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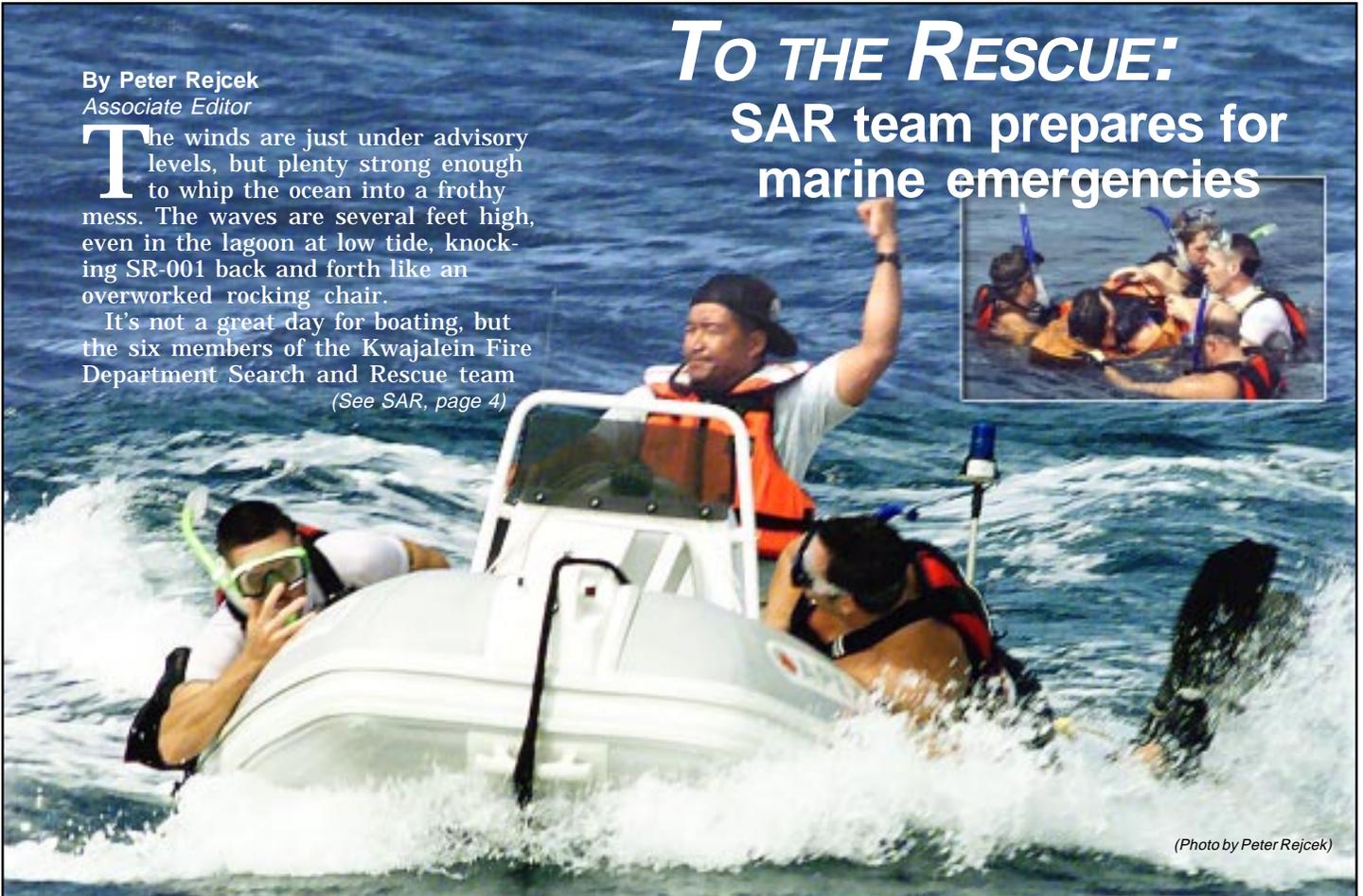
By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

The winds are just under advisory levels, but plenty strong enough to whip the ocean into a frothy mess. The waves are several feet high, even in the lagoon at low tide, knocking SR-001 back and forth like an overworked rocking chair.

It's not a great day for boating, but the six members of the Kwajalein Fire Department Search and Rescue team

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TO THE RESCUE: SAR team prepares for marine emergencies



(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

Departments team up to search for lost sailor

By Jim Bennett
Editor

A number of people have something new to be thankful for this week, as searchers found a man who had been alone in the ocean clinging to a pallet for more than 18 hours, and a Marine Department tug rescued his adrift ship and shipmates Monday.

The Marine Department received a call around 2:30 p.m. Sunday that the Marshallese ship *Mercy K* had lost a man overboard and was adrift with no engine power about 30 miles east of Meck, said Amy LaCost, port captain.

The *Mercy K* is a 134-foot-long cargo ship for the Kramer company in Majuro.

Apparently, some pallets aboard the *Mercy K* broke free in the rough seas — 8- to 10-foot swells — sending the man into the ocean around noon, according to LaCost. The *Mercy K* could not retrieve the man immediately and then lost engine power.

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Kevin Foster, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, makes notes about the local marine environment during a dive Thursday.

(Photo by Jack Martindale)

Survey: Kwaj environment healthy

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

Scientists from environmental agencies first noticed the presence of green-blue

algae, which underwater appears as flowing red hair, back in 1998 during a biannual survey of the marine and terres-
(See ENVIRONMENTAL, page 3)

'Facts of Life' reunion movie enough reason to give thanks

It's that time of the year again when we look back and give thanks for the good fortune, wonderful people and small miracles in our lives. We at the *Hourglass* polled one another and some more famous personages to give you a list of what people are truly thankful for.

•Jim Bennett, editor of the *Hourglass*: As a die-hard Cubs fan, Jim pretty well gives thanks whenever the team even so much as looks at a quality player — of course, that's usually when the opposing player is on the field and has just hit a home run.

Jim also says he would like to give thanks to AFN for this past weekend's programming. Not only did they feature an Oklahoma game, but Monday night the station aired, in all its glorious and unpunished entirety, "The Facts of Life" reunion movie. (Show factoid: George Clooney was on the cast for a while.) You



know you watched it. I'm just wondering why there isn't a "Diff'rent Strokes" reprisal. How I yearn to hear that most musical refrain, "Whatchoo talkin' about, Mr. Drummond!?"

•Peter Rejcek, associate editor. I suppose I'm thankful that some people are so bored and obsessed that they actually took the time to create Web sites devoted to "The Facts of Life" (more than one even!) so that I could bring you the above factoid. You should see the Web sites about Gary Coleman ... I had totally forgotten about his guest appearance on "Buck Rogers." (Two appearances, actually.) Now that's a show that needs a reunion movie. I'll post that suggestion on my Tigerman Web site.

•Dan Adler, graphic artist. Dan is thankful to have a shatterproof computer monitor. Unfortunately, his mouse isn't shatterproof.

•Barbara Johnson, feature writer. Barb says she is very lucky to have her purple pencil and an unlimited supply of com-

mas. The rest of us aren't so thankful.

•KW Hillis, feature writer. Karen is on vacation, so she's probably thankful she isn't here to read this column.

And through our media contacts, we've managed to discover what some well-known celebrities are thankful for ...

•Michael Jackson. Michael has many reasons to give thanks, such as being rich enough to afford very good attorneys, living in a very liberal state, for owning his very own Elephant Man, and that we no longer burn witches and freaks at the stake.

•George Clooney. Up until about five minutes ago, George was probably thankful that no one remembered he used to be on "The Facts of Life."

•Paul Reubens, Ozzy Osbourne, Marilyn Manson, Billy Bob Thornton. They all have to be thankful for Michael Jackson, so at least there's one other person who's even more of a freak than they are.

•George Lucas. George must be counting his blessings that his first three Star Wars movies did so well two decades ago, because otherwise his latest trilogy would surely be the biggest flop since *Ishtar*.

•Gary Coleman. Despite all the controversy and jokes, the diminutive actor must think it's a miracle he's famous at all — and that the kid who played Webster isn't. Happy Thanksgiving, everybody.

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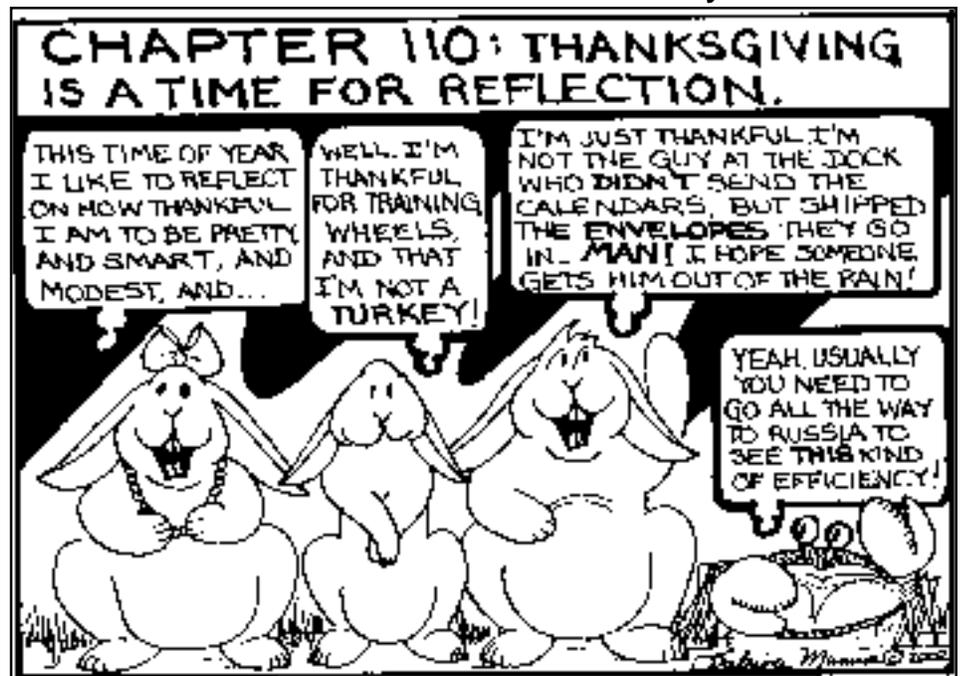
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Buckminster and Friends ————— By Sabrina Mumma



Environmental survey creating database on Kwajalein Atoll ...

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trial environment of Kwajalein Atoll.

Since that time, the algae, which can choke and kill the coral, has been migrating from its original locations, but it's also been disappearing in the wake of the migration, according to Michael Molina, a marine biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

A team from the USFWS and National Marine Fisheries Service just completed its 28-day survey of the atoll, split between two weeks in September and November. The team was last here in 2000 and has conducted similar surveys since 1996 following an agreement adopted between the RMI and U.S. governments on environmental standards, Molina explained.

Thursday night three members of the team held a public presentation at CAC room 6 to talk about their work and discoveries.

"We're looking for threats," said Kevin Foster, USFWS marine ecologist, of the team's primary mission.

The algae is one such threat, he said. "It busts up the environment," he explained. "It reduces the biological diversity of the area.

"Coral is particularly vulnerable during the larval stage," Foster added.

Officials are not sure what is causing the algae at this point. While it does seem concentrated around populated areas, hinting at a man-made impact, it's also appeared near unoccupied islands, Molina said.

Said Foster, "We believe it migrates."

For example, when the researchers first discovered it on a particular coral head, the algae was found around the pinnacle. On a subsequent visit, it was no longer on the pinnacle but had moved to the slope of the coral head.

"It's a real guessing game, what's causing it," Foster noted.

The source of other threats is not so mysterious. These problems include oil, petroleum and heavy metals caused by spills or accidental spilling, he said.

The group also monitors terrestrial threats, like the brown tree snake that has devastated Guam and is causing havoc in Hawaii among endemic bird populations. These threats, Foster said, can be minimized here by carefully monitoring what comes through the atoll at its primary gateway.

"Kwajalein island can be seen as your first line of defense," he said.

Despite some concerns, the USFWS and NMFS team, based in Hawaii, said that the environment is doing well, much better than other areas they visit.

"Here, in Kwajalein, you have a very healthy ecosystem," said Foster, who documents the invertebrates. Molina surveys the reef and John Naughton, with the fisheries service, keeps track of the fish population. Two ornithologists, Naomi Bentivoglio and Katie Swift, also participated in the biannual survey, but left several days earlier.

Foster said the team is able to determine, in part, how healthy a marine ecosystem like Kwaj is by how well certain species are thriving. Such "indicator" species include anemones, certain groupers and giant clams.

While there has been some harvesting of clams, "for the most part, they are where we first recorded them," Foster said.

The team also offered suggestions on how the community could get involved in conservation efforts, suggesting that people may want to adopt certain species. For example, Foster said, Majuro has a giant clam hatchery to help replenish the population.

Another way the public can help to mitigate human impact on the environment involves boat anchoring, which is taking a toll on the reef, Naughton said.

"There is a possibility of placing mooring buoys along the dive sites," he said. "We made this recommendation to USAKA two years ago."

Mooring buoys have been under discussion for years, but now, said Jack Martindale, with RSE Environmental, it appears the government, the contractor and the Kwajalein Scuba Club are working to get something done.

The first likely spot for mooring buoys would be along the reef between DCCB and the Shark Pit, where ordnance on the top of the reef wall has forced safety officials to ban boat anchoring.

"We're starting to crawl, at least," Martindale said, in reference to the mooring buoys.

Reefs are also under threat from bleaching.

"We've lost 30 percent of the world's reefs," Foster said, adding in the next two decades that number could double.

Thanksgiving Holiday Hours Thursday, Nov. 28

(Other hours normal unless otherwise noted.)

KWAJALEIN

Community Activities

Beaches

Coral Sands Buddy system
Camp Hamilton Buddy system
Emon Noon-3 p.m.

Bowling Center Closed

CRC Gym/racquetball Closed

Gear Locker Closed

Golf Course Sunrise to sunset

Golf Pro Shop Closed

Driving Range Closed

Wednesday Closed

Hobby Shop Closed

Ivey Gym 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Pools

Adult Buddy system

Family 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Friday 1-6 p.m.

Small Boat Marina 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

ARC 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Wednesday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

Youth Center Closed

Wed., Fri. 3-6 p.m.; 7-10 p.m.

Skatepark Closed

Library Closed

Hourglass Closed

UMUC Closed

Food Services

Yokwe Yuk Club Closed

Snack Bar 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunrise Bakery 6 a.m.-noon

Oceanview Bar 1:30-9 p.m.

Country Club Bar Closed

DSC Snack Bar (checkpoint) Closed

Enra Food Truck Closed

Café Pacific

Breakfast 7-9 a.m.

Holiday dinner

— Unaccompanied only 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

— General public 1-6 p.m.

Merchandising

Macy's and Macy's West Closed

Surfway Closed

Ten-Ten 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Laundry Closed

Beauty/barber shops Closed

Tape Escape 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Continental Travel Agency Closed

Bank of Guam Closed

Post Office Closed

Hospital Services Emergencies only

ROI-NAMUR

Gimbel's 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Community Activities

Gear Locker Call for checkout

Golf Course Sunrise to Sunset

Hobby Shop Closed

Library Closed

Small Boat Marina 8 a.m.-noon

Post Office Closed

Bank of Guam Closed

Food Services

Outrigger Bar 5-11 p.m.

Outrigger Snack Bar Closed

Café Roi (Monday and Tuesday)

Breakfast 7-9 a.m.

Brunch 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Thanksgiving dinner 5-6:45 p.m.

There will be no 1900D flights to Roi on Thanksgiving. Aviation will provide additional flights the day before and after if needed.

SAR team takes training to the open water ...

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are ready to jump in.

And again and again and again ...

For the next five hours these intrepid rescuers will throw themselves into the white-capped maelstrom time after time to practice their skills under a variety of possible emergency scenarios.

"It's a lot of fun. It's not easy," said Angela Perryman, SAR trainer, of the work involved in training to join the voluntary squad.

Prospective SAR members must first prove they're comfortable and competent in the water, and then spend about three weeks just practicing swimming skills, according to Perryman. Not everyone even makes it that far, she added, noting that only about 60 percent of SAR trainees complete the course.

Only one member out of six washed out this time around, Perryman said. "This is the best completion rate we've had in several years."

The core training takes place over six weeks, some 120 hours, as SAR members learn new skills, gain Red Cross lifeguard certification and work to become cohesive as a team, she said.

"A lot of the training is just swimming," Perryman said.

Last Wednesday, the SAR team, three veterans and three new members, got the opportunity to do more than their fair share of swimming. Outfitted in swimsuits, lifejackets, fins, masks and snorkels, the firefighters took turns as victims and rescuers in a variety of hypothetical situations.

With senior boat operator Mike Herrington of the KPD marine police at the helm of SR-001, the boat pushed through the water, first at 10 knots, then 15 and finally at 20 knots. As the boat suddenly slowed to neutral at each agreed-upon speed, Herrington sounded a horn and the SAR team members, perched on the starboard side, jumped off like parachuters, knees tucked in, and hands securely over their masks. The jump is designed to mimic a helicopter deployment.

The scenarios vary, but they're practiced over and over: Three victims

and three rescuers, two victims and three rescuers, all in the water.

Or, in another series, the team employs, for the first time in the scenario-based training, the marine police department's Apex inflatable, a small, mobile boat with a single outboard engine.

"It's another resource. We want to use it," Perryman said.

It's also the most popular part of the day's exercises, as the small skiff jumps through the water like a jackrabbit being chased or a wild bull



(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

Fireman and SAR member Tom Laituri, at right, takes the plunge of SAR-001 during training exercises last Wednesday.

bucking. Though the water is rough, the conditions are ideal for emergency training, observed Tom Laituri, a Roi firefighter on his second tour here and a veteran member of the team.

"No day is picture perfect," he said, explaining that each scenario teaches something or presents an obstacle that must be overcome.

It's definitely the physical challenge that draws some of the members to the team, besides their primary duty as firemen to save lives and property.

"I always like to run up to the hard challenges," said Tom Meinert, a Marine who has been on the team for about year. "It makes me a better firefighter."

Bolstering skills is another reason to join, according to new member Jason Fallier, a "round-the-world" firefighter last stationed in Hungary for more than three years.

"It's just another aspect of firefighting I want to be exposed to,"

he said.

He more than gets his wish, as the inflatable is returned back to port and SR-001 heads through SAR pass for bigger waves and deeper water. Perryman is hoping to practice a beach landing oceanside, but also wants the team to work away from the relative protection of the lagoon.

"There's always a psychological element," she said. "It's different when you're on the open water."

A quick assessment finds beach entry behind Carlson impractical.

Safety of the team is always first, even in real-life situations, Perryman said, because the last thing the team needs is to have to rescue the rescuer. Still, the boat heads to deep water, where the members continue working scenarios, incorporating a rescue Sked and 12-man life raft into their exercises.

The day ends with a beach entry inside the lagoon from Carlson. Four SAR members must retrieve Laituri from the beach, place him in the rescue Sked to immobilize him and swim back to SR-001. Easier said than done, as the boat has to remain several hundred feet off shore because of the shallow coral.

Winds and waves hit her stern, pushing her back toward the island. Herrington eventually has to head to deeper water, forcing the team to swim even farther to get back to the boat.

While the exercises are primarily for the team, the marine police also benefit from the practice, according to Herrington.

"There's a lot of communication that has to be understood," he said. "It's good to work with them and see how proficient they are."

And just how proficient was today's exercise?

"I like the way they're working together, the way we're problem solving," said Perryman, only the second female to ever join the team and the first to act as a SAR instructor.

"We have a good team," she added. "I would be comfortable to trust my life to them. I do every day."

Sailor found after more than 18 hours at sea ...

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"They saw him clinging to a pallet," LaCost said. The crew lost sight of him around 3 p.m., she added.

The *Mercy K* called Ebeye for help, and someone there called local resident Floyd Corder, who in turn, called Harbor Control, LaCost said.

The call prompted a rescue effort that would last another 16 hours and included the SR001 police boat, the Marine tug *Mystic* and a visiting Coast Guard C-130.

In less than an hour, the SAR boat assembled a crew and fire department rescue personnel and put to sea headed to the *Mercy K*.

The boat speeded toward the site until passing through Bigej Pass, when it slowed to 5.8 knots because of the wave action, said Mike Herrington, senior boat operator on the SAR.

"We were going directly into the waves," he said.

Meanwhile, a Coast Guard C-130 arrived at Kwajalein around 3:15 p.m. for a scheduled refuel and overnight stay, said Maj. Matt Reed, USAKA chief, Transportation. Asked if they could assist, the plane took off by 4 p.m. and acted as an airborne command and control center, making contact with the *Mercy K*, dropping flares into various floating debris to help the SAR boat and combing an aerial search pattern. The plane remained airborne until darkness at around 7:30 p.m.

"It was certainly a good thing they were around," Reed said. "They provided a lot of assistance."

About that time, the SAR boat and crew, getting hammered by the waves and with darkness falling, could not safely continue their search.

"We couldn't see what we were running into or away from," Herrington said. "It was as bad a seas as I've been in. I couldn't take my eyes off the instruments and had to feel the way the waves were moving us. We all felt disheartened for the guy out there."

The boat turned around, beginning its three-hour journey home.

But the Marine Department stood up the *Mystic*, a heavier, bigger boat, to take its place. Furthermore, LaCost

had calculated that within hours the *Mercy K*, with its 16 remaining crew members, would finally drift onto the Kwajalein Atoll east reef, and the tug would be needed to prevent that.

"I understood it was my mission to make sure that ship didn't go on the rocks," said *Mystic* Capt. Dick Pratt.

After making initial contact with the *Mercy K*, and knowing they had time, the *Mystic* first searched the seas east of the *Mercy K* in hopes of finding the lost sailor. They had no luck. By 3:30 a.m., however, Pratt determined they could wait no longer, and the crew began the effort to bring the *Mercy K* into tow.

"It was a fairly straightforward job, made tricky by the fact that both vessels were moving around in the sea," he said.

"It was dangerous," LaCost said.

It was dark, too, the work lit by floodlights and moonlight, and most of the crew had been up since Sunday morning.

"Fatigue does its job, and adrenaline does its job," Pratt said.

With both vessels rolling at different rates in the swells because of their different sizes, the *Mystic* crew had to maneuver the boat into place, avoid collision and quickly toss a messenger line, allowing the crew of the *Mercy K* to draw in the heavier towline.

"We must have done something right, because we got them," Pratt said.

The *Mystic* held the *Mercy K* safely in the area awaiting the arrival of the Kramer tug *Ralik* from Majuro.

The *Ralik* approached in the dawning hours around 6 a.m., more slowly than would have been expected.

"We thought they might be picking the guy up, and we were right," Pratt said, adding the morning light must have helped. "There's a thousand whitecaps out there and it's difficult to see anything."

Quickly, calls traveled throughout the search group announcing the rescue. The man was found unhurt.

"It all worked well," LaCost said.

Added Herrington, "It's pretty amazing what we have here as far as resources."

History project saving stories of veterans for nation's posterity

Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample
American Forces Press Service

There are over 19 million veterans living in the U.S. today. With each is a personal story of battles fought, victories and defeats. Each story, though sometimes heartbreaking, is full of love, dedication and patriotism.

That's how Peter Bartis describes his work with the Veterans History Project. The grassroots effort that began two years ago — and has now caught fire — is hoping to keep those memories alive.

Bartis, a senior program officer for the project, said that each day some 1,500 U.S. veterans die — and with them a treasured part of the nation's

past.

"These are some of the most amazing stories; when you put them all together you get a story of the nation," he said.

Over the past year alone, the project's staff of 16 has already collected more than 14,000 items, such as letters and other memoirs, and video and audio-tape interviews.

"We're all just blown away by these stories," he said. "The information has been very rich, it's been emotional, and it's very heartening to listen to the stories, to learn how and why they (veterans) joined, their war-time experience."

With the idea that future genera-

tions could learn from the histories of the nation's veterans, the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress began the effort to collect video and audio recordings of personal histories and testimonials of American war veterans — men, women, civilians who served in World Wars I and II, and the Korean, Vietnam and Persian Gulf wars.

Bartis said the amount of regular mail and the number of e-mails and phone calls vary from day to day, "but the response to this project has been enormous."

To learn more about the Veterans History Project, visit www.loc.gov/folklife/vets.

Classified Ads and Community Notices

HELP WANTED

The following on-island positions are open with Raytheon. For more information or to submit a resumé or application, call HR employment, Alan Taylor, 54916, unless otherwise noted.

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KINDERGARTEN TEACHER, George Seitz Elementary School. Certified kindergarten teacher with an emphasis on early childhood training and experience. A criminal history background check is required. Applicants may submit resúmes to the superintendent of schools, 53916, or file an application at HR, 54916.

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DENTAL ASSISTANT, Dental Clinic. Casual. Criminal history background check required.

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

Boeing has the following job vacancy:

Repair and maintain office, facilities and employee housing equipment; operate site equipment as needed; perform painting, carpentry, electrical, mechanical, HVAC, plumbing, plastic and sheet metal fabrication and other associated work using hand and power tools as directed; troubleshoot and repair equipment and facilities; ensure compliance with and adherence to applicable codes and regulations; provide logistical support to Boeing operations for RTS; interface with company organizations, subcontractors and customers to meet company business requirements. Requires ability to obtain interim and final security clearance, valid U.S. driver's license and basic computer skills. Prefer detailed knowledge of Kwajalein operations and site infrastructure, two years' technical education and three to five years experience with skills appropriate to the assignment. Apply at <http://jobsearch.boeing.newjobs.com>. Requisition number is 02-1010830.

The small arms range will be in operation Saturday, Nov. 30, 8 a.m.-noon.
All watercraft must observe the red flags on the southwest end of the island.

University of Maryland has the following vacancy:

Assistant Field Representative. Casual. Perform all duties of field representative on as-needed basis to include registration processing, student counseling, faculty liaison, course marketing and new student orientation. Must be computer literate with good working knowledge of MS Excel and MS Word. Interested applicants should visit the UMUC office during normal office hours, 1-5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, to complete an application. Interviews began Nov. 16.

Ebye Public School has the following vacancy:

FULL-TIME seventh- and eighth-grade English teacher. Prefer a volunteer, but will provide a salary to maintain a permanent teacher. For an interview, call Host Nation, 54848.

WANTED

VIDEO TAPE of USC/Arizona St. football game Nov. 17. Call 52609.

TO BUY: rocker/recliner. Call 52515.

ESCORT FOR 13-year-old boy from Kwaj to Hono on Aloha Dec. 14. Call 51618.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS craft program needs old Christmas cards, small glass jars with lids (baby food, etc.), small shells and sea glass. All items needed by Dec. 1. Drop them off at the box in the REB, or call Lora, 54168. Sponsored by the Protestant congregation of Island Memorial Chapel.

LOST

PRESCRIPTION SUNGLASSES with wire rims Nov. 10 at Roi terminal building or on Kwaj. Call 52370.

FOR SALE

SCUBA BOOTIES, size 7-8, \$10 each; dive mask, \$10; pre-natal yoga DVD, \$10; "Bounce Back After Baby" VHS tape, \$5; dishwasher, works well, \$50; girls' pullups, size large, \$10; electrostatic allergy A/C filter, 20" x 24", fits old housing, \$25. Call 52638.

BUSHNELL VOYAGER telescope, 565 x 60 Penta mirror assembly corrects backward image, excellent condition, \$150 or best offer. Call Bill or Jane, 54302, after 5 p.m.

PCS SALE. 55-gallon aquarium with equipment, \$150; indoor wood storage cabinet, \$75; golf umbrella, \$10; GE CB transceiver, \$40; CB portable antenna, \$20; Fluval 203 aquarium filter, \$20; brass floor lamp, \$35; 13" color TV monitor, works with VCR only; stereo component cabinet, \$15; battery-operated portable lantern, \$8; scuba booties, new, medium, size 8, \$20. Call 53711, afternoons or evenings.

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PCS SALE. Microwave, \$40; rice cooker, \$10; toaster,

Special Post Office Notice

Thursday, Nov. 28: Closed Roi & Kwaj
Saturday, Nov. 30: Closed (Kwaj only)
(There will be no mail Saturday, Nov. 30 as no plane will arrive that day).

Kwaj hours Nov. 29-Jan. 3

	Finance Window	Package Window
Sunday	Closed	Closed
Monday	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Tuesday	10am-12:30pm. 3-6:30 p.m.	10am-12:30pm. 3-7 p.m.
Wednesday	Closed	10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Thursday	10am-12:30pm. 3-6:30 p.m.	10am-12:30pm. 3-7 p.m.
Friday	10am-12:30pm. 3-6:30 p.m.	10am-12:30pm. 3-7 p.m.
Saturday	10am-12:30pm. 3-5:30 p.m.	10am-12:30pm. 3-6 p.m.

\$5; beach chair, \$5; tire pump, \$5; small cooler, \$5; 15-gallon storage totes, \$5 each. Call 53251.

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HBO SHOW "Sex and the City," complete third season, four VHS tapes, new, still in original wrapping, \$40; Levi shorts and pants, size 30" waist, \$5 each. Call 52642 and leave a message.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ISLAND ORIENTATION will be tomorrow, 8-11:30 a.m., in CAC room 6. All new arrivals and family members over 10 are encouraged to attend. Join Host Nation for a tour of Ebye 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Bring lunch money and your K-badge. Women should wear long dresses or modest skirts. Questions? Call Host Nation, 54848.

CONSULAR OFFICER from the American Embassy in Majuro will be on Kwaj tomorrow. American citizens needing appointments may call Ms. Standifer, 53417.

A BRIEF memorial service for Taryn Williams will be held Thanksgiving Day, 8 a.m., in front of the preschool. All are welcome. For more information, call Trina, 52842, Kris, 53579, or Barbara, 50227.

SCUBA SANTA arrives Dec. 20, 7 p.m., at Emon Beach. Mark your calendar for this fun-filled family event.

BOATING ORIENTATION will be Dec. 11-12, 6-8 p.m., in CAC room 1. Stop by Small Boat Marina with a \$20 fee to register. Questions? Call 53643.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S Fellowship will sell Kwaj Cookbooks Dec. 2 and Dec. 9, on Macy's porch. Books are \$5 and \$10. For an additional fee, we will wrap and send books to friends and family. For more information, call Glenda, 52241.

ALL RSE EMPLOYEES: Mark your calendars for the RSE

Classified Ads and Community Notices

Children's Christmas Workshop



Island Memorial Chapel sponsors a children's Christmas workshop Monday, Dec. 16, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., in CAC 6. All children welcome to make gifts for moms, dads and grandparents. Kids under 5 must have adult present. Questions? Call 54186.

Aloha Holiday Party Dec. 8 at the Yokwe Yuk Club Lounge. Pupus at 6:30 p.m.; a Pacific Rim buffet, 7-8:30 p.m. Cash bar. Music by Pure Aloha and The Zooks. Aloha attire is suggested. Bus transportation available. Tickets on sale now. For information and to buy tickets, call Paula, 53511, Maree, 55199, or Lannie, 56712. Tickets must be purchased by close of business Dec. 3.

WILL YOU be missing Thanksgiving with family and friends in the states? Join CWF for Thanksgiving Day at noon at the REB. Lots of turkey and desserts. If you're TDY, accompanied or unaccompanied, you're invited. RSVP to Amy, 52681, so we can be sure there's enough for everybody.

KIDS' CRAFT CLUB meets Friday, Dec. 5, 3:30-4:30 p.m., at the Youth Center. We'll be making pretty package frames. Grades 1-6 are welcome. Questions? Call Erika, 53331.

SECOND- and Third-grade Concert will be Dec. 5, 7 p.m., in the MP room. The second grade will perform "The Four Seasons," a program about summer, fall, winter and spring. There will be songs and narrations representing each season. The third grade will perform "Our House is a Holiday House," with songs and narrations about the December holidays, Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa.

ORTHODONTIST will be on island Dec 4-5. To make an appointment, call the Dental Clinic, 52165, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

ENNIBURR CHILDREN'S Christmas Fund committee is selling T-shirts and outback hats for the Chili Cook-off that never was. Proceeds go to the Christmas fund. Various colors and sizes. To get these collector's items, call 56726.

WSI CLASS: If you are interested in becoming a Red Cross certified water safety instructor, call Cris, 52935, to sign up for the course.



A little elf says Santa is ready to leave the North Pole and will arrive on Kwaj Dec. 7, 5 p.m., at the airport.



Santa wants his photo with you Dec. 9, 4-6:30 p.m., at the Yuk Club. Bring mom and dad for dinner.



Santa's mailbox will be at the post office Dec. 9 through Dec. 16. Santa is waiting to hear from Kwaj boys and girls. Don't forget to include your return address so Santa can write back.

**Marshallese Word
of the Day**

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See you at the movies!

Wednesday

Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones (2002, PG)

Obi-Wan Kenobi and Anakin Skywalker investigate a plot to kill Queen Amidala and discover a secret clone army. (Ewan McGregor, Natalie Portman)
Adult Recreation Center, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Bad Company (2002, PG-13)

A CIA agent recruits a streetwise punk when the latter's identical twin brother is killed in the line of duty. (Anthony Hopkins, Chris Rock) (117 minutes)
Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

The Importance of Being Earnest (2002, PG)

Two bachelors find true love through deception, as both pose as a young gentleman named Ernest.
Roi-Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.

Sunday

Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones (2002, PG)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Showtime (2002, PG-13)

A tough cop is told by his captain to star in a reality TV-based crime show against his wishes. (Robert De Niro, Eddie Murphy)
Roi-Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.

Monday

Bad Company (2002, PG-13)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.



**Hello Dave
greet's Kwaj**

Lead vocalist Mike Himebaugh, left, belts out an original song accompanied by the frenzied guitar playing of Michael McGohan and the beat of drummer Bryan Resendiz at the Yuk Club Saturday night.

(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

U.S. invites Russians to observe IFT-10

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

The U.S. government has invited Russian officials to watch the next test of the Ground-based Midcourse Defense system, scheduled in December, according to a State Department press release.

But that doesn't necessarily mean the Russians are coming to Kwajalein, says a local military intelligence official.

"There are no indications they are coming," said Mac Kipp-McGuire, USAKA intelligence specialist.

He said the offer has not yet been accepted, and even if it is, the Russian officials will likely observe the test from Huntsville, Ala., through a video-conference.

While there have been offers to the Russians in the past to observe ballistic missile tests, this is the first time they have been invited to watch the GMD tests, Kipp-McGuire said. The "olive

branch" to America's former Cold War enemy also includes an offer to attend an exhibition of the Patriot PAC-3 system at Fort Bliss, Texas, and to visit missile defense-related sites at Fort Greeley, Alaska.

The GMD system involves technology that allows one missile to intercept another during the midcourse phase of the flight, essentially using a kinetic blast — a bullet-to-bullet hit — to destroy the ballistic threat in the ex-atmosphere.

The Missile Defense Agency, which oversees the program, has conducted nine previous tests, with the interceptor launched from Kwajalein Atoll. Five tests have resulted in successful intercepts, including the last four in a row.

While it is unlikely the Russians will visit, "there's always a possibility" it may happen, Kipp-McGuire said. In any case, OPSEC continues to be a primary concern and should be observed at all times, he added.

WEATHER

Courtesy of Aeromet

Tonight: Partly cloudy.
Winds: East-northeast to east at 15 to 20 knots.
Tomorrow: Partly to mostly sunny; a passing shower or two possible.
Winds: East-northeast to east at 15 to 20 knots.
Temperature: Tonight's low 80°
Tomorrow's high 86°
November rain total: 3.65"
Annual rain total: 98.47"
Annual deviation: 6.26"
Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.



Sun • Moon • Tides



	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday November 26	0646/1826	2350/1149	0740, 3.6' 2000, 4.6'	0150, 1.6' 1320, 1.9'
Wednesday November 27	0646/1827	/1239 Last qtr.	0900, 3.4' 2120, 4.3'	0300, 1.8' 1440, 2.3'
Thursday November 28	0647/1827	0045/1327	1100, 3.5' 2310, 4.2'	0430, 1.9' 1640, 2.4'
Friday November 29	0647/1827	0139/1412	1220, 4.0'	0600, 1.7' 1820, 2.0'