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**Many factors enter into the educational achievements of Kwajalein schools.
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(File photo)

Next election about more than terrorism

On Dec. 27, the day after Benazir Bhutto was assassinated in Pakistan, a well-known commentator for a certain news network used the occasion to remark that Americans need to remember the next presidential election is all about terrorism.

He went on to say that the next election wasn't about the economy, healthcare, education, or the sinking dollar. Oh no, he claimed, it's about terrorism.

After all, he said, the same people who killed Bhutto, who many people feel might have installed a moderate, democratic government in Pakistan, are the same people who want to come to America and kill us.

OK, that's one opinion. I can only say that particular commentator must not have been paying attention the past few years.

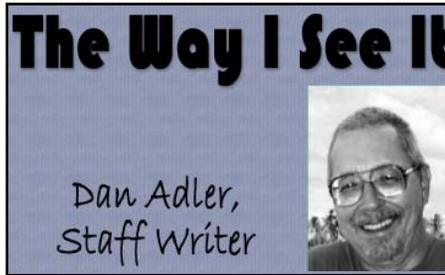
Nobody would deny terrorism is a major threat. But it's the same as tornadoes, hurricanes, fires, and other natural disasters are a threat. We're going to be living with the possibility of terrorism just as we live with the possibility of natural disasters. We should try to be well prepared for an act of terrorism just as we try to be well prepared for natural disasters and deal with situations as they arise.

But to say the next presidential election is more about terrorism than an economy teetering on the verge of recession, massive federal deficits, the healthcare crisis, massive trade deficits, the housing bubble, a Medicare system going broke, the looming Social Security crisis, borrowing billions of dollars from foreign countries to finance our debt, having our money called a 'worthless scrap of paper,' by the Iranian president, the sorry state of our educational system, illegal immigration, and the ongoing wars in Afghanistan and Iraq is beyond asinine.

If there was *ever* an election that was about all those things, *this* is it folks.

Maybe I'm just a selfish person. I'll be 60 in a few months and I'd sure like to know that Social Security and Medicare are going to be there in six years — which would be my retirement age — especially since I've been paying into it all my life. I don't think that should be too much to ask.

I really have to say I worry a heck of a lot more about keeping a job until I can retire (if I can retire) and having healthcare when I do, than I ever worry about terrorists



killing me.

Thinking about terrorism doesn't keep me awake at night — but thinking about a scenario in which I'd have to decide whether I eat or buy medicine when I'm retired keeps me up sometimes.

There's lots of things that have been going on in our country for several years now that I don't like.

The middle class in America is shrinking and keeps getting pounded with higher prices for most everything.

Because of the housing bubble and subprime loans, the biggest investment most people will ever have is dropping in value all over the country. Home foreclosures are at an all-time high and so are bankruptcies.

I don't know about you, but I still have a problem with how our 'energy policy' was influenced by the oil companies. I think it pretty much says, 'let's use more oil and give billions in tax cuts to the oil industry.'

I'm upset with how the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Plan was put together by drug companies and dozens of insurance companies (with the provision that the U.S. government can't negotiate for lower drug prices or import cheaper drugs from say . . . Canada).

I'm not happy that U.S. companies get tax breaks and incentives for sending our jobs to foreign countries.

I certainly don't like it that some contractors in Iraq got caught red-handed overcharging the U.S. government by billions of dollars, and, pretty much, nothing happened to them.

I'm not thrilled that the credit card debt reform act was greatly influenced by credit card companies. Here's a clue folks — the reform doesn't help consumers struggling with credit card debt.

It's sad that several coal miners have been killed in recent years while working in unsafe mines at the same time the budget for the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration was being cut to the bone.

I don't like the ongoing assault on labor unions and the chipping away at worker's benefits in recent years.

In the 'land of plenty,' there are 37 million people living below the poverty line and 40 million people without health insurance.

It's not so hard to imagine being among them if you lost

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Petraeus: Iraq surge strategy working, but hard challenges remain in country

By Donna Miles

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As the troop surge in Iraq approaches its one-year anniversary, the commander of Multinational Force Iraq said he's buoyed by successes made and momentum built, but recognizes the job is far from over.

Army Gen. David H. Petraeus told the Pentagon Channel the new strategy in Iraq — with more coalition and Iraqi troops helping quell violence in and around Baghdad and operations that promote closer cooperation with the Iraqi population — has helped stabilize once-violent areas.

President Bush announced the strategy during a Jan. 10, 2007 televised speech to the nation. The plan included more than 20,000 additional U.S. troops on the ground in Baghdad and Anbar province, increased responsibility for the Iraqi government and Iraqi security forces, and more diplomatic and economic initiatives.

Strolling a Baghdad street considered too dangerous to navigate just a year ago, Petraeus noted the contrast to last year, when shops and schools were closed, playgrounds were still, and many facilities were without electricity.

"And today, we now find those features here, and we are able to stroll along and even to eat some Iraqi bread," he said. "The security has been a result, certainly, of more coalition and Iraqi forces," he said. "But it's also the employment of those forces."

Petraeus credited the U.S. troop surge, along with an additional 110,000 Iraqi soldiers and police, with providing critical manpower needed to rout insurgents. But another vital part of the formula was the new strategy in which the troops began living among the people they were securing.

This presence helped gain the trust and confidence of the Iraqi people, and ultimately, their support as well, he said. They began turning in the bad guys in their



Sgt. Sam Talley talks to young Iraqi men as he passes out wanted posters during a patrol in Mosul, Iraq, on Dec. 30. Talley is attached to the U.S. Army's Tactical Psychological Operation Detachment 1400. (DoD photo by Spc. Kieran Cuddihy)

midst — pointing out the weapons caches or identifying improvised explosive devices, and ultimately volunteering to help with security as neighborhood watches, concerned local citizens and so forth," he said. Petraeus called the outcome a classic example of perspiration meeting opportunity. "And a lot of our leaders would like to think that is what happened over the course of this past year, that they were ready for certain situations and when they saw opportunities, they were willing to take risks," he said.

In taking those risks, leaders knew their higher chain of command was willing to underwrite the risks and that the Iraqis were willing to take them, too, he said. "And the fact is that they took them, together with their Iraqi partners," he said.

Petraeus credited the Iraqis who "have courageously stood and fought," suffering losses two to three times higher than those of the United States. "They are putting it all on the line, just as our troopers and our leaders," he said. "And it has been very gratifying, actually, to see the results of all this over time."

But Petraeus was quick to say the

fight has not been won.

Al Qaeda continues to be "public enemy No. 1 in Iraq," and although most of its forces may have been flushed out of Baghdad and Anbar province, "they remain very potent," he said.

"Let's not forget that al Qaeda in Iraq is still intent on reigniting ethno-sectarian violence, on carrying out acts of horrific violence, of damaging the infrastructure and killing innocent Iraqis and going after us," he said.

Their indiscriminate violence, particularly against Iraqi citizens, has backfired on the extremists, Petraeus said. "That is, of course, what has turned the Sunni Arab population against al Qaeda (in) Iraq over the course of the last year," he said. "That is what has made their job more difficult and has led different neighborhoods to reject them over time, as they have seen that al Qaeda has brought them nothing but literally death, destruction and oppression."

But al Qaeda isn't the only

U.S. calls Hormuz incident reckless

By Jim Gramone
American Forces Press Service

Iranian officials called the buzzing by five Revolutionary Guard speedboats of three U.S. Navy ships 'normal,' but American officials insist the behavior was reckless and needlessly provocative.

The Iranian boats charged at the three warships Sunday as they transited the Strait of Hormuz into the Persian Gulf.

President George W. Bush commented on the Iranian provocation during a short news conference at the White House today.

"My message to the Iranians is simple: They shouldn't have done what they did," Bush said.

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman called the Iranian action irresponsible and reckless. The Iranian armed speedboats charged at the *USS Port Royal*, *USS Hopper* and *USS Ingraham* as they steamed in international waters. One of the Iranian boats dropped boxes into the water in the path of one of the U.S.

ships and radioed to the American vessels that they would explode.

"I found the action by the Iranians quite troubling actually, and a matter of real concern," Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said yesterday in California. "This is a very volatile area, and the risk of an incident escalating is real. I think that it is a reminder that there is a very unpredictable government in Tehran. And it would be nice to see the Iranian government disavow this action and say that it won't happen again."

But Iranian officials have not been so forthcoming. Iranian senior Revolutionary Guards commander Ali Reza Tangsiri told the Mehr news agency that Iran has the right to ask any ships to identify themselves upon entering or leaving the Persian Gulf.

"It is a basic responsibility of patrolling units of the Revolutionary Guards to take necessary interception measures toward any vessels entering into the waters of the Persian Gulf," Tangsiri said.

The U.S. ships followed well-es-



tablished procedures during the incident, Whitman said, adding it was fortunate that the Iranian boats peeled off before the U.S. ships had to escalate to the next level.

"Do these incidents give us the opportunity to reflect, reevaluate, re-adjust? They always do," Whitman said. "But I don't know of any specific measures that were deemed to be inadequate in this case."

Navy public affairs officials said there are video recordings of the incident.

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challenge to stability, the general said. He pointed to a broad range of other enemies: militia extremists; 'special groups' trained, funded and equipped by Iran; and criminal elements, among them.

"There are many, many challenges," he said. "Obviously the challenges are to build on the gains in security, to try to turn situations that are still transitory or tenuous into a degree that has more performance . . . (and) is more self-sustaining."

That involved more than just security, he said. It involves reviving local economies, getting markets going again, restoring schools and helping the government ministries develop — efforts Petraeus said require U.S. security forces to work hand in hand not just with their Iraqi counterparts in the army and police, but also their ministry and embassy partners.

All that will take time, he emphasized. Petraeus said he recognizes the timetables many people want to attach to the mission in Iraq, but he tries not to worry about "all the clocks that are running out there."

"Our job is to try to speed up the progress in Iraq as much as we can with our Iraqi counterparts," he said. Petraeus said he hopes that will help others "to see that there is progress, to see that there is hope, and decide to continue to support what is really a very, very important endeavor for the United States . . . for all the countries of the coalition . . . and of course, (for) Iraq and the region."

Petraeus said he believes the coalition and

Iraqis can sustain the progress made under the surge, even as the drawdown continues.

With one brigade combat team and a Marine expeditionary unit already gone without being replaced, and four more BCTs and two Marine battalions to leave by late July, Petraeus said, he believes there's 'a solid plan' to maintain the momentum they helped to build.

But he's quick to say, "there will be more tough moments . . . and bad days" as the coalition and Iraqis continue to pursue extremists and prevent them from establishing new safe havens.

"There are some tough enemies out there, and innumerable obstacles and challenges," he said. "So it will not be easy, but we believe that we can indeed continue to build on what we have accomplished so far."

Petraeus said he and many of his fellow commanders "have sworn off words like 'optimism' or 'pessimism'" to describe the Iraq mission. "We just use the word 'realism,'" he said. "And reality is that Iraq is very hard. It is going to remain very hard, and it is going to take determination, assistance, additional resources, additional time and occasionally, sheer force of will."

As military leaders continue focusing on the mission, Petraeus emphasized the importance of relationships in achieving common goals in Iraq.

"Relationships are what this is all about. I think, in truth, relationships are what everything is all about, whether our own home life or international relations," he said.

Taking care

Eating raw shellfish can cause illness or death

by Valerie Bazar, RN
Kwajalein Hospital

While oysters are not routinely consumed on Kwajalein, I thought an article of interest was in order for those of you who travel to the Gulf of Mexico during your vacation time. Every year millions of Americans consume raw molluscan shellfish, especially oysters and clams. For some people, however, eating raw or undercooked molluscan shellfish can cause serious illness or death from *Vibrio vulnificus*. The prime carriers of *Vibrio vulnificus* are raw oysters (94 percent), cooked oysters (four percent), and raw shellfish other than oysters (two percent).

Every year in the United States, 200 cases of *Vibrio vulnificus* are reported to the Center of Disease Control, half of those cases reported are from the states bordering the Gulf of Mexico. *Vibrio vulnificus* is considered one of the most lethal bacterium inhabiting salt water.

Vibrio vulnificus is not the result of fecal or chemical pollution of marine waters, but occurs naturally in warm, coastal areas. Warm waters and warm ambient air temperatures speed reproduction of the bacterium *Vibrio vulnificus*.

Healthy people are not at risk of serious infection from *Vibrio vulnificus*. Healthy persons may develop gastroenteritis after ingestion of food containing *Vibrio vulnificus*, experiencing symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. Persons with gastroenteritis may require hospitalization, but usually make a full recovery.

You are at a high risk of serious illness from *Vibrio vulnificus* if you are a heavy drinker or have any form

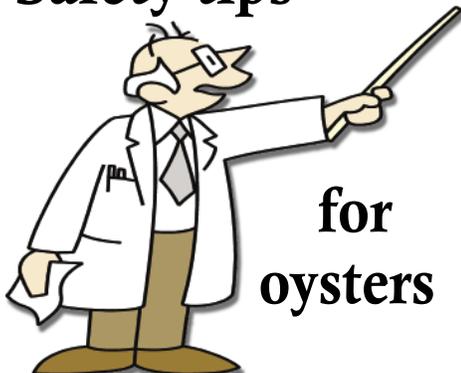


Raw or undercooked oysters and clams can be especially dangerous to eat.

of liver disease (hepatitis, cirrhosis or cancer), diabetes, iron overload disease (hemochromatosis), have a peptic ulcer, have had gastric bypass, or are immunodeficient (chronic renal failure, hemolytic anemia, receiving chemotherapy or radiation for cancer treatment, or HIV/AIDS).

Those at risk may become ill after consuming raw or undercooked shellfish that have *Vibrio vulnificus* concentrated in their tissues. Illness strikes when the bacterium enter the stomach and multiply, then invade the bloodstream via the digestive track. High risk persons can also become infected when cuts, burns, or sores come into contact with seawater containing *Vibrio vulnificus*.

Safety tips



for
oysters

If you find yourself in the vicinity of the Gulf of Mexico, take this advice:

- Never swim or wade in seawater when you have sores or open wounds
- Follow these cooking tips for oysters in the shell:
 - Cook live oysters or clams in small pots so those in the middle are cooked thoroughly
 - Boiling: after the shells open, boil live oysters or clams for another three-five minutes
 - Steaming: In a pot that is already steaming, cook live oysters or clams for another four-nine minutes

Shucked oysters:

- Boil or simmer for at least three minutes or until edges curl
- Fry at 375 degrees F for at least three minutes
- Broil three inches from the heat for three minutes
- Bake at 450 degrees Fahrenheit for 10 minutes

A key message for persons at high risk: never eat raw oysters. There is no safe time of year to eat oysters, even months without an R.

Success of Kwajalein schools due to teachers, parents, community

By Nell Drumheller
Editor

“The size of the school here makes it hard for people to fade into the background. Thus, students that might otherwise get lost in the shuffle end up finding more of a voice,” Tyler Shields, a 1995 graduate of Kwajalein High School said. Shields spent all twelve years of his early education on Kwajalein where both of his parents work as teachers.

Class room size is a common denominator for the success or failure of students internationally and both teachers and Kwaj alumni recognize it as a one of the keys to what makes Kwajalein schools unique and effective.

Kwajalein Schools Superintendent Al Robinson said there are approximately 350 students in the system, kindergarten through grade 12. Due to the transient nature of this community, less than 25 percent stay for a full 12 years, but those who are here for their last year of high school typically go on to college. A full 95 percent graduate with 87 percent going on to higher education.

It’s an interesting statistic considering the relaxed life-style evoked from island living. Robinson attributed the success rate to “Small classes, very high expectations, parental support, high quality staff, and few if any discipline problems allow us all to focus on student achievement, and not be distracted by other things.”

A University of Michigan study on schools identified the long-term deterioration of quality education in the United States relating directly to class size beginning in elementary school. It said that overcrowding was epidemic and could lead to U.S. students not being able to succeed in higher education or against young people from other countries.

Kwajalein doesn’t have that problem and the results are evident in the standardized tests the young people take each year. In a school-by-school, by grade level comparison Kwajalein students fared well against stateside counterparts with



Kwajalein schools maintain academic success due to involvement of island leadership and community.

the Iowa Basic Education Skills tests in 2007. The third grade scored in the 95th percentile; the fourth grade in the 97th percentile; the fifth grade in the 98th percentile; the sixth in the 89th percentile; the seventh in the 96th percentile; the eighth in the 82nd percentile; the ninth in the 90th percentile and the tenth in the 86th percentile.

Consistently, Kwajalein students preparing for higher education outscore U.S. student’s national average on the Scholastic Aptitude Test. “In the Spring of 2007 our average SAT score was 1698, compared with a national average of 1511,” Robinson said.

Test scores show one side of how students are doing on Kwajalein. Perhaps a better reflection of the school system is in the lives graduates live after leaving the island.

“I went to school here from 1978 to 1984, from 7th through 12th grade,” said Janis Murillo, a 1984 graduate of Kwajalein High School and now the Mission Technical director for Kwajalein Range Services Plans and Operations. She returned to Kwajalein in August to live a simpler life with fewer bills and because Kwajalein is “a safe, fun place for the kids.” Murillo graduated from Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island with a degree in psychology in 1988. “College was hard, but I was well-prepared,” she said.

Cheryle Maxwell is a classmate of Murillo and a recent returnee to Kwajalein. “Kwajalein presents a unique environment to grow up in,” Maxwell said. “Because of the small community and location it’s safe, affordable and stress free. Growing up on Kwajalein presented me with opportunities to play sports, recreate and develop lasting friendships. Things were accessible so it was easy to get involved and stay active.” Maxwell came back to Kwajalein last year and now provides Quality and Project Management for Logistics for KRS. “Living on Kwajalein provided me with the opportunity to meet people from all over the world. I spent time with people I either wouldn’t have had the opportunity to meet or wouldn’t have considered spending time with in the states,” Maxwell added. Maxwell admitted that the personalized attention allowed due to the small class size fit her learning needs. A couple of those teachers who made a difference in Maxwell, Shields and Murillo’s lives are Bonnie Oyamot and Dick Shields. Oyamot has been here for 35 years. Dick (with wife Cheryl) began their careers on Kwajalein in 1983. “I guess that makes this a “silver jubilee” year,” Dick said.

“I’ve been lucky enough to teach second generation students and to work with former students who

have returned as teachers," Oyamoto said. She said several factors entice her to come back for one more year each year. They include "Great young people; continual administrative support allowing me to focus on high quality education and performances from my students; awesome parental partnerships and support with my "expect-a-lot" philosophy and program; small classes allowing me to give more individual attention to my students and the air of friendliness and caring in the school offices, corridors, and classrooms, put there by staff and students who take personal pride in our school system's successes." Oyamoto teaches Algebra 1 and 2 and Trigonometry. "During my tenure, I've taught various English classes, FORTRAN, and almost all the math courses."

She added, "I thoroughly enjoy working with and developing the math talents of our students. The challenge lies in enticing them to expand their intellectual interests, to maximize their potential, and to put the uncommon touch on even the most common task."

The Shields keep music alive on Kwajalein. "It's a wonderful place to teach music, without all the distractions of a music program in the states, like fund raising and competitions," Dick said and added, "It's great making music with my wife, Cheryl and the community is very supportive and appreciative of the arts." None of these three teachers see leaving in their immediate future, with Dick joking about his planned departure date, "I'm not dead yet."

Christi Davis is a relatively new teacher on Kwajalein. She teaches seventh grade geography; ninth grade World History II and 10th grade U.S. History I and hopes to stay on Kwajalein "as long as there is a job for me."

She described her experiences teaching here, "I really love the close proximity of everything - it allows me to fit more into the day and is conducive to developing good relationships with students. For example, I am more available to help students both before and after school since I have 5 minute long commute - compared to my 45 to 60 minute commute back in the states. Also, not having a long commute allows me to support my students by having more time to watch games, band and choir con-

certs, NHS inductions, etc."

Davis said the one limiting factor for students on Kwajalein is slow Internet connectivity. "It's frustrating when I go into the computer lab with the students to research or to use a program on the internet and find that the network is down."

Dick said he gets frustrated with the transient quality of this community. "Just when I have helped a student gain real competence on an instrument, so the student can really contribute to the musical organization, the student's family PCS's."

Robinson said one of the possible negatives of growing up on Kwajalein could also be considered a positive attribute, that of a safe and secure environment. "Sometimes the transition back into life in the States can be difficult," Robinson said.

Another 1984 graduate, Thomas Cardillo, remembered, "We PCS'd in the middle of my junior year and I finished high school in California. The transition in the middle of a year was tough but it was a good opportunity to see stateside life." Cardillo is now the Sensor Lead of the Worthy and has been on Kwajalein since 2004, "this time around."

Maxwell said she left Kwajalein after graduation with a plan to attend college, "I attended college for a year directly out of high school, then I returned to Kwajalein for summer vacation and decided to work for a year rather than returning to the states. Living and working on Kwajalein was much more appealing than living in a cold climate on limited funds. I didn't fit in very well in college and missed my close knit island friendships."

Tyler [Shields] is a software engineer and returned to Kwajalein seven years ago, "Moving to the states, you become a very little fish in a very large pond." He continued his education at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, "I fit in well enough. Case Western is pocket-protector central, so it wasn't quite like Animal House." He spent one year there before transferring to the University of California San Diego. "My experiences on Kwaj were a great conversation starter."

He added, "Academically, it would have been difficult to find a better school. Sure, Kwaj High is small; but the individual attention really mattered. However, in college, it took awhile to learn how to handle just

being a name on a class roster."

Murillo said the transition wasn't too difficult, "It wasn't hard to get used to the "real world" again, and in fact, as a teenager, it was kind of exciting. Kwaj Kids have an added benefit in that they have a great conversation starter. Answering the commonly-asked — "Where are you from? — generally makes talking to new people easier."

Robinson said that the combination of small class room size and parent involvement prepare most of the students for whatever they have to face, but especially get them ready for more education. "They [the students] can actively participate in a rigorous college prep program that will prepare them to attend any four year school they choose to aspire to.

"Because of the small size and ease of communication, parents can have as much contact with staff as they desire. Also, the safety of Kwajalein eases many parents concerns. Again, our situation allows parents, students and staff to focus directly on learning, with few distractions."

Murillo said her youthful experiences on Kwajalein provided a path back to the island so her children could have the same lifestyle. "Growing up out here was fabulous! That's one of the reasons I'm back with my kids. Now that my kids are getting older, I started noticing places they hang out, like movie theater parking lots, and realized how lucky we had it, to hang out at the beach, and to be able to go whenever and wherever we wanted because we all had our own "wheels" and our parents didn't have to worry about us so much."

Oyamoto summed up her experiences on Kwajalein, "Among the top of the list would certainly be the strong sense of extended family the Kwaj community shows and the fact that education time is quality time for our young adults."

"We are in the process of implementing a "continuous improvement" model of school improvement, and if I could I would make the change instantaneous," Robinson said. "Other than that, there really is nothing I would change. It's an amazing system that I feel blessed to be a part of.

"I hope everyone has an understanding on how great a school system they have here and we will continue to improve and move forward in terms of making it even better."

Kwajalein hours of operation

Child and Youth Services

Central Registration	Tuesday – Friday 6 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; 2:30 – 6 p.m. Saturday 6 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; 2:30 – 5 p.m.
Child Development Center	Tuesday – Friday 6:15 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday.....6:15 a.m. – 4 p.m.
School Age Services	Tuesday.....Friday 6:15 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday.....6:15 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Starts Wednesday)
Youth Services	Tuesday-Friday.....3 – 8 p.m. Saturday.....3 – 10 p.m. Sunday.....4 – 10 p.m. (Starts Wednesday)

Community Activities

Administration	Tuesday – Saturday 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Adult Pool	no change
Adult Recreation Center	Tuesday-Friday....5-10 p.m. Saturday-Sunday 2 p.m. – midnight Monday..... noon – 10 p.m.
Bowling Center	Monday-Tuesday.....closed Wednesday-Friday.....3-9 p.m. Saturday – Sunday.....1-9 p.m.
Corlett Recreation Center /Activities Center Family Pool	no change Tuesday.....closed Wednesday-Friday.....3:30 – 6 p.m. Sunday-Monday 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Gear Locker	not open on daily basis — call 53331 for details
Golf Course	no change
Hobby Shop	no change
Ivey Gym	24/7 with cipher lock — call 53331 for details
Library	Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday.....closed Wednesday.....9-11 a.m. and 1-6 p.m. Friday.....1-6 p.m. Monday.....1-6 p.m.
Post Office	no change
Religious Services Office	Monday.....closed Tuesday -Saturday 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Sunday.....closed for services in chapel

Dental Clinic

Dental Clinic	Dental Clinic Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday Staffed 6:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. Appointments 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday, Monday and Thursday . . .closed
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Media Services

TV and Entertainment Guide printing/distribution....Friday
Hourglass printing/distribution.....prior to 4:30 p.m., Friday
Deadline for Hourglass submissions.....noon, Wednesdays

Retail Services

Beauty Salon	Sunday, Wednesday-Thursday closed (TBA/January)
DVD Depot	Monday-Tuesday, Friday-Saturday.....9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Gimble's	no change Sunday.....10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday..... 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesday – Friday.....11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; 3-7 p.m. Saturday.....11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; 3-6:30 p.m.
Laundry	Sunday-Monday closed Friday Tuesday – Friday.....11 a.m. – 1 p.m.; 2 – 6 p.m. Saturday.....9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Macy's and Macy's West	Sunday and Wednesday closed Monday.....9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.....11 a.m. – 1 p.m.; 2 – 7 p.m. Saturday.....9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Surfway	Sunday.....closed Monday.....10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.; 2 – 7 p.m. Thursday.....closed Saturday.....11 a.m. – 1 p.m.; 2 – 6:30 p.m.
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Eleven servicemembers die in Global War on Terror

Spc. Joshua R. Anderson, 24, of Jordan, Minn., died Jan 2 in Kamasia, Iraq of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. He was assigned to the 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Staff Sgt. Ryan D. Maseth, 24, of Pittsburgh, Pa., died in Baghdad on Jan. 2 of injuries suffered in a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Campbell, Ky.

Sgt. Shawn F. Hill, 37, of Wellford, S.C., died Jan. 2 in Khowst Province, Afghanistan of wounds suffered when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 178th Engineer Battalion, 218th Infantry Brigade, South Carolina Army National Guard, Rock Hill, S.C.

Two Soldiers died Jan. 3 in As Sadiyah, Iraq of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked their unit using small arms fire during combat operations. Both were assigned to the Military Transition Team, 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan. Killed were: **Maj. Andrew J. Olmsted**, 37, of Colorado Springs, Colo. and **Capt. Thomas J. Casey**, 32, of Albuquerque, N.M.

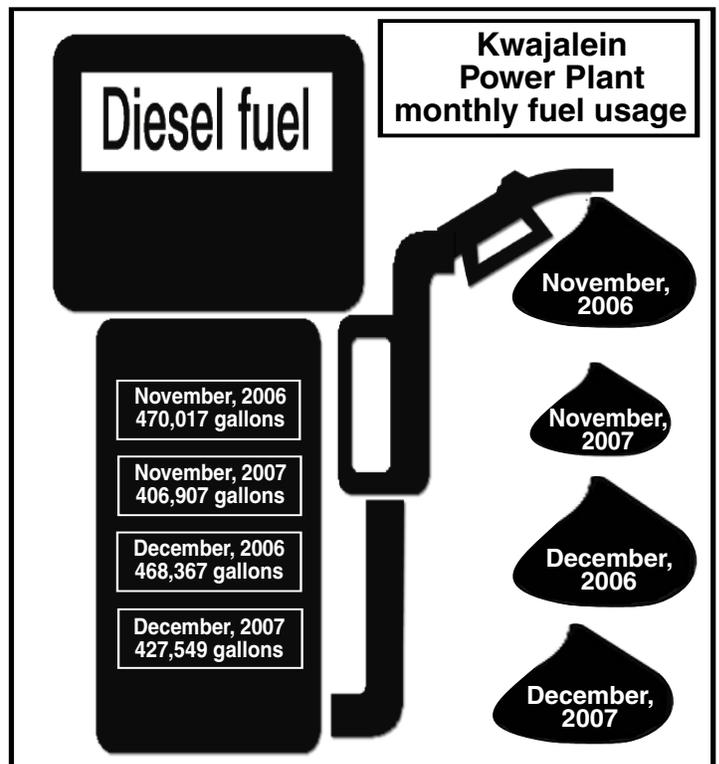
Petty Officer Second Class Menelek M. Brown, 24, of Roswell, N.M., was declared dead Jan. 4 after apparently going overboard from *USS Hopper* in the Arabian Sea Jan. 3. Navy aircraft and ships conducted an extensive search but did not locate him. *USS Hopper* is homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Cpl. Jason F. Lemke, 30, of West Allis, Wis., died Saturday in Ibrahim Al Adham, Iraq of wounds suffered when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash.

Spc. James D. Gudridge, 20, of Carthage, N.Y., died Sunday in Baghdad of wounds suffered when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 64th Armor Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart.

Pfc. Timothy R. Hanson, 23, of Kenosha, Wis., died Monday in Salmon Pak, Iraq of wounds suffered from small arms fire. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Ga.

Two soldiers died Monday of wounds suffered when their vehicle struck an improvised explosive device in Laghar Juy, Afghanistan. Killed were: **Maj. Michael L. Green**, 36, of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, who died in Laghar Juy, Afghanistan. He was assigned to Headquarters, V Corps, Heidelberg, Germany and **Sgt. James K. Healy**, 25, of Hesperia, Calif., who died at Jalalabad Airfield, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 703rd Explosive Ordnance Detachment, Fort Knox, Ky.



HELP WANTED

KRS has the following job openings. For contract hire positions, call Sheri Hendrix, 256-890-8710. For all others, call Donna English, 51300. Full job descriptions and requirements for contract openings are located online at www.krsjv.com. Job descriptions for other openings are located at Human Resources, Building 700.

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

ON ISLAND HIRES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MEDICAL OFFICE RECEPTIONIST, full-time, HR Req. K050388.

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

PETROLEUM, OIL and LUBE TECHNICIAN, full-time, Supply/Fuel Farm, HR Req. K050385.

RAMP WORKER I, full-time position, Airfield Ops, HR Req. K050251

RETAIL ASSOCIATE III, Gimble's, full-time, HR Req. K050291

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

STYLIST, casual position, HR Req. K050275

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS, casual positions, on-call

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

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

TRAFFIC AGENT, full-time, Airfield Ops, HR Req. K050250

WAREHOUSEMAN I, full-time, Roi Supply, HR Req. K050322 (Ennubirr residents apply to William Lewis)

CONTRACT HIRES

(A) accompanied (U) unaccompanied

Even numbered requisitions=CMSI

Odd numbered requisitions=KRS

AC&R TECHNICIAN II and III, four positions, HR Reqs. 031378, 031454, 031604, 031508 and 031530 U

AC & R TECHNICIAN IV, HR Req. 031522 U

ACCOUNTANT II, HR Req. 032083 U

ACCOUNTING CLERK III, HR Req. 032097 and 032099.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LEAD, HR Req. 032095.

ALCOR TRANSMITTER FIELD ENGINEER II, HR Req. 032063 U

ALCOR/MMW LEAD RECEIVER ENGINEER, HR Req. 032069 A

APPLIANCE REPAIR TECHNICIAN IV, HR Req. 031528.

AUTO BODY SHOP LEAD, HR 031502 U

AUTO BODY TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 031508 U

CALIBRATION REPAIR TECHNICIAN II, HR Req. 032055

CARPENTER IV, HR Reqs. 031524 and 031442 U

CDC INSTRUCTOR, HR Req. 032019 U

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.

Latter-Day Saints

10 a.m., Sunday, in

Corlett Recreation Center, Room 3.

Baptist

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

Church of Christ

10 a.m., Sunday,

in Quarters 442-A.

CHIEF ENGINEER, HR Req. 032049 U

COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN II, III, HR Reqs. 031941, 031967 and 031883 U

COMPUTER OPERATOR II, HR Req. 031955 U

COMSEC TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 031957 U

CYS TECHNOLOGY LAB LEAD, HR Req. 031831 U

DESIGNER/PLANNER IV, HR Req. 031308 U

DISPATCHER, HR Req. 031540 U

DRAFTER II, HR Req. 031486 U

DRIVER II, HR Req. 031117

ELECTRICIAN II, III and IV LEAD, HR Reqs. 031224, 031210, 031332, 031408, 031412, 031570, 031504, 031304, 031380, 031414, 031578 and 031580 U

ELECTRICIAN LEAD, HR Req. 031448 U

ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN I, II, III, HR Reqs. 031719, 031825, 032147, 031959, 031743 and 031931 U

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER, SCIENTIST II, HR Req. 032159 U

EQUIPMENT REPAIR TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 032101 A

FIELD ENGINEER I and II, HR Reqs. 031867 and 031753 A

Café Pacific

Lunch

Saturday

Braised turkey
Drumettes in gravy
Cornmeal fried catfish
Grill: Taco bar

Sunday

Carved top round
Herb-broiled chicken
Eggs Benedict
Grill: Brunch station open

Monday

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

Tuesday

Italian pasta bar
Italian baked chicken
Tortellini a la vodka
Grill: Philly steak wrap

Wednesday

Greek chicken breast
Sautéed liver and onions
Nairagi provencal
Grill: Cheese sandwich

Thursday

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

Jan. 18

Meatloaf
Chicken cordon bleu
Macaroni/cheese
Grill: BLT

Dinner

Tonight

Build-your-own pizza
Breaded pork chops
Chicken stew

Saturday

Grilled short ribs
Broiled fajita chicken
Tex-Mex stir-fry

Sunday

Barbecued pork butt
Chicken supreme
Tofu with Napa cabbage

Monday

Grilled minute steak
Turkey cordon bleu
Pork peapod stir-fry

Tuesday

Kwaj fried chicken
Broiled ono
Chinese beef

Wednesday

Carved London broil
Whole roast chicken
Ratatouille casserole

Thursday

Pot roast with gravy
Chicken adobo
Beer-battered cod



Understanding Six Sigma: Six Sigma is a standard problem-solving methodology that can be applied to any process to eliminate the root cause of defects and associated costs. This methodology is called the DMAIC model, which stands for defining, measuring, analyzing, and improving the problem, then controlling the improvements so they become innate in the process. It also features a methodology for designing new processes that better serve the customer needs and potentially generate new revenues (Design for Six Sigma).

FIRE SYSTEMS TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 031428 U

FIREFIGHTER, HR Reqs. 031268, 031312, 031316, 031544, 031554, 031430, 031318, 031556 and 031558 U

HARBOR CONTROLLER, HR Req. 031568 U

HARDWARE ENGINEER I and II, HR Reqs. 032005, 031897, 031979, 031149 and 032065 A

HEAVY EQUIPMENT MECHANIC III, HR Req. 031572 U

HELP DESK TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 032109 U

HOUSING INSPECT/EST/MAINT SPECIALIST, HR Req. 031390 U

HUMAN RESOURCES GENERALIST IV, HR Req. 032103 U

KEAMS FUNCTIONAL ANALYST, HR Req. 032121 A

KWAJALEIN POWER PLANT, OPERATOR ELECTRIC, HR Req. 031494 U

KWAJALEIN SUPPORT RADAR LEAD, HR Req. 032139 A

LEAD ELECTRICIAN, HR Req. 031586 U

LEAD FIRE INSPECTOR, HR Req. 031424 U

LEAD MECHANIC, Small Boat Marina, HR Req. 032135 U

LEAD WELDER, HR 031198 U

LICENSED MARINER I, HR Req. 031456 U

LINE COOK, HR Req. 032155 U

MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST, HR Req. 031484 U

MAINTENANCE SPECIALIST, MECK, HR Req. 031386 U

MANAGER, INVENTORY CONTROL, HR Req. 031542

MANAGER, KWAJ OPERATIONS, HR Req. 031468 A

MANAGER, NETWORK OPERATIONS, HR Req. 032115 A

MATE, 500T, HR Req. 031526 U

MDN NETWORK ENGINEER, HR Req. 032029 U

MECHANIC III, IV, HR Reqs. 031432, 031488, 031246 and 031474 U

MECHANICAL ENGINEER III, HR Reqs. 031512 and 031566 U

MECK POWER PLANT MECHANIC III, HR Req. 031462 U

MECK POWER PLANT SUPERVISOR, HR Req. 031598 U

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST, HR Req. 032015 U

MISSION TECHNICAL DIRECTOR, HR Req. 031991 A

NETWORK ENGINEER III, HR Req. 031167 A

NETWORK ENGINEER III-MO, HR Req. 031855 A

OPERATOR, SPACE SURVEILLANCE, HR Req. 031137 U

OPTICS HARDWARE ENGINEER I, HR Req. 032153 U

PAINTER III, HR Req. 031366 and 031472 U

PHYSICIAN, SURGEON, HR Req. 031901 A

PLANT TECHNICIAN II, III, HR Reqs. 031947 and 031643 U

PLUMBER PIPEFITTER III and IV, HR Req. 031354 and 031548 U

PRODUCTION CONTROL CLERK III, HR Req. 031420 U

PROGRAMMER/ ANALYST-SUPPLY and MAINT, HR Req. 031841 A

PROJECT CONTROLS ENGINEER II, HR Req. 032133 U

PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL LEAD, HR Req. 032163 U

PUBLIC INTERNET SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR, HR Req. 031763 U

PROPERTY SPECIALIST I, HR Req. 031875 U

RADAR ENGINEER III, HR Req. 031961 A

RADAR TECHNICIAN II and III, HR Reqs. 031943 and 031717 U

ROI POWER PLANT ELECTRICIAN, HR Req. 031220 U

SAFETY SPECIALIST IV, HR Req. 032047 A

SERVER ADMINISTRATOR III, HR Req. 032085 A

SHEETMETAL WORKER III, HR Reqs. 031446 and 031422 U

SHIFT SUPERVISOR, CAFE ROI, HR Req. 032125 U

SOFTWARE COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST, HR Req. 032089

SOFTWARE ENGINEER, HR Req. 031975 A

SOFTWARE ENGINEER III, HR Req. 032073 A

SOFTWARE ENGINEER IV, HR Req. 031951 A

STEVEDORE CHIEF, HR Req. 031574 A

SUBCONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR, HR Req. 031851 U

CHANGE IN KWAJALEIN HOSPITAL BILLING PRACTICE FOR LABORATORY SERVICES:

Kwajalein Hospital has billed for all laboratory tests, whether performed on island or to Diagnostic Laboratory Services in Honolulu. DLS will now file claims for their services directly to your insurance carrier. With this change, you may receive two separate bills for lab tests performed — one from Kwajalein Hospital for tests performed here, and one from DLS, if tests were performed off-island.

When you need the services of Kwajalein Hospital laboratory, feel free to ask any questions about billing.

SUPERVISOR BODY VP&P, HR Req. 031510 A

SUPERVISOR, HAZARDOUS WASTE, HR Req. 031582 U

SUPERVISOR, IMAGING, HR Req. 032151 A

SUPERVISOR, PLUMBING SHOP, HR Req. 031594 U

SUPERVISOR, POL SERVICES, HR Req. 031592 U

SUPERVISOR, RANGE TELECOM, HR Req. 032067 A

SUPERVISOR WAREHOUSING, HR Req. 031532 U

SUPERVISOR CONFIGURATION AND DATA, HR Req. 031821 A

SUPERVISOR LIGHT VEHICLE/SCOOTER, HR Req. 031196 A

SYSTEMS ENGINEER I, III and IV, HR. Reqs. 031749, 031965, 031963, 032143 and 031011 A

SYSTEMS ENGINEER IV, HR Req. 032165 U

TELEMETRY ENGINEER III, HR Req. 031723 A

TRADEX OPERATIONS DIRECTOR, HR Req. 032157 U

TRADEX RADAR FIELD ENGINEER-RECEIVERS, HR Req. 032061 U

TRADEX TRANSMITTER ENGINEER, HR Req. 032081 A

TRAFFIC AGENT I AND II, HR Reqs. 031560 and 031552 U

TRANSMITTER HARDWARE ENGINEER, HR Req. 032145 U

WAREHOUSEMEN LEAD, HR Reqs. 031600 and 031564 U

WATER PLANT ELECTRICAL AND INSTRUMENT TECHNICIAN, HR Req. 031562 U

WATER PLANT OPERATOR III, HR Req. 030826 U

WATER PLANT OPERATOR IV, HR Req. 031590 U

WATER TREATMENT TECHNICIAN III, HR Req. 031516 U

WELDER IV, HR Reqs. 031444 and 030834 U

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. Performs a variety of secretarial and other clerical and administrative functions, using judgment to answer recurring questions and resolve problems. Apply at <<https://cpolwapp.belvoir.army.mil>.

WANTED

SOMEONE TO tune new 24-speed, high-end bike. Call Lee, 50458.

LOST

CHILD'S DISNEY rain jacket, yellow with Mickey Mouse on back. Call 53299.

THE MARSHALLESE lady who purchased the white two-shelf unit at the patio sale Dec. 23 at Quarters 483-A — it is on front sidewalk for pick-up. I think you forgot to come back the next day.

FOUND

CHILD'S MASK and snorkel at Camp Hamilton, Dec. 30. Call 51033.

FOR SALE

KITE BOARDING complete package: four-line Naish 13.5 meter (flat area) includes kite, bar, lines, new harness with spreader bar, board with bindings and travel bag, \$900 for all. Call 54168.

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

TOSHIBA TV, 27-inch, perfect fit for housing entertainment center, \$200; digital telephone answering machine, \$15 and CRT Viewsonic 19-inch PC monitor, \$20. Call 58060.

ONE-HALF share in 38-foot cruising sailboat, *Down East Trader*, had major refit in December 2005, including professionally rebuilt engine, best reasonable offer will be accepted, view at <http://www2.whidbey.com/seelye/lecomte/lecomte.htm>. Call David, 54698.

WEDDING RING, 1910's platinum setting with two-carat emerald-cut diamond and two baguettes in engagement ring and three baguettes in wedding band. Have jeweler's certified appraisal for \$11,000; asking \$8,500. Call 52114 days, or 54281, evenings.

HIDEAWAY COMPUTER desk, \$100; entertainment center for 32-inch TV, \$75; boys' 20-inch chopper bike, \$20 and two fitness balls with video and accessories, \$10 each. Call 55875.

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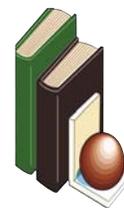
for the upcoming softball season.

Experience is preferred, but not required. Anyone interested should attend the officials' clinic at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, on Brandon Field.

Questions? Call John, 53331.



Grace Sherwood Library hours of operation, effective Jan. 16.



Monday	1-6 p.m.
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	9-11am and 1-6 p.m.
Thursday	Closed
Friday	1-6 p.m.
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed

When volunteers are trained, Grace Sherwood Library will have additional hours. If you would like to volunteer, call Amy Hansen, 53331.

WEBER BARBECUE, \$25. Call 50165.

ROSEWOOD DINING room table (bird and flower) eight chairs, chair pads, two leafs, and glass tops, \$1,700 or best offer. Call 53585.

BC-SEAQUEST PRO QD w/DACOR Viper regulator and octopus with Sportster computer console, \$900; twin bed, \$150 and breadmaker, \$20. Call 59786.

COMBO BABY changing table/toddler bed, \$40; Graco portable crib, \$25; Graco sun crib, \$60 and Little Tikes play tunnel, \$5. Call 51545.

VERY NICE COUCH and love seat, \$300 for both; 32-inch TV with remote, great condition, \$200 and nice microwave with stand, \$50. Call 54693.

BABY/TODDLER adjustable door way safety gate, \$20; booster chair, \$5; booster chair with feeder tray, \$10; six new packs of girl's 4T-5T 31-40 pounds pull-up training pants \$50; girl toddler day/night outfits, \$30; two baby mobiles, one projects stars on ceiling, \$20 and orchid starter plants, \$5 each. Call 52642.

MEN'S SCUBA GEAR: Latitude BCD, Titan octopus, Gekko dive computer, compass, large mesh bag, split fin, Seadoo scooter, \$900. Call 54534.

PLATFORM BED, five-feet high, \$150; two kayaks, \$250; EPIRB, \$100, coolers; wet/dry vac, \$25; massaging chair liner, \$60; KLH speakers, \$45; fishing lures; toaster oven; mask, \$15; fins, \$15; bike trailer, \$145; entertainment center, \$50; book shelves, \$40 and teak table, \$90. Call 56671.

PLAYSTATION 2 games, \$15 each; custom chopper bicycle, \$500 and 62-inch Sony TV, 1,000. Call 55590.

BOAT 359 LOT 307, turn key fishing diving boat and boat house outriggers, VHF radio, GPS, stereo, lots of extra parts and all tools, approved fire proof storage cabinet and new fire extinguisher, \$28,000 firm. Call 52379 or 52232.

FULL-SIZE MATTRESS, box, \$100; 19-inch wide ViewSonic LCD, \$100; Peavey 30w bass amp, \$50; solid wood bookcase with two shelves, \$30; hand vacuum, \$10 and alarm clock radio, \$10. All available Jan. 24. Call 52698.

LARGE HEAVY-DUTY aluminum/stainless trailer, will carry large fishing cooler, \$175. Call Ric, 50167, home, or 51535, work.

SUNGLASSES, Oakley Juliet's, like new, still in box, comes with accessories including hard case and extra nose pieces, paid \$300, will sell for

\$200. Call 54168.

KITE, 13-METER, sling shot with new lines and bar, \$300 and three-wheel jogging stroller with trailer conversion bar, \$100. Call 52625, home or 58989, work.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

THE COMMON ACCESS CARD office hours are 7:30-11:30 a.m., Tuesday through Saturday. To schedule an appointment, call 58496.

A STAMP CLASS will be 6 p.m.-1 a.m., Sunday, in the Religious Education Building. Cost is \$20. Limited to 20 people. Call Community Education, 51078, and register as soon as possible.

SWIMMING CLINICS by Brendan Keoh, visiting paralympic coach from Australia, will be offered to Kwajalein swimmers and coaches as follows: 5 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, at the adult pool for adult and master swimmers; 7 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday and Jan. 22, in the elementary school coconut room. Questions? Call Cris, 52925.

THE SCHOOL ADVISORY Council public meeting is at 7 p.m., Wednesday, in the elementary music room. Questions? Call 53761.

C-BADGE APPRECIATION DAY is Jan. 19. All USAKA workers will be allowed to shop at Macy's, Macy's West and Gimbels from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

LIVE MUSIC featuring *Jimmy and the Pickups* will be 9-11 p.m., Jan. 21, at the Vets' Hall.

THE ANNUAL George Seitz Elementary School Father-Daughter dance is 6-9 p.m., Jan. 28, in the multi-purpose room. Dress is island formal.

APPOINTMENTS FOR routine health care on Roi are available with the physician assistant at Roi dispensary. Call Roi dispensary at 56223 to schedule an appointment.

HIGH WIND CANOPY SET UP by Community Activities is hazardous and increases damage to the canopy. If Community Activities determines it is unsafe to put up a canopy, the patron will be contacted and given a refund for the reservation.

GOVERNMENT FURNISHINGS are assigned to the occupant upon arrival. Residents are responsible for the care and security of this property. Residents are not authorized to trade or remove government property from any quarters. Call the Furniture Warehouse, 53434, to arrange for delivery or return of furnishings and hospitality kits. If items are placed outside or unattended, the occupant will be charged for losses or damage.

your job is it?

I don't like it when I see a major bridge falling into a river in Minnesota and steam pipes blowing up a street in New York City.

It scares me that some of our power grids are more than 100 years old and we've been warned repeatedly they're about ready to collapse.

I'm not thrilled that the government has relaxed or done away with environmental and safety standards and has allowed mergers of corporations that almost violate anti-trust laws.

It's disheartening to me that I can walk into the biggest discount store chain in the world and can't find anything for sale that's made in America.

It's a wake-up call when a Brookings Institution economics scholar, Martin Mayer, makes the statement that, "My children and your children are going to spend their lives working for foreigners because we have placed so many of our assets in foreign hands."

More of our assets will be owned by foreign interests as China gets richer exporting goods to us, and Middle Eastern countries rake in oil profits and take advantage of the falling dollar. We are financing our own demise.

Senator Richard Shelby of Alabama said, "If we let this continue to grow,

we will not be in control of our own economic destiny as we have been in the past."

That's why I got a little annoyed when I read that a merger between Huawei, a Chinese company, and the American communications company 3Com Corporation, is in the works.

I guess it doesn't bother anyone that Huawei is said to be closely aligned with the Chinese military and that 3Com Corporation has sensitive contracts with the U.S. government. Well, no problem there, huh?

The time for turning a blind eye to foreign lobbyists running amok in Washington D.C., and the selling of America has long since passed.

Then, of course, oil keeps hovering around the \$100 a barrel mark.

For the past 60 or so years, the price of oil has been fixed to the U.S. dollar because our currency was the most valuable and stable in the world. Well now — due to the sinking dollar — the price of oil may switch to the Euro or another currency, which would make it costlier than ever for Americans.

And speaking of oil companies and other corporations, there is so much wealth and power in the hands of such a select few that I believe we have returned to the time of the Robber Barons that I read about in history books

when I was a boy.

If you don't think so — consider that the average pay for some chief executive officers of American companies last year was 369 times the average pay of an American worker.

When I look at young children and teenagers and think about their future, I wonder if they will inherit an America that is still a great nation and the land of opportunity — or will it be a nation that is broke and owned by foreigners?

To be honest, I don't know why anyone in their right mind would want to be president right now. The next president will inherit so many monumental problems, it's staggering.

But hey, the next election is all about terrorism, right?

Maybe it is in that commentator's world, but not in mine, nor, I think, in the world of millions of Americans just trying to get by every day.

I hope the next president realizes that while terrorism is a great threat, some of the other problems facing America are even greater threats.

I hope this November, voters realize that too.

(Editor's note: Some information for this commentary came from articles by Peter Dreier of the Huffington Post and Victoria McGrane of The Politico).



KWAJ BINGO at the Pacific Club is Jan. 19. Card sales at 6:30 p.m. Play begins at 7:30 p.m. Blackout at 58 numbers with an \$1,100 jackpot. Windfall completion at 26 numbers with a \$1,000 prize.

Bring K-badge. Must be 21. No cell phones allowed.

Use of tobacco products banned on all ferry operations

At this time and until further notice, all tobacco products including cigarettes and chewing tobacco is banned from the LCM ferry operations between Ebeye, Kwajalein, Third Island, and Roi-Namur. Also included in this instruction is the prohibition of the use of betel nut. These products may be transported between islands on the ferry system, but no use of these produce will be allowed while loading, transiting, or disembarking the vessel. Passengers are requested to report any violation of this instruction to the captain for further information.

Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

Saturday: Partly sunny, 40 percent showers. **Winds:** NE at 17-22 knots.
Sunday: Mostly cloudy, 80 percent showers. **Winds:** NE at 16-21 knots.
Monday: Partly cloudy, 70 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 17-22 knots.
Tuesday: Partly sunny, 40 percent showers. **Winds:** ENE at 16-20 knots.
Wednesday: Partly cloudy, 30 percent showers. **Winds:** NE 15-20 knots.
Thursday: Sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE at 15-20 knots.
Jan. 18: Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE at 15-20 knots.

Annual total: 1.20 inches
 Annual deviation: -.45 inches

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

Sun • Moon • Tides

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Saturday	7:08 a.m./6:47 p.m.	10:29 a.m./10:47 p.m.	6:28 a.m., 3.6' 6:37 p.m., 4.6'	12:29 a.m., 0.5' 12:19 p.m., 0.2'
Sunday	7:08 a.m./6:47 p.m.	11:10 a.m./11:37 p.m.	7:03 a.m., 3.6' 6:37 p.m., 4.6'	1:01 a.m., 0.4' 12:56 p.m., 0.0'
Monday	7:08 a.m./6:47 p.m.	11:53 a.m./.	7:43 a.m., 3.5' 7:50 p.m., 3.8'	1:36 a.m., 0.2' 1:39 p.m., 0.3'
Tuesday	7:08 a.m./6:49 p.m.	12:38 p.m./12:29 a.m.	8:31 a.m., 3.4' 8:37 p.m., 3.3'	2:14 a.m., 0.1' 2:32 p.m., 0.7'
Wednesday	7:08 a.m./6:49 p.m.	1:27 p.m./1:24 a.m.	9:33 a.m., 3.2' 9:43 p.m., 2.7'	3:01 a.m., 0.4' 3:49 p.m., 1.0'
Thursday	7:08 a.m./6:49 p.m.	2:22 p.m./2:23 a.m.	11:02 a.m., 3.2' 11:35 p.m., 2.3'	4:05 a.m., 0.7' 5:50 p.m., 1.1'
Jan. 18	7:08 a.m./6:49 p.m.	3:22 p.m./3:26 a.m.	12:45 a.m., 3.4'	5:41 a.m., 0.9' 7:44 p.m., 0.7'