

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



The flags of the United States, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the POW/MIA flag fly at half-staff in observance of Memorial Day. For more on Memorial Day, see Page 6.

(Photo by Dan Adler)

Bombs aren't only weapons of destruction

For most of the 100 years before 1973, the price of a barrel of oil had fluctuated hitting a high of \$15 and a low of \$5.

But on October 6, 1973, Syria and Egypt launched a massive military attack on Israel starting the Yom Kippur War.

Israel was caught off guard and faced the real possibility of being defeated. But western nations, especially the United States, rushed military supplies to Israel. The Israelis were able to beat back the attack and save their country.

In retaliation for supporting Israel during the war, the Arab world imposed an oil embargo against the United States, Western Europe and Japan.

The Western world faced a unified bloc of oil producers who suddenly turned off the tap. The price of oil skyrocketed to \$20 a barrel.

I remember the lines of cars stretching for blocks waiting to get their ration of five gallons. Sometimes the limit was in dollar amounts. It became a weekend challenge — going from one gas station to another, not looking for the cheapest price, but finding one that actually had gas to sell. People spent hours waiting in lines in the hope they could have a full tank of gas for the coming work week.

It was hot in Florida where we lived then, so the cheeriest and hardest would pack lawn chairs, cold beer and chips, and make a picnic out of waiting for the station to open in the morning.

As the days and weeks wore on, however, tempers would flare and some station owners were shot by enraged customers. One such incident happened when a customer had waited in the broiling sun for three hours and just as he pulled up to the pump, the owner closed it because he was out of gas.

Station owners learned to test the

level of the tanks constantly and when their supply ran low, a 'LAST CAR — NO MORE GAS' sign would be placed on the hood of the last car they would service for the day so no others would pull up and wait.

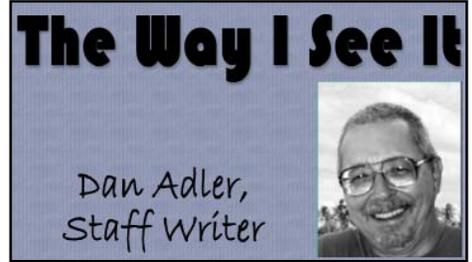
That was our nation's wake-up call. For a little while it triggered a nationwide movement that advocated energy conservation and alternate energy sources. American consumers began buying automobiles from Japan for their low gas mileage because Detroit did not produce fuel efficient vehicles. They began changing their habits to reduce the amount of gasoline that was consumed. Mass transit became more popular and legislation was passed to create oil independence and develop new energy sources. We did not want to be at the mercy of OPEC in the future.

The embargo was the prime reason the 800-mile long trans-Alaskan pipeline was built in 1977 despite environmental concerns. It was a huge effort to relieve dependence upon foreign oil by bringing in two million barrels of domestic oil a day.

But the embargo ended and efforts to find new oil reserves were greatly reduced when oil once again became cheap and plentiful and environmental concerns prohibited drilling for new oil in the United States.

Extracting oil from coal, oil shale, and tar sands became far more expensive than purchasing it from OPEC. Finding new oil and alternative fuels were judged to no longer be financially feasible and efforts in that direction were dropped.

Americans and their government became complacent again and oil independence was way down on the list of priorities. We ignored far-seeing people who wanted to fully fund alternative fuel research and exploration for new oil.



The signs were there in 1973, but as soon as the crisis passed consumers once again demanded and got the 'American big car.' And so was born the SUV's and Hummers that gulped gas at a terrible rate.

So here we are 35 years later and we are still not oil independent and for that we are literally 'paying the price.'

Unless something verging on a miracle happens, it is doubtful that we can ever be 100 percent independent, but we should be capable of closing the gap a lot faster than we have in the past three decades.

This isn't 1973 and this crisis is *not* going to go away. If anything, it's going to get worse. Our 'friends', the Saudis, have twice rebuffed recent requests to increase their output of oil.

The demand for oil around the world and especially in developing countries has pushed the price so high it is having a devastating effect on the lives and welfare of most everyone in America.

Rising oil prices hit every aspect of daily life, increasing the cost of commuting to work, food prices, airline tickets and consumer goods.

The 'working poor' are hit hardest, but nobody is immune. Everyone is making budget decisions based upon the new reality of fuel costs that are rising on a daily basis with no reduction in sight. Even here on Kwajalein we

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Movie made on Majuro examines love, prejudice between Chinese, Marshallese

By Yael Beals
Reporter

Editor's note: A movie produced in Majuro, Morning Comes So Soon, is being shown at 9:30 p.m., Sunday and at 7:30 p.m., Monday. Both screenings are at the Yuk Theater. There will be a discussion after the film with the filmmakers. The film concerns the attitudes of Marshall Islanders toward Chinese immigrants and vice versa. Below is an interview with director Aaron Condon, 32, and co-director Michael Cruz, 23:

Where did you grow up?

Cruz: I grew up mostly in Manhattan, in New York City. I lived three months of each year in Medellin, Colombia, since that is where my parents are from. Aaron grew up in the north of the U.S. somewhere... then they moved to the south. I think they were all over the place.

What is your nationality?

Cruz: Aaron is American. Ethnically I am Colombian.

What are your ties to Majuro and the Marshall Islands?

Condon: My wife Tara, two boys Ocean and Cana, and my adopted Marshallese daughter Siloam are here [on Majuro] with the Lay Mission Helpers in Los Angeles to do mission/volunteer work for the Catholic Church.

Cruz: We both came to volunteer with the Catholic Church in Majuro for different reasons. I wanted to do something semi-altruistic after reflecting on how selfish my college years really were. So I came. After two years, there are a lot of people, mostly students, but also co-workers and people in the community that I have fallen in love with. As I prepare to leave, my heart feels like it is being torn out slowly. So I guess my tie to Majuro is my love for some of the people there, as well as some in Ailinglaplap, Jaluit, and Ebeye. That's probably why I care so much about the negatives I see. Because I want it to be perfect for the people I care about, even though that's just an idealistic and naive dream. At least it fuels some action and hopefully some change. Other than that, nothing else, nothing physical, really ties me to the place

What is *Morning Comes So Soon* about?

Condon: This is a movie about a Marshallese boy and a Chinese girl who fall in love, and all the problems that they have to face because of their relationship. The issue of suicide, of which the Republic of the Marshall Islands has one of the highest rates in the world, is also addressed in the movie.

The lead parts are being played by James Bing III, a Marshallese Assumption High School senior, and Ting Yu Lin, a Taiwanese AHS senior. The supporting roles are being played by various Marshallese, Chinese, and



Taiwanese youth and adults from around Majuro.

This is set in the beautiful central pacific country of the Marshall Islands and is a dramatic story that takes a sobering look at the effects of racism.

Leban (James Bing) is a Marshallese High school Student who falls in love with Mei-Lin (Ting Yu Lin), a Chinese girl who is new to the island.

What begins as a typical teenage love story quickly becomes a bizarre tragedy as the opposition that they face from family and friends becomes unbearable. This is a Youth to Youth in Health and Small Island production

Cruz: The film is a simple Romeo and Juliet love story between a Marshallese boy and a Chinese girl. She was brought to Majuro by her mother and brother after her father died. Her mother and brother wanted to give her more opportunities and bring her closer to the rest of the family.

Leban and Mei Lin go to the same school. Finding each other attractive and intriguing, they set off on a relationship quickly. Soon, they get to know each other much better.

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She feels isolated and out of place, but he makes her feel more comfortable and he finds in her the affection he needs and wants. Her mother seems to think it is not a bad relationship until things get more violent. Her brother and friend think that she is simply asking for trouble and mistrust the Marshallese.

The response to their relationship is varied on the Marshallese side as well, ranging from acceptance by her friends, to semi-playful, semi-serious mockery by others, to feigning ignorance, to outright aggressive behavior against what they see as being wrong because of strong prejudice.

While the villain of the film represents racism at its worst, as many people have seen it manifested throughout Majuro, his is not the only response.

I've gotten off the plotline, though. The racist tension increases throughout the film, and as it gets more violent, the relationship walks a tighter tightrope until it can hold no more and the star crossed lovers meet with tragic and rash decisions that reflect the increasing problem of suicide here in the RMI.

How did you come across the idea to make it?

Cruz: Actually, this is a bit of a roundabout story. Last year in May or so, our key grip and one of the main rijerbal (helper/worker) of our film, Bob Balos (who just graduated from Assumption High School last Sunday but at that time had just finished his junior year) told Julia Alfred, [Executive Director] at Youth to Youth, that he had an idea to make a movie.

Bob was the host of the 'Soap Box' for a year and he thought it would be a good next step. *Soap Box* is a TV talk-show for youth in the Marshallese language and airs every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. on Marshalls Broadcasting Company in Majuro. Aaron created the show and we have been on the air for over a year now.

After Bob started the ball rolling, many things happened involving the planning of logistics and grant writing, and after all of that was settled, in about September or early October, Aaron and I were called in for a meeting with Julia and the Youth to Youth staff.

Originally, they wanted to make either a short film or a series of short films addressing the top five or even 10 social issues. When the idea for a longer film was brought up, all of the issues were first on the table. We realized that it would be a bit convoluted to put this fictional girl through the pains of teen pregnancy, suicide, drugs and alcohol, domestic violence, sexually transmitted diseases, and a plethora of other problems. So we suggested that it be narrowed down to one topic.

The staff of Youth to Youth chose suicide because they felt like it was one of the biggest problems. Originally, some of the boys suggested a true life story about a couple on Ebeye last year or the year before who dated, found out they were related, and committed suicide. This story was on the table for a few weeks, but in the end we decided the story was much too personal, and much too fresh to address. So we started working on fictionalizing a similar, but unrelated plot.

At that point Aaron Condon suggested that the girl

be Chinese, because of how much and how strongly we have experienced racism against Chinese in our time here and how much we had seen it increase. The stories we hear are quite a few, and most of the young people experience it daily. We felt that it would hit two birds with one stone and be very relevant to the teenage and young adult audience we were addressing. It all took off from there.

Why did you want to make this film?

Cruz: I thought that making a film addressing social issues would be a way that I could contribute something to the local community. I wanted to help Youth to Youth, basically. It would also be fun and give me something to do other than teach at Assumption High School.

I believed, and still do, that hopefully it would produce dialogue about contemporary issues. I love film and I think it has incredible power as a storytelling medium. I didn't want to provide solutions so much as pose questions so that the local community could really look at what is going on and say, "What do we do about it?"

At least, if anything, I wanted a film to be made so that whether people liked it or not, people would see that it could be done and say, 'I can do that, I want to tell my story.' Then I could hear all about the Marshallese films made later on.

Condon: To get people talking about the racism that exists in Majuro which is a real big problem and hopefully help stop the hatred and do it artistically with local actors and crew.

I hope this movie will help end the racism that has been escalating here in Majuro and that this film will get people talking and entering into dialogue with one another. We all need to remember that what we have in common is far greater than what divides us. This is a small island with many different kinds of people; we all need to learn to get along and respect one another's cultural identity.

How long did it take to make this film?

Cruz: It took us about a year if you take in pre-production; script planning, writing, editing, shoot planning, equipment buying, casting, training, etc. Production: the shooting of the film took about a month, but really about 12 days scattered throughout a month around people's school, work, and church schedules. Then post-production, which was a solid two-plus months of almost daily late night editing marathons.

Condon: Filming took place throughout January and half of February at different locations from Rita to Ajeltake.

Where did you get the funding to make this film?

Youth to Youth allocated a large portion of a grant they received from the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization to fund the project.

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Defense Department photo by Samantha L. Quigley

Tiger Woods, professional golfer and host of the AT&T National golf tournament, laughs at a question from the media during a news conference at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Md., on Tuesday. Woods is joined by Bret Hart, president of Congressional, where the July tournament is held, and Greg McLaughlin, president of the Tiger Woods Foundation.

Tiger Wood's tournament salutes military

By Samantha L. Quigley
American Forces Press Service

Professional golfer Tiger Woods understands the sacrifices military families make and the importance of acknowledging those sacrifices.

"I was raised in a military family," said Woods, whose late father, Earl, retired from the Army as a lieutenant colonel. "I

know what it takes, the dedication it takes. They don't get enough thanks. And we're here to do that. We're here to say thank you."

He will say "thank you," this Fourth of July holiday when he hosts the second AT&T National golf tournament at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Md.

"We're trying to do whatever we can to showcase the military and basically give thanks,"

Woods said in an interview before the news conference.

This year that includes making 30,000 tickets available to servicemembers. Active-duty troops, reservists and National Guardsmen, retired servicemembers, and Defense Department civilian personnel are eligible for two tickets per person per day

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All of our money came from that grant, I believe.

How much did it cost to make this film?

Approximately \$10,000.

What were some of the challenges you faced when making this film?

Cruz: First was coordinating people's schedules. We seem to have a lot of free time, but we are all actually busier than we anticipated, and many things here happen at the last minute. So we may have scheduled a shoot for Friday night, but Friday afternoon someone gets told they have a Kemem (birthday) and there goes the plans. Also, getting everyone to come at the time we needed them was a bit of a hassle, not as much as we would expect, but still occasionally stressful.

Second was the fact that none of the actors had ever acted before, so they were nervous, some were unprepared at times, and some needed different types

of direction.

Third was that when they were speaking in Chinese we didn't know what they were saying, and when they were speaking in Marshallese we more or less understood what they were saying but we also understood enough to realize that they were saying something different on every take. We got very nervous at being unable to edit it in the end if every take really ended up being too different.

What was your most memorable moment during the making of this film?

Cruz: That's a really hard question...It would either have to be holding up James Bing in utter fear that I was going to hang him because I thought that he was actually tied by the neck to a tree when really

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of the July 2-July 6 tournament.

The tournament also is offering a one-time 10 percent discount on merchandise, though the discount does not apply at Congressional Golf Shop adjacent to the clubhouse, however. In addition, each day will be dedicated to one of the five services.

Honoring the military and their families doesn't stop there, Woods said.

Twenty-five military children will accompany Woods to the first tee July 2, where two of them will take ceremonial first shots. But not before servicemembers deployed overseas have taken their swings.

Nike has provided drivers and golf balls that are being shipped to six military locations around the globe. A servicemember at each location will hit the ball, which will then be returned along with video of those shots.

Woods, who has a great respect for the military, said his father, and the military values he adhered to, have greatly shaped both his view of family and his direction in life. He's taken that to heart at home as well as on a global scale, hoping to be the same kind of father for his daughter, Samantha, that Earl Woods was to him.

"Family comes first," Woods said in the pre-conference interview.

"My dad ... always made time for me. I'm looking back upon that, [and] that shaped me in the fact that I want to be there for Sam all the time," he said.

His dad also taught him about success, being a leader, and the responsibilities that come with that role. That lesson was the foundation upon which he and his father created the Tiger Woods Foundation in 1996.

"My dad, I won't say pushed me, but he always made sure I understood what it took to be a leader, the responsibilities you have to accept — and sometimes it's not always easy," Woods said. "That's hard for kids to understand who have never experienced it before."

This lack of leadership and role models for children is not just a local phenomenon, he said. It's global.

"We have so many people around this world who need help, and we're going to do that," he said.

The foundation already has helped 10 million children through its character-development programs, scholarships, grants, junior golf teams, and the Tiger Woods Learning Center. And the gratitude he receives from the kids who are helped by the foundation is his greatest reward, he said.

"Golf is just what I do. It's not

who I am," Woods said. "Having kids write letters and say, 'Thank you. I'm going to college. I'm doing things that I never thought I could do in my life,' gives me chills just thinking about it. That's the impact that everyone should have in life."

Proceeds from the 2008 AT&T National will benefit the Tiger Woods Foundation and its desire to expand its programs to the greater Washington area. The hope is to continue positively impacting the lives of future generations for years to come, according to a statement on the AT&T National site.

Fans can affect lives, as well. When purchasing a ticket on the AT&T National Web site, they can choose to make a donation to one of six charitable organizations benefiting military families.

Proceeds from the "Click and Donate Program" will be equally distributed among the Fisher House Foundation, Military Officers of America's Scholarship Fund, National Military Family Association, Our Military Kids, United Service Organizations of Metropolitan Washington, and Yellow Ribbon Fund.

All six organizations are supporters of America Supports You, a Defense Department program connecting citizens and companies with servicemembers.

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someone was holding the rope and could easily let go. Thus leading to some now hilarious anger people can see on the *Behind the Scenes* short on the DVD.

Also, the first night it showed at K&K theatre [on Majuro] and we had to tell the ticket guy that we made the movie so he would let us in because it was packed. Then coming out [after the movie] and seeing the crowd again. That was an unreal and amazingly unexpected experience.

Condon: The tree burning scene was intense because it was very windy, the tide was getting too high, it started to sprinkle, the sun was going down and the tree would not light. But in the end, we pulled it off just in time.

Have you made any other films?

Condon: I have been in the TV/video production field for 10 years now. I worked for New Day Pictures in Lynchburg Va. and worked on: *Go Inside the Toronto Blessing* documentary; *Go inside the Smithton Outpouring* documentary; *Go Inside the Pensicola Revival* documentary; *Catch the Fire* weekly TV show airing in US, Canada, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East as

well as various commercials and infomercials.

I also worked for The Inspiration Network in Charlotte, N.C. where I was a TV producer and I was the producer/director of a short film called *Zen Tree, Zen Pond*.

In Majuro I created *The Soap Box* and was producer/director of *Morning Comes So Soon*.

Do you plan to make other films in the future?

Cruz: I do. I am going to go to Dodge College Conservatory at Chapman University in Orange Calif. for a Masters of Fine Arts in film starting in the fall.

I hope to make many more. I would like to come back [to Majuro] one day and help with a local film again. If some things click together I might come back briefly next year to give a hand. Aaron is staying another year and I believe plans to do some more work with Youth to Youth, either some good short films or another feature possibly.

Condon: Yes we hope to do another film when school starts again. This one will be all in Marshallese, with English subtitles.

Nysveen selected for leadership program

Hourglass reports

Anthony Nysveen, a junior at Kwajalein High School, has been selected to participate in the Economics for Leaders program being conducted at the University of California at Berkeley from June 29 to July 6.

Anthony is one of 32 students from around the country honored by being accepted into the Foundation for Teaching Economics' Berkeley Economics for Leaders program.

During the week-long Economics for Leaders program, students attain an understanding of economic reasoning principles and how to employ these concepts for successful and effective leadership.

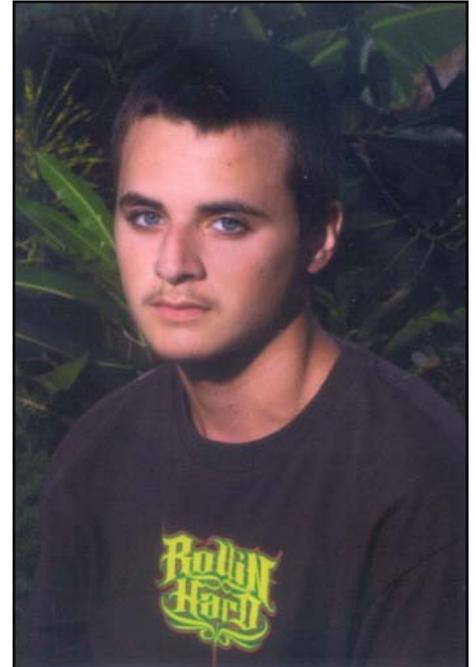
Additionally, participants achieve a heightened awareness of the impact their decisions have on others and the responsibility that

awareness imposes. Economics for Leaders is an unparalleled learning and growing opportunity. Students who have attended Economics for Leaders programs in prior years have called it "the experience of a lifetime."

Nysveen will also be attending the 2008 Boston Guitar Sessions at Berklee College of Music, scheduled to take place Aug. 17-22.

Nysveen will study with a vibrant community of musicians, technicians and music industry leaders from around the world.

Berklee, a leader in musical change, will help the students to refine their artistry while building practical and professional skills. Berklee curriculum encompasses today's relevant musical movements and provides students with the experience necessary to enter the ever-widening network of music industry professionals.



Anthony Nysveen

Eight servicemembers die in War on Terror

Sgt. John K. Daggett, 21, of Phoenix, Ariz., died May 15 in Halifax, Canada, of wounds suffered May 1 in Baghdad, Iraq when a rocket-propelled grenade struck his vehicle. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii

Pfc. Kyle P. Norris, 22, of Zanesville, Ohio, died May 23 in Balad, Iraq from wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device during a patrol May 22 in Jurf as Sakhr, Iraq. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

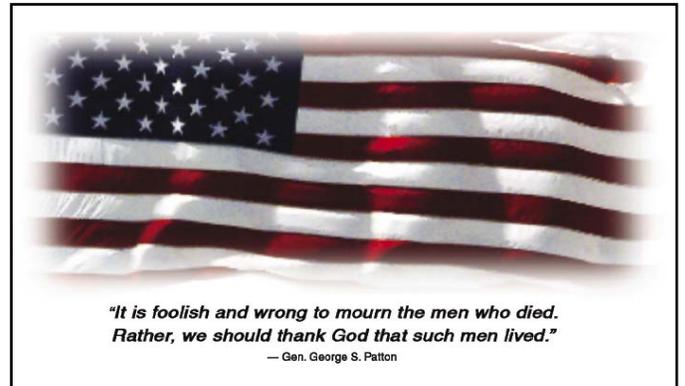
Sgt. 1st Class Jason F. Dene, 37, of Castleton, Vt., died Sunday in Baghdad from injuries suffered in a non-combat related incident on May 24. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart.

Staff Sgt. Frank J. Gasper, 25, of Merced, Calif., died Sunday in Najaf, Iraq of wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered an improvised

explosive device. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group, Fort Carson, Colo.

Sgt. Blake W. Evans, 24, of Rockford, Ill., died Sunday in Al Jazeera Desert, Iraq of wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 327th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

Sgt. David L. Leimbach, 38, of Taylors, S.C., died Sunday near Bala Baluk, Afghanistan of wounds suffered when his unit was attacked with small arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 118th Infantry, South Carolina Army National Guard, Fountain Inn, S.C., and attached to the 2nd Squadron, 101st Cavalry (Reconnaissance, Surveillance, and Tar-



get Acquisition), New York Army National Guard.

Spc. Justin L. Buxbaum, 23, of South Portland, Maine, died Monday in Kushamond, Afghanistan of injuries suffered in a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the 62nd Engineer Battalion, 36th Engineer Brigade, Fort Hood, Texas.

Spc. Christopher Gathercole, 21, of Santa Rosa, Calif., died Monday in Ghazni, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered from small arm fire during combat operations. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Lewis, Wash.



Photo by Lee Craker

Pvt. Aless Lanwi prepares to bring in the flags of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the United States at the Memorial Day ceremony at the chapel.



Photos by Dan Adler

Left to right, Greg Horner, John Beckler and Doug Hepler of the Kwajalein Pipes and Drums play *Going Home*.

Not forgotten

Kwajalein honors fallen heroes

By Dan Adler
Interim Manager

A Vietnam veteran, lightly touching a name on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., said, “A man is never really dead unless he is forgotten.”

The standing room only audience in the Island Memorial Chapel Tuesday morning was there to remember and honor all of those who have fallen in America’s wars and to ensure they would never be forgotten.

The ceremony began with the

sounding of *Reveille* as the flags of the United States and the Republic of the Marshall Islands were carried down the center aisle of the chapel.

The national anthems of the United States and the Republic of the Marshall Islands were played by the Kwajalein Junior/Senior High School band.

LTC Josh C. Sauls was the guest speaker. He spoke to the audience of the history of Memorial Day. It first began as a way to honor Union Soldiers who had died in the Civil War, but has expanded over the years to include all who have fallen in America’s wars.

He went on to say that in past wars, most Americans knew someone who had died, but today, less than eight percent of Americans have ever served in the military.

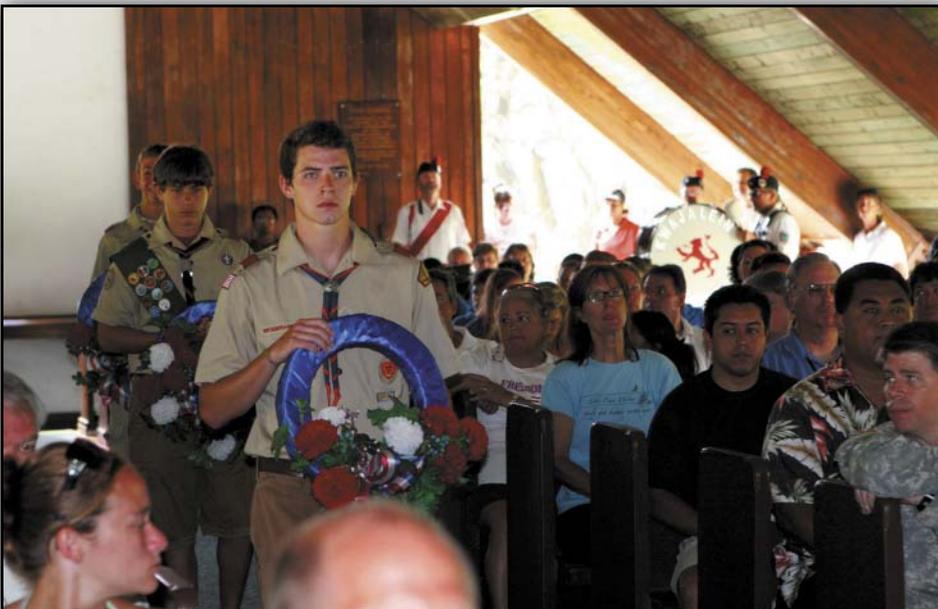
“As a nation, we are distanced from the people who ensure our liberty. I daresay that most of our citizenry do not even know someone personally who has lost his or her life during this most recent war,” he said.

Sauls continued that if audience members didn’t know someone who has made the ultimate sacrifice in today’s wars, they shouldn’t

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Left to right, Max Blackcrow, Master Sgt. Daniel Perdue, Sgt. Jesus Rodriguez-Pacheco, Michael Tracy, Gus Garcia, Michael Peoples, Charles Schier and Maj. Philip Costley (commanding) fire a 21-gun salute for the fallen of America's wars.



Boy Scouts Andrew Hogan, front, Wil McPhatter and Jake Villarreal bring forward the wreaths to be used in the wreath laying ceremony.



Members of the Kwajalein Junior/Senior High School band provide music at the ceremony.

feel bad.

"In fact, he said, consider yourself very blessed."

Sauls thanked the audience "for giving up a little bit of your precious time to remember and honor people you didn't know when they were alive."

He said, "You may have come here not knowing anyone by name, but you will not leave here in the same state."

Sauls told audience members the inspiring stories of two servicemembers — Petty Officer Second Class Michael Anthony Monsoor and PFC Ross McGinnis.

Sauls recounted what they had done and how they courageously sacrificed their lives to save comrades. He also read a moving statement about the death of McGinnis from his parents.

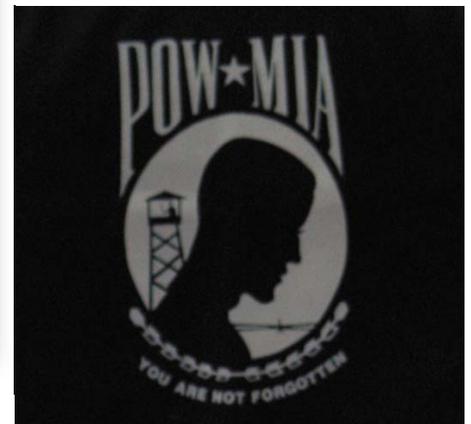
"Please do not mistake my meaning in sharing the stories of these two men," Sauls said, "you should not feel guilty celebrating this weekend."

He related what Gen. George S. Patton said about the dead of World War II. "It is wrong and foolish to mourn the men who died. Rather, we should thank God that such men lived."

Sauls concluded by asking the audience to thank God for these men, their sacrifices and to say a prayer that their families left behind may find some comfort in knowing what they have given us is appreciated.

The Kwajalein Pipes and Drums ended the ceremony in the chapel with the playing of *Amazing Grace*.

There was a 21-gun salute and the playing of *Taps* near the flagpole site at noon.





Rev. Rick Funk described the significance of the table set for one — the POW/MIA Memorial

At this time, let us pause to honor the memory of all our comrades who are prisoners of war, missing in action or gave the ultimate sacrifice to protect the freedoms that we enjoy so much

We call your attention to this small table, which occupies a place of dignity and honor. It is set for one, symbolizing the fact that members of our armed forces are missing from our ranks. They are referred to as POWs and MIAs

We call them comrades. They are unable to be with their loved ones and families, so we join together to pay humble tribute to them, and to bear witness to their continued absence

The table is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner, alone against his or her suppressors

The tablecloth is white, symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms

The single rose in the vase signifies the blood they may have shed in sacrifice to ensure the freedom of our beloved United States of America. The rose also reminds us of the family and friends of our missing comrades who keep faith, while awaiting their return

The red ribbon on the vase — represents the red ribbons worn on the lapels of the thousands who demand, with unyielding determination, a proper accounting of our comrades who are not among us

A slice of lemon — on the plate reminds us of their bitter fate

The salt sprinkled on the plate reminds us of the countless fallen tears of families as they wait

The glass is inverted — they cannot toast with us at this time

The chair is empty — they are not here

The candle is reminiscent of the light of hope, which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home, away from their captors, to open arms of a grateful nation

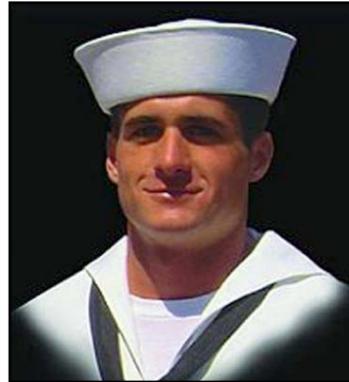
The American flag reminds us that many of them may never return and have paid the supreme sacrifice to insure our freedom

Let us pray to the Supreme Commander that all of our comrades will soon be back within our ranks

Let us remember and never forget their sacrifice

May God forever watch over them and protect them and their families

TWO STORIES, TWO HEROES



Petty Officer Second Class (SEAL) Michael A. Monsoor received the Medal of Honor posthumously in a ceremony at the White House April 8. He received the award for his actions in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Sept. 29, 2006. On that day, Monsoor was part of a sniper overwatch security position with

three other SEALs and eight Iraqi Army soldiers. An insurgent closed in and threw a fragmentation grenade into the overwatch position. The grenade hit Monsoor in the chest before falling to the ground. Positioned next to the single exit, Monsoor was the only one who could have escaped harm. Instead, he dropped onto the grenade to shield the others from the blast. Monsoor died approximately 30 minutes later from wounds sustained from the blast. Because of Petty Officer Monsoor's actions, he saved the lives of his three teammates and the IA soldiers.



Ross McGinnis enlisted in the U.S. Army on his 17th birthday in Pittsburgh through the Delayed Entry Program. He was deployed to Iraq in July 2006, supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

On December 4, 2006, the day that he was to be promoted

from PFC to Specialist, McGinnis was manning the gunner's hatch of his HUMVEE when an insurgent tossed a grenade from above. The grenade flew past McGinnis and down through the hatch before lodging near the radio.

His platoon sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Cedric Thomas, was in the vehicle at the time.

"McGinnis yelled, 'Grenade. ... It's in the truck,'" Thomas said. "I looked out of the corner of my eye as I was crouching down and I saw him pin it down."

McGinnis could have escaped the blast, Thomas said. "He had time to jump out of the truck. He chose not to. He gave his life to save his crew and his platoon sergeant. He's a hero."

McGinnis has been recommended for the Medal of Honor.

Safety campaign provides awareness of hazards

By Terri Helus

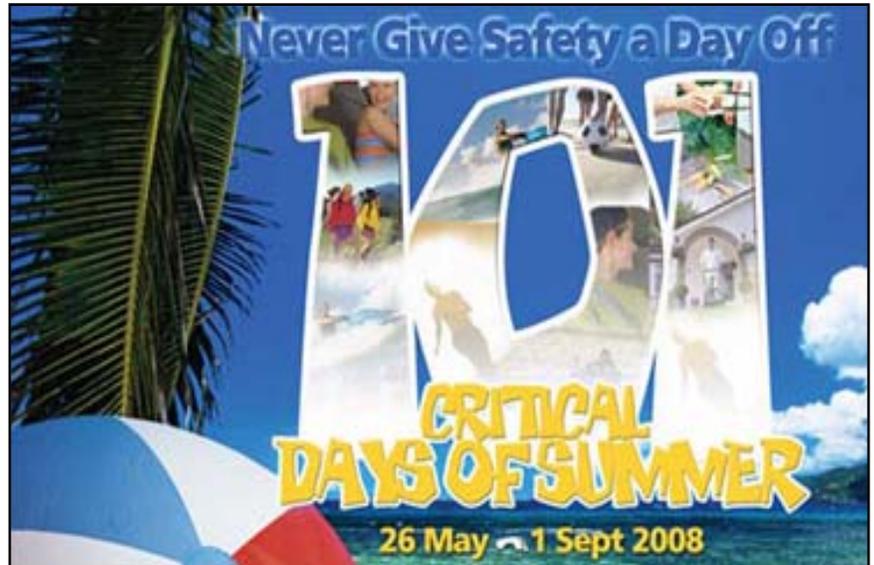
U.S. Army Safety Center

The Army reinforces its commitment to 'Never Give Safety a Day Off' with the launch of the 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign. This safety campaign emphasizes prevention and vigilance during the summer season—a time when Soldiers, their Families and Army Civilians are at greater risk.

The Army experiences an increase in accidental fatalities during the summer months. The majority of these accidents occur off-duty—most often during outdoor activities.

"Families have a key role to play in safety. We need to ensure Family members are educated, aware and fully involved in the risk management process," said Army Chief of Staff, General George W. Casey, Jr. "The 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign provides awareness of potential hazards, and empowers Soldiers, Families and Army Civilians with timely information to ensure everyone's well-being during this especially high-risk season."

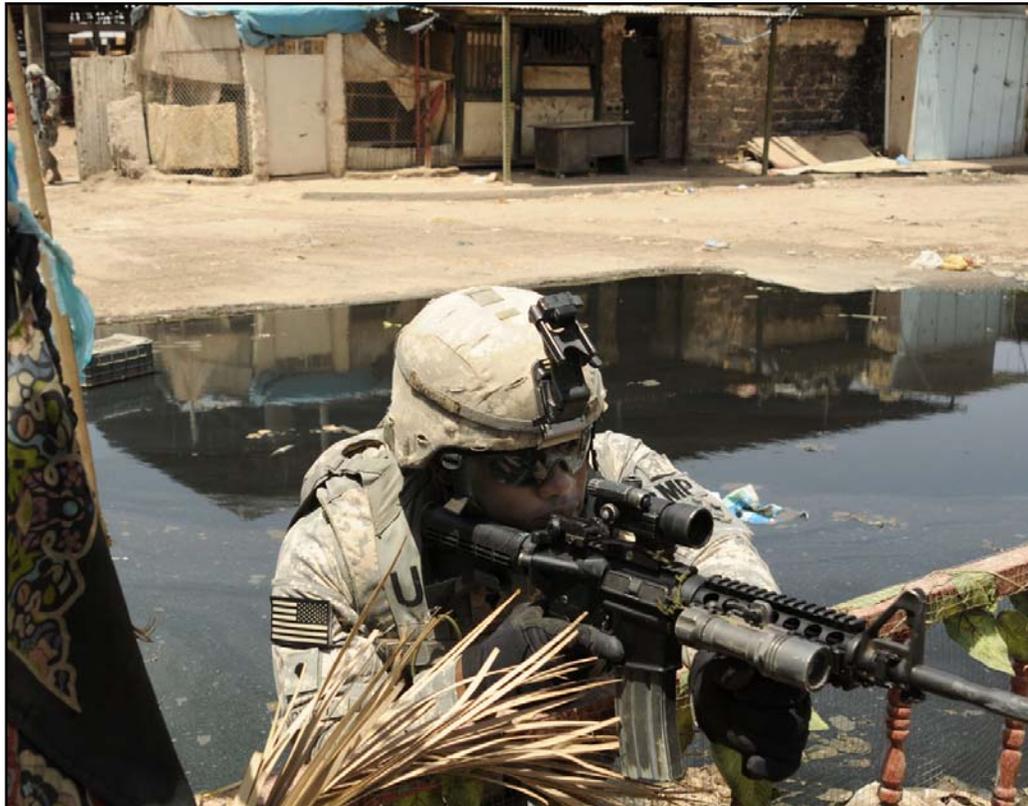
To achieve this mission, the U.S. Army Combat Readiness/Safety Center will focus on a different aspect of summer safety each week, using news releases, posters and public service announcements to help educate and inform Soldiers, their Family members and Army Civilians. Additionally, USACRC has developed



an 'off-duty safety awareness presentation' to help identify potential off-duty summer hazards.

"The enemy 'risk' can be defeated, but it takes teamwork," said USACRC Command Sergeant Major, Tod Glidewell. "That means Soldiers looking out for their battle buddies and Family members looking out for their Soldier, as well as each other. This summer, stay alert and aware of the hazards particular to this time of year."

For more information on the 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign, visit <https://crc.army.mil>.



Another work day

U.S. Army Spc. Marcus Wright from 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion maintains a fighting position during operations in Jamilla Market in the Sadr City district of Baghdad, Iraq on May 15.

DoD photo by Tech. Sgt. Cohen A. Young, U.S. Air Force

Burma not allowing U.S. vessels to offload

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

The Burmese government has yet to grant permission for U.S. military vessels to offload humanitarian supplies for its cyclone-stricken citizens, while the Chinese government has welcomed U.S. military-provided aid for its earthquake-stricken people.

Cyclone Nargis hit Burma on May 3, causing nearly 80,000 deaths and displacing hundreds of thousands. The United Nations has estimated that up to 2.5 million Burmese are in dire need of assistance, according to the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand.

Burma's ruling military committee, called a junta, has steadfastly refused to allow U.S. Navy ships to deliver tons of needed humanitarian supplies to Burmese ports or allow U.S. helicopters to fly in aid to devastated regions, Navy Adm. Timothy J. Keating, commander of U.S. Pacific Command, told reporters at a Pentagon news conference.

On May 12, the Burmese government began allowing U.S. military cargo aircraft to fly in humanitarian

aid from Thailand to the Burmese airport in Rangoon. Since then, U.S. planes laden with food, water, blankets, mosquito netting and plastic sheeting have averaged about five flights into Rangoon each day, Keating noted. In this way, he said, about 1.4 million pounds of relief supplies have been delivered to Burma to date.

Current U.S. military flights to Rangoon are carrying goods provided by various nongovernmental aid organizations, Keating said, such as the United Nations, the World Food Program and other agencies.

"It doesn't matter to us whose stuff it is we are moving," Keating emphasized, noting the goal is to provide humanitarian aid to Burmese cyclone victims.

Upon reaching Rangoon, Keating explained, the U.S. military-transported relief goods are subsequently being distributed to the Burmese population by nongovernmental organizations and the Burmese government.

Marine Lt. Gen. John F. Goodman, commander of U.S. Marine forces in the Pacific region, remains in Thailand in charge of Task Force Operation Caring Response for Burma, Keating said.

Keating recalled his May 12 flight to Rangoon from Thailand aboard a U.S. Air Force C-130 transport plane, accompanied by U.S. State Department officials.

"I reassured the Burmese delegation of a couple of points," Keating recalled. "One, we were ready to provide relief assistance immediately. Two, we were capable of moving 250,000 pounds or so a day of relief material into Burma."

Keating also informed Burmese officials that U.S. military helicopters could move humanitarian supplies inland from Rangoon to hard-hit places like the Irrawaddy delta region.

"We would come in and be entirely self-sufficient," Keating said he told Burmese officials. The U.S. troops, the admiral added, would also depart Burma "every evening" if its government desired that.

Burmese officials were invited to ride aboard the U.S. helicopters as they delivered aid, Keating recalled. The Burmese officials also were urged to visit the U.S. flotilla that's laden with supplies

and waits off the Burmese coast.

The Burmese officials in Rangoon responded that they couldn't grant the necessary permission and the question would have to be taken up with higher authorities, Keating recalled.

"We went to great lengths to try to assure them and reassure them that we had no military intentions" in Burma, Keating said. "We wanted to provide relief, and we were capable of doing that already."

Meanwhile, the *USS Essex*, *USS Harpers Ferry*, *USS Mustin* and *USS Juneau* still remain in the Bay of Bengal, about 50 nautical miles off Burma's coast, awaiting permission from the Burmese government to deliver humanitarian supplies.

The U.S. servicemembers in the naval flotilla "badly, desperately want to help" the Burmese people, Keating emphasized.

In contrast to the Burmese government, the Chinese government has readily accepted U.S. military-provided humanitarian aid for earthquake victims, Keating pointed out.

The People's Republic of China's Sichuan province was hit by a magnitude 7.9 earthquake on May 12 that's estimated to have killed more than 30,000 people.

Last weekend, the U.S. military dispatched two C-17 cargo jets to China laden with tens of thousands of pounds of relief supplies including generators, food, tents, water, and water-purification equipment provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Around that time, Keating recalled receiving permission to use the U.S.-China military hot line to talk with a senior Chinese air force general. The Chinese general, he said, was aware of the arrival of the U.S.-provided aid.

Two more U.S. military airplanes recently arrived in China, Keating noted, one carrying members of a Los Angeles Fire Department urban rescue team and the other delivering tents.

"Principally, there are millions of folks who are without shelter, and so one of the things that the Chinese tell us they need is tents," Keating explained.

The People's Republic of China forwarded more than \$5 million in aid to the United States for Hurricane Katrina relief in September 2005.



DoD photo by Senior Airman Sonya Croston, U.S. Air Force

U.S. Air Force airmen from Yokota Air Base, Japan, and Burmese service members unload humanitarian relief supplies from a C-130 Hercules aircraft at Yangon International Airport in Yangon, Burma, on May 19.

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 outside of DVD Depot, the Roi-Namur Terminal/Post Office bulletin board and at Human Resources in Building 700. Job listings for Contract positions are available at www.krsjv.com and on the bulletin board outside of DVD Depot and on the Roi-Namur Terminal/Post Office bulletin board. Full job descriptions and requirements for Contract positions are located online at www.krsjv.com.

NEED EXTRA money? KRS employment applications are continually accepted for all Community Services Departments and the Human Resources Temporary Pool for Casual Positions such as: Sport officials, scorekeepers, delivery drivers, lifeguards, medical office receptionists, temporary office support, etc. 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://cpolwap.p.belvoir.army.mil>.

WANTED

BLENDER. Call Sherry, 52137.

FOUND

RELIEF BAND DEVICE to control motion sickness, in baggage cart on Roi. Call Chuck Swanson, 56359.

PATIO SALES

SATURDAY, 7:30-11:30 a.m., Quarters 437-C

(in back). Multi-family sale. Grill, appliances, children's apparel and furniture. No early birds.

SATURDAY, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Quarters 124-E. Two desktop computers, laptop computer, computer accessories, men's clothing, children's clothes, bar stools and computer armoire/cabinet. Call 52197.

SATURDAY, noon-6 p.m., Quarters 213-B (inside). Lamps, framed art, yarn, household items, fish tank, CDs, icecicle lights, dog walker bike attachment, books, clothes and plants.

MONDAY, 7-10 a.m., Dome 167. Two-family PCS sale. TV. DVD player, bikes, VHS tapes, books and toys.

WANTED

SHEETS OF LUMBER or corrugated steel to purchase to repair burnt home on Ebeye. Also wanted, someone with construction skills to help repair home. Can pay by the job or the hour. Call 52527 or 53876.

HOUSE-SITTING for visiting parents June 10-25, or any part of that time frame. Call Greg, 52276.

FOR SALE

TROLLING ROD and reel, seeker 5-foot, six-inch all roller rod with Penn International 80 single-speed reel, just overhauled, has upgraded handle and new 100-pound line, \$650. Call 50010.

HIGH HANDLEBAR Kwaj bike, with aluminum Sun frame and new rims, \$150. Call 53008.

FUTON, OAK FRAME, good condition, \$125. CALL 55263.

COFFEE TABLE, \$25; two bookcases, \$25 each; bowling ball, bag, and shoes, \$40; aquarium, 40-gallon, \$45; lots of blooming flowers and plants, \$3-35. Call 52609.

WHIRLPOOL MICROWAVE oven, \$50 and plants, including orchids. Call 52788.

PCS SALE. Land's End hammock and stand, \$100; dehumidifier, \$50; Yamaha stereo receiver and Boston Acoustics speaker system, \$50; Kwaj bikes, \$25 and small rugs, \$10, Call 52829 or 58087.

TV, 32-INCH, \$125; TV, 20-inch, \$90; TV, 15-inch with built-in VCR, \$30 and DVD player, \$15. All available for pick up on June 12. Call 52544.

ROLLERBLADES, women's size 8, \$20; binoculars, \$125; used bike with basket and

Religious Services

Catholic

Saturday Mass, 5:30 p.m., in the small chapel.
Sunday Mass, 9:15 a.m., in the main chapel.
Mass on Roi is at 12:30 p.m., in Roi chapel.

Protestant

Sunday
8 and 10:45 a.m., on Kwaj and Roi-Namur service at 4 p.m.
Sunday school for all ages is at 9:15 a.m.

Baptist

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

Latter-day Saints

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

Jewish services

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

custom paint job, \$125; Congrats grad party set which includes banner, \$40; plates and napkins and four plastic table clothes, \$20. Call 55006 and leave a message.

BOAT HOUSE ON Lot 35, has electricity and air-conditioning, must transfer soon, \$400. Call 50172.

HOOKED ON PHONICS for ages 4-7, paid \$100, will sell for \$25. Call 50976 or 52544.

SCUBA FINS, Oceanic, size 10/11 - \$40; TUSA fins, size small/medium, \$35; Sherwood Avid BCD, \$200; Sherwood Brut regulator with Genesis octopus, \$180; dive computer, Cressi-Sub Archimedes II, \$275; computer Desk, dorm size, new, \$50 and Sears dehumidifier, 70-pint, \$250. Call 51081.

DEHUMIDIFIER, 65-pint, new in box, paid \$225, will sell for \$125; PLASMA TV, 50-inch, by Vizio 1080i HDTV, model number P50HDTV, with hdmi cable and stand \$1,800 and a large eight-drawer cherry wood dresser from Home World in Hawaii, \$150. Call 54677 or 53986.

ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS tree, good quality, integrated lights. Call David, 54698.

BEACH CHAIRS, \$5 each; Whirlpool microwave and Oriental TV stand/entertainment center, \$50. Call 50958.

GRADY-WHITE 240 off shore boat with Yamaha 150 HP outboard motors, 150-gallon fuel tank, stereo, VHF, and dual axel trailer, cabin with lots of storage space, lots of spare parts including two Yamaha engines, located on Boat Lot 4, \$35,000. Call 59335 or 59081.

Lunch

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	June 6
Roast Iowa chop	London broil	Hamburger steak	Meat lasagna	Fried chicken	Mambo pork roast	Corned beef/cabbage
Tofu with veggies	Salmon croquettes	Sweet-and-sour pork	Spinach lasagna	Barbecued spareribs	Jerk chicken wings	Irish lamb stew
Breaded red snapper	Pork pimento	Bacon and cheese quiche	Eggplant Parmesan	Macaroni and cheese	Jamaica meat pie	Tuna casserole
Grill: Sloppy Joes	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Italian burger	Grill: Cajun burger	Grill: Ham stackers	Grill: Cheese sandwich

Dinner

Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Pancake supper	Grilled minute steak	Short ribs	Beef pot pie	Braised Swiss steak	Top sirloin	Herb chicken
Beef brisket	Chicken stew	Chicken divan	Tostados	Chicken nuggets	Chicken Monterey	Beef stew
Vegetarian pasta	Marinated salmon	Vegetarian tofu	Veggie stir-fry	Vegetarian lentils	Vegetable chow fun	Vegetable quesadilla

Cafe Pacific

HOBIE GETAWAY catamaran, less than one year old, near new condition, fast, comfortable, includes all sails, wheels and sail trailer, \$8,000. Call 53003, home or 50619, work.

TV, 27-INCH, \$200. Call 54543.

SHORE FISHING ROD and reels, charcoal grill and Hawaiian sling. Call 50010.

RUGS (two), 8-inches by 10-inches, \$20 each; aquarium, 10-gallon, with accessories, \$25; Mariner 100-horsepower engines (two), run great, \$3,000 for both; Epson cx 9400 all-in-one printer, new in box, \$90; Olympus 770sw 7.1 megapixel digital camera, waterproof to 30 feet, with extra battery and XD memory card, \$250. Call Mike, 55987.

WOMENS DIVE GEAR set, like new \$700; bamboo blinds, perfect for Reef BQ window, \$20; single-burner, \$10; Mr. Coffee one-cup, \$5; plastic shelving, \$5; set of silverware and caddy, \$5; lifejackets, two, size medium, \$10 and iron, \$3. Call 54812 or 53347.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Beginning Saturday, Surfway grocery delivery will be 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. New Surfway hours of operation are 10 a.m.-8 p.m., seven days a week. C-Badge employees will be allowed to shop (some product restrictions still apply).

CELEBRATE YOUR child's reading success during the George Seitz Reading Counts assembly at 12:45 p.m., Saturday, in the multi-purpose room.

THE PUBLIC is invited to attend the Baccalaureate service for the 2008 Senior Class at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, at Island Memorial Chapel. A dessert reception will follow.

JOIN UNACCOMPANIED residents for a barbecue, 5-8 p.m., Monday, at Emon Beach pavilion #2. Bring something to grill and something to share. No alcohol. Sponsored by Island Memorial Chapel.

FATHER DALY will be off island Tuesday to June 12. There will be no Mass at 5:30 p.m., June 7. Msgr. Raymundo Sabio will celebrate the Mass at 9:15 a.m., June 8.

GRADUATION FLOWERS will arrive Thursday afternoon at Macy's.

THE FAMILY POOL will be closed for painting for two weeks starting June 12th. The adult pool, will be lifeguarded on a limited basis. The adult pool will be available to patrons under 18, 1-3 p.m., weekdays. Emon Beach summer hours go into effect June 13. Lifeguards will be at Emon Beach 12:30-3:30 p.m., weekdays, and 11 a.m.- 6 p.m., weekends. Questions? Call Mandie, 52847.

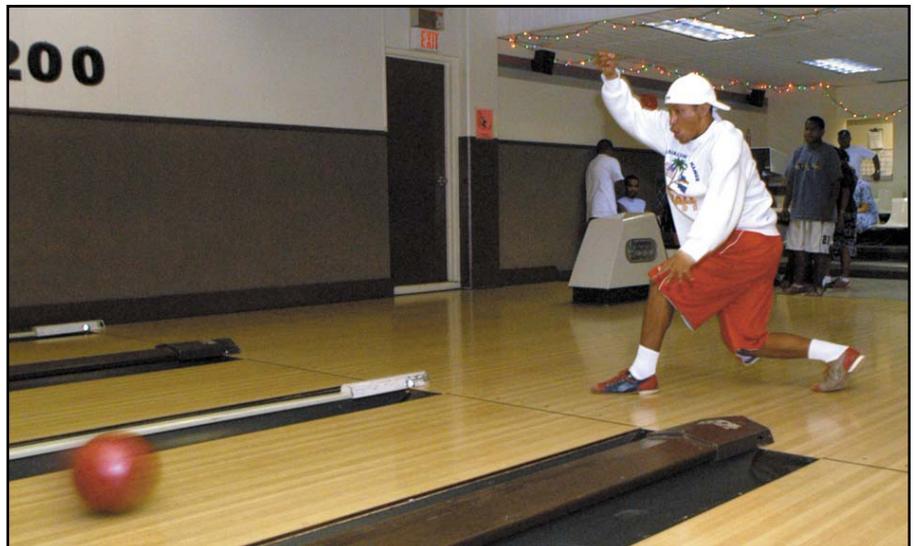
GET YOUR children ready for summer with the American Red Cross swimming lessons June 13-26. Cost is \$25. For information and to register, call Mandie, 52847.

ATTENTION PARENTS. If you are PCSing this summer and need school records for Grades K-6, see Diane Peters at the elementary school before June 28. For Grades 7-12, see Denice Phillips at the high school before June 18.

IF YOUR CHILD will turn 5 prior to Sept. 1, stop by the elementary school office to register for kindergarten. Bring your child's birth certificate, immunization record and a copy of a current physical. Questions? Call 53601.

ARMY/AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SYSTEM (AAFES) will have job interviews for RMI citizens interested in Food Service work. Interviews will be held 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday at the Dock Security Checkpoint. You must be interviewed to be considered for employment.

Army/Air Force Exchange System (AAFES) ej jino interview Ri-Majol nan jermal ko ilo Food Service. Interview in enaj koman ilo ran in Saturday/May 31, 2008 jen 8:00 awa jibon nan 4:00 awa jota. Kwoj aikuij interview nan am maron tobar jermal kain.



RED PIN BOWLING will be 1-4 p.m., Sunday, at the Bowling Center.



REGISTER NOW for the lifeguard class June 7-20. The class will meet on select dates and times. Cost is \$65.

Registration ends June 6.

For more information, call Mandie, 52847.



THE NEXT boating orientation class will be held 6-8:30 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, in Corlett Recreation Center Room 1. Cost is \$30, payable in advance at the Small Boat Marina. Questions? Call 53643.

feel the effects as we have been asked to do whatever we can to reduce the amount of costly fuel used on island.

Corn-based ethanol was a bright possibility, but now we are discovering that for every upside there's a downside, and corn ethanol is no exception.

This year, America heavily invested in producing corn ethanol in an attempt to break away from the use of fossil-fuel gasoline. Farmers can get more money from producing corn for ethanol than from growing wheat and other food products.

Using ethanol has had the backing of our government. It's been touted as 'the answer'.

However, corn ethanol has severely impacted world hunger. Much of the world is starving and food prices have skyrocketed everywhere because of the growing scarcity of wheat and corn.

Violence is erupting in many countries as desperate people fight for food to survive. Corn is going into gas tanks instead of on our tables. Less wheat is being grown, causing a surge in the price of flour. Meat is also more expensive because the cost of animal feed has increased.

Ethanol was supposed to create cheaper fuel to run cars, but producing it is adding to the cost of the meals we eat every day.

I'm not an advocate of corn ethanol on a grand scale. It was a knee-jerk reaction to reducing the use of gasoline, and was not well thought out. Some researchers say it actually costs more and uses more energy to produce a gallon of corn ethanol than a gallon of gasoline.

A possible replacement of corn ethanol may be switchgrass. It's basically a prairie grass that can be grown just about anywhere in any condition.

According to news reports and other sources, researchers say that fuel

made from switchgrass would reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 94 percent, and would only need one-fifth of the energy it takes to make corn ethanol. And, switchgrass isn't a food source for anything or anybody. As long as it was grown on poor land, it wouldn't starve the world and drive food prices through the ceiling.

Unfortunately, there are very few plants in the U.S. set up to produce fuel from switchgrass at the present time. The government has allocated some funds to the development of switchgrass plants, but not enough.

There is hope. Brazil hasn't used a drop of gasoline in years. They produce their fuel from sugarcane, so maybe switchgrass could help put us on the path to oil independence.

As a result of the high price of gas, Americans are again switching from gas-guzzling vehicles to cars with higher mileage per gallon. Hybrid vehicles are gaining in popularity. Car trips that were taken for granted in the past are now being reconsidered in light of the cost of gasoline.

Our government is contemplating opening the Alaskan wilderness and our seacoasts to oil exploration and drilling. If that is done and new oil is produced, then new refineries will have to be built.

This is a long overdue effort that has been stymied for decades by environmentalists. While I am basically an environmentalist at heart, a harsh reality is setting in. What happened in 1973 was only a taste of what we may be facing in the future.

A balance has to be reached between the survival of our economy and our nation and the survival of animals and sea life. We have to decide once and for all which is more important.

Even if we found deposits of oil, we would still need to rely on imports in the near term because it takes time to bring

in producing oil wells. Building new refineries would be a long-term project.

For the short term, any oil at all produced domestically will help us get out from under the domination of the OPEC nations. If we find a huge deposit of oil beyond any found in the Middle East, we would be back in the driver's seat and controlling our own destiny.

We *have* to put forth major efforts to develop alternative energy sources.

One such possibility is nuclear power. It's been 30 or so years since a nuclear power plant was built in the United States because of environmental objections. But France has used nuclear power for almost all of its energy needs for decades. Why can't we?

There are many things we can't control, but human beings are infinitely talented and amazing.

Our adaptability to changing conditions is surprising. There has always been that one idea born from a creative mind that has a solution. There may be a team of dedicated scientists who can find success with their combined efforts. Let us hope that someone, somewhere, will find the means to supply the world with clean, cheap and limitless energy.

In the meantime, it's up to us. We can continue to drive cars that are not fuel efficient. We can continue to leave lights on at home or work when nobody is there. We can blast our air-conditioners or turn the heat up. We can continue all of our ways that waste power and fuel. Or, we can do all we can to reduce the waste and become more aware of how adversely it affects us in our daily lives. Most of all, we need to remember that a great weapon of mass destruction *really is* in the Middle East. But it's not a bomb — it's oil.

Economic upheaval and erosion is a far more lethal weapon than any bomb.

Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

Saturday: Mostly cloudy, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 8-13 knots.
Sunday: Mostly cloudy, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE-E at 12-17 knots.
Monday: Partly cloudy, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 13-18 knots.
Tuesday: Cloudy, 60 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE-ESE at 13-19 knots.
Wednesday: Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE-E 8-14 knots.
Thursday: Mostly cloudy, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 9-14 knots.
June 6: Partly cloudy, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 8-13 knots.

Annual total: 26.83 inches
 Annual deviation: -1.53 inches

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

Sun • Moon • Tides

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Saturday	6:29 a.m./7:05 p.m.	2:45 a.m./3:21 p.m.	1:04 a.m., 3.5' 7:19 p.m., 0.5'	1:19 p.m., 3.3' 7:29 p.m., 0.1'
Sunday	6:29 a.m./7:05 p.m.	3:32 a.m./4:18 p.m.	1:56 a.m., 4.0' 2:17 p.m., 3.4'	8:18 a.m., 0.1' 8:17 p.m., 0.2'
Monday	6:29 a.m./7:05 p.m.	4:24 a.m./5:20 p.m.	2:43 a.m., 4.5' 3:08 p.m., 3.5'	9:10 a.m., 0.3' 9:03 p.m., 0.3'
Tuesday	6:29 a.m./7:05 p.m.	5:22 a.m./6:27 p.m.	3:28 a.m., 4.8' 3:57 p.m., 3.6'	9:58 a.m., 0.7' 9:48 p.m., 0.5'
Wednesday	6:29 a.m./7:05 p.m.	6:25 a.m./7:35 p.m.	4:13 a.m., 5.0' 4:43 p.m., 3.6'	10:45 a.m., 0.8' 10:32 p.m., 0.5'
Thursday	6:29 a.m./7:05 p.m.	7:32 a.m./8:42 p.m.	4:58 a.m., 5.0' 5:29 p.m., 3.5'	11:31 a.m., 0.8' 11:16 p.m., 0.4'
June 6	6:29 a.m./7:05 p.m.	8:39 a.m./9:43 p.m.	5:43 a.m., 3.0' 6:15 p.m., 3.3'	6:07 a.m., 0.9'