

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



Children enjoy the annual Shaving Cream Social at 'Rich Ravine' Saturday afternoon. For more coverage on the Social and the Costume Carnival, see Page 6.

(Photo by Dan Adler)

Where is he when we really need him?

In just four days, this seemingly never-ending presidential campaign will actually come to a conclusion.

Throughout the past several months, there's been spin, distortions and flat-out lies.

There's been the left-leaning talk shows and the right-leaning talk shows, and the rancor and divisiveness has been worse than ever.

We've seen just how uninformed some Americans can be and we've seen just how downright ignorant others are.

It scares me that those people will actually be voting. I can only hope they'll get lost on the way to the voting booth. Well, it *might* happen.

Through all this I've really missed a man. I know that somewhere in heaven, Tim Russert is asking the

Almighty, "You couldn't have waited until after the election?"

I think Russert is the only man who could have cut through the spin and mud-slinging to get to the truth about both candidates.

Do you think Russert would have ever stopped until he got an interview with whoever he wanted to put questions to? I think not.

Americans these days are very unfortunate, especially those who are too young to have seen the likes of Walter Cronkite and David Brinkley.

When those men told you something on the news, you could just about take it to the bank.

When TV 'journalists' tell you something these days, I think you can take it to the outhouse, because

The Way I See It

Dan Adler,
Media Manager



that's where most of what they say belongs.

I've missed Russert's insight into politics during this campaign. He had a knack for knowing how things were really going behind all the spin.

I miss Tim Russert and I think America is very unlucky not to have had him here to guide us along.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for the kind deed

On the day of its opening, I stopped at the AAFES store after work and left my hardcover book unprotected in my bike basket. While I was blithely shopping, it rained more than somewhat. When I left the store I noticed I had left my book out and knew it was ruined, but to my surprise I found that someone had wrapped it in a plastic bag, and it was unharmed. It takes a special person to be that thoughtful. Whoever you are, thanks.

— Rich Hubshman

Do you have news you would like to share about your club, private organization or work department? Do you have an interesting story and photos of a vacation trip? How about a scuba dive with great photos you took? Have you got a good fish story? *The Hourglass* welcomes submissions of news articles written by members of the community. You can submit articles to the USAKA Public Affairs Officer, Vanessa Peeden, at vanessa.peeden@smdck.smdc.army.mil



THUMBS UP

To the members of the Keystone Club and the Torch Club who helped with the Costume Party on Monday and built the haunted house at the Youth Center. It looked great and the children really enjoyed it, especially the haunted house, judging by all the screaming that was coming from inside. The members of the Keystone Club are: Monica Peters, Michael Hillman, CC Brady, Chris Horner, Chi Chi Kemem, Lexi Yuravchak, Dane Bishop, Melissa Peacock, Melissa Schilling, Justin Furgeson, Mamo Wase, Aaron Mathieson, Devin Vinulan, Tyler Stepchew and Leroy Denham. The Members of the Torch Club are: Kori Dowell, Mary McPhatter, Mary Doerries, Shannon Wilkinson, Renu Nonthra, Damien Lemari, JJ Wase and Annie Hepler. Thanks to all of you.

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Commander holds Teen Town Hall Oct. 24

Students question curfew, AAFES, housing, 480 visitors

By Dan Adler
Media Manager

Col. Frederick Clarke, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll Commander, accompanied by Sgt. Maj. Patrick Kutac, held a town hall meeting with students at Kwajalein Junior/Senior High School Oct. 24.

As in the past, no teachers or school officials were present at the meeting so that the students would feel they could talk freely.

The commander opened the meeting by introducing himself to the students and giving them some of his background. He told the students he had grown up in Puerto Rico on the Island of San Juan. He lived there for his first seven years, then moved to Central America for two years living in El Salvador.

When he was nine, he moved to Chicago. That was when he learned to speak English. Prior to that, Spanish was his first language. At age 13, he went to a military boarding school and attended college at the Citadel in South Carolina.

He joined the Army, and most of his career to date had been spent in Europe. He was also a commander on the Big Island in Hawaii. Savannah, Ga. was also home for a few years.

After he finished the Army War College, he was assigned to Kwajalein.

"They were either going to send me here or to Ft. Bliss in Texas," he said. "I think I'm pretty fortunate I ended up here. It looks like a great place to live and grow up."

Clarke told the students he had received questions they had submitted prior to the meeting and that he would address them all.

"I had a town hall meeting with your parents," he told the students. "They hit me with their best shot and I want you to know there's no question that's out of bounds."

Clarke said the question of most concern he had gotten was about the new 10 p.m. curfew on school nights.

He related that he when he went back to Hawaii and to the states recently, he checked at other military bases and not only was the 10 p.m. curfew the norm, on some installa-

tions, it's even earlier. He stressed there isn't a U.S. military installation in the world that doesn't have a curfew for students on school nights.

Among the reasons for a curfew, according to the commander, were security and access control issues.

"Having people wandering around after 10 p.m. when everything is closed creates security concerns, and on top of that, we had some break-ins going on and I had to take some action," he said.

Clarke told the students he feels the curfew is fair and that their main concern should be to study and do well in school. If they have school the next day, there's no reason they should be out so late.

He explained that even if a teen reached the age of 18, but was still in high school, that he or she was considered a minor and fell under the 10 p.m. curfew.

"I know some of you seniors are 17 and some of you are 18 and that was the only way to make it equitable," Clarke said.

He explained that the curfew also applied to teens being home-schooled and that any minor, regardless of how they are schooled, was under the curfew.

The commander stressed the most important concern to him was keeping everyone in the community safe, and the curfew was in keeping with that objective.

When a teen asked what the penalty would be for staying out after curfew, Kutac said that Kwajalein Police Department would take a teen home and issue a citation to the parents.

Clarke said the curfew did not apply during holidays when there was no school or during the summer. The curfew would then be midnight as it has been in the past.

He told the teens that he expected

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— Col. Frederick Clarke, USAKA Commander

them to do the right thing just as they expected him to do the right thing. He further said that he wanted to be able to trust them just as they wanted to trust him.

"I've only been here for three months and I don't pretend to know everything or have all the answers, so it's important for you to talk to me and let me know what's bothering you," Clarke said. "That's the only way I'll know and then we can consider how to handle the problem."

Another question submitted prior to the meeting asked if a student could stay on the island after he or she graduated from high school.

Clarke said the answer to that was no. The only way someone could stay on the island after graduating from high school would be to get a full-time contract job that came with housing. Otherwise, he or she would have until Oct. 1 of the year they graduated to leave the island.

A question dealt with school closure. Clarke answered that at this time, he did not intend to close the schools or consolidate them.

"We have 320 students and that is too many to fit into one building," he said. "Besides, I know from being in Germany what happens when you put high schoolers with second graders and it's not pretty. It's not good for the teens and it's not good for the second graders."

The commander said that if school enrollment fell in the future, the issue may be revisited, but it would be driven by whatever the conditions were at the time.

One of the things the commander cautioned students about was use of the Internet.

"I already met some of you before I got here," he said. "I went on YouTube when I was in Germany and put Kwajalein in and I met some of you and saw some of the things you were doing. Remember, if you post something online, anyone can see it."

He said he didn't mean it as a warning, but just to let them know what can happen when they use the Internet.

After Clarke opened the floor to

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Radar class students: Back row, left to right, Bob Kurtz, Callon Bellu, Kevin Bowers, Roble Red, Amon Mioba and Rob Clayton. Front row, left to right, Amber Monroe-Martin, Brothen Bima and CW3 James Rowell.

Marine Department personnel take radar certification course on island

Some captains upgrade their licenses from 100T to 200T

Article and photos by Dan Adler
Media Manager

Capt. Carl Devoe, USNR (Ret.) was on island last week to teach a U.S. Coast Guard marine radar certification course to Marine Department personnel. The course is a contract and U.S. Army requirement for captains on U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll vessels who must have the radar endorsement on their licenses.

Devoe owns the Maritime License Center in Hawaii and was engaged by Kwajalein Range Services to teach the course. A former student who works at the Marine Department suggested Devoe when KRS was looking for someone to come to Kwajalein to teach the course.

According to Devoe, the captain of any vessel equipped with radar has to have a certification and training in its use.

“If you are a captain of a fishing boat for hire, the boat needs to be radar-equipped and you need to have a certification in using radar,” said Devoe.

He continued that if a boat is equipped with radar and an accident such as a collision with another boat occurred and the captain did not have a radar endorsement on his license, he would be in serious trouble with the Coast Guard.

Devoe’s course is also required for captains wanting to upgrade their licenses. Some of the captains on Kwajalein vessels upgraded from 100T (ton) to 200T (ton). Devoe explained that tonnage is not the weight of the ship, but the cargo carrying capacity of the vessel.

Kevin Bowers, who was one of the students in Devoe’s course, has been on Kwajalein for nine years and is an engineer/oiler. He has been on the *Anderson*, the *Sorenson* and the *Double Eagle*.

“Over the years, I decided I wanted to change from being an engineer to being a captain,” he said. “I passed the tests, but I won’t be a captain until all the paper work is filed. But I’m soon to be.”

He continued, “Radar, navigation plotting rules of the road are all part of the course, but after you’re done with that, there’s a mountain of paperwork to do.”

In addition to passing the tests, according to Bowers, documentation on certain items from every vessel he’s ever been on has to be submitted. Some of that documentation has to be verified by people who served on the vessels with him.

“That can be a problem, since most of the guys that

were on the vessels I've been on out here have left. But I guess they can be tracked down in this modern age of computers," he said.

One of many requirements for anyone wanting to be a captain is having certification in STCW (Standards of Training Certification and Watch Keeping for Seafaring).

Bowers said Devoe's school in Hawaii is nice for lifeboat training because, "They actually have a davit set up so each person takes turns shifting position and if you are in command, you tell the other individuals what to do to launch a lifeboat down to the water just as if you were on a large ship."

Requirements to be a captain also include basic firefighting, lifeboat training, life raft training, CPR/first aid and advanced firefighting.

Bowers said that not only captains have to be trained in such things as firefighting, but almost anyone does just to be involved in the marine industry anymore.

"That relates back to the *USS Forrestal* incident when the firefighting crews were all killed by a bomb explosion on deck and other crewmen who tried to fight the fires didn't know what they were doing and made the situation worse," Bowers said.

The *Forrestal* was a U.S. Navy aircraft carrier on which a bomb detonated on deck igniting aviation fuel which spread down below decks. A camera caught the first and second firefighting teams being killed by another bomb explosion and the ensuing confusion among the rest of the crew who tried to fight the fires.

Bob Kurtz, a Marine Department LCM captain, said that since that incident, all crewmen on any U.S. vessel operating in international waters must have firefighting training.

Kurtz also took the radar course and able-bodied seaman course from Devoe to upgrade his 100T license to a 200T license.

"I really want a 500T license, so I'll go back to Hono



Keith Brown demonstrates the radar on a catamaran.

and get that," he said.

Kurtz and Bowers both credited Devoe with being a very good teacher.

"He's a good man and an excellent teacher," said Kurtz.

The course was grueling for the personnel who took it. They were in class for 12 hours a day for 14 straight days.

"Then you had to go home and study two or three hours each night," said Bowers. "The same course if you were in Hawaii, is spread over a two-month period. You would have more time to absorb the knowledge, but here we had to do it all in just that 14 days."

Bowers also said some of the others in the class who were more experienced helped those who were starting out and that made a big difference.

Fortunately, the students didn't have to work as well as take the course.

"My day starts at 4 a.m.," said Kurtz. "I would have been going from 4 a.m. until 10 p.m. at night and then two hours of homework. That wouldn't leave too much time for sleep."

Marine personnel who took the course included Callon E. Bellu, Kevin Bowers, Bima Brothen, Alan Christ, Robert Clayton, Robert Kurtz, Amon Mioba, Amber Monroe-Martin, William Pruitt, Roble Red and Kevin Young. The course was also attended by CW3 James Rowell.

Captains upgrading from 100T to 200T are Bob Kurtz, Keith Brown, Rob Clayton and Tracy Hampton.

At this time, the Marine Department has twelve personnel holding captain's licenses. That includes the captains of the *Worthy*, the catamarans, the *Mystic*, the *Great Bridge*, the two LCMs and the *Patriot*.



Upgrading their licenses are: Back row, left to right, Rob Clayton, Kevin Bowers and Bob Kurtz. Front row, left to right, Amber Monroe-Martin, Keith Brown and CW3 James Rowell.



They can run but they can't hide as children look for victims at the Shaving Cream Social.

Shaving Cream Social kicks off Halloween



Children get harder to identify as more and more shaving cream is applied.

Article and photos by Dan Adler
Media Manager

Mirth, merriment and mayhem were the order of the day as victims were stalked and 'creamed' at the Shaving Cream Social Saturday afternoon.

The annual Kwajalein tradition marks the beginning of Halloween festivities on island.

In years past, the Social used to be held at the family pool. The pool would be drained and the children would cover each other with shave cream inside the pool. But the expense of cleaning the pool afterwards proved costly and after a hard rain when the 'Rich Ravine' flooded, someone had the idea of holding the Social there and there it's been for about five years now.

When Mother Nature doesn't co-



It's a real shootout at the Rich Ravine.



Parents aren't safe from the mayhem as Darin Warren finds out.



Jacob Janikowski shows his new 'mohawk' hair style to lifeguard Carrie West.

operate with enough rain to fill the 'pit' with water, the Water Department takes over and fills the ravine with fire hoses donated by the Fire Department.

The fun is divided into age groups from infant to 5 years and Grades K-6. Goggles are required for safety and only 'regular' shaving cream is allowed.

The party lasted from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Resident Cheri Malloy, who was at the Social with son Connor said, "This is amazing. It started a just a crazy idea because it rained too much one time. And now, it's just taken over. I mean, look at it."

Community Activities prepared for the Social by having 300 cans of shaving cream on hand for the event. Of those, 250 were used.

High school volunteers acted as lifeguards to ensure there was no 'horseplay' and that children were not hurt during the fun.



Dozens of children came out to have a good time being 'creamed.'

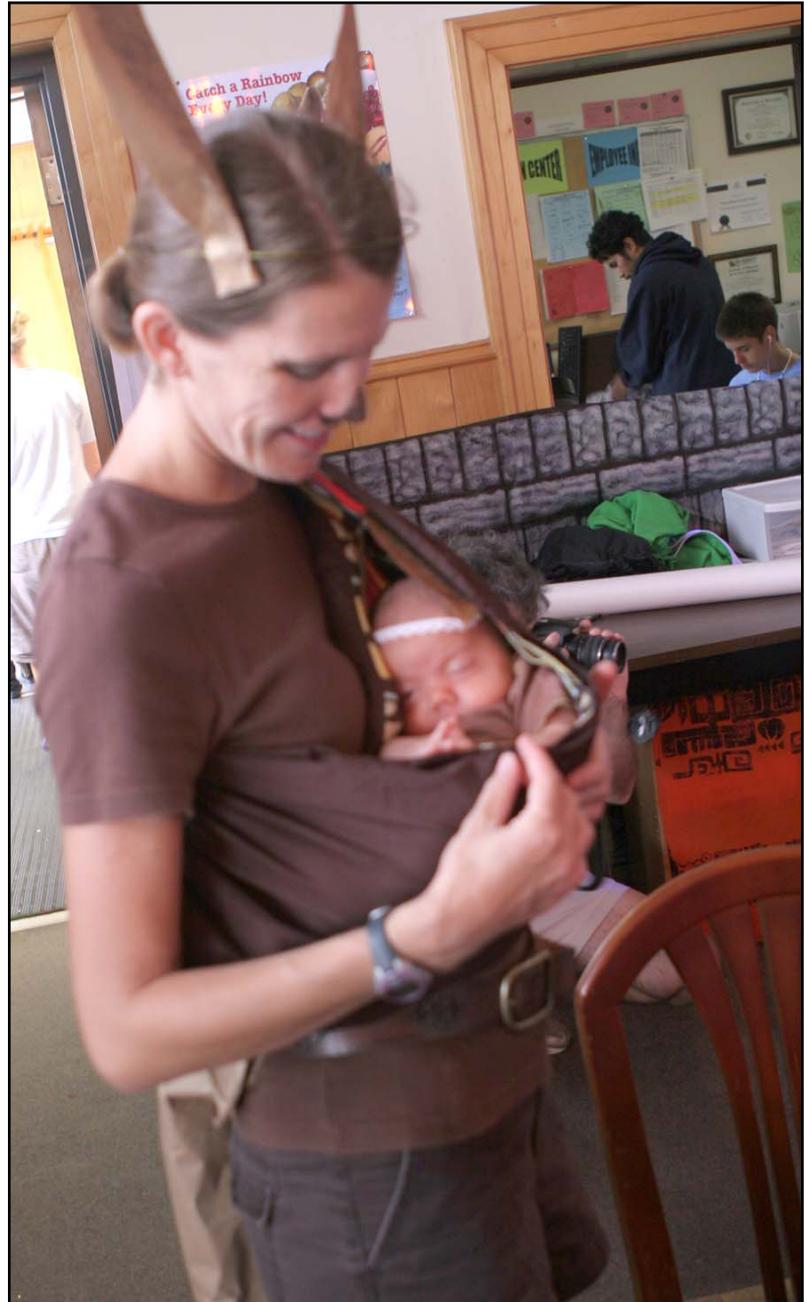


Tin Man Nakai Chavana and sister 'Dorothy,' aka Alakai, aren't in Kansas anymore.



Little witch Katalla DeVille and Queen Graeson Cossey get ready for the costume parade.

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Mother 'kangaroo' Amy Daniels holds baby Marcy in her 'pouch.'

Witches, princesses, and haunted house take

Article and photos by Dan Adler
Media Manager

Sooky noises, creepy music and lots of laughter filled the Youth Center Monday as young and young-at-heart enjoyed the costume party and haunted house Monday.

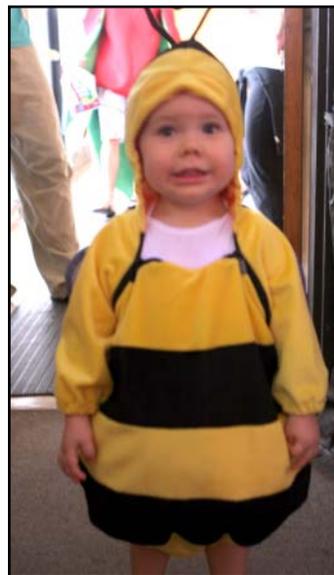
Members of the Kwajalein High School Keystone Club and Torch Club, which are part of the Boys and Girls Club of America, spent hours covering the center with Halloween-



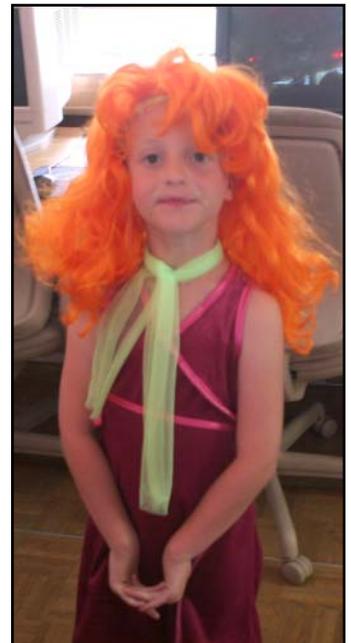
Vampiress Aubrey Sandborn mingles in the crowd.



The Three Blind Mice, aka Matai, Makoa and Maliana McCollum.



Elias Peterson wears his bumblebee outfit.



Kathleen O'Rourke shows off a mop of orange hair.

vampires, ghosts, over Youth Center

themed decorations and building a haunted house. They also acted as helpers for children at the party.

In addition to building the haunted house, members of the clubs also played ghosts and ghouls to scare those who dared enter.

The festivities included cookies, lollipops, painting, a pumpkin walk and a costume parade.

Guests included the Tin Man and Dorothy, Superman, Wonder Woman, Harry Potter, the Three Blind Mice, Southern Belles, kangaroos and more.



Princess Abbie Warren and Southern Belle Kendall Warren make their grand entrance.

WorldTeach teacher doing



Nicholas Cornfield and his students at Enniburr School share a laugh while singing.

Article and photos by Vanessa K. Peeden
USAKA Public Affairs Officer

At first glance, Nicholas Cornfield looks like a throw back to the hippie days of the sixties and seventies. His beard, macramé' friendship bracelets, pink bandana around his scraggly hair, and black bota bag on his chest all suggest he doesn't care much what people think of him. Nick's eyes crinkle around the edges as he talks and one gets the impression they are speaking with an older, wiser man.



In reality Nick is a 23-year-old from Detroit, Mich. who has come to Enniburr as a WorldTeach teacher for the 2008-2009 school year. Nick has found his niche on Enniburr and the people there are quite

Nick Cornfield listens to a student's answer.

happy with his services.

Cornfield comes from a family who understands travel and cultural diversity. When he was ten years old his parents, Lisa and Robert Cornfield, adopted five sisters from Romania.

Cornfield graduated with a bachelor's of arts in political science from Oakland University in Michigan. When asked what his parents thought about him moving 6,600 miles away and living on Enniburr, Cornfield said "My dad is very proud of me, but mom is worried sick because I'm so far away. I try to email as often as I can and also write them letters."

He started looking at graduate schools but decided he didn't really know what he wanted to do. A college professor said he should go and do something like volunteer for an organization or go around the world because he was only young once. He looked at the Peace Corps, Greenpeace and WorldTeach, a program at Harvard University's Center for International Development.

His experience of teaching English, a subject he loves, was what enticed him to WorldTeach. Cornfield worked at a Chinese restaurant in high school and had tutored the owner's and other employees' children in English. He really enjoyed it and one of his students passed their ACT test and is now a student at Oakland University.

Cornfield originally applied to teach in Kenya, but

world of good on Enniburr

that project was cancelled due to the recent unrest. He looked at the other countries offering the program and chose the Republic of the Marshall Islands because it was foreign and yet familiar. He researched the RMI and figured the political ties with the United States would make it a more familiar place to stay. The idea of tropical islands and beach life didn't hurt in his decision making either.

The government of the Marshall Islands sponsors fully-funded positions to teach English in their primary, middle, and secondary schools. Volunteers put up a \$1,500 deposit which is refunded upon completion of the program. Volunteers receive round-trip international airfare, health insurance, and meals and housing during their month-long in-country orientation on Majuro. During the program, the volunteers receive a stipend of approximately \$150 a month and their host families receive \$150 a month for room and board. Volunteers sign on to teach for one academic year at their assigned school. The volunteers also attend a service conference with all the other RMI WorldTeach teachers in December in Majuro.

Cornfield is the first WorldTeach teacher for Enniburr Elementary School. The island did get another volunteer in 2005, but that person only stayed two days and left. Cornfield has a room with his host family, Jidik and Jumea Abraham on Enniburr. He is also sponsored and assisted by the Enniburr Children's Christmas Fund (ECCF) on Roi-Namur in getting things to help him in the classroom. The ECCF just purchased a HAM radio and a solar panel for Cornfield so that he can communicate with other WorldTeach teachers in the Central Pacific to exchange various teaching ideas for the classroom. Neil Schwanitz was able to help assemble an antenna for the system.

Cornfield says, "I would like to thank Joe Coleman [ECCF president] for all



Nicholas Cornfield
teaches a class on
Enniburr.

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questions, a student said that many teens did their homework and then went out with friends around 9 p.m. and if they had to be in by 10 p.m. there wasn't enough time to do that.

The commander again stressed that he thought students should not be out after 10 p.m. on a school night. He also pointed out that Kwajalein is above all a military installation, and as such, security concerns and regulations have to be above everything else. He said that if a teen wanted to stay at a friend's house past the curfew and then go home, it would be allowed as long as the parent(s) escorted him or her home.

Another question was whether a Junior Reserve Officer Training Course could be brought to Kwajalein even if there was not the minimal number of students here.

The colonel answered that it had not come up before and that he would look into it.

Another student said he was interested in joining the service after graduation and wondered if he could be recruited on island or whether he would have to go to the states.

Kutac answered that recruiters come to the island, but he could not say for sure which branch of the military they might be from. He said he invites all of the services, but not all may come. He also advised the student to see the school counselor and to let him know exactly what he was interested in.

A Ri-Katak student said he and others were experiencing 'hassles' at the Dock Security Checkpoint when coming on island for school activities that they hadn't experienced before.

Clarke said that some security and access control measures had been strengthened, but he would look into the matter.

Another teen wanted to know why 480 visitors could not shop at the retail stores.

Clarke explained that no military installation allows visitors to shop because the stores are meant to be only for those assigned to the installation. He also said that if 480 visitors were allowed to shop, it might mean there wouldn't be enough in the stores for the people who lived on-island and that hoarding may become more severe if that happened.

A question was asked about C-Badge workers and why they didn't have more privileges.

The commander said that in other places he had been, some foreign nationals worked on the installations, but did not have privileges because those privileges were meant only for the military and civilian personnel assigned to that installation. He said the same thing applied here, but the C-Badge workers are allowed to use the Food Court and the Shoppette.

When talking about shopping on island, Clarke told the students to be careful with their badges and not to lose them as it created security problems for the command. He asked them to report a lost badge.

One teen asked if there were age restrictions on Trick or Treating. Kutac answered that for children coming from Ebeye, the maximum age is 12. For children living on Kwajalein, there is no age limit.

Clarke was asked if AAFES was going to take over Surfway. He said he had tried to get that done, but there has to be a minimum of 100 military personnel and there are only 13 Soldiers on Kwajalein.

One student wanted to know if driving tests could be given here.

"I'd have to start a driving school in a place where there's no cars," Clarke joked. "In Germany, you couldn't drive until you were 18. So some parents sent their teens back to the states so they could get a driver's license."

Some of the teens complained that the video selection at the Shoppette wasn't very big and Clarke said he

would look into it. *(Note) AAFES will also carry videos in the new Pextra store when it opens, creating a larger selection.*

He also encouraged the teens to write down what they wanted from AAFES and give it to them.

A student wanted to know if new housing was going to be torn down.

"I think you and I will be gone long before those houses are torn down," Clarke said. "I think they'll be here for at least two or five years."

Some students complained that in order to rent videos at AAFES, they had to give their Social Security numbers and they didn't think that was a good idea. Clarke said that he would check into it. *(Note) After checking with AAFES, it is their policy to get SS numbers because videos are rented on credit. SS numbers are not shared or accessible via the Internet.*

A teen asked if Kwajalein was going to get high-speed Internet in the next year.

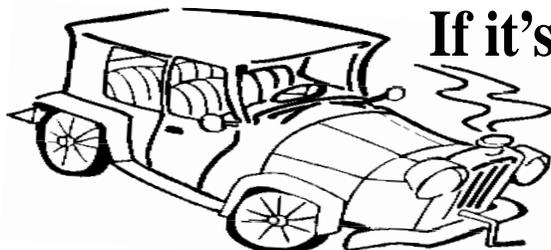
Clarke answered, "In about two years, we're supposed to connect to Guam with the Kwajalein Cabling System. That will be a fiber optic connection. Once that is done, we will have a lot more Internet capability.

He added that AAFES is looking at ways to bring the fiber to Kwajalein sooner than two years.

"This is not the first time someone has come up with an idea to get high-speed Internet" said Clarke, "The one we have now is free and it doesn't work too well. That's what you get for free. Plans to have high-speed Internet come with bills."

He said he didn't know what would happen when he asked the community if they wanted to pay for a better service. He said he didn't know if it was possible at this time.

The commander concluded the meeting saying he wanted the teens to be as unrestricted as possible in line with community safety and concerns. He thanked the teens for attending and for their questions.



If it's not movin', it shouldn't be runnin'

Vehicle engines left idling waste fuel and money and could create a safety hazard. If vehicles are not being driven, engines should be shut off.

School improvement needs parent participation

By Cassie Rubly

The Kwajalein school system is accredited through the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI).

NCA CASI has unified with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement and the National Study of School Evaluation to create AdvancED, the largest education network in the world. This network provides the Kwajalein school system with services and resources related to accreditation, research, and school improvement.

Through AdvancED, the Kwajalein school system utilizes the Breakthrough School Improvement model to maintain accreditation with NCA CASI. This model is a systemic, continuous process that produces higher levels of student performance as a result of the focused and aligned interaction of school systems such as curriculum, instruction, assessment, and

staff development.

There are four elements to the Breakthrough school improvement process:

- The creation of a shared vision through the identification of student expectations.

- The development of a profile documenting current demographic data.

- The design of an improvement plan based on assessment data.

- The evaluation of results as documented by student performance.

Currently, the Kwajalein school system has created our shared vision and updated our school profile. We are in the process of developing our school improvement goal which will be incorporated into our School Improvement Plan (S.I.P.).

If you are interested in participating in the development of the school-wide goal, attend the Parent-Teacher Conference Night at 5 p.m., Nov. 7, in the Coconut Room at the elementary school or at 6:45 p.m., in the high school library. The proposed goal will be discussed and your input is needed.

All community members interested in the continued excellence of the Kwajalein schools are encouraged to attend.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, there are several other ways to become more involved in the school improvement process including:

- Attend monthly School Advisory Council and Parent Teacher Organization meetings to learn more about the S.I.P. and provide feedback to school personnel.

- Contact a School Improvement Team member. Call the elementary school at 53601, or the high school at 52011, to receive member names and contact information.

- Tune into the Roller and read the *Hourglass*. Important announcements and information will be shared via these communications.

- Complete school surveys. Your input helps the schools improve

- Check the AdvancED website, www.advanc-ed.org or look for S.I.P. updates on our school website, www.kwajalein-school.com.

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the support he and the ECCF have offered me and the children of Enniburr. The ECCF has been the backbone of the school from donating school supplies to backpacks and toys. The amount of support I have heard about and seen already in my short time here is nothing short of amazing. Shirley Simon [ECCF vice-president] at entry/exit has also been fantastic with getting supplies to and from the island.”

Cornfield started on Enniburr August 26th and will stay there until late May. According to the Ministry of Education, Enniburr Elementary School has tested 75th out of the 75 tested islands. Like most RMI schools, there is only one teacher per grade. There was not enough room for all the students to have their own classroom for the entire day; thus, the day was split in two with children only getting four hours of daily instruction. Cornfield opted to change the system. All grades now attend school from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the grades are grouped (1st/2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th/6th, and 7th/8th). Students also change instructors throughout the day in one-hour segments.

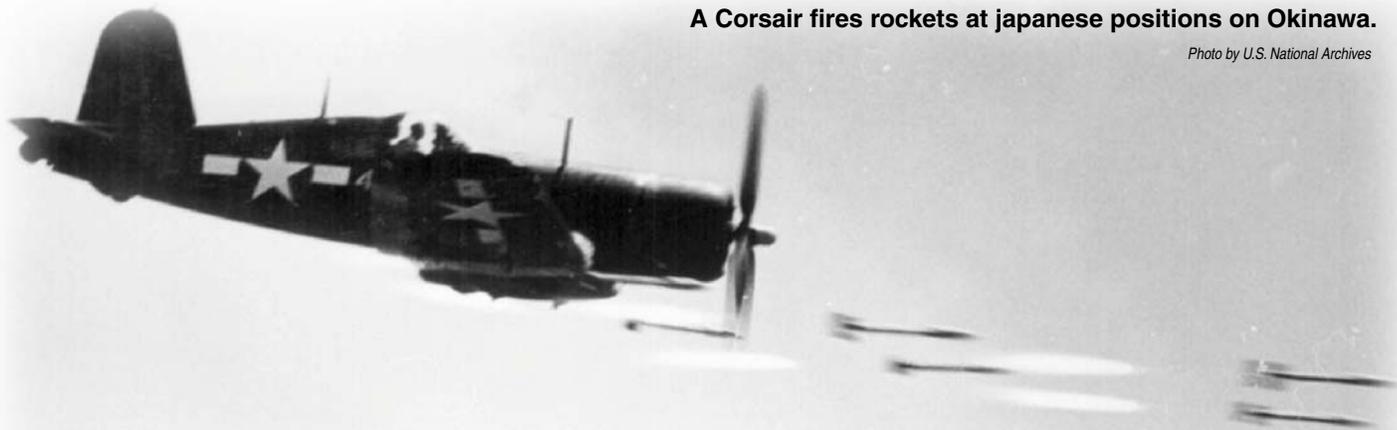
Cornfield is the sole English language teacher. Enniburr has four other teachers, each teaching only one subject area: math, science/health, social studies, and Marshallese language. Enniburr has 160 students registered for elementary school. The largest class is 45 students and the smallest one is 22. Anyone wanting to attend high school must be sponsored on one of the

other islands which offer high school.

Cornfield has also established stricter attendance policies for students and teachers. “Attendance is the biggest problem for teachers and students. Previously there was no retribution or consequence if you didn’t come to school, now there is. I’m also in charge of the log sheets for teachers so I know when they’re here and when they’re not” said Cornfield. On the day the author was there a teacher didn’t show because she went to Roi-Namur to do her laundry.

A typical week for Enniburr students in Cornfield’s classroom includes three days of reading and oral practice of English language and two days of writing. Cornfield uses a seating chart to learn names and keep roll in class. Every day he warms up his classes with some oral questions and answers in Marshallese and English. Questions Cornfield asked included “My name is? How are you? How old are you? What is today?” This simple exercise has helped Cornfield learn quite a bit of Marshallese in the short time he’s been there and the children enjoy the activity. During this oral activity, Cornfield continues to raise his voice as the children answer questions in unison and the children raise their voices. Culturally, this is an unusual thing because most Marshallese children are shy and quiet around adults. The shyness of speaking as an indi-

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Corsair was premier U.S. Navy fighter aircraft of WWII Pacific campaigns

Editor's note: This is the fourth installment of a series of articles by Dan Farnham on American World War II aircraft in the 'Aircraft Grave' of Kwajalein lagoon.

Article by Dan Farnham
Contributor

Designed in 1938, the Vought F4U-1 'Corsair' would become the greatest carrier fighter of World War II. It would also have the longest production run of any piston-engine fighter in history.

The first Corsair was built in 1940, and by the time the last Corsair came off the production line in December 1952, a total of 12,571 examples of the type had been built. F4U stands for 'Fighter, 4th in series from Vought Aircraft', and the 'U' was the letter assigned by the Navy to all aircraft built by Vought.

The Corsair mounted the largest piston engine ever used on a fighter, and its propeller was also the largest ever mounted on a fighter. Because the Corsair was designed as a carrier-based fighter, the landing gear had to be very strong to withstand the pounding of a carrier deck landing. This created two dilemmas for the designers.

One was that shortening the large propeller would waste much of the available horsepower of the big engine, and the other problem was that a longer landing gear would be less sturdy than a shorter one.

So Vought engineers came up with the distinctive inverted gull-wing design. This 'bent-wing' design allowed the huge prop to clear the deck while providing for a short, stout landing gear. The bent-wing design would forever characterize the Corsair, making it one of the most easily recognizable airplanes

of all time.

Initial carrier trials showed that several bugs needed to be worked out and almost all of the early Corsairs were given to the Marine Corps. The Marines flew the F4Us from narrow airstrips on Pacific islands. Thanks to *Baa Baa Black Sheep*, a television series that aired in the mid-1970s, the most well-known of those squadrons was VMF-214, the famed 'Black Sheep Squadron.'

The U.S. Navy did not fully clear the Corsair for carrier duty until late 1944, but four night-fighter Corsairs of VF(N)-101 were among the planes from the *USS Enterprise* that took part in the assault on Kwajalein Atoll earlier that year.

Several Corsair squadrons were assigned to the airbase at Roi-Namur after its capture from the Japanese in early February of



Marine Corsairs taxi out for a mission from a Pacific island airstrip.

1944 and Corsairs would fly from Roi until the end of the war in August 1945.

The F4Us were tasked with the defense of Kwajalein Atoll and attacking nearby atolls and islands which had been bypassed but still contained Japanese garrisons. They also served as fighter escorts for bombers attacking the same bypassed islands.

The Corsair squadrons included VMF-441, VMF-331, VMF-311, and VMF(N)-532, with the latter being equipped for night combat flying.

At least one Corsair was among the airplanes dumped in the lagoon after the war was over.

In May of 2007, I headed up to Roi with James Polan, Leonard Grandbois, and Dan Bogart for a weekend of diving the plane wrecks near Mellu Island. Our main goal was to find the wreck of a Corsair that is nose-down in the sand, and which is featured on the cover of the DVD called *The Silent Wrecks of Kwajalein Atoll*.

The night before we went diving, I spent some time at the Outrigger Club talking with Greg Howson, who has an intimate knowledge of the layout of the aircraft graveyard, and when I told him that we were going to try and find the Corsair, he told me exactly where to anchor on the reef and what heading to take from there to the wreck. Greg's information made it easy, and over the following two days we visited the Corsair wreck twice. That Corsair was the one plane in the aircraft graveyard that I wanted to see and photograph the most, because the Corsair has always been my favorite plane.

The Corsair is nose-down in 110 feet of water, and to me it is amazing that the plane hasn't fallen flat after 60+ years in that position. The rudder is missing from the tail, as is the main landing gear from the wings. A spare propeller was shoved into the cockpit before the plane was pushed into the water. Parts of the wing and flaps were fabric-covered, and the fabric has long since disintegrated, leaving the metal framework exposed. I have no idea which particular squadron this F4U flew with, but one thing is certain- this particular plane undoubtedly contributed to the hard-won ultimate victory against Imperial Japan.

Friday, Oct. 31, 2008



F4U Corsair wreck near Mellu Island.

Photo courtesy of James Polan



Another overhead shot of the F4U wreck.

Photo by Dan Farnham

Nine servicemembers die in War on Terror

Lance Cpl. Stacy A. Dryden, 22, of North Canton, Ohio, died Oct. 19 from injuries sustained in a non-hostile incident in Anbar province, Iraq. She was assigned to 1st Supply Battalion, 1st Marine Logistics Group, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Spc. Deon L. Taylor, 30, of Bronx, N.Y., died Oct. 22 in Bela Beluk, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 27th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, New York Army National Guard, Syracuse, N.Y.

Cpl. Adrian Robles, 21, of Scottsbluff, Neb., died Oct. 22 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

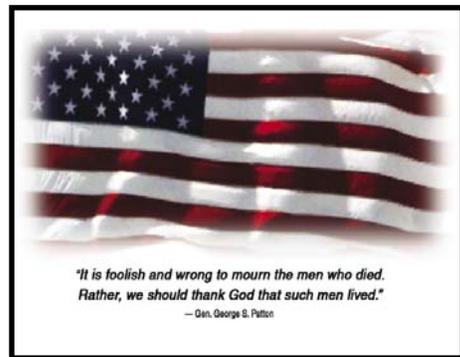
Lance Cpl. San Sim, 23, of Santa Ana, Calif., died Oct. 22 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Staff Sgt. Brian P. Hause, 29, of Stoystown, Pa., died Oct. 23 of non-combat related medical causes at Balad Air Base, Iraq. He was assigned to the 20th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.

Pfc. Cody J. Eggleston, 21, of Eugene, Ore., died Oct. 24 at the National in Bethesda, Maryland, of wounds suffered on October 16 in Baqubah, Iraq, when he received indirect fire. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

1st Lt. Trevor J. Yurista, 32, of Pleasant Valley, N.Y., died Oct. 27 while supporting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary



Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Two Soldiers died Oct. 27 in Baghlan, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when a suicide bomber detonated explosives as they were preparing to enter a building. Killed were: **Sgt. Nicholas A. Casey**, 22, of Canton, Ohio, who was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C. and **Sgt. Kevin D. Grieco**, 35, of Bartlett, Ill., who was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 122nd Field Artillery, Illinois Army National Guard, Sycamore, Ill.

Dignitaries travel to Ebeye for generator blessing

Article and photo by Dan Adler
Media Manager

Col. Frederick Clarke, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll Commander, Mike Sakaio of the USAKA Host Nation Office, Jelton Anjain, RMI Representative to USAKA, and dignitaries from the U.S. Embassy in Majuro and the Republic of the Marshall Islands traveled to Ebeye Wednesday for the dedication and blessing of two new generators. The dignitaries included Douglas Morris, Deputy Chief of Mission of the U.S. Embassy; Jurelang Zedkaia, Speaker of the Nitijela; Minister Kejo Bien, Ministry of Public Works; Jeban Riklon, Kwajalein Atoll Senator; Casten Nembra, Chief Secretary; Fred Pedro, Deputy Chief Secretary; Bernard Adiniwin, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Billy Roberts, General Manager of Majuro Energy Company. The new generators replaced the four generators shipped to Ebeye from USAKA when Ebeye lost all power two months ago when the old generators failed and stopped working completely.

"We rounded up four generators to send over there,"



Col. Frederick Clarke speaks to a plant worker while inspecting the new generators.

said Dave Norwood, Kwajalein Range Services President. "That made a total of seven generators from USAKA on Ebeye. Three had been there for years."

He continued, "The two new generators had been

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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.

U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll

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

VETS' HALL

BARTENDER AND BAR BACK. Call Brianne, 53074 or 52279.

COMMUNITY BANK

TELLER, part-time, 20 hours and CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE, part-time, 25

hours. Submit resumé to <http://careers.dodcommunitybank.com> <<http://careers.dodcommunitybank.com>>

RTS WEATHER STATION

ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN. Our technicians install, maintain and repair a variety of scientific instrumentation and communications systems and operate upper-air meteorological equipment for daily profiles of the atmosphere. Background in telemetry and analog/digital circuitry desired. Unaccompanied position. Competitive salary and benefits offered. Call 51508.

WANTED

HOUSE-SITTING for December, all of the month or part of it. Call Ona, 52276.

LEGO TOYS donations for mother/son event Saturday. Call 52575, weekdays and 53661, weekends.

GEORGE SEITZ'S PTO is seeking used or new books and board games (please include all game pieces) for the upcoming book fair to support the school's library. If you have books or board games that you would like to donate please drop them off at the elementary school's library, the school's office or contact Lisa Ansley, 55545, or Wendi Gray at 52200. All items are needed no later than Nov. 8

LOST

iTOUCH SCREEN 8 GB IPOD, in downtown area (bakery, post office or Community Bank), iPod can't be opened without the pass code. Reward offered. Call 54571.

BLACK IPOD in black clip carrying case. Call 51192.

FOUND

SCUBA/SNORKELING gloves on coral road on side of Ivey Gym. Call 50092 or 52389.

PATIO SALES

MONDAY, 7-11 a.m., Qtrs. 136 (under tent). PCS multi-family sale.

FOR SALE

KENMORE SEWING MACHINE, recently cleaned and adjusted, \$100 and Rubbermaid top-loading yard storage cabinet \$35. Call 54613.

CHILD'S 24-inch bike with basket, used, good

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.

Latter-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.

shape, \$35. Call 52204.

SCUBA GEAR: Men's medium/large BC, internal weights, \$250; 1st and 2nd stage regulators with pressure gauge, \$150 and Gekko wrist-model dive computer, \$275. Call 53612.

ELECTRONIC CROSSWALK treadmill with power incline, cushion base to protect joints, wall hugger, folds up, control console displays speed, time, distance and calories burned, paid \$800, will sell for \$350 or best offer. Call 53640, 4:30-8 p.m.

TWO CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN costumes, a clown and a riding unicorn, \$10 each; large box of bath salts making supplies with many different scents and colors, create your own to enjoy or sell, \$25 for all. Call 52642.

MEDELA INSTYLE breast pump, \$200; co-sleeper 50; infant carrier, \$25; large storage shed, \$100; baby rocking cradle, \$20; six-foot Christmas tree, \$25; dehumidifiers, \$50 each and baby swing, \$75. Call Rick or Kendra, 51132.

CHILDRENS ART EASEL, RoseArt three-in-one wooden creative art easel, \$40 and baby seat, Prince Lionheart bebePod Plus, Kiwi color, provides optimal support in helping baby learn to sit, includes attachable toy, adjustable tray with two colorful, reusable placemats, \$30. Call 51596

Café Pacific

Lunch

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Nov. 7
Pot roast	Kwaj fried chicken	Breaded pork cutlet	Herb-baked chicken	Spaghetti	Meatloaf	Three-meat pizza
Barbecued chicken	Salisbury steak	Chicken peapod stir-fry	Broiled mahi mahi	Chicken corn saute	Breaded chicken strips	Veggie pizza
Beans in broth	Quiche Lorraine	Strawberry crepes	Beef tips in Burgundy	Fish and chips	Veggie stir-fry	Chef's choice
Grill: Chili dog	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Reuben sandwich	Grill: N/A	Grill: Cheese sandwich	Grill: N/A

Dinner

Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Build-your-own pizza	Korean beef ribs	Swedish meatballs	Mini taco bar	Swiss steak jardiniere	London broil	Breaded pork chops
Chicken cacciatore	Thai shrimp pasta	Seared ono	Oxtail stew	Baked Tuscan chicken	Herb-roast chicken	Chicken stew
Chef's choice	Charsiu chicken	Peas in broth	Chef's choice	Rice and barley casserole	Chef's choice	Chef's choice

All veterans living on Kwajalein Atoll: The Hourglass wants to honor your service to our country for Veterans Day. We would like to take your photo and military service information. To make an appointment for your photo, please call 53539 or leave a message.

between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

TWO TOP-LOADING Rubbermaid yard storage containers, \$30 each and Cuisinart food processor with attachments, \$45. Call 54613.

PS2 SYSTEM, nine games including *Guitar Hero I, II, and III*, two guitars and three controllers, \$300; cordless phone/answering machine, \$30; 1300-watt microwave \$50; large black TV stand with glass shelf, \$50, and Sharp 32-inch TV with remote, \$250. Some items not available until after Nov. 8. Call Chris, 52250.

IKEA COMPUTER desk and chair, great condition, \$30; queen-size down comforter, \$25 or best offer and Fisher Price play kitchen, \$30. Call 52276.

MEDELA INSTYLE breast pump, \$200; kitchen Island, 150; co-sleeper, \$50; infant carrier/car seat, \$25; large storage shed, \$100; baby rocking cradle, \$20; artificial Christmas tree, 6-feet, with storage bag, \$25; dehumidifier (2), \$50 each and cat climbing tree, \$10. Call 53357.

HP PHOTOSMART 7350, includes brand new unopened black ink cartridge and box, 4 x 6 HP photo paper, \$50; SkilCraft paper cutter, \$4; halogen desk lamp, black, \$4; cork tile boards, four 12-inch x 12-inch tiles and \$10 Hoover vacuum cleaner, \$25. Call 52113 and leave a message

BOAT, 21-FOOT, bimini top, 225-horsepower outboard, eight-horsepower outboard, 50-gallon fuel tank, radio, safety equipment, trailer, and house. \$ 8,500; Crown Line cruiser, 27-feet, 350 Mercury engine, 15- horsepower outboard, trailer, house and covered lot, \$21,000. and 50-CD player, dual-tape deck, receiver, Bose speakers (901s) and EQ, \$700. Call 59662

POWER BUILT GOLF CLUBS with bag, \$110.00; 30- gallon tall saltwater aquarium with stand and six months supply of food, \$150; two Hawaiian slings, \$12 each; JBL custom spear gun, \$50; Scuba Pro dive mask, \$10; microwave, \$35, available after Nov. 17 and Sony 20-inch TV, \$75, available after Nov 17. Prices are negotiable. Call Joshua Wilburn, 53921 or 51460

WOODEN THREE-PANEL photo screen, holds 15 8 x 10 photos, \$75; Kwaj-condition bike, \$20; wicker magazine stand, \$15; four shelves with brackets, \$50 and Rubbermaid bike trailer bed, \$125. Call 53627.

GIBSON nine-cubic feet, drop-in freezer, 1996 model, copper coils, \$150. Call Scott, 51599, after 3:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NAMO WETO Youth Center invites all island youth and teens to 'Go Green,' an island clean-up day promoting island beautification and recycling awareness at 10 a.m., Saturday.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. The Vets' Hall Halloween Bash will be 8 p.m.-2 a.m., Saturday. Drink specials and costume contest with prizes. DJ Skorpion will provide music.

ROCK AND BOWL is 6-8:30 p.m., Saturday, at the Bowling Center. All are invited to enjoy the disco lights and bowl some strikes.

The CYS sports program presents a punt, pass and kick event Sunday. Five age groups (8-9,10-11,12-13,14-15,16-18) are eligible to participate in co-ed football skills contests based on distance and accuracy. Only tennis shoes allowed (no cleats). Registration is 8-9 a.m. Football skills clinic is at 8:30 a.m. Punt, pass and kick event starts at 9 a.m. Call 53796 for event info.

KWAJALEIN ART GUILD will hold the Holiday Arts and crafts Fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday, in the Corlett Recreation Center gym. More than 30 artists, crafters and vendors will offer arts, crafts, services and merchandise from around the world.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS. Christmas is coming and so are the wreaths. The Cub Scouts will be selling Christmas wreaths at the Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair Monday. The shipment is very limited so the wreaths will be sold on a first-come basis until they are sold out. The Cub Scouts will deliver the wreaths to your door in early December. Make your home beautiful and support the Cub Scouts by buying a wreath this holiday season.

KWAJALEIN SWIM TEAM meet is Monday. Swimmers 13 and over should arrive at 3 p.m. and 9-12 and 8 and under should arrive at 3: 15 p.m. Questions? Call Kat Bass, 58751, or Denise Decoster, 52589.

SURFWAY PRODUCT SURVEY is being conducted now thru Tuesday. This survey will assist retail management in determining what products you would like us to carry at Surfway. Survey forms are available at Surfway, Retail Services Office next to the Bowling Center or follow this USAKA Web Link <http://usakaweb.smdck.smdc.army.mil/com/retail/survey20081008>. Completing this Product Survey gives you a chance at winning a dinner for two at our next Mobile Kitchen event at Emon Beach.

THE NEXT BOATING orientation class is 6-8:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday, in CRC room 1. Cost is \$30 payable in advance at Small Boat Marina. Questions? Call 53643.

PARENT/TEACHER conferences for Grades 7-12 will be 2-5:30 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m., Nov. 7, in the multi-purpose room. Details will be mailed home. Questions? Call 52011.

THE NEXT MOBILE KITCHEN event is Nov. 8 on Emon Beach. Menu to include salmon cakes, garden salad, coconut shrimp, basmati rice, vegetable, lemon dessert, beer and wine. Cost is \$30 for meal-card holders and \$35 for non meal-card holders. For payment, see Maria Pimenta at the Retail Office in Building 805 next

SURFWAY DELIVERIES

Effective Saturday Surfway Delivery Service will be unavailable from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and from 3:20 - 3:40 p.m. while school is in session. This change is due to safety concerns for the elementary school children going to and from school during this period.

to the Bowling Center.

IN SUPPORT OF Discover Roi Day, the family pool will be closed Nov. 9 as lifeguards will be needed at Roi beach. Emon Beach will be guarded 11 a.m.- 6 p.m.

PASSENGERS ON THE catamaran to Roi for Discover Roi Day are not allowed to bring alcohol on board. Adult beverages will be sold on Roi.

THE CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES School-Age Program will be sending out questionnaires to all families who have utilized our programs and/or services for our upcoming accreditation process. Take a few minutes to complete and return the family questionnaire by dropping it off at the drop box in front of the post office or at the Central Registration Office, Building 365. Questions? Call 55904.

JOIN CAFÉ PACIFIC for Thanksgiving Buffet on Nov. 28th. The menu will include prime rib of beef, Virginia maple smoked ham, steamed crab legs, roast turkey with all the trimmings, cashew-encrusted mahi mahi, tortellini with garlic cream sauce and a chilled seafood bar which features jumbo peel-and-eat shrimp, mussels on the half shell, smoked salmon and cajun crawfish. Also being served will be an international cheese bar, assorted salads, fresh fruits and a variety of delicious desserts including assorted cheesecake, pumpkin and pecan pie. Bring the whole family. The hours of operation are as follows: Unaccompanied personnel 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. All other residents 1-6:30 p.m. Adults \$24.95 Children under twelve \$12.95 Take out meals will not be permitted during the Thanksgiving meal unless an authorized ration request form is submitted in advance. Food Service personnel will prepare take out meals. Menu subject to change due to availability

RESIDENTS ARE advised to be aware of falling coconuts. Tree-trimming operations are ongoing in scheduled zones. When trimmers are working in your area, move belongings away from trees to eliminate the possibility of damage. Questions? Call 54989.

vidual is lost when students get to be multiple voices in unison.

Joe Coleman, Roi-Namur KPD lieutenant, said "When I come over to Enniburr, I always say hello to the kids. They used to just look at me and grin and turn their eyes down. Now when I visit the island, I say hello and the kids say 'Hello, how are you' back to me. It's really amazing."

Making things culturally relevant to his students has been a challenge for Cornfield. Cornfield demonstrates phonics and sound blending to introduce the word "cab" to his 3rd grade students. There are no cabs on Enniburr, so he rearranges plastic chairs in the front of the classroom to show four people in a car and tells the students that if they ever visit Majuro they will see cabs. Different students then take turns being cab drivers and passengers, using their English skills to sound the word 'cab' and other words as well. It's an experience that helps cement the word relationship to them. He uses hand gestures and theatrics in the classroom like he's been teaching for years.

Besides trying to make learning culturally relevant, Cornfield has to deal with different nuances than teachers in America. Cornfield has found that he's allergic to mosquito bites so he has sores covering his

ankles and arms. He's waiting on medicine to come from Majuro. Also, not too many teachers can say that dogs or chickens might be apt to wander into the classroom. The dog has learned to stay out of the way and lies down on the cool cement floor under the desk, while chickens are quickly shooed out of the room. Not many teachers teach in classrooms with a view of the ocean and windows open to allow the ocean air in, or in rooms with no electricity or bathrooms. There is an outdoor privy next door. A great number of students also are barefoot. So there are many cultural differences which make teaching a wonderful opportunity to learn a new culture.

The RMI government has provided *Moving Into English* by Harcourt as their English language books. However, most of these books are too difficult for the majority of students. Cornfield brought his own complete set of *Reading A to Z* (700 books). He uses these books to teach from. At the end of the year he plans on donating them to the school. The seventh and eighth grade students are allowed to take the books home and read them over the weekend, then they return to class and read them aloud to the class.

Because the changes Cornfield introduced meant that music and

art had to be cut out, he tries to add creative things to his classes. The fifth and sixth grade class sounded out the words head and face. Cornfield allowed volunteers to go to the chalk board and draw heads and faces. At the end of the exercise he asks for a volunteer to draw him. The volunteer that draws Cornfield's face and head puts 'big hair' on his head and face. Everyone in class laughs, including Cornfield.

At the end of the seventh and eighth grade class, Cornfield allows time for two songs. One girl plays a ukulele while Cornfield and the other students sing a song in Marshallese. The children and students are all happy, smiling and singing. Cornfield rings the bell with a hammer to signal another day of school officially ended.

If anyone can help change a child's life, it's Nicholas Cornfield. Cornfield looks at the view outside his classroom windows and says, "How many teachers in America have a view like that!"

Author's Note: Nicholas Cornfield won't be able to afford to go home to Detroit for the holidays. If anyone is interested in sponsoring him for some time between 18 Dec. and 3 Jan. and/or on weekends on Kwajalein or Roi-Namur, please contact Joe Coleman at 56447.



THE YOKWE YUK Women's Club invites you to an elegant wine and cheese event featuring a silent auction of unique baskets filled with items not found on Kwaj just in time for Christmas. The event will be 7-9 p.m., Nov. 16, at the multi-purpose room. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased Monday and Nov. 10 at the AAFES porch. Tickets can also be purchased at the Craft Fair Nov. 3.



Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

Saturday: Partly sunny, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 9-14 knots.
Sunday: Partly cloudy, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 12-16 knots.
Monday: Cloudy, 60 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 15-20 knots.
Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, 50 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 14-18 knots.
Wednesday: Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** NE at 12-16 knots.
Thursday: Mostly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 8-12 knots.
Nov. 7: Partly sunny, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE-ESE at 9-14 knots.

Annual total: 71.75 inches
 Annual deviation: -9.58 inches

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

Sun • Moon • Tides				
	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Saturday	6:39a.m./6:47 p.m.	9:01 a.m./8:48 p.m.	5:22 a.m., 3.3' 5:34 p.m., 4.3'	11:12 a.m., 0.2'
Sunday	6:39 a.m./6:47 p.m.	9:52 a.m./9:39 p.m.	5:50 a.m., 3.0' 6:03 p.m., 4.0'	12:01 a.m., 0.1' 11:38 p.m., 0.1'
Monday	6:39 a.m./6:47 p.m.	10:42 a.m./10:30 p.m.	6:20 a.m., 2.7' 6:34 p.m., 3.6'	12:32 a.m., 0.2' 12:04 p.m., 0.4'
Tuesday	6:39 a.m./6:47 p.m.	11:30 a.m./11:21 p.m.	6:55 a.m., 2.4' 7:14 p.m., 3.3'	1:10 a.m., 0.5' 12:35 p.m., 0.7'
Wednesday	6:39 a.m./6:47 p.m.	12:15 p.m./.	7:47 a.m., 2.1' 8:13 p.m., 2.9'	2:02 a.m., 0.9' 1:17 p.m., 1.1'
Thursday	6:39 a.m./6:47 p.m.	12:58 p.m./12:10 a.m.	9:38 a.m., 2.0' 9:58 p.m., 2.7'	3:30 a.m., 1.1' 2:51 p.m., 1.5'
Nov. 7	6:39 a.m./6:47 p.m.	1:39 p.m./12:59 a.m.	11:55 a.m., 2.2' 11:46 p.m., 2.9'	5:25 a.m., 1.0' 5:24 p.m., 1.4'