

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS



Rachael Stepchew, left, Kaylee West and Shelley Childers throw candy to children lining the street during the Santa Mobile Parade Saturday afternoon. For more on the holiday events, see Page 4.

(Photo by Nell Drumheller)

How long can inevitability be delayed?

There's a lot of conversation these days about what constitutes a civil war. So, I decided to actually look up the definition of civil war.

- According to one dictionary, a civil war is (1) a war between factions or regions of the same country (2) a state of hostility or conflict between elements within an organization.

- In the Merriam-Webster dictionary, it's defined as a war between opposing groups of citizens of the same country.

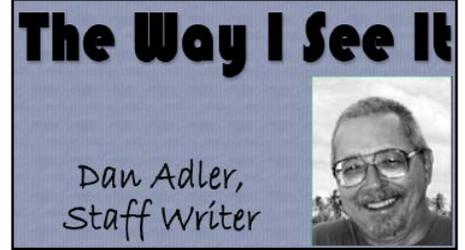
- According to the Web site Wikipedia, it's a war in which parties within the same culture, society or nationality fight for political power, control of an area, to force a separatist state, or to force a major change in policy. Another

criteria to be a civil war, according to Wikipedia, is that at least 1,000 people are killed in total with at least 100 from each side killed.

So, I guess we can each make our own determination as to whether the situation in Iraq is a civil war or not.

But whether the wordsmiths, newscasters and the political spinners call it a civil war or not, the fact remains that American Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen are still dying and being maimed there. To me, that's all that matters.

That's not to say I don't feel for Iraqis who are being killed because they went to work or the marketplace or just because they were in the wrong place



at the wrong time.

I've heard some wonder if the Iraqi people weren't better off with Saddam Hussein in power. Sometimes, I wonder that myself.

Some say that under Hussein, Iraqis

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Letters to the editor

Parents of home-schooled student setting record straight

In response to the Dec. 2 Letter to the Editor "School Activities Should be Reserved for Enrolled Students" and the Nov. 22 *Hourglass* article "Home School Students Appeal for Admittance to School-Sponsored Activities", we would like to set the record straight. At no time did we approach the School Advisory Council for an interpretation of the home-school policy. From the November meeting we learned that someone had complained about our daughter being allowed to

participate in KHS activities because she is a home-schooled senior. The SAC confirmed that her participation in KHS activities is in accordance with the home-school policy. We assume that the same person wrote last week's letter to *The Hourglass*.

While she is not enrolled full-time, our daughter is taking

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Karla Long

USAKA Person of the Week

Karla Long is the Post Mistress on Kwajalein. She is an extremely fair-minded individual who does a lion's share of work. Most managers delegate work, but Karla will jump right in wherever there is a need and work side-by-side with her subordinates. She is a no-nonsense, get-the-work-done, let's-have-lunch kind of gal. She is a good trainer and listener.

She does all within her power to get the mission done. She is also very mindful of her responsibility to the residents, community and command, USPS and MPS regulations. Any person who has worked for her can tell you about her loyalty and dedication. The Post Office has many facets of business, and she's great with all that comes her way. Next time you are there, give her an attagirl. She deserves it!



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CORRECTION: In the Nov. 29 issue of *The Hourglass*, an article about the Turkey Bowl listed Karolyn Mills as Carolyn. *The Hourglass* regrets the error.

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Bird bug *Biologists monitor Kwaj water fowl in search for avian flu*

By JJ Klein
Reporter

A team of biologists wrapped up a week of Avian Influenza surveillance sampling on various islands within the Kwajalein Atoll on Monday.

The Avian Influenza monitoring team targeted water fowl and shore birds that migrated to the atoll from Asia, where the virus originated. It is assumed that if the birds were exposed in Asia, then they transported the flu to this area.

The multi-agency team is made up of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service—an agency within the Department of Interior, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the State of Hawaii, Division of Forestry and Wildlife. The group sampled for the bird flu virus on Kwajalein, Roi-Namur, Illeginni, Meck, Omelek, Lagan and Ebeye.

“We’ve actually been really successful here. We got 88 DOI samples and 55 USDA samples,” said Shelly Kremer, USFWS Pacific Regional coordinator. “The weather, unfortunately, hasn’t been very conducive to live sampling. So we had to restrict our effort to the fecal sampling.”

Fecal sampling requires intense bird watching through spotting scopes and binoculars, and patience waiting for the animals to defecate. The team may sometimes track a bird for periods of 30 minutes or longer or until the bird up and flies away. The bird’s feces is then located and picked up with a cotton swab which is immediately placed in a vial and kept frozen.

Live sampling involves trapping the birds. The birds are caught in Mist Nets, extremely fine netting strung across two poles, one on each side, extending from the ground to approximately four feet high. The nets are set up in high bird traffic areas.

“Shore birds are difficult to trap, so we set it up at night and as they are coming in, just before light, is when they get trapped,” explained Kremer. “Once it gets light, the birds can see the netting and they won’t fly into the trap.



Becky Indieke, biology technician with the state of Hawaii Division of Forestry and Wildlife, tracks a bird to get droppings to check for avian flu. (Photo by JJ Klein)

“We set Mist Nets up for two days and we got two birds each,” Kremer continued.

Once a bird is caught in the netting, the team extracts the bird and takes a cloacal swab. Unlike mammals, birds do not have an anus or urethra, instead they have a cloaca. The swab is put in a vial and sent off. This type of sampling is the

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preferable method as it is more accurate than fecal sampling.

“DOI has been able to come up with a test, that if we sit and watch the poop come out of a specific bird, collect it really fresh, and we know exactly what bird it came from or what species, then they are able to grow the virus and it’s almost as good as a live sample,” Kremer

said.

Once the data and samples are collected they will be sent off to different agencies. The frozen DOI samples will be sent to Madison, Wis., and the USDA samples will be sent to Honolulu. The laboratories in both places perform Polymerase Chain Reaction testing, a screening test to detect the presence of the virus in the samples. If the USDA samples are negative, they will be sent to Colorado; if they are positive then the samples will be shipped to a lab in Ames, Iowa, the only facility in the United States where the virus is cultivated.

By executive order of the President of the United States, the laboratory results are sent to his office at which time he confirms findings and decides what information to release to the public, according to Terrence Noda, USDA Special Program biologist.

“If they [the results] are positive, then there would be a response,” said Joshua Fisher, USFWS Fish and Wildlife biologist.

“That would [probably] come out in a public service announcement, and several agencies would then be activated and involved in that process,” added Kremer.



Children and adults join in the Santa Mobile Parade Saturday evening after Santa's arrival at the airport.



Santa throws candy to children on his arrival on Kwajalein Saturday evening. (Photos by Nell Drumheller and JJ Klein)

Kwaj holiday season kicks off with Santa, annual tree-lighting

Hourglass reports

The 39th Annual Kwajalein holiday season began Saturday evening when Santa and Mrs. Claus touched down on the runway and were greeted by Col. Stevenson Reed, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll commander, John Pickler, Kwajalein Range Services president, and a couple hundred screaming children.

The Clauses took a few minutes to glad-hand the crowd, tossing out candies and raising the tempo of the crowd to a frenzy before they climbed aboard the Santa Mobile to begin the slow parade toward the Christmas tree in front of the Yokwe Yuk Club.

Santa and his missus were assisted by more than a dozen red-shirted elves of varying ages and sizes. Meanwhile most of the island's young people ran beside or hurried behind the specialized vehicle, catching candy on the lagoon side, but having it whipped away by the wind on the ocean side.

The Santa Mobile led the children, Pied Piper like, to the hub of the Winterfest activities.

Joining the young people were child-like adults, clamoring to get into the holiday feel.

Kwajalein Dining Services had a food line set up behind the bleachers, offering easy-to-eat tidbits to the folks who were milling around waiting for the evening's entertainment.



The Girl Scouts and Brownies sing Christmas Carols at the tree-lighting ceremony Saturday night.

The tree-lighting ceremony began at 6:15 p.m. with the Kwajalein Junior/Senior High School Band's performance of *Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow*, which would have been unfortunate considering how most of the audience was dressed.

Simone Smead, KRS's Operations/Community Activities manager for Community Services acted as mistress of ceremonies. The invocation was provided by the Rev. Rick Funk, protestant chaplain.



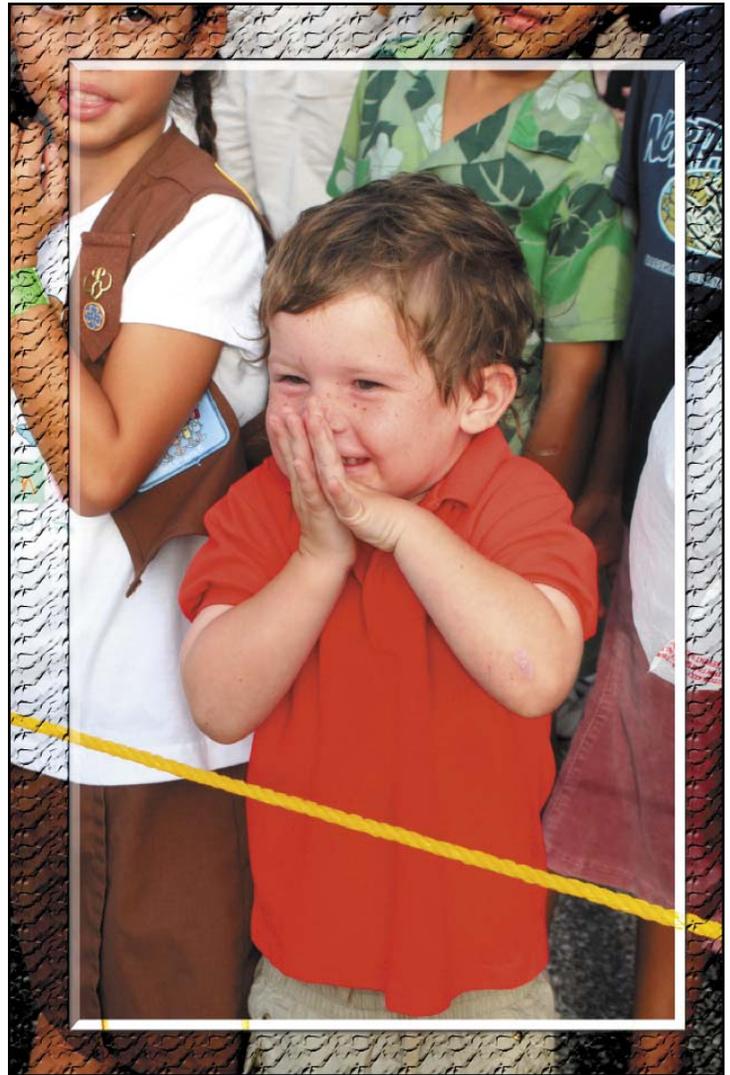
Col. Stevenson Reed, commander, U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll, presides over the annual tree-lighting ceremony at the Yuk Club Saturday night.

And the show was off and running. The band next performed *Winter Wonderland*, followed by dance performances by the Brady Dance Troupe; Kwajalein Girl Scouts, the Aloha Hula Keikis and the Kwajalein Filipino Civic Club Dancers.

Reed was next at the microphone, offering the keynote speech.

"No, we don't have snow, and we don't have chestnuts roasting on an open fire, and we don't have Jack Frost nipping at our nose. But we do have the wonderful opportunity to live and work on this beautiful island and to be together as a wonderful community during these holidays," he began.

"I truly thank you all for your willingness to live and work far away from home and family. You are special people, and I'm enjoying this tour of duty because of you and your contribu-



Sean Hepler, 2, is full of anticipation as he waits for Santa's arrival at the airport Saturday afternoon.



The annual tree-lighting ushers in the holiday season on Kwajalein.

tions," he said.

"I ask that you remember we are a diverse group with diverse values and religious beliefs," Reed continued. "It's important to recognize the different faiths among us this holiday season and to allow everyone to celebrate this season the way their hearts guide them."

"I ask that you remember the active duty members deployed around the world who will go through the holidays without the sights and sounds that we will enjoy here on Kwajalein. With so many holiday events over the next three weeks, I ask you to stay safe. Check the smoke detectors in your homes and BQ rooms, and check the wires on your Christmas lights," he said.

Reed concluded with, "Be happy this holiday season."

The Rev. Ken Hezel, Roman Catholic priest, said the benediction.

And then the switch was flipped, and the Kwajalein Christmas tree twinkled with multi-colored lights.

But the evening wasn't over. KRS's Retail Services had the downtown area set up with music, a wine-tasting booth, food and Macy's, Macy's West and Ten-Ten were open until 10 p.m. for holiday shopping.

Taking Care

How to recognize, treat children's fevers

By Amanda Curtis, RN and Inge LeBlanc, RN, CCRN,
Kwajalein Hospital

Fever is the most common reason parents bring their children to the emergency department. Fever is medically defined as a rectal temperature of 100.4 F or 38 C. A fever itself is not life threatening unless it is extremely high, such as greater than 107 F (41.6 C).

If your child has a fever, it is probably a sign that her body is fighting an infection. When your child becomes ill because of a virus or bacteria, her body may respond by increasing body temperature. It is important to remember that, except in the case of heat stroke, fever itself is not an illness — only a symptom of one. Fever itself also is not a sign that your child needs an antibiotic.

Fevers are generally harmless and help your child fight infection. They can be considered a good sign that your child's immune system is working, and the body is trying to rid itself of the infection.

If your child has a fever, her heart and breathing rates naturally will speed up. You may notice that your child feels warm. She may appear flushed or perspire more than usual. Her body also will require more fluids.

Some children feel fine when they have a fever. However, most will have symptoms of the illness that is causing the fever. Your child may have an earache, a sore throat, a rash or a stomachache. These signs can provide important clues as to the cause of your child's fever.

Causes of fever include bacterial and viral infections, medications, illicit drugs, and heat illnesses.

Signs and symptoms of fever may be obvious or subtle. The younger the child, the more subtle the symptoms. Infants may be irritable, fussy, lethargic, quiet, feel warm or hot, not feed normally, cry, breathe rapidly, or exhibit changes in sleeping or eating habits. Verbal children may complain of feeling hot or cold, body aches, headache, have difficulty sleeping or sleep more, or their appetite may be affected.

The three goals of home care for a child with a fever are to reduce the temperature, prevent dehydration, and monitor for serious or life-threatening illness.

Make the child comfortable by monitoring and reducing the fever to less than 102 F (38.9 C). This is done using a thermometer and medications and dressing the child appropriately. A warm water bath can also be helpful.

To check your child's temperature, you will need a thermometer. Thermometers are available as glass mercury, digital and tympanic (used in the ear). Stay away from tympanic thermometers; the jury is still out about their accuracy. Glass thermometers work well, but may break and take several minutes to get a reading. Digital thermometers are inexpensive and obtain a reading in seconds. It is best to check an infant's or toddler's temperature rectally. Hold the child chest down across your knees. Spread the buttocks with one hand and insert the thermometer lubricated with a water-soluble jelly about one inch into the rectum with the other hand.

Oral temperatures may be obtained in older children who are not mouth breathing or have not recently had a hot or cold beverage.

Acetaminophen (Children's Tylenol) and ibuprofen (Children's Advil, Children's Motrin) are used to reduce fever. Follow the dosage and frequency printed on the label. Remember to continue to give the medication for at least 24 hours or the fever will usually return. Do not use aspirin to treat fever in children, especially for a fever with chickenpox. It has been linked to causing liver failure. Ibuprofen use is being questioned in people with chickenpox.

Children should not be overdressed indoors, even in the winter. Overdressing keeps the body from cooling using evaporation, radiation, conduction or convection. Most practical is to dress the child in a single layer of clothing and cover the child with a sheet or light blanket.

A sponge bath in warm water will help reduce a fever. This is usually not needed, but may more quickly reduce the fever. Put the child in a few inches of warm water and use a sponge or washcloth to wet the skin of the body and arms and legs. The water itself does not cool the child. The evaporation of the water off the skin does, so do not cover the child with wet towels.

Contrary to the popular folk remedy to reduce fever, under no circumstances should rubbing alcohol be used in a bath or rubbed on the skin. Alcohol is poisonous to children. Keep the child from becoming dehydrated. Humans lose extra water from the skin and lungs during a fever.

Encourage the child to drink clear fluids such as non-carbonated drinks without caffeine or juice (not water). Water does not contain the necessary electrolytes and glucose. Other clear fluids are chicken soup, Pedialyte, and other re-hydrating drinks. Your child should urinate light-colored urine at least every four hours if well hydrated. Monitor the child for signs of serious or life-threatening illness.

A good strategy is to reduce the child's temperature to less than 102 F (39.0 C). Also, make sure the child is drinking enough clear fluids (not water). If both these conditions are met and your child is still ill appearing, a more serious problem may exist.

You should call your child's doctor if any of the following are present with fever:

- Your child is younger than 6 months.
- You are unable to control the fever.
- You suspect your child may be beginning to become dehydrated from vomiting, diarrhea, or not drinking (sunken eyes, dry diapers).
- You have been to your child's doctor, and the child is now getting worse or new symptoms have developed.
- A seizure occurs.
- Your child has a purple or red rash.
- A change in consciousness occurs.
- Your child's breathing is shallow, rapid or difficult.
- Your child has a headache that will not go away.
- Your child continues to vomit.

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midnight	Roller	Today Show	The Late Show	Late Night with Conan O'Brien	Movie: (cont.)	Kim Possible	NFL Live	midnight
12:30 a.m.			Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson	C.S.I.	Marathon Man	The Proud Family	NBA Fastbreak	12:30 a.m.
1 a.m.			Judge Judy			Everwood	NFL RePLAY	1 a.m.
1:30 a.m.		CNN Newsroom	Stargate SG-1	Cold Case	Movie: <:41>	Zack & Cody	Game #1	1:30 a.m.
2 a.m.						Even Stevens		2 a.m.
2:30 a.m.		CNN Newsroom	Oprah Winfrey	Boston Legal	Movie: Lost In Translation	Home Improvement	Game #2	2:30 a.m.
3 a.m.						Moesha		3 a.m.
3:30 a.m.		MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil Show	Will & Grace	Movie: <:42>	Degrassi	SportsCenter	4 a.m.
4 a.m.				King of Queens		4:30 a.m.		
4:30 a.m.			CBS Evening News	Carol Duval Show		Moulin Rouge		Teletubbies
5 a.m.		ESPNNews	Breathing Space	Barney & Friends	NBA Fastbreak		5:30 a.m.	
5:30 a.m.		WWE RAW!	MSNBC Live	Today	Caribbean Workout	The Entertainers	Bear in the Big Blue	ESPN's Honor Roll: Gameball Performances
6 a.m.	The Right Fit				Sesame Street			
6:30 a.m.	Fox News Live		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Blue's Clues	7 a.m.		
7 a.m.						7:30 a.m.		
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8:30 a.m.		The Situation Room	The View	Roseanne	Movie: Emma's Wish	Connie the Cow	SportsCenter	9 a.m.
9 a.m.				Roseanne		Miss Spider	Jim Rome	9:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m.		The Big Story w/ John Gibson	Dr. Phil	Ally McBeal	Movie: <:46>	Franklin	Around The Horn	10 a.m.
10 a.m.						Reading Rainbow	PTI	10:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.		Around the Services	E.R.	E! News Live/ Daily 10	Movie: Mona Lisa Smile	Miss Spider's	SportsCenter	11 a.m.
11 a.m.						Connie the Cow	11:30 a.m.	
11:30 a.m.		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Blind Date	Movie: Dr. Quinn: The Medicine Women	Go, Diego, Go!	College BBall	noon
noon						Dora the Explorer		Villanova at Oklahoma
12:30 p.m.		CBS Evening News	Judge Judy	Living Single	Movie: The Core	Blue's Clues	NBA 76ers at Bulls	1 p.m.
1 p.m.						Bear in the Big Blue		2 p.m.
1 p.m.	Countdown with Keith Olbermann	Guiding Light	The Cosby Show	Movie: <:42>	Sesame Street	SportsCenter	2:30 p.m.	
1:30 p.m.			Mad About You		Funniest Videos		3 p.m.	
2 p.m.	Hannity & Colmes	General Hospital	Emeril Live	The Core	Funniest Animals	SportsCenter	3:30 p.m.	
2:30 p.m.					Pokemon		4 p.m.	
3 p.m.	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Passions	Kidspace	True Hollywood Story	Yu-Gi-Oh!	SportsCenter	4:30 p.m.	
3:30 p.m.			That's Clever!		SpongeBob		5 p.m.	
4 p.m.	News Hour with Jim Lehrer	Oprah Winfrey	Third Watch	Movie: Love Don't Cost A Thing	Fairly Oddparents	SportsCenter	5:30 p.m.	
4:30 p.m.					Kim Possible		6 p.m.	
4:30 p.m.	Special Report with Brit Hume	Wheel of Fortune	The Closer	Movie: <:56>	The Proud Family	NBA Fastbreak	6:30 p.m.	
5 p.m.		Jeopardy	Seinfeld		Backstage Pass	NBA 76ers at Bulls	7 p.m.	
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6:30 p.m.	World News Now	Everybody Hates...	Friends	Movie: <:56>	Gilmore Girls	NBA Teams TBD	8:30 p.m.	
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7:30 p.m.	<:15> Pacific Report	Hell's Kitchen	Veronica Mars	Movie: Mumford	Home Improvement	SportsCenter	9:30 p.m.	
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8:30 p.m.	Business Report	Without a Trace	The Closer	Movie: Training Day	Degrassi	ESPNNews	10:30 p.m.	
9 p.m.					Nightline	Will & Grace	7th Heaven	SportsCenter
9:30 p.m.	Hardball with Chris Matthews	Headline News	Will & Grace	Movie: Training Day	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	11:30 p.m.	
10 p.m.		Tonight Show W/ Jay Leno	King of Queens				11:30 p.m.	
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Friday

All programming is subject to change without notice

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12:30 a.m.			Late Late Show w/ Craig Ferguson	Friends	Movie: <:05> <i>Glengarry Glen Ross</i>	The Proud Family		1 a.m.				
1 a.m.			Judge Judy	Friends	Zoey 101	NFL RePLAY <i>Game #3</i>	1:30 a.m.					
1:30 a.m.		CNN Newsroom	Stargate SG-1	Veronica Mars	Movie: <i>Love Don't Cost A Thing</i>	Gilmore Girls	NFL RePLAY <i>Game #4</i>	2 a.m.				
2 a.m.						Even Stevens		2:30 a.m.				
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8:30 p.m.	Hardball with Chris Matthews	Headline News	Will & Grace	Movie: <:23> <i>The Matrix: Revolutions</i>	Moesha	SportsCenter	9:30 p.m.					
9 a.m.							Tonight Show W/ Jay Leno	King of Queens	Degrassi	10 p.m.		
9:30 p.m.							O'Reilly Factor	The Daily Show	7th Heaven	10:30 p.m.		
10 p.m.	The Late Show	Colbert Report	The Late Show	Colbert Report	7th Heaven	SportsCenter	11 p.m.					
10:30 p.m.							11:30 p.m.					

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	Baseball Tonight	midnight	
12:30 a.m.			Late Late Show w/ Craig Ferguson	How I Met Your Mom	Backstage Pass	The Proud Family	NFL Live	12:30 a.m.	
1 a.m.			Judge Judy	How I Met Your Mom	Pearl Harbor	That's So Raven	Sports TBD	1 a.m.	
1:30 a.m.			CNN Newsroom	Stargate SG-1		Phil of the Future		1:30 a.m.	
2 a.m.		CNN Newsroom	Oprah Winfrey	Next Top Model		Veronica Mars		2 a.m.	
2:30 a.m.		MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil Show	Will & Grace		Even Stevens		3 a.m.	
3 a.m.		MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil Show	Will & Grace	Home Improvement	3:30 a.m.			
3:30 a.m.		MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil Show	Will & Grace	Moesha	SportsCenter	4 a.m.		
4 a.m.		MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil Show	Will & Grace	Degrassi	PGA WGC Barbados World Cup Second Round	4:30 a.m.		
4:30 a.m.		MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil Show	Will & Grace	Teletubbies		5 a.m.		
5 a.m.		MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil Show	Will & Grace	Barney & Friends		5:30 a.m.		
5:30 a.m.		MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil Show	Will & Grace	Sesame Street		6 a.m.		
6 a.m.		MSNBC Live	Today	Caribbean Workout	Biography: Christopher Reeve	Bear in the Big Blue Blue's Clues	The Hot List	6:30 a.m.	
6:30 a.m.		MSNBC Live	Today	The Right Fit				7 a.m.	
7 a.m.		Fox News Live	Sesame Street	Good Eats				Dora the Explorer	7:30 a.m.
7:30 a.m.		Fox News Live		Unwrapped				E.T.	The Hot 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.		Studio B with Sheppard Smith	Sesame Street	Easy Entertainig	E.T.	Go, Diego, Go!	The Hot List	8:30 a.m.	
9 a.m.		The Situation Room	The View	Roseanne	Movie: Mrs. Harris	The Wonder Pets	Inside the NFL	9 a.m.	
9:30 a.m.		The Situation Room	The View	Roseanne		Little Einsteins		9:30 a.m.	
10 a.m.	The Big Story w/ John Gibson	Dr. Phil Show	Ally McBeal	Movie: <:48> Star Trek: Nemisis	Franklin	Around the Horn	10 a.m.		
10:30 a.m.	The Big Story w/ John Gibson	Dr. Phil Show	Ally McBeal		Reading Rainbow	PTI	10:30 a.m.		
11 a.m.	Around the Services	E.R.	E! News Live/ Daily 10		Little Einsteins	SportsCenter	11 a.m.		
11:30 a.m.	NBC Nightly News	E.R.	E! News Live/ Daily 10		The Wonder Pets	NBA Wizards at 76ers	11:30 a.m.		
noon	Sports TBD	ABC World News	Window on the Atoll	Go, Diego, Go!	noon				
12:30 p.m.	Sports TBD	CBS Evening News	Judge Judy	Dora the Explorer	NBA Shootaround		12:30 p.m.		
1 p.m.	Sports TBD	Countdown with Keith Olbermann	Guiding Light	The Cosby Show	Blue's Clues		NBA	1 p.m.	
1:30 p.m.	Sports TBD	Countdown with Keith Olbermann	Guiding Light	Mad About You	Bear in the Big Blue	Wizards	1:30 p.m.		
2 p.m.	Sports TBD	Hannity & Colmes	General Hospital	Emeril Live	Sesame Street	at	2 p.m.		
2:30 p.m.	Sports TBD	Hannity & Colmes	General Hospital	Emeril Live	Sesame Street	76ers	2:30 p.m.		
3 p.m.	Navy/MCorps News	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Passions	Decorating Cents	Movie: <:06> Little Man Tate	Funniest Videos	3 p.m.		
3:30 p.m.	Roller	Lou Dobbs Tonight	Passions	The Look for Less	Little Man Tate	Funniest Animals	NBA	3:30 p.m.	
4 p.m.	Roller	News Hour with Jim Lehrer	Oprah Winfrey	Third Watch	Third Watch	Pokemon	Heat	4 p.m.	
4:30 p.m.	Roller	News Hour with Jim Lehrer	Oprah Winfrey	Third Watch	Third Watch	Yu-Gi-Oh!	at	4:30 p.m.	
5 p.m.	Roller	Special Report with Brit Hume	Wheel of Fortune	The Closer	Showbiz Moms & Dads	SpongeBob	Nuggets	5 p.m.	
5:30 p.m.	Roller	Special Report with Brit Hume	Jeopardy	The Closer	Showbiz Moms & Dads	Fairly Oddparents	Nuggets	5:30 p.m.	
6 p.m.	Roller	Your World with Neil Cavuto	Headline News	Seinfeld	Cinema Secrets	Kim Possible	SportsCenter	6 p.m.	
6:30 p.m.	Roller	Your World with Neil Cavuto	ATS/Regional News	The Simpsons	E.T.	The Proud Family	SportsCenter	6:30 p.m.	
7 p.m.	Roller	World News Now	Deal or No Deal	America's Most Wanted	Movie: Shanghai Nights	Fairly Oddparents	SportsCenter	7 p.m.	
7:30 p.m.	Roller	World News Now	Deal or No Deal	America's Most Wanted		Shanghai Nights	Grim Adventures	SportsCenter	7:30 p.m.
8 p.m.	Roller	Headline News	Survivor: Cook Islands	Invasion	Movie: <:09> Changing Lanes	Avatar	Sports	8 p.m.	
8:30 p.m.	Roller	Tavis Smiley	Survivor: Cook Islands	Invasion		Changing Lanes	Hannah Montana	Teams TBD	8:30 p.m.
9 p.m.	Roller	Business Report	Last Comic Standing	Monk		Changing Lanes	Ned's Declassified	Teams TBD	9 p.m.
9:30 p.m.	Roller	Nightline	Last Comic Standing	Monk		Changing Lanes	What I Like About You	Teams TBD	9:30 p.m.
10 p.m.	Roller	Hardball with Chris Matthews	Headline News	Will & Grace	Movie: Cool Runnings	Made!	SportsCenter	10 p.m.	
10:30 p.m.	Roller	Hardball with Chris Matthews	Tonight Show W/ Jay Leno	King of Queens				10:30 p.m.	
11 p.m.	Roller	O'Reilly Factor	Tonight Show W/ Jay Leno	The Daily Show				11 p.m.	
11:30 p.m.	Roller	O'Reilly Factor	The Late Show	Colbert Report	Cool Runnings	7th Heaven	SportsCenter	11:30 p.m.	

HELP WANTED

Kwajalein Range Services 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. 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.

ACCOUNTANT I, casual position. Associate degree in accounting or strong accounting experience required. HR Req. K031264.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II, HR Req. K031673.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II, Medical Services, full time, HR Req. K031673.

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.

HARBOR CONTROLLER, Marine Department, casual, HR Req. K031353.

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

ACCOUNTANT I, HR Req. 031178.

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.

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. 031671.

CONTRACTS MANAGER, HR Req. 031164.

CONTRACTS PURCHASES SPECIALIST, HR Req. 031525.

COORDINATOR REMOTE LAUNCH SITES, HR Req. 031583.

DESIGNER/PLANNER IV, HR Req. 031100.

DESKTOP ANALYST II, HR Req. 031759.

DISPATCHER II, aircraft, HR Req. 030988.

ELECTRICIAN II, HR Req. 031116.

ELECTRICIAN III/MARINE ELECTRICIAN, HR Req. 030924.

ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN I, HR Req. 031563.

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, HR Req. 031189.

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

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.

The Micronesian Shop is giving a 20 percent discount on selected items, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday/Thursday 5-7 p.m., Wednesday/Friday

HARDWARE ENGINEER, HR Req. 031687.

HARDWARE ENGINEER II, HR Req. 031705.

HARDWARE ENGINEER III, two positions, HR Reqs. 031493 and 031665.

HAZMAT SPECIALIST II, HR Req. 031108.

MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST, HR Req. 030871.

MATERIAL HANDLER I, HR Req. 031707.

MATERIAL HANDLER II, HR 031621.

MECHANIC III, two positions, HR Reqs. 031000 and 031102.

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.

PRODUCTION CONTROL CLERK I, Automotive. Full-time, HR Req. K031250.

PROGRAMMER, HR Req. 031067.

PROJECT CONTROLS ENGINEER II, HR Req. 031591.

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

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



Non-potable water

- Pipes and spigots are color-coded red.
- Not suitable for drinking, wading pools, children's sprinkler toys or water toys.
- Suitable for watering plants, watering lawns, washing vehicles and washing of patios.
- Produced by waste water treatment plant.
- Filtered and disinfected with chlorine.

Dren eo etoon im ejjab dren in idrak

- Pipe im bojet ko rekolar biroro (red).
- Ejjab emon non idrak, karreoki jikin tutu ko, kab kein ikkure dren ko nejin ajiri ro im menko erlok wot.
- Emon non utidrikdikimenineddekkko, kwaliimkarreokiwako, etonaak, ko im menko erlok wot.
- Emoj karreokiki kin jerako.
- Walok im komman jen jikin komman dren eo.



Potable water

- Pipes and spigots are color-coded yellow.
- Suitable for drinking, bathing, cooking and washing clothes.
- Produced mainly from rainfall.
- Limited island supply.
- Filtered and disinfected with chlorine.

Dren eo erre

- Pipe im bojet ko rekolar jalo (yellow).
- Emon non idrak, tutu, kmat, kwalkol nuknuk im menko erlok wot.
- Ewor jonan kojerbale ilo juon alon.
- Emoj karreokiki kin jeraiko.
- Walok elaptata jen woot.



Kwaj bingo will be Thursday at the Yuk Club. Card sales begin at 5:30 p.m. Blackout at 56 numbers with a \$850 jackpot. Play begins at 6:30 p.m. Must be 21, a K-badge holder, to enter and play.

BIGGEST JACKPOT EVER ON KWAJ

- 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.
- SUPERVISOR, Air Terminal Services, HR Req. 031148.
- 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.
- WEB SOFTWARE DEVELOPER I, HR Req. 031639.
- YOUTH ACTIVITIES ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, HR Req.

Due to recent losses of dairy products during transit to Kwajalein on the supply ship, Kwajalein Range Services will be flying in milk and cheese from Hawaii by ATI and AMC cargo planes. This is expected to be the only source of dairy products from now until Dec. 20. Cheese has been ordered and is expected to arrive Dec. 7. Dairy products arriving by plane are limited. Your cooperation by limiting purchases is appreciated.



Kwajalein Range Services Holiday party will be Dec. 16, at the Yuk Club. Tickets are \$20 and are available at



Community Activities, Building 805 and at Human Resources, Building 700, or call Susan Bailey, 53705, or Ann Picco, 50787.

031679.

WANTED

ADULT TRICYCLE for visiting parents Dec. 13-25. Call 52940 and leave a message.

JOGGING STROLLER, wheels and frame in useable condition, fabric condition not important. Call 51925, after 5 p.m.

WHITE CHRISTMAS trees to borrow after Christmas. Call Sandy, 54152 or 58990.

LOST

SMALL BLACK carabiner key ring with orange nylon webbing, key had two large and half a dozen smaller keys, in the vicinity of Corlett Recreation Center. Call Peter, 53992.

FLIP-FLOP bracelet watch. Call 54168.

TWO SCUBA weight pouches, quick release with yellow 'W' marked on tops. Call 52692.

FOUND

WOMEN'S black and brown hooded jacket at the Dental Clinic and red umbrella with Festival of Pacific logo at Emon Beach main pavilion. Call 52165.

PATIO SALES

SATURDAY, 4-7 p.m., Trailer 740. PCS sale.

SATURDAY, 4 p.m.-?, Quarters 118-F.

FOR SALE

PANASONIC CT32E13 stereo monitor/TV, 32-inch, with multi-brand remote, excellent condition, \$300. Call 51622, evenings.

55-GALLON fish tank in cabinet with all accessories, \$150. Call 50227.

X-BOX with 25 games, two controllers and lots of extras, \$250 or best offer and black LTD/ESP electric guitar with traveling case, \$200. Call Joey, 52910, home, or 54449, work.

SHIRTS, PANTS and jackets, all sizes and colors; men's Hawaiian shirts, large. Call 55176.

SHERWOOD outback buoyancy compensator, \$75; Suunto Gecko dive computer, \$110 and Sealife SL900 digital camera with strobe, \$150. Call Bob, 54612.

2003 CANNONDALE Ironman 600 triathlete bike, great condition, with new chain and front derailleur, accessories, gear and clothing available, \$800. Call Krystal, 53008.

PINE MEADOW graphite irons, three iron through PW, excellent condition, \$200. See at golf course Pro Shop.

KING-SIZE pillow top mattress and box spring, one year old, \$600 and tan recliner, good condition, \$100. Call 51117 and leave a message.

BARON SPEEDBOAT, all fiberglass, 21-foot, with 225 horsepower V-6 Johnson, 8 horsepower outboard and rod holders, house on Lot 65, trailer and tools, all new VHF radio, GPS, DVD/CD and stereo, \$10,900 or best reasonable offer and Bose 901 series speakers with EQ,

Safety reminder

Pushing, shoving or other horseplay while riding bikes can be dangerous and result in serious injury. Use common sense and be careful when riding bikes.

dark wood, \$350. Call Herb, 59662.

TSUNAMI SEA kayak, fiberglass with foot steering and on-board storage, sells new for \$1,000, will sell for \$250. Call 51925, after 5 p.m.

BOAT, 19-foot with cuddy cabin and boat shack full of goodies, boat needs outdrive repair and tender loving care, includes detailed information on where/how to get engine rebuilt, \$5,000 for all. Call 54240, or e-mail lexyscb@yahoo.com.

HP 722C DESKJET printer with extra ink, \$40; yellow butterfly chair, \$25; navy blue futon with wooden arms and magazine storage, \$125. Call Jim or Jennifer, 52965.

TWO KWAJ-CONDITION bikes, \$10-20 and Nikon 35mm camera, \$10. Call 51992, after 5 p.m.

BOY'S 12-INCH TONKA BIKE, like new, \$40; boy's 16-inch Huff, Kwaj-condition, \$10 and girls' 20-inch Schwinn, Kwaj-condition, \$10. Call 58222.

MAGNAVOX 27-inch TV with built-in VHS and DVD player, \$200. Call 51128.

LITTLE TYKES desk with desk lamp, drawers, tracing table and chair, great place for K-Grade 3 to learn to do homework. Call 52200.

IBANEZ electric guitar, \$250; Washburn acoustic guitar, \$150; Sharper Image ambient sound device with 20 sounds, \$75; first season of *Nip/Tuck* on DVD, #20; used five-shelf CD rack, \$10; small George Foreman grill, \$40; non-stick pot and frying pan, \$10 and four men's wrist watches, \$25-75. Call 59359, leave a message.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is having a Christmas Tea at 9 a.m., Thursday, in the Religious Education Building. Childcare will be provided. For more information contact April at 52197. MOPS is sponsored by Island Memorial Chapel.

HOLIDAY CONCERTS: 7 p.m., Thursday, Junior/Senior High School concert; 10 a.m., Monday, Community Band concert on Macy's porch and 7 p.m., Tuesday, Elementary concert. Concerts on Thursday and Tuesday in the high school multi-purpose room.

REAL CHRISTMAS TREES will be sold 4:30-6 p.m., Saturday, at the high school court yard. K-badge required. Cost is \$45. Free delivery by Santa's or take home yourself.

COUNTRY/WESTERN night is Sunday, 7-11 p.m., at the Yuk Club. Bring your favorite cowboy or cowgirl for a boot scootin' good time.

LEARN MORE about the newest club on island! The Kwajalein Small Boat Marina Outrigger Club will meet at 5:30 p.m., Dec. 14, at Camp Hamilton. Everyone is welcome. Be prepared to get wet, bring a swimsuit and a towel. Questions? Call Paul, 53643.

THE ADULT and family pools will be closed Dec. 12-15 for cleaning. Normal hours for the adult pool will resume Dec. 16 and for the family pool Dec. 17. Questions? Call Mandie, 52847.

CHRISTMAS IN the Marshall Islands will be at 6 p.m., Dec. 18, in the Corlett Recreation Center. Songs and dances will be performed by Ebeye and Kwajalein Jebtas. Spend a great evening with our Marshallese friends. Sponsored by the Marshallese Cultural Center.

IF YOU are interested in using the Pacific Club for parties or events, call Trudy Butler, 55987.

SOMETIMES, from Page 2

didn't have to worry about whether their children would be killed coming home from school. They didn't have to wonder if a car bomb would kill them while they shopped or waited in line to apply for a job. They didn't have to worry about being kidnapped from their workplaces and beheaded. They wouldn't be killed in a crossfire between opposing militias. Hussein's totalitarian power kept order in Iraq's volatile society. It was brutal order, but it was order.

So, were they better off? I'm not smart enough to answer that.

Be that as it may, we've been in a situation for more than three years now that our British cousins would call 'a bit of a sticky wicket.' Tragically, nobody seems to have an answer to getting the lid back on the violent Pandora's box that's been opened.

My own belief is that Iraq is indeed in a civil war between people who have hated and killed each other for the past 1,400 years. Once Hussein was toppled, taking away the control he imposed, the conditions for civil war were set in motion.

I think the fighting between the Sunnis and the Shiites is just going to get worse. At this point, I don't think there's anything that anyone can do except let it happen.

Why do I come to that conclusion? Well, I like history and here's just one little scrap of the world's long history.

Great Britain ruled India for almost two centuries.

In 'British' India, which included

present day Pakistan, Muslims and Hindus clashed numerous times in bloody riots as the Indians wanted freedom from the British, and the Muslims wanted their own state. Their hatred of one another was intense. Only the mighty British Army kept order.

When Mahatma Gandhi began his peaceful civil disobedience campaign against the discrimination laws and rule of Britain, hundreds of thousands of Hindus joined him in the effort to drive the British out of India. The Muslim population leaned toward the British.

In 1947, when Britain was worn out from World War II, independence was finally given to India.

When the British Army left, all the world knew what was going to happen, and there was nothing anyone could do to stop it.

As the last British soldier departed, Hindus and Muslims began killing each other in violent battles as Muslims wanted to break away from India and the Hindus wanted all of British India to remain Indian.

Gandhi himself, the man of peace who had led India to independence, was killed by a Hindu who was angered by Gandhi's attempts to bring reconciliation to the country.

British India became a slaughterhouse as Muslims forced Indians out of Pakistan and Hindus forced Muslims out of India. There were terrible atrocities on both sides, especially against women. The fighting produced 15 million refugees.

Thus, the independence of India began with a ruined economy, ruined land and no established, experienced system of government.

But today, India is committed to democracy. It has a burgeoning economy and has taken its place among the free nations of the world. But it seemed inevitable that India first had to go through the fire of riots, battles, partition and turmoil.

All through the world's history, nations have fought civil wars to determine what their future would be. Sometimes good came out of it—sometimes not. But history shows that many events seemed destined to happen.

Our own country had to go through four years of carnage in which more than 600,000 Americans died before we became a truly united people.

The national treasure of America is in the sons, daughters, mothers, husbands, brothers and sisters who have volunteered to serve and protect their country and its citizens.

That treasure should be spent wisely and sparingly.

If staying in Iraq for five years or 50 years is only delaying what's inevitable, then our treasure should not be spent there.

Over the course of history, I believe that some events were the result of destiny and fate.

If Iraq has to go through a civil war to determine what its future will be, then I believe it has to happen, and the best thing to do is just get out of the way.

RECORD, from Page 2

several KHS classes (two of them taught by Mr. Fullerton and Ms. B). She also took classes last year and participated in all Junior Class activities with no complaints from anyone to our knowledge. No special consideration has ever been given us based on our employers, nor have we ever threatened anything.

Our daughter's involvement in KHS activities has been positive for both her and the school, and we fail to under-

stand how this can be seen as a problem. We are saddened that anyone in this small, special community is mean spirited enough to want to deny one young person's inclusion in activities with her friends of almost five years. We are very proud of our daughter, and unlike last week's letter writers we are proud to sign our names.

— Doug and Leigh Hoskins

Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

Tonight: Partly clear with numerous showers, isolated thunderstorms. Winds: ENE-ESE at 12-18 knots

Thursday: Variably sunny with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Winds: ESE at 8-14 knots.

Friday: Variably sunny with chance of showers. Winds: ENE-ESE at 10-16 knots.

Saturday: Variably sunny with scattered showers. Winds: NE-E at 10-16 knots.

Annual rain total: 96.54 inches

Annual deviation: +4.80 inches

**For updated forecasts, call 54700
or visit www.rts-wx.com.**

Sun • Moon • Tides

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High tide	Low tide
Thurs	6:51 a.m./6:29 p.m.	10:36 p.m./8:43 a.m.	5:21 a.m., 3.3' 5:33 p.m., 4.6'	11:06 a.m., 0.2'
Fri	6:52 a.m./6:30 p.m.	9:33 p.m./9:39 a.m.	5:58 a.m., 3.1' 6:09 p.m., 4.3'	11:41 a.m., 0.0' 12:06 p.m., 0.4'
Sat	6:52 a.m./6:30 p.m.	10:26 p.m./10:29 a.m.	6:36 a.m., 2.8' 6:47 p.m., 4.0'	12:44 a.m., 0.1' 12:17 p.m., 0.3'