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THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



Dr. Clyde Bishop, U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, gives a farewell address at a meeting on Roi-Namur Tuesday afternoon. The ambassador has announced his impending retirement. For more, see page 3.

Photo by Dan Adler

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Medical billing changing April 21 due to Army Family Action Plan

Hourglass Reports

In an effort to alleviate some of the financial and administrative burden to residents, the Hospital and Dental Clinic will implement changes regarding insurance claim filing and patient payment responsibilities, to be effective with services on or after April 21, 2009. (This does not apply to Active Duty Military and their resident dependents, services covered by Worker's Comp or required by employers, or Marshallese patients with KEAT coverage.)

Insurance Claim Filing:

As a courtesy to patients, the Hospital and Dental Clinic will file all insurance claims for clinic, emergency room, and other outpatient services. This will relieve the patient burden of filing claims, assure they are filed on a timely basis, and initiate reimbursements as quickly as possible. The insurance companies will be directed on the claim forms to pay members directly. Insurance filing does not apply to Pharmacy items.

Patients will have the responsibility to track their own claims and follow up directly with the insurance carrier if not paid accurately or on a timely basis.

Correct claims can only be filed if the Hospital and Dental Clinic have current insurance information for patients. At their appointments, patients should verify that correct insurance and demographic information is on file. Bring insurance ID cards.

Payment Responsibility:

Patients or sponsors will be billed monthly for Hospital and Dental Clinic services, and will no longer be asked to pay at the time of service (they may pay at the visit if they wish). Pharmacy items, however, will still be payable at the time of pickup.

KRS Finance Department will send monthly statements for both Hospital and Dental services. After receipt of the monthly statement, payments must be made directly to KRS Finance, not to the Hospital or Dental Clinic.

Payment for these charges will be due and payable on the same basis as any other charges from Finance, such as phone bills. Responsibility for full payment is not dependent on receiving insurance payments, although it is hoped that patients receive reimbursement quickly if they have already met their annual deductibles.

Inpatient Services:

The Hospital will continue to file insurance claims for overnight admissions, and take direct payments from insurance companies. Only the balances owed after these inpatient claims are processed will be sent to KRS Finance for patient billing. For information purposes only, and only for inpatient charges, the Hospital will mail detailed invoices to patients of the charges sent to their insurance companies.

To summarize the new proce-



dures:

- Patients provide current insurance information to the Hospital and Dental Clinic, including copies of insurance cards.

- Patients receive medical or dental services.

- Hospital or Dental Clinic sends claims to insurance companies.

- The Hospital or Dental Clinic sends full charges for services to KRS Finance for billing to patients on regular monthly statements. (Exception for inpatient charges: only the balance after insurance payment will be sent to Finance.)

- Patients pay these charges at KRS Finance on same basis as any other bill.

- Insurance companies reimburse patients directly.

For questions about these changes, please first see the Questions & Answers on the Medical webpage of the Intranet. If you have additional questions, please email them to Kwajalein Medical-Dental Billing on the global (KMDB@smdck.smdc.army.mil), or call the Hospital at 58107, or the Dental Clinic at 52165.

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Ambassador Clyde Bishop pays farewell visit to Kwajalein, Roi

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U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Dr. Clyde Bishop, is retiring from the Foreign Service effective April 30. Bishop has served as a career diplomat for 30 years. His retirement and early departure from his post in the RMI is due to family circumstances.

On Tuesday, the ambassador gave a farewell address to workers and residents on Roi-Namur and he met with Kwajalein residents on Wednesday in the Island Memorial Chapel.

On his trip to Roi, the ambassador was accompanied by Col. Frederick Clarke, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll Commander, Maj. Christopher Mills, USAKA Host Nations Director, Roberta Jones, USAKA Protocol Officer, and Dave Norwood, Kwajalein Range Services President.

Clarke introduced the ambassador to the Roi audience saying that Bishop has been a strong proponent of the USAKA community and the mission. He thanked the ambassador for taking time out of his busy schedule to come to USAKA to say farewell. Clarke expressed his appreciation for everything Bishop has done during his tenure as ambassador.

Bishop addressed the audience saying that as a representative of the United States government, he recognizes the importance of Roi-Namur and Ennubirr to the overall mission at USAKA.

"That is why I insisted that before I ended my tenure as ambassador I would return to Roi and express my appreciation for all the support and cooperation you have shown to me," he said.

Bishop explained that although he was departing before his tenure as ambassador was completed, it was due only to family and personal concerns and not to any political problems or difficulties in the relationship between the United States and the RMI. He said he believes the relationship between the two countries is

strong and friendly and that he sees that relationship continuing into the future.

Bishop also said that he is a career foreign officer and not a political appointee.

"Political appointees to ambassadorships must resign when a new administration comes in," he said. "Career diplomats do not have to resign, nor are they expected to. And one can just look at me and know how much I would love to serve under the current president of the United States."

Bishop said there may be rumors he has been recalled because a land use agreement has not been reached. Again, he said that rumor and others like it were absolutely false.

Bishop emphasized that he wanted to clarify why he was leaving so that his early departure would not be politicized. He wants everyone to know what the truth is.

He again expressed the importance of Roi-Namur. "You are a crucial component in our defense strategy in the Pacific," he said. "But at the same time, we're very aware that the existence of Roi-Namur is made possible by the support we receive from the people of Ennubirr. So I see Roi-Namur and Ennubirr as a team that works together to achieve common objectives."

He said he hoped the new ambassador would make his or her first trip outside of Majuro to Roi-Namur and Ennubirr so that he or she could see the "Joys and challenges of living in the outer islands."

Bishop told the audience that such trips had helped him better understand the difficulties they faced day in and day out.

"This is my third trip to Roi and Ennubirr and over that time, I've been able to see improvements in the quality of life," he said. "That is not to say the job is done by no means. But I am encouraged by some of the progress made so far."

The ambassador concluded by again thanking the residents and workers of Roi-Namur and Ennubirr for their support. Roi workers attending the meeting formed a line and one by one shook the ambassador's



U.S. Ambassador Clyde Bishop addresses the audience on Roi Tuesday.



Ambassador Clyde Bishop shakes hands with Roi workers after the meeting on Tuesday.

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Bales of aluminum cans await shipment off island. Aluminum cans bring the most profit for the recycling program.

Trash to cash

Kwajalein recycling program profits go to purchase community quality of life items

Article and photos by Dan Adler
Media Manager

Recycling isn't a very glamorous subject. While some people are very passionate about recycling, many people just don't care because they never see any benefit from it and that includes Kwajalein residents.

Lauren Harrold, USAKA Property Administrator and Plant Property Clearance Officer, and Tom Davis, Kwajalein Range Services Facilities Operations Management Superintendent are working to change that perception and to make the recycling effort on Kwajalein more efficient and more profitable.

"People don't realize that their recycle dollars come back into the program and it can also be used for quality of life items," said Davis. "People have a tendency to not do something if they don't see a tangible benefit

from it."

But now, thanks to Harrold, Davis, the USAKA Command and Kwajalein Range Services, tangible benefits are being seen by the community.

Each Bachelor Quarters has received a new picnic table, outside barbecue grill and new receptacles for cigarette butts purchased with profits made from recycling.

Davis said, "One of my friends has been here for 40 years and never concerned himself with recycling, but when he found out he was getting a new picnic table, he started doing it. So it does mean something when people see something come from it."

Davis continued, "We've been recycling for several years, but now we're going to the next step. We've hired three temporary people and each day they take out all the aluminum cans, glass bottles and aerosol cans. The three workers are actually paying for them-

selves because the wages they make are more than made up for by the money we get from the aluminum cans they gather.

The cans are pulled out of what is thrown into the big community trash bins and dumpsters.

Unfortunately, so many cans, bottles and other items are pulled from that trash, "It shows people are not recycling like they should be," said Davis. "Instead of using the proper receptacles, they just throw it into the dumpsters and that's the stuff we have to sort out."

Because some items are not being properly disposed of, the possibility of major damage to the incinerator at the landfill exists.

A major concern is that when people are just plain careless or PCSing, they throw aerosol cans, paint cans and other items that are considered hazardous material into the dumpsters. Aerosol cans are a major problem because if they would get into the incinerator and explode they would damage it. That could cost thousands of dollars to the Command and the community as a whole.

That would be especially bad because the incinerator is new and has been in operation for about four months according to Davis. It can run on about 2,000 gallons of diesel fuel per month versus the old incinerator which would consume 20,000 gallons a month. At about \$4 a gallon for diesel fuel, it's not hard to figure out that the new incinerator saves a lot of USAKA funds.

As far as making money from recycling, Davis said, "Aluminum cans are the highest profit item. They are selling for \$1-\$2 a pound. The next most profitable item is stainless steel, copper and brass . . . basically all the precious metals. Those are high dollar items. On the other hand, scrap iron is a big loser because it's not worth anything and cost a lot to ship off island."

When asked how difficult it was to make a profit from the recycling program, Davis answered, "Recycling can make money when you do things to offset other things." One of those 'offsets' is use of old tires as fuel for the incinerator. "They make it burn very hot and more efficiently," Davis said.

In addition, "Glass bottles and other glass items are



The new incinerator consumes around 2,000 gallons of diesel fuel per month versus the old incinerator that used 20,000 gallons per month.

ground up in a grinding machine and turns the glass into a fine sand," said Davis. "Sand used to be purchased from off island which was very expensive to buy and transport. That sand was used by the Waste Water Treatment Plant in the drying beds. Now we use our own sand we make and that saves a lot of money."

Davis continued that when the drying beds are used up, they are sent to him and he makes compost out of them. He lays the compost on the landfill, seeds it and grows new sod. Finding uses for most everything is the secret to a successful recycling program.

Sometimes, it takes a little thinking outside the box and some research.

"We used to have no place to send PVC pipe," said Davis, "but Lauren found a site that will take it, so now we can get rid of that. We grind it up and send it to them and they reuse it. They pay so much per pound and if that pays for the shipping costs, we're fine with that because that's something else we don't have to landfill."

Davis said that he was increasing recycling to white paper, cardboard and other items. "We have to figure out what is being paid per pound and if that covers shipping," he said. "The whole object is to shrink the landfill instead of increasing it. We've only got so much room here. And not only that, if we were caught in a base closure, it's a lot cheaper to deal with it in bits and chunks than all at once. So it's pay me now or pay me later."

Harrold looks at recycling as something more important than just making money.

"Sometimes you lose money and sometimes you make money," she said. "It depends on what you send and where you send it. And, of course, there are transportation costs to everything sent off island. Sometimes, the payoff isn't money. It's just keeping your environment clean and getting rid of hazardous and unsightly trash. Recycling is always the best thing to do if you're looking ahead. Sometimes it might not be good for the here and now, but it's good for our children's future."



Kwajalein Range Services Facilities Operations Management Superintendent Tom Davis inspects sand made from crushing discarded glass items.

Spring is Sprung

Spring Break calls for fun-filled week of educational activities at School-Age Services

Article and photos by Sheila Bigelow
Associate Editor



Teaching Assistant Binton Felix helps Cameron Jones with his bag full of trash during their Adopt-an-Area cleanup last week.

School may be out, but the fun keeps rolling at School Age Services for the Kwaj Kids in Sussannah Jones' class. SAS made sure to keep the students busy with fun-filled, educational activities to keep their young minds active during their week off from school.

They started the week with a field trip to the Power Plant April 9. Power plant operators Dan Robinson and Chad McGlenn greeted the children and showed them around the control room.

"This is how we power your Play Stations and Wii games," explained McGlenn. He got a hearty thank you from some of the children with that remark. The students lined up at the various windows to look down onto the plant floor where operators could be seen working on the generators.

On April 10, the students got ready for their Adopt-an-Area clean-up. Once a month the students grab trash bags and plastic gloves and head over to the grassy area and beach behind Corlett Recreation Center. In their designated Adopt-an-Area, they scour the grass and beach looking for trash, broken bottles, fallen coconuts and branches. Teaching Assistants



Anne Robinson, Environmental Engineer, gets assistance from Abbie Warren during an experiment at SAS April 10. Robinson was demonstrating to the kids how our drinking water is filtered.



SAS students Alakai Chavana, left, and Mackenzie Gowans study different shells of various endangered species that are protected on Kwajalein.

Binton Felix and Sophia Graham helped the children pick up anything unsightly off the beach.

That same day, guest speaker Anne Robinson, an Environmental Engineer, paid a visit to the Kwaj Kids. She enthusiastically explained to the students how important recycling is to keep Kwajalein as beautiful as it is now. She talked about water and the differences between potable and non-potable. Robinson chose a couple students as helpers to demonstrate how the water treatment plant cleans and filters our water so that it's healthy for us to ingest. Two student volunteers helped fill up a beaker first with

dirt and then with water. After the muddy concoction was well shaken, SAS student Abbie Warren helped Robinson pour it into the beaker with the black carbon sand that is used to filter out all the dirt. What's left is fresh, clean water that dripped into a beaker below it. It was a great visual aid for the children and all the "cools" and "awesomes" heard throughout the room confirmed their excitement. Finally, Robinson showed off all the unique shells which she had brought with her. She even brought along turtle shells, one almost four-feet tall. She told the students about all the different endangered species that are protected on Kwajalein and how they can do their part to make sure they remain alive and safe.

Even though it was spring break, the students were eager to learn and asked questions during all of their activities throughout the week. There's no stopping these young minds from growing.



Taylor Ostebauer cheerfully helps clean up the beach.



A turtle shell almost as tall as one of the SAS students. Environmental Engineer Anne Robinson brought it to SAS to teach the kids about endangered species.



Chad McGlenn shows SAS students Langston Stewart, Abbie Warren, Alakai Chavana and Cameron Jones different gauges in the control room during their tour.



Student Zach Jones helps clean up branches and palm fronds from the beach April 10.

Looking for leaders

Kwaj students learn leadership skills from Teen Panel



Students from Jabro Private School accept donated sports equipment from PTP and Keystone groups March 31. The donation was part of the group's service project.

Article by Sheila Bigelow
Associate Editor

Pacific Teen Panel is a program that helps teenagers become leaders on their Army garrisons by being involved in the community and encouraging others to participate in activities. Students are required to hold a 'mini' Youth Leadership Forum

within their respective areas in order to participate in the annual Youth Leadership Forum that will be held in Hawaii this June. Kwajalein PTP members C.C. Brady and Leimamo Wase sought help from Keystone, a Boys and Girls Club of America group, of which they are also members, to carry out their mini YLF. Brady and Wase worked with Keystone to organize multiple fundraisers to make it to their ultimate goal of donating sports equipment to various schools on Ebeye.

After months of planning and fundraising, the group made a trip to Ebeye on March 31 to present the donated equipment to the Marshallese children. They donated to Jabro, Seventh Day Adventist and Queen of Peace.

At each school, Brady and Wase gave a short presentation about how they had raised money to acquire the sports gear. Items donated were baseballs, gloves, bats, helmets, volleyballs, soccer balls, shin guards, basketballs, basketball hoops, tennis balls, Frisbees, ping pong balls and paddles.

"They were so excited to play everything," said Brady. "The little kids were more excited than the older ones."

"Some little kids thought the shin guards were baseball pads. They had never used or seen some of the equipment before," proclaimed Wase.

Brady and Wase will head off to Hawaii to attend the National YLF in June. In the meantime, they will continue to



Photos by Jason Kettenhofen

Left to right, Chi Chi Kemem, Christine Woodburn, Aaron Mathieson, Missy Schilling, Tyler Stepshew, Monica Peters, Leimamo Wase, Devin Vinluan, Michael Hillman, CJ Kemem and C.C. Brady present donated sports equipment to students on Ebeye March 31.

participate in teleconferences with the other installations of PTP to inform and update them on their mini YLF. Both students plan to partake in another mini YLF next year and will encourage other students to take part as well.

The second half of the mini YLF took place at Coral Sands on March 30. The goal was to come up with different games that would teach life learning lessons. Twenty students in Grades 7-12 participated. Four committees were formed, each with a team leader that had to come up with games within their respective category to help teach the group a life lesson.

The first category was 'Character Counts' led by C.C. Brady. She was responsible for making up activities to demonstrate the six pillars of a good leader: responsibility, fairness, trustworthiness, respect, citizenship and caring. They played games where they had to guide a blindfolded partner to show caring and trustworthiness.

The second category was 'Technology' led by Leimamo Wase. For this category the students participated in a digital scavenger hunt and a Global Positioning System location activity.

The third category was 'Health and Fitness' led by Chi Chi Kemem. The importance of stretching was discussed before playing a game of elbow tag. Students also got permission to 'play with their food,' using fruits, vegetables, peanut butter and tooth picks to make animals and faces.

The last category was 'Teen Issues' led by Monica Peters. This was a group discussion in which the students chatted about on-going issues among group members. The major issues were rumors and gossip, time management, stress and alcohol. Peters also led the group in a time management game which would help the students



In front, Chi Chi Kemem, Leeroy Denham, Lexi Yurovchak, Devin Vinluan and Dane Bishop work together during a team building exercise at Coral Sands March 30.

learn how to better plan and prepare, which ultimately would help lower their stress levels.

Overall, the mini YLF and Ebye service learning projects were successful and a great learning experience. Keystone and PTP hope to continue the new service project for years to come. Both groups would like to thank Nick Langley and Jason Kettenhofen for all their help during both events.



Students are taught to trust their partners during a team building exercise at Coral Sands March 30.

Funding the future

Yokwe Yuk Women's club approves \$70,000 in educational grants to Micronesian schools

By Jenny Norwood
Yokwe Yuk Club President

This past week the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club approved the awarding of \$70,000 in educational grants to schools in the Marshall Islands and Micronesia. That is a significant amount of money in this area of the world.

How does the community help in this goal?

Let's say a resident needs a Mother's Day gift to send home. The Micronesian Handicraft Store has a lovely handwoven kili bag made in the Marshall Islands that fits the bill.

While purchasing the gift for Mom, the resident has a great idea — buy a hand-carved sea turtle from Chuuk or Pohnpei for Father's Day. The resident leaves the shop happy with great gifts and mementos for Mom and Dad.

But what happens with the money that you just spent?

Well, some of the money goes to pay the craftsmen who have made the item(s) providing a much needed boost to the economy of a Micronesian island where it is a challenge to operate a business.

The purchases the Mic Shop makes from them will encourage them to keep up their skills and pass that knowledge along to another generation so that the traditional handicraft skills do not die out.

But there was also some profit made off the items you bought. Where does that money go?

The YYWC wants residents and TDY visitors to know that profits made at the MIC Shop go to a great cause — a fund that enables the YYWC to give out educational grants helping schools throughout the Marshalls and Micronesia.

Profits made at the Bargain Bazaar also go into that fund. Money raised at the Bargain Bazaar is earmarked specifically for the schools of Ebeye since our Ebeye neighbors are the primary shoppers at the Bargain Bazaar.

The used items donated to the store enable the Bargain Bazaar to offer low prices. So not only do the items meet needs on Ebeye, but the proceeds benefit the schools there.

The needs of island schools are many. The schools frequently do not have textbooks. They may not even have a blackboard or desks. Even safe drinking water for the students can be an issue.

The YYWC contacts the schools of the Marshalls and Micronesia every fall to encourage them to apply for a grant. The club provides a simple grant request form for the schools to fill out. They are requested to specify the supplies, equipment, or repairs needed and why they need them. If grant money was provided to the school the previous year, the school has to inform the club how the money was spent.

Every spring the YYWC Educational Assistance Committee meets to review the grant requests and make recommendations for funding.

The requests made this year run the entire gamut.

One school on Ebeye is adding a new grade every year. That means having to add on a classroom to the school each year and money is needed to buy building materials from cinder blocks to nuts and bolts. Another school needs roofing tiles.

Some schools need money to help with the very basics like pencils, glue and crayons. Parents have difficulty affording these items. For some schools, YYWC grants make up a substantial part of the yearly income.

A school on an outer island needs a water tank so that they can provide safe water for their students. As it is now, students must leave campus to get a drink of safe water.

Another school includes two propane stoves to prepare lunches for students on their wish list.

A Pohnpei school asked for ceiling fans by making this eloquent argument, 'Our classrooms are extremely scorching in the af-

ternoons. Students are having a hard time thinking in those times. Installing ceiling fans in the classroom will make them feel comfortable and think better.'

Some schools have already made substantial progress. We're tracking their success and are eager to keep them on the path of offering quality education to students with potential for college. One of those is a high school on Chuuk. They are asking for money for chemistry textbooks and a computer with a computerized library catalog.

A progressive elementary school on Chuuk wants to purchase phonics programs for their lower grades. In the past, they have had almost an exclusive emphasis on local language at that early level, but they now believe they need 'systematic instruction in spoken and written English from Grade one on.'

The YYWC even received a request from the Kosrae State Department of Education. Kosrae has five public elementary schools and one high school. Their request is for a digital projector to share among their schools so that they can prepare their students for the world of technology and for the demands of higher education. Probably the most frequent request is for copiers and toner.

The Women's Club also approved funding for two Eagle Scout projects from Kwajalein: one that will build bookcases for a school on Ebeye and another that will build a library for the school on Third Island.

Many of the schools include letters of appreciation for past grants, and some even include photos of the grant money being put to good use. The club has received photos of elementary students using the math manipulatives and phonics curriculums purchased with our funds. Photos of high school students using sewing machines purchased by our grant for use in their trade education have been received.

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No business like show business

S.S. Minnow to take its last cruise

Article and photo by Sheila Bigelow
Associate Editor

Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale . . . of a three-hour tour. Well, not exactly. But be sure to catch the Kwaj Revived Theatre's production of a Gilligan's Island spin-off play this summer. The comedic tale of the epic *S.S. Minnow* will be acted out by our own Kwajalein residents. The play includes spin-offs of beloved characters like The Skipper, Mary Ann, Ginger, The Professor and his Wife. *The Last Cruise of the S.S. Minnow* will be an interactive murder mystery dinner theatre production tentatively scheduled for June 20-21 and will be directed by Kim Scruton-Yarnes.

Auditions were held April 8-9 at Corlett Recreation Center and fifteen talented Kwaj residents showed up to flaunt their talents. Proving that having "multiple personalities" is not always a bad thing, they each read different lines for all ten characters in the play so that each could audition for their desired part. The actors were only given the first two acts to read through; since this is a murder mystery, only the final actors will be given copies of the whole play. And mum is the word. Actors are not allowed to share the plot with anyone and risk ruining the ending.

It's been quite some time since Kwaj Theatre has put on a production. "We're excited to see it revived," Tina Klinger said. As I'm sure the rest of the community will be once it's ready to be performed. So be



Gary Smith, "The Skipper", makes a play for Tina Klinger's character, "Mary Ann", during play auditions last week.

ready to indulge in a hilarious, yet mysterious compilation of your favorite Gilligan's Island characters. It's sure to be great food and more importantly, great fun for all.

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starring
Randon Jack
Lulani Ritok
Kyle Trevor
Netha Gideon
Matiti Johnson
Alson Kelen
Sarah Enyart

Na Nonies

Good and evil battle for the soul of a young Marshallese boy
(in Marshallese with English subtitles)

CO-STARRING: WYDE KIMEL, ROSAMBA BENNETT, BEN CHUTARO, DRUGLAS HENRY, DENISA MOMOTARU, TATIANA PETER, KERVIAN LEJENNA, AJ ALIK, CARLINA CHUTARU, JONAS NIEDENTHAL, KATHY STRATTE, INDO JONILU, PELE LEY STRAUSS, HESA NOTE, NITER ANIL, SYNER OTTU, JUSTY JOASH, MASTER HARKOVIL, LORNA KAHNA, ANGELINA HELAL, JOHANA JOHNNY

music by LULANI RITOK, KERVIAN LEJENNA, CARRY ANN NOTE & CINDERELLA LAJODIK
Asst. Producer & Director SUZANNE CHUTARO Writers, Produced and Directed by JACK NIEDENTHAL

8 p.m., April 25, at Richardson Theater.

This film is being shown for the Majuro and Ebeye Girl Scouts retreat April 25-27. Refreshments will be sold. The movie is in Marshallese with English subtitles.

It concerns the story of a young Marshallese boy who is a brilliant math student. His goal is to attend school in America. But after a serious car accident, his life is threatened by a maker of Black Magic. The film stars Randon Jack, Lulani Ritok, Kyle Trevor and Sarah Enyart. All of the music was performed by eighth-grade girls from the Majuro Cooperative School. The film is dedicated to the memory of the late Mayor of Bikini Atoll, Kataejar Jibas.

Sanchez receives appreciation for volunteerism

By Dan Adler
Media Manager

The chances are that any Kwajalein residents who walk, jog, ride bikes, walk their dogs or stroll along Perimeter Road near the Scuba Shack at Emon Beach have seen a one-man crew hard at work.

That one-man work crew is Mel Sanchez who rakes, cuts, mows, prunes and keeps his 'Adopt-An-Area' clean, neat and attractive.

Sanchez is a 37-year resident of Kwajalein and works in Supply.

Fortunately, his volunteerism and hard work have not gone unnoticed.

He was recently given a certificate of appreciation by Col. Frederick Clarke, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll Commander.

It read: 'This certificate is presented to Melvin D. Sanchez for your dedication and selfless effort in keeping Kwajalein Island a clean and beautiful environment in which to live. In particular, your tireless work of keeping the area around Emon Beach and North Point housing free of debris are appreciated not only by this Command, but by



Photo by Vanessa Peeden

Col. Frederick Clarke, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll Commander, awards Mel Sanchez a certificate of appreciation for his volunteerism in keeping Kwajalein beautiful.

your neighbors as well. Your hard work reflects great credit upon yourself and the Kwajalein community as a whole.'

WOMEN'S CLUB, from Page 10

My favorite photos this year were from a school in Majuro where every student was grinning big and holding up a different letter to spell out the words 'Kommol Tata Yokwe Yuk Women's Club.'

On behalf of the Yokwe Yuk Women's Club, I wish to offer a Kommol Tata to the Kwajalein community for continued faithful support of both the Mic Shop and the Bargain Bazaar.

I also invite women in the community who might

be interested in joining the club and becoming a volunteer at the Mic Shop or the Bargain Bazaar to join. Your help would be greatly appreciated. It takes a lot of volunteer help to make all this happen, but it comes with the great reward of knowing that we are having a positive impact in the area of the world where we live. And if you haven't purchased that Mother's Day gift or Father's Day gift, you're not too late. Check out the Mic Shop.

Ten service members die in War on Terror

Lance Cpl. Blaise A. Oleski, 22, of Holland Patent, N.Y., died April 8 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Airman 1st Class Jacob I. Ramsey, 20, of Hesperia, Calif., died April 10 of injuries sustained from a non-combat related incident in Kabul Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 712th Air Support Operations Squadron, Fort Hood, Texas.

The Department of Defense announced today the death of five soldiers who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. They died April 10 when their military vehicle was struck by a suicide vehicle-borne improvised explosive device in Mosul, Iraq. They were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Carson, Colo. Killed were: **Staff Sgt. Gary L. Woods Jr.**, 24, of Lebanon Junction, Ky., **Sgt. 1st Class Bryan E. Hall**, 32, of Elk Grove, Calif., **Sgt. Edward W. Forrest Jr.**, 25, of St.

Louis, Mo., **Cpl. Jason G. Pautsch**, 20, of Davenport, Iowa and **Pfc. Bryce E. Gautier**, 22, of Cypress, Calif.

Spc. Michael J. Anaya, 23, of Crestview, Fla., died April 12 in Bayji, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Sgt. Raul Moncada, 29, of Madera, Calif., died April 13 near Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds sustained when an explosive device detonated near his vehicle. He was assigned to the 563rd Military Police Company, 91st Military Police Battalion, 10th Sustainment Brigade, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, N.Y.

Cpl. Francisco X. Aguila, 35, of Bayamon, Puerto Rico, died April 14 in Kabul, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained from a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the 82nd Sustainment Brigade, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Commander thanks teachers at staff meeting, Rubly and Griswold receive President's awards

Article and photos by Dan Adler
Media Manager

A special teacher staff meeting was held at Kwajalein High School Tuesday afternoon at which Col. Frederick Clarke, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll Commander, expressed his appreciation for the fine job the teachers have done this year. He acknowledged their dedication in, "Taking care of our children, who are doing a superb job, and also for your hard work in earning accreditation. It's wonderful for the students that they have such a quality staff of teachers here."

Clarke stressed that having good schools is vitally important in recruitment and retention of employees.

"I get phone calls from people and the first thing they ask is 'how are the schools?' Everything else is secondary to them. It's a great feeling when I can tell them without hesitation that we have awesome schools."



Cassia Griswold is presented the President's Award by KRS President Dave Norwood.

Range Services President, took the floor and announced two KRS President's Awards to be presented.

He acknowledged the hard work it took to pass the accreditation review and how well the schools did. He stressed, as did the Commander, how important good schools are to recruiting and retaining good people.

"It's good to be able to tell people we are trying to recruit that the schools are accredited for another five years," he said. "I know you know you are that good. And I know that you deserved it, but that didn't change the fact that in order to get there, you had to go through the drill. Even though you know you can do it, sometimes you have to prove it to somebody else and that's hard work."

Norwood continued, "I know everybody in this room worked really hard to get that done. But somebody worked harder." With that, Norwood invited Cassie Rubly to the front of the room.



USAKA Commander Col. Frederick Clarke thanks Kwajalein schools teachers for their hard work and commitment.

He read a portion of a letter written by School Superintendent Al Robinson nominating Rubly for the KRS President's Award. It said "For the last six months, Cassie tirelessly researched, planned and implemented a highly successful accreditation visit which culminated Feb. 20. The accreditation team commented to me [Al Robinson] that in over 100 visits, they had never seen a school so well prepared for a review. Cassie's vision of excellence and her attention to the smallest details, her coordination and her willingness to work with the team for two days go well above the normal scope of her job."

Rubly was presented with a KRS President's Award Pyramid and a certificate of appreciation for a job well done.

Next, Norwood called senior Cassia Griswold to the front. "The reason Cassia is here is that everyone knows that we're one deep in many areas," he said. "When Dan Adler [Media Manager] had to leave the island on a family emergency, he didn't have anybody who could really jump in to make sure the *Hourglass* got put together and published. But Cassia *did* jump in to do the job."

He continued, "We wanted to show how much we appreciate what Cassia did." He read from the certificate, "For your eagerness and desire to learn, ability to face a daunting challenge and assisting in the production of the *Kwajalein Hourglass*."

Griswold was also presented with a KRS President's Award Cube.



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HELP WANTED

KRS and CMSI Job Listings for On-Island Positions will be available at the Kwajalein, Roi-Namur and Ebeye Dock Security Check Point bulletin boards, the bulletin board by the Continental Travel Office, the Roi-Namur Terminal/Post Office bulletin board and at Human Resources in Building 700. Job Listings for Contract Positions will be available at www.krsjv.com, on the bulletin board by the Continental Travel Office and on the Roi-Namur/Post Office bulletin board. Full job descriptions and requirements for Contract openings are located online at www.krsjv.com.

NEED EXTRA MONEY? KRS employment applications are continually accepted for Casual Positions in the Community Services Departments, Medical Department and the HR Temp Pool. Some of the Casual positions are: Recreation Aides, Medical Office, Media Services Specialist, Substitute Teacher, and HR Temp Pool Office Support. Questions? Call 54916.

Community Bank

BANK TELLER, Part-time, 20 hours per week. Submit resumé to <http://careers.dodcommunitybank.com>.

CUSTOMER SERVICE Representative, Part-time, 25 hours per week, would handle customer requests and promote bank services and products. Submit resumé to <http://careers.dodcommunitybank.com>.

Kwajalein Police Department

COMMON ACCESS Card/Administrative Assistant position. The contract is an on-island position, full time and comes with competitive benefits. Contact KPD administration for an application, 54427.

WANTED

FULL SIZE REFRIGERATOR, for boathouse, good condition only. Call 55987.

TENT, at least six feet high so that you stand inside

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 only on the first Sunday of the month at 12:15 p.m., in Roi Chapel.

Protestant

Sunday
8 and 10:45 a.m., on Kwaj and Roi-Namur service at 4 p.m.

Baptist

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

Later-day Saints

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

Jewish services

Last Friday of the month in the Religious Education Building. Times will vary. Contact the Chaplain's office, 53505, for more information.

it. Call 54396.

LOST

GOLD SERPENTINE bracelet with lobster clasp and pink gold plumeria anklet at sunrise service at Emon Beach. Call Rue, 53461 or 54173.

IF THE GENTLEMAN who bought a VCR/DVD player at the yard sale on 3/30 would return the Avatar DVD that was in it to 429A, reward of \$10. Call 52312.

DARK LENS SUNGLASSES with black plastic frame, "Kirkland" is written on inside frame. Call 52366.

PAIR OF women's sunglasses in a hard bright green case, reward if found. Contact Ed or Emily, 53627 (h) or 50089(w).

FOUND

ONE NEW UPLAND bicycle, frame only, red in color, S/N S875700018. Come to the Kwajalein Police Department with proof of ownership to claim.

PATIO SALES

SUNDAY and MONDAY, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Quarters 443-B. PCS sale.

MONDAY, 8 a.m.-noon, at Quarters 209-A, rain or shine. LCD TV, stereos, computer speakers, laptop with case, luggage, bike trailers, bike parts, men's and women's clothes, shoes, china set, kitchen items, and BBQs. No early birds.

FOR SALE

VARIOUS SAT and SAT II test preparation and study books. Call 59846.

UPRIGHT PIANO, great condition, \$300; alto saxophone, \$300; armoire stand for tv, holds up to 38-inch tv, very pretty, \$130; 36-inch tv, \$150 and pottery barn kids bedding, like new, Emily print, twin size, duvet, quilt and four shams, \$130. Call 52400.

SPIDERMAN PARTY package, new, includes piñata, plates, napkins, party favors, etc. Call 55176.

BOAT MOORING, anchored to submerged concrete block with heavy stud-link chain, available June 1, \$800. Call Dale, 52502.

KIDS BICYCLES: 20-inch Electra girl's cruiser, \$50; 16-inch bmx style bike, \$25; 16-inch Cars bmx style bike, \$5; 16-inch Schwinn chopper, \$5 and dehumidifier, \$25. Call 52788.

TWO AAFES BIKES, Upland beach cruisers with front basket, red ladies bike and brown mens bike, like new, \$100 each. Call 54897 evenings.

BOAT, 21-FOOT fiberglass high performance hull, 225 HP Johnson and 8 HP backup kicker, boathouse

on lot #800 and trailer, \$7500 and a boat, 27-foot fiberglass crownline, mercruiser 5.7 liter bravo II and 15 HP backup kicker, boathouse on lot #309 and trailer, \$20,000. Call 59662.

LIGHT MAPLE COLORED entertainment center, in good condition, TV opening is approx 35 x 31 inches, shelves located behind a glass door hold a/v or stereo equipment, ample space for storing DVDs, books, etc., overall unit size is 60 x 52 inches, \$100 or best offer. Call 53500.

NINTENDO DS, blue, with Zoo Tycoon, The Urbz Sims in the City, Nintendogs (Labrador retriever edition), Brain Age, and Animal Crossing plus 3 GBA games, \$150 and a 38-foot ocean cruising sailboat, "Down East Trader," must sell soon, half-ownership share, fully equipped for overnight and weekend trips, \$12,000 or best offer. Call 52312.

NEW MP3 PLAYER, 4GB of storage, FM radio, voice recorder, five interchangeable faceplate colors, USB 2.0, up to 10 hours of play from the rechargeable lithium polymer battery, \$40 and an external USB 2.0 hard drive, 200GB, \$50. Call 50165.

27" BIANCHI 12 speed bike, older model but in excellent condition, \$100 and a Sun Bike in excellent condition, \$150. Call 53336.

YELLOW SNORKLING VEST, \$4; assorted toddler toys; knives with butcher-block holder, \$20; dishes, set of 4, \$12; green outdoor carpet, 8 x 12, \$15; folding travel chair with bag, purple, \$7; beach chair, \$3; curtain rods; pillows; towels; crib sheets; some kids clothing; waffle iron; trash cans; laundry basket; ironing board; iron; clock; kids books; silver desk lamp, \$10; new royal blue table umbrella and stand, \$20; Cuisinart rechargeable hand blender, retails for \$35, will sell for \$10; off-white memo board, great for pictures, \$5; Rubbermaid canvas laundry basket with handle, great for small spaces, \$4 and a white crib with mattress, \$75. Call 52843.

CHEFMATE FOUR-SLICE waffle maker, new in box, \$20. Call 51229 days or 52501 evenings.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE OCEAN VIEW Club will be providing spicy chicken wings, shrimp cocktails and exotic mixed drinks, including piña colodas and strawberry daiquiris from 8 p.m. - midnight on April 18. Questions? Contact Erik Wills, 53338 or Cory Moyer, 53445.

COUNTRY NIGHT will be at 7 p.m., April 19, in CRC Room 1. BYOB. Any questions, call Sandy, 54152.

ALL SWIMMERS and supporters are invited to attend the Kwajalein championship swim meet at 4 p.m., April 20. There will be hot dogs (provided by the Cub Scouts) available for those who want to curb your hunger while watching the teams swim to victory and snow cones to cool your parched throats from cheering them on. T-shirts will be available as well and proceeds will go toward the Marshalllese Swim Federation.

Café Pacific

Lunch

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| Sunday Chicken parmesan Carved round of beef Eggs benedict Grill: Brunch station open | Monday Herb breaded pork cutlet Huevos rancheros Scalloped potatoes Grill: Brunch station open | Tuesday Meatballs Apple glazed chicken Ratatouille casserole Grill: Chili dogs | Wednesday Country fried steak Kung pao chicken Corn bread Grill: Green chili burrito | Thursday Kwaj fried chicken Beef tips in Burgundy Vegetable stir-fry Grill: Grilled cheese | Friday Bombay chicken Vegetable fettuccine Bread sticks Grill: Greek sandwich | April 25 Grilled pork chops Surf burgers Baked penne Grill: Spinach/crab calzones |
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Dinner

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| Tonight Breaded pork chops Spicy chicken curry Red beans in broth | Sunday Roast pork butt Spicy buffalo wings Chef's choice entrée | Monday Teriyaki beef steak Sweet/sour pork Ginger rice pilaf | Tuesday Herb baked chicken Beef curry Au gratin potatoes | Wednesday Carved flank steak Pasta a la pesto Chicken Monterey | Thursday Salisbury steak Chicken stew Macaroni and cheese | Friday Stir-fry to order Huli huli chicken Korean style rice |
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A TEXAS AGGIE muster will be at 6:30 p.m., April 22, at Quarters 224-A. Date and times are subject to change. RSVP to Keith or Wendy, 52614.

AN EARTH DAY poetry contest will be held at 5:30 p.m., April 22, in the multi-purpose room. Write a poem with an Earth day theme and submit it to the Community Activities Office by April 21. Call Kim, 53331 for details.

Students of the elementary school will be displaying their artwork from 6-7 p.m., April 23, in the multi-purpose room. The artwork is inspired by various children's books and stories. The kindergarten and first grade classes will be performing concerts from 7-8 p.m. in the multi-purpose room, directly after the art display. The concert will feature songs like "Seasons" and "Sounds a Little Fishy."

THE KWAJALEIN ART Guild will hold an important organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m., April 23, in the Art Annex, Facility 828. The meeting is open to all members and interested island residents. Nominations will be solicited for new executive officers. Due to the decline and participation of membership, the organization is facing dissolution if there are insufficient volunteers to continue the organizational leadership. Anyone interested in becoming an officer (President, Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary) should contact Bruce Johnson, 53217 (H) or 53229(W).

THE EXCESS PROPERTY Processing Facility (EPPF) at the DCCB will be conducting a special "Cash'n'Carry" furniture sale on Roi-Namur in Warehouse 8065 on April 25. The sale will commence at 8 a.m. and end at 11 a.m. The USAKA Plant Clearance Officer will be on site for bid approval and payment can be made at the Finance office prior to claiming purchases. All visitors must wear close-toed shoes. Questions? Call the EPPF, 51076.

THE KWAJALEIN GIRL Scouts are in need of the following items for their exchange weekend with the Ebeye and Majuro Girl Scouts: weaving loops, the spandex type, all colors and pantyhose and tights/leotards, clean and gently used. If anyone has these items and you are willing to donate them to the girl scouts please drop them off to Lora Kendrick at Qtrs 420-B or the high school administration building by April 25. Questions? Call 54186 or 52011. They also need the following additional camping supplies for the campout: tents, sleeping bags, pillows and blankets. If anyone has any of these items and you are willing to lend them to the Girl Scouts, call either Lora Kendrick, 54186 or 52011 or Barb Junker, 52834 or 52165.

THERE WILL BE a Mobile Kitchen event April 25 at Emon Beach featuring Jack Daniels Baby Back Ribs. Menu will include: cajon creole shrimp cocktail, strawberry and almond spinach salad with raspberry vinaigrette, Jack Daniels baby back ribs, country fried chicken, southern green beans, baked sweet potato, corn bread, water, beer, wine and peach cobbler a-la-mode for dessert. Seating is limited. Cost is \$30 for meal card holders and \$35 for non-meal card holders. For payment see Marie Pimenta at the Retail Services Office building 805 next to the Bowling Center or call 53933.

KWAJALEIN YACHT CLUB is holding a meeting on April 25 at the Yacht Club. Happy hour starts at 5:30 p.m. and dinner and the meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. New members and visitors are welcome. Questions? Call Monte Junker, 52165.

THERE IS A tennis social at 5 p.m., April 26, at the tennis courts. Everybody is welcome to come and play some tennis. BBQ grill with hamburgers and chicken will be provided, serving around 7 p.m. Bring a side dish. A short organizational meeting will be held after eating to discuss the future direction of tennis club. Questions? Call Rich Russell, 54632.

THERE IS A pajama party at 7 p.m., April 26, at the Vet's Hall. Wear your best pajamas.

PUBLIC WORKS will be installing a new 12-door freezer April 28 - May 6 in Surfway. Therefore the frozen section at Surfway will be closed off to the public. Surfway staff will be on hand to provide frozen

Range operation scheduled for Tuesday

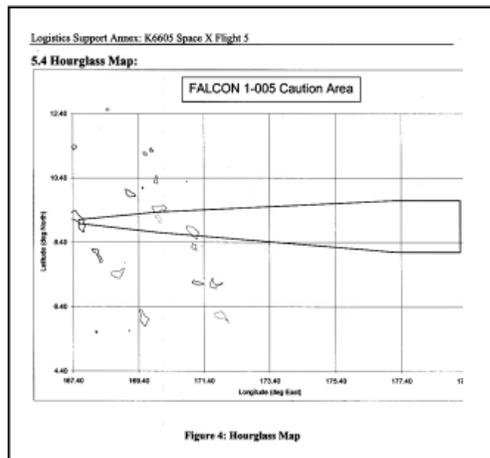
A range operation is scheduled for Tuesday. Backup day for the operation is scheduled for Wednesday.

The mid-atoll corridor will be closed from 4 p.m. (local) April 17 through mission completion. Both the east and west reefs within the mid-atoll corridor are closed. A broad ocean caution area will be in effect on Tuesday from 10 a.m. (local) until 5 p.m.

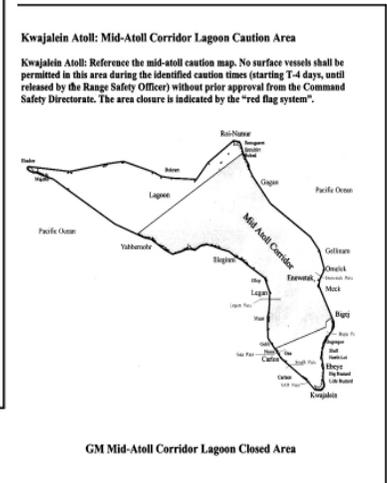
(local). The broad ocean caution area extends east of Omelek.

If the backup day is required, the broad ocean caution area is in effect during the same time of that day.

Questions regarding the above safety requirements for this mission should be directed to USAKA Command Safety Directorate, Kwajalein Range Safety Officer at 54121.



Broad ocean caution area



Mid-atoll corridor caution

products from the back freezer. We apologize for the inconvenience. Questions? Contact Ray Denham, 53607.

GRADUATION PARTY special orders for meats and produce from Surfway must be submitted by May 14. Questions? Contact Ray Denham, 53607.

THE KWAJALEIN ART Guild is offering a shell candle making class from 6-8 p.m., May 21 and 22. Cost of participation is \$50. Participants must provide the shells, but everything else will be supplied. Call Sandy, 54152 to sign up.

THE UNIVERSITY OF Maryland is pleased to announce: SOCY105 Introduction to Contemporary Social Problems (3). This class is an exploration of various personal, institutional, cultural, historical, and global problems that confront American society today. Instructor is Lora Kendrick. WRTG101 Introduction to Writing (3). This class give practice in effective writing and clear thinking at all levels, including the sentence and paragraph, with emphasis on the essay and research report. Instructor is Susannah Jones. These classes will be held at the high school two evenings per week beginning May 31. Days and times to be decided.

RETAIL FOOD SERVICES is conducting a survey for the Sunrise Bakery, Ocean View Club, Country Club and Catering. Surveys are available at the facilities and should be turned in by June 1. Your feedback is

valued. Questions? Contact Cory Moyer, 53445.

DUE TO A recent change in regulation from the Transportation Security Administration, Continental Micronesia can only accept cargo from Cargo Agents, Freight Forwarders, Consolidators and IATA-approved agents. This rule only applies to cargo acceptance at locations outside the U.S., and is exclusive of live animals.

IN ACCORDANCE with USAKA regulation 210-50, the AR 600-63 Army Health Promotion (28 April 1996) and USAKA/RTS Policy No. 600-8 'Health Promotion and Controlling Smoking' (31 May 2003), everyone is encouraged to live in a smoke-free environment and help prevent the harmful effects of exposure to secondhand smoke. It isn't just policy, it is respect for others. Do not smoke within 50 feet of the Bachelor Quarters and dispose of your trash properly.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES is working to implement a wellness program and health competition. Please take this brief survey to help tailor the program to your areas of interest or concern. The answers are confidential and will not be linked back to you. Type the following URL into your browser to begin the survey: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=UtX3nyJjIS2sjiWZo5wSgQ_3d_3d. If you are interested in participating or volunteering to help coordinate the program, call Community Activities, 53331. Questions? Comments? Call Kim, 53331.

hand as they left.

At the Wednesday meeting on Kwajalein, Bishop again stressed that the early departure from his post was not due to any political problems, but was a family decision. As at the Roi meeting, he said that he wanted the community to be aware of the truth so that rumors would not be given credence.

He thanked Col. Clarke and the USAKA staff for their support during his two and a half years as ambassador.

“Sometimes the State Department and the Department of Defense don’t always see eye-to-eye on things,” he said. “But with Col. Clarke and his predecessor, I can say that has never been a problem. We’ve always been on the same page as to what’s best for the community and the mission. Col. Clarke has always taken seriously my perception that we are all part of the same team trying to achieve the same objective. I thank Col. Clarke for always supporting us at the Embassy.”

Bishop told the audience that the most important job any ambassador has is the welfare and safety of American citizens.

“I hope I have done that job well,” he said. If I haven’t, then tell my successor that he or she needs to do a better job.”

He stated that he wished he could have visited Kwajalein more often, but scheduling and other conflicts always seemed to derail his efforts

to do so.

“But please know that even though I wasn’t physically present, I always had your welfare in mind,” he said.

As he has done on previous occasions, he touched on the dispute over the Land Use Agreement. He explained that the LUA is a completely separate issue from the Compact between the United States government and the Republic of the Marshall Islands government for which the U.S. pays the RMI \$70 million per year (\$100 million when other U.S. federal assistance programs are added). That includes the right to use the military installations in the RMI. He said the Compact obligates the U.S. to guarantee the safety and security of the RMI just as if it were American territory and that also involves the right of the U.S. military to have installations and use specified areas in the RMI for military purposes.

Bishop said that the position of the United States is that the LUA dispute is an internal matter between the land owners and the RMI government. Whether or not that dispute is settled, the Compact agreement gives the United States access to Kwajalein for military use until 2066.

The deadline for the signing of the LUA by the land owners (which would okay the agreement between the U.S. government and the RMI government) expired in December of 2007.

However, according to Bishop, through his efforts and the efforts of the current RMI government, an extension of the deadline was granted and the accumulating money remains in an escrow account until an agreement is signed.

As he has said on previous occasions, the United States, at some point in the future, may have to decide whether cultural and public relations problems make it untenable to stay in the RMI if the LUA remains unsigned.

He stressed however, that even with the dispute over the LUA, relations between the United States and the RMI remain strong and friendly and that he expects it to stay that way for a long time to come.

In answer to a question about his possible successor, Bishop said that a number of candidates have expressed interest and were being considered, but until a choice was made, his deputy would be in charge at the Embassy on Majuro until mid-summer. After that, a Chargé would run the Embassy until the ambassador arrives.

An audience member thanked the ambassador for assistance rendered by the Embassy when a crewman on the *Worthy* was taken ill and needed assistance. The ambassador answered that such things were the Embassy’s job. He concluded by thanking everyone for their support during his tenure and that he hoped to return to the Marshall Islands someday as a private citizen.

Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

Sunday: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 10-15 knots.

Monday: Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** NE at 10-15 knots.

Tuesday: Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** NE at 10-15 knots.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, 40 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 12-18 knots.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, 40 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 12-18 knots.

Friday: Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 10-15 knots.

April 25: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 10-15 knots.

Annual total: 11.15 inches

Annual deviation: -5.34 inches

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

Sunrise/set Moonrise/set High Tide Low Tide

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| Sunday | 7:06 a.m./7:00 p.m. | 1:54 a.m./1:43 p.m. | 12:28 a.m., 2.0' 12:23 p.m., 2.7' | 5:47 a.m., 1.5' 7:15 p.m., 0.9' |
| Monday | 7:06 a.m./7:00 p.m. | 2:41 a.m./2:33 p.m. | 1:30 a.m., 2.5' 1:26 p.m., 3.1' | 7:14 p.m., 1.1' 7:53 p.m., 0.5' |
| Tuesday | 7:06 a.m./7:00 p.m. | 3:25 a.m./3:22 p.m. | 2:04 a.m., 3.0' 2:07 p.m., 3.5' | 8:00 a.m., 0.7' 8:23 p.m., 0.2' |
| Wednesday | 7:05 a.m./7:00 p.m. | 4:08 a.m./4:10 p.m. | 2:35 a.m., 3.6' 2:43 p.m., 3.8' | 8:38 a.m., 0.2' 8:53 p.m., -0.2' |
| Thursday | 7:05 a.m./7:00 p.m. | 4:48 a.m./4:57 p.m. | 3:05 a.m., 4.1' 3:17 p.m., 4.0' | 9:13 a.m., -0.2' 9:22 p.m., -0.5' |
| Friday | 7:05 a.m./7:00 p.m. | 5:28 a.m./5:44 p.m. | 3:36 a.m., 4.5' 3:51 p.m., 4.1' | 9:49 a.m., -0.6' 9:53 p.m., -0.6' |
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