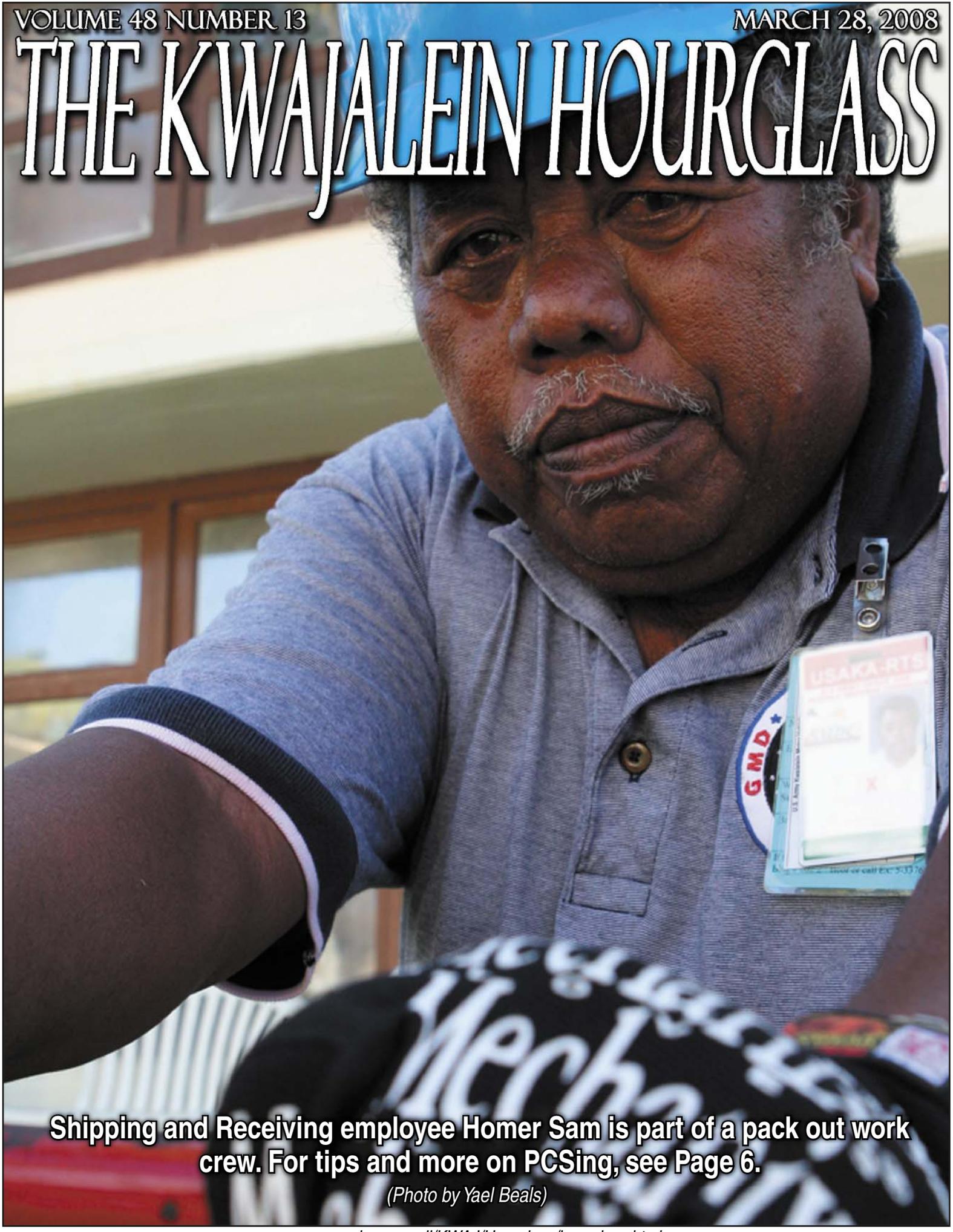


THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



Shipping and Receiving employee Homer Sam is part of a pack out work crew. For tips and more on PCSing, see Page 6.

(Photo by Yael Beals)

Things haven't changed much in five years

I keep hearing on TV news and political talk shows that because of the housing bubble, credit troubles, the falling dollar, increasing prices and the fear of recession, that Iraq is way down on the list of concerns for many Americans.

The news pundits say it's 'fallen off the radar.'

I hope that's not true. It hasn't fallen off my radar anyway.

We've just passed the fifth anniversary of the start of the Iraq War on March 20, 2003.

And on this past Easter Sunday, a grim milestone was reached as the American military's death toll climbed to 4,000.

I was trying to come up with something to write about this week. I happened to be looking through some old *Hourglass* papers when I came across a commentary I wrote for the July 25, 2003 issue. At that time, we had been in Iraq for a scant five months.

As I read what I had written, I was saddened to find that most of it still applies five years later.

A lot of you weren't here five years

ago and even if you were, I don't imagine you would remember my little column.

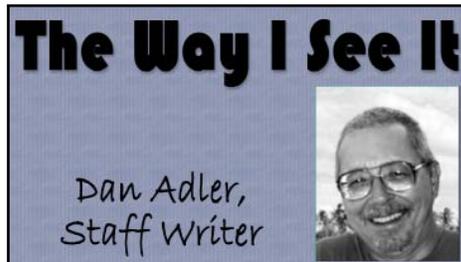
So I'm going to reprint it in this issue because I think it says as much today as it did when I first wrote it.

I've seen this somewhere before.

Oh yeah, I know. The British in Belfast and Derrytown in Northern Ireland and the urban guerilla tactics of the Irish Republican Army — a bomb here and an ambush there. One or two British soldiers killed a day. At the end of a year, that's 300 or 400 men dead.

There's a British War Memorial at Edinburgh Castle in Edinburgh, Scotland. In it, there is a special section for British and Scottish soldiers killed in Northern Ireland.

The British have tried to keep the peace in Northern Ireland for the last 50 years. They didn't even have to rebuild an entire country or try to establish a new government. They just had to keep the peace between Catholics and Protestants, between those loyal to Britain and those wanting Irish independence. They've come close a



few times, but no cigar. All the while, British soldiers kept getting killed.

The British had experiences in the Middle East also. They were in between Jewish immigrants fleeing Hitler's Germany and the Palestinians Arabs before and after World War II — before Israel became a nation.

They left wounded and bleeding after trying for years to keep the peace.

How about the Israelis and the Palestinians? A small Israeli army trying to keep peace and security over three and a half million people. How long has that been going on? Oh yeah, since 1948.

When I saw images coming out of Palestine on TV, watched movies

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Letter to the editor

DeCoster family thanks Kwajalein community for help

We just wanted to tell everyone how blessed we are to have each one of you. You all are our family and our hearts are overflowing with gratitude and love for each one of you. We want to thank everyone for the calls of support, good wishes, prayers, cards, visits, gifts and the beautiful prayer quilt that came our way when Bill was recuperating in Honolulu. Also, thanks so much to the doctors and nurses for the excellent care Bill received while he was waiting for the

C-17 to Hono. Our employers and co-workers/friends couldn't have been more supportive and generous. Everything is so appreciated and words just don't seem to express our true feelings. Our Kwaj family, the community, is why we have been back for our third time. Where else can you leave your four children and be gone for 3 1/2 weeks unplanned and not

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Correction: On the front cover of the March 21 issue, Michael Hillman was identified as Michael Landgraaf. The *Hourglass* regrets the error.

Thumbs up to those who participated in the Kaleidoscope of Music. It was a great event. Your commitment is appreciated.

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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Outstanding servicemembers honored

By John J. Kruzel
American Forces Press Service

The stars were out in Arlington, Va. Wednesday — in insignia form on officers' shoulder boards, and also embodied by celebrity guests such as comedian Jon Stewart — to salute outstanding servicemembers and other special honorees.

The United Service Organizations of Metropolitan Washington, which assists some 300,000 local troops and families, hosted its 26th annual awards dinner at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in an evening devoted to honoring those in uniform and the people who gave them 60,000 hours of volunteer service last year. "Thank all of you for your generosity," John Marselle, chairman of the board of directors, told the more than 600 audience members, many of whom provide financial or other support to the USO. "Service members are the fiber of the country, and at the USO Metro, every person is honored and privileged to serve." Before presenting Stewart with the USO Metro's award for merit, Marine Gen. James E. Cartwright, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, addressed the audience.

He thanked members of the military medical corps and the 34 Medal of Honor recipients in attendance, and praised the USO for bringing Service members "a slice of what we protect every day and every night." Cartwright said Stewart, who paid regular visits last year to wounded troops at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington and the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., was affected by "two truths" that confront everybody upon first meeting wounded war veterans.

"As you walk through the hospitals and as you have the opportunity to go to the Arlington National Cemetery and the ceremonies there ... you walk away with two truths," he said. "The first is the trepidation of your first visit, and the realization afterwards that you're not sure who got more out of it -- you or them. "And the second, which is probably equally heartening, is that we have a generation of youth that's out

there serving this nation, that is ready to own this nation, and they will do us proud," Cartwright continued. "And once you walk and understand these two truths, you come back and you come back, because they're worth it." At the conclusion of the evening, Cartwright presented the USO of Metropolitan Washington Merit

Award to Stewart, host of the satirical television program "The Daily Show," who gave a self-deprecating acceptance speech that had the crowd in stitches. "This is rare. It's one of those nights where last actually is least," said Stewart, whose speech was preceded by a poignant address from a severely burned Iraq war veteran, and a chorus of patriotic videos, musical performances and other presentations. Stewart's initial urge to meet with wounded troops was born of a desire to break out of what he described as "a world of theory" absent of the realities of war. One day last year, the comedian drove from his home in New York City to Walter Reed, where he met an Army lieutenant recovering from a leg amputation he underwent after a roadside bomb detonated under his vehicle in Iraq. "(The Soldier) had overcome maybe 20 surgeries, ... and he went through this entire story of all the hardships he had been through," Stewart recalled. "And at the very end of it, he looked at me and he said, 'Although on the positive side, think of all the money I'm going to be saving on shoes. "I was dumbfounded. He was braver than I was, funnier than I was," Stewart said. "And that's continued throughout all these trips." In an attempt to explain Service members' exceptional qual-



Medics load a wounded comrade on an evacuation helicopter. Wounded veterans were among the honorees Wednesday.

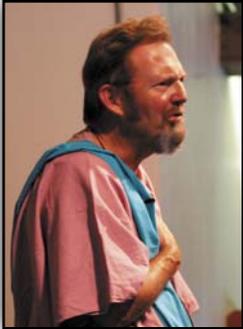
ity, Stewart said he realized that the people who risk their lives have the most to lose. "The outstanding abilities -- whether it be their intelligence or their grit or their feeling of brotherhood -- is unlike anything that I think I've ever experienced, and you would think those would be the people we lock in a vault so that no harm could come to them, because they truly are the greatest that our country has to offer," he said. "And yet, those are the very people that we allow and choose to have in harm's way to defend us. "I don't think there's a greater gift they can give to this country," he said, "than to sacrifice the greatness of their future for our present."

Other award recipients included Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Erick A. Lieb, who received the Coast Guard's Air Medal. Adm. Thad Allen, commandant of the Coast Guard, presented the award to Lieb, who saved the lives of five drowning people, assisted 38 others and rescued 13 animals last year during a 10-hour rescue mission in the Pacific Northwest. In addition, Army Sgt. 1st Class Kishma S. Thomas received the C. Haskell Small Award for Volunteerism. Gen. George W. Casey Jr., Army chief of staff, honored Thomas with the award and a \$1,000 savings bond for her exceptional community involvement.

One of you will betray me

Protestant chapel performs Living Last Supper

By Yael Beals
Reporter



Doug Hepler plays Judas in the Last Supper performance.

On March 20, members of the Kwajalein Protestant congregation performed the Living Last Supper at the Kwajalein chapel.

The Last Supper is about Jesus' final meal with the twelve apostles, before crucifixion. There were 13 cast members and one narrator.

The Rev. Rick Funk, who played James the Lesser, has directed this performance 12 times, but only four times on Kwajalein. Many cast members participated in the performance in previous years. "This is my fourth year to

be a part of this performance. Initially, I signed up to help fill a spot. Little did I know how much the performance would truly impact me. Even after doing this for four years, reflecting on the circumstances of that last supper evening and thinking how the disciples felt after hearing Jesus state that one of them would betray him, is very moving and emotional," said Jim Cossey, who played Thaddeus.

The cast members acting experience ranged from little to no experience at all.

"My only 'theater' experience has been two or three school plays--minor parts," said Doug Hepler, who played Judas.

"In grade school I was a pirate in Peter Pan, later I worked in the projection booth in high school," said David Fearon, who played James.

"I participated in 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles



Photos by Yael Beals

Cast members speak to each other during the performance.

Dickens my senior year in high school, but that is the extent of my acting career," said Brent Peterson, who played Phillip.

The actors had their own techniques for learning their parts. "I was able to learn my lines within about two weeks, aided by a micro-cassette recorder, which I used to listen to my lines as I biked to and from work...I would recite the lines as I listened to the recorder and that helped a great deal," said Hepler.

"The Last Supper has been performed on Kwajalein for a number of years. Several people (have had a) permanent change of station recently. I knew Pastor Rick Funk would need additional cast members, so I volunteered," said Fearon.

"Getting dressed up and working with the people on this was an incredible amount of fun. I would encourage others to try this next year," said Jeff Fluhrer, who played Bartholomew.



Left to right, Jeffrey Fluhrer, Rick Funk, Henry McElreath, Al Robinson, Doug Hepler, Jon Jahnke, Darin Warren, David Fearon, Dan Adler, Brent Peterson, Landon Aydllett, Jim Cossey and Johnny Hadley strike the pose of Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper March 20, in the chapel.

Find 'em if you can

Easter Eggs hunted in grass, underwater

By Nell Drumheller
Editor

Why do we have Easter egg hunts? Someone said it was because the Easter bunny keeps hiding Easter eggs. On Kwajalein the Easter egg hunt is a tradition held annually on the grounds near Richardson Theater and this year, underwater in the lagoon off Emon Beach.

There's that, but also, it's a tradition with a couple of possible beginnings.

According to information from the British Broadcasting Company Web site, many historians believe the Easter bunny was originally a hare, or longer-eared version of a rabbit.

In pagan mythology, the hare represented love, growth and fertility. The hare and the egg were also the symbols of the spring and lunar goddess Eostre, from whose name it is generally believed that the word 'Easter' is derived.

The Easter bunny tradition may have begun in Germany. Hares bring up their young in 'forms.' Forms are hollows in the ground, usually in fields or meadows. Hares often make several of these living areas, to split their young between them for safety. Plovers, ground-nesting birds, often build their homes in discarded rabbit forms. This is where they lay their eggs.

This Easter bunny legend says that a woman saw a hare leaving a form and when she looked in it she found a nest of eggs, she told the story implying that the hare had laid the eggs.

Another legend from Germany said a poor woman hid some colored eggs in a nest for her children to find.

As the children approached the nest, a hare hopped away and

they therefore believed that the hare had brought the eggs.

Another myth tells that Eostre's hare was a large, handsome bird which she one day magically changed into a hare. Because the hare was still a bird at heart, it continued to build a straw nest in which to lay its eggs.

The actual tradition of the Easter bunny was first found in German writing in the 16th century and come to America as folklore in the 18th century.

Easter egg hunts are held around the world, in living rooms and parks, at family levels and city-wide events. Laura Bush, first lady of the United States, hosted an Easter egg hunt on the lawns of the White House this year, continuing an Easter season tradition that began in 1878.



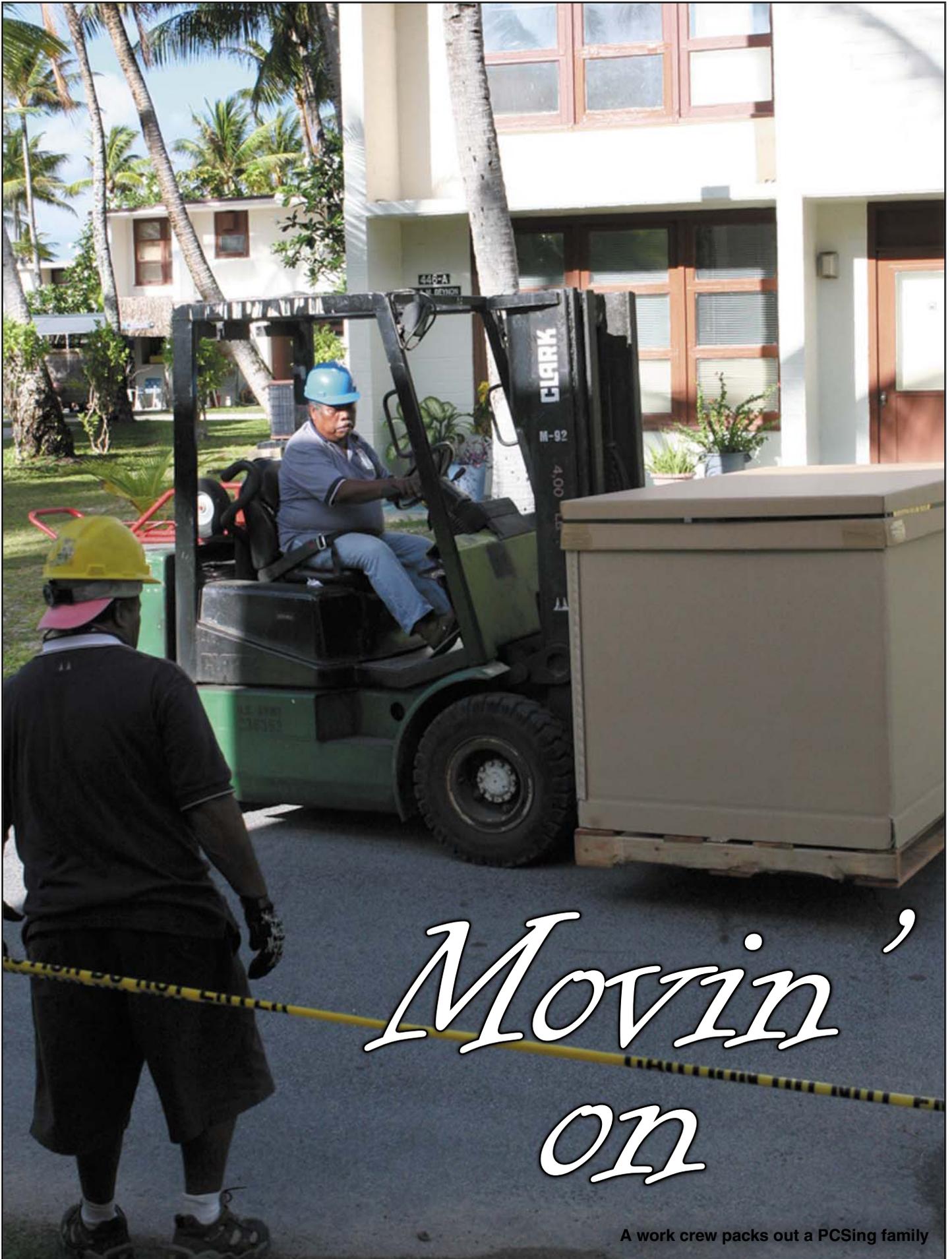
Photo by Doug Hepler

Above, children and adults enjoy the Kwajalein Scuba Club's underwater Easter Egg Hunt.



Photo by Yael Beals

Allison Homuth checks her haul at the traditional Easter Egg Hunt at Richardson Theater.



Movin', on

A work crew packs out a PCSing family

Planning makes pack outs easier

By Yael Beals
Reporter

The Kwajalein Range Services Personal Property Counseling service works with Kwajalein residents before, during and after their pack out.

There are several steps when preparing for a pack out. The first step is to visit the personal property counseling center in the Shipping and Transport office in Building 602D (next to the dock) where Kwajalein residents receive a packet with information needed for a pack out.

The pack out packet contains checklists; shipment times, dates, locations and costs; insurance procedures, a list of unauthorized items; instructions on what to do during the pack out; what to do if a problem arises; what to do after the pack out.

A couple of hundred pack outs take place during the peak season, April-September.

"We are going back to our point of origin, Colorado Springs [Colorado]. We were just notified 30 days ago that we were leaving so we hardly had time to do anything," said Sue Kageorgis. The Kageorgis' have been living on Kwajalein for five years and they are leaving on Monday.

"I've been preparing for my pack out for 26 days. Everyone has been very helpful, human resources gave us a lot of information, finance gave us a lot of information and shipping and receiving gave us boxes," said Apostolis Kageorgis, former automotive manager.

When preparing for a pack out,



Photos by Yael Beals

Bwine Anet checks his inventory during a packout.

find out how many pounds you are authorized and then decide what to keep, sell or throw out.

"It's helpful to rank or order a list [of things to do] and go from there. Make trips to the Bargain Bazaar with clothing and other items," said John Connors, island psychologist. "To have a successful move it is imperative to over communicate and double check with everyone from movers to a sponsor. Having a sponsor or friend helping [at your destination] may lessen the anxiety about the move," continued Connors. "Another good idea that helps is to accept the fact that no move is perfect."

Kwajalein residents can begin packing before their scheduled pack out date. Packing materials can be delivered to someone's quarters or picked up. Contact Tusi Ta-

goilelagi or Mark Daniels, 51136, or shipping and receiving, 53444, for packing supplies for non-hazardous household goods (furniture, clothes etc.) and personal items.

"If a problem arises during [a] pack out let us know on the spot so that we can fix it. Don't wait until after your pack out to let us know. This is an emotional [and] stressful time," said Jimmy Matsunaga, award winning transportation manager. "We try to care for their [the customers] needs and cater to their requests," continued Matsunaga, "99.9 percent of time they [the customers] rate us as excellent." Matsunaga has been managing pack outs on Kwajalein for 38 years.

If you have any questions contact Matsunaga at 51136 or any of the numbers listed above.

Moving tips from the Web site *about.com*

Keep things together Keep bookends with books, light bulbs with lamps and extension cords with appliances.

Pack ahead Anything you can pack ahead will save you time on moving day.

Consolidate cleaning supplies Put together a kit of basic cleaning supplies and rags. Clean anything possible ahead of time (the inside of kitchen cupboards, the oven, windows, etc.). If possible, vacuum each room as movers empty it.

Use your luggage Fill luggage and duffle bags with clothing, sheets, towels and paper goods.

Safeguard valued items Keep valuable possessions, such as silverware, collections, or antiques with you. If you have a long move, bury the items in a box titled

"Misc. from kitchen pantry." Check your homeowner's insurance to see how you are covered during the move and if you need additional insurance from the mover. Also, find out what paperwork (receipts, appraisals, and photos) you might need to file a claim in case of loss.

Keep important papers with you Your list of important papers might include: birth certificates, school records, mover estimates, new job contacts, utility company numbers, recent bank records, current bills, phone lists, closing papers, realtor information, maps and more.

Personal boxes Let each family member fill theirs with items they'll want 'right away' in the new home — a set of sheets, a towel, a couple of extension cords, a phone, nightlights, address book, pens and paper, keys, Kleenex, and travel cosmetic case, and so on.

Ten servicemembers die in Global War on Terror

Pfc. Antione V. Robinson, 20, of Detroit, Mich., died March 19 in Nawa, Afghanistan of injuries sustained when the vehicle he was repairing collapsed. He was assigned to the 782nd Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Sgt. Gregory D. Unruh, 28, of Dickinson, Texas, died March 19 in Mandali, Iraq of injuries suffered in a vehicle accident. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Hood, Texas.

Pvt. Tyler J. Smith, 22, of Bethel, Maine, died March 21 at Forward Operating Base Falcon near Baghdad of wounds suffered when the base received indirect fire. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Staff Sgt. William R. Neil Jr., 38, of Holmdel, N.J., died March 21 in Sperwan Ghar, Afghanistan

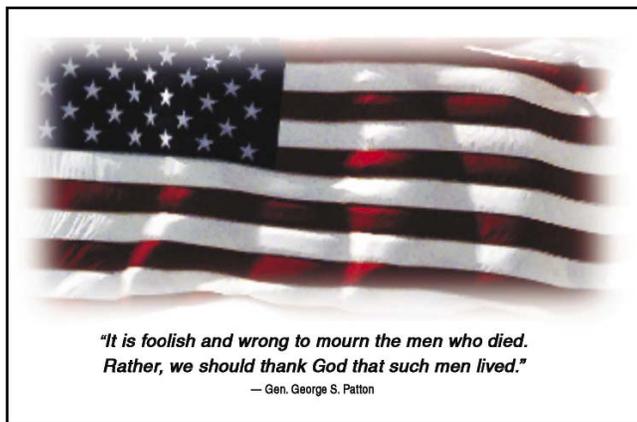
of wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg.

Tech. Sgt. William H. Jefferson, Jr., 34, of Norfolk, Va., died Saturday near Sperwan Ghar of wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 21st Special Tactics Squadron, Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

Three Soldiers died Saturday in Baghdad from wounds suffered when their vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. They were assigned to the 1132nd Military Police Company, North Carolina Army National Guard, Rocky Mount, N.C. Killed were:

Sgt. Thomas C. Ray, II, 40, of Weaverville, N.C.; **Spc. David S. Stelmat**, 27, of Littleton, N.H. and **Sgt. David B. Williams**, 26, of Tarboro, N.C.

Lance Cpl. Dustin L. Canham, 21, of Lake Stevens, Wash., died Sunday from a non-hostile incident in Djibouti. He was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's 6th Engineer Support Battalion, 4th Marine Logistics Group, Portland, Ore.

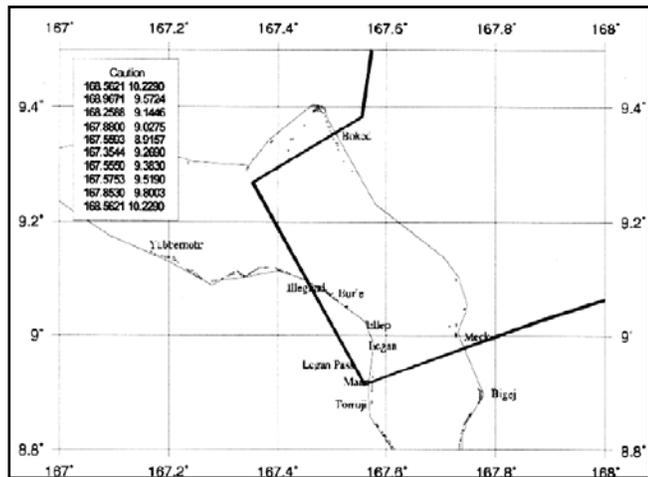


Range operation scheduled for Wednesday

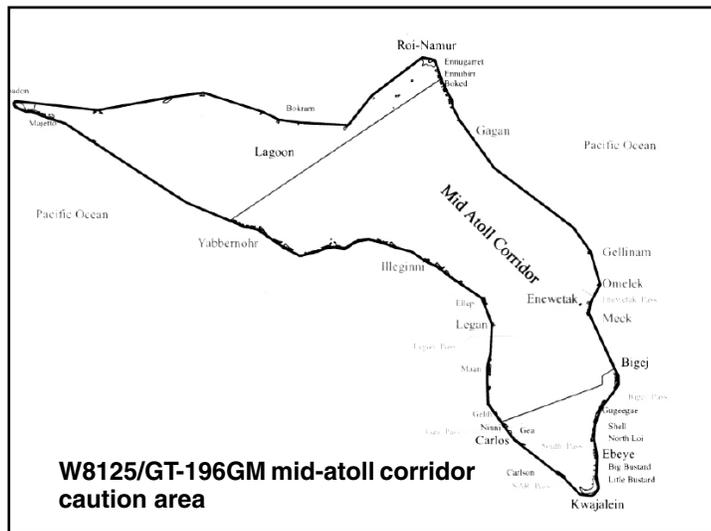
A range operation is scheduled for Wednesday. Caution times are 7 p.m.-3:30 a.m.

In conjunction with this operation, the east reef from Gagan to Omelek and the broad ocean area east of Gagan, Gellinam and Omelek will be closed.

The mid-atoll corridor and broad ocean area will be closed 4:01 p.m., Saturday, through mission completion. Questions regarding the above safety requirements for this mission should be directed to USAKA Command Safety Directorate, Range Safety Officer, 51910.



W8125/GT-196GM caution area



W8125/GT-196GM mid-atoll corridor caution area

IAW USAKA Regulation 190-14, the mid-atoll corridor will be closed beginning at T-4 days, Saturday, to allow ground surveillance of the mid-atoll corridor to be completed. When closed, no surface vessels shall be permitted in the area without prior approval from

the USAKA/RTS Command Safety Directorate. The area closure is indicated by the red flag system. The Range Safety Officer will release the mid-atoll corridor closure when the area is clear of all hazards.

Taking care

Time critical in heart attack treatment

By Inge Leblanc

The American Heart Association and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute have launched a new 'Act in Time' campaign to increase people's awareness of heart attack and the importance of calling 9-1-1 immediately at the onset of heart attack symptoms.

Dial 9-1-1 fast

Heart attack is a life-and-death emergency — every second counts. If you see or have any of the listed symptoms, immediately call 9-1-1. Not all these signs occur in every heart attack. Sometimes they go away and return. If some occur, get help fast. Today heart attack victims can benefit from new medications and treatments unavailable to patients in years past. For example, clot-busting drugs can stop some heart attacks in progress, reducing disability and saving lives. But to be effective, these drugs must be given relatively quickly after heart attack symptoms first appear. So again, don't delay — get help right away.

Statistics

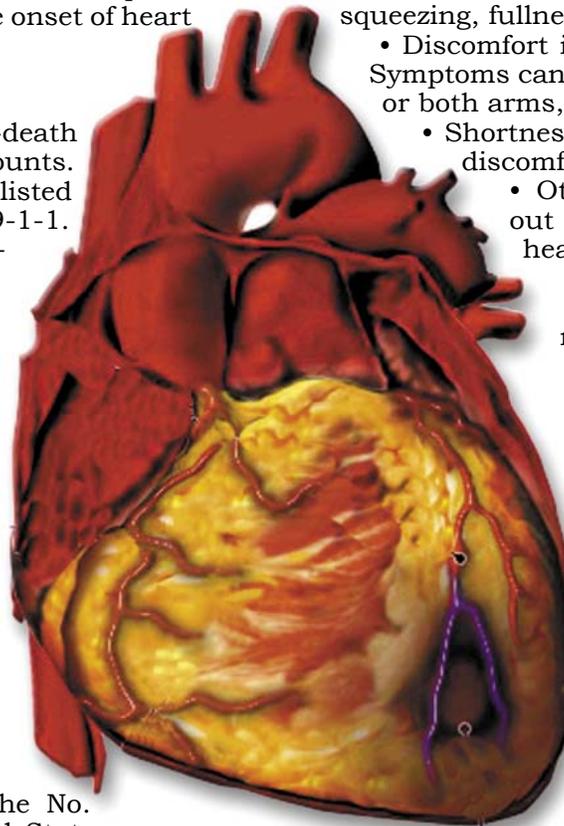
Coronary heart disease is the No. 1 cause of death in the United States. That's why it's so important to reduce your risk factors, know the warning signs, and know how to respond quickly and properly if warning signs occur.

Heart attack warning signs

Some heart attacks are sudden and intense, the 'movie heart attack,' where no one doubts what's happening, however, most heart attacks start slowly, with mild pain or discomfort. Often people affected aren't sure what's wrong and wait too long

before getting help. Here are signs that can mean a heart attack is happening:

- Chest discomfort. Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.
- Discomfort in other areas of the upper body. Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.
- Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort.
- Other signs may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.



As with men, women's most common heart attack symptom is chest pain or discomfort.

But women are somewhat more likely than men to experience some of the other common symptoms, particularly shortness of breath, nausea/vomiting, and back or jaw pain.

The American Heart Association has identified six key risk factors you can treat or modify to reduce your risk of a heart attack. Addressing these risk factors can have immediate benefits for your overall health and well-being.

- Tobacco smoke
- High blood cholesterol
- High blood pressure
- Physical inactivity
- Obesity and overweight
- Diabetes mellitus

Learn the signs, but remember this: Even if you're not sure it's a heart attack, have it checked out at the hospital. Minutes matter. Fast action can save lives — maybe your own. Don't wait more than five minutes to call 9-1-1.

The Bowling Center

Hours of operation will change April 5. The facility will be available on a reservation basis only with no walk-in hours. The Bowling Center will continue to support league play and there will be a special event, 4-7 p.m., the first Monday of every month. To reserve a lane, call 53331 at least 24 hours in advance. There is a minimum fee for services.

The first special event will be red pin bowling with disco lights, 4-7 p.m., April 7.



HELP WANTED

KRS and CMSI job listings for On-Island positions will be available at the Kwaj, Roi-Namur and Ebeye Dock Security Check Point bulletin boards, the bulletin board outside of DVD Depot, the Roi-Namur Terminal/Post Office bulletin board and at Human Resources in Building 700. Job listings for Contract positions are available at www.krsjv.com, on the bulletin board outside of DVD Depot and on the Roi-Namur Terminal/Post Office bulletin board. Full job descriptions and requirements for Contract positions are located online at www.krsjv.com.

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, medical office receptionists, temporary office support, etc. For more information, call the KRS HR Office at 5-4916.

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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>.

WANTED

PART-TIME NANNY for four-year-old, early childhood education experience preferred. Call 54396.

DEHUMIDIFIER. Call 52788.

SEWING MACHINE. Call 53569.

SMALL COLOR TV and microwave. Call 53612.

COMIC BOOKS and graphic novels. Call 58792.

ROWING SHELL/SCULL with sliding seat and oars.

Call 55317 or 51515.

LOST

LEGEND LX SCUBA regulator with Cobra computer, believed to have been left at the marina dip tank on March 10. Call Chris, 54211 or 54011.

PRESCRIPTION OAKLEY SUNGLASSES, black, in Black Cloth Pouch, March 21. Call Jeff, 54459, work or 52262, home.

FOUND

KNIFE AT THE Ivey Gym on March 19. Call John, 53331.

BRACELET, silver and turquoise. Call 54932.

GOLD DROP EARRING found at adult pool near bike rack, two stones, one uneven shape (mauve/purple color) and small ball (mauve/aqua color). Call 54632.

PATIO SALES

SATURDAY and SUNDAY, 12:30 p.m.-?, Trailer 770. Clothes, microwave, TV and more.

SATURDAY, 3:30-5:30 p.m. and MONDAY, 10 a.m.-noon, Coral Bachelor Quarters Room 116. PCS sale. Woman's XS dive gear set, new regulator, mini freezer, love seat, med/small furniture, CD player, bath/kitchen accessories and woman's clothing. Call 59802.

SATURDAY, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Quarters 213-B.

MONDAY, 7-11 a.m., Dome 176. Multi-family sale. Toys, adult and children's bikes, clothes, Oakley sunglasses, kite boarding package, palm tree bath set and household goods. Rain cancels.

MONDAY, 7-11 a.m., Quarters 129-B (in back).

MONDAY, 7 a.m.-?, Quarters 127-A. Blue arm chair/ottoman, 55-gallon reef aquarium with stand and metal halide lights, wicker and plain lawn furniture, cordless phone set with three intercoms, palm tree lights, scuba gear, TV, Playstation, X-Box, potted plants, toys and clothes.

MONDAY, 7:30-10 a.m., Quarters 105-A. Two-family pre-packout sale. Plants, shelving units and work tables.

FOR SALE

RIFFE ISLAND mind-handle teak spear gun, 61 inches, three-inches by 5/8-inch bands, extra shaft including slip tip, \$600. Call 52567.

BLINDS FOR 400-SERIES house, \$175; carpet for living room and two bedrooms, \$150 for all; dishwasher, \$40 and 12-foot by 15-foot deck, \$200.

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.

Baptist

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

Latter-day Saints

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

Church of Christ

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

Jewish services

Last Friday of the month in the Religious Education Building. Times will vary. Contact the Chaplain's office for more information.

Call 52332.

SECTIONAL SOFA set with built-in recliners, neutral color, very good condition, \$350. Call 54534.

PINCH-PLEATED drape, light blue, fits sliding-glass door in new housing, excellent condition, \$50. Call 53759.

VTECH CORDLESS PHONE, \$25; Uniden cordless phone with digital answering machine, \$35; TV aerial antenna on 30-foot pole with 50 plus feet of coaxial, \$75; two bed side lamps with shades, \$10; brown leather purse with wallet, \$20; gooseneck for bike, \$25 and Green Machine child's three-wheeler, \$50. Call 52642 and leave message.

PCS SALE. King-size bed frame, \$10; two twin-bed box springs, \$30 each; 25-gallon, low maintenance aquarium, \$140; blue recliner, \$200; stained glass dolphin lamp, \$75; pictures; fishing lures and skirts and marlin gaff, \$60. Call 52527.

BLUE ARM CHAIR with ottoman \$50; 55-gallon reef aquarium with stand and metal halide lights, \$300; wicker lawn furniture set, \$50; three cordless phone sets with intercom, \$15; palm tree lamps, \$15; scuba gear, TV, \$20; Play Station, \$20; Xbox, \$50 and potted plants and ferns, \$20 each. 53694.

Café Pacific

Lunch

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	April 4
Iowa chop	London broil	Hamburger steak	Meat lasagna	Southern fried chicken	Mambo pork roast	Corned beef
Tofu with vegetables	Salmon croquettes	Sweet & sour pork	Spinach lasagna	Barbecued spareribs	Jerk chicken wings	Irish lamb stew
Red Snapper	Pork pimento	Bacon & Cheese Quiche	Chicken broccoli stir-fry	Cornmeal fried catfish	Jamaica meat pie	Tuna casserole
Grill: Sloppy Joe's	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Sloppy Joes	Grill: Cajun burger	Grill: Pepper Jack stackers	Grilled cheese

Dinner

Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Pancake supper	Minute steak	Short ribs	Beef pot pie	Braised Swiss steak	Prime rib with au jus	Spaghetti
Smoked beef briskit	Chicken stew	Chicken Divan	Ham steak Hawaiian	Chicken nuggets	Roast herb chicken	Baked breaded cod
Szechuan pork	Bourbon salmon	Vegetarian tofu	Oriental veggie stir-fry	Vegetarian lentils	Barley mushroom pilaf	Chicken Alfredo

PCS SALE. Color TV, 27-inch, available, April 8, \$125; small electronics, \$10-25 and woman's huffy bike with basket, four months old, \$100. Call 59802.

DINING ROOM TABLE, 54-inches round, glass top, wood base and four upholstered chairs, \$600; 70-inch round burgundy table cloth and napkins, \$25; dark rosewood five-drawer jewelry chest, 13-inches tall, \$40; man's dive booties, size 11, brand new, \$30; small dive skin with fleece lining, \$25 and scuba mask, good for narrow face, \$15. Call 58012 or 52782.

FOUR HAMPTON BAY 52-inch remote-controlled ceiling fans, reversible blades, white on one side, light brown on the other, \$125 for all. 52597.

NEW FINS, Oceanic, sizes large and extra-large, \$40; Aeries Velocity Duo Splits, large and extra-large, \$80; New Tusa, sizes small and medium, \$30; Sherwood Avid BC, \$220; Sherwood Brut Regulator with Genesis octopus, \$180; New Cressi Sub Archimedes II, \$275; Olympus 3MP D560 and Underwater housing \$95 and new 70-pint dehumidifier, \$260. Call 51081.

BEAUTIFUL SOFT CORAL 55-gallon reef tank, with unusual fish, stand, 400-watt lights, protein skimmer and pumps, you can get it for the cost of the lights, \$350. Call David, 52283, work.

HP DV9500T NOTEBOOK computer, 2.4Ghz, T7700 CPU, Vista Home Premium, 4GB RAM, 17-inch WSXGA+ screen (1680 by 1050), GeForce 8600M GS 256MB dedicated video RAM, 2 internal hard drives (160GB plus 120GB), HDMI, modem, GB Ethernet, Wireless LAN, Bluetooth, Lilon battery, IR Remotel, A/C Adapter, \$1,750. Call 51545.

SCUBA GEAR: BCD, Titan octopus, Gekko dive computer, compass, large mesh bag and fins, \$500; computer desk with hutch, \$40; large metal filing cabinet, \$8 each; bookshelf, \$15; Sony five-disc DVD player, \$100 and Nintendo game cube with two controls and games, \$125. Call 54534.

MAN'S RUSTMAN BIKE, \$200; custom single-speed woman's bike, high handle bars, stainless steel chain, \$95; complete Sea Hunt TV series DVDs, \$100 and mature audience DVDs, \$5-10. Call 53612.

HAMMOCKS (THREE) like new, \$20 each; surf trailer with Burley hitch, \$25; Hoover vacuum, \$50; over-the-toilet organizer, \$30; patio table, \$25; patio chairs, \$5 each; woman's rash guard size medium, \$20 and men's rash guard, size extra-large, \$25. Call 52813.

Hooked On Phonics three-DVD pack, new, in box, \$30; cradle/bassinet, \$25 and boys' Land's End sandals, new, size 11, \$10. Call 52757.

SHARP FLATSCREEN TV, 27-inch, with controller, \$225. Call 54230.

SAMSUNG HDTV 27-inch, with remote control, \$300; Panasonic convection oven, \$100 and scanner, \$10 or best offer. Call 53936.

GEORGINA, 36-foot McGregor catamaran, 300 square feet of trampoline space, twin cabins and 30-horsepower kicker, includes trailer, boat shack, mooring, rib dinghy, sails and extras, fully rigged, in the water, ready to sail, \$8,000 or best offer. Call Jon, 58123.

CHEST FREEZER, 12 cubic feet, \$100 and air-conditioning window units, \$50-100. Call 52400 or 50800.

PCS SALE. Living room set, complete with sofa, love seat, end tables, coffee table, and table lamps \$1,300; curio cabinet, \$75; CD racks (set), \$25; gas grill with cover, tank and lava rocks, \$50; small TV stand with cabinet, \$25 and patio ceiling fan, \$25. Call 51982, after 6 p.m.

PCS SALE. Queen-size mattress set with steel frame, \$100; two sets of curtains and rods for new housing, \$20 and color TV, good condition, \$100. Call 52713.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE COMMON ACCESS CARD system is working. For an appointment, call 58496.

KWAJALEIN YACHT CLUB meets Saturday. Happy hour at 5:30 p.m. Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Flank steak will be provided. Bring a side dish to share. Questions? Call Shaunna, 52400.

ALL 2008 BOAT registrations and boat lot fees must be paid by Monday to avoid a late fee. Fees can be paid at the Small Boat Marina during business hours.

IN ORDER TO better serve the community, the IT Help Desk is moving to the front of the IT office in Building 806 effective Tuesday. You will be able to get to the Help Desk from the front porch on Lagoon Road. The help desk phone number will remain 52444.

TEN-TEN STORE will no longer process merchandise purchases using a work order number effective Tuesday due to the AAFES transition. Surfway will continue to accommodate those organizations using a work order number to charge merchandise as needed.

NEW HOBBY SHOP hours effective Tuesday: 1-6

p.m., Sundays and Mondays; 12:30-5:30 p.m. and 6-9 p.m., Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Saturdays.

THE SPRING BREAK MUSIC FESTIVAL will be April 6. Performers wishing to be in the program should call Dan Eggers, 55509, evenings.

KWAJALEIN YACHT CLUB will sponsor a chili cook-off April 6, on Emon Beach. Categories will include traditional, hottest and most original. For entry forms and information, contact Monte Junker, 52834, or e-mail: monte.junker@smdck.smdc.army.mil.

JOIN THE FUN with outrigger canoe races, 2-4 p.m., April 6, during the Spring Music Festival. Bring a mixed crew of five. Must be 13 or older. Beginners welcome. Meet at Emon Beach at 2 p.m. for rules and race schedule. Bring sunscreen and water. Contact Tom Anderson to sign up.

THE BARBER will be on vacation April 6-May 8. During that time, the stylist will be available for appointments. Call 53319.

THE NEXT BOATING orientation class is scheduled for 6-8:30 p.m., April 9-10 in Corlett Recreation Center, Room 1. Fee for the class is payable in advance at the Small Boat Marina. Questions? Call 53643.

PARENTS OF GRADUATING seniors: Have your graduation flower special order placed at Macy's prior to April 11 to ensure availability.

APRIL OPEN RECREATION event for all Child and Youth Services-registered youth in Grades K-6 is 5:30-7:30 p.m., April 11, Concoctions Night. Registration deadline is April 9. 5:30-7:30 p.m., April 18, Bowling Night. Registration deadline is April 16. These activities are open to all CYS-registered youth. It's not necessary to be in the School-Age Services program to register and sign children up. Call Micah, 52158. For more information call Susannah, 51722 or e-mail: Susannah.jones@smdck.smdc.army.mil.

DO YOU NEED an updo for the prom or romp? Surfside Salon will be open May 4 just for you. Make your appointment before April 29 by calling 53319 or stopping by the salon.

ALL BACHELOR QUARTER residents are reminded to unplug or turn the control knob to the off position when defrosting the freezer units of their refrigerators. Do not attempt to remove the ice with a sharp object. This can result in a puncture of the refrigerant line. The responsible resident will be billed for the cost of a replacement refrigerator. Questions? Call 53288.



Ballroom Dinner Dance

featuring the *Central Pacific's Most Dangerous Band*, 6:30 p.m., April 20, in the multi-purpose room. Tickets are on sale now for \$40. Get your tickets by calling Dick, 51684, or Cris, 52935.



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and read about it, I thought what a mess it all was and how none of it would ever be solved.

Now we see the images of 150,000 American Soldiers caught in the same kind of crossfire trying to control a country of millions of people and what seems, at least at the present time, to be a long term quagmire of lives lost and treasure spent.

I see our guys manning checkpoints, patrolling deadly streets and searching houses looking for weapons, explosives or guerilla fighters who attack from ambush. It all looks so familiar, but it's always been Israelis and Palestinians.

I see American Soldiers dying in that part of the world where British, Israelis, Palestinians and other Arabs have died before them. Can America succeed where others have failed?

American Soldiers want to help people. American Soldiers have a long, heroic and honorable history as liberators and defenders of freedom. They are the best military in the world and they shouldn't be set up as targets to be killed one or two at a time and have to use police tactics to con-

trol an impatient and angry civilian populace.

They are being forced to do that in Iraq.

Some of them are now told they may be there a year or more after already having been there for six months or longer.

I hear some people say it's an all-volunteer military and nobody forced those men and women to join up. As the saying goes, they knew the job was dangerous when they took it.

Some World War II veterans look at today's military as complainers. Why, they say, they were gone from home for years and fought the biggest war in history.

But they had a clear mission. Defeat Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan and thereby literally save the world.

Today's military, as the military in the past, signed up to defend America. Whether being in Iraq is defending America is open to individual opinion. It's without doubt that what happens there is critical to our security.

But have we enhanced our security? Have we struck a blow against terrorists? Have we made friends in the Arab world or

have we just made more enemies? I suppose history will provide the answer.

It's easy to see that after 30 years of fear and intimidation, Iraqis are not convinced that the terror of Saddam, his sons and the whole vicious regime isn't really over whether Americans or anybody else says it is.

Hopefully, the recent deaths of Saddam's sons will go a long way in convincing Iraqis that while thing aren't rosy yet, the terror of Saddam is finished and it's time to cooperate with Americans to rebuild their country and that Americans mean to make them safer.

Perhaps the deaths of those two thugs will result in less attacks on American troops. That's the most important change that could occur in the short term.

Our troops can only do so much. It's the Iraqis who will have to root out the remnants of Saddam's rule — those who don't want peace and an end to Iraq's woes. In the final analysis, it's the Iraqis who will have to rebuild their country, form a new government and make their nation prosper.

There will be extremists, religious or otherwise, who

don't want peace and a democratic government just as there are extremists in Palestine and Israel who would see their people suffer rather than compromise on a peace that would end the killing.

The Iraqis will have to rise above the extremists and old hatreds. With American and perhaps international help they may succeed.

For their sake and for ours, they have to.

At the time I wrote that column five long years ago, 254 Americans had been killed in Iraq.

I never thought that five years later we would still be spending billions of dollars sand losing American lives.

Since that commentary, an additional 3,746 of our troops have died in Iraq.

The monthly cost for both Iraq and Afghanistan was approximately \$5 billion per month five years ago. It's now \$12 billion per month just for Iraq.

As long as American troops are dying and billions of our dollars are being spent, I hope Iraq never goes off any American's radar, especially come this November.

DeCOSTER, from PAGE 2

have to worry?

Kwaj — because you know they will be well taken care of and smothered with love from good friends, community, church and teachers that made

them feel safe until their parents arrived home. Our children were the best fed because every day that we were gone, dinners were delivered to the door.

The list goes on and on. Bill is on the

mend and feeling better everyday. The DeCoster's will never forget what their Kwaj family has done for them.

— The DeCoster family

Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

Saturday: Partly cloudy, 40 percent showers. **Winds:** E at 13-18 knots.
Sunday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE at 11-15 knots.
Monday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 11-15 knots.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE at 10-15 knots.
Wednesday: Sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE 9-15 knots.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 10-15 knots.
April 4: Partly cloudy, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** E at 10-15 knots.

Annual total: 14.15 inches
 Annual deviation: +1.97 inches

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

Sun • Moon • Tides

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Saturday	6:48 a.m./6:59 p.m.	1:02 a.m./12:50 p.m.	7:39 a.m., 3.1'	1:01 a.m., 0.7'
			7:42 p.m., 2.0'	2:15 p.m., 1.1'
Sunday	6:47 a.m./6:59 p.m.	1:52 a.m./1:43 p.m.	8:42 a.m., 2.7'	1:27 a.m., 1.1'
			10:17 p.m., 1.7'	4:39 p.m., 1.4'
Monday	6:46 a.m./6:59 p.m.	2:40 a.m./2:35 p.m.	11:49 a.m., 2.6'	3:07 a.m., 1.5'
				7:28 p.m., 1.1'
Tuesday	6:46 a.m./6:59 p.m.	3:26 a.m./3:27 p.m.	1:24 a.m., 3.0'	6:57 a.m., 1.3'
			1:39 p.m., 2.1'	8:07 p.m., 0.6'
Wednesday	6:45 a.m./6:59 p.m.	4:10 a.m./4:41 p.m.	2:10 a.m., 3.6'	7:55 a.m., 0.8'
			2:12 p.m., 2.7'	8:36 p.m., 0.1'
Thursday	6:45 a.m./6:59 p.m.	5:37 a.m./6:03 p.m.	2:42 a.m., 3.3'	8:35 a.m., 0.2'
			2:47 p.m., 4.1'	9:05 p.m., 0.3'
April 4	6:44 a.m./6:59 p.m.	6:22 a.m./6:58 p.m.	3:12 a.m., 3.9'	9:12 a.m., 0.3'
			3:21 p.m., 4.5'	9:35 p.m., 0.7'