

# THE KWAIALEIN HOURGLASS



**Donald Campbell gives son Corbin, age 20 months, a ride during the Rusty Family Mini-Triathlon Monday.**

*(Photo by Dan Adler)*

# Vacation memories are hard to forget

My wife has a phrase she likes to use when we're going to a family function, a special occasion of any sort, and of course, when we go on vacation.

She likes to say, "Let's go make a memory."

We just returned Saturday from a quick two-week vacation in the Sacramento area of California. From that short period, I think I have memories which will last a long time.

If you will indulge me, I'd like to relate a few of those experiences to you.

In the course of getting from Honolulu to Sacramento, we had to go through Los Angeles International Airport. As we waited for our flight, I went to get a cup of coffee. Standing in line in front of me was a young Soldier. He looked to be about 25 or so. He was wearing a battle dress uniform and carried a heavy sack. We began talking and I asked him where he was headed. He said he was on his way to Iraq — for his fifth tour.

When his turn came to be waited on, I paid for his coffee and some overpriced pastry. He looked at me and said, "Thank you, sir."

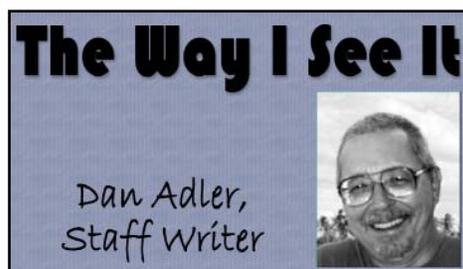
That young man was going back for the fifth time to a place that must be hell on earth and he was thanking me for a simple cup of coffee and a Danish.

My voice caught a little as I told him to take care and come home safe.

I went one way to catch my plane and he went the other way to catch his. I looked back to watch him walk away and then he turned and waved to me. Yes — I'll remember that young Soldier for a long time.

When we arrived in Sacramento, we borrowed a car from my in-laws. Do you believe it — they had the audacity to make us buy the gas. I mean, the nerve of some people.

Anyway, I pulled the car into the local gas station and pumped \$20 worth. Being the penny pincher that I am, I chose the cheap regular unleaded.



When I was finished I looked at the meter and thought it was broken. It said I had pumped less than five gallons. I wondered how that could be. Then I looked at the price.

It was \$4.19 per gallon for that 'cheap' regular unleaded gasoline. Holy smokes.

While we were driving around the area, we noticed very affluent looking neighborhoods. Many of the houses were decked out with foreclosure and for sale signs in the front yards. We were told that houses selling for \$500,000 a year ago would be lucky

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**THUMBS UP**  
To all the participants in the Community Band Concert May 8. It was an outstanding show and your efforts are appreciated.

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**THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS**

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# Family Affair

*Photos by Dan Adler*

Claire Stepchew tags up with her father Jim to start the run segment of the race after he completes the bike portion.

## Families get rusty at Monday's triathlon

By Bob Sholar  
Kwajalein Running Club president

Kwajalein Running Club conducted the 2008 Rusty Family Mini-Triathlon Monday.

The event is a 500-yard swim,

a 10-mile bike and a two-mile run and is held in conjunction with the 29th RustMan Triathlon held two weeks prior.

Contestants included 20 soloists at Rusty Family and 27 teams, mostly same family groupings, but also some mixes.

Gilson Hogan is just 14, but was the run-away winner in 55 minutes and 41 seconds, despite having spent the prior night camping with the Boy Scouts in a tent on Carlos Island.

First for the girls was Ariana Johnson, 12, in 1:19:20. Ariana is visiting Kwajalein with her mother Pam who also completed the course solo in 1:10:38.

The eighth Graders

were dominant, with Jake Jahnke coming in second overall in 1:03:25, besting his 2007 time by several minutes.

Duncan McMaster, nine, turned in a 1:19:55 performance.

The youngest solo contestants were Noble McMaster and Lila Burnley, both 7, in 1:49:30 and 2:02:36 respectively.

In the team section, a group of Junior/Senior High School boys cracked the 50-minute barrier in 49:53. Justin DeCoster swam, Jarem Erikson biked and Dane Bishop ran.

Ron Sylvester cajoled and aided his two youngsters Kaya and Myles around the entire course, forming a family team. Sylvester got some big smiles from the crowd with his 'three car' bike/Burley/stroller train used in the biking segment.



Lizzie Doerries, left and mother Barb start the two-mile run.

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# RUSTY FAMILY



Julianne Kirchner rides in to tag up with partner Tyler DeCoster.



Tyler Stepchew begins the run segment.



Julia Sholar gets some help from her mother Jane after the swimming leg.



Graham Kirchner races up the beach after completing the swim.



Officials Jenn Dupuy, left, Judy Kirchner, Jane Cavender and Bob Sholar time the swimming finish.



Jillian DeCoster gets some water from her mother Denise.



It's a scramble for bikes to start the biking leg of the race .

## Rusty Family individual results

Individual	Swim	Bike	Run	Total
Gilson Hogan (14)	0:07:22	0:33:48	0:14:31	0:55:41
Jake Jahnke (13)	0:07:48	0:36:25	0:19:12	1:03:25
Tyler Stepchew (14)	0:08:28	0:36:17	0:20:11	1:04:56
Pamela Tinker Johnson	0:10:20	0:36:40	0:23:38	1:10:38
John Sholar (12)	0:07:17	0:44:03	0:24:03	1:15:23
Tyler Decoster (14)	0:08:26	0:51:23	0:18:10	1:17:59
Ariana Johnson (12)	0:09:32	0:48:28	0:21:20	1:19:20
Duncan McMaster (9)	0:08:36	0:43:40	0:29:39	1:19:55
Justin DeCoster (18)	0:06:08	0:56:23	0:17:33	1:20:04
Keegan Gray (13)	0:10:18	0:49:07	0:22:55	1:22:20
Joe Cox (18)	0:12:06	0:49:37	0:20:52	1:22:35
Leightyn Cossey (12)	0:07:20	0:52:22	0:27:27	1:27:09
Justin Hill (11)	0:08:07	0:51:22	0:28:00	1:27:29
Loren Thomas (15)	0:08:59	0:56:14	0:27:32	1:32:45
Alex Burnley (9)	0:07:13	0:54:07	0:32:29	1:33:49
David Sholar (10)	0:08:49	0:57:02	0:27:58	1:33:59
Bryce Smith (11)	0:14:49	1:05:52	0:27:54	1:48:35
Molly Premo (11)	0:08:30	1:01:11	0:39:37	1:49:18
Noble McMaster (7)	0:10:40	1:06:10	0:32:40	1:49:30
Lila Burnley (7)	0:14:58	1:13:56	0:33:42	2:02:36

## Rusty Family team results

Teams	Swim	Bike	Run	Total
2 Fast 4 U	0:06:08	0:30:04	0:13:41	0:49:53
2 Busy 2 Train	0:06:03	0:29:57	0:14:28	0:50:28
Three's Commpany	0:11:46	0:31:48	0:17:54	1:01:28
Ribs	0:07:26	0:35:38	0:21:42	1:04:46
Step On It!	0:10:49	0:30:52	0:27:16	1:08:57
The BBC	0:11:54	0:41:51	0:17:30	1:11:15
The Good Lookin' & Dave	0:11:12	0:42:30	0:20:13	1:13:55
The Gray Team	0:08:30	0:45:12	0:20:31	1:14:13
The Unbeatable Gals	0:08:53	0:49:00	0:20:28	1:18:21
The RReal Team	0:06:39	0:47:58	0:24:59	1:19:36
Beauties and the Beast	0:08:51	0:39:10	0:32:37	1:20:38
Fans of AC-DC	0:07:48	0:35:22	0:37:28	1:20:38
The Thomas Trio	0:10:58	0:49:49	0:20:03	1:20:50
K2I	0:08:24	0:53:11	0:22:18	1:23:53
Made in Brazil	0:09:27	0:51:52	0:24:36	1:25:55
Captain Amy's Team	0:10:32	0:54:11	0:25:26	1:30:09
The Long Run	0:10:36	0:54:09	0:25:41	1:38:23
Don't Take Us For Granted	0:10:48	0:55:03	0:32:32	1:38:22
Trogdor	0:10:11	1:05:42	0:23:58	1:39:51
Everfast	0:09:36	0:57:19	0:33:00	1:39:55
Rocky Mountain Atoll	0:09:37	0:57:18	0:33:04	1:39:59
Mommy & Me	0:09:02	1:04:56	0:30:12	1:44:10
The M Team	0:11:32	1:06:57	0:27:53	1:46:22
Ling Ling	0:15:35	1:08:57	0:35:23	1:59:55
The Little Burnleys	0:14:58	1:13:56	0:33:42	2:02:36
The Puppies	0:16:13	1:17:22	0:47:04	2:20:39

# Twelve servicemembers die in Global War on Terror

Four Marines died May 2 in Al Anbar province, Iraq supporting combat operations. They were assigned to the Combat Logistics Battalion 1, Combat Logistics Regiment 1, 1st Marine Logistics Group, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif. Killed were: **Lance Cpl. Casey L. Casanova**, 22, of McComb, Miss.; **Cpl. Miguel A. Guzman**, 21, of Norwalk, Calif.; **Lance Cpl. James F. Kimple**, 21, of Carroll, Ohio and **Sgt. Glen E. Martinez**, 31, of Boulder, Colo.

**Spc. Alex D. Gonzalez**, 21, of Mission, Texas, died May 6 in Mosul, Iraq of wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered small arms fire and a rocket-propelled grenade attack. He was assigned to the 43rd Combat Engineer Company, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Hood, Texas.

**Pfc. Aaron J. Ward**, 19, of San Jacinto, Calif., died May 6 in Al Anbar, of wounds suffered when his unit came under small arms fire while conducting cordon and search operations. He was assigned to the 170th Military Police Company, 504th Military Police Battalion, 42nd Military Police Brigade, Fort Lewis, Wash.

Two Soldiers died May 7 in the Sabari District, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when their vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. Killed were: **Spc. Jeremy R. Gullett**, 22, of Greenup, Ky., who was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky. and **Staff Sgt. Kevin C.**

**Roberts**, 25, of Farmington, N. M., who was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Sgt. Isaac Palomarez**, 26, of Loveland, Colo., died May 9 in Kapisa Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when his patrol encountered an improvised explosive device and came under small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Pfc. Ara T. Deysie**, 18, of Parker, Ariz., died May 9 in Paktia Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when his unit came under rocket-propelled grenade fire. He was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Spc. Joseph A. Ford**, 23, of Knox, Ind., died Saturday in Al Asad, Iraq, of injuries suffered in a vehicle accident. He was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 152nd Cavalry Regiment, 76th Brigade Combat Team, Indiana National Guard, New Albany, Ind.

**Cpl. Jessica A. Ellis**, 24, of Bend, Ore., died Sunday in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when her vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. She was assigned to the 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

**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](http://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](http://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://cpolwa.pp.belvoir.army.mil>.

**WANTED**

INVERSION TABLE for hanging upside down to help back problems. Call 52642.

DIGITAL CAMERAS (used) wanted for a digital photography class that will be taught on Ebeye. Call 54396.

PROM DRESSES for high school girls on Gugegue for their prom on May 19. Call 54396.

BLENDER. Call Sherry, 52137.

SCUBA MASK, used okay. Call 52400, home or 50800, work.

**FOUND**

NECKLACE CHARM near Emon Beach playground with names Nessey and Richard on it. Call 53731.

**PATIO SALES**

SATURDAY, anytime, Quarters 213-B (inside). PCS sale. Aquarium, 25-gallon, marlin gaff, fishing lures and lots of stuff. Call 52527.

SATURDAY, 8-11 a.m., Quarters 124-F. Aquarium, electronics, fishing items, clothing and household items.

SATURDAY, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Quarters 139-C (in back). PCS sale. Vinyl swivel rocker with ottoman, computer desk, director's chairs, RCA 35-inch TV, solid wood entertainment armoire, kitchen and household items, window coverings and hardware, wall shelves, wicker-look dog kennel, women's, men's, and little girl clothing and shoes, VHS movies and plants.

MONDAY, 6:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Quarters 489-A. TV, digital camera and more.

MONDAY, 7 a.m.-?, Quarters 128-F. PCS sale. Aquarium, 50-gallon with Fluval filter, power heads, lights, polishing filter, outdoor Rubbbermaid storage bin, adult and children's clothes, furniture, Atomic fins and household items.

MONDAY, 7 a.m.-?, Dome 172. PCS sale. Boys' clothes, furniture, toys and games, kitchen items, sports equipment and plants.

MONDAY, 8-11 a.m., Quarters 119-D (in back). Children's furniture, toys, clothes, vacuum cleaner and coffeemaker.

MONDAY, 9 a.m.-noon, Quarters 117-B (in back). PCS sale. Clothing, beach stuff and household items.

**FOR SALE**

MEN'S SHIMANO Roadmaster mountain sport bike, 18-speed, front suspension, very good shape, \$80. Call 52576.

**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.

Church of Christ

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

Jewish services

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

RAISED DECK with furniture, high quality, treated, \$550; solar light, \$50 and solar exhaust fan, \$50. Call 50172.

GUITAR: 12-String Larrivee, J-09, Jumbo solid rosewood and spruce, near mint condition. See Acoustic Guitar magazine, March 2008 for information on Larrivee guitars. Serious inquiries only. \$1,050 or best offer. Call 51061 or 52989.

QUEEN SLEEPER sofa, \$125; full-size futon \$100; oak barstools, \$40; large entertainment center, \$50; small entertainment center, \$25; Sun bikes, \$40; computer desk, \$20; filing cabinet, \$10; coffee cart, \$20, mini-fridge, \$75; ice maker, \$100; toaster oven, \$30; large Panasonic microwave, \$75 and full wet suit, \$20. Call Angela, 58123.

RCA 27-INCH TV, \$50 and underwater scooter, used three times, \$150. Call 52788.

OIL PAINTING of two geisha women in traditional Japanese style, painted by long-time Kwajalein resident, Toshi Tanigawa, in silver metal frame, 20-inches by 30-inches, \$125. Call 54613.

THREE-PANEL photo screen, holds eight-inch by ten-inch pictures, \$50; Bunco game, new, \$20; leather jewelry box, great for travel, \$50; duffle bag, \$10 and wicker newspaper/magazine

*Café Pacific*

**Lunch**

**Saturday**

Corn beef and cabbage  
Irish lamb stew  
Apple-glazed chicken  
Grill: Chili dog

**Sunday**

Top round of beef  
Herb-broiled chicken  
Eggs Benedict  
Grill: Brunch station open

**Monday**

Stuffed pork chops  
Lemon basil chicken  
Three-cheese pasta  
Grill: Brunch station open

**Tuesday**

Italian pasta bar  
Italian baked chicken  
Cheese manicotti  
Grill: Philly steak wrap

**Wednesday**

Greek chicken breast  
Sautéed liver/onions  
Cod provencal  
Grill: Grilled cheese

**Thursday**

Burritos/tacos  
Beef tamales  
Nacho chips/cheese  
Grill: Chimichangas

**May 23**

Grilled minute steak  
Broccoli stir-fry  
Tuna casserole  
Grill: Swiss burger

**Dinner**

**Tonight**

Build-your-own pizza  
Breaded pork chops  
Chicken stew

**Saturday**

Short ribs with gravy  
Broiled fajita chicken  
Tex-Mex stir-fry

**Sunday**

Barbecued pork butt  
Chicken supreme  
Tofu with cabbage

**Monday**

Meatloaf with gravy  
Turkey cordon bleu  
Pork pimento

**Tuesday**

Kwaj fried chicken  
Grilled ono  
Chinese beef

**Wednesday**

Top sirloin  
Whole roast chicken  
Ratatouille casserole

**Thursday**

Stir-fry to order  
Charsi spare ribs  
Chicken nuggets



**Child and Youth Services is conducting the annual needs assessment survey by mail to determine local child care needs. Residents are requested to return the CYS surveys to the drop box at the Post Office by May 24 (even if they have no children). This is requested so an accurate count of surveys can be made. Questions? Call Micah, 55128.**

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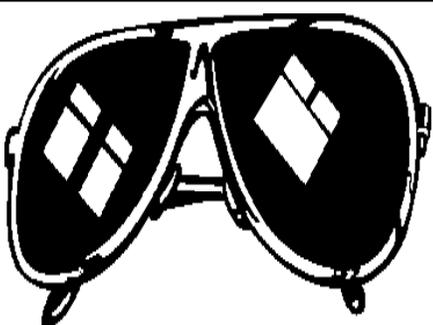
JAPANESE GLASS fishing floats. Call Dennis, 51850, work, or 54489, home,

PCS SALE. Oak dining room table and six chairs \$350; matching mirror, \$50; large tool chest, \$50; two metal shelving units, \$5 set; double reclining love seat with blue slipcovers, \$150; two floor lamps, \$5 each; king-sized air mattress for waterbed frame, \$100; dishwasher, \$200; and microwave, available June 1, \$100. Call 53884.

PCS sale. Boat, 21-foot fiberglass hull, bimini top, 225-horsepower outboard, 50-gallon fuel tank, radio, safety equipment, trailer and house, \$8,400; 27-foot fiberglass Crown Line cabin cruiser, 350 mercury stern drive, 15-horsepower kicker, trailer and house. \$22,000 and Bose 901 speakers with EQ, \$300. Call 59662.

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

NIKE SPORT earpods, white, new, never used. Call 50545.



**THE OPTOMETRIST WILL be on island June 13-24. Patients are responsible for filing their own insurance claims. Be prepared to pay at time of service. For appointments, call 52223 or 52224.**

BEER BREWING KIT. Never used. Everything included to make your first batch including 'how to' DVD. \$130 call h2400 w0800.

GEL CANDLE SUPPLIES (2 huge containers), \$200 or make an offer. Call 2592 or 4835.

BOAT, 23-FOOT, 1990 Bayliner Trophy with two new Yamaha 115 HP outboard motors, new steering, fish boxes, 140-gallon fuel tank, stereo, VHF, and dual axle trailer. Cabin with lots of storage space good for overnight trips. Located on Boat Lot 17. \$45,000 or best offer. Call Stan, 5-3278 or 5-1847.

DECK (best on Kwaj), \$700; 27-inch Sony TV, \$200; keyboard with stand and bench, \$150. Call 50172.

HIDEAWAY COMPUTER DESK, \$75; Hooked on Phonics, ages 4-7, \$50; High School Musical lamp, \$5. Call 52544.

SCUBA GEAR, (entire set, XXL), \$600; left handed golf clubs, \$85; right handed golf clubs, \$85; plants. Contact 52337; please leave a message if no one answers.

REEF TANK, beautiful soft coral, with unusual fish, stand, 400-watt lights, protein skimmer and pumps. Get it all for the cost of the lights. Reduced to \$250 Call David, 52283, work.

PLANTS, ranging from \$10 to \$40. Patio deck, portable, \$100. Outdoor playhouse, \$30. Come see at 208-B or call 52306.

TRAILER, like new, aluminum hand-launch trailer for 8 to 11 foot boat. Cost \$400, selling for \$250. Call David, 52283, work or 54698, home.

GUITARS (2), Fender 52 re-issue Telecaster, \$1050; Fender Custom Shop Stratocaster, \$1650. Both are in near mint condition. Call 51211 or 53925.

AQUARIUM LIGHT BULBS, several Hex aquariums were sold from Macy's without bulbs. I bought a few extra while in Hawaii last week. New in box, \$16 each. Call 53290.

MICROWAVE OVENS (2), almost new, \$50 each; ceramic dishes, service for four from Pier 1 Imports, \$40; DVD player, used, \$50. Call 51229 days and 52501 evenings.

HOPE CHEST, solid wood, Shaker-style design, can be used as toy box, \$50; wooden tea cart, \$50. Both in excellent condition. Call 55945.

LARGE EIGHT-DRAWER cherry wood dresser \$175; drum set, glossy black with chrome double bass Mapex, \$350; TKO heavy punching bag, new, \$50; new dehumidifier in box, 65 pint, \$175; call 54677 or 3986.

HIBISCUS PLANTS in full bloom, many colors and types; perfect gifts for Mother's Day. Call 54613.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

THE VETS' HALL will host a party at 7 p.m., Saturday, to celebrate the birthdays of Leah Angle, Angela Mitchell and Mike Saltzman. Bring a dish to share. Games, food, cake and drink specials. Questions? Call Angela, 58123.

HELP RICK FUNK turn 50 Sunday afternoon at Emon Beach. Come out for soccer, basketball, volleyball, Frisbee golf, ultimate Frisbee, baggo and more. Let Rick know he's a real geezer-jock now.

**The USAKA Transition Town Hall meeting scheduled for May has been postponed until July as there is no new information to discuss. The time and date of the meeting will be announced in a future issue of the Hourglass.**

A PCS PARTY for the Beckler family will be held at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, in the alley behind Quarters 112-A. Bring a side dish to share and your own beverages. Questions? Call Denise, 52589, or Sue, 52582.

THE NEXT School Advisory Council meeting will be at 7 p.m., Wednesday, in the elementary school music room. Questions? Call 53761.

CELEBRATE YOUR child's reading success during the George Seitz Reading Counts assembly at 12:45 p.m., May 31, in the multi-purpose room.

LICENSED KWAJALEIN BOATERS, come have a 'Shaggy' boating experience. *Shaggy* is the pontoon boat. It holds up to 10 passengers and can be reserved as a second boat with a B-boat reservations. Questions? Call 53643.

CYS ACTIVITY for May: Cooking Night, will be 5:30-7:30 p.m., May 23. Registration deadline is Wednesday. These activities are open to all CYS-registered youth. You do not have to be in the School Age Services program to attend. To find out how to register for CYS and sign your children up, go to the Central Registration office located at the Child Development Center.

BOAT HOUSE OWNERS who were notified of discrepancies are reminded to e-mail *billy.abston@smdck.smdc.army.mil* when work has been completed. Questions? Call 53288.

ROI RESIDENTS, routine health care appointments with the Physician Assistant are available 8-11 a.m., Tuesday through Friday at the Roi-Namur dispensary. Make appointments for continuing care or other needs with the PA. Walk-in services are for emergencies or minor acute problems which the registered nurse can assist with. Call 56223 to schedule an appointment.

THE CAFÉ PACIFIC COMMUNITY PROGRAM provides for family residents to enjoy breakfast and dinner daily as well as brunch on weekends. Families, are also allowed to purchase lunch at Café Pacific until AAFES has opened their new food court operation. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

HOUSING RESIDENTS are reminded that the Residential Yard Care and Landscaping SPI prohibits the use of concrete cylinders in the upright position. When used for plant and sidewalk borders they must be placed horizontally and only one high. Concrete blocks are not to be used in landscaping applications. Questions? Contact the building inspector at *billy.abston@smdck.smdc.army.mil* or call 53288.

## VACATION, from PAGE 2

to get \$300,000 today. Those signs really are, as the saying goes, 'signs of the times.'

Kwajalein was definitely looking better and better.

We drove with family members to a little town called Nevada City and stayed overnight in an old 1800s hotel that might have had some ghosts in it. At least, it smelled like it did. I think the bed I was in was the original one some old prospector slept in. I just hope he didn't die in it — or anything else.

After waking up with backaches and smelling very unappetizing odors from the hotel kitchen, we got on the highway and headed back to home base in Sacramento.

We were driving on the interstate in the far left lane when we noticed some vehicles ahead of us moving slowly in the far right lane. They had their four-way flashers on and were decorated with red, white and blue ribbons. On all of the back windows was written, 'Welcome home Cess.'

As we drove on, the line of cars, pickups and vans kept coming into view. There must have been 50 vehicles, all with flashers going and all with that same message on the back windows.

We came alongside a car that had several young Soldiers in it and in front of that car were two fire trucks.

Then we saw it. A larger fire truck

bearing a flag-draped coffin. We realized we were watching a funeral procession.

But the most amazing sight was yet to come. In front of the fire truck were motorcycles. There must have been at least 100 of them. They all flew large American flags. The riders were veterans from various veterans organizations. The line of cycles seemed to stretch for miles.

Then I recalled reading in the local paper about a firefighter who was also a reservist. He was killed in Iraq and I figured it was him all those people were welcoming home.

The motorcycle riders were motioning for cars to move over to the left lane so as not to break the funeral line in the right lane.

I could tell some drivers were annoyed until they realized what was going by them and then they courteously moved over.

That funeral procession with all those vehicles, motorcycles, American flags and a flag-draped coffin on a fire truck isn't something I think I'll forget anytime soon.

It was indeed a real 'welcome home' for a man named Cess.

Our time in California came to an end and we flew back to Honolulu. We have some friends who were staying at the Hale Koa military hotel and we went to say hello.

As we stood in the lobby, a young

man who looked to be in his mid-twenties walked into the lobby.

He was on prosthetic legs and they were state-of-the-art technology. He moved fairly well, but it was obvious he was still getting used to them. As he came closer to where we were standing, I could see that a good portion of his left arm was missing as if it had been torn away by a jagged edge.

As he went by me, he smiled and said, "Good morning."

I couldn't help but think that if I was that young man and I had left my legs somewhere in Iraq, the last thing I'd be saying to anyone would be good morning or anything else that had the word good in it. I wondered if I would have ever had that kind of strength and character.

So those are my vacation memories this year. A young Soldier who thanked me for a cup of coffee and waved goodbye to me as if I was an old friend.

A flag-draped coffin riding on a fire truck, American flags flying in the wind and hundreds of people welcoming a Soldier home.

A young man who, with two simple words, had shown more courage and honor than I could ever hope to have.

Yeah, I know. They're not the usual vacation memories, but maybe like the foreclosures in those front yards, they are indeed signs of the times.



# Shopping Day

**RMI SHOPPING DAY** is Saturday at Macy's, Macy's West and Gimbels. All RMI residents 18 and older with valid identification are welcome. Extra ferry runs will be available. Most merchandise is 80-90 percent off.



Be sure all classified documents and offices containing classified materials are secure. Practice good OPSEC.

## Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

**Saturday:** Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 10-16 knots.  
**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 12-18 knots.  
**Monday:** Mostly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** NE at 11-17 knots.  
**Tuesday:** Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E at 10-15 knots.  
**Wednesday:** Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** NE-E 10-15 knots.  
**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 12-18 knots.  
**May 23:** Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE at 12-18 knots.

Annual total: 25.01 inches  
 Annual deviation: +0.54 inches

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## Sun • Moon • Tides

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Saturday	6:29a.m./7:03 p.m.	4:43 p.m./4:05 a.m.	2:40 a.m., 3.8' 2:50 p.m., 3.3'	8:55 a.m., 0.2' 8:49 p.m., 0.0'
Sunday	6:29 a.m./7:02 p.m.	5:29 p.m./4:44 a.m.	3:09 a.m., 4.1' 3:23 p.m., 3.4'	9:29 a.m., 0.0' 9:18 p.m., 0.1'
Monday	6:29 a.m./7:02 p.m.	6:18 p.m./5:25 a.m.	3:38 a.m., 4.3' 3:55 p.m., 3.4'	10:01 a.m., 0.2' 9:47 p.m., 0.2'
Tuesday	6:29 a.m./7:03 p.m.	7:08 p.m./6:09 a.m.	4:07 a.m., 4.4' 4:26 p.m., 3.3'	10:32 a.m., 0.3' 10:16 p.m., 0.2'
Wednesday	6:29 a.m./7:03 p.m.	7:59 p.m./6:56 a.m.	4:37 a.m., 4.4' 4:57 p.m., 3.2'	11:03 a.m., 0.3' 10:45 p.m., 0.1'
Thursday	6:29 a.m./7:03 p.m.	8:51 a.m./7:46 a.m.	5:07 a.m., 3.7' 5:28 p.m., 3.1'	11:34 a.m., 0.3' 11:15 p.m., 0.0'
May 23	6:29 a.m./7:03 p.m.	9:41 p.m./8:38 a.m.	5:38 a.m., 4.2' 6:01 p.m., 3.0'	12:07 a.m., 0.1' 11:46 p.m., 0.2'