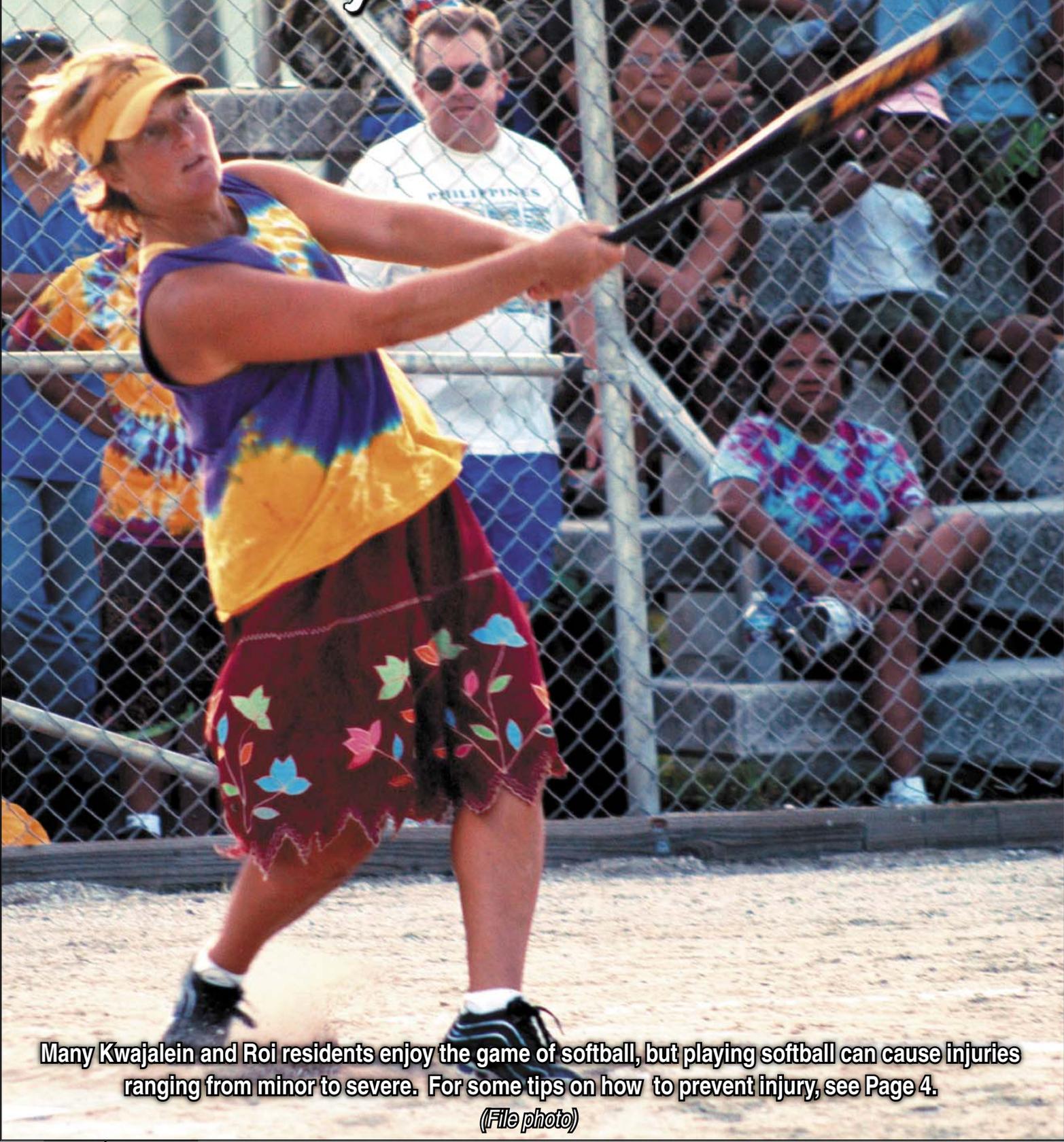


# THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



Many Kwajalein and Roi residents enjoy the game of softball, but playing softball can cause injuries ranging from minor to severe. For some tips on how to prevent injury, see Page 4.

*(File photo)*

## COMMENTARY

# It's not an answer to a problem that has no answer

A little while ago, I was watching the O'Reilly Factor. The program was being broadcast from Iraq and a young Army captain was being interviewed by O'Reilly.

The young officer, who is one of many of our Soldiers involved in training the Iraqi Army, was expounding upon how well things were going with the training of Iraqis.

O'Reilly, not exactly a critic of the war, asked the captain something like, "But how do you know whether the people you train are the good guys or members of militias or insurgents who are killing Americans?"

The young officer hesitated for a few moments and then answered, "Sir, I don't know."

No, he doesn't know, and neither do the other 140,000 troops that are there. No one does, not the generals who are now being reassigned, or the newly appointed commander who will be running the 'new' strategy.

I hear with great trepidation that there are plans to increase the embedded American 'advisors' to the Iraqi Army from 4,000 to 20,000.

To me, all that means is that potential

American targets will be increased by 16,000.

Do we really want 16,000 more of our troops embedded with people who are probably members of Shiite militias and death squads or the very insurgents and foreign 'terrorists' who are killing them? Talk about from the frying pan into the fire!

It also seems to me that if you really don't know who the enemy is, why would you want to take a chance that you're arming them, equipping them, showing them your best tactics (so they can develop countermeasures) and training them to be better marksmen and fighters?

That would be like law enforcement officers going into gang-infested neighborhoods in our cities, taking people off the street, and arming and training them to be the police in those areas. Then they'd just have to hope they didn't pick gang members and it would all work out. Does that sound like it would be a good plan?

The idea that our troops will leave when the Iraqi army and police 'stand-up' is a false hope. How are the Iraqis going to be a 'stand-alone' force when

### The Way I See It



Dan Adler,  
Staff Writer

every bullet, rifle, pistol, grenade, flak jacket, uniform and who knows what else is given to them by Americans?

They have no armored vehicles, no tanks, no Humvees, artillery, mortars or heavy weapons. They have nothing unless it's supplied to them by an outside source.

So, how exactly are they going to be a self-sustaining army or police force?

The simple answer is they aren't and probably never will be.

Even when Saddam Hussein was in power, Iraq didn't produce its own weapons. Do you think they built their own tanks, planes and artillery?

No, I'd wager that their weaponry was made in China, Russia and yes, folks, even by good old American companies.

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## USAKA

### *Person of the Week*

Lisa Tarpley brought holiday cheer to the employees of Facility 1008, Communications. As Kwajalein Range Services depends on our operators to work holidays, Lisa provided the employees of the communications area with decorations in the entire area, making for a homey atmosphere, hopefully keeping up their spirits.

**Lisa Tarpley**

## EDITORIAL

# Editor determines which letters, articles are printed

We recently ran an article profiling a young Kwajalein woman's educational experiences. Within a day or so of printing this article we received a Letter to the Editor from a reader who didn't support our editorial choice. Hmm. That's the way it works. We scout the community trying to find subjects

**Only on Kwaj**

Nell Drumheller  
Editor



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## THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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# Retail stores consolidating for better service

*Merchandising changes should make shopping easier for residents*

Hourglass reports

Macy's, Macy's West and Ten-Ten may seem to be different the next time you shop there. That's because these retail outlets are undergoing some reorganization according to David Fearon, Kwajalein Range Services Retail Merchandising manager.

"We are eliminating some confusion on who carries what, and we will market products together such as cards, flowers, and balloons," Fearon said. For example, Christmas decorations, ornaments, artificial trees, string lights and wrapping paper will all be in one place at Macy's instead of three different stores. "Macy's will carry the gift and seasonal holiday items along with clothing. They will also be selling the cut flowers starting Feb 10."

They've started with the changes and should be completed by mid-March.

"Macy's is going to become more of a gift and clothing store that has gifts, clothing, furniture, toys and greeting cards," Fearon said. "Macy's West will become more of a basics store that has hardware, bikes, housewares, sporting goods and electronics."

The logo items, such as T-shirts, baseball caps and mugs will be moved to Ten-Ten and displayed in the area where greeting cards are now, Fearon said. This will be a 'gift shop' set up to be easily accessible for visitors. "These changes are expected to take several months to complete," he said.

Fearon added that management is reviewing the retail facilities' hours of operation, and there may be changes in the future.

"Retail Merchandising also wants you to be aware of our special orders program that is available to the public," Fearon said. "Special orders can be placed for items from Home Depot, Best Buy, Sealy mattresses, La-Z-Boy, fresh cut flowers, GSK lumber (on-island), bike parts, boating supplies from Port Supply and food items."

For more information, speak to store management or call 53308. Merchandising requests can be e-mailed to: [retail@smdck.smdc.army.mil](mailto:retail@smdck.smdc.army.mil).



Ten-Ten will carry logo items such as caps and T-shirts in a 'gift shop' area.



Macy's West will be a 'basics' store and carry hardware, bikes, housewares, sporting goods and electronics.



Macy's will be a gift and clothing store with furniture, toys and greeting cards.



**Participating in a sport such as softball which involves running, throwing and quick movements of the body can result in minor or severe injuries unless a proper warm-up and fitness routine is done before playing.**

# CRUISIN' FOR A BRUISIN'

## Softball injuries can be avoided with some preventative measures

By JJ Klein  
Reporter

You're eyeing the pitcher with the bat in hand, ready to tear one down the third base line; you feel young again. Then you pull your hamstring rounding second base, and you realize your body isn't as young as you remember it to be. With a little pre-season preparation, that pulled hamstring could have been prevented.

"From our perspective, we see more injuries on the softball field than any other sport played on Kwajalein," said Torrey Landers, Recreation Program manager for Community Activities. "So many injuries that happen on the field go unreported."

Occasionally players will drag their battered bodies to the hospital.

"The most frequent type of injury we see here related to softball would be the simple strains and sprains. We typically do not see sliding injuries because sliding is not allowed in our softball rules at Kwaj," said Bess Buchanan, physician assistant at Kwajalein Hospital. "We do see the occasional impact injuries from two fielders going after the same fly ball or a base runner running into a baseman who is positioned to catch the ball."



In addition to the Kwajalein rule that does not allow players to slide into a base, Community Activities tries to minimize sports injuries with its infield fly rule, and its double plates at both first base and home plate.

The infield fly rule states if there are runners at first and second bases or first, second and third bases, and the ball is popped up in the infield, the batter is automatically out and the runners can choose to run at their own risk. This rule, said Billy Coley, athletic supervisor, aims to prevent those ‘fast start/fast stop’ type of injuries such as pulled hamstrings.

The double plates at first base and home plate cut down on collisions at the bases by having the batter/runner run through and touch a different base from the fielder or catcher.

“Community Activities does a great job in gearing the softball play at Kwaj to avoid injuries,” pointed out Buchanan.

Typical candidates for a softball injury are the weekend warriors who go from a relatively inactive lifestyle to a suddenly active one. These are adults who believe they can step on the field and play without any preparation, commented Landers.

“There is a perceived level of conditioning that is not applied to softball that is naturally assumed with sports such as basketball and soccer,” Landers said. “Everyone thinks they can play softball, when in actuality the sport’s specific movements in softball are much more high risk for injury than other sports.

“In softball you go from a stagnant position to full sprint in a matter of steps and that’s a recipe for injury in people who aren’t conditioned properly,” Landers continued. “Also, think of low back injuries. Swinging a bat is a very violent movement and not a natural movement, so if you haven’t warmed up properly there is an increased risk of injury.”

Before the season gets underway, Landers said the Community Activities office holds a softball be-

ginners’ clinic where players are introduced to “a basic warm-up progression to prepare the body for competition.”

For those who will never make it to a “beginners” clinic, Landers recommended showing up 20 minutes before each game to warm up properly. A good warm up includes “getting the blood flowing, stretching muscles, warming up your arm, and taking a few practice swings” according to the Swedish Medical Center Web site in Seattle.

Advice from the Web site suggests jogging a few laps around the bases to get the blood pumping and focusing on shoulders and hamstrings when doing a total body stretch.

To warm up your arm and practice your swing you should first simulate the throwing and batting motions without a ball or bat. Then perform the same motions with the ball or bat for five minutes, gradually increasing your speed.

While these exercises are helpful, Landers suggested getting a jump on the new season by starting “some sort of physical activity prior to the softball season.” The bottom line is an out of shape body is an injury waiting to happen.

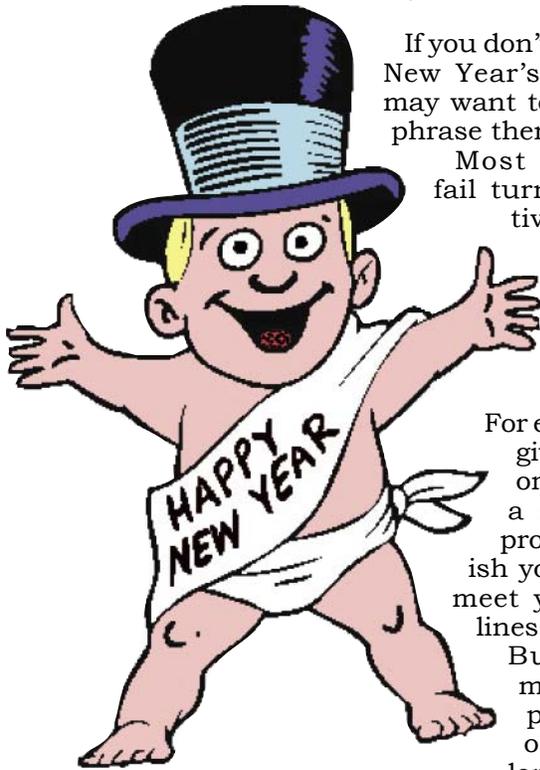
Softball season begins Jan. 18. The beginners’ clinic is at 5:30 p.m., Friday at Brandon Field. Would-be players should show up prepared to do drills, wearing athletic clothing according to Coley.

Games are held at Brandon and Ragan fields, schedules and standings will be posted in *The Hourglass*.



# Make New Year's resolutions positive ones

(Editor's note: Marion Ruffing of the Kwajalein Range Services Employee Assistance Program submitted the following article that she found in the Federal Occupational Health newsletter.)



If you don't usually keep your New Year's resolutions, you may want to rethink how you phrase them.

Most resolutions that fail turn out to be negative. They focus on correcting what you think is wrong with you, instead of building on what is right.

For example, you vow to give up certain foods or force yourself into a self-improvement program – then punish yourself if you don't meet your strict guidelines.

But, if you create more pain than pleasure, your resolutions won't be long-lasting.

Instead of making an inventory of your faults, start by thinking about goals you can set

to make your life more healthful, happy and rewarding. Then make resolutions that will help you achieve those goals.

To make successful resolutions:

- Make them while you're in a positive frame of mind, when you feel fresh and optimistic.
- Don't focus on achievements. Instead of vowing to lose ten pounds, decide to reenergize your body by exercising and eating healthful foods.
- Visualize success. Mentally rehearse what you will do differently and how you'll feel when you accomplish your goals.

Instead of typical resolutions, consider these:

- Strive for better balance. Schedule more activities with your family and friends if you spend most of your time at the office.
- Take better care of your mind. Read a book a month or take a course at a local college. Ask yourself what you would like to learn more about and then take the plunge.
- Share your talents, energy and other resources with volunteer organizations.
- Try a new fitness program. Choose something that rewards you with new friends and fun places to explore.
- Take time to appreciate family, friends and co-workers.
- Turn changes into challenges and master them with gusto.
- Seek peace of mind and help others do the same.

Most important, believe in yourself and your power to make positive changes.

## EDITOR, from Page 2

to write about, we write about them and some people like what we've done and some people don't. We make our editorial decisions based on many criteria. The article on the young woman in Italy was initiated, researched, defined, expanded, written, edited and ultimately printed because I, the editor, thought it had merit. The achievement of recent graduates of our Kwajalein school system is not only a tribute to the parents of the student, but to the school, teachers and overall Kwaj community that helped develop that unique person. That, to me, is the essence of local news. That's my job. I make these decisions using Army regulations as guidelines, by paying attention to what is going on in the community, following the advice and guidance of the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll public affairs officer and commander and listening to the input of my staff.

And then there's the Letters to the

Editor's section. Most (almost all) newspapers accept letters from readers. Letters to the Editor are strictly the opinion of the writer. They are not necessarily the opinion of the editor, the commander or the community. And they are opinions. We do not fact-check them. We edit them for grammar, style and length.

We follow the Associated Press Stylebook. Period. As the editor, I don't care what the writer's opinion is. I do care that we objectively print these opinions, that we do not filter them even though some are unpopular with the majority. We have requirements for Letters to the Editor: The letters cannot be racially, culturally or religiously biased; they cannot endorse a political philosophy, and they cannot be personal attacks. The letters should be no more than 300 words; however, sometimes we stretch that a bit. All letters must be signed, but we will withhold the name of the writer upon request. That does

not mean the name is erased and forgotten, but that it is not printed. We do not have a requirement to keep the writer's name secret, but I do not release the name to a source unless they have a need to know.

We print the letters as soon as we can. Occasionally we get a Letter to the Editor after deadline, but it is timely and I feel should be printed immediately, so it is pushed to the front of the queue. Once again, I make that decision because I am the editor, and that's what I'm paid to do.

Also, we will visit a subject no more than three times. Here's how that works: First time is the original article or Letter to the Editor, and the second and third times are responses. Then we're done.

I hope you will share your opinions; we want to hear them, even if they aren't favorable to *The Hourglass* or the job we're doing. The Letters to the Editor section is a forum the community can use to voice its opinions.

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12:30 p.m.	Special Report with Brit Hume	Wheel of Fortune	C.S.I.	True Hollywood Story	Fairly Oddparents	NFL Live	5:30 p.m.			
1 p.m.					Jeopardy		C.S.I.	True Hollywood Story	Fairly Oddparents	5:30 p.m.
1 p.m.	Your World with Neil Cavuto	Headline News	Seinfeld	Child Star Conf.	E.T.	NFL Live	6:30 p.m.			
2 p.m.					ATS/Regional News		The Simpsons	E.T.	Kim Possible	NBA Fastbreak
2:30 p.m.	World News Now	All of Us	Friends	Movie: <i>Hitch</i>	Unfabulous	SportsCenter	7 p.m.			
3 p.m.					Jeopardy		C.S.I.	True Hollywood Story	Fairly Oddparents	5:30 p.m.
3:30 p.m.	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Passions	Kidspage	Movie: <i>The Beach</i>	Yu-Gi-Oh!	NFL Live	6 p.m.			
4 p.m.					News Hour with Jim Lehrer		Oprah Winfrey	Third Watch	Gilmore Girls	NCAA BBall
4:30 p.m.	Special Report with Brit Hume	Wheel of Fortune	C.S.I.	True Hollywood Story	Fairly Oddparents	NFL Live	5:30 p.m.			
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8:30 p.m.	Special Report with Brit Hume	Wheel of Fortune	C.S.I.	True Hollywood Story	Fairly Oddparents	NFL Live	5:30 p.m.			
9 p.m.					Jeopardy		C.S.I.	True Hollywood Story	Fairly Oddparents	5:30 p.m.
9:30 p.m.	Your World with Neil Cavuto	Headline News	Seinfeld	Child Star Conf.	E.T.	NFL Live	6:30 p.m.			
10 p.m.					ATS/Regional News		The Simpsons	E.T.	Kim Possible	NBA Fastbreak
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6:30 p.m.	World News Now	All of Us	Friends	Movie: <i>Hitch</i>	Unfabulous	SportsCenter	7 p.m.			
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8 p.m.					News Hour with Jim Lehrer		Oprah Winfrey	Third Watch	Gilmore Girls	NCAA BBall
8:30 p.m.	Special Report with Brit Hume	Wheel of Fortune	C.S.I.	True Hollywood Story	Fairly Oddparents	NFL Live	5:30 p.m.			
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9:30 p.m.	Your World with Neil Cavuto	Headline News	Seinfeld	Child Star Conf.	E.T.	NFL Live	6:30 p.m.			
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12:30 p.m.					News Hour with Jim Lehrer		Oprah Winfrey	Third Watch	Gilmore Girls	NCAA BBall
12:30 p.m.	Special Report with Brit Hume	Wheel of Fortune	C.S.I.	True Hollywood Story	Fairly Oddparents	NFL Live	5:30 p.m.			
1 p.m.					Jeopardy		C.S.I.	True Hollywood Story	Fairly Oddparents	5:30 p.m.
1 p.m.</										

# Friday

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Time	Channel 9 Roller/DTS Sports	Channel 14 AFN News	Channel 17 AFN Prime	Channel 20 AFN Spectrum	Channel 23 AFN Movies	Channel 26 AFN Family	Channel 29 AFN Sports	Time
midnight	Roller	Today Show	The Late Show	Late Night with Conan O'Brien	Movie: (cont.)	Kim Possible	SportsCenter	midnight
12:30 a.m.			Late Late Show w/ Craig Ferguson	Friends	Movie: <:47> <i>Almost Famous</i>	The Proud Family	NFL RePlay	12:30 a.m.
1 a.m.			Judge Judy	Friends	Zoey 101	Unfabulous	Game #3	1 a.m.
1:30 a.m.			CNN Newsroom	The District	C.S.I.	Gilmore Girls		1:30 a.m.
2 a.m.		CNN Newsroom	Oprah Winfrey	Men in Trees	Movie: <i>Hitch</i>	Even Stevens	NFL RePlay	2 a.m.
2:30 a.m.		MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil Show	Will & Grace		Home Improvement	Game #4	2:30 a.m.
3 a.m.		MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil Show	King of Queens	Moesha	Degrassi	SportsCenter	3 a.m.
3:30 a.m.		MSNBC Live	CBS Evening News	B. Original	Teletubbies		NFL Live	3:30 a.m.
4 a.m.		MSNBC Live	ESPN	Breathing Space	Barney & Friends	Sesame Street	College GameNight	4 a.m.
4:30 a.m.		MSNBC Live	Today	Creative Juice	Sesame Street		ESPN	4:30 a.m.
5 a.m.	Ultimate Fighter 4 <i>Finale</i>	Fox News Live	DIY to the Rescue	Good Eats	True Hollywood Story	Bear in the Big Blue	Purdue @ Indiana	6 a.m.
6 a.m.			Unwrapped			Blue's Clues		7 a.m.
6:30 a.m.		Studio B with Sheppard Smith	Sesame Street	30 Minute Meals	Child Star Conf.	Dora the Explorer	The Hot List	7:30 a.m.
7 a.m.				Tasty Travels	E.T.	Go, Diego, Go!	The Hot List	8 a.m.
7:30 a.m.	Roller	The Situation Room	The View	Roseanne	Movie: <i>Lucy</i>	The Wiggles	NFL Live	8 a.m.
8 a.m.				Roseanne		Higglytown Heroes	Jim Rome	9 a.m.
8:30 a.m.		The Situation Room	Dr. Phil Show	Ally McBeal	Movie: <:45> <i>Love &amp; Basketball</i>	Franklin	Around the Horn	10 a.m.
9 a.m.						Reading Rainbow	PTI	10:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m.		ABC World News	Access Hollywood	Blind Date	Higglytown Heroes	SportsCenter		11 a.m.
10 a.m.		NBC Nightly News	E.R.	E! News Live/ Daily 10	The Wiggles			11:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.		ABC World News	Access Hollywood	Blind Date	Go, Diego, Go!	ESPN		noon
11 a.m.		CBS Evening News	Judge Judy	Living Single	Dora the Explorer	NBA Action		12:30 p.m.
11:30 a.m.		Countdown with Keith Olbermann	Guiding Light	The Cosby Show	Movie: <i>Bad Girls</i>	Blue's Clues	NBA	1 p.m.
noon		Mad About You	Emeril Live	Design on a Dime		Bear in the Big Blue	Nets at Bulls	1:30 p.m.
12:30 p.m.	Hannity & Colmes	General Hospital	Emeril Live	Sesame Street			2 p.m.	
1 p.m.	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Passions	Design on a Dime	Movie: <:47> <i>Children of a Lesser God</i>	Funniest Videos		2:30 p.m.	
1:30 p.m.	Style Star				Funniest Animals	NBA	3 p.m.	
2 p.m.	News Hour with Jim Lehrer	Oprah Winfrey	Third Watch	Biography: <i>Arnold Schwarzenegger</i>	Pokemon	Cavs at Suns	3:30 p.m.	
2:30 p.m.	Special Report with Brit Hume	Wheel of Fortune	C.S.I.	Biography: <i>Arnold Schwarzenegger</i>	Yu-Gi-Oh!		4 p.m.	
3 p.m.	Jeopardy			Biography: <i>Arnold Schwarzenegger</i>	SpongeBob		4:30 p.m.	
3:30 p.m.	Your World with Neil Cavuto	Headline News	Seinfeld	Ebert & Roeper	Fairly Oddparents		5 p.m.	
4 p.m.	ATS/Regional News			E.T.	Kim Possible	SportsCenter	5:30 p.m.	
4:30 p.m.	World News Now	The Office/ (:25) 2 & a Half Men	That '70s Show	Movie: <i>Spider-Man 2</i>	The Proud Family		6 p.m.	
5 p.m.	Window on the Atoll (7:50)				That's So Raven		SportsCenter	6:30 p.m.
5:30 p.m.	<:15> Pacific Report	House	The Bachelor: Rome	Phil of the Future			7 p.m.	
6 p.m.	Tavis Smiley			Veronica Mars	NCAA BBall		7:30 p.m.	
6:30 p.m.	Business Report	C.S.I. Miami	Law & Order	Even Stevens	St. John's at Seton Hall		8 p.m.	
7 p.m.	Nightline			Home Improvement			8:30 p.m.	
7:30 p.m.	Hardball with Chris Matthews	Headline News	Will & Grace	Orange County	Moesha	NCAA BBall	9 p.m.	
8 p.m.	Tonight Show W/ Jay Leno			Orange County	Degrassi	Memphis at Houston	9:30 p.m.	
8:30 p.m.	O'Reilly Factor			Orange County	7th Heaven		10 p.m.	
9 p.m.	The Late Show			Movie: <i>The Sum of All Fears</i>			10:30 p.m.	
9:30 p.m.							11 p.m.	
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12:30 a.m.			Late Late Show w/ Craig Ferguson			The Proud Family		12:30 a.m.	
1 a.m.					That '70s Show	Movie: <:14>	That's So Raven	NFL Live	1 a.m.
1:30 a.m.				Judge Judy	That '70s Show	Hard Target	Phil of the Future	College GameNight	1:30 a.m.
2 a.m.			CNN Newsroom	The District	The Bachelor: Rome	Veronica Mars	NCAA BBall	2 a.m.	
2:30 a.m.							Oregon @ Arizona State	2:30 a.m.	
3 a.m.			CNN Newsroom	Oprah Winfrey	Law & Order	Movie: <:22>	Even Stevens	3 a.m.	
3:30 a.m.						Spider-Man 2	Home Improvement	ESPNews	3:30 a.m.
4 a.m.			MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil Show	Will & Grace		Moesha	SportsCenter	4 a.m.
4:30 a.m.					King of Queens		Degrassi		4:30 a.m.
5 a.m.				CBS Evening News	B. Original	Movie: <:22>	Teletubbies	NFL Live	5 a.m.
5:30 a.m.				ESPNews	Breathing Space	Orange County	Barney & Friends	NBA Fastbreak	5:30 a.m.
6 a.m.			MSNBC Live	Today	Creative Juice		Sesame Street	Inside the NFL	6 a.m.
6:30 a.m.						DIY to the Rescue			
7 a.m.			Fox News Live		Good Eats	Biography: Arnold Schwarzenegger	Bear in the Big Blue	ESPNews	7 a.m.
7:30 a.m.						Unwrapped		Blue's Clues	The Sports List
8 a.m.			Studio B with Sheppard Smith	Sesame Street	30 Minute Meals	Ebert & Roeper	Dora the Explorer	The Hot List	8 a.m.
8:30 a.m.						Easy Entertainig	E.T.	Go, Diego, Go!	The Hot List
9 a.m.			The Situation Room	The View	Roseanne	Movie: <:43>	The Wonder Pets	NFL Live	9 a.m.
9:30 a.m.						Roseanne	The Wrong Girl	Little Einsteins	Jim Rome
10 a.m.		The Situation Room	Dr. Phil Show	Ally McBeal		Franklin	Around the Horn	10 a.m.	
10:30 a.m.					Movie: <:43>	Reading Rainbow	PTI	10:30 a.m.	
11 a.m.		Around the Services	E.R.	E! News Live/ Daily 10	The French Lieutenant's Women	Little Einsteins	SportsCenter	11 a.m.	
11:30 a.m.		NBC Nightly News							The Wonder Pets
noon		ABC World News	Window on the Atoll	Blind Date		Go, Diego, Go!		noon	
12:30 p.m.	NHL Thrashers at Devils	CBS Evening News	Judge Judy	Living Single		Dora the Explorer	NBA Shootaround	12:30 p.m.	
1 p.m.			Countdown with Keith Olbermann	The Cosby Show	Movie: <:20>	Blue's Clues	NBA Wizards at Hornets	1 p.m.	
1:30 p.m.				Mad About You	Disclosure	Bear in the Big Blue		1:30 p.m.	
2 p.m.			Hannity & Colmes	General Hospital	Emeril Live	Sesame Street		2 p.m.	
2:30 p.m.							2:30 p.m.		
3 p.m.	ESPNews	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Passions	Decorating Cents	Movie: <:20>	Funniest Videos		3 p.m.	
3:30 p.m.	Roller			The Look for Less	Get Over It	Funniest Animals	NBA Rockets at Nuggets	3:30 p.m.	
4 p.m.			News Hour with Jim Lehrer	Oprah Winfrey	Third Watch	Pokemon		4 p.m.	
4:30 p.m.						Yu-Gi-Oh!		4:30 p.m.	
5 p.m.			Special Report with Brit Hume	Wheel of Fortune	C.S.I.	Inside the Actor's Studio	SpongeBob	5 p.m.	
5:30 p.m.					Jeopardy		Fairly Oddparents	5:30 p.m.	
6 p.m.			Your World with Neil Cavuto	Headline News	Seinfeld	Movies 101	Kim Possible	SportsCenter	6 p.m.
6:30 p.m.					ATS/Regional News	The Simpsons	E.T.	The Proud Family	6:30 p.m.
7 p.m.			World News Now	Deal or No Deal	America's Most Wanted	Movie: <:08>	Fairly Oddparents	SportsCenter	7 p.m.
7:30 p.m.						Under the Tuscan Sun	Grim Adventures		7:30 p.m.
8 p.m.			Headline News	1 vs 100	Invasion		Archie's Weird...	NFL Matchup	8 p.m.
8:30 p.m.			Tavis Smiley				Hannah Montana		8:30 p.m.
9 p.m.			Business Report	The Biggest Loser	Grey's Anatomy	Movie: <:08>	Hannah Montana	NBA Rockets at Nuggets	9 p.m.
9:30 p.m.			Nightline			The Wedding Singer	What I Like About...		9:30 p.m.
10 p.m.			Hardball with Chris Matthews	Headline News	Will & Grace		Made!		10 p.m.
10:30 p.m.					Tonight Show W/ Jay Leno	King of Queens			SportsCenter
11 p.m.			O'Reilly Factor		The Daily Show	Movie: <:08>	7th Heaven		11 p.m.
11:30 p.m.			The Late Show	Colbert Report	Scream		ESPNews	11:30 p.m.	

## HELP WANTED

**KRS has the following job openings. For contract hire positions, call Dennis Lovin, 256-890-8710. For all others, call Jack Riordan, 55154. Full job descriptions and requirements for contract openings are located online at [www.krsjv.com](http://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 the Community Activities and Food Services departments for casual and part-time positions. If you are interested in being a scorekeeper, sports official, recreation aide, recreation specialist, library aide, lifeguard, disc jockey, pizza delivery driver, catering/dining room worker or temporary office support, please submit your application to the HR department for consideration as positions become available. For more information, call the KRS HR Office at 54916.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, Child Development Center. Full-time. Strong office and computer skills required. HR Req. K031397.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT I, Engineering Dept., full time. Strong communication and computer skills required. Technical library experience preferred. HR Req. K031385.

AUTO BODY TECHNICIAN, Automotive, HR Req. K031086.

BEAUTICIAN, casual position, HR Req. K031351.

ELECTRICIAN, HR Req. K030983.

ELECTRICIAN I, Kwajalein Operations, full-time, HR Req. K031092.

MECHANIC I, Kwajalein Automotive, HR Req. K030331.

MECHANIC II, Automotive Services, HR Req. K031139.

MECHANIC HEAVY EQUIPMENT I, HR Req. K031162.

PROGRAM LEAD, Youth Services, two casual positions, HR Reqs. K031323 and K031324.

STOCK CLERK, Gimbel's. Casual. HR Req. K031339. Enniburr residents apply to Annemarie Jones, Gimbel's manager.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, Education Department. HR. Req. K031285.

### KRS CONTRACT POSITIONS

AIR-CONDITIONING TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 031162.

AIR-CONDITIONING TECHNICIAN IV, HR Req. 031154.

BUYER II, HR. Req. 031539. Richmond hire.

CALIBRATION TECHNICIAN II, HR Req. 031653.

CAPTAIN, Fire Department, HR Req. 031060.

CARPENTER LEAD, HR Req. 031214.

COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN, HR Req. 031437.

COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN II, HR Req. 031683.

COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN III, two positions, HR Req. 031029 and 031565.

COMPUTER TECHNICIAN II, HR Req. 031617.

CONTRACTS MANAGER, HR Req. 031164.

CONTRACTS PURCHASES SPECIALIST, HR Req. 031525.

DESIGNER/PLANNER IV, two positions, HR Req.

031100 and 031170.

DESKTOP ANALYST II, HR Req. 031759.

DISPATCHER II, aircraft, HR Req. 030988.

ELECTRICIAN II, HR Req. 031116.

ELECTRICIAN III, HR Req. 031210.

ELECTRICIAN III/MARINE ELECTRICIAN, HR Req. 030924.

ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN I, two positions, HR Req. 031563 and 031719.

ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN II, six positions, HR Reqs. 030817, 031495, 031601, 031603, 031605 and 031607.

ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN III, three positions, HR Reqs. 031561, 031527 and 031689.

ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN III – ALTAIR, HR Req. 030669 (Roi-Namur).

EMERGENCY VEHICLE TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 031032.

FIELD ENGINEER I, two positions, HR Reqs. 031189 and 031729.

FIELD ENGINEER II, seven positions, HR Reqs. 031315, 031157, 031373, 031511, 031559, 031148 and 031725.

FIELD ENGINEER II, Roi-Namur, HR Req. 030741.

FIELD ENGINEER II, TRADEX, HR Req. 031245 (Roi-Namur).

FIREFIGHTER, five positions, HR Reqs. 031054, 031056, 031082, 031124 and 031142.

FIREFIGHTER/EMT, two positions, HR Reqs. 031138 and 031140.

FOOD SAFETY INSPECTOR, HR Req. 031691.

HARDWARE ENGINEER, HR Req. 031687.

HARDWARE ENGINEER III, three positions, HR Reqs. 031493, 031665 and 031723.

HAZMAT SPECIALIST II, HR Req. 031108.

MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST, HR Req. 030871.

MATERIAL HANDLER I, HR Req. 031707.

MATERIAL HANDLER II, HR 031621.

MECHANIC III, three positions, HR Reqs. 031000, 031102 and 031208.

MECHANIC IV, HR Req. 030966.

MECHANIC HEAVY EQUIPMENT III, four positions, HR Reqs. 030376, 030862, 030912 and 030506.

NETWORK ENGINEER II–MO, HR Req. 031227.

OPERATIONS TEST DIRECTOR, HR Req. 031485.

OPTICS TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 031595.

PLANT TECHNICIAN II, HR Req. 031645.

PLANT TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 031643.

PLUMBER/PIPEFITTER IV, HR Req. 031168.

PROGRAMMER, HR Req. 031067.

RADIO/TV OPERATOR, AFN, HR Req. 031667.

REGISTERED NURSE, three positions, HR Reqs. 031635, 031637 and 031597.

RF SAFETY SPECIALIST/FIELD ENGINEER II, HR Req. 031147.

SERVER ADMINISTRATOR I, HR Req. 031631.

SERVER ADMINISTRATOR II, HR Req. 031557.

SUPERVISOR SERVER ADMINISTRATOR, HR Req. 031629.

SUPERVISOR, Water Plant Systems, HR Req. 031174.

SOFTWARE ENGINEER II. CONUS-Lexington, HR Req. 031175.

SOFTWARE ENGINEER IV, HR Req. 031677.

SYSTEMS ENGINEER III. Two positions, HR Reqs. 031481 and 031483.

SYSTEMS ENGINEER IV, HR. Req. 031555.

TECHNICAL LIBRARIAN, HR Req. 031176.

TELEPHONE TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 030965.

TRAINING COORDINATOR II, HR 031663.

WAREHOUSEMAN II/SHIPPING AND RECEIVING CLERK, CONUS-Richmond, HR Req. 030843.

WASTE WATER OPERATOR IV, HR Req. 031158.

WATER PLANT OPERATOR III, HR Req. 031200.

WEB SOFTWARE DEVELOPER I, HR Req. 031639.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, HR Req. 031679.

## WANTED

UNACCOMPANIED person to share trailer in housing area. Call Chad, 54516, home or 52575, work.

TRICYCLE for Jan 18-19 or part of that time for visiting mother. Call Kathleen, 55119.

CEILING FAN with lights. Call 52356.

FUTON COUCH, wooden frame and thick mattress. Call 55959.

COMPUTER TOWER that is modem driven or someone who can repair a Compaq Presario SR1303wm. Call 56207.

## FOR SALE

HOBIE CAT, 16-foot, in launch area, blue hulls, new shrouds and trapeze wire set, \$600 or best offer. Call Randy, 53643.

ALVAREZ acoustic guitar with extras; Doumbek hand drum; Taylor Made Ti Bubble Z driver; Big Bertha driver and Ping putter and golf bag with custom made irons. Call 51188.

ROPE LIGHT set, 50 feet, \$5; 60-quart Igloo cooler on wheels, new, \$25; quick-fill electric air pump, new, \$10; Radio Wave three-piece combo beach set, AM/FM radio and air mattress, \$5; Explore 100 blow-up boat, \$5 and beach umbrella and stand, new, \$25. Call 54544.

SPEAR GUN with extra parts, \$600; male giant road bike with size nine toe clip shoes, aerobars and helmet, \$400; men's large dive gear, buoyancy compensator, regulator, fins, weights and masks, \$250 and women's small buoyancy compensator, regulator, size six booties, fins, and mask, in dive bag set, \$500. Call 58223.

1997 YAMAHA Waveblaster II with new cylinder head gasket and other work, runs great, starts every time, \$2,500. Call 52366, after 5 p.m. and leave a message.

SHORTY WETSUIT, men's size medium, \$20; Coleman teva-type sandals, men's size 9-10, \$15 and Henderson Gold Core booties, low cut, men's size 11, \$10. Call 55959.

CABIN CRUISER, 27-foot, 225-horsepower Mercruiser outdrive with 15-horsepower kicker, fishing arch, folding bimini, forward V-berth, aft double berth, head, kitchenette and LCD TV with Playstation, too much to list, view pictures and details at <http://geocities.com/>

**Get in the Mix**  
**ADVENTURE 2007**

Spy an opportunity  
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**6-8 p.m.,  
 Thursday,  
 (note date  
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LAPTOP COMPUTER, Compaq V2000T, ultracompact, latest tech, Core2Duo 1.6Ghz, 1GRAM, 14-inch screen, 100G SATA drive, DVD burner, internal WIFI and Bluetooth, high capacity LiION battery four plus hours and messenger bag, \$1,050; upgrade to 2GRAM, \$150 and upgrade to T2500 2Ghz CPU, \$150. Call 52197.

FUJI ALOHA road bike, aerobars, speed play pedals, aerowheels, perfect for Rustman, \$400 or best offer.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

CONGRATULATIONS to Paulie Kato for being nominated as youth of the month for January at the Youth Center. Paulie was chosen for her commitment to the Youth Center and her willingness to help out with any event or activity. Her involvement with Youth Services includes being a Keystone Club member, a Commitment to Quality board member, a pioneer member of Girls' Night and many other daily activities at the Youth Center.

THE YOUTH Center will hold its next commitment to quality meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday at the Youth Center. Questions? Call 53796.

NEED EXTRA MONEY? Scorekeepers are needed for the softball season. No experience needed. Attend the clinic at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, on Brandon

Field. New and returning scorekeepers must attend. Questions? Call Billy, 53331.

UMPIRES ARE needed for the softball season. Experience not required. Anyone interested should attend the officials' clinic at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, on Brandon Field. Questions? Call Billy, 53331.

THE BROCHURES for the Winter classes are in the gray boxes by the post office and in front of Café Pacific. Several new classes are being offered, as well as some returning classes. Registration has started with special registration at the Get in the Mix activity Thursday. Questions? Call 53761.

THE YOUTH CENTER will hold its guys' only night, 6-8 p.m., Friday.

NEW TO SOFTBALL? Come to the beginner's softball clinic at 5:30 p.m., Friday, on Brandon Field. Come prepared to do drills. Wear athletic clothing. Equipment will be provided if needed. Questions? Call Billy, 53331.

JOIN A PCS party for the Cheatham family at 6 p.m., Saturday, at Emon Beach. Bring a pupu to share and your own beverages. Paper products will be provided. Questions? Call Shaunna, 52400.

GET READY for some man hunt at 7 p.m., Saturday. Stop by the Youth Center to sign up for a team.

COME ENJOY the acoustic stylings of Ron Curtiss, Mark Pippitt and Bud Teague at 8 p.m., Sunday, in the Yuk Club Kabua Room. Pupu's available 9-10 p.m., or while supplies last. Drink specials during the show.

THE MONTHLY School Advisory Council meeting will be at 7 p.m., Jan. 17, in the elementary school music room. Questions? Call 53761.

SELF HELP will be closed for inventory Jan. 23 and reopen on Jan. 25. All residents are requested to return any checked-out items before Jan. 22. Your cooperation is appreciated. Questions? Call Ed Zehr, 54840.

GEORGE SEITZ Elementary School PTO Science Fair committee is looking for volunteers. Would you like to be a judge or mentor 4th, 5th, and 6th grade ESL (English as a Second Language) students with their Science Fair projects? The Science Fair will be held on Feb. 26. We are in need of approximately 15 volunteers. If you would like to help or would like more information, please contact Candace Everts at [Evertsc@kwajalein-school.com](mailto:Evertsc@kwajalein-school.com) or call George Seitz Elementary School at 53601.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS who borrowed tablecloths from the Religious Education Building should return them as soon as possible.

THE U.S. ARMY Kwajalein Atoll Housing Reg. 210-50 has been rewritten and is available in KARDS. The new USAKA regulation added a section on yard care as well as exterior improvements. Each housing occupant in both bachelor quarters and family housing units and their guests are responsible to adhere to the regulations. Residents are requested to read and comply with the new regulation. Limited copies will be available at Self-Help, Building 760.

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Now let's talk about this 'surge' of troops to Baghdad that's supposed to be in the works as yet another panacea.

It seems so similar to what my brother, who is a police officer in a large city, has told me many times. When gang activities such as drugs, violence and murders reach a certain level, the city politicians get besieged with complaints from the local citizenry.

When that happens, the police are ordered to form a special anti-gang 'task force' and 'surge' into the particular gang area. They conduct 'sweeps,' arrest as many gang members as they can, and keep so many officers in the area that they practically bump into each other.

And presto . . . the gang activity decreases where the task force is.

Of course, the gangs surface in other places because all the police are busy on that special task force.

When the police leave, and they always do, because keeping that many officers in one area and funding such a large operation for a prolonged period of time is impossible, well. . . presto again . . . the gangs come back just as bad or worse than they were before. Why? Because they know the police won't be back in force again anytime soon.

So, an increase in force might have some affect temporarily at best, but only temporarily.

But, let's get back to Iraq. From what I understand, there are almost eight million people living in Baghdad.

If, say, 20,000 more troops, which is the figure I've heard mentioned on the news, are surged into Baghdad, that would make the ratio of Iraqis to our troops in the city something like 150 to

one instead of the current 200 to one. I fail to see what good that will do.

If enough troops had been put in three years ago, it might have made a difference. But now we're too far behind the curve.

And what would their mission be? Clearing neighborhoods? Going house to house looking for 'insurgents'? How would they know who is an insurgent and who is just an Iraqi with a rifle or pistol to protect himself and his family from the roaming militias and death squads?

Will they only go after Sunnis? How would that play in Jordan, Saudi Arabia and Egypt which are 'moderate' Sunni Muslim countries? They might not appreciate their fellow Sunnis being specifically targeted by Americans troops

And, if the plan is to actually go house to house and clear neighborhoods, how many casualties will result from it? No combat is more deadly than house to house fighting.

As I said, the only thing I see being accomplished by a surge of troops is giving the enemy more Americans to target.

In fact, one wonders how many of them might be killed or wounded by the very people we have trained and armed.

We don't have many allies in this war, and now, the British treasury minister, Gordon Brown, who is almost certain to be the next Prime Minister of Great Britain, has announced he would withdraw all British forces from Iraq within six months of his election. That would leave us even more alone in this war than we already are.

Having watched the video of the hanging of Saddam Hussein and hear-

ing the venom of the people in that execution room, it just drives home the point that the hatred and division in that unfortunate country are probably impossible for anyone to overcome. Not that Hussein didn't deserve it mightily, but that hanging threw gasoline onto a raging fire. I think most people would agree the way it was handled, like so many things have been handled in Iraq, was a total fiasco.

With all my heart, I can't see putting more of our troops in the middle of all that is the answer to a problem that seems to have no answer.

If we really want to talk about a new strategy, we need to shift our forces to the main job of protecting the oil fields from attack and sabotage and from the Iranians. At least, if we could get oil production going at full capacity, maybe we could actually get back some of the billions of dollars we've spent. Remember how we were promised that Iraqi oil would pay for the war?

To keep them from being targeted, we should move our troops out of Baghdad and Al Anbar province where they battle an unseen enemy and the ever-present roadside bombs.

They should be moved to the Kurdish areas in the north of the country where they would be welcomed and for the most part safe. From there, they could rapidly react to any situation which would call for their presence.

If we are to stay in Iraq, we need to stay in an intelligent way that does not needlessly endanger our troops, yet protects our vital interests.

As far as Sunnis and Shiites are concerned, no one can make them want a united and peaceful country.

Not even 20,000 more Americans.

To nominate an employee or family member for USAKA Person of the Week, send submissions to Sandy Miller, Public Affairs officer, at [sandra.miller@smdck.smdc.army.mil](mailto:sandra.miller@smdck.smdc.army.mil) or call her at 51404.

### Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

Tonight: Partly cloudy with scattered showers. Winds: NE at 15-20 knots.  
Thursday: Mostly sunny with scattered showers. Winds: NE at 15-20 knots.  
Friday: Mostly sunny with isolated showers. Winds: NE-E at 15-20 knots.  
Saturday: Mostly sunny with scattered showers. Winds: NE-E at 12-18 knots.  
Annual rain total: 0.18 inches  
Annual deviation: -1.31 inches

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### Sun • Moon • Tides

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High tide	Low tide
Thurs	7:08 a.m./6:48 p.m.	12:03 a.m./12:14 p.m.	8:46 a.m., 2.9' 8:40 p.m., 2.8'	2:28 a.m., 0.5' 2:41 p.m., 1.1'
Fri	7:08 a.m./6:48 p.m.	12:47 a.m./12:51 p.m.	9:45 a.m., 2.8' 9:36 p.m., 2.4'	3:07 a.m., 0.8' 3:54 p.m., 1.4'
Sat	7:08 a.m./6:48 p.m.	1:32 a.m./1:30 p.m.	11:12 a.m., 2.7' 11:27 p.m., 2.1'	4:05 a.m., 1.0' 6:01 p.m., 1.4'