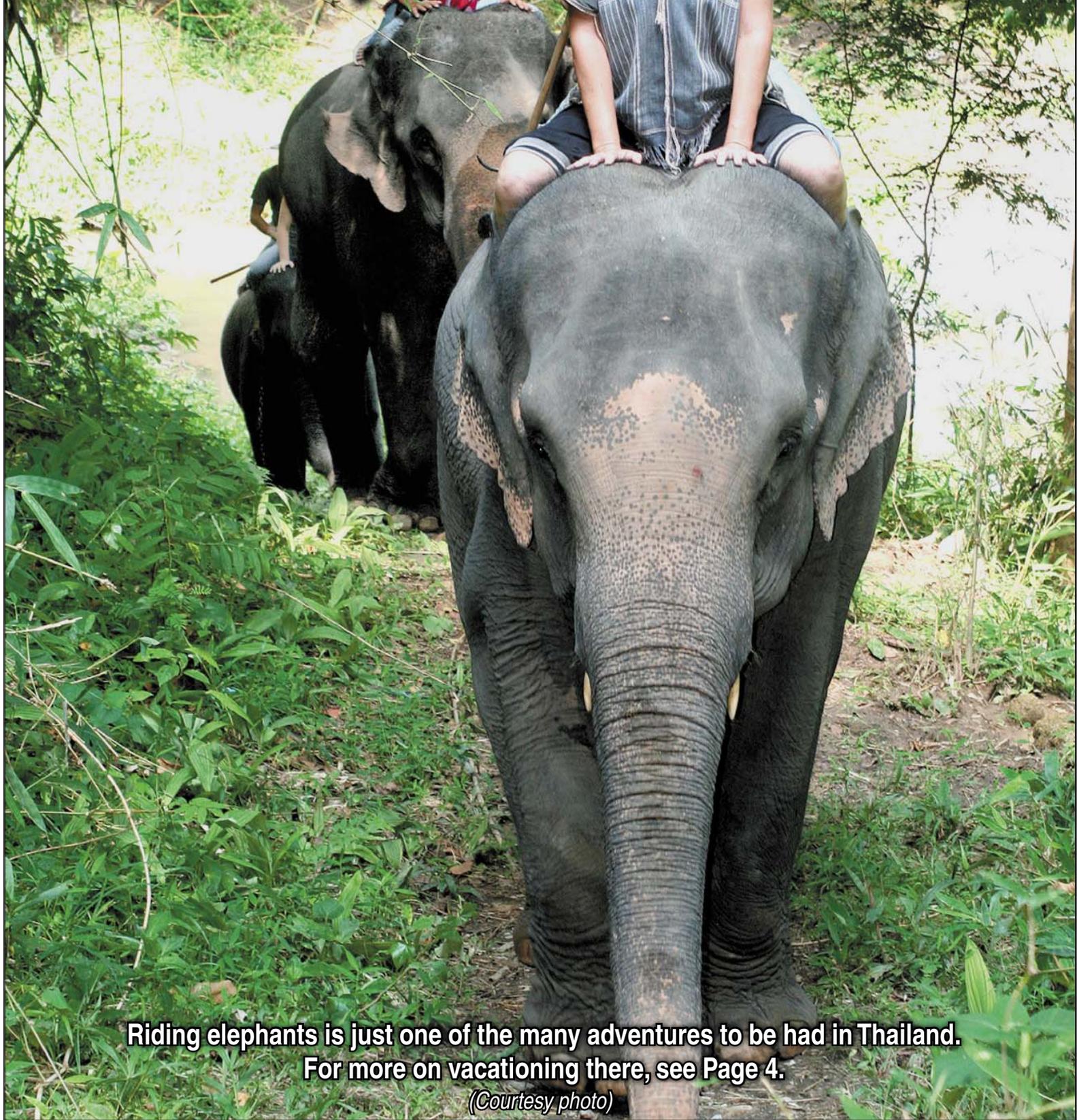


THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



**Riding elephants is just one of the many adventures to be had in Thailand.
For more on vacationing there, see Page 4.**

(Courtesy photo)

Very different people have very different stories

I was in Honolulu this past week waiting to see a doctor. I started to browse through some of the old, boring magazines that seem to be in every doctor's office in the country.

I saw something in a recent *Time* magazine that was very profound to me and said a lot about how very different some people in America are.

In a full-page photo, a young man sits on a stool. He had a grim and determined look on his handsome face. His eyes bore through me — he had seen and experienced terrible things that very few of us will ever encounter in our lives. He wore a U.S. Marine Sergeant's dress uniform. His hands were folded on his lap. But his lap consisted of two artificial limbs where his legs used to be. There were two immaculately shined dress shoes on the bottom of the limbs where his feet used to be.

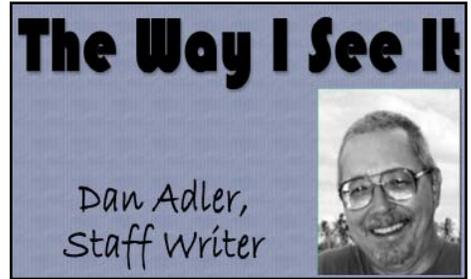
The page advertised an HBO program entitled *Alive Day Memories, Home From Iraq: The Battle Has Just Begun*. I didn't see the program, but I saw some clips of it while I was in the hotel in Honolulu.

To the troops in Iraq, an 'alive day' means a day someone should have died, but didn't. It means someone survived being wounded when it looked like they wouldn't make it. It means a day when someone narrowly escaped death.

For the young Marine with the terrible injuries pictured on the page, the fight will never be over.

We see news and other TV programs in which the wounded show incredible courage and heart to overcome their horrendous injuries. Some even say they'd go back if they could. They feel they're letting their buddies down by not being with them. The vast majority of injured and wounded refuse to be hopeless or bitter. They are determined to go on with their lives and play the cards they've been dealt. They are going to tough it out.

Their bravery in the face of such adversity makes me ashamed of some of the things I've complained about in my life. I've had some hard knocks, but not much that I've encountered could match what they have to endure.



There was a photo on the opposite page that stood out in stark contrast to the young Marine's photo.

In it, a different man looks into the camera. He's not as young as the Marine. I guess some would call him handsome. His face shows no grimness or determination. His eyes show amusement, and, it seems to me, a bit of disdain for those not of his status in life. He has a smug smile on his face. Maybe it's the smile of a narcissist who cares only about himself. He is the most important thing in his life. Nothing else matters.

The man happens to be a famous Hollywood actor. He lives the life of

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To the crew of the catamaran *Private Anderson* for the chili cookoff trip to Roi. In addition to the regular maintenance they have to do for a trip of this type, they also had to help several seasick passengers. They provided professional service to everyone. They are an asset to the island.

To whomever is stocking the turtle pond with a beautiful array of marine life.
A great job and kudos.

To the ski boat drivers at the Roi chili cook-off who practiced safe boating and wouldn't allow intoxicated adults to ride on the banana boats.

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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Let's be careful out there

Police Bike Rodeo promotes safe riding

By Nell Drumheller
Editor

The Kwajalein Police Department holds a bike rodeo once a year introducing or reinforcing biking safety issues to young people under 12.

This year's rodeo was held on Sunday with 48 participants.

"Safety is the most important lesson to be learned at the rodeo," said Sgt. Joshua MacDonald, rodeo coordinator. "The rodeo is designed to make sure all children on Kwajalein Island know the correct hand signals and the importance of being aware of their surroundings while operating a bicycle. Often times, I've seen young children fail to look before they enter a street from a side road. This is very dangerous and could potentially be fatal."

MacDonald identified the most common biking issue, for young people in this community, is lack of awareness of their surroundings. There are approximately 150 cyclists under 12 on Kwajalein.

"The bicycle rodeo is not only promoting bicycle safety, it's also a chance to enhance the interpersonal relationships between children and police officers," MacDonald said. Twelve KPD members supported the two-hour event.

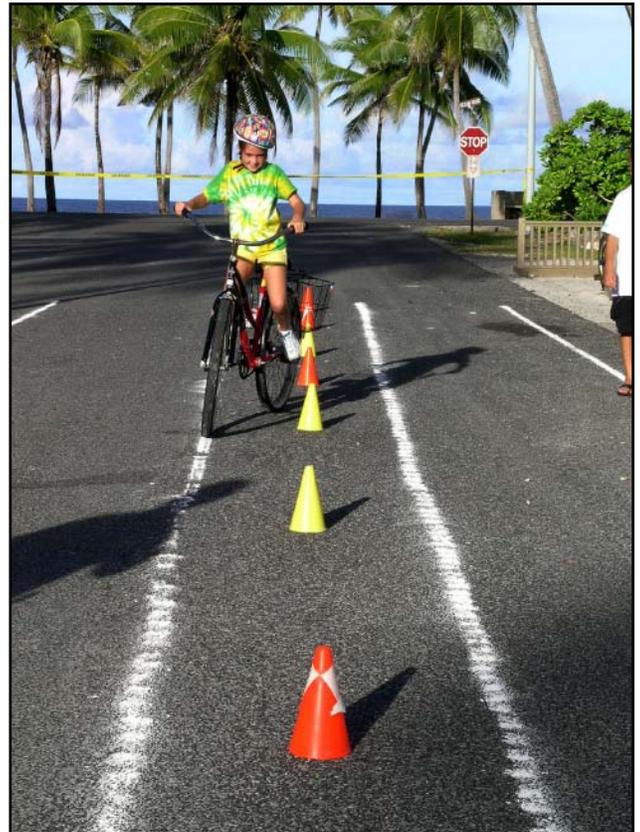
"This year's bike rodeo consisted of three stations," he said. "The first

station was the Maintenance Shop. This allowed KPD officers to check over the bicycles and make repairs for minor problems, but more importantly, recommendations were given to the parents for major problems."

The second station was set up to teach children about looking both ways before entering traffic. "The second station, Demon Driveway, allowed children to learn how to properly ride out of a driveway while looking for oncoming traffic.

The third station, Coconut Dodge, taught children how to maneuver safely while avoiding roadway obstacles," MacDonald said.

MacDonald added, "I would like to extend a special thank you to: KRS [Kwajalein Range Services], Ray Denham, the photo lab, San Juan Construction and The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of America, for their generous donations which



Bicycles are the main transportation used by Kwajalein residents. The annual Bike Rodeo is geared for children to instill safe riding practices.

(File photo)

allowed this year's bicycle rodeo to be a success."

The next bike rodeo is projected for fall of 2008.

Environmental award given to U.S. military

American Forces Press Release

The U.S. Department of Defense and individual military services are being honored with multiple awards from the United Nations Environmental Programme and by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency for advancements in ozone sustainment.

The awards come as part of the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Montreal Protocol, considered as one of the most successful environmental treaties of all time.

The "Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer," is designed to protect the ozone layer by freezing the use and production of ozone-depleting substances, such as chlorofluorocarbons (and halons, because these compounds significantly damage the stratospheric ozone layer. Today, 191 countries have signed the treaty.

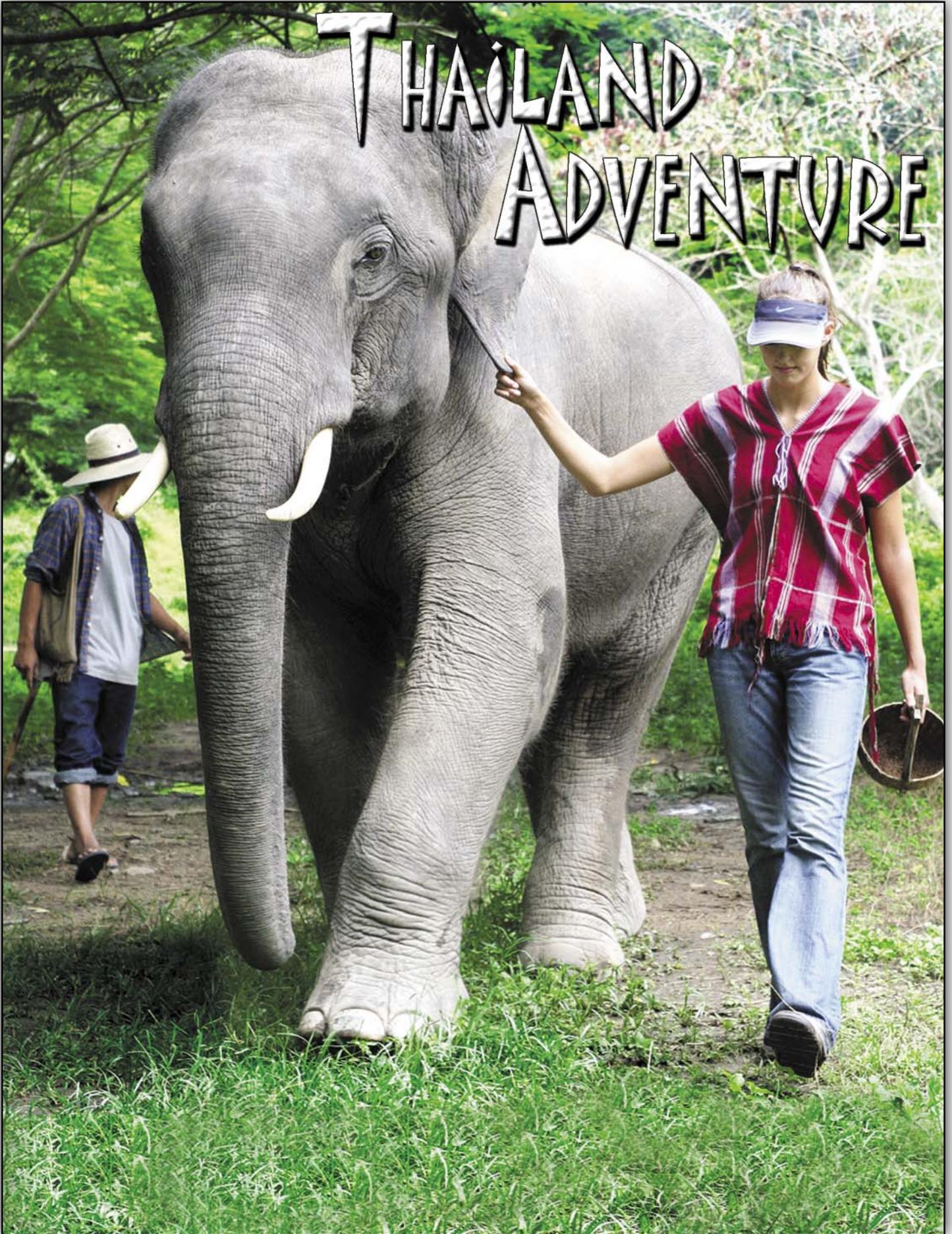
The Defense Department made major contributions to the success of this treaty.

Despite having some of the most demanding requirements for the use of CFC refrigerants and halon fire suppressants, DOD has spearheaded research, development, and testing efforts to identify suitable alternatives, and has one of the most aggressive and effective ozone-depleting substances phase-out programs in the world. As a result, since 1989, DOD has reduced usage of ozone damaging substances from more than 12 million pounds down to less than half a million pounds, a 96 percent reduction.

The full list of United Nations awards that are being presented to the DOD and military services can be found at: http://ozone.unep.org/Public_Information/4C_PublicInfo_Awards.shtml.

The full list of awards from the U.S. EPA is available at: <http://www.epa.gov/ozone/awards>.

THAILAND ADVENTURE



Sally Brown leads Dodo to the creek for a bath.

(Courtesy photo)



Many of the temples in Thailand are in partial ruin.

(Photo by Sally Brown)

Shopping, elephant farm, cooking class highlight vacationing in exotic Thailand

By Nell Drumheller
Editor

When I was a little girl, the beginning of each school year meant telling your summer secrets. The teacher would stand at the front of the room and ask us to share our school-holiday experiences. She'd ask: What did you do this summer?

Well, have I got a story to share.

During the month of August I spent a little more than two weeks in Thailand with my niece, Sally Brown. The flight to Bangkok, including a short change-of-planes in Taipei, took a bit less than 16 hours.

My niece is a cowgirl from Oregon and it was one of those west meets east experiences that I'll never forget and I doubt she will either.

We arrived in Bangkok on Aug. 8, a Wednesday, in the late afternoon. Bangkok is a major, cosmopolitan city of approximately 9 million people. It is the capital and largest city in Thailand and is located in southern part of the country. Bangkok is divided by the Chao Phraya River into two large cities, Bangkok

and Thon Buri. We stayed in a small, family-owned inn near the Democracy Monument. We were within walking distance of shopping, eating and great site-seeing opportunities.

During the day on Thursday and Friday we toured. In the evenings we visited the local shopping areas and went for a massage. Hey, when in Thailand you have to get massages.

I'd always wanted to see Thailand. As a child I was entranced by the 1956 version of *The King and I* with Deborah Kerr and Yul Brynner. Thailand looked romantic and exotic. During my visit to Thailand last year, I wandered around on my own. This year I decided on a more focused site-seeing plan. I hired a driver and tour guide through a local agency. Early on our second day in Thailand, Ariya, our guide, was waiting for us in the foyer of our inn. He escorted us out to the Mercedes that was our primary transportation for the next two days. It was new, clean and sleek and it whisked us away to a day of temple and palace visits.

Thailand has thousands of temples. Ninety percent

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The temples are 'staffed' with Buddhas in various positions. (Photo by Nell Drumheller)

of the Thai people are Theravada Buddhists. For the Buddhist majority, religion underlies all activities and is the backbone of the Thai culture. Thousands of people throng to the temples every day. We traveled during the slow tourist season and yet every temple we visited was crowded. Some of the temples have been restored and are maintained beautifully. Some are falling into ruin. All are architecturally interesting and lovely. The building styles reflect the different influences on Thai culture over the years. In some areas there are examples of Chinese, Indian, Cambodian, Western and Thai architecture all in one compound. Each building has a different style.

After two intense days of temple and palace visits, combined with a long-boat river tour of the water ways of the city and a luncheon cruise, we were tuckered. Vacationing should include hustle and rest.

On Saturday we flew to Chiang

Mai, Thailand's second largest city, which is in the northern part of the country. You can get there by plane, train, bus or automobile.

Again we stayed at a family-owned inn. Accommodations in Thailand are varied and plentiful. You can stay at a small, bare-bones hotel for approximately \$20 a night. Or you can stay at a five-star resort for hundreds of dollars a day. We chose the small inns because we both like their unique feel. Our inn in Bangkok had less than ten rooms. The walled-compound where we stayed in Chiang Mai was a bit larger, but still maintained a very warm, friendly feel with exceptional service, lovely décor and grounds and the inclusive breakfast was varied, filling and delicious. It was across the river from the downtown area, just a short walk away.

We planned a day-on-day-off schedule for our ten days in Chiang Mai.

If you want to shop for cloth-



The elephants become playful when they get in the water. You can tell your elephant to suck up water with his trunk and spray who you want. (Courtesy photo)

ing or hand-made souvenirs, save your money until you get to Chiang Mai. Everything costs less in Chiang Mai. I'll admit that I'm becoming a Chiang Mai groupie. Many people prefer Bangkok, but not me.

We arrived in Thailand with a couple of changes of clothes; everything could fit easily into our carry-on bags. We left with two huge suitcases and two carry-on bags, each. The shopping's good in Thailand!

And shop we did. But we also ate and saw cool things. Just down the road from our inn was a little tea shop that advertised a special of 'high tea.' Again, my niece is a cowgirl. High tea is not a typical event in her life. So we went. It was great. For just 490 baht (approximately \$14) for the two of us, we had a lovely break. We had two pots of tea (there were dozens of flavors); finger sandwiches, salads and desserts. The restaurant was beautifully decorated. French jazz

and blues played softly in the air. Our table was on the second floor, overlooking the river. And the service was professional, understated and respectful. Ahhh, a good memory.

We spent three days learning how to prepare Thai food at a local cooking school. The elegant establishment was located in the country, a short drive from our accommodations. The school sent a driver for us each morning. The teacher (and owner) Kanchana Ubolsootvanich, or Tim, combined humor with careful instruction, helping the small classes (there were no more than six people in each group) learn about the delicate balance of flavors, textures and presentation that is famous in Thai cooking. Her staff ensured that each of us had the correct tools; ingredients neatly arranged in ramekins and oversaw our attempts at the woks. The classes

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Thailand has mandatory service requirements for young men. Some become palace guards. (Photo by Nell Drumheller)



Chang Mai has a bustling daily market area as well as a night bazaar. (Photo by Nell Drumheller)

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were restful, fun and informative. We learned about traditional Thai cooking, the artfulness of it and then got to eat our homework. Not a bad time.

Once again, we needed massages. We found out the best places to go for the most amazing body work. There are conservation clubs for blind masseuses. Wow. Now these folks knew how to give a massage. They say that a true Thai massage takes at least two hours. From personal experience I can tell you that a two-hour massage works. We walked away, feeling like mush — good mush, but mush nonetheless. And it was cheap. It cost approximately \$8 each. These are no-frill locations, but who cares? I don't need pretty music and scented air with fancy surroundings. It's the magic fingers that do the trick for me.

O, so now we've learned about Thai food, we've shopped, we're relaxed and we've seen temples and palaces. What's left? The elephants.

We spent a day at an elephant farm. Northern Thailand is dotted with elephant-related activities. You can take hour-long rides or go to the government camp and hospital and see elephants paint pictures. Or you can take a mini-mahout course. A mahout is an elephant trainer. We learned that elephants are very loyal. They become emotionally attached to their elephant community and to their mahout. But, when properly coaxed, they're willing to allow a clueless traveler to spend a day pretending to be a part of it all. That's what we did. Once again,

a driver picked us up and drove us up the mountain to a beautiful valley. We met our five companions for the day. Pat, the elephant farm owner, spoke to each of us to assess our animal-knowledge and possible skills. He determined Sally should ride Dodo, the only bull elephant in the herd, he put me with Kwan. Kwan was a seven-year-old female. She was raised in Bangkok and used as a street performer before Pat found her and brought her to his farm. She used to walk the street with her owner, doing tricks for bananas and other food.

Dodo was a big, friendly, lover of people. He wanted attention. If you were nice to Dodo, he was nice to you.

I had excitedly anticipated our day with the elephants. Elephants rock.

We walked across a large rice paddy, carrying small, hand-woven baskets of food we were supposed to use to 'make nice' with our elephants. Pat explained the process: when we approached our elephants we were supposed to call them by name. If they wanted to meet us they would indicate it by a friendly look, perhaps a little noise and an outstretched trunk. If they were cranky and didn't want us to come to them they would extend their ears forward. And if they were really angry, their tails would go straight up. He advised us to stay clear of our elephants if their ears were extended or their tails were in the air. Not a problem. The closer I got to Kwan, the more I was sure that I didn't want her to be cross with me. Dodo and Kwan were about the same size

and they were the only two elephants with obvious tusks. It made them look more intimidating. Sally is 6'2", when she walked up to Dodo her head reached part way up his shoulder.

First we learned how to talk to our elephants and then we learned the basics of how to tell if they were healthy and happy.

Next we learned how to groom them. We had them lay down



Buddha comes in many shapes and sizes in the temples. (Photo by Nell Drumheller)

on their sides and we took tree limbs and whacked the dirt away before we walked them to a nearby stream and gave them a bath. Yep. We each stood in the water next to huge elephants and washed them. Pretty cool. While we were doing this, our elephants' real mahouts hung back and kept their eyes on the action, ensuring we didn't hurt the elephants and vice a versa.

And then it was time to learn how to get on them. Kwan lay down on her side, looking bored and I crawled up a rear leg and across her back. It wasn't what you'd call a graceful move. Some of the elephants stayed standing, bending a front leg into a ladder and the rider climbed aboard that way. I was informed that Kwan was an independent thinker and that she only did the lay-down thing. OK.

We sat on the elephants' necks; in front of the shoulders, behind the ears. It was a sort of crouching-sitting thing. We had to tuck our knees up above the ears and rest our heels on their shoulders. We were supposed to kick with our heels to direct our elephants. Not so easy. We were on the elephants alone. I looked down and realized that I could break something if I took a tumble.

Then, we were off. The plan was to ride through the jungle, into the hills until we got to an isolated



The staff at the cooking class monitored our progress and ensured meals were beautifully and deliciously prepared. (Photo by Nell Drumheller)



The Mae Ping river affords many interesting views.

(Photo by Sally Brown)

waterfall where we would have lunch. The mahouts and Pat walked with us, vigilant to any possible problems.

I asked Pat if elephants were afraid of anything. He said yes, that since their eyesight isn't great that they are afraid of small animals. I asked him what happens when an elephant is frightened. He said, "They usually run away." And so I asked what a rider should do when this happens. He smiled and said, "Hold on." He added the rider could calm the elephant by quietly saying his name and patting him on top of the head.

As we sauntered through the heavy vegetation up the hill I realized Kwan was not a happy camper. She seemed insolent. It wasn't that she was doing anything outwardly unfriendly, it was just obvious that she didn't like being a trail animal. The other elephants were playful with one another and their mahouts. Not Kwan.

And then it happened, the event that made this day most memorable. A dog started barking in the yard of a farm off to our left. We were on a road approximately 30 feet from the dog. Kwan stopped, looked to her left and acted as if she was going to charge down the hill and stomp the dog into the dirt. Big elephant, small dog: The prognosis was grim.

I wasn't the only one who realized a massacre was in the making. Kwan's mahout, the head trainer and Pat all ran toward Kwan yelling enthusiastically. Kwan didn't care. She was determined. Then one of the other elephants, trailing us by a few feet, made a little, 'hey, what's going on' noise. Kwan, spun (yes, elephants can turn very quickly) and headed back down the trail. Again I realized the ground was quite a drop and how much it would hurt when I splattered onto it. Sally was encouraging me. I was say-

ing, "Kwan, Kwan, Kwan," while patting her on top of her head as calmly as I could. It didn't have the restive effect I had hoped for. Pat was going from Thai to English. Don't know what he was saying in Thai, but in English he was telling me that everything was ok, "This sort of thing is normal," etc. I used to manage a trail ride business, so I recognized the disclaimer you use right before the big wreck. Kwan charged to the end of the pack of elephants and stood guard on the trail. Apparently she'd decided that she was the sentry who would keep the others safe from the vicious little yapping dog. I was still patting her head and hoping for the best. The mahouts got her turned around and eventually we headed back up the trail. But this time I had a mahout walking on either side of Kwan. I guess they thought she needed a little extra guidance. Later Sally told me that when this happened Kwan's ears were fully extended and her tail was straight up in the air. Big surprise.

The rest of the day was great. We made it to the waterfall, sat on the rocks and had a fabulous meal. Sally played in the water with Dodo. Kwan and I exchanged dirty looks across the pond.

I'd do it again. Elephants are wonderful. Perhaps Kwan needs to take a little vacation. There's a great blind masseuse I could recommend to her. Hey, I'll even foot the \$8 cost.

I don't know when I'll make it back to Thailand. It was a vacation of a lifetime. It saddened us to leave.

Don't know where I'll go next year. How can you top great food, great people, beautiful sights, wonderful accommodations and unforgettable adventures?

Editor's note: Do you have a great vacation story you would like to share? Send it to the Hourglass at hourglass@kls.usaka.smdc.army.mil.

Kwaj Running Club begins new season

By Bob Sholar
Kwajalein Running Club

The Kwajalein Running Club is volunteer operated and conducts running events and sometimes combination run/swim, run/bike or run/swim/bike events. As running clubs go, KRC is casual in nature, emphasizing participation and self-improvement. Many KRC events are novelties as much as competitions; however, the event schedule includes races to challenge even the serious runner. Whether you're a serious or casual runner, KRC is a great way to socialize with good folks. Some of KRC's annual events have histories of 25-years. The original KRC organization was founded in the late 1960s, went through a brief lull in the mid-1970s and was then re-born in 1977. KRC's RustMan Triathlon has a rich local history. RustMan has been held annually since 1980 and is one of the world's oldest swim-bike-run Triathlons.

Event variety ranges from the monthly 1/2 mile short fun run (ideal for youngsters and those just starting a conditioning program) to the other extreme of the annual RustMan Triathlon and also the Paupers' Marathon. The Triathlon typically takes between 2-1/2 and 4-hours

to complete and is only for trained participants.

The event schedule will include 10 Monthly "Fun Runs". Registered KRC members who participate in a minimum of six fun runs on separate days will be awarded a KRC tank top /singlet type shirt at season end. KRC will sponsor other events also approximately 1-per-month (these other events do not count towards the Fun Run shirt award count). Membership fees are \$15 per individual or \$30 per family of three-or-more. Fees pay for refreshments and other operating supplies. Members receive a discount on entry fees for those major events awarding custom T-shirts. Non-members pay a premium for T-shirt events.

For all runners, and especially people new to Kwajalein conditions, KRC emphasizes caution. Don't do too much distance without proper base building. Build your distances gradually. Practice moderation, whether increasing your long run from zero to two-miles, or from three-miles to 26-miles. Runs beyond 45-minutes at Kwajalein can put you at dehydration risk. Drink plenty of fluids during long runs.

The 2007/2008 KRC season is just getting underway. Planning and organizational activities are in progress.

Regular KRC event participants are encouraged to become club members. If you are inclined to help organize, time, prepare or otherwise assist with events, please mention it to a KRC officer. Simple things like setting up and operating water stations and staging post race refreshments are helpful. All scheduled events are tentative, pending the identification of Race Directors.

Just the facts:

Kwajalein Running Club
P. O. Box 174
APO AP 96555

KRC volunteer officers for 07/08:

President: Bob Sholar
Vice President: to be determined
Treasurer: Judy Kirchner
Secretary: to be determined

Fun Run sequence:

- 1) Start 1/2 milers and observe until finish (this is to allow a parent or parents to run/walk with their youngsters).
- 2) Start long runners.
- 3) Start medium runners.
- 4) Remember your finish time and report it to the recorder (honor system).
- 5) Help yourself to KRC refreshments at Special Services Building.

Running club schedule of upcoming events

Event	Time	Date	Place
Columbus Day Runabout (1/4 or 1/2 marathon)	6 a.m.	Oct. 9	Youth Center
Fun Run #3 (1/2, 2 and 5-miles)	5:30 p.m.	Oct. 15	Special Services Building
Fun Run #4 (1/2, 2 and 5-miles)	5:30 p.m.	Nov. 5	Special Services Building
Turkey Trot Prediction Run (approximately 2-3 miles)	5:30 p.m.	Nov. 19	Emon Beach
Fun Run #5 (1/2, 2 and 4-miles)	5:30 p.m.	Dec. 3	Special Services Building
Pauper's Marathon / Marathon Relay (teams of five)	6:30 a.m.	Dec. 10	Youth Center
New Year's Eve Run (2-miles)	11:30 p.m.	Dec. 31	Emon Beach
Fun Run #6 (1/2, 2 and 4-miles)	5:30 p.m.	Jan. 7	Special Services Building
Ride and Park (two-person teams run and share a bike)	5 p.m.	Jan. 22	Atoll terminal
Fun Run #7 (1/2, 2 and 5-miles)	5:30 p.m.	Feb. 4	Special Services Building
Sweetheart 4x1-mile relay (handicapped)	9 a.m.	Feb. 11	Special Services Building
Downwind Dash (1-mile along golf course)	5 p.m.	March 3	golf course
Fun Run #8 (1/2, 2 and 5-miles)	5:30 p.m.	March 10	Special Services Building
Running of the Green (2.4-miles)	5 p.m.	March 17	Special Services Building
Driftwood Classic 10-K	5 p.m.	April 7	Emon main pavilion
Fun Run #9 (1/2, 2 and 6.2-miles)	5:30 p.m.	April 21	Special Services Building
RustMan Triathlon (1K-swim/42K-bike/10K-run)	4 p.m.	April 28	Emon main pavilion
Rusty Family Triathlon (shortened for youngsters)	4:30 p.m.	May 12	Emon main pavilion
Fun Run #10 (1/2, 2 and 4-miles)	5:30 p.m.	May 19	Special Services Building

San Diego Padres help kick off Fleet Week

By Samantha L. Quigly
American Forces Press Service

The San Diego Padres Major League Baseball team kicked off Fleet Week San Diego 2007 with a game honoring members of the city's military community

"The Padres understand and have great respect for what our dedicated men and women in uniform do for our country day in and day out," said Jack Ensich, a retired Navy captain and the team's director of military mar-

keting. "Recognizing our wounded warriors and military families at a venue of America's pastime is a tangible way we that can show our appreciation for their service and the sacrifices they endure in order to serve their country. "At the Padres, we believe that there is nothing more American than service to one's country and baseball," he added.

As further proof of the team's belief, six wounded Marines recovering at Naval Medical Center San Diego were treated to batting

practice and a 'meet and greet' with some of the Padres' players at Monday's game. The Marines, hosted by Bank of America, an official sponsor of Fleet Week festivities, also were honored on the field during a pre-game ceremony.

"Bank of America is proud to have hosted the wounded Marines from Balboa naval hospital at Monday night's game," said Jolene Davidson, Bank of America's premiere market manager for South San Diego. "Just being able to see the smiles on



San Diego Padres pitcher Jake Peavy relaxes with six Marines wounded in Iraq who are recovering at Naval Medical Center San Diego.

(Courtesy photo)

their faces as they stood on the field made it all worthwhile. They are truly American heroes."

Kwajalein Community Band begins rehearsals

The Kwajalein Community Band has begun rehearsals for the 2007-2008 concert season, rehearsing weekly, on Tuesdays until May. The ensemble is primarily an adult organization, supplemented by select members of the high school band

program as necessary to balance the instrumentation. Adult band members are welcome and needed in all sections, especially clarinet and flute. The band, now in its twenty-first season, will perform a program of Christmas carols in December,

and concerts in February and May. A limited number of school-owned instruments are available for loan.

For more information, contact the director, Dick Shields, 51684 or 52011 or e-mail rshields@kwajalein-school.com.

Thirteen servicemembers die in Global War on Terror

Sgt. John Mele, 25, of Bunnell, Fla., died Sept. 14 in Arab Jabour, Iraq of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his unit during combat operations. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Four Soldiers died Sept. 14 in Baghdad, Iraq of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near their vehicle during combat operations. They were assigned to the 6th Squadron, 9th U.S. Cavalry, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. Killed were: **Staff Sgt. Terry D. Wagoner**, 28, of Piedmont, S.C.; **Spc. Todd A. Motley**, 23, of Clare, Mich.; **Spc. Jonathan Rivadeneira**, 22, of Jackson Heights, N.Y. and **Pvt. Christopher M. McCloud**, 24, of Malakoff, Texas.

Pfc. Brandon T. Thorsen, 22, of Trenton, Fla., died Sept. 15 in Baghdad of injuries sustained from a non-combat related incident Sept. 14 in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Bliss, Texas.

Staff Sgt. Michael L. Townes, 29, of Las Vegas, died Sunday in Balad, Iraq from a non-combat related illness. He was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 227th Aviation Regiment, Aviation Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood.

Spc. Matthew J. Emerson, 20, of Grandview, Wash., died Tuesday in Ninewah Province, Iraq of injuries suffered from a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Bliss.

Three Soldiers died Tuesday in Muqdadiyah, Iraq of wounds sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near their unit during combat operations. They were assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, Wash. Killed were: **Spc. Joseph N. Landry III**, 23, of Pensacola, Fla.; **Spc. Nicholas P. Olson**, 22, of Novato, Calif. and **Spc. Donald E. Valentine III**, 21, of Orange Park, Fla.

Spc. Aaron J. Walker, 23, of Harker Heights, Texas, died Tuesday in Baghdad of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit with small arms fire during combat operations. He was assigned to the 3rd Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Vilseck, Germany.

Pfc. Christian M. Neff, 19, of Lima, Ohio, died Wednesday in Baghdad of wounds suffered from an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart.

HELP WANTED

KRS has the following job openings. For contract hire positions, call Sherri Hendrix, 256-890-8710. For on-island hires, call Carolyn Veirup, 51300. Full job descriptions and requirements for contract openings are located online at www.krsjv.com. Job descriptions for other openings are located at Human Resources, Building 700.

NEED EXTRA money? KRS employment applications are continually accepted for all Community Services departments and the Human Resources temporary pool for casual positions. Some examples of these positions are: sport officials, scorekeepers, delivery drivers, lifeguards, catering/dining room workers, medical office receptionists, temporary office support, etc. For more information, call the KRS HR Office at 54916.

ON ISLAND HIRES

AC&R TECHNICIANS I, full-time, Kwaj Ops., HR Reqs. K050009 and K050010

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II, full-time, Community Activities, HR Req. K050174

AIRCRAFT DISPATCHER, part-time, Airfield Ops, HR Req. K050180

AUTO BODY TECHNICIAN I, full-time position, Automotive, HR Req. K050069

CARPENTER II, full-time, Kwaj Ops, HR Req. K050158

CARPENTER III, full-time, Kwaj Ops, HR Req. K050047

CASHIER, full-time, Roi Gimbel's, HR Req. K050086. Enniburr residents, please apply with Annemarie Jones.

CUSTODIAN II, full-time, Kwaj Ops Custodial, HR Req. K050156

GENERAL MAINTENANCE I, full-time, Marine Department, HR Req. K050160

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR II, full-time, Meck Operations, HR Req. K050150

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR II, full-time, Kwaj Ops., HR Req. K050038

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR IV, full-time, Solid Waste, HR Req. K050155

INCINERATOR OPERATOR III, full-time position, Solid Waste Mgmt., HR Req. K050112

INCINERATOR OPERATOR III, full-time position, Meck Operations, HR Req. K050144

JANITOR, Food Services, full-time position, HR Req. K050242

MECHANIC I, two full-time positions, Automotive Services, HR Reqs. K050124 and K050157

MECHANIC II, full-time, Roi Power Plant, HR Req. K050183

MECHANIC – SCOOTER SHOP II, two full-time positions, Automotive. HR Reqs. K031360 and K050168

PAINTER II, full-time, Marine Department, HR Req. 050159

PLUMBER/PIPEFITTER II, full-time, Utilities, HR Req. K050040

PRODUCTION CONTROL CLERK, full-time position, Automotive. HR Req. K050167

RECREATION AIDE II, full-time position, ROI Community Activities, HR Req. K050237

RECREATION AIDE II, full-time, Community Activities, HR Req. K050164

RETAIL ASSOCIATE IV, full time, Gimbel's, HR Req. K050182.

SAFETY TECHNICIAN II, full-time, Kwaj Ops., HR Req. K050046

SHEETMETAL WORKER II, full-time, Kwaj Ops., HR Req. K050011

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, Education Department, HR. Req. K031285

SUPERVISOR, Hazardous Waste, full-time position, HR Req. K050246

TOOL ROOM ATTENDANT I, full-time position, Roi Operations, HR Req. K050137

TRAFFIC AGENT I, part-time, Airfield Ops, HR Req. K050181

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 noon, 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.

Latter-Day Saints

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

Baptist

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

Church of Christ

10 a.m., Sunday, in Quarters 442-A.

WAREHOUSE RECEIVING AND RECORDS CLERK, full-time, Property Management, HR Req. K050153

CONTRACT HIRES

(A) accompanied (U) unaccompanied

Even numbered requisitions=CMSI

Odd numbered requisitions=KRS

AC & R TECHNICIAN II, HR Req. 031378 U

BUYER II, HR Req. 031837 Richmond, Calif. U

CALIBRATION TECHNICIAN III, HR Reqs. 031865 and 031913 U

CAPTAIN, 100T, HR. Req. 031392 U

CARPENTER II, III, IV; HR. Reqs. 031348, 031346, 031350 and 031442 U

CDC/SAS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/INSTRUCTOR LEAD HR Req. 031847 U

CERTIFIED TEACHER, HR Reqs. 031747, 0313813 and 031929 U

CHIEF ENGINEER, HR. Req. 031438 U

COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN II, III, HR Reqs.

Lunch

Sunday

Carved London broil
Salmon croquettes
Pork pimento
Grill: Brunch station open

Monday

Hamburger steak
Peking duck
Bacon/cheese quiche
Grill: Brunch station open

Tuesday

Beef lasagna
Spinach lasagna
Baked breaded cod
Grill: Teriyaki chicken sub

Wednesday

Southern fried chicken
Barbecued spareribs
Cornmeal fried catfish
Grill: Cajun burger

Thursday

Manbo pork roast
Jerk chicken wings
Jamaica meat pie
Grill: Tuna melt

Friday

Beef stroganoff
Tandour chicken
Snapper Veracruz
Grill: Cheese steak wrap

Sept. 29

Italian meatloaf
Meatlovers pan pizza
Vegetarian pan pizza
Grill: Cheese gobbler

Dinner

Tonight

Grilled minute steak
Chicken stew
Beer-battered cod

Sunday

Grilled shortribs
Chicken divan
Vegetarian tofu

Monday

Beef pot pie
Hawaiian ham steak
Oriental stir-fry

Tuesday

Swiss steak
Chicken nuggets
Vegetarian lentils

Wednesday

Top sirloin
Roast herb chicken
Vegetable chow fun

Thursday

Spaghetti
Fried eggplant
Chicken Alfredo

Friday

Breaded pork chops
Chicken curry
Red beans in broth

Café Pacific

Lunch

Sunday

Heuvs rancheros
Grilled ham steak
Fried chicken
Grill: Brunch station open

Monday

Roasted turkey
Eggs Benedict
Bread stuffing
Grill: Brunch station open

Tuesday

Southwest chicken
Honey chipotle
Baked beans
Grill: Mexican pizza

Wednesday

Pork roast
Herbed ono
Ginger-glazed mahi
Grill: Teriyaki burger

Thursday

Chicken/sour cream
Beef bourguignon
Citrus snapper
Grill: Tomato/cheese

Friday

Spinach fetticini
Maple-glazed pork loin
Lemon garlic cod
Grill: Crab/Swiss melt

Sept. 29

Pasta/chicken/sausage
Shipwreck stew
Potatoes/sour cream
Grill: Pork sandwich

Dinner

Tonight

Chicken stir-fry
Fried snapper
Hibachi beef

Sunday

Thai chicken stir-fry
Asian beef
Egg rolls

Monday

Spaghetti
Meatballs/sauce
Chicken Parmesan

Tuesday

Hawaiian huli chicken
Hawaiian chopped steak
Sweet salmon

Wednesday

Garlic/rosemary lamb
Greek chicken
Roasted potatoes

Thursday

Baked meatloaf
Szechuan chicken
Macaroni and cheese

Friday

Braised beef
Chicken piccata
Pasta a la pesto

Café Roi

031941, 031803, 031883 and 031885 U
 CONTRACTS PURCHASES SPECIALIST, HR. Req. 031851 U
 CYS TECHNOLOGY LAB LEAD, HR Req. 031851 U
 DATABASE ADMINISTRATOR III, HR Req. 031767 A
 DESIGNER/PLANNER IV, HR Req. 031308 U
 DRAFTER II, HR Req. 031396 U
 DRAFTSMAN III HR Req. 031873 U
 DRIVER II, HR. Req. 031905 Honolulu
 ELECTRICIAN II, HR Req. 031224 U
 ELECTRICIAN III, HR Reqs. 031224, 031210, 031330, 031332, 031370, 031372, 031408, 031412 and 031452 U
 ELECTRICIAN IV, HR Reqs. 031302, 031304, 031380 and 031414 U
 ELECTRICIAN LEAD, HR Req. 031448 U
 ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN I, II, III, HR Reqs. 031719, 031743, 031383 and 031593 U
 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR, HR Req. 031907 A
 ENGINEER, HR Req. 031436 U
 FACILITIES ENGINEER IV, HR Req. 031240 A
 FIELD ENGINEER, HR Req. 031729 U
 FIELD ENGINEER II, HR Req. 031753 A
 FIRE INSPECTOR, HR Req. 031426 U
 FIRE SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 031428 U
 FIREFIGHTER, HR Reqs. 031268, 031270, 031312, 031316, 031318, 031368, 031430 and 031450 U
 FIREFIGHTER/EMT, HR Reqs. 031278 and 031388 U
 HARDWARE ENGINEER II, III, HR Reqs. 031733 and 031897 A
 HOMEWORK CENTER LEAD, HR Req. 031835 U
 HOUSING INSPECT/EST/MAINT SPECIALIST, HR Req. 030390 U
 HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGER, HR Req. 031873 U
 IT PROJECT PLANNER II, HR Req. 031887 A
 KWAJALEIN POWER PLANT, MECHANICAL LEAD, HR Req. 031374 A
 LEAD FIRE INSPECTOR, HR Req. 031424 U
 LEAD WELDER, HR Req. 031198 U
 MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST, MECK, HR Req. 031386 U
 MANAGEMENT & STANDARDS ANALYST III, HR Req. 031290 U
 MANAGER, ENGINEERING & PLANNING, HR Req. 031262 A
 MASONRY III, HR Req. 031336 U
 MATERIAL DISPOSAL SPECIALIST, HR Req. 031911 U
 MECHANIC III, IV, HR Reqs. 031418, 031432, 031246 and 031434 U
 MECK POWER PLANT MECHANIC III, HR Req. 031286
 MISSION PLANNER III, HUNTSVILLE, HR Req. 031757
 MISSION TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, HR Req. 031799 A
 MMW OPERATIONS DIRECTOR, HR Req. 031945 U
 NETWORK ENGINEER III-MO, HR Req. 031227 A
 OPERATOR, SPACE SURVEILLANCE, HR Req.

031697 U
 PAINTER III, HR Req. 031366 U
 PHYSICIAN, SURGEON, HR Req. 031449 A
 PLANT TECHNICIAN II, III, HR Reqs. 031947 and 031949 U
 PLUMBER PIPEFITTER III, HR Req. 031354 U
 PRODUCTION CONTROL CLERK III, HR Req. 031420 U
 PROGRAMMER/ ANALYST-Payroll Support, HR Req. 031349 U
 PROGRAMMER/ ANALYST-SUPPLY and MAINT, HR Req. 031841 A
 PROJECT CONTROLS ENGINEER III, HR Req. 031252 U
 PROJECT PLANNER II, HR Req. 031296 A
 PROJECT PLANNER III, HR Req. 031843 A
 PROPERTY SPECIALIST I, HR Req. 031875 U
 PUBLIC INTERNET SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR, HR Req. 031763 U
 RADAR TECHNICIAN II, III, HR Req. 031717 U
 RADIO/TV BROADCASTER/OPERATOR, HR Req. 031839 U
 REGISTERED NURSE, HR Req. 031871 U
 REPORTER, HR Req. 031933 U
 RMI EMPLOYEE RELATIONS MANAGER, HR Req. 031899 A
 ROI-NAMUR POWER PLANT, ELECTRICIAN II, HR Req. 031220 U
 SAFETY ENGINEER, HR Req. 031891 A
 SECURITY SPECIALIST, III, HR Req. 031893 A
 SENIOR DOCUMENT CONTROLLER, HR Req. 031985 U
 SERVER ADMINISTRATOR III, HR Req. 031819 A
 SHEET METAL WORKER III, HR Reqs. 031446 and 031422 U
 SIX SIGMA BLACK BELT, HR Req. 031817 A
 SOFTWARE ENGINEER IV, HR Req. 031751 A
 SPACE SURVEILLANCE OPERATOR, HR Reqs. 031619, 031915 and 031903 U
 SR FLIGHT SAFETY RF FIELD ENGINEER, HR Req. 031627 U
 SR PROJECT CONTROLS SUPERVISOR, HR Req. 031745 A
 STYLIST, HR Req. 031823 U
 SUPERVISOR, HAZARDOUS WASTE, HR Req. 031400 A
 SUPERVISOR, CONFIGURATION AND DATA MANAGEMENT, HR Req. 031821 A
 SUPERVISOR, BODY SHOP/LT VEH MAINT, HR Req. 031196 A
 SUPERVISOR, PURCHASING HR Req. 031923 Richmond, Calif.
 SUPERVISOR SECURITY, HR Req. 031937 U
 SYSTEMS ENGINEER III and IV, HR. Reqs. 031909, 031939, 031797 and 031749 A
 WAREHOUSEMEN LEAD, HR Reqs. 031360, 031398 and 031416 U
 WELDER IV, HR Req. 031444 U

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Adjunct instructors to teach an eight-week term in the

near future. If you have a master's degree and would like to know more about this unique opportunity, call Jane, 52800 or e-mail [jrussell@asia.umuc.edu](mailto:jrusSELL@asia.umuc.edu).

KWAJALEIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Marine Engineman. Full-time, contract position. Responsible for maintenance of propulsion systems and equipment aboard police vessels. Requires good command of the English language, ability and aptitude for marine diesel mechanics and repairs, and ability to pass a written U.S. Army Engineman's test. Experience with Yamaha and Detroit Diesel engines preferred. Previous law enforcement and medical (EMT/paramedic) experience preferred. Applications are available in the KPD Administration Office in Building 835.

LOST

CHILDREN'S SIZE black Ray Ban sunglasses lost in the vicinity of the golf course approximately two weeks ago. Child needs them for sensitive eye condition. Please call 53771.

CHILD'S SIZE black and tan Mizuno baseball glove lost in New Housing area. Please call 53771.

ONE PAIR 14-karat gold loop earrings behind adult pool. Reward. Call 52672.

FOUND

MEDIUM SIZE Brown Sundress the Roi Chili Cookoff. Call 52834.

DIVE KNIFE and sheath, black handle with blue trim, with initials written on it, found in dip tank. Call 54165.

WANTED

CAT SCRATCHING POST or mat. Call 54396.

PATIO SALES

MONDAY, 7:30-10:30 a.m., back of Sands Bachelor Quarters. Computer monitor, books, DVDs, storage containers, dishes, Christmas decorations, CDs, books on tape and clothes.

FOR SALE

PCS SALE: Microwave, \$150; kitchen island, \$50; dishwasher, \$100; two burleys; bikes, two Rubbermaid storage units; TVs; small kitchen appliances; floor cleaners; Casio key board, \$150; teakwood patio furniture set, \$600; Christmas tree and accessories; vacuum; Hoover carpet shampooer with cleaner, \$50 and much more. Call 54243 for information.

UNDERWATER CAMERA, Canon G2 with Ikelite housing, great step up from point-and-shoot photography, \$600. Call 52243.

PLANTS. Call 53925, after 3:30 p.m.

SCUBA GEAR, XS BCD with accessories, \$150; VCR, \$25; small refrigerator/freezer, \$150; photo enlarger with accessories, \$150; Epson inkjet printer, \$50; yard of plants, \$250; 36-inch Sony TV, \$800; new inline skate wheels with bearings (80mm, 82A), \$20; Petmate litter locker, \$10; and Sonix CD/DVD labeler kit, \$5. Call 51713.

BLINDS FOR indoor/outdoor use, 36-inches by 72-inches, new, \$20 each; four children's bikes; two girl's bikes; two boy's bikes, all in great condition, \$25 each; two-seat stroller made by Jeep, new, \$60 and DVD players, \$30 each. Call Gina, 53990.

WHITE WOODEN crib/toddler, bed/daybed \$200; Dora toddler bed, \$50; palm tree king-size comforter and pillow shams \$25; Fisher Price picnic table, \$10 and Little Tykes gym with slide, \$20. Call 55176.

SONY PLAYSTATION with five movies and seven games, \$250 or Playstation only for \$150. Call 52564.

CASSETTES FEATURING various artists, 25 cents each; CDs, various artists, \$2 each or three for \$5; double CDs, various artists, \$5 each; complete snorkeling gear, \$30 and beach towels, \$5 each or best offer. Call 59390 and leave a message.

SIMPLETECH 160GB PORTABLE hard drive, USB-powered, with manufacturer's box, CD, USB cable and



Human Resources Hiring Cycle Time Process Improvement Project: A Six Sigma team gathered data on key factors regarding the time it takes from the Authorization to Hire to when their feet hits Kwajalein. Two major improvements were identified (eliminating the requirement for dental screening and reimbursing fees for expediting of passports). This project provided soft savings of \$390,000 which allows Kwajalein Range Services to work-off backlog more quickly. This is a great example of how we are doing more work with less money.

instructions, fits in palm of hand, \$135; portable table top for propane grill, \$20 and three spearguns. Call 55959.

GRADY-WHITE 240 off-shore boat, on Lot 4, included twin Yamaha 150 counter-rotating outboards, 150 gallon of fuel, VHF radio, large grandfathered boat with a 30-foot by 60-foot boat shed two complete Yamaha 150 engines, \$40,000 and two Penn 130 reels and lures. Call Hilton, 59081, work or 59335, home.

COLUMBIA 26 MKII, good condition, needs minimal paint work, with boat house (that has passed all inspections) and everything in it, refurbished cradle and contents of boat, \$9,000 or best offer. Call 52427, evenings.

ONE HALF SHARE in *DOWN EAST TRADER*, a 1968 LeComte, 38-foot sailboat, see details at <http://www2.whidbey.com/seelye/lecomte/lecomte.html> or call 52283.

FREEZER, great for bachelor quarters, \$275; hanging pot rack, \$50 and a rolling cherry finish TV stand, \$75. Call 55006 and leave a message.

RUNS WITH SCISSORS, 27-foot cabin cruiser with 305



Captain Conservo says:

Turn off printers, copiers, personal computers and monitors when idle.

Mercuriser with new outdrive and one year warranty, 15-horsepower kicker, retracting bimini, fishing arch, two double berths, bathroom, kitchenette, flat LCD television, \$22,000. Call Eric 56529, home or 56232 work.

AQAURIUM, 40-GALLON, complete with light, filter, stand and fish, \$175; aquarium, 40-gallon, \$75; bowling ball with shoes and bag, \$40; tall bookcase, \$25; coffee table, \$35; CD/video storage cabinet, \$20; blooming plants \$2-25 and Gateway 19-inch monitor, \$40. Call 52609.

RCA TV, 56-inches rear projection, bedroom furniture and a redwood deck. This four-year-old, all redwood deck is 24-feet by 9-feet, was 12-feet by 18-feet, and can go back to 24-feet by 18-feet. Call 52424 for details.

RUBBERMAID STORAGE sheds, 72x30x25, \$125; 45x59x28, \$135; HP all-in-one printer/scanner/FAX, \$450 and Little Tikes Baby Tunnel, \$20, call 51545.

KING PALM TREE comforter set, includes comforter, shams, bed ruffle, three matching pillows and curtains, \$75. Call 54168 or 55176.

DVD PLAYER, Polaroid portable 7-inches with swivel screen, new (never used), \$100, phone 52517.

COMPAQ PRESARIO 1200 Laptop, Windows XP Pro Sp2, PIII, 320 MB Ram, \$350 and Toshiba Satellite A15 Laptop Windows XP Pro Sp2, 2.0 GHZ processor, 768 MB Ram, \$650, call 55176.

BOY OR GIRL 20-inches aluminum Huffly Uproar-blue and yellow, new chain and new handgrips, with front basket, six months old, \$60, call 52973.

TWO PAIRS of women's Lotto brand soccer shin guards, large size, brand new, \$8 each; new pair of

Adidas women's soccer cleats, kangaroo leather, size 9 1/2, \$55 and two new pairs of Nike Women's Tiempo Soccer cleats sizes 7 1/2 and 8 1/2, \$35 each. Call 51103.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

COME HEAR the latest and greatest music, 8-11 p.m., tonight, in Corlett Recreation Center Room 6. The Keystone Club will be hosting a dance for all youth in grades 7-12. Donation of \$5 accepted at the door.

THE ARMY VETERINARIAN is on island until Friday. Please contact Jenny at 52017 to schedule an appointment.

KWAJALEIN YACHT CLUB Sunfish Regatta is from noon to 6 p.m., Sunday. There will be free rides from noon to 3 p.m. and free hotdogs and sodas. Races start at 3 p.m.

TUBERCULOSIS SKIN TESTING will be conducted by the hospital at the school for all students in Grade 2,4,6,8,10 and 12 on Tuesday. A letter has been mailed to the parents of the students being tested. Questions? Contact the school office at 53761.

COOKING CLUB is 5 p.m., Tuesday at the Child and Youth Services house. Get a taste of home as we learn to make chicken pot pie. All CYS registered youth are invited to attend.

MANDATORY ISLAND ORIENTATION is 12:45 p.m., Wednesday, in Corlett Recreation Center Room 6. It is required for all new island arrivals. The island orientation is not recommended for dependent children under 10. Questions? Call 51134.

THE KWAJALEIN COMMUNITY Choir begins rehearsals at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, in the high school music room. The choir will perform a concert of Christmas music on Dec. 3. The program includes the traditional performance of Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus* and a selection of Christmas carols, some well-known and some less frequently heard. The choir is open to all interested singers. Most rehearsals will be Thursday evenings.

BINGO NIGHT is Thursday at the Yokwe Yuk Club. Card sales begin at 5:30 p.m. Play begins at 6:30 p.m. Blackout at 54 numbers with a \$900, jackpot prize. Windfall completion at 36 numbers with an \$1,400 prize. Bring your K-badge to play. Must be 21 to enter and play. No cell phones allowed.

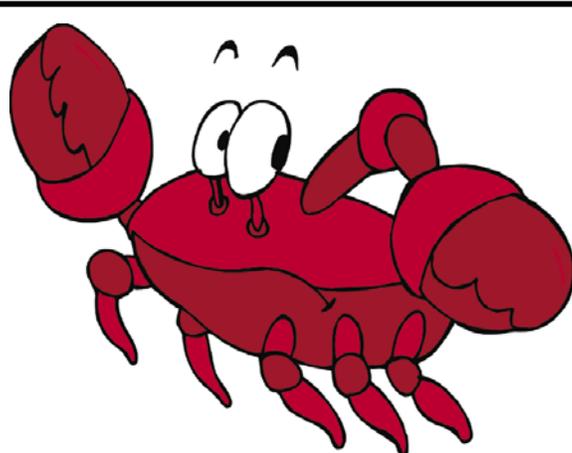
ISLAND FLUFF WOMENS' Bowling League is from 12:45 to 3:15 p.m. on Thursdays starting Thursday, and continuing through Dec. 13. Questions? Call Emily at 53627.

KWAJALEIN ART GUILD meets at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, in the Art Annex. All artisans and crafters are invited. For more information, call Lisa, 51061.

THE RETAIL STORES will conduct a safety stand down, 1:30-3 p.m., Friday. During this period Ten-Ten store, Surfway, Macys, Macy's West, Gimbels, the laundry, DVD Depot, the beauty salon, the Retail Office and Retail Warehousing will be closed.

THERE WILL BE a food services career luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Sept. 29, at the Youth Center. Lunch will be provided along with tips from the professionals for beginning a career in this field.

CAMP HAMILTON clean-up is underway. All personal



The Mobile Kitchen will present a shrimp and crab boil at 7 p.m., Sept. 29, on Emon Beach

Menu will include spinach artichoke dip/baguettes, garden salad with ranch dressing, shrimp and crab with red potatoes, corn on the cob, onions, carrots, celery and chocolate-dipped cannoli with sauce. Seats are \$30, \$25 for meal card holders. Sign up at Three Palms Snack Bar. Questions? Call Joe, Chris or Cathreen, 53409.

COUNTRY/WESTERN NIGHT



7:30-11:30 p.m., Sunday,
at the Yuk Club. Come in
for a boot scootin' good
time. Questions? Call
53419

gear stored at Camp Hamilton must be clearly marked in permanent ink with a name and contact information by Oct. 1. Gear not marked by Oct. 1 will be marked for public use and will be considered public property. Questions? Call Mandie 52847.

GIMBEL'S ANNUAL INVENTORY is Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. Gimbel's will be closed during the inventory and will reopen on Oct. 2.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES will not be able to accept reservations or payments at the Corlett Recreation Center or at the Community Activities office the morning of Oct. 2. Normal functions will resume at both facilities after 12:30 p.m.

THE HIGH SCHOOL will hold hearing screenings on Oct. 3 and 5 (in the mornings) and Oct. 6 (all day). Questions? Call 52011.

KWAJALEIN RUNNING Club's Columbus Day Run is 6 a.m., Oct. 9. Distance options are 6.52 and 13.04 miles. Entry forms are available on the mini-mall bulletin board or at Quarters 123-C. Entries are due by Oct. 6. Questions? Call Bob or Jane, 51815.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION would like to have classes in computer use, cooking, arts and crafts, foreign languages and fitness. If you would like to teach these or other classes or have ideas for classes or travel stories for a 'travel evening,' call 51078 or e-mail KendricL@Kwajalein-school.com.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND announces Term II, Oct. 29-Dec. 22. Class offering is SPCH 100 Foundations of Speech Communication (3), 6-9 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Instructor is Susannah Jones. Registration is 1-5 p.m., Oct. 15-26, at the University of Maryland office. Call 52800 to make an appointment or to register.

THERE ARE STILL a few spots open for Community Education classes in Stamp Camp, Mexican Cooking Session II, guitar, Japanese Tea Ceremony and Dive Micronesia. Classes begin in October. To register, call 51078.

SKATERS USING the skate park must have the required helmet, elbow pads, wrist guards, and knee pads. Failure to wear required safety gear can result in loss of park privileges or temporary park closure. Questions? Call Mandie 52847.

DECK SPI - Until further notice, SPI 2600 R1 Building Permits, is rescinded awaiting clarification on deck and patio covers, as well as various issues overlooked in the current version have been addressed. We appreciate your understanding.

NATIONAL HONOR Society will hold inductions soon for this school year. Students in Grades 8-12 with a 3.0 grade point average or above are eligible to apply. Contact AnnElise Peterson at 52011 or 51421 for more information.

PTO VOLUNTEERS are needed. Parents of elementary school students are needed to support your PTO. There are many opportunities for you to help further your child's enrichment whether it's organizing a committee or making copies. Call Cathy Madore, 52427, as soon as possible.



Quarters of the Quarter

You can vote for your pick to be Quarters of the Quarter by e-mailing Kwaj_Quarters_of_the_Quarter@smdck.smdc.army.mil. Voting ends Oct. 6.



BIENNIAL INVENTORY

Property Management and the Appliance Shop will conduct a biennial inventory of all tagged government appliances located in Kwajalein trailers, hard housing, dome housing and bachelor quarters, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Oct. 16th through Nov. 10. If you have pets, house sitters or would like to be present for the inventory of your quarters, you must contact Shana K. Loeak, 53412, before Oct. 13 to make an appointment. If you do not make an appointment, it will be assumed your permission to enter your quarters for the inventory is given. Only tagged government appliances are to be included in the inventory during this period. Furniture is excluded.

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fame, fortune and luxury. He is rich and adored by millions of movie fans.

He has also been in and out of alcohol and drug rehab many times over.

The blurb accompanying the photo told of how he had become depressed and despondent. Rumors swirled in Hollywood that he had tried to commit suicide.

Now, I'm not picking on this particular actor. I guess a life of fame and fortune must be tough on those Hollywood people — so many of them can't seem to bear up under it.

Some of the political candidates running for president have spoken of 'two Americas' meaning the widening gap between rich and poor.

But as I looked at the magazine and saw the two very different men, I thought how their experiences represented another 'two Americas.'

There are the men and women who say, "I'll go. Send me."

Then there are the others who say, "It's all about me."

To the ones who go, it's all about their country, their unit and their bud-

dies. They don't do it for money, fame and adulation. I really don't know why they do it — I'm just grateful they do.

A rare few might be featured in a TV program or a news article here and there, but the vast majority of the more than 40,000 wounded and the almost 4,000 dead from Iraq and Afghanistan will remain anonymous to everyone except family and friends.

They'll never have the Hollywood types or the elites of society fawn over them if they develop post traumatic stress disorder or other mental and physical problems caused by service to their country.

That's reserved for the likes of Britney, Lindsay, Paris and the rest of that 'got more money than brains' crowd.

I guess anyone who can get depressed or suicidal and become alcohol and drug addicted in the lap of luxury wouldn't do so well in Al Anbar. Maybe if they spent 15 months in such a place, they wouldn't think their lives were so hard after all.

This is just one more version of 'two Americas.' At least, that's the

way I see it.

We could get along nicely without one of those Americas if we had to, but not so well without the other.

Which is which do you suppose?

The actor I speak of asked the media and public to respect his privacy during this 'trying' time. Maybe he should get a copy of that HBO program and watch it again and again to understand what trying times *really* are.

The news says he hired a 'sober companion' for \$750 a day. It must be nice to have money for such a thing.

When the wounded get out of the military, I don't think they'll be hiring 'tough it out' companions. They don't get rich serving their country.

The HBO program, in which ten wounded from Iraq tell their stories, was produced by James Gandolfini, aka Tony Soprano. Kudos to him. You can check out the HBO *Alive Day* Web site to read the ten stories.

And since I don't believe it can ever be said enough, I offer a heartfelt thanks one more time to those who say "I'll go. Send me."



MANIT DAY

Marshallese Culture Day will be celebrated on Kwajalein Oct. 8 with demonstrations and presentations highlighting traditional Marshallese culture. The location is to be announced. If you would like to volunteer or get more information, call the Marshallese Cultural Center, 59021.

Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

Sunday: Partly sunny, 60 percent showers. **Winds:** ESE at 6-12 knots.
Monday: Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** E at 8-14 knots.
Tuesday: Partly sunny, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 6-12 knots.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** E at 6-12 knots.
Thursday: Partly sunny, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 6-12 knots.
Friday: Partly sunny, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 6-12 knots.
Sept. 29: Partly sunny, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 6-12 knots.

Annual total: 53.99 inches
 Annual deviation: -9.97 inches

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	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Sunday	6:38 a.m./6:44 p.m.	3:52 p.m./2:57 a.m.	1:48 a.m., 3.4'	8:25 a.m., 0.3'
			2:29 p.m., 3.0'	8:14 p.m., 0.5'
Monday	6:38 a.m./6:44 p.m.	4:39 p.m./3:52 a.m.	2:28 a.m., 4.0'	8:54 a.m., 0.2'
			2:58 p.m., 4.5'	9:23 p.m., 0.7'
Tuesday	6:38 a.m./6:43 p.m.	5:25 a.m./4:47 a.m.	3:04 a.m., 4.5'	9:28 a.m., 0.6'
Wednesday	6:38 a.m./6:43 p.m.	6:56 p.m./6:36 a.m.	3:38 a.m., 4.9'	9:53 a.m., 1.0'
			4 p.m., 4.6'	10:04 p.m., 0.9'
Thursday	6:38 a.m./6:43 p.m.	7:45 p.m./7:32 a.m.	4:13 a.m., 5.0'	10:24 a.m., 1.2'
			4:33 p.m., 5.0'	10:41 p.m., 1.1'
Friday	6:38 a.m./6:43 p.m.	8:36 p.m./8:31 a.m.	4:47 p.m., 4.9'	10:55 a.m., 1.2'
			5:06 a.m., 5.1'	11:18 p.m., 1.1'
Sept. 29	6:38 a.m./6:45 p.m.	3:02 p.m./2:01 a.m.	5:22 a.m., 4.6'	11:26 a.m., 1.0'
			5:41 p.m., 5.0'	11:57 p.m., 0.8'