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K-9 unit sniffs out pot at post office

By Peter Rejcek
Associate Editor

A routine sweep through the Kwajalein Post Office by a K-9 unit last month found a package containing over a pound of suspected marijuana, according to a Kwajalein Police Department investigator.

Sgt. Kevin Ferguson and K-9 Tanja were doing their routine check of Tuesday's bulk mail delivery June 11 when the drug-sniffing dog alerted to a package, said KPD investigator Moses Moreno. Tanja was able to sniff out the narcotic through several layers of packing, plastic, coffee grounds and even fragrant dryer sheets, Moreno said.

"The good thing is that the dog alerted on the package," he said. The package had been addressed to an adult male living on Kwaj, Moreno said. The individual was contacted but declined any knowledge of the package or its contents, and refused to give police permission to open it, Moreno said. A search warrant was obtained and the package was opened June 12.

Inside was one pound and one ounce of what police say was marijuana. Moreno said he couldn't put a value on the drug at this time.

A criminal investigation team from Schofield Barracks in Hawaii arrived that week to take possession of the drug and to further investigate the matter, Moreno said. They will also determine whether the return address is bogus or leads to the source of the drug, he said.

The addressee has been charged with simple possession of a controlled substance, according to Moreno, but the case is still under investigation. Moreno said it is unknown at this time if there was any intent to distribute, or deal, the drugs.

There are five dogs in the K-9 unit, three drug dogs and two bomb-

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(Photo by Peter Rejcek)

The Joint Venture High Speed Vessel — in layman's terms, a really fast catamaran operated jointly by all branches of the military — prepares to enter the harbor Saturday afternoon.

Getting there on the double

High-speed catamaran latest piece in military transformation

By Peter Rejcek
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One of the military's latest examples of going to a lighter, faster force sped through South Pass at somewhere around 30 knots Saturday afternoon.

The Joint Venture HSV-X1, short for high-speed vessel, spent the night at Echo Pier after a seven-day trip from Singapore, returning from missions associated with Operation: Enduring Freedom, according to CW2 Tim Schauwecker, second mate. The ship was originally scheduled to return to CONUS via Guam, but was diverted to Kwajalein because of Typhoon Chataan, the same storm that kicked up western swells here last week and killed more than a score of people in Chuuk.

The high-speed, wave-piercing cat was designed and built by Australian shipbuilders. Ironically, it was picked up from Tasmania, Australia, by a joint crew of Navy and Army personnel on Sept. 10, the day before the infamous terrorist attacks of 9/11.

"About 10 hours after they set out,

the attacks happened," Schauwecker said. "It was brought in on the testing phase on a hop."

There's 36 people aboard the catamaran now, mostly Army personnel who have been testing the ship's abilities since beginning their voyage in March, literally crisscrossing Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

The 313-foot vessel still retains its plush interior from the days that it served as a ferry between Tasmania and mainland Australia, as well as between the north and south islands of New Zealand.

But she's got a few twists.

Modifications include the building and installation of a helicopter pad suitable for large military helicopters such as the SH-60 Seahawk and the CH-46 Sea Knight. But the cat's claws not only reach to the air. A two-part, hydraulically-operated ramp allows rapid loading and unloading of vehicles from the stern or alongside it. There's enough room to accommodate a Brad-

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And you thought figuring out your right foot from left was hard

About a week or so ago I pontificated on the puzzling parcels and people that populate and perforate our daily lives here at the *Hourglass*. And as if to drive home the point, we received a submission of sorts from one R. Doc Calladine just a few days ago.

Mr. Calladine, a former Kwajer living in Australia, sent along a clipped news article that he suggested we might reprint in the *Hourglass*. While we're not normally in the habit of reprinting articles in that manner (admittedly, it would give me much more time to increase my dive total), the research cited does seem written with our audience in mind.

The article is about scientist Gary Carlos' intriguing left-brained theory:

An excerpt from Melbourne's *Herald Sun*: "After examining the footwear drifting onto Queensland's north coast, the Townsville-based researcher offered an explanation.

"My proposal is that right-footed thongs will be separated from left-footed thongs as they drift down the ocean currents," Mr Carlos said.

"So in theory, left-footed thongs should be pushed to the outside of the South Pacific, and right-footed thongs should be pushed to the centre of the South Pacific."

"The separated thong theory is based on ocean currents and the fact that right-



and left-foot thongs are asymmetric.

"According to the hypothesis, Australia's east coast and countries on South America's west coast, such as Peru, would have a left-foot bias.

"But the island nations right in the centre of the Pacific like French Polynesia, maybe Samoa, they would have a heap of right-foot thongs," Mr Carlos said.

"The countries in between would have a bit of a mix."

A number of questions immediately leap to mind with this sort of a scientific breakthrough: 1) Is the beach on the north side of Bigej Island a left-footed beach, a right-footed beach or mixed? The article only refers to the South Pacific. 2) Could this theory explain what happened to my cut-off shorts with the longer right leg? 3) What sort of drugs are plentiful in Townsville, Australia? 4) Did someone actually pay for this research? 5) If they did, boy do I have some theories for you.

But that's not the end of the story. A quick Internet search found a longer version of the article in the *Sydney Morning News*, picking up where the other left off:

"Thongs dominate the footwear that washes up on Australia's north coast, thanks largely to their popularity in the tropics.

"But in the northern hemisphere, all sorts of things turn up on beaches and islands due to crates falling overboard during storms, Mr Carlos said.

"Items believed to be floating in the world's oceans include 29,000 rubber ducks and five million lego pieces, [Carlos] said.

"In 1990, 80,000 Nike (runners) went over the side in the North Pacific, and they've been turning up on the beaches from Canada to Mexico."

These additional facts raise even more questions, like 1) Why is my rubber duckie in Tahiti without me? 2) Does this mean that my lego castle could be confused with the lost underwater city of Atlantis? 3) What do you call 80,000 colorful Nike running shoes in the ocean? (Answer to this one: Rainbow runners; OK, that was bad.)

Seriously (if that's even possible at this point), how does one estimate the number of lego pieces or rubber ducks in the ocean? I can't even figure out how many sharks hang out at Troy's Coral Head, and I've been there a score or more times. Does one take a speciality calculus class in college or have we grown so specialized that there's actually a research vessel like NOAA's *Ka'imimoana* that cuts through the seven seas looking for lost rubber ducks? Maybe they'll find that dive knife I lost on the west reef about a year ago ...

But if we are to really get serious about tropical island research, then I propose the following projects:

•How many coconuts fall from coconuts trees per day? A related question: If no one is there to hear them fall, do they make that satisfying "thud" sound?

•Why does the grass grow better on the roof than on the ground?

•How come I see so many tiger cowries in the Micronesian Handicraft store but can't find one in the ocean? Wait, I think I just answered that one.

Well, Mr. Calladine, thanks for your input in this issue. I think we got off to the right foot.

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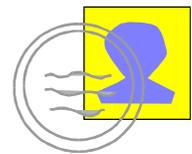
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Keep letters to less than 300 words, and keep your comments to the issues. This would be a no-libel zone. Letters must be signed. We will edit for AP style and, if you exceed the word limit, space. Please limit yourself to one letter every 30 days to give other readers a chance to write.

Send your letter to:

The *Hourglass*, P.O. Box 23, Local; or
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Joint Venture HSV-X1

- Length: 313 feet
- Beam: 87.4 feet
- Speed: 38 knots (operational)
48 knots (lightship)
- Deadweight: 740 tons
- Seating capacity: 363 passengers
and crew
- Main engines: Four 10,000hp
Caterpillar marine diesel engines



Catamaran can do 48 knots with light load ...

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ley Fighting Vehicle, which is about 20 feet long and 10 feet wide.

The idea behind the vessel, Schauwecker explained, is to offer higher load capacity than an airplane but at a much faster speed than the Army's current Logistics Support Vessels, like the *Great Bridge*.

"It's very similar to an aircraft," he

said.

Though sleek, crew members said she rides a little rough when hitting head waves.

"They call it the never-ending train wreck," Schauwecker said.

The ship's final destination is San Diego via Hawaii, which it can make in about three days, according to Schauwecker.

Public transport available for medical, work, community and travel purposes ...

(From page 8)

Another is supplying transportation for employees to get to and from work in the morning, at lunch time and at the end of each work day.

Besides the airport shuttle and the work buses, Automotive's Central Motor Pool runs buses and shuttles for base support functions like the Sunday chapel services and Child Development Center activities, as well as for official events, he said.

For a fee, Automotive will run buses for private functions.

Private individuals or groups can submit a form to Automotive requesting a bus or shuttle service for a function, Smith said.

The department can also help individuals with medical needs.

"We will use the shuttle to take them from home to the hospital and back again, but not from home to the snack bar or Surfway," said Maurice Mullen, Central Motor Pool supervisor, adding that residents should call at least a half-hour before the appointment.

On Roi-Namur, there is both a work bus and a second bus that goes around for general public transport, Smith said.

In the past shuttle buses used to run around Kwajalein all day long, but the number of riders did not merit the cost, Smith said.

In an average month, the airport shuttle transports 1,800 pieces of luggage and 1,600 passengers, Mullen said. Residents who want to ride the shuttle to the airport need to call the Central Motor Pool at 53341 or the Shuttle Service at 58294 to be picked up.

The work bus makes an average of 2,500 trips a month, Mullen added. In all, Automotive shuttles an average of 14,000 riders per month on both Kwajalein and Roi for all types of functions.

The work bus schedules are being posted at all the bus stops and Macy's porch, Smith said. The schedules are also on the public folders on the KLS network.

But there are other ways to catch the bus, even if not at a bus stop.

"The bus will stop for anyone on its route if they flag it down," Mullen said. "But the bus cannot change its route."

Although the drivers will try to keep the buses on schedule, there may be a traffic problem that disrupts the schedule, Smith said.

Engine replacement grounds ATI airplane

By Peter Rejcek

Associate Editor

Engine replacement is the reason the ATI aircraft will not make its usual visit to Kwajalein today or Thursday, according to a USAKA transportation official.

CW3 Ron Kurth, USAKA Marine performance evaluator, said Saturday that flights are scheduled to be grounded this week only.

But that announcement had travel agents scrambling to find seats for passengers. The ATI is configured with 32 seats.

Gina Sansone, lead Travel coordinator, said 29 Raytheon employees were affected by the cancellations. As of Saturday morning, however, all of them found a place on a commercial flight, she said.

"Everybody does have a seat," she said. "We're in good shape now."

The middle of summer travel is probably the worst time to lose seats, Sansone noted, adding that there are few if any left this week.

"If you don't have a seat ticket off island, you probably won't be going anywhere," she said.

A few passengers, however, are not so lucky.

"Anyone who is going Space-A may take a hit," Kurth said.

Those passengers were trying to be accommodated on Sunday's C-141, according to Jennifer Schneider, AMC passenger representative. The AMC flight was originally scheduled to arrive Saturday.

Kurth said supplies such as fresh produce and dairy will be shipped in on non-passenger cargo planes.

And, yes, those Amazon.com orders will also be aboard.

"Mail will be coming on the supply runs," Kurth added.

Dogs get job done ...

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sniffing canines, according to Moreno. When a dog alerts to a package, it will sit and wait to be praised, he explained. The dogs are able to detect prescription medicines, such as those containing codeine, and have even alerted on packages containing tea from Pohnpei, Moreno said.

"The dogs are capable of doing their job. This is what they're trained for."

FOURTH



Bingo at the beach



Lady in the red, white and blue dress



"I Pledge All

United W

of JULY



Star-Spangled
Banner



Wet weather doesn't
dampen smiles



legiance . . ."

We Stand



No food like
the 4th food



The show must
go on!

Classified Ads and Community Notices

HELP WANTED

The following on-island positions are open with Raytheon. For more information or to submit a resumé or application, call HR employment, Jack Riordan, 54916, unless otherwise noted.

DOCUMENTATION LIBRARIAN, Kwajalein High School. Work with guidance counselor. Knowledge of Microsoft Office; strong organizational skills; ability to work with teachers, parents, students and staff; be able to multi-task and prioritize and good communication skills needed. A criminal history background check is required. Call Lynn Malone, 52011.

HR ASSISTANT, RSE HR Dept. Good people skills, computer literate, day-to-day assistance on employee relations, benefits issues and other HR-related matters. One to three years of HR experience preferred. Call Anne Louise Jeffrey, 52710.

SECRETARY, Safety and Industrial Hygiene Dept. Seeking individual experienced in office administration with proficient skills in MS Word, Outlook and Excel. Require excellent English written and verbal skills, as well as the ability to prioritize and perform multiple tasks.

PIANO PLAYER, Yuk Club. Casual for Thursday through Saturday evenings. Call Andrea, 58909.

SECRETARY, Education Dept. Part time—35 hours per week. Responsible for maintaining attendance and records, preparing correspondence and assisting the teaching staff. Must have knowledge of Windows, MS Word and databases. Selected individual will be required to undergo a criminal history background check.

APPLIANCE TECHNICIAN. Full time. Five years experience in appliance repair. Call Paul Fritz, 53379.

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN, Kwajalein Hospital Pharmacy. Full time. Looking for an experienced pharmacy tech to assist with filling medical prescriptions and doses as directed by a physician. Duties include maintaining patient medication profile records in computer database and monitoring drug and supply inventories. Must possess strong communication, customer service and organizational skills. Computer literacy required. Criminal history background check required.

RECREATION COORDINATOR, Community Activities Dept. Full time. Responsible for managing pools and beaches and the skate park. Criminal history background check is required.

DENTAL ASSISTANT, Dental Clinic. Casual. Criminal history background check required.

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

USAKA currently has the following job vacancies.

Macy's and Macy's West will be closed for inventory July 18-20. The stores will reopen July 22.

For application information and announcement paperwork, call Cris Foster, 54417.

MAIL CLERK, Post Office, GS-05 (two vacancies). Temporary, one year. Final closeout Aug. 7.

LOST

WHITE RAINCOAT with black and white checked lining at Oceanview Club June 29. Call 51003.

GREEN PACTEK raincoat at Emon Beach July 4. Call 53733H or 56409W.

WOMEN'S 26" BIKE, goldish tan, two rear baskets, from Qtrs. 497-B June 30. Return to residence, or call 58954 and leave a message.

BOOGIE BOARD with Reynolds written on bottom, July 1 at Emon Beach. Call 51114.

FOR SALE

KIRSCH 8' wood drapery poles, \$25 each; wood rings; children's videos, \$5 each; area rugs and runners, \$5-\$10; aluminum and glass patio table, excellent condition, has never been outside, \$150; new Cub Scout shorts, size 10, \$30; bike locks; picnic basket. Call Linda, 52310, days.

17' NACRA catamaran, new mylar sails used twice, extra accessories and everything needed to sail including race harnesses, \$4,500 or best offer. All offers considered. Call Jason, 52166W.

WETSUIT, 5mm torso, 3mm arms and legs, black and charcoal, size medium/large for person approximately 5' 10", 180 lbs., 41" chest, 36" waist, 39" hips, never used, paid \$180, will sell for \$150 or best offer. Call 52370 and leave a message.

WOMEN'S SEA QUEST top-of-the-line Diva LX, integrated weight system BCD, \$300; Atomic Aquatics Tia/BL regulator with Mares Guardian computer and accessories, \$350; 2' x 4' aluminum trailer with 28" wheels, great for dive gear, \$150. Call Lisa, 53663.

24" GIRL'S Huffy MT Echo 18-speed mountain bike, excellent condition, only two months old, \$65. Call 52450.

LA-Z-BOY rocker/recliner, aqua, \$50 or best offer; Huffy men's bike, \$25; digital answering machine,

Small Arms Range Notice

The small arms range will be in operation tomorrow 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Avoid the hazard area shown below. All watercraft must observe the red flags on the southwest end of the island.



new, \$35; cordless phone, \$25; twin-sheet set, \$10; beach chairs, \$2; coffeemaker, \$10. Call 52913.

18' BOAT, 70hp Yamaha; Kawasaki 1100ZXI and Yamaha 1200GP jets skis; 20-gallon fish tank, fully loaded, \$100; new Fluval filter 303, never used; Trek 1200 aluminum road bike, excellent condition, \$300; prom dresses, sizes 5-7, \$35-\$50. Call 52637, anytime.

PENN SENATOR 9.0 with Penn Tunastick rod; Shimano TLD-2, 3.0 reel with Fenwick rod; Rydoi SL3 spinning reel with Shakespeare ugly stick; Daiwa J4000 spinning reel with Sam Scott rod; 55-gallon glass aquarium with accessories. Call Dale, 52609.

SOFA BED and matching loveseat, black with dark blue highlights, \$250 for set; window A/C unit, \$200; Maytag dishwasher, excellent condition, \$250. Call 54579, or leave a message at 57175.

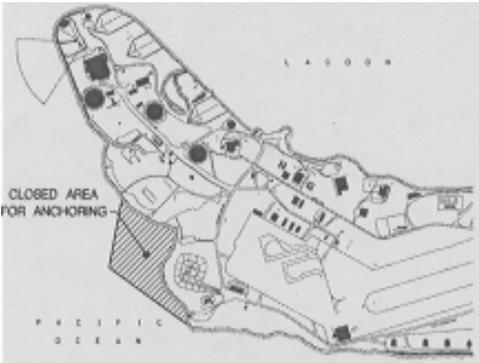
COMMUNITY NOTICES

PCS PARTY for Steve, Jeanne, Sean and Meghan Cummings is July 13, 6 p.m., at Emon Beach main pavilion. It will be potluck. To coordinate and help with culinary needs, call Tom, 50163.

SUBMIT A team now for the Summer Fun Basketball League scheduled to run July 30-Aug. 24. To register a team, bring your \$10 fee and a roster to the mandatory managers' meeting July 19, 5:30 p.m., at

Ordnance Buoy Notice

The unexploded ordnance buoy marking the west reef was lost in the recent storm. A new safety zone has been established from the Shark Pit north to the middle of the recycle area. All boaters anchoring on the west reef should observe this new safety zone. The new zone will remain in place until a new buoy is installed or the Navy EOD team renders the UXO safe. Questions? Call 54250.



Safety Zone

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The Bargain Bazaar

Monday 1-3 p.m.
Wednesday ..5-7 p.m.
Thursday 1-3 p.m.
Saturday..... 1-3 p.m.

We can use your plastic and brown paper bags.

Volunteers are needed
1-3 p.m., Mondays or Thursdays.
Call Starr, 54691 or 53686.

Donations always welcome and will be picked up on Mondays.
For pickup, call 53686 before 1 p.m.

the CRC Room 6. Questions? Call Scott, 53331.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL office will be open 8:30-11:30 a.m., July 11-26. Normal hours will resume July 27.

USAKA PLCO officer is off island for a month. During his absence, the Disposal and Reutilization (DCCB) will not accept unsolicited bids until further notice. For more information, call 51770.

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ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets on Kwajalein Wednesdays and Saturdays, 6:30 p.m., at Bldg. 932. If you have a desire to quit drinking, call 51143 and leave a message. We *will* get back to you.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS meets on Roi-Namur Tuesdays and Fridays, 7 p.m., at Tr. 8311. If you have a desire to quit drinking, call 56292 and leave a message. We *will* get back to you.

OPSEC REMINDER: Providing our military forces with uncompromised defense systems is necessary to minimize risks and enhance our potential for the successful termination of a conflict. Apply OPSEC.

The Micronesian Shop



Mondays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Tuesdays, closed;
Wednesdays, 5-7 p.m.; Thursdays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.;
Fridays, 5-7 p.m.; Saturdays/Sundays, closed.

All shook UP

It's
Summer
Fun
II



Registration for Session II for grades K-10 is through July 13 at Community Activities. Register early. Session II runs July 23-Aug. 10. Questions? Call Erika, 53331.

Classified ad deadlines

Tuesday issue: noon Friday

Friday issue: noon Wednesday

**Marshallese Word
of the Day**

Lomalo/malo = Lagoon.

See you at the movies!

Friday

Who Framed Roger Rabbit (1988, PG)
Ground-breaking film featuring a mix of live action and animation. A luckless private eye tries to help cartoon character Roger Rabbit prove that he's innocent of murder. Features cameos by cartoon characters appearing as they did in 1947, when the movie takes place. (Bob Hoskins, Christopher Lloyd) (103 minutes)
Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Crossroads (2002, PG-13)
Britney Spears stars in this movie about three high school students on a road trip to L.A. (138 minutes)
Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Resident Evil (2002, R)

An experiment by an evil corporation goes awry, turning the employees into an army of zombies ruled by a super computer. It's up to a group of commandos to save the world from a similar fate.
Tradewinds Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday

Who Framed Roger Rabbit (1988, PG)
Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Resident Evil (2002, R)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 9:30 p.m.

Crossroads (2002, PG-13)

Tradewinds Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Monday

Resident Evil (2002, R)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 7:30 p.m.



(Photo by KW Hillis)

Christine Gregoire, followed by Joanne Garland and Neil Dye, board the work bus in front of Macy's after lunch on a rainy Saturday. The work bus transports employees from home to work in the morning and afternoon and at lunch time.

Getting around: Public transport does exist

By KW Hillis
Feature Writer

After lunch on Saturday, a few people huddled expectantly in the dripping rain while others waited on Macy's porch for the bus to take them back to jobs at the Photo Lab, Building 1010 and other buildings near the west end of the island. As soon as driver Eonpelon Korok brought the bus to a stop, the workers quickly boarded the air-conditioned bus and sank into the blue-cushioned seats instead of pedaling

through the rain to their jobs.

"I ride my bike to work in the morning, take the bus at lunchtime and then ride home after work," said Neil Dye, who works at the Communication Center.

There is a public transportation system on Kwajalein, but it has limited applications, according to Phillip "Smitty" Smith, Automotive supervisor. One focus is getting people to and from the airport terminal for all international flights.

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WEATHER
Courtesy of Aeromet

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with widely scattered showers.

Winds: Variable at less than 10 knots.

Tomorrow: Partly sunny with widely scattered showers.

Winds: Variable at less than 10 knots.

Temperature: Tonight's low 78°
Tomorrow's high 85°

July rain total: 11.43"

Annual rain total: 52.78"

Annual deviation: 11.05"

Call 54700 for continuously updated forecasts and sea conditions.



Sun • Moon • Tides



	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday July 9	0636/1912	0505/1805	0320, 5.3' 1550, 4.3'	0950, 1.1' 2140, 1.1'
Wednesday July 10	0636/1912	0601/1904 New moon	0400, 5.6' 1630, 4.4'	1030, 0.8' 2220, 0.9'
Thursday July 11	0636/1912	0701/2002	0440, 5.8' 1710, 4.5'	1110, 0.7' 2250, 0.8'
Friday July 12	0637/1912	00801/2058	0520, 5.9' 1750, 4.6'	1150, 0.6' 2340, 0.8'