req. 031354 and 031548 U
 PROGRAMMER/ ANALYST-SUPPLY and MAINT, HR Req. 031841 A
 PROJECT PLANNER II, HR Req. 031296 A
 PROJECT PLANNER III, HR Req. 032091 A
 PUBLIC INTERNET SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR, HR Req. 031763 U
 PSYCHOLOGIST/EAP, HR 032119 U
 RADAR ENGINEER III, HR Req. 031961 A
 RADAR TECHNICIAN II and III, HR Reqs. 031943 and 031717 U
 ROI POWER PLANT ELECTRICIAN, HR Req. 031220 U
 SAFETY SPECIALIST III and IV, HR Reqs. 031893 and 032047 A
 SERVER ADMINISTRATOR III, HR Req. 032085 A
 SHEETMETAL WORKER III, HR Reqs. 031446 and 031422 U
 SHIFT SUPERVISOR, CAFE ROI, HR Req. 032125 U
 SOFTWARE COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST, HR Req. 032089
 SOFTWARE ENGINEER II and IV, HR Reqs. 031975 and 031951 A
 SPACE SURVEILLANCE OPERATOR, HR Reqs. 031619, 031919 and 031915 U
 STEVEDORE CHIEF, HR Req. 031574 A
 SUPERVISOR, RANGE TELECOM, HR Req. 032067 A
 SUPERVISOR WAREHOUSING, HR Req. 031532 U

SUPERVISOR CONFIGURATION AND DATA, HR Req. 031821 A
 SUPERVISOR LIGHT VEHICLE/SCOOTER, HR Req. 031196 A
 SYSTEMS ENGINEER I, III and IV, HR. Reqs. 031749, 031965, 031909, 031963 and 031011 A
 TECHNICAL ILLUSTRATOR, HR Req. 032123 U
 TELEMETRY ENGINEER III, HR Req. 031723 A
 TRADEX RADAR FIELD ENGINEER-RECEIVERS, HR Req. 032061 U
 TRADEX TRANSMITTER ENGINEER, HR Req. 032081 A
 TRAFFIC AGENT I AND II, HR Reqs. 031560 and 031552 U
 WAREHOUSEMEN LEAD, HR Req. 031360 U
 WATER PLANT ELECTRICAL AND INSTRUMENT TECHNICIAN, HR Req. 031562 U
 WATER PLANT OPERATOR III, HR Req. 030826 U
 WATER TREATMENT TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 030826 U
 WELDER IV, HR Reqs. 031444 and 030834 U

U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll

OFFICE AUTOMATION ASSISTANTS, GS-0326-6. Temporary position not to exceed two years. The employee provides clerical support to ensure efficient office operations. The employee accomplishes various duties to provide essential office automation support and production. The employee performs a variety of assignments using the advanced functions of various database software packages. The employee prepares varied documents with complex formats using the advanced functions of word processing, desktop publishing, and other software types. The employee performs systems maintenance functions for electronic mail systems. The employee performs a variety of assignments using the advanced functions of one or more spreadsheet software packages. Performs a variety of secretarial and other clerical and administrative functions, using judgment to answer recurring questions and resolve problems. Apply at <<https://cpolwapp.belvoir.army.mil>>

LOST

BLACK NYLON wallet between Ten-Ten and 6th Street. Reward offered. Call 58565.
 TRIDENT 8-IRON golf club with graphite shaft, on golf course two weeks ago. Call Steve, 50781.
 COPY OF movie *The Last Mimzy*, missing from Namo Weto Youth Center. Return to the Youth Center or call James, 53796. No movies will be shown at the Youth Center until the movie is returned. The movie is government property.
 VELVET BRAND sunglasses. Call 51444.
 GIRLS' PRESCRIPTION reading glasses, black and red frame, in new housing area. Call 54577.
 LARGE CONSPICUOUS silver Casio Sea-Pathfinder watch left unsecured at the gym during high school volleyball practice. I would like to thank the person who 'secured' this for me and request that you now return it to the lost and found at the gym or call Rob, 52200. No questions asked.
 LARGE BLUE umbrella with 'Thimsen' written on it at the soccer field. Call 52527.

FOUND

AKONA STAINLESS steel dive knife off Coral

Sands. Call 50165.

EARRING ON Lagoon Road between Vets' Hall and 9th Street, on grass. Call 58060 or 54261.

WANTED

SEWING MACHINE to buy. Call Ivy, 54814, home, or 52224, work.

POTTED PALM TREE, to buy or borrow. Call Ingrid, 53140.

INVERSION TABLE, to borrow or buy. Call Monte, 52834.

PATIO SALES

MONDAY, 7 a.m.-1 p.m., Quarters 213-B (in back). Full room of boys' toys, Christmas items, teen girl items, bikes, videos, books, clothes and electric piano.

MONDAY, 7-10 a.m., Quarters 129-F. Children's bikes, like new, baby clothes, baby items, computer speakers with sub-woofers, women's dresses, glassware and Misty Anne boat.

FOR SALE

WHITE BASSINET that converts to a toy box with sheets, \$40 and infant exersaucer, \$20. Call 58565.

CHEST FREEZER for boathouse, Whirlpool 21.7-cubic feet, some rust, works great, \$50. call Ben, 51990.

GEORGE FOREMAN grill, \$20 and ab machine, \$30. E-mail for list of items: teesecake@hotmail.com.

SUN THREE-SPEED bike, one year old, \$125 and Sun three-wheel bike, six months old, \$230. Call 53585.

REFRIGERATOR, 3-CUBIC FEET, \$150; upright freezer, 3-cubic feet, \$200; metric tap and die set, large, \$100; microwave with turntable, \$25; teak boat cockpit table, new in box, \$90; massaging chair liner with heat, almost new, \$60; sit-on-top kayak with back rests, paddles and lifejackets, \$350; entertainment center, large, \$50 and book shelves, two, \$40. Call 56671 and leave a message.

FULL-SIZE BED with box spring, headboard and frame, \$100. Call 54216.

SONY PLAY STATION, portable, with 12 games and six movies, \$225. Call 52564.

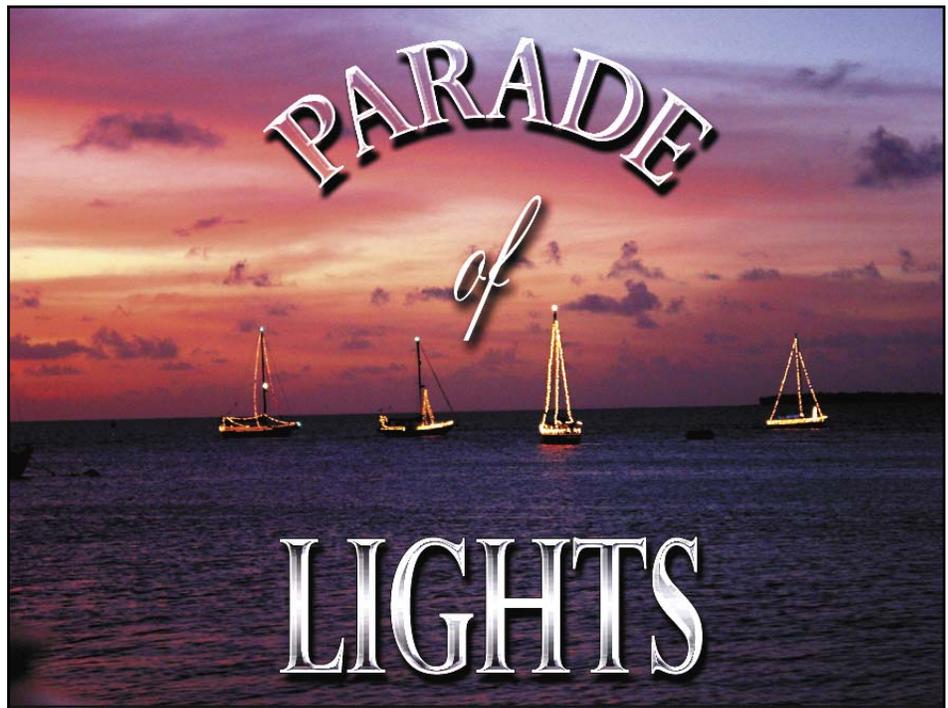
PCS SALE. Sony TV, 55-inch, TV stand, Sony surround sound with speakers, subwoofer, DVD player, 51-CD stereo, kitchen roller counter, new Saunders office desk, floor lamp, Dell computer with flat screen monitor and printer, rugs, crock-pot, large and small, and plants. Call Annette, 51393.

ART STUDIO, 33-piece, includes easel, oil and acrylic paint, brushes, palette and canvas, \$40; two rash guards with tags, woman's size medium, man's small and woman's medium body gloves, \$15 each. Call 52567.

KAI CUSTOM chopper bicycle, \$500; Sony rear projection TV, 62-inch, \$1,000; Sanyo TV, 32-inch, \$250; Sony Play Station 2 with three memory cards, \$100; Play Station 2 games, \$10-15 each; Dell desktop PC with monitor and printer, \$350; Peavey Envy 110 guitar amp, \$150; bicycle work stand and truing wheel, \$50; road bike parts and tools. Call Toby, 55590.

PORTABLE WOODEN bar with two stools, flip-up table top and two drawers, \$50. Call 55945.

STEREO SYSTEM, receiver with five speakers, in box, new, never opened, \$200; tools, some very used, various prices; sewing machine, all metal



7:30-9:30 P.M., DEC. 23.

WATCH FROM PERIMETER ROAD ALONG THE LAGOON.
TO GET A BETTER LOOK, THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED
TO VISIT THE BOATS AT SMALL BOAT MARINA PRIOR
TO AND AFTER THE PARADE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
ENTER YOUR BOAT, CALL 52379.

gears, \$350; off shore sailing harnesses, \$40; white rustoleum and varnish, \$15; plastic shelves, \$20 and 50-foot long low-pressure hose, great for cleaning the bottom of a boat, \$60. Call 56671 or leave a message.

PCS SALE. Rubbermaid six-foot outdoor storage cabinet, \$100; Hitachi 32-inch TV (available Dec. 24), \$100; large Panasonic microwave, \$40; two dark green rugs with pads, \$80 each; silver rug, 6-foot by 9-foot, \$25; 12 glasses, \$15, dishes, \$10; vacuum, \$90 and ironing board, \$15. Call 52771.

METAL AND GLASS computer desk, \$50 or best offer; 10 yards of 60-inch wide upholstery/curtain fabric with palm tree design, \$50 and tropical design queen-size bedspread, curtains, bedskirt and shower curtain, \$30. Call 51444.

1990 23-FOOT BAYLINER trophy, new Yamaha 115s with 80 hours, new steering, batteries, electrical bait tank, fish boxes, 140-gallon fuel tank, stereo/CD, VHF radio, cabin with lots of storage space, located on Lot 17, \$55,000 or best offer. Call Steve, 52864 or e-mail steve.fuchs@spacex.com.

TWO 1993 100-horsepower Mercury Mariner engines, run great, lots of extra parts and accessories, \$4,000. Call 55987, and leave a message.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SAY GOODBYE to the Wright family at 6 p.m., tonight, at

Emon Beach main pavilion. Bring a dish to share.

THE DCCB will be holding a special sealed bid sale for boats and boat trailers. Viewing and bidding begins on Tuesday and ends at close of business Dec 28. Hours for viewing are 8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Catalogs will be available on the counter at the property office and at the DCCB. Questions? call 51770.

Christmas RMI Shopping Day is 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Dec. 22, at Macys, Macys West and Gimbels. Must be 18 to enter, bring photo identification. Retail Welcomes our RMI neighbors from Ebeye and Ennibur. MACY'S SALE Tuesday through Dec. 31. Holiday decor and ornaments, 40 percent off; cards and party supplies, 50 percent off; framed paintings and pictures, 30 percent off; china and crystal, 40 percent off; selected toys, 50 percent off; all other toys, \$40 percent off; all shirts (no logo), 40 percent off; Roi Rat shirts, 50 percent off; fragrances, 10 percent off and Olympia chains and charms, 30 percent off.

MACY'S DAILY SPECIALS. Monday: toys, 40 percent off; Tuesday: luggage and packs, 25 percent off; Wednesday: gold jewelry, 40 percent off and Thursday: furniture, 15 percent off.

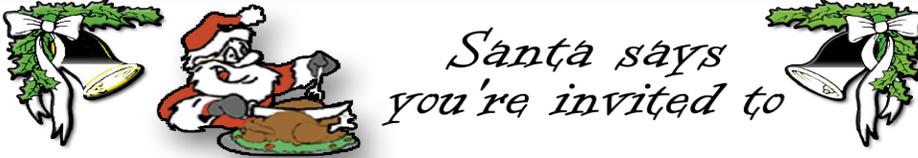
STARTING JAN. 1, tents, table, chair, grill and beach pavilion reservations will be taken at the Community Activities office, 53331. Corlett Recreation Center reservations will continue to be taken at 52491.



Robot at work

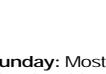
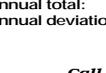
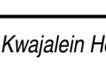
An Explosives and Ordnance Disposal robot checks a suspicious bag left in front of Three Palms Snack Bar Dec. 6. It turned out to be nothing harmful. EOD, Kwajalein Police and the Fire Department responded to the scene.

(Photo by Mike Zeitmann)



*Santa says
you're invited to*

Christmas dinner at Café Pacific

 <i>Prime rib of beef</i>  <i>Roast rack of lamb</i>  <i>Roast turkey</i>  <i>Steamed crab legs</i>  <i>Scallops Alfredo</i>  <i>Smoked ham</i>  <i>Jumbo shrimp</i>  <i>Mussels on the half-shell</i>  <i>Smoked salmon</i>  <i>International cheese bar</i> <i>Assorted salads</i> <i>Fresh fruit</i>	 <i>A variety of delicious desserts</i>  <i>Wine and beer will be for sale</i>  <i>Take out meals must be requested in advance</i>
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**Unaccompanied personnel,
11 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
All other residents,
1-6:30 p.m.**

**DO THE HOLIDAYS
HAVE YOU IN A
TIZZY AND YOU
DON'T KNOW IF
YOU'RE COMING
OR GOING ?**



Let the holiday post office shuttle offered by Automotive Services give you a hand with your packages. The service is available until 6 p.m., Jan. 5. Shuttle service hours are: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-6 p.m., Tuesday thru Saturday. Call 53341 or 58294 for service. Customers must travel with their packages to their quarters.

Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

Sunday: Mostly cloudy, 60 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 16-22 knots.
Monday: Mostly cloudy, 40 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 14-18 knots.
Tuesday: Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 15-20 knots.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 15-20 knots.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 15-20 knots.
Friday: Mostly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 15-20 knots.
Dec. 22: Mostly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 15-20 knots.

Annual total: 84.64 inches
 Annual deviation: -11.41 inches

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

Sun • Moon • Tides

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Sunday	6:59 a.m./6:36 p.m.	4:35 p.m./4:36 a.m.	8:15 a.m., 2.8' 8:24 p.m., 3.6'	2:11 a.m., 0.3' 1:58 p.m., 0.8'
Monday	7:01 a.m./6:37 p.m.	5:39 p.m./5:43 a.m.	9:22 a.m., 2.8' 9:29 p.m., 3.3'	3:07 a.m., 0.4' 3:10 p.m., 1.0'
Tuesday	7:01 a.m./6:38 p.m.	6:45 p.m./6:50 p.m.	10:44 a.m., 2.9' 10:52 p.m., 3.0'	4:13 a.m., 0.5' 4:46 p.m., 1.1'
Wednesday	7:01 a.m./6:39 p.m.	7:50 p.m./7:53 a.m.	12:05 a.m., 3.3'	5:26 a.m., 0.5' 6:23 p.m., 0.9'
Thursday	7:02 a.m./6:39 p.m.	8:51 p.m./8:51 a.m.	12:20 a.m., 3.0' 1:12 p.m., 3.7'	6:34 a.m., 0.4' 7:40 p.m., 0.5'
Friday	7:02 a.m./6:39 p.m.	9:47 p.m./9:42 a.m.	1:34 a.m., 3.0' 2:08 p.m., 4.2'	7:34 a.m., 0.2' 8:41 p.m., 0.0'
Dec. 22	7:02 a.m./6:40 p.m.	10:37 p.m./10:28 a.m.	2:35 a.m., 3.2' 2:58 p.m., 4.6'	8:27 a.m., 0.1' 9:32 p.m., 0.4'