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Cubs Central clinch marks time and history like a comet

At 11:15 a.m. Sunday, local time, the Chicago Cubs made history, clinching the National League Central Division title and going to the playoffs for only the fifth time since the end of World War II.

Obviously, I’m a very proud fan, and let me thank all the well-wishers who called or stopped me this weekend after the great victory.

Let me add a few notes I learned over the weekend.

• The last time the Cubs swept a doubleheader, before Sunday, was in April 2001. I was there, sitting in Ferris Bueller’s seat, just left of left field, taunting Pat Burrell. My daughter had just been born and was staying with her mother, my mother and, well, so many people’s mothers that I and the other gentlemen excused ourselves, hopped a plane and flew to Chicago for the twin-bill. We celebrated the victory at The Burghoff, a German joint downtown, not nearly as pricey as the name implies, capped off by a night at the House of Blues. Good times.

• The last time the Cubs went to the playoffs was 1998 when they took the Wild Card by beating the San Francisco Giants in a one-game playoff at Wrigley. Then-Giants manager Dusty Baker is now a Cub.

At the time, I was preparing to move to Kwajalein, and I’m sure I never thought I’d see two playoff teams in my time on the island.

“We can go for one year,” my wife said.

The Cubs lost three straight games to the Atlanta Braves in ’98, and they face them again in the first playoff series starting tomorrow. We have some unfinished business.

• The last time the Cubs won their division was 1989. I was still in high school. I turned down several dates with beautiful college girls to watch the playoff series, only for the Cubs to lose out to the hated Giants. OK, part of that is made up, but you’ll have to decide which.

• The last time the Cubs went to a World Series, my father, a life-long Cub fan, was 8 months old. He has never seen the Cubs in a World Series.

• The last time the Cubs won a World Series, my maternal grandfather was 12 years shy of birth. He was born in 1920 and two years later emigrated through Ellis Island to Chicago, where his father owned a cobler shop across the street from Wrigley Field. The spot is now marked by a McDonald’s.

• The last time the Cubs won a World Series my paternal grandfather, a life-long Cardinals fan (and it pains me to write it) was 1-year-old. So if he was alive, he probably wouldn’t be so excited today.

People ask me “What’s the big deal? It’s just a game.”

When you have generations of fans pining for a championship only to be disappointed, they pass on that disappointment to their off-spring. If the Cubs go all the way, I’ll be cheering, not just for myself, but everyone of my family members before me, besides Grandpa Bennett, of course. And if they do win it all, Cub fans know, unlike others, except maybe Red Sox and White Sox fans, that their children may never see the same glorious event.

It’s like Halley’s Comet in a way, only the comet comes around more frequently.

I was at a party Sunday night, and a guy asked, “So are the Cubs’ the island’s favorite team?”

An Astros fan cut me off, saying, “I don’t know about that,” but I nodded. And I think, deep down, that Astros fan knows it, too.

Marshallese Word of the Day
molo — cold

The Kwajalein Hourglass

CHAPTER 151: PRESENTING THE NEW HIGH-TECH OPTION FOR SUPERIOR TELEVISION RECEPTION!

Buckminster and Friends
by Sabrina Mumma

The Hourglass is named for the insignia of the U.S. Army 7th Infantry Division, which liberated the island from the forces of Imperial Japan on Feb 4, 1944.

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From Staff Reports

In an effort to save lives and prevent injuries, during this year’s Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 5-11, the Kwajalein Fire Department Fire Prevention Office staff reminds residents to have working smoke alarms and a well-practiced escape plan.

“Having early warning of a fire, and following a well-practiced escape plan to get out quickly — and stay out — can make the difference between surviving a fire and dying in one,” said Mike Gabany, KPD Fire marshal. “This Fire Prevention Week, we are concentrating our efforts on making sure residents of Kwajalein Atoll are aware that they need working smoke alarms on every level of their home, and that they should plan ahead on how they would get out if fire strikes, and practice that plan regularly.”

The 2003 Fire Prevention Week theme, “When Fire Strikes: Get Out! Stay Out!” is a lifesaving reminder to leave right away when the smoke alarm goes off, and to stay out until firefighters say it is safe to go back inside. Fire Prevention Week is the basis for public fire safety awareness activities in fire departments and elementary schools across North America each year.

Half of all fatal home fires occur in the small number of homes that have no smoke alarms, according to the National Fire Protection Association, the official sponsor of Fire Protection Week for more than 80 years.

The KFD, including Kwajalein, Roi-Namur and Meck fire stations, is joining forces with the NFPA to reach out to residents with lifesaving messages about having working smoke alarms and practicing fire escape drills in a campaign designed to save lives and prevent injuries, Gabany said.

“Many people overestimate the amount of time they may have to get out of a fire,” he said. “A fire can become deadly in only moments, making every second count. That’s why we’re working to raise awareness of the importance of installing and or maintaining smoke alarms and planning and practicing fire drills.”

Fire extinguisher training for non-working residents is offered during Fire Prevention Week, at times to be announced in Friday’s newspaper, Gabany said.

The Fire Prevention Week 2003 advice is simple:
• Install working smoke alarms on each level of the home, and test them monthly to ensure they are working; replace batteries at least annually
• Develop a thorough fire escape plan and practice it by holding fire drills twice a year; make sure you know two ways out of every room
• Teach everyone in your household that once they are out, they must stay out until firefighters say it is safe to go back inside. Get out first, then call the fire department.

Sparky will pass on a number of messages throughout Fire Prevention Week, which runs Oct. 5-11 on Kwajalein.

Weaving cultures together

Eleven-year-old Christine Woodburn, right, helps make thatch under Mirose Adde’s tutelage while Ryan Woodburn, 13, and Rosebeth Antorean watch, during the sixth Manit Day celebrated at the Marshallese Cultural Center, Monday. The day-long event gave Kwajalein residents a chance to experience Marshallese culture. For complete Manit Day coverage, see Friday’s Hourglass.

(Phot by KW Hillis)
One Particular Harbor

Couple stops on Kwaj during post-retirement voyages

By Jan Waddell
Reporter

They were married in 1958, raised six children, he was a pastor for 26 years and she worked in the graphics industry. They enjoy scrabble, cribbage, crossword puzzles, reading and targeted the Marshall Islands as a good place to stop after seven years of sailing the seas.

Jim and Carol Todd owned five acres in Oregon City, Ore. where Jim was the pastor of the American Missionary Fellowship church. With all their children grown they were looking toward retirement.

“We took off at the end of the Oregon Trail to make our own trail,” Todd said.

Todd and his wife Carol not only hadn’t sailed before, but had never even owned a boat.

“We certainly didn’t know how to sail,” he added.

Todd laughs as he tells a story of how his wife came up with the idea. He was nearing retirement when Carol said she would like to buy a sailboat, learn how to sail and they would spend their retirement years sailing the open oceans.

“It was my wife’s idea to sail,” Todd said. “I liked it. I didn’t argue with her at all.”

In 1996, the Todds bought a 29-foot sailboat and then learned how to sail from the people who sold them the boat.

The Columbia River became their classroom and after six months the Todds decided they were ready to strike out on their own.

They called all their children together to explain the adventure they were about to embark on. Todd said his children were 100 percent supportive, but confused because mom and dad aren’t supposed to run away from home.

Todd laughingly explained they were actually there to referee when the kids received their inheritance.

Todd said, they either gave away or sold everything else, and at 60-years-old, he and his wife sailed the 60 miles down the Columbia River to the ocean.

“We turned left and never went back,” he added.

From there the Todds’ harbor-hopped, stopping at several California ports; Winchester Bay, Bodega Bay, Ventura, Monterey Bay and they finally wound up in San Diego where they stayed for about a year.

According to Todd this was their way of learning to sail, anchor and navigate on the open ocean.

The next stage in their journey took them to Ensenada, Mexico, about 60 miles past the United States border.

From there they sailed off for the Hawaiian Islands.

The first stop on their trip was Hilo, Hawaii. They then traveled to Oahu and finally to Molokai where they stayed for 2½ years.

Todd explained it was in Hawaii that they felt they were ready for a bigger boat, so they sold the 29-footer for double what they paid, and bought a 36-foot boat, which needed a little repair.

After they had refurbished the new boat, the Todd’s decided to head-out again.

“In the spirit of adventure the Marshall Islands sounded better,” Todd said.

They headed for Majuro on their new boat Morning Wings.

During their 32 day-voyage to Majuro they faced 30-foot waves and flirted with a hurricane.

“We have never feared for our lives,” Todd said. “Cue to the violins night.”

This was Carol’s secret phrase. Todd explained that while traveling to Majuro most of the journey had been rough. They were not able to set the table and sit and eat for a long time. Todd describes having to hold your food dish with one arm all the while scraping the food into your mouth as the boat rocked and reeled on the open ocean. But on one special night, Todd described, before them appeared a rainbow and then dolphins joined the journey and swam along side the boat and then a beautiful sunset was before them. On this night they were able to sit at the table and have dinner with out holding on to their plates. Carol always referred to this special night as “cue to the violins night.”

This was a special night when they knew they were on a trip of a lifetime.

“I had to read a lot of books on our [long] journey to Majuro,” Todd

(See SAILOR, page 5)
BOWLING FOR JOB CORPS

Christopher Bulles, right, and Marshisma Harry each fire a ball down the lane at the Bowling Alley Saturday afternoon as part of the Kwajalein Job Corps' monthly recreation activity for September.

There are 40 students, ages 18-24, currently enrolled in the Job Corps program, which is three- to four-months long.

Grace Sherwood Library gives away books

From Staff Reports

Jeffrey Pippitt won the Harry Potter book series, all five books, in the September monthly drawing at Grace Sherwood Library, Sept. 23.

Up for grabs this month, in honor of Halloween, is a set of five, leather-bound, Agatha Christie novels including: "Murder on the Orient Express," "And Then There Were None," "Death on the Nile," "Death Comes As The End" and "Easy To Kill." Drawing forms are available at the library.

Books given out come from those donated to the library of which the library already has copies, said librarian Amy Hansen. Some are leather-bound, special editions in pristine condition.
HELP WANTED
KRS has the following on-island job opening. Unless otherwise noted, call Alan Taylor, 55154:

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SECRETARY. Full time position. Responsible for answering phones, key control, timecards, registration, fee collection, cash handling, reservations, supply orders and other duties. Must have excellent verbal and written skills, experienced with Microsoft Office and Outlook, self motivated and can handle a fast paced office.

ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK. Part time to assist Occupational Health Nurse in coordinating medical screening. Interface with employees, clinicians and related staff. Computer literate, familiar with medical terminology, flex time possible.

PRODUCTION CONTROL in the Calibration Lab, full time, creates work orders, updates status reports, maintains records, ensures tech library is current. Must be proficient in Windows, Word and Excel, familiar with METCAL Software.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER. Provide supervision and instruction in the absence of the regular classroom teacher. Organizational skills and structure are a prerequisite. Teaching certification preferred, but not required. Childcare clearance.

CYS ACTIVITIES ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

CYS HOMEWORK CENTER LEAD

CYS TECHNOLOGY LAB ASSISTANT

MS/TEEN HOMEWORK CENTER ASSISTANT Flexible hours, afternoons/evenings. High school diploma plus childcare/youth experience, childcare clearance required.

The following job vacancy is part time. For job information, call Linda Hinote, 58086 before noon.

BARTENDERS needed for the Vets Hall. Call Linda at 58086, before noon.

MIT Lincoln Laboratory has the following job vacancy. For job information or to submit resume, contact Lyn Long, MIT/Lincoln Laboratory, PO Box 58, APO, AP 96555 before Sept. 30, 2003.

SECRETARY administrative support, front office. Responsibilities include but are not limited to, processing travel documents, handling classified materials, processing and maintaining security information, maintaining files and calendars and answering phones. Required: Microsoft Office with PowerPoint and Word proficiency; minimum 10 years secretarial experience; demonstrated maturity, cooperativeness and competency; and have security clearance or ability to obtain one.

LOST

RING, gold band with small diamond and oblong black star sapphire stone. Reward. Call 52316.

MACRO LENS. Light and motion lens lost at Emon Beach. Reward. Also UK Q40 with strobe caddy at Troy’s. Call Joi, 55306H or 51000W.

WOMEN’S RAINCOAT, gray with black lining. Call 52654.

FOUND

READING GLASSES. Red glasses found on Emon Beach. Call 52276.

WANTED

HOUSE-SITTING for PhD candidate here for studies Dec. 18-Jan. 14. Good with plants and animals of all kinds. Call LuAnne, 58172, after 5 p.m.

ROCKER/RECLINER or glider and double jogging stroller. Call 52368.

PIANO INSTRUCTOR for beginner. Call Barbara, 52839.

FOR SALE

ROCKING CHAIR, blue, $50. Call, 52800W or 53999H.

BLINDS fitting for a whole house; new, unused pasta machine; women’s clothing size 7-9; many video movies; piano, $600. Call Sabrina, 52034.

PCS SALE. Sofa, $300; recliner, hunter green, $50; solid oak dining table w/4 chairs, $400; two wooden bar stools, $10 each; wardrobe closet, $50; solid oak dining table w/4 chairs, $400; two wooden bar stools, $10 each; wardrobe closet, 5 p.m..

MICROWAVE, small Panasonic, $75. Call 51992, after 5 p.m.

BIKE TRAILER, $50; Sun 4-speed bike, $60; two Huffy bikes, $20; Little Tykes Play Cube, $60; Little Tykes table, $10; Jogger stroller, $25; Umbrella stroller, $5; City play rug, $10; Beach umbrella, $12; Patio set, table, four chairs, $75; Reefmaster underwater camera, $120; Kenwood 1000w speakers, $325. Call 52262.

BOAT, 21’ Rally Sport Cigarette style, 225 HP Johnson and 8 HP Evinrude kicker, new trailer and boat house made from treated wood. $13,000. View at Lot #65 or call 52642.

DOUBLE STROLLER, perfect condition, $100. Call 51114.

BIKE. Boys, one month old, $30. Girls bike, very little rust, $15. Call 52324.

WEIGHT BENCH, with bar and assorted weights: two, 50 pounds; four, 25 pounds; two, 10 pound; two, 5 pound, $100 for all. Call 52589.

KWAJ BIKES. One man's 26 inch and one woman's 26 inch. $30 and $20. Call 53140.


COMMUNITY NOTICES

MICRONESIAN HANDICRAFT Shop is 40 years old in October. For this anniversary, we are holding a sale Monday, Oct. 6. All handicraft items are 10% off. Special sale hours are 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Regular store hours are 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday, Thursday and Saturday; 5-7 p.m., Wednesday and Friday.

OPTOMETRIST, will be on island Oct. 16-27. Residents desiring to make an appointment call, 52223 or 52224. Provide the following information: patient name and birthdate; employee name and social security number; insurance coverage and reason for visit.

MASTER MASONs will have an informal gathering at the Vets Hall, Wednesday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m. All Freemason on Kwaj and Roi are invited.

Sponsor & Missionary

Get-To-Know-Ya Picnic sponsored by the Protestant Chapel

Oct. 5, 12:30-4:30 p.m. Coral Sands Beach

Anyone interested in sponsoring or getting to know a Missionary from Ebeey, is invited.

Bring:
• A dish to share (Meat, drinks and paper products are supplied)
• Water clothes
• Water toys
• An open attitude

For more information call AnnElise, 51421.
Enjoy fishing and help repair a school!

The Columbus Day Charity Fishing Tournament is Monday, Oct. 13, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. $150 per boat entry fee. All proceeds go toward a Christmas exchange project for the Lib Island Marshallese community. The tournament is open to all authorized Kwajalein personnel, B-Boats and private boats. Event sponsored by Kwajalein Atoll Sport-fishing Club. For more information or to register, call Steve Moore, 57072W or 52517H.

Golf Tournament Horse Race qualifying rounds are Sept. 28-Oct. 27. The tournament starts for the Mixed Horse Race, Nov. 4, 4:30 p.m. and the Men's Horse Race, Nov. 5, 4:30 p.m. Quality attempt envelopes are provided at the Pro Shop, Holmberg Fairways. The cost is $5 per attempt. Women do not need to qualify. For more information call Pam or Andy, 54284W or 54678H

USAFA residents who employ domestic workers, their families have access to Kwajalein during the hours reflected on their individual contracts, only. There is no grace period now that they have C-badges. Only child care providers may work seven days a week until 9 p.m. USAFA residents must contact the Host Nation Office, 54848, to generate these new days and hours.

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INSURANCE ID CARD required from patients at the time of service by Kwajalein Hospital. Card must be presented in order to file claims with your insurance company. Due to the high volume of denied insurance claims, we must have proof of insurance. Patients can expect to pay for medical services if proof is not supplied.

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KWAJALEIN TENNIS CLUB is hosting a Fall Fun Tennis Tournament Sept. 28- Nov. 16. The tournament is open to all tennis players. It is a round robin format. There is a $10 entry fee for KTC members and a $20 fee for non-members. Entry forms are available at Post Office bulletin board or call Ray, 54310 before Sept. 25.

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**Live Music with All Together Spent**

**Saturday, Oct. 4, 9 P.M., AT THE YUK CLUB**

**Sunday, Oct. 5, 6 P.M., AT EMON BEACH.**

**See you at the movies!**

**Wednesday**


Hobbits Frodo and Samwise continue the adventure to Mordor to destroy the Ring of Power.

**Adult Recreation Center, 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday**

**Bowling for Columbine (2002, R)**

A satirical look at the obsession with guns and violence in several shootings, which have some ties with the Columbine High School murders.

**Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.**


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**Roi Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.**

**The Lizzie McGuire Movie (2003, PG)**

Lizzie and her friends have graduated from middle school to high school and take a European field trip.

**Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.**

**Sunday**

**Platoo (1986, R)**

A very real look at a soldiers tour of duty in Vietnam.

**Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.**

**The Matrix (1999, R)**

Is it real or is it an illusion when artificial intelligence creates a world of illusion.

**Roi Namur, C Building, 7 p.m.**

**From Justin to Kelly (2003, PG)**

Music brings two young people together. The only thing keeping them apart is their friends.

**Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.**

**Monday**

**Bowling for Columbine (2003, R)**

**Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.**

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**Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.**
Raiders schedule Veterans Day return to honor brothers

By Jim Bennett
Editor

Makin Raiders from World War II will return to the ground where they lost nine of their brothers this Veterans Day.

Around 20 Marines from the historic elite unit, joined by family members, are scheduled to attend activities on Kwajalein, Nov. 8-12.

They were men, many barely out of high school at the time, who spearheaded the first assault on Japanese territory hitting Makin Atoll on Butaritari island Aug. 17, 1942.

The Marines killed 83 Japanese and destroyed at least two seaplanes. Eight Marines earned the Navy Cross that day, and another, Sgt. Clyde Thomason, earned the Medal of Honor posthumously.

They lost 18 killed in action and 12 declared missing in action.

Of the 12 MIAs, however, nine were brought to Kwajalein after the battle, and in October 1942, beheaded, according to postwar investigations.

The then-Japanese commander for the Marshall Islands, Vice Adm. Koso Abe, was hanged for war crimes in 1945, and two Kwajalein-based officers, including the commander, Capt. Yoshio Obara, served prison sentences.

Since then, the nine Marines have never been identified nor has their burial site been located, though a team from the Central Identification Laboratory in Hawaii spent three months in 2002 searching the area around the Photo Lab.

The command unveiled a memorial to the nine Marines on Memorial Day 2002.

“The monument will stay there until the day when CILHI identifies the spot where they died,” said LuAnne Fantasia, USAKA Public Affairs officer. “They never stop looking.”

But the Raiders wanted a chance to see and dedicate the memorial for themselves.


“They felt like they didn’t have a lot of time to wait,” Fantasia said.

Since setting the date, island groups have set about preparing a red carpet welcome with a variety of events and honors.

“It’s an island-wide effort,” Fantasia said.

When the Marines arrive on Continental’s Nov. 8 flight, a group of former Marines, all atoll residents, along with the Kwaj Pipes and Drums, will meet them on the tarmac.

Each Raider will be given temporary quarters of their own and volunteers will sponsor an individual and his family while on-island, driving the guests to wherever an event is being held and otherwise serving as hosts.

Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Suza Goltz at 55565.

On Nov. 9, the Raiders will fly to Roi-Namur and take a tour of the historical sites there.

The schedule on Nov. 10 calls for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball, held annually around the world the night before the Marine Corps Birthday, which falls Nov. 10.

On Veteran’s Day, the Raiders will join with the Kwaj community in the annual ceremony at the flag pole. In addition, the ceremony will include a special dedication for the memorial and the nine Marines who died on Kwajalein.

The group is scheduled to depart Nov. 12.

The visit, as a whole, promises to be an emotional one, Fantasia said, noting around 10-12 veterans make the pilgrimage every year.

Another 30 are set to come to the 60th anniversary of the battle festivities at the end of January.

“I get emotional when one veteran comes to the island,” she said “You can imagine what it will be like with 21 here ... To come back to a place that you were lucky to leave alive and find it a thriving community and a significant part of our national defense, it has to be emotional. Every one of them will have a wonderful story to tell, a very personal story, their story.”

Tickets will go on sale sometime next week, said Donna Groth, an organizer for the event and a former Marine and drill instructor, who now lives and works on-island.

Kwajalein is home to at least 11 Marines with at least seven local former Marines having bought full dress uniforms for the ball, she added.

“It’s celebrated bigger than Christmas,” she said of the Marines’ reverence for the day.

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