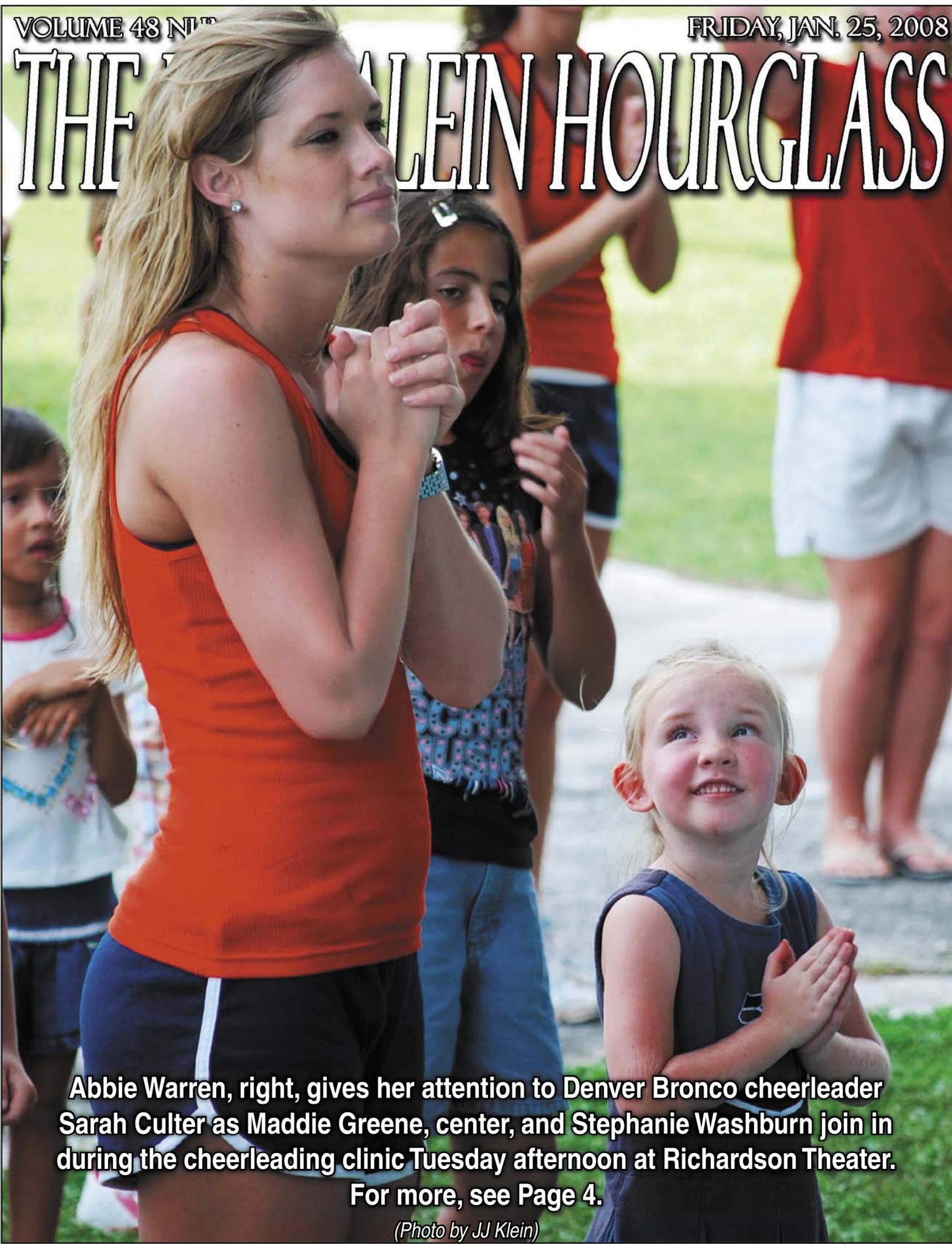


# THE KLEIN HOURGLASS



**Abbie Warren, right, gives her attention to Denver Bronco cheerleader Sarah Culter as Maddie Greene, center, and Stephanie Washburn join in during the cheerleading clinic Tuesday afternoon at Richardson Theater.**

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*(Photo by JJ Klein)*

# Maybe we'll return to days of common sense

I have written many words beating up on the U.S. government and American corporations for doing boneheaded and unscrupulous things in the past few years that have put the country in a very precarious economic situation.

Yes, the government has spent money like a drunk on Saturday night and run up massive debt. Yes, corporations have sent jobs overseas and been involved in all kinds of shady dealings.

But, as the saying goes — it takes two to tango.

If we want to know who else is to blame besides the government and big business for the fiscal crisis the country is in — we have to look in the mirror — because they is us.

When I watch a TV 'financial advice' show and there are people on the program who have \$25,000 (or even more) in credit card debt, a mortgage three times what they can afford and then cry about how broke they are, I can't believe it. I mean, well, duh!

The data says the average American family has almost \$10,000 in credit card debt and less than \$2,000 in savings.

Let's face it, we're a 'gotta-have-it-now, worry-about-it-later' society.

In days gone by, believe it or not, people would save their money — sometimes for years, sometimes working two jobs or more — until they had enough cash to buy what they wanted. What a strange concept, huh?

But now, all we have to do is whip out the plastic and it's instant gratification.

Americans definitely have the Scarlett O'Hara way of looking at things.

For those of you who have never seen the movie classic, *Gone With the Wind*, O'Hara was a Civil War-era

southern belle, who, when involved in an unpleasant situation, would always say, "I won't think about that today, I'll think about it tomorrow."

Or how about the old *Popeye* cartoons? You know, where Wimpy always says, "I'll gladly pay you Tuesday for a hamburger today."

It seems O'Hara and Wimpy have been in charge of our finances for a long time now.

Americans don't want to do it the old-fashioned way — waiting until they can actually afford to buy something. No, it's definitely buy it now, worry later.

Most people, myself included, blame the credit card companies, mortgage companies and banks for pushing subprime loans and credit card offers to people who weren't in a financial position to take out a mortgage or have credit cards.

Many ask why the banks and mortgage companies loaned money to such high risk people in the first place.

Well, think back two or three years ago. The price of housing was literally going through the roof and houses were selling like never before. The banks and mortgage lenders figured if the people they loaned money to couldn't make the payments — no problem. They'd simply foreclose and sell the house(s) at a huge profit in the red-hot market. I guess they never figured on a housing bubble jumping up and biting them in the behind to the tune of billions of dollars. Boy, what a bunch of financial wizards, huh?

What happened to the days when you darn near had to prove you didn't need a loan before a bank or mortgage company would give you one?

## The Way I See It

Dan Adler,  
Staff Writer



And although it's true that greedy mortgage and credit card companies are to blame for most of the subprime housing mess, the loss of billions of dollars and the crushing credit card debt many people have, they didn't twist anyone's arms to take those loans or use those credit cards.

It may be a harsh thing to say, but the people who took out those mortgages and ran up that credit card debt knew they couldn't afford it. They knew they were getting in huge trouble, but they did it anyway. So they share a major portion of the blame for the dire situation they find themselves in now.

And you know, it's not just 'poor' people who got in too deep. Many middle class, educated, 'should-know-better' people are up to their ears in debt.

It seems very few Americans have ever heard the adage, 'live within your means.' That pearl of wisdom simply says that if you can't afford it, don't buy it.

It should be a simple rule of thumb for people to understand, but it doesn't appear that many do.

Or maybe they just like O'Hara's approach better. Or maybe Wimpy's.

To be fair though, Americans have

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## THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

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# Defense Department works to eliminate gaps in medical care for wounded servicemembers

By Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

The trauma care that U.S. servicemembers receive is the best in the world, but the Defense Department must continue to eliminate gaps in the medical process as patients move from DoD facilities to the Department of Veterans Affairs and to private hospitals, a senior Pentagon medical official said.

Dr. Stephen L. Jones, principal deputy assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said the military health system's future hinges on how it will become more efficient and how it will be more transparent to patients and families.

The Defense Department and the Department of Veterans Affairs are working closely together to share medical records, Jones said.

"We have been working to ensure we have secure, global reach of electronic health records," he explained. "The DoD and VA records would be integrated so when you saw that health provider in the VA, he would have access to the records from when the patient first entered the system."

Groups appointed to study the system identified the need to fix seams between military and VA medical care, Jones said.

"All of the task forces and commissions said we needed more integration and cooperation between the DoD and VA, and we've made tremendous strides," he said. "Are we where we need to be? No, because health records are a bit more complicated than financial institutions or airlines and such. Many more components have to be included – radiology, nutrition, provider nodes – all of the various aspects that touch you when you are in the health care field."

Record-sharing may be only the beginning, Jones said. "We are looking, for example, at whether it would behoove us to have one in-patient system that would be used by DoD and the VA," he said. "That study is under way now, and we will have recommendations in March."

Another gap that needs to be closed is between government and private-sector health officials, Jones said. Many private health care providers are not as far along as DoD and VA in keeping electronic patient records, he explained, so the records from a beneficiary's visit to a private physician may not make it into his or her military medical record.

"We need to build a system that will allow the folks working with patients and military families access to the records – whether it be DoD, VA, the state or a private institution," Jones said. Private-sector health care providers and the government are working to set information technology standards for health care records, he added.

Improved efficiency in Tricare and other third-party insurance payments is another goal for the military health system, Jones said. He also pointed out that Congress has told the Defense Department to address changes in Tricare cost shares. While private insurance plans are indexed to keep pace with inflation, the cost-share portion of Tricare has not changed since 1996, he explained.

As military medicine moves forward, more and more work is going into how the system treats traumatic brain injuries and post-traumatic stress disorders. The department is moving out on these and other aspects of psychological health, Jones said, and Congress has funded additional research into these disorders. "Exciting things are happening and will happen in that area," he said.

The department has added specialists closer to the front to help warriors with psychological wounds. Jones said the military has come a long way toward eliminating the stigma associated with seeking mental health help, but more needs to be done.

"Let's erase the stigma associated with psychological wounds," he said. "Whether it's a wound to your body or a wound to your mind, it's the same thing. You need to get assistance."

Jones said substandard conditions



**President George W. Bush meets with co-chairs of the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors on July 25, in the Oval Office at the White House.**  
*(White House photo by Joyce N. Boghosian)*

found at Walter Reed Army Medical Center last year gave the department "a black eye." He noted that the problems at Walter Reed were not in trauma care, but in follow-on care and administrative processes.

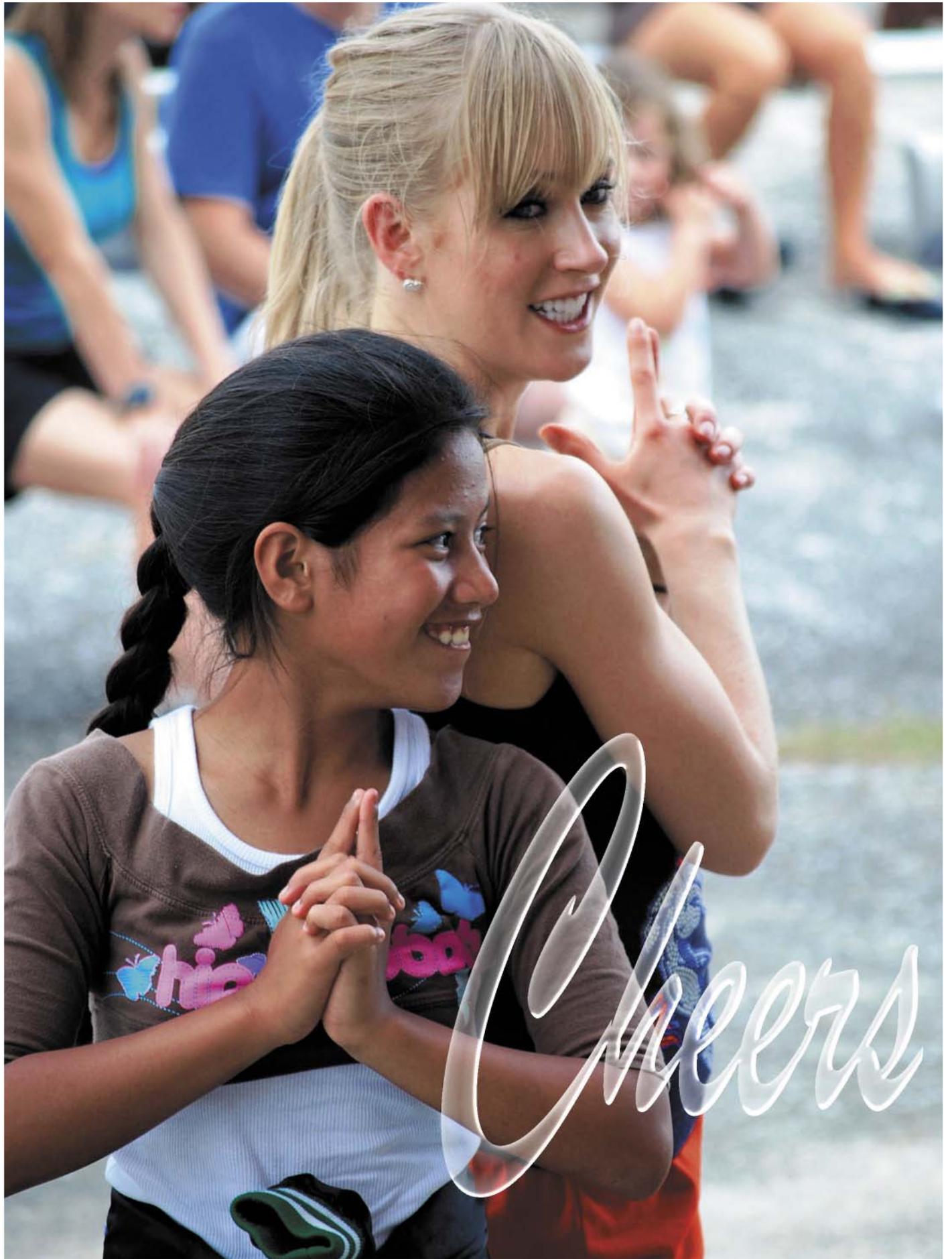
"The department has made tremendous strides in trying to improve the care around the wounded warriors and their families," he said.

At the Military Health Services annual conference here next week, Jones will host a discussion on the future of military health care. This year's conference theme is "Caring for America's Heroes." More than 3,000 attendees are expected.

The conference is an attempt to communicate ideas throughout the force, and also provides an opportunity for DoD leaders to get input from the field, Jones said.

But it all begins with people, Jones said, and the nation's wounded warriors are in the best possible hands. From the medics and corpsmen on the ground to the doctors at the combat support hospitals to the specialists at Walter Reed and the National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Md., all are providing the best trauma care in the world, he said.

"Without that team, without that system, we would not be able to do the job that we are doing," Jones said. Servicemembers who would have died of their injuries in the past are now surviving, thanks to the commitment, training and medical know-how of those personnel, he said.





Opposite page: Yomoko Kemem learns a cheerleading pose from Sarah Lockhart. Above: cheerleaders Emily Harper, left, and Sarah Culter teach cheer routines to girls at the cheerleading clinic Tuesday afternoon at Richardson Theater.

(Photos by JJ Klein)

# Denver Bronco cheerleaders bring youth cheerleading clinic, performance to Kwaj

## Hourglass reports

Sixteen representatives from the Denver Broncos cheerleading squad visited Kwajalein this week.

The cheerleaders and support team are touring U.S. military installations as a part of the Armed Forces Entertainment and United Servicemen's Organization program. The cheerleaders held a clinic for young people on Tuesday afternoon and performed a show combining singing, dancing, skits and cheer routines on Wednesday evening. Both events were at Richardson Theater.

Approximately 150 young people attended the clinic on Tuesday, learning about the basics of cheerleading. The grounds of the Richardson Theater were packed on Wednesday evening with young people and adults watching the evening performance. Members of the community were invited on stage to participate in parts of the show.

This is the sixth tour the Denver Bronco cheerleaders have made in conjunction with AFE and USO. Entering their 15th season, the Denver Broncos cheerleaders

are one of the premier teams in the National Football League. The Broncos brought back cheerleaders in 1993 after a 17-year absence and are proud of the work the team does both on the field and most importantly in the community. The Broncos Cheerleaders are selected through auditions held each spring. In 2007, 300 women tried out for the 34 available positions. Auditions focus primarily on dance ability; however, appearance, personal accomplishments and community involvement also are contributing factors.

Stanley Baird, a jazz musician, will be the next AFE entertainer visiting Kwajalein. He is schedule to perform on Feb. 13 on Roi-Namur and on Feb. 14 on Kwajalein. He will be the featured act at the Valentine's Day program in the garden. Throughout his career, Baird has covered every aspect of jazz. In 1991, he formed The Stanley Baird Group and since then has released six albums with Traffic Jam being the latest release.

For more information on AFE tours, contact Kim Parker at 53331.

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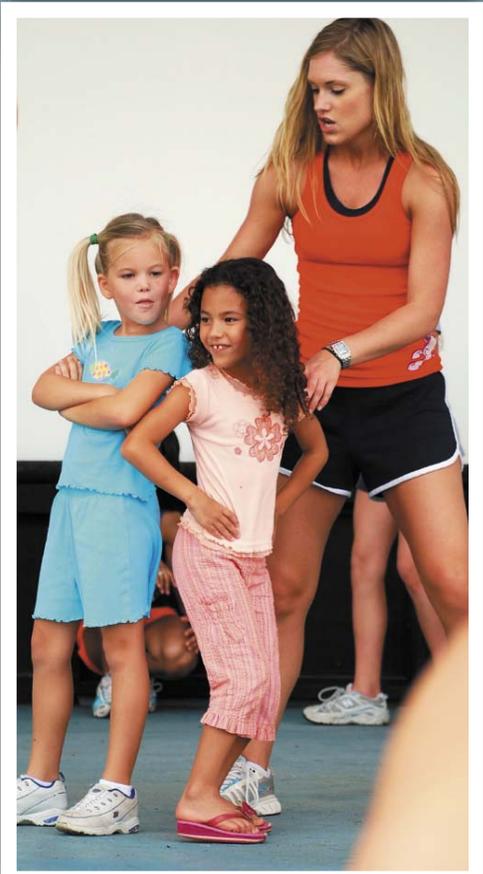
Kwajalein girls of all ages participated in the clinic Tuesday afternoon at Richardson Theater.

(Photo by JJ Klein)



Tom Cardillo gets treated to a serenade by cheerleaders Wednesday evening.

(Photo by JJ Klein)



Cheerleader Sarah Culter gives instructions to Graeson Cossey, left, and Christina Jones at the cheerleading clinic.

(Photo by JJ Klein)



Singing as well as dancing and cheerleading routines are part of the performance.

*(Photo by JJ Klein)*



Justin DeCoster joins the cheerleaders for a dance at the Wednesday night performance.

*(Photo by Nell Drumheller)*



A cheerleader flies through the air at the cheerleading clinic Tuesday.

*(Photo by JJ Klein)*



Joe Makua chats with the cheerleaders Wednesday evening.

*(Photo by JJ Klein)*

# Kwajalein Running Club holds Ride 'n Park Monday

## Hourglass reports

Two speedy team pairs finished first and second just eleven seconds apart after more than an hour of running and biking three 3.89-mile loops around Kwaj airfield on Monday.

Ben Bartyzel of AL-TAIR and Jon Jahnke of Kwajalein Jr-Sr High School finished first with a team time of one-hour and four-minutes even.

Thomas Cardillo and Stephanie Los, both of KRS Mission Ops, were second in one-hour, four-minutes and 11-seconds.

Ten other teams fleshed out the field, including the husband-wife teams of Brent and Krystal Peterson and Eric and Candace Everts.

The bikes were colorful and varied. They included skinny-wheeled racing bikes, touring 10-speeds, mountain bikes and even some fat tired 'Kwaj' bikes.

Some KRC events are grueling and some are novelties; Ride 'n Park is both.

Here is how it works:



Runners and bikers start the Park and Ride Race Monday. (Photo by JJ Klein)

Teams of two persons share a bike while traveling the 3.89-mile airfield loop three times.

One member starts the loop on foot and the other on the bike near the Atoll

Air Terminal, both traveling clockwise. The biker leaves the bike in a handoff zone by the Shark Pit and immediately runs back to the start area. The teammate finds the bike, and

rides back to the Atoll Air Terminal where he or she leaves the bike for his or her teammate. Three loops of this and each team's second finisher determines the team total time.

# Eight servicemembers die in Global War on Terror

Three Soldiers died Jan. 16 of wounds suffered in Balad, Iraq when they were attacked by grenade and small arms fire during combat operations. They were assigned to the 1st Squadron, 32nd Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky. Killed were: **Pfc. Danny L. Kimme**, 27, of Fisher, Ill., and **Spc. John P. Sigbee**, 21, of Waterville, N.Y. who died in Balad and **Pfc. David H. Sharrett II**, 27, of Oakton, Va., who died in Pallouata, Iraq.

**Staff Sgt. Justin R. Whiting**, 27, of Hancock, N.Y., died Saturday in Mosul, Iraq of wounds sustained

when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Campbell.

**Spc. Jon M. Schoolcraft, III**, 26, of Wapakoneta, Ohio, died Saturday in Taji, Iraq of wounds sustained when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

**Spc. Richard B. Burress**, 25, of Naples, Fla., died Saturday in Al Jabour, Iraq of wounds sustained when his vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry

Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

**Lance Cpl. James M. Gluff**, 20, of Tunnel Hill, Ga., died Saturday while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**Sgt. Michael R. Sturdivant**, 20, of Conway, Ark., died Tuesday in Kirkuk, Iraq of injuries sustained in a vehicle accident during convoy operations. He was assigned to the 431st Civil Affairs Battalion, U.S. Army Civil Affairs & Psychological Operations Command (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C.

## 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](http://www.krsjv.com). Job descriptions for other openings are located at Human Resources, Building 700.**

NEED EXTRA money? KRS employment applications are continually accepted for 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.

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**

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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

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

## Religious Services

### Catholic

Saturday Mass, 5:30 p.m., in the small chapel.  
Sunday Mass, 9:15 a.m., in the main chapel.  
Mass on Roi is at 12:30 p.m., in Roi chapel.

### Protestant

Sunday  
8 and 10:45 a.m., on Kwaj and Roi-Namur service at 4 p.m.  
Sunday school for all ages is at 9:15 a.m.

### Baptist

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

### Latter-Day Saints

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

### Church of Christ

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

### Jewish services

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

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

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

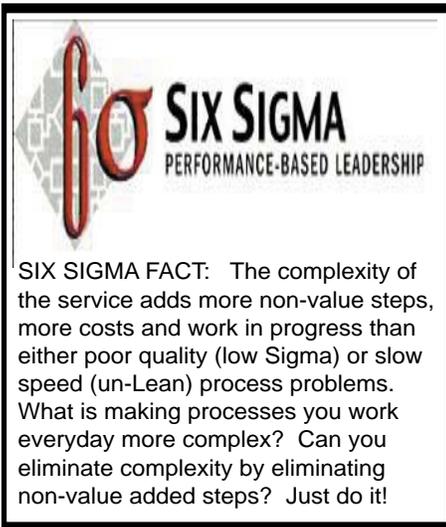
## Café Pacific

### Lunch

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Feb. 1
Bistik tagalog	Carved London broil	Broiled hamburger steak	Meat lasagna	Southern fried chicken	Mambo pork roast	Corned beef/cabbage
Inahow baboy	Salmon croquettes	Sweet-and-sour pork	Spinach lasagna	Barbecued spareribs	Jerk chicken wings	Irish lamb stew
Pancit bihon	Pork pimento	Bacon and cheese quiche	Broccoli stir-fry	Cornmeal-fried catfish	Jamaica meat pie	Tuna casserole
Grill: Teriyaki burger	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Brunch station open	Grill: Sloppy Joes	Grill: Cheddar burger	Grill: Ham stacker	Grill: Cheese gobbler

### Dinner

Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Pancake supper	Grilled minute steak	Char grilled short ribs	Beef pot pie	Braised Swiss steak	Top sirloin	Spaghetti
Smoked beef briskit	Chicken stew	Chicken divan	Hawaiian ham steak	Chicken nuggets	Roast herb chicken	Eggplant Parmesan
Szechuan chicken	Marinated salmon	Vegetarian tofu	Oriental veggie stir-fry	Vegetarian lentils	Vegetable chow fun	Chicken Alfredo



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  
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 MECHANICAL ENGINEER III, HR Reqs. 031512 and 031566 U  
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 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  
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PLUMBER/ PIPEFITTER III and IV, HR Req. 031354 and 031548 U  
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 RADAR TECHNICIAN II and III, HR Reqs. 031943 and 031717 U  
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 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  
 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>>

**AirScan Pacific**

MANAGER, EMPLOYEE SERVICES. Coordinates the aviation administrative functions, human resources, financial support and payroll activities. Requirements are Bachelor's in Business Management or Human Resources. Experience in human resources, payroll and finance. Preferred: master's degree. KEAMS experience and experience working as subcontractor. Send resumes to [richard.zurawski@smdck.smdc.army.mil](mailto:richard.zurawski@smdck.smdc.army.mil) or deliver to Building 901.

**WANTED**

HOUSE-SITTING situation for single parent and teenage son, March 11-21. Call 53354, work, or 59985, home.

**LOST**

BLACK TENSOR brand elbow brace, at tennis courts. Call 54632.

ORANGE FUGI 131 underwater camera in the lagoon somewhere between Emon Beach and North Point on Wednesday. Call 54417 or 53384 .

WILEY-X prescription sunglasses, blue, and Casio Sea-Pathfinder. Call Rob, 52200.

**PATIO SALES**

MONDAY, 8-11 a.m., Quarters 133-B. No early birds.

**FOR SALE**

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

TROLLING RIG, Penn Senator 10/0 reel loaded with 150 monofilament and heavy-duty tuna stick with roller guides, \$200. Call Steve, 52823.

GUITAR HERO I, 2 and 3 with two guitars wireless, \$200. Call 52564.

PHONE AND FAX machine, Brother 610, paper included, \$25. Call 55945.

FIBERGLASS HULL, 19-FOOT, with 100-horsepower, four-stroke Yamaha and 9.9-horsepower kicker, two 15-gallon fuel tanks, new steering, bimini top, chairs, outriggers, two anchors, life jackets and many extras, excellent gas mileage, has gone to Roi on one tank, \$12,000. Call 54216.

HUFFY BIKE, decent-shape, \$50 or best offer. Call Rick, 51502, work, or 55657, home.

PLANTS, all sizes and variety, see at Quarters 137-C, \$5-50. Call 51982.

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.

COMPUTER DESK CHAIR, \$20; toaster oven \$15; Bear Cat scanner, \$25; Weight Gain 2000, \$20; Fender Hotrod deluxe guitar amp, \$500; Line 6 Uber Metal Pedal, \$50; M-Audio Trigger Finger \$100; telescope Celestron 6-inches f/5 Newtonian on CG-4 mount, with motor drive, webcam and carry case, \$300. Call 53329.

*HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS*, new hardcover, \$15; *Eragon/Eldest* hardcover boxed set, \$10; boys' blue blazer, size 18, \$10; tap shoes size 7W, \$10; dansneakers, size 7 1/2, \$10; size 34 Tyr swimteam colored female suit, \$10. Call 52312.

GAME CUBE console, two controllers, one memory card, seven games and one microphone, \$125. Call 54517, after 5:30 p.m.

WETSUITS BY XCEL, Hawaii, shortie-style, size small, Farmer John-style, size large, \$50 each. Call 55945.

CRAFTSMAN AIR compressor, 80-gallon, five-horsepower, 240 volt single phase, \$500. Call 52725.

TWO 1993 100-HORSEPOWER Mercury Mariner engines, run great, lots of accessories and spare parts, \$4,000. Call 55987 and leave message.

JVC TV, 27-inch, \$50. Call 54778 and leave a message.

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.

MAGNAVOX COLOR TV, 19-inch with remote, \$75; king-size feather bed, six months old, washable cover, \$50; beach chair in great shape, \$6; foam water noodles, barely used, \$2 each; new adult life jacket, \$6; Ice chest, medium, \$6 and beautiful, new, big porcelain doll in box, must see to appreciate, \$50. Call 54737.

LESTER 'BETSY ROSS' spinet upright piano with bench seat, \$225. Call 53731.

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

SHIMANO FOUR-SPEED hub, new, never installed, \$40; Craftsman air compressor, 1/2-horsepower, three-gallon, \$100 and work/storage area, you move it, free. Call Toby, 55590.

BOAT LOT 69 with a eight-foot by 24-foot shipping container boathouse, \$300 and Boat Lot 10 with an eight-foot by 20-foot insulated shipping container with air-conditioning, \$600. Call Dennis, 51850, work, or 54489, home.

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 Thursday. Call 52698.

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

ENJOY BALLROOM DANCING, 7-9:30 p.m., Saturday, in the multi-purpose room. Free and open to the community. Adults and high school students. Casual attire. Review class 7 -7:30 p.m. Bring your own non-alcoholic beverages. Questions? Call Cheryl or Dick, 51684.

EFFECTIVE SATURDAY, Sunrise Bakery hours are 6 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday and 7 a.m.-noon, weekends and holidays.

MACY'S SUPER BOWL sale, Monday through Feb. 4. Greeting cards, 75 percent off; party supplies; 50 percent off; jar candles and votives, 50 percent off; West Marine boat shoes, \$5; toys, 40-50 percent off; Roi Rats shirts, 50 percent off marked down price and sneakers, 25 percent off.

A power outage is scheduled for, 7:30 a.m.-midnight, Monday, to disconnect Vault 885 from the distribution system. The following facilities will be affected:

Vault 885:	Fac. 857	San Juan Office/Mancamp B
	Fac. 858	San Juan Mancamp C
	Fac. 894	Corps Of Engineers
	Fac. 886	Lift Station (Mancamp)
	Fac. 888	Lift Station (Mancamp)
	Fac. 893	GPS Admin Office
	Fac. 872	Yacht Club
	Fac. 878	Camp Hamilton
Vault 1060:	Fac. 1059	Lift Station (Near Fac. 1060)
Storage)	Fac. 1060	Warehouse (Environmental Refrigerated Sample
	Fac. 1104	Warehouse Copier/Printer Repair Shop
	Fac. 1105	Warehouse
	Fac. 1106	Printer/Copier Storage
	Fac. 1108	WIP Stores
	Fac. 1173	IFICS Admin Office, and Warehouse
Vault 1088:	Fac. 1036	KRS Corporate Offices
	Fac. 1076	GMD Office Trailer
Vault 1113:	Fac. 1114	Warehouse
	Fac. 1115	Warehouse
	Fac. 1116	ABS Warehouse

Questions? Call Charles, 53426.

MACY'S FURNITURE and home furnishings sale runs through Feb. 4. Rosewood, 40-50 percent off; Sauder, Winsomewood and children's furniture, 50 percent off; lamps, 40 percent off; framed pictures, 30 percent off; mirrors, 60 percent off, Waterford, fine china and novelty dishware (logo items excluded), 40 percent off and La-Z-Boy furniture, 15 percent off.

THE NEXT BOATER'S ORIENTATION class is scheduled for 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, at Corlett Recreation Center Room 1. Cost for the class is \$20, payable in advance at Small Boat Marina. Questions? Call 53643.

MANDATORY ISLAND ORIENTATION begins at 12:45 p.m., Wednesday, in Community Activities Center Room 6. It is required for all new island arrivals. It is not recommended for family members under 10. Questions? Call 51134.

THE MARSHALL ISLANDS Council of Non-Governmental Organizations will hold a grant writing workshop at noon, Wednesday, in the Religious Education Building. For information or to request applications, call Cris, 52935.

THE KWAJALEIN TENNIS Club is having an organizational meeting at 6 p.m., Feb. 3, at the tennis courts. New club officers will be nominated. The club will barbecue. If you are interested in joining the tennis club, stop by. For additional information, contact Rich Russell at 54632.

THE OPTOMETRIST will see patients Feb. 5-17. Call 52223 or 52224 to schedule limited appointments. The optometrist has increased exam fees by \$5.

TALENT IS NEEDED for Kaleidoscope of Music on March 16. Questions? Call 50227.

KRS/CHUGACH/AIRSCAN health benefits. The 2008 Aetna Insurance cards for KRS/Chugach/AirScan employees have been mailed. Only members who made changes to their benefits during the 2008 open enrollment period will receive a new Aetna ID card. Changes include name changes, new members, dependent changes, and members moving into a new plan/account. If no changes were made to your benefits information from 2007 to 2008, continue to use your existing insurance card. If you find an error, lost, misplaced, or did not receive your card(s), contact

Health Benefits to have a new card re-issued to you at 51888(Grace) or 50939(Marilyn).

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 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.

ALL CARGO AND BAGGAGE transiting between Kwajalein and Roi-Namur needs to be checked no later than 30 minutes prior to posted flight close-out times. On Kwajalein, all cargo and baggage needs to be brought to the main terminal area in Building 901 for processing. All baggage, dive gear, snorkel gear, golf bags, surfboards, wakeboards, etc., will not be accepted at the passenger check-in counter. Each passenger may have only one carry-on bag that meets the established size requirement.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meetings are held at 6 p.m., Wednesdays and Sundays, in the Religious Education Building upstairs across from the library. There will be an open AA meeting Sunday. Everyone is welcome. Questions? 50227.

THREE PALMS SNACK BAR hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. with pizza delivery 5-8 p.m., seven days a week.

U.S. ARMY KWAJALEIN ATOLL Policy 200-1 has established the Eniwetak Conservation Area. The policy prohibits approaching or anchoring within 300 meters of Eniwetak Islet, accessing Eniwetak Islet without authorization, fishing, boating, diving, snorkeling or skin diving within the ECA, taking, killing, harvesting, harassing or endangering marine or terrestrial wildlife resource or habitat within the ECA. The policy is applicable to all USAKA residents, visitors, and any persons present for any reason on U.S.-controlled defense sites (persons granted access to USAKA under provisions of USAKA Reg. 109-10, Entry and Exit procedures). Violation of the policy may result in termination of employment at USAKA, administrative bar or termination of recreational privileges including boating and diving. Questions regarding the ECA should be addressed to USAKA Environmental, 55449, or Kwajalein Range Services Environmental, 51134.

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been encouraged to embrace the credit card culture.

After all, our elected officials told us to 'go shopping' after Sept. 11 or the terrorists would win.

We were told it was our patriotic duty because consumer spending was 75 percent of the U.S. economy (*even if* most of what we were buying was made in foreign countries).

Spend, spend, spend and let the chips fall where they may. You know, like the government does.

But the trouble with putting off worrying about things until tomorrow is that tomorrow has a nasty habit of coming around.

That's pretty much where America is right now.

Tomorrow is here. You see folks, the 'vibrant' economy we heard so much about until recently is built on mountains of debt — government debt and consumer debt and the bill is coming due.

It's like a concrete building with the rebar rotting away inside. When the rebar is rotted through, the concrete begins to crumble.

In this case, the rebar is our debt and the concrete is the economy. The concrete was looking OK from the outside, but inside it's been getting pretty ugly.

We're seeing chunks starting to fall off the economic concrete now as that pesky debt stuff is threatening us with recession and other unpleasantness.

I get nervous when I hear the presidential candidates and those in power in Washington, D.C. coming up with all these economic stimulus packages. It's like watching magicians trying to pull rabbits out of their hats.

It worries me that the main part of those packages, no matter which political party is represented, is tax cuts in one form or another. Some say give cuts to corporations so they'll hire more people and buy more equipment. Some say give cuts and rebates to poor people and the middle class because they'll spend it faster. Some say make the current tax cuts permanent. Yada, yada, yada.

But I'd like to ask a question if I may.

Aren't tax cuts a big reason why we're in this mess to begin with? Isn't fighting two wars and other government spending without having the money to pay for everything part of our troubles? Where's the money coming from for this \$145 billion economic stimulus package we hear of? Oh, yeah, we'll just borrow it from China and Saudi Arabia.

Everyone knows the Federal Reserve lowered the prime interest rate yet again by .75 basis points on Wednesday.

But lowering interest rates will probably cause the U.S. dollar to slide even further into oblivion, thereby causing rampant inflation as foreigners charge us more dollars for their goods? Wouldn't that cause recession?

If one reads history, one will see that there have been many powerful empires and nations through the ages. They all disappeared, or at least became mere shadows of what they once were, mostly because, for one reason or another, they spent themselves broke — usually fighting wars — and their currency became worthless. America is not immune to that fate.

I'm not an economist by any stretch of the imagination, but I fail to see how tax cuts and lower interest rates are going to fix the economy when it's debt caused by tax cuts and a plunging dollar caused by lower interest rates that damaged the economy in the first place. Maybe someone smarter can explain it to me. Weren't we told once upon a time that big tax cuts would actually bring more revenue into the federal treasury? Soooo . . . why are we broke?

If we were honest with ourselves, we would see that only hard, painful sacrifices can save our country, our economy and us.

Down deep, we all know that tax increases and severe cuts in government spending are what is needed. We have to have a balanced federal budget. We just can't go on with massive debt and borrowing money to pay for it without a day of reckoning.

But are Americans willing to make those sacrifices?

What if a politician running for president told us that he or she was going to raise taxes, cut government programs, raise the retirement age, cut Social Security and Medicare Benefits, get out of Iraq and Afghanistan, close all of our 800 military bases in 20 foreign countries and bring our troops home from wherever they were in the world. What if he or she said that whatever was necessary to balance the federal budget would be done, no matter how painful? Do you think that politician would stand a chance of getting elected?

Hey, we're all selfish and have a tendency to look out for numero uno. I can't honestly say I would vote for anyone with that agenda myself, even though I know that drastic measures need to be taken. I don't want anything taken away from me anymore than anyone else does. I sure don't want to see Social Security and Medicare cuts. Hey, take it from someplace else. Leave mine the heck alone — or at least wait until I'm dead to mess with it. The trouble is, everyone feels the same way.

But who knows, maybe this fiscal crisis will turn out to be a good thing. It might scare our government, our corporations and consumers back to the days when things were done with a little common sense and sound business practices, like, you know, having more income than outgo. If we can get ourselves out of this mess we're in, maybe we'll see things in a new light and at long last, get our financial act together.

### Weather courtesy of RTS Weather

**Saturday:** Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE at 12-18 knots.  
**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE at 12-18 knots.  
**Monday:** Partly sunny, 40 percent showers. **Winds:** NE at 15-21 knots.  
**Tuesday:** Partly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** NE at 15-21 knots.  
**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, 20 percent showers. **Winds:** NE 16-22 knots.  
**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE at 15-20 knots.  
**Feb. 1:** Mostly sunny, 10 percent showers. **Winds:** NE at 14-19 knots.

Annual total: 4.87 inches  
 Annual deviation: +0.91 inches

Call 54700 for updated forecasts or visit [www.rts-wx.com](http://www.rts-wx.com).

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Sun • Moon • Tides				
Saturday	7:10 a.m./6:53 p.m.	10:47 p.m./10:20 a.m.	6:30 a.m., 3.8' 6:37 p.m., 4.4'	12:29 a.m., 0.6' 12:25 p.m., 0.3'
Sunday	7:10 a.m./6:53 p.m.	11:32 p.m./10:58 a.m.	7:01 a.m., 3.7' 7:04 p.m., 4.0'	12:55 a.m., 0.4' 12:56 p.m., 0.0'
Monday	7:10 a.m./6:53 p.m.	/11:36 a.m.	7:29 a.m., 3.5' 7:30 p.m., 3.5'	1:21 a.m., 0.1' 1:27 p.m., 0.4'
Tuesday	7:10 a.m./6:53 p.m.	12:17 a.m./12:15 p.m.	8:01 a.m., 3.3' 7:55 p.m., 3.0'	1:21 a.m., 0.1' 2:01 p.m., 0.8'
Wednesday	7:10 a.m./6:53 p.m.	1:04 a.m./12:58 p.m.	8:38 a.m., 3.0' 8:24 p.m., 2.5'	2:10 a.m., 0.5' 2:45 p.m., 1.2'
Thursday	7:10 a.m./6:53 p.m.	1:54 a.m./1:43 p.m.	9:34 a.m., 2.7' 9:12 p.m., 2.0'	2:40 a.m., 0.9' 4:10 p.m., 1.5'
Feb. 1	7:02 a.m./6:56 p.m.	2:45 a.m./2:32 p.m.	11:35 a.m., 2.6' 9:34 a.m., 1.2'	3:34 a.m., 1.2' 7:42 p.m., 1.4'