

# The Kwajalein Hourglass

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## Cholera hits Ebeye, kills 5

USAKA/KMR officials say disease unlikely to come here

By Peter Rejcek  
Associate Editor

An outbreak of cholera on Ebeye has reportedly claimed five lives, but officials on Ebeye and Kwajalein say they are taking action to confine and eradicate the illness as quickly as possible.

More than 50 people have been taken to the hospital on Ebeye since the diarrheal disease manifested it-  
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## Christmas Eve bash

Andrea Lindborg lets out a blast on the trumpet while Ed Harris jams on the percussions Christmas Eve at the Yokwe Yuk Club, where the band Bring It On ushered in the holidays with a mix of Christmas and rock tunes. See pages 6-7 for a Christmas retrospective.

(Photo by Peter Rejcek)



## Vanishing Treasures?

By Peter Rejcek  
Associate Editor

More than one-quarter of the world's coral reefs has been lost to global warming, pollution, fishing activity and other sources of stress, according to a report released late this year by an international monitoring organization.

The report from the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network, presented at the 9th International Coral Reef Symposium in Bali last month, found that 27 percent of

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(Photo by Tom Krasuski)

# Mirror, mirror in the funhouse, what awaits us in 2001?

So, it's that time of year again. Yes, time once again to dispose of all my enemies with great and horrific vengeance ... Ooops, was that out loud?

Anyway, it's also time to reflect and look ahead, just like in one of those carnival funhouse hall of mirrors, where everything is distorted and exaggerated, and all you can see is yourself looking at yourself looking at yourself looking at yourself ...

Arrgh. The angst.

Actually, it's been a pretty good year. I live on a tropical island with lots of good geckos and some pretty decent people, as well. I get to do more diving than the stock market, at least until lately, and learned how to sail — or at least I look pretty cool when the boat's heeled over and I'm clinging desperately to the jib sheet so I don't fall out of the boat.

I haven't been eaten by a shark. Nor have I been infected with coral, like one of those island newcomer stories you hear about when someone gets a microgram of coral in an open wound and the next thing you know a parasitic coral growth has taken command of his body, kind of like that scene in *Alien*.

So, yes, I still have my health, as well, meaning by the time you read



this I should have a full-blown case of the crud.

But before I become too delirious, let's look ahead to next year. With his predictions for 2001, I present Gecko the Insightful.

Everyone is eager to hear your predictions for the next year. What do you see, oh omniscient one?

"I see much paradox, as the future is not yet certain because the present is still fluid and in turmoil."

But surely you can tell us something?

"Yes ... wait ... now I see. The New York Yankees will add the league's first gecko pitcher, who will single-handedly take them to an unprecedented fourth consecutive World Series championship ..."

Stop, stop. That's impossible. Geckos can't pitch, except maybe for the Texas Rangers. Let's hear some reasonable predictions.

"OK. Let's see: In an another last-minute change of heart, Al Gore will

take back his concession at George Dubya Bush's inauguration, sending the country into a fit. People will riot in the streets — mostly because the event will later interrupt the Super Bowl Half Time Show and the premiere of a slew of new commercials.

"I expect further unrest in the Middle East, particularly when Hillary Clinton abruptly quits New York and takes up residence in Jerusalem, where she runs for prime minister after converting to Islam.

"Tom Hanks will make a bad movie.

"The aliens who originally built the Great Pyramids will return to Earth and demand 5,000 years in back rent, plus interest. In the end, they settle for a couple of strings of plastic beads and all the tea in China."

What about Kwaj and the *Hourglass*?

"Great things are going to happen. After Bush finally takes office in 2003, he will approve massive expenditures for National Missile Defense. Macy's will be able to expand its offering of Waterford Crystal, and Café Pacific will serve surf-n-turf every Saturday night.

"The *Hourglass* will continue to evolve, until its associate editor is offered a \$250 million deal to pitch for the Rangers."

Happy New Year!

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## Buckminster and Friends ————— By Sabrina Mumma



## **Cholera vaccine being distributed to Marshallese ...**

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self sometime at the first of the month. Late last week, health officials on Kwaj and Ebeye first warned of a cluster of illness that was under investigation.

Saturday, USAKA/KMR Commander Col. Curtis L. Wrenn enacted the Emergency Operations Center as a proactive measure. That same day, Wrenn joined with several medical professionals to announce on local radio and television that the sickness appeared to be cholera. Over the weekend, laboratory tests confirmed that three patients hospitalized at Ebeye were positive for cholera, and that information was forwarded to the community via hand-delivered letters.

Cholera is an acute diarrheal disease of the gastrointestinal tract caused by the ingestion of *vibrio cholerae* bacteria through fecal-oral transmission — that is, ingesting food or water contaminated by fecal matter from an infected person.

Dr. Jean-Paul Chaine, an epidemiologist with the Pacific Island Health Officer Association who worked in Pohnpei when a cholera epidemic hit there earlier this year, said that the disease is preventable and treatable.

“What is most important now is to stop the spread,” Chaine said.

Medical officials say there are several simple rules to follow in order to avoid cholera:

- Ensure that the water source is safe, use bottled water or boil water for at least five minutes.

- Make sure food is well cooked and do not allow it to sit around, especially if it should be refrigerated. Also, eat fruits that must be peeled.

- Most important, wash your hands before handling food.

“That will take care of cholera,” Chaine said.

In Pohnpei, it took the disease six months to run its course, and health officials there are ready to announce that the disease has been eradicated, according to Chaine. He said there are a number of factors that affect how quickly cholera can be stamped out, including the size and make-up of the population and how closely

people live together. He noted that children under age 10 rarely contract cholera and that 70 percent of those who get the disease never show any symptoms.

“Everybody is susceptible ... but kids don’t get it,” he said.

Symptoms of cholera include severe dehydration from massive diarrhea, and shock can occur. An infected person should be taken to the hospital immediately to receive antibiotics and fluids. Early and immediate treatment normally results in 100 percent survival.

Health officials began administering vaccines on Monday at both Ebeye and the Kwajalein Dock Security checkpoint, according to Dr. Eric Lindborg, Kwajalein Hospital chief medical officer. About 4,000 doses of the oral vaccine arrived here last week. Chaine said another shipment of 15,000 doses from the World Health Organization should arrive within two weeks.

Dr. Sanda Yao, Chief of Ebeye Hospital Medical Staff, and Chaine both said that this is the first outbreak of cholera they’ve ever heard of on Ebeye or in the Marshall Islands.

“RMI Ministry of Health officials are restricting travel from Ebeye to other RMI communities, requiring either prophylactic treatment with antibiotics or vaccination prior to travel,” Lindborg said. In addition, the USAKA command is advising residents avoid traveling to Ebeye until the disease is brought under control. Commercial flight passengers residing on or visiting Ebeye must have a traveler’s clearance certificate for cholera from Ebeye Hospital before traveling.

Marshallese workers traveling to Kwajalein are being offered vaccinations, according to Lindborg. Chaine said priority for the vaccine is also being given to those people with health problems, the elderly, the chronically ill and medical staff. Those who are vaccinated are given a document from the hospital to prove they have been treated.

“There is no public health risk to the Kwajalein community,” Wrenn emphasized in public addresses. “We are intensely interested in doing everything we can to help our Marshallese neighbors.”

### **Officials: Food facilities taking extra precautions**

By Peter Rejcek

Associate Editor

A cholera epidemic on Ebeye should not keep people from using food facilities at Kwajalein, say local food and safety officials.

Inspections at food establishments around the island are being done on a daily basis to ensure all precautions are taken to prevent cholera and other diseases, according to Pat Zurick, food safety and sanitation specialist.

“We already have a good food plan in place to prevent the spread of disease, any disease,” Zurick said, adding that he started daily inspections over the weekend. Zurick said he is especially emphasizing hand-washing, and proper time and temperature for food preparation.

“Cholera is very easily killed by heat,” Zurick noted. For example, he checks to make sure that food in the Café Pacific buffet line is at least 140 degrees at all times.

“Our food managers are conscientious, as are our Marshallese workers,” Zurick said. “Nobody wants to get sick.”

Paul King, Sodexho Marriott general manager, said he’s held meetings through the holidays with his staff to re-emphasize proper food handling techniques. Memos have also been sent home with Marshallese employees, requesting that they use bleach and sanitize dishes to keep themselves and their families healthy.

Most food service employees have already voluntarily taken a cholera vaccine that’s being offered at the Dock Security Checkpoint, and none have reported any cholera-related health problems, King added.

“Our facilities are safe to eat in,” he reiterated.

Business at food establishments is suffering because of the cholera outbreak, according to King, and that may eventually affect service.

“We need [residents] to support operations or we’re going to have to modify our hours,” he said.

## Coral reefs affected by climactic changes, says report ...

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the world's coral reefs were gone and predicted that 70 percent would vanish by 2050. The report follows a World Bank report issued in November that found South Pacific island nations had suffered more than a billion dollars in environmental damage over the past 10 years, including

damage to coral reefs, according to an article on Discovery.com.

Overall, the reefs in Micronesia, which includes the Marshall Islands, were rated by the study as being in "good to excellent condition, although there is damage resulting from development activities on the high islands and overfishing around centers of population ... Most of the region escaped damage from the 1997-1998 bleaching event; however, there were unprecedented losses of coral around Palau."

"It's pretty bad," said zoology student Brian Greene, a former Kwaj kid home for the holidays from the University of Hawaii, of the worldwide picture. Greene attended the symposium in Bali with about 1,500 scientists from around the world.

A snorkeler since he was 2 years old, the 20-year-old Greene said he's certainly noticed a decline in the health of the reef, particularly in the southern half of the atoll around Kwaj and Ebeye.

In an informal survey sent out to members of the Kwajalein Scuba Club via e-mail, many divers agreed the health of the local coral ecosystem is suffering. More than

25 divers — some of whom have been diving here since before the 1980s, and others with less than a year's experience — responded to our inquiry.



(Photo by Tom Krasuski)

**The moorish idol is a familiar reef fish to most local divers, many of whom still think there is an abundance of smaller fish life despite any possible degradation of the reef system.**

tion of black coral oceanside," he said. Another diver also noted a dearth of species over just the last year.

"I have really noticed a reduction in the number of sharks on the oceanside drop-off dives, as well as rays, manta rays, barracuda, garden eels, skates," said diver Mike Johnson, who has been diving here since 1997. "I have noticed a plummet in the number of uninhabited shells of *all* species. Some of the small reef fish do not appear to have been as adversely affected as the larger animals and shells, nor has the coral. The *acropora* species seems to be doing better."

Johnson, like the researchers who released the "Status of Coral Reefs of the World: 2000," suggested the changes could be partly due to climactic variations.

"I have noticed a difference in what I see and feel. The temperature went from 81 to 82 degrees on average, to as low as 77, and back

Mike Cheatham, who has been diving here since 1989, had a mixed analysis regarding coral health.

"I have noticed ... the development of more soft coral in the lagoon and the reduc-

up recently to the low '80s, measured by my Aladdin computer ... I always worry about overfishing as a cause of reduction in the number of large species, but I really don't think the reduction in shells has been due to our impact here at the atoll, so really [I'm] perplexed whether it is temperature variations, atmospheric conditions or whatever."

In the summary of the reef report discussed in Bali, the authors say that climate may be just as significant, if not more so, than human impact. "Coral bleaching and mortality due to elevated sea surface temperatures is one of several major climate-related threats to coral reefs."

Further, the report said that in 1998 alone, bleaching destroyed about 16 percent of the world's reefs. In some parts of the western Pacific, 90 percent of shallow-water corals died. The world experienced the most dramatic changes in climate on record when a major El Niño event started in 1997, lasting 12 months, and was followed by a rapid switch to a La Niña in mid-1998, according to Clive Wilkinson, editor of the report.

Locally, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services conducts an environmental review every two years. In fact, USFWS officials were here in October, but a summary of their

assessment is not yet available, according to Tom Kane with USAKA/KMR Environmental. Kane did say that USFWS biologists noted an increase in

parasitic algae and a decrease in the giant clam population.

Some divers responding to *Hourglass* questions said they do not see any significant changes to the ecosystem, or if they do, it's probably cyclical.

"There are just as many shells as ever except for [Giant] Clams and

**"The buoy system would save a lot of coral, but one good typhoon would do as much damage as all the anchors, if not more."**

**Bob Hatcher, diver**



**Hard and soft corals, as well as bleached and dead coral, still dominate the local reef. A report by a global monitoring organization blames climactic changes for much bleached coral. However, a particularly nasty bleaching in 1997-98 did not hit Micronesia too hard, experts say.**

*(Photo by Tom Krasuski)*

Triton Trumpets,” wrote one diver. “More or less of certain varieties appear from year to year, which is normal. Plenty of Golden Cowries. Fish are numerous, new varieties are still being discovered here.”

Most divers, however, believe at least some degree of change is taking place, and blame pollution, construction of the causeway that links several islands north of Ebeye to Gugeegue and the use of grapple anchors for some coral and visibility degradation.

Said a six-year diver at Kwaj, “I have noticed a definite decline in the living reef on the east side of the lagoon. You now have to go to Bigej to see live towering coral heads. It is not worth anchoring lagoon side on the East Reef since there is very little to see.”

Another diver agreed. “Definite decrease in coral, shell and fish populations in the lagoon, along the east reef, since they built the causeway.”

But divers say the causeway is not the only culprit.

“To me, it seems the reef has become less and less vibrant,” said Julia Olson, who has been diving here for more than three years.

“Even going up the west reef past Gea pass, the reef is much more alive and beautiful. I think dropping anchors has really destroyed the reef in the surrounding areas.”

Several other divers also expressed concern about the damage caused by anchors. A project to establish a series of moorings for boats, like those around the island of Kosrae, for example, apparently remains in limbo.

“Every time it comes up, it’s shelved,” said Julio Rodriguez, Kwajalein Scuba Club president.

Wayne Cran, RSE Environmental manager, said his department has requested funds in the last several years to perform such a project, but “the money is pretty tight. I don’t expect to get funding for it.”

Cran said a mooring project is feasible, but would have to be undertaken by an independent party, like the scuba club.

“I believe the project is doable,” Cran said, adding that any plan would have to pass through USAKA, and a number of federal agencies, like USFWS, as well as the U.S. and RMI Environmental Protection agencies.

Some divers, however, believe

natural disasters remain far more destructive.

Said dive instructor Bob Hatcher, “In all honesty, the buoy system would save a lot of coral but one good typhoon would do as much damage as all the anchors, if not more.”

Other divers echoed Hatcher’s sentiments.

“I know many people are concerned about the damage done to the reef by the boat anchors, but I’ve seen the most damage by a strong storm or by El Niño/La Niña (water temp changes),” wrote a diver with six years experience here.

“I haven’t done very much diving for the last two years, so when I dive, I’ve noticed an *increase* in the small fish and coral at North Point,” she continued. “People who dive often tend to overlook the increase because they are habituated to the great diving.”

“Also, when I started diving here, the causeway to Gugeegue had just been constructed, and the sea life really suffered. It looks much better now with more blue/purplish coral and orange/yellow sponges. I’ve seen more octopi, fish and eels in that stretch than in the past.”

# CHRISTMA



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## YYWC carries on tradition to outer islands ...



**A young Majetto girl unwinds a long string of beads out of her goodie bag.**

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successful year.

The Yokwe Yuk Women's Club put together some 350 bags of toys, candy, clothes and other goodies for the children of Majetto and Ebadon, according to Kristy Schlueter, co-chair of the Outer Islands Christmas drop.

Schlueter said the YYWC held a couple of bake sales to raise money for the goodwill mission, and solicited help from many groups on Kwaj.

"People were coming up and giving us checks of \$100," she said. Elementary school students decorated large brown bags with holiday messages and images, while club members tie-dyed T-shirts. Raytheon also donated medical supplies, according to Schlueter.

Flown by helicopter to the isolated islands — located at the extreme northwest end of the atoll — the group included several members of the YYWC, Wrenn and wife, Sheila, as well as a contingent of Marshallese officials, including Rongelap Sen. Abacca Anjain-Maddison, who dressed up as Santa Claus.



**YYWC members tie-dyed scores of T-shirts for the children of Ebadon and Majetto.**

"The kids love it," she said. "They're really excited."

YYWC members also enjoyed themselves.

"It was fun to do and it's an added treat to go," said Jane DeJoie.

Wrenn added, as he looked up the scores of children peering intently into brown bags, "Christmas is for children, and I'm glad to see so many happy children."

Photos by Peter Rejcek



**Two little girls on Ebadon, which has a total population of around 120 during the holidays, spread out their toys and coloring books. Toys included everything from soccer balls to Star Wars dolls. The YYWC also delivered bags of rice and fresh fruit to both islands.**



**Kwajalein visitors to Ebadon are treated to fresh coconut juice to quench their thirst.**

## New Year's Holiday Hours Monday, Jan. 1

(Unless otherwise noted, Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday business hours are not affected.)

### KWAJALEIN

#### Community Activities

##### Beaches

Coral Sands ..... Buddy system at all times  
Camp Hamilton ..... Buddy system at all times  
Emon ..... 11 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sunday, Tuesday ..... 11 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Wednesday ..... Buddy system

Bowling Center ..... 1-8:30 p.m.

Sunday ..... 1-10 p.m.

Tuesday ..... 1-8:30 p.m.

CRC Gym/racquetball ..... 12-6 p.m.

Sunday ..... 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

Tuesday ..... 12-9 p.m.

Gear Locker ..... 1-6:30 p.m.

Sunday ..... 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Tuesday ..... 1-6:30 p.m.

Golf Course ..... Sunrise to sunset

Golf Pro Shop ..... Closed

Sunday ..... 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tuesday ..... Closed

Golf Driving Range ..... Closed

Sunday ..... Closed

Tuesday ..... 5:30-7 p.m.

Hobby Shop ..... 12:30-6 p.m.

Sunday ..... 12:30-5 p.m.

Tuesday ..... 12:30-6 p.m.

Wednesday ..... Closed

Ivey Gym ..... 2-7 p.m.

Sunday, Tuesday ..... 8-11 a.m.; 2-7 p.m.

Library ..... 1-7 p.m.

Sunday, Tuesday ..... 1-7 p.m.

Wednesday ..... Closed

Pools

Adult ..... Buddy system at all times

Family ..... 12-6 p.m.

Sunday ..... 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Tuesday ..... 12-6 p.m.

Small Boat Marina ..... 1-6 p.m.

Tuesday ..... 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday ..... Closed

UPRC ..... 10 a.m.-11 p.m.

Sunday ..... 10 a.m.-11 p.m.

Tuesday ..... 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Youth Center ..... Closed

Sunday ..... 3-5 p.m.; 7-11 p.m.

Tuesday ..... 3-6 p.m.

Skate Park ..... 3:30-8 p.m.

Sunday ..... 3:30-8 p.m.

Tuesday ..... 3:30-6:30 p.m.

**Hourglass** ..... Closed Tuesday

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#### Food Services

Gilligan's (dining) ..... Closed

Gilligan's (lunch) ..... Closed

Gilligan's (bar) ..... Closed

Three Palms Snack Bar ..... Closed

Three Palms Snack Bar Delivery ..... Closed

Sunrise Bakery ..... Closed

Oceanview Bar ..... 12-11:30 p.m.

Country Club Bar ..... Closed

DSC Snack Bar (checkpoint) ..... Closed

Tuesday ..... Closed

Enra Food Truck ..... Closed

Café Pacific

Breakfast ..... 7-9 a.m.

Holiday Meal (unaccompanied) ..... 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Holiday Meal (accompanied) ..... 1:30-6:30 p.m.

Grill and deli ..... 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Café Pacific (Sunday, Tuesday)

Breakfast ..... 7-9 a.m.

Brunch ..... 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Dinner ..... 4:30-6 p.m.

#### Merchandising

Macy's and Macy's West ..... Closed

Sunday ..... Closed

Tuesday ..... 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Surfway ..... Closed

Tuesday ..... 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 3:30-6 p.m.

Ten-Ten ..... 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Sunday ..... 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Laundry ..... Closed

Tuesday ..... 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Beauty/barber shops ..... Closed

Tuesday ..... 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Tape Escape ..... 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Sunday ..... 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Tuesday ..... 11 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

**Continental Travel** ..... Closed Dec. 31-Jan. 2

**Bank of Guam** ..... Closed

Tuesday ..... Closed

**Post Office** ..... Closed

Sunday, Tuesday ..... Closed

Wednesday ..... 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

..... 3:30-6 p.m. (packages); 3:30-5 p.m.

**Hospital/Dental Services** ..... Emergencies only

Sick call Wed... 8-10:30 a.m.; 1-3:30 p.m.

#### ROI-NAMUR

Gimbel's ..... 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sunday, Tuesday ..... 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Tape Escape ..... 3-6 p.m.

#### Community Activities

Gear Locker ..... Call for checkout

Golf Course ..... Sunrise to Sunset

Hobby Shop ..... Closed

Library ..... Closed

Small Boat Marina ..... 1-6 p.m.

..... Closed Wednesday

**Post Office** ..... Closed

Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday ..... See Kwaj

**Bank of Guam** ..... Closed

#### Food Services

Outrigger Bar ..... 5-11 p.m.

Tuesday ..... 5-11 p.m.

Outrigger Snack Bar ..... Closed

Tuesday ..... 5:30-9:30 p.m.

Café Roi

Breakfast ..... 7-9 a.m.

Brunch ..... 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Dinner ..... 5-6:45 p.m.

## Streak of advisories ends at ten days

By KW Hillis

Feature Writer

For ten long days — from Dec. 17 at 5:30 p.m. to Dec. 26 at 1:30 p.m. — the small craft advisory flag was a permanent fixture atop Harbor Control.

"[This was the] longest stretch since I've been here for 2½ years," said Tom Wright, Aeromet senior mission meteorologist, adding that this December has seen nine advisories issued.

A small craft advisory is issued when the wind is 20 knots or greater, when wind gusts exceed 30 knots or if there are hazardous seas.

"[The wind is] somewhat abnormal," Wright said. "During the dry season we usually have 15- to 20-knot [winds], a 54-year average for December ... we've had 20 to 30 knots with frequent gusts of 30 to 40 knots. Peak wind this December was 47 knots, or 54 mph, on Dec. 20."

The cause is an abnormally strong subtropical ridge, a dome of high pressure, coming off of Japan, Wright said, adding that he might have expected higher waves.

"As strong as the wind has been and as far away as it is coming from — unabated for 2,000 miles — we've not had [extremely] high waves," he said.

In the short range, Wright expects the winds to increase again at the end of the week and the small craft advisory to be up as a result of the subtropical ridge strengthening. In the long range, the winds will lessen if one of two things happen.

"If the subtropical ridge lessens, the winds will weaken," Wright said. "Or if we get a typical Kwaj rainstorm, the flow will be disrupted. If neither happens, then we'll continue to have strong winds."

As windy as it has been, stronger winds have been recorded on Kwajalein, Wright said. This past August, 67-mph or 58-knot winds blew down trees and damaged the Marshallese Cultural Center. The strongest recorded winds occurred November 1991 during tropical storm Zelda. The island sustained 63-mph or 55-knot winds, with gusts up to 82 mph or 71 knots.

## Jeramon non kom

"Jeramon non kom" is the Marshallese way to say, "Goodbye and good luck friends."

Departing Jan. 4 after two years at Kwaj are **Jonathan** and **Gerri Jackson**. They are headed for Guam, where Jonathan will be Raytheon Quality Assurance Manager II for Raytheon Technical Services Guam, Inc.

"Kwaj was a great transition place for us personally and professionally. Our tour was memorable. Special thanks to USAKA for our inclusion in

their APIC program and in the development of the performance-based metric program. We are most grateful to our Marshallese friends who have taken time, effort and care for and with us. *Jeramon non kom. Monono!*" they say in farewell.

At Kwaj, Jonathan was RSE manager of quality assurance, and Gerri was an RSE training specialist.

**Classified Ads and Community Notices**

**CAFE PACIFIC**



**Lunch**

- Sat Two-cheese Italian polenta ★  
Roast pork with gravy  
Buffalo baked chicken  
Grill: Jumbo chili dogs
- Sun Brunch station open ★  
Slow roasted top round  
Fried chicken
- Mon Brunch station open ★  
Beef turnovers  
Macaroni and cheese
- Tues Eggplant Parmesan ★  
London broil  
Hot dog bar  
Grill: Barbecued beef sandwich
- Wed Top-your-own taco bar ★  
Barbecued ribs  
Broiled mahi mahi steaks  
Grill: Chicken, bacon and  
Swiss sandwich
- Thur Ravioli and garlic bread ★  
Country-fried chicken  
Jamaican jerk pork loin  
Grill: Patty melt
- Fri Oriental bar ★  
Roasted top round  
Fish and chips  
Grill: Smokehouse burger

**Dinner**

- Tonight Stuffed baked potato ★  
Beef noodle casserole  
Chicken supreme
- Sat Vegetarian stuffed peppers ★  
Barbecued chicken  
Farmers' omelet
- Sun Twice-baked potato ★  
Porterhouse steak  
Broiled salmon
- Mon Brown rice and kidney bake ★  
Roasted turkey  
Hot Buffalo chicken
- Tues Cauliflower casserole ★  
Barbecued brisket  
Beef and bean tostada
- Wed Broccoli and cheddar quiche ★  
Prime rib and garlic bread  
Chicken-fried steak
- Thur Pasta primavera ★  
Szechuan chicken  
New England broiled dinner

★This symbol denotes the Wellness Menu.

The menus at Gilligan's and the Yokwe Yuk Dining Room are in transition. Executive chef Mark Sevars promises an innovative cuisine. As soon as these menus are developed, they will be published in the Hourglass.

**HELP WANTED**

**The following on-island positions are open with Raytheon. For more information or to submit a resumé or application, call HR employment, Andrea, 53705.**

**STOREKEEPER**, Ten-Ten. Part time. Will be responsible for clerical and administrative tasks. Must have excellent interpersonal communication skills and available to work weekends and evenings. Computer and supervisory experience preferred.

**Raytheon off-island positions are updated weekly in the Career Opportunities Book at the HR counter, Bldg. 700.**

**WANTED**

**BIKE TRAILER**, old Burley, Pelican or frame, Kwaj-condition perfect. Also need older bike. Call 50158.

**PIANO** and dishwasher. Call Tamara, 54641.

**GOOD A/C WINDOW** unit and computer system for word processing. Call Derek, 52280.

**HOUSE-SITTING** for visiting grandparents Jan. 18-26. Very conscientious. Call Mark or Kristy, 51031.

**DOUBLE-BED** with box spring or mattress. Call 54543.

**LOST**

**NINTENDO 64 Diddy Kong Racing** cartridge on Lagoon Road. Call 54813.

**CORAL-COLORED** Lands End cardigan sweater. Call Leann, 53532 or 54826.

**FOUND**

**ANKLE WEIGHTS** near hospital. Call 53750H.

**35 MM CAMERA LENS** in new housing area. Call 42442.

**KWAJALEIN Police Department Found Property** has the following items: Set of keys with keychain, Burley wagon, child's bicycle and a large bag of clothes. Call Jim Warnke, 54452, or stop by the police station.

**PATIO SALES**

**TUESDAY, 9 a.m. - ?, Qtrs. 422-B.** PCS sale. Entertainment center, \$200; hutch, \$250; secretary unit, \$200; extremely comfortable king-size bed, \$600; sofa, \$400; chair, \$250; U.S. Diver equipment, like new, half-price; brass and glass tables, vertical blinds, \$15 each; plants; various household items. Call Michelle, 52860.

**FOR SALE**

**BUNK BEDS**, double/twin, \$150; rocker/recliner, \$200; large book shelves, \$50; wicker trunk set, \$25; computer desk, \$150; assorted snorkel gear, make an offer. Call 51618 or 54747.

**WHIRLPOOL DISHWASHER**, black with cutting board top, two years old, \$200 firm; propane grill with cover, two years old, good

condition, \$50; freestanding mesh patio cover, \$40; 40 plants, different sizes, small to very large, \$200 takes all or will sell separately. See at Tr. 729 or call 52512 after 5 p.m.

**MENS ROLLERBLADES**, size 10, good condition, \$50; womens rollerblades, size 7, \$40; knee pads, elbow pads and wrist guards, all for \$20. Call 52842.

**FOUR ROOMS** of carpet at various prices; bedrail, \$10; backpack child carrier and stroller in one, \$75; Burley, \$80 (available Jan. 8.) Call 52496.

**27" QUASAR TV** with Sony four-head VCR with audio and SV jacks, both in excellent condition, both six months old, \$350 for complete set. See at Tropics 301.

**PCS SALE.** Entertainment center, \$125; computer desk, \$80; 27" color TV, \$250; five-disc CD changer/laserdisk player with AC3, \$200; DVD player, \$225; VCR, \$80; 5x 100-watt amplifier with Dolby digital AC-3 decoder, \$650; Cambridge Soundworks powered subwoofer, \$450. Call 53887.

**PRICE REDUCED.** 23' Bayliner with Chevy 350 Volvo outdrive, new heads, exhaust manifolds, water pump, carburetor, 1998 Evinrude four-stroke 15hp kicker, GPS/fishfinder, radios, boathouses, trailer and extras, \$16,000. Any reasonable offer considered. Call Mike, 56298H or 56599W.

**VHS VIDEO** tapes, used once, \$1 each; concrete blocks, 50¢ each; dive weights, 50¢ per pound; 250 feet of ½" rope with bag, \$125; 13-cubic-foot pony with regulator, \$150; Rubbermaid storage cabinets, tall, \$60, medium, \$40. Call 53279 after 5 p.m.

**TODDLER BED**, \$15. Call 53124.

**COMPLETE DIVE GEAR** set with bag, \$250; 8' throw net, hand-woven in Hawaii, \$100; Samsung 20" TV/VCR combo, \$225; full set of Pro Player golf clubs with folding carrier cart and over six dozen balls. Call 54227 after 5 p.m.

**KAWASAKI 300js** standup jet ski with complete engine rebuild, new wiring harness in 1995, Rolez wheels trailer perfect for beach launching, new handle bar grips, finger-throttle, ride plate, Hydro-Turf foam mat, ride and safety gear, boat lot and storage lockers, runs great, \$1,000. Call 54555 after 6 p.m. or leave a message.

**TWO LARGE** potted plants, one with fruit. Call 52682 after 5 p.m. or leave a message.

**VARIOUS PLANTS**, \$2-\$40; plant pots, 50¢-\$4; ladies Kwaj-condition bike with front and rear baskets, available Jan. 16, \$25. Call 52576 or stop by Qtrs. 486-A.

**JENNY LIND-style** crib with mattress and accessories, great condition, \$50. Call 52327.

**Classified Ads and Community Notices**

**Small Arms Range Notice**

The small arms range will be in operation Wednesday, Jan. 3, 8 a.m.-noon. Avoid the hazard area shown below. Questions? Call Jim Warnke, 54452.



PCS SALE. Dive equipment; blinds; lace curtains, \$15 each; carpet; computer table, \$100; dining table with plush chairs, \$450; sofa, \$700; chair, \$300; three-piece entertainment center, \$900; king-size pillow top mattress and box springs, \$750; boat house with water and power, \$1,200. Call John, 52860.

LARGE FERN, small house plants, bougainvilleas, sheffalera and many medium to small plants; aquarium tools: rock cleaner, tongs, flex brush and gravity meter, all for \$15. Call 54509.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

PRESCRIPTION and safety glasses have arrived. To arrange for pick-up, call 52225.

A JAZZ IMPROMPTU by Andrea Lindborg and local musicians will be Saturday, Jan. 6, 7:30 p.m., in CRC Room 6.

BARGAIN BAZAAR has clothes, golf clubs, bags, games and one-of-a-kind treasures. Volunteers are always welcome.

HELLO LADIES. Would you be interested in a boating orientation class for ladies only? If so, call Jennifer, 54394. Class date will be

**All commercial flight passengers residing on or visiting Ebeye must have a Traveler's Clearance Certificate from Ebeye Hospital for cholera before traveling on commercial flights. Questions? Call Commercial Services, 52660.**

set when interest is determined.

**SORTING TO** make room for new gifts? Donations for Christian Women's Fellowship Silent Auction can be left at Qtrs. 126-E. Questions? Call June, 53481.

**HOW SAFE** is your bike? Boy Scout Troop 314 will hold a bicycle inspection Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2-5 p.m., by the air pump next to Ten-Ten. We want you to have a safe new year. Questions? Call Zachary, 53730.

SCUBA CLUB meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 10, 7 p.m., in CAC Room 7. There will be a constitutional change. Sign-ups will be taken for the Jan. 15 two-tank dive trip to oceanside Legan. Dive supervisory council meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. prior to the general meeting. Questions? Call Ivy, 54814.

YOUTH SOCCER coaches' meetings will be Thursday, Jan. 4, in CRC Room 7 as follows: Pee Wee, 5 p.m.; Junior Girls, 6 p.m.; Junior Boys, 7 p.m. Questions? Call Amber, 53331.

IN EARLY February, the USAKA/KMR Legal Office will sponsor three days of training for tax preparation volunteers. We are looking for people who have had some experience with taxes. If you have a desire to learn more about taxes and are willing to spend some time each week helping other members of the community prepare their tax returns, call the Legal Office, 51462.

ORTHODONTIST will be on island Jan. 9-10. To make an appointment, call the Dental Clinic, 52165, 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

KWAJALEIN Family History Center has two

**Check-in time for Aloha Flight 352 tomorrow has been changed to 5:30-8:30 a.m., due to the large number of passengers. Questions? Call 52660.**

new microfilms: History of Salem, Mass. (lots of names and dates) and civil registration of Salem, 1630-1850. For an appointment, call 53140.

THE NEXT boating orientation class will be Jan. 3-4, 6-8 p.m., in CAC Room 1. Fee is \$20 and attendance both nights is required. Sign up at the Small Boat Marina or Community Activities office. Questions? Call 53643.

GET YOUR gear ready for Kwajalein Scuba Club's two-tank dive trip to oceanside Legan Monday, Jan. 15. Snorkelers welcome. Mail your \$50 check to KSC, P.O. Box 988, Local. Questions? Call Darryl, 54797.

HOLIDAY RECYCLING: Flatten all corrugated cardboard boxes and set out for recycling. All wrapping and packing paper should be bagged and put in your trash. Your effort makes a difference.

UNIVERSITY of Maryland office will be closed through Tuesday, Jan. 2.



*Learn to dance*

**Kwajalein Dance Association is offering introductory level swing, salsa, tango and beginner level West Coast swing during January. Classes begin soon. Registration deadline is Jan. 4. For more information, call Donna, 53470 evenings.**

**See you at the movies!**

**Saturday**

**Remember the Titans (New Release, PG)**  
In the midst of integrating two high schools, a black high school football coach must fight on and off the field to put together a team. Set in 1971, the story is based on actual events. (Denzel Washington, Will Patton) (113 minutes)

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**Duets (New Release, R)**

Gwyneth Paltrow plays a woman who meets her father, played by Huey Lewis, at her mother's funeral and learns that both sing for a living. Their lives intersect with four other people as strange duos come together through karaoke contests, culminating in a national championship. (Paul Giamatti, Maria Bello, Scott Speedman) (112 minutes)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

**Coyote Ugly (New Release, PG-13)**

To make ends meet, an aspiring actress takes a job at a New York City club that features young, lively barmaids. The club rapidly grows successful, creating a whole other set of problems. (Piper Perabo, Maria Bello, Tyra Banks) (100 minutes)

Tradewinds Theater, 8 p.m.

**Sunday**

**Coyote Ugly (New Release, PG-13)**

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**Duets (New Release, R)**

Tradewinds Theater, 8 p.m.

**Monday**

**Remember the Titans (New Release, PG)**

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

**Duets (New Release, R)**

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8 p.m.

**Christmas across the islands**



(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

Rongelap Sen. Abacca Anjain-Maddison plays Santa Claus to the children of Majetto and Ebadon islands.

**YYWC makes goodwill trip to Majetto, Ebadon**

By Peter Rejcek  
Associate Editor

Col. Curtis L. Wrenn, USAKA/KMR commander, helped quarterback a different kind of mission last week.

Dropping back to pass, a bright yellow football in his hand, Wrenn launched a rocket, hitting his young receiver in the hands. The young Marshallese boy tumbled backward in the uneven grass, a grin as wide as a jack-o-lantern's splitting his face.

Touchdown.  
The annual Outer Island Christmas Drop was headed for another  
(See YYWC, page 8)

**The Kwajalein Hourglass**  
will publish only on  
Friday, Jan. 5, due to  
the holidays.

**WEATHER**  
Courtesy of Aeromet

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers.  
**Winds:** Northeast to east-northeast at 15 to 20 knots, with higher gusts near showers.  
**Tomorrow:** Partly to mostly cloudy with a chance of showers.  
**Winds:** Northeast to east-northeast at 15 to 20 knots, with higher gusts near showers.  
**Temperature:** Tonight's low 80°  
Tomorrow's high 85°

**December rain total:** 11.05"  
**Annual rain total:** 98.02"  
**Annual deviation:** -3.02"

Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.  
Forecasts available online: [www.kmr-wx.com](http://www.kmr-wx.com)

**Sun • Moon • Tides**

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Saturday December 30	0702/1839	1015/2216	0637, 4.2' 1845, 5.1'	0041, 0.9' 1224, 1.2'
Sunday December 31	0702/1840	1057/2302	0712, 4.0' 1920, 4.8'	0115, 1.1' 1258, 1.5'
Monday January 1	0704/1841	1137/2348	0754, 3.8' 2001, 4.4'	0153, 1.4' 1339, 1.8'
Tuesday January 2	0704/1842	1217	0848, 3.6' 2054, 4.0'	0239, 1.6' 1435, 2.1'
Wednesday January 3	0704/1842	1258/0034	1004, 3.6' 2212, 3.7'	0338, 1.8' 1601, 2.3'
Thursday January 4	0705/1843	1339/0121	1136, 3.8' 2350, 3.7'	0454, 1.8' 1751, 2.2'
Friday January 5	0705/1844	1424/0210	1253, 4.2'	0613, 1.7' 1918, 1.8'