

VOLUME 58 NUMBER 13

APRIL 1, 2017

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

THIS WEEK

GLITTER BOMB TESTED

ON MECK ISLAND - P 5

BEASTLY WORKING DOG

JOINS K-9 FORCE - P 4

MAN-MADE ISLAND

COMING TO MICRONESIA - P 7

USAG-KA and KRS officials grapple with the task of removing an overgrown coconut crab that climbed aboard the ALTAR radar on Roi, March 29.

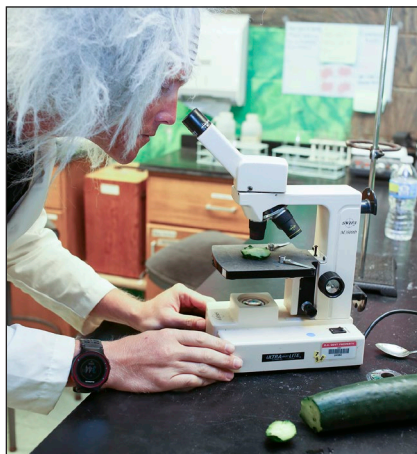
◉ Jordan Vinson



NEWS/JORDAN VINSON



LEFT: A new species of sea cucumber is photographed by Kwaj residents Eduardo Dinero and Kim Stanford off Mann Island. **RIGHT:** University of Hawaii Biologist James Tonga analyzes the scrumptious specimen.



A new species of sea cucumber (of the Holothuroidea class) was discovered in shallow lagoon waters off Mann Island a few weeks ago. Kwajalein residents Eduardo Dinero and Kim Stanford had been snorkeling and free diving near the west reef island when they came upon a peculiar looking sea cucumber featuring a dark green exterior and a surprisingly firm body structure. It was unlike other sea cucumber species common in the Marshall Islands, said Dinero, a long-time free diver in Kwajalein Atoll waters.

"It has something like a waxy skin," Dinero said. "Most of the ones we see when snorkeling are soft and squishy to the touch. Not this one, though. It was weird. We thought maybe we found something new."

Excited about their prospects, Dinero and Stanford packed the specimen in dry ice and mailed it to the University of Hawaii at Manoa's biology department for further research. Dr. James Tonga, a specialist in holothurian echinoderms, had agreed to accept the sea cucumber for analysis. His goal was to determine whether it was indeed a species not previously described scientifically and then put into record.

"When I opened the package, I couldn't contain myself," Tonga said with a laugh during a phone interview March 25. "It certainly isn't a holothurian I'm familiar with here in the Pacific. Looks like we've got a new one."

Dinero and Stanford, Tonga said, would be credited in a paper the biologist is currently planning to submit to the Journal of Sea Vegetables.

And the name of the new species?

"We're leaning toward Cucumbus ensaladas," Tonga said.



GARRISON MULLS OVER FLIP-FLOP BAN

NEWS/CARI DELLINGER

Enjoy wearing your comfy flip-flops while you can. Or at least that was the message conveyed during a special community meeting held last week at the Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School Multi-Purpose Room.

Due to the tremendous numbers of the cheap plastic and rubber footwear that wind up in the ocean each year, garrison officials announced they are exploring the prospect of banning all island residents from wearing the popular open sandal on the garrison.

Some community members put their feet down in protest at the meeting, and officials said they would consider other options. Still, there are plenty of reasons to support the ban, environmentalists said.

"We need to do our part," said Sanuk Freewater, an environmental specialist on Kwajalein. "I'm sure there are other, more earth-friendly footwear options than the cheap, mass-produced plastic, rubber flip-flops. You've seen how they pile up on the shore here. This is a global issue."

Other residents have reasons to support the ban.

"I find the repetitive, flapping sound of flip flops annoying, and intensified when everyone around me is wearing them," said long-time Kwaj resident Amy Achilles. "This ban can't come soon enough. Bring on the loafers and high heels."

Garrison officials are expected to make their final decision after further community input is received during a follow-up meeting later this month. If they move forward, the ban will coincide with Earth Day, which falls on April 22.

THE KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS

The Kwajalein Hourglass is named for the insignia of the U.S. Army 7th Infantry Division, which liberated the island from the forces of Imperial Japan on Feb. 4, 1944.

The Kwajalein Hourglass is an authorized publication for military personnel, federal employees, contractor workers and their families assigned to U.S. Army Garrison-Kwajalein Atoll. Contents of the Hourglass are not necessarily official views of, or endorsed by, the

U.S. Government, Department of Defense, Department of the Army or USAG-KA. It is published Saturdays in accordance with Army Regulation 360-1 and using a network printer by Kwajalein Range Services editorial staff.

Phone: Defense Switching Network 254-2114;

Local phone: 52114

Printed circulation: 650

Email:

usarmy.bucholz.311-sig-cmd.mbx.hourglass@mail.mil

Garrison Commander.....Col. Michael Larsen

Garrison CSM.....Sgt. Maj. Angela Rawlings

Public Affairs Officer.....Nikki L. Maxwell

Managing Editor Jordan Vinson

Associate Editor Jessica Dambruch

Media Services Intern.....Colleen Furgeson



The brand-new \$6.5 million MIT Lincoln Lavatory, set amongst WWII ruins north of ALTAIR, is set to open Tuesday.

MIT LINCOLN LAVATORY READY FOR BUSINESS

NEWS/JORDAN VINSON

MIT Lincoln Laboratory staff at the Reagan Test Site will soon have access to one of the most sophisticated washrooms in the northern hemisphere.

Dubbed the MIT Lincoln Lavatory, the 800 square-foot restroom facility at the Kiernan Reentry Measurements System site on Roi-Namur is slated for a grand opening Tuesday.

When finished, it will boast an impressive suite of features fit to comfort even the most persnickety physicist, said Dr. Shem-ya Diego, a habitats engineer on loan to the project from NASA's Langley Research Center in Virginia.

"We're really pushing the envelope here on this project," Diego said during a tour of the facility last week. "We're looking at where the state of the art is right now. And then we're going right up to it, perhaps even further. We're really driving lavatory science here."

The centerpiece of the restroom will consist of a new generation of toilets that do everything a normal potty can't. Onboard sensors and motors open and close lids, heat seats, actuate nightlights, play Eddie Money hits to mask unpleasant sounds, emit deodorizing fragrances and provide lab analyses of deposits to study users' diets. They also completely eliminate the use of toilet paper through strategically-placed blasts of distilled, warm potable water.

"They're like HAL 9000-operated bidets," Diego said.

In addition to high-tech commodes, the Lincoln Lavatory will feature custom shower stalls, each featuring a 32-inch waterproof 4K-resolution touchscreen computer that users may work on while they tend to their shampoo mohawks. Shower tech will be joined by banks of phased array hair dryers, hands-free RFID wash basins, Wi-Fi-enabled smart scales and a floor made entirely out of iridium.

"My favorite feature is the ceiling projector console they

have set up," said Hillary Stefan-Boltzmann, a Lincoln Lab employee on Roi. "They've got them pointing at the dome's ceiling just like a planetarium. I can't wait to take a bath during my lunch break and blast some Michael McDonald deep cuts through the theater surround sound system ... and just watch Scorpius rise pass slowly overhead."

The \$6.5-million Lincoln Lavatory project has been under construction since November and is the brainchild of Diego and a panel of technical advisers from MIT Lincoln Lab. Prior to breaking ground, both parties spent months exploring current habitat models in various design phases at NASA research sites.

It was Diego who suggested the team use the working concepts under development at NASA's Langley Research Center. The site focuses on the development of sustainable living quarters for Astronauts to be sent to Mars in future missions planned in the 2040s.

Applying those working concepts to a current, real-world build was a challenge at first, Diego said.

"We spent a lot of time appropriating our concepts at Langley [Research Center]—which are built to Mars specs—and applying them to the environmental and atmospheric conditions here in the Marshall Islands," Diego said. "After finishing the preliminary blueprint phase, the actual physical construction was a cinch."

Work is now winding down on the build. While one crew puts the finishing touches on the air lock system, another group is busy installing the final 10 miles of fiber optic cable needed to switch the facility online.

The inclusion of the former, Diego says, has raised a few eyebrows.

"We might as well use air lock," Diego said with a laugh. "It's really that simple. If we've got it—it came with the construction materials from Langley—we might as well use it. Throw a welcome mat in there and, boom, we're done."

ANTISOCIAL CROWD CONSIDERED IN CAMPAIGN

HOURLASS REPORT

Your BQ-mate may be one of Kwajalein's growing population of introverts.

The Community Activities Department has the unique challenge of meeting the needs of a growing crowd of anti-socialites moving to Kwaj. It's a situation similar to Japan's growing phenomenon of hikikomori, in which young adults exhibit hermit-like behavior contingent on socio-cultural factors like workplace stress and overcrowding.

Based on a growing number of requests, Community Activities will add an Antisocial Community Activities Committee to the 2018 program lineup to ensure that hardline introverts have their needs recognized by the garrison.

"You know those people when you see them—or re-

ally, when you don't see them," said Cliff Pryor, an avowed anti-socialite who will direct the ACA Committee. "They need resources and support as much as families and other unaccompanied personnel."

Pryor declined to comment further, saying he did not want to seem too approachable or enthusiastic.

Due to Kwajalein's small size, finding new ways to cater to the antisocial crowd is tough, said Midori Hobbs, the entertainment manager for Community Activities.

"What we have here is a population of contract professionals who choose not to engage socially, outside of work," Hobbs said. "We want to draw them out and make them feel welcome. But right now, they need to be alone. All the time."

There are plans to include more "tables for one" in the Zamperini Dining Facility and a new foosball table in the Adult Recreation Center that has only one player knob. Pickup sports will now include cornhole kits for one, and a pitching machine for softball enthusiasts who shun the team experience. Holmberg Fairways and the Roi Golf Course will both feature solo golf tournaments. And the Quality of Life Committee is currently working to fund cubicles for Emon Beach so that lone wolves may enjoy a view unencumbered by others.

USAG-KA Command will likely address the anti-socialite trend at the next town hall meeting. In the meantime, the quiet crowd should know the garrison is looking out for them, but will not diminish island safety standards, officials said.

"With certain pastimes, like diving, having a buddy is necessary for safety," said a spokesperson. "We want to



U.S. Army photo by Jessica Dambruch

Antisocial Community Activities advocate Cliff Pryor hides out in his office at the Family Pool.

ensure that these newcomers who support the mission will be treated with due respect and dignity—quietly."

Pryor agreed: "It's important for these people to feel like they're a part of something—even if they don't want to be part of anything."

NEW WORKING DOG JOINS KWAJ K-9 UNIT

NEWS/CARI DELLINGER

The next time you head to the terminal building at Bucholz Army Airfield, you may notice a new member of Security and Access Control's K-9 team in action. Chopper, a formidable, three-year-old pomeranian, has filled a new attack role for the unit.

Her breed's aggressive nature and ability to chase and pin down criminals makes her a solid addition to the force, said SAC Sgt. Tonya Khaleesi, the pup's handler.

"Chopper brings extensive guard dog training to the force," Khaleesi said. "She's always using her acute sense of smell to inspect high-traffic areas. She is the alpha dog for protecting visiting dignitaries and taking down perps on the garrison."

The black beast has caught the attention of senior physical security managers, all of whom Chopper has impressed on the job.

"Her prey drive is off the charts," said SAC Director Ken Barksdale. "Combined with her intelligence and highly plumed tail ... this is one dog you don't want to mess with. Her seething aggression alone is incredible. We've even had to build a custom, reinforced harness to keep her from dragging her handlers down."

Chopper joined the K-9 unit after her owner Cindy Cullen quickly realized her adored dog was not interested in being a regular Kwaj pet. It was a role Chopper endured for almost three years.

"I didn't understand why she kept sniffing our luggage and coolers on a daily basis or why she would unexpectedly leap from my lap and pounce on house guests," Cullen said. "Then one day last January, I took her to the airport to greet a visitor, and a dog handler immediately recognized Chopper's interest in the other dogs



U.S. Army photo by Cari Dellinger

Working dog, Chopper, is let loose on the job on Kwaj.

working on the job. We could see how excited she was."

Khaleesi proposed Chopper join the K-9 team two months ago, and she's been hitting the streets every day since early March.

The Cullen family misses Chopper's company, Cullen said. Fortunately, they have two other dogs, Sprinkles and Fluffy, to keep them company.

"They are jealous of all the attention Chopper is receiving in her new security role," Cullen said. "But when we give them treats or scratch their bellies, you can tell they prefer the pampered lifestyle."

Chopper on the other hand, is solely focused on taking a bite out of crime. Criminals be warned.

GLITTER BOMB TESTED AT RTS

NEWS/JORDAN VINSON

The Missile Offense Organization detonated one of the Department of Defense's latest generation of glitter bombs at the Reagan Test Site Monday, March 27.

The 300-pound Revenge Seeker CE-I ripped apart at 1:05 p.m. on the south end of Meck Island. It jettisoned gold, pink and blue biodegradable glitter into a 50-meter diameter and created a sonic boom loud enough to be heard by technicians working the mission from Legan, located on the opposite end of the atoll.

The mission, dubbed GB 1A by MOO planners, was a full success, said Jim Barnes, a MOO spokesperson. It was the first live fire test of the Revenge Seeker CE-I.

"GB 1A hit every metric it was assigned," Barnes said. "For a first attempt at incorporating all components of the test weapon, this is very good news."

Manufactured primarily by multi-national giant RPF Dynamics, the Revenge Seeker CE-I is designed to deploy more than 200 pounds of Mardi Gras-grade glitter into all directions at the detonation point. The March 27 test, Barnes said, was a clear demonstration of this ability.

"This is a clear message to our nation's enemies that, should they push the United States, they could be picking glitter out of their sofas for decades," he said. "No backyard barbeque, no convention, no meeting, no home is safe."

U.S. Army photo by Jordan Vinson



A Revenge Seeker CE-I glitter bomb explodes during a Missile Offense Organization test at Meck, March 27.

UPSTAIRS NEIGHBOR NOISE COMPETITION ANNOUNCED

NEWS/JORDAN VINSON

Do you live in a BQ and stomp around like a gigantic, six-foot-tall toddler? Great—Sign up for the garrison's first Upstairs Neighbor Noise Competition, and show that downstairs neighbor what you can really do.

Scheduled for April 15, the competition calls on all noisy blowhards to don their thinking caps and come up with a creative, one-minute choreographed noise-making routine. Each act will be performed in a room on the third floor of Sands BQ, with a panel of judges listening—and judging—in the room directly below. There is no limit to what one may incorporate into his routine, and event organizers are calling on contestants to get as creative as possible.

"Consider the downstairs neighbor's ceiling an open canvas," said Dee Licious, the organizer of the event.

Competitors are encouraged to use everything from clog shoes and air horns to Reggaeton music samples and marbles—hundreds of them—to reach through the floor and touch the hearts of the listeners below.

Each routine will be weighed against three criteria: decibel exposure levels, variety of objects used in the performance and performers' theatrical antics.

Call Community Activities at 5-3331, or email Dee Licious today to register.

The Kwajalein Hourglass



Renowned Sands BQ noise maker Tim Roberge works on his routine, March 30. "My downstairs neighbor, Jenny Newberry, loves it," Roberge said. "Wait till she hears the air hammer."

U.S. Army photo by Jordan Vinson

SUPER GROUP TO PLAY AT SPRING MUSIC FEST

NEWS/JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Get ready for cheese melting soft rock.

Roi-Namur's Smells Like Fish will combine forces with Kwajalein's Ballistic Love, the Insane Gecko Posse and the Atomic Playboys in a side act during this weekend's Spring Break Music Fest, April 2.

The best part is the group's new name, said local promoter Maddie Alvidrez.

"Cheddar Love. In terms of marketing, it's brilliant," Alvidrez said in an interview March 29. "It speaks to what people love about Kwaj. Just ask the island fluff."

Atomic Playboys guitarist Mike Symanski described the eclectic new target style:

"So a Himalayan blues band has a flat tire on the way to a gig. Some Armenian shoe-gaze acid rockers pull over to help them out. Then they all

travel to Morocco and pick up a surfer buddy that's hitchhiking with a lot of opera and chiptunes. The musical baby they would all have together—that's us."

The super group band will encourage greater musical variety in a community with exactly four rock bands and a horde of other musicians who play during open mic opportunities at the Kwajalein Yacht Club.

While these musicians may play well with others, teaming up is not without challenges. Cheddar Love must now generate charts for six guitarists. Vocalists Autumn Mann (Ballistic Love) and Julie Savage (IGP) are expanding their cover repertoire to include musical artists like Bjork, Nightwish and Amon Amarth.

"OK, cool," shrugged Dan

Laverty, drummer of the week for the Atomic Playboys. "I can play whatever they throw at me."

Members of each band are positive about the potential to continue the Cheddar Love side project after the music festival draws to a close, especially for Ballistic Love and Smells Like Fish. The similar song repertoire between both bands make them ideal candidates for future joint projects, said Ballistic Love guitarist and pianist Greg Spock.

"We haven't jammed together very long, but I already feel a kinship with these guys," he said.

There are future plans to diversify instrumentation

by adding someone who plays traditional spoons. Atomic Playboys bassist Rick Broomell has identified a musician on Majuro who is reportedly "wicked royal with the slotted alpine ladle." But spoons may be too extreme for Cheddar Love.

"The spoons idea is a two percent good idea," said Dave Ardrey, bassist for Ballistic Love. "It would be unique. Few decent bands have spoons players."

Smells Like Fish was unable to comment, as the phone connection to Roi-Namur during a recent interview was so bad. At one point in the call, someone was heard yelling, "cheese, cheese."

The suggested logo for Kwajalein's new band, Cheddar Love, is a labor of love—and a work in progress.



GEOGRAPHY CHAMP DISQUALIFIED OVER MARSHALL ISLANDS

HOURLASS REPORT

The first place winner of Arkansas' Jameson County Middle School District Geography Championship has received a formal apology from the judges after being disqualified for correctly answering a question with the name of a country not found on the competition reference map. But that nation, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, does exist. A spokesperson from the Marshallese government provided official confirmation in a March 31 conference call with the competition administrators.

"I had honestly never heard of this place," Senior Director of Jameson County Public Schools Dan Farragut said of the Marshalls. "The problem is that the Marshalls are not found on any map we use for this championship. Honest mistakes were made."

Most maps and geography learning materials used by the Jameson County school system, including the championship proctor materials, are published by LearnIt, Inc. Few, if any of these maps, are likely to include the Marshall Islands, something the educational publisher says it plans to rectify.

"We just normally don't print them," said a LearnIt spokesperson. "Few people ever raised the concern to us that we should be that accurate."

But mistakes may not be the only issue here, according to Blaise Edward Johnson, director of Oregon's National Pedagogi-



cal Research Center.

"We call it spatial blindness," said Johnson. "The belief that something doesn't exist when you can't see it on a map. Maps are not infallible. They rapidly change. It's an issue when you check your brain at the door and then pass along your assumptions through scholarship, conversation or social media."

But sometimes publicity makes for good neighbors. Instructors at the Ebeye Gem Christian School plan to send a care package with books and traditional manit handicrafts to Jameson school administrators.

"We're pleased to have an opportunity to help promote education abroad," said one Gem educator.

COMING IN 2020: A NEW ISLAND

FEATURE/JESSICA DAMBRUCH

Move over, Space Fence. Another build is about to start.

Lanikai Ailuk, chief project engineer for Isla Tech Construction Corporation, keeps a six-inch tall model she built as a child on a shelf in her Oahu branch office. Strips of Pepsi-blue aluminum arranged in neat squares are folded and arranged into rows under a slanted roof. It's a tiny Tradewinds Theater, so small that it fits in her hands.

"As a child I always was building things, inventing things with my brothers, out of water bottles and soda cans," she said in a recent interview. "These days, I have another little project going."

The name of that project is Jiddik Aelon, which in Marshallese, literally translates into "Little Island."

With Ailuk at the helm, man-made islands (MMI) and a new atoll will appear on future maps of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The construction of Jiddik Aelon is slated to begin in 2020.

Ailuk grew up on Enniburr, or Third Island, in the Kwajalein Atoll, where she attended school before earning degrees in engineering and construction management at the University of Hawaii, Manoa. Her father worked on neighboring Roi-Namur, as a maintenance technician until 2008.

"Dad always told us it was important to take care of your home, because your home takes care of your people," Ailuk said. "That's what I'm going to do."

Isla Tech, based in Hilo, Hawaii, proposed the Jiddik contract in January 2016. Major subcontract competitors include Honolulu's Oceans United, Inc., Seattle's Sora International, and Norfolk-based Lonnie & Associates, LLC.

For such a little island, Jiddik has generated a stir. It's attractive to independent developers and nonprofit organizations for the potential to bolster critical infrastructure development, education and healthcare in the region.

"Think of it as a horizon," said Ailuk. "Education, new businesses and new spaces for families to live. 'Young Marshallese entrepreneurs returning from careers abroad, to create jobs—these are the long-term goals for Jiddik.'"

Questions regarding ecology and politics are at the forefront of criticism from skeptical officials and cultural consultants in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia. A new landmass has all the earmarks of being a draw for high-volume tourism, which has proved detrimental to the ecology of Australia and the Philippines.

"You're talking reef systems, whole underwater communities that will be wiped out, and take years to rebuild," argued Dan Sorrento, advocate for Pacific Historical and Wildlife Preservation.

But the environmental impact of an MMI on the host ecosystem, is heavily researched before any dredging begins.

"Preliminary environmental and atmospheric outlooks for Jiddik, along with speculative tectonics investigations and adaptive pelagic studies are already complete. We look at everything" said ITC Environmental Specialist Song Park. "It will be, essentially, a matter of the time our politicians need to settle on an agreeable location."

No ideal location has yet been confirmed, though leaders on several Micronesian atolls have expressed an interest in host-



The view from 2020, in this augmented photograph by Isla Tech Corporation, is a glimpse of how the horizon may change with the addition of Jiddik and other islands in the coming years.

ing a new island. Jiddik is planned to encompass seven square miles. It will include two-story "hurricane proof" style homes with communal dining spaces that use sustainable energy and water catch systems.

"More stable space above sea level, here, can mean diminished immigration—and that means less cultural diffusion," said Ailuk. "You don't have to leave your family. And in time, economically, that family is stronger and has a better shot because it got to stick together."

Those who think building an island is farfetched should check their math. Local precedent abounds: On the island of Kwajalein, Emon Beach is manmade; the grounds north of Kwajalein Jr./Sr. High School rest on material dredged from ocean-side Kwajalein, and elsewhere in the atoll; landmasses added in the Johnston Atoll and between Roi-Namur, are technically not "natural" either. But they work.

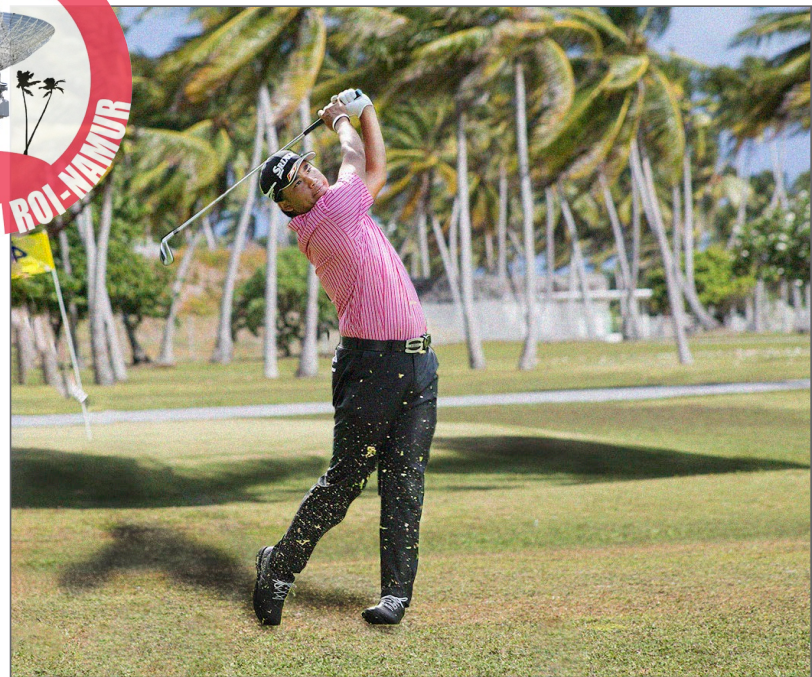
If you're still not convinced, do an internet search for the Palm Islands of Dubai, a fan-shaped array of luxury homes surrounded by beaches and connected by roadways. Next check out Kansai International Airport in Japan, home to a large concourse, and islands near Tokyo and throughout the United States and Europe. These examples offer encouraging proof of Jiddik's basic viability in an atoll neighborhood desirous to preserve the environment and spur economic growth.

Despite the extensive preparation for the project, Ailuk is not in a hurry. There are bigger questions regarding national security to explore.

"Building plans can always change," said Ailuk. "Right now we operate under the assumption that the island will be completed on schedule."

So keep an eye on your maps. Take some more photos. In a few years that view is going to change.

"It's a little island with huge potential," said Ailuk. "We look forward to Jiddik in a big way."



LEFT: A gaggle of mutant Roi rats are spotted at the Surf Shack Monday, March 27, on Roi-Namur. RIGHT: Four-time PGA Tour winner Hideki Matsuyama drives down a fairway at the Roi-Namur Golf Course last weekend.

📷 U.S. Army photos by Jordan Vinson

SPRING BREAK MUSIC FEST

YUMMY EATS

Cold Chili Cook-Off
Margarita Sno-Cones
Rib Eating Contest
Avocado Shell Pie

LIVE BANDS

The Band-Aids * Crab Sounds
Daddy & Wylie * Dave Saunders
Andreys * IGP * Billy & Steve
Jaque Heger & Patio Jam Crew
Ballistic Love * Brandon & Frances
Pure Aloha with Hula Dancers
Atomic Playboys * Nuclear Playgirls
Featuring super group Cheddar Love!

FAMILY FRIENDLY GAMES

Broom Bike Jousting
Solitaire
Pin the Tail on the Coconut
Diaper Derby Race
Glass Ball Volleyball

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

1-10 pm

EMON BEACH



LEFT: Kwaj resident Tom Sandifer kicks off his new island special delivery service Sunday, March 26. Using his custom-built cargo bike, he's been busy ferrying everything from five-tier wedding cakes, houses of cards and snowmen to island residents. **RIGHT:** Berry Aviation Pilot Steve Simpson performs a security reef sweep of Kwajalein Atoll Wednesday, March 29.



LEFT: Protestant Pastor Steve Munson, left, and Catholic Priest Patrick McCormick hit the 39-hour mark in a marathon staring contest this week. "Winner gets the 9 a.m. service," McCormick said, his eyes never leaving Munson's. **RIGHT:** USAG-KA's latest passenger aircraft, a powered parachute, is photographed March 31. The light craft is being used for passenger runs to outer islands.



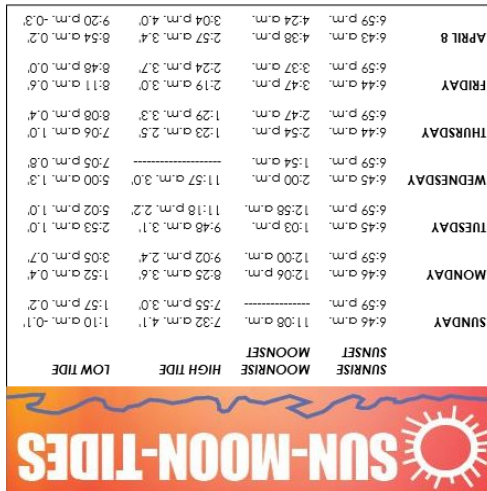
LEFT: The Kwajalein Veterinary Clinic debuts its brand-new outdoor CT scan machine Friday, March 24. Aboard the machine's maiden run is Ruben the Cat. **RIGHT:** Confirming sporadic police reports around Kwajalein, two people are seen engaging in a new form of island warfare police have dubbed bike-mounted broom jousting. "Don't do this," USAG-KA officials said in a statement.

RTS WEATHER STATION STAFF

Weather Discussion: For the second week in a row, Kwajalein atoll has been quite dry. In fact, the atoll has been so dry that dust devils are expected to be a frequent occurrence through Sunday morning. Dust devils are curious weather phenomena, in that should they happen to make their way onto open water, rapid intensification into a super typhoon can be expected. So if you happen to see a dust devil approaching the shore, make sure to run over to it and yell at it that it has no life prospects and has an unimpressive wind field, and it should proceed to move inland to sulk for the rest of the day.

Routine trade wind flow is then expected to give way to extremely unsettled weather late this weekend. The Earth's magnetic poles are due to swap places late Sunday night, and as the north magnetic pole passes the equator it will be bringing much of the cold air with it. Depending on how well the polar vortex currently over northern Canada holds together, Kwajalein Atoll could see up to six inches of snow and nearly instantaneous freezing of the lagoon. Ferries will not be able to run, but the ice should be thick enough for a quick skate back.

Mid-Week Forecast: Dark, then light, then dark again. Stars will be visible when it's dark. Not sure of the cause of this phenomenon.



Commander's Hotline
Have something the USA-G-KA
commander should know about?
Call the Commander's
Hotline at 51098 today!



Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) Contact Information

Capt. David Rice
SHARP Victim Advocate

Work: 805 355 2139 • Home: 805 355 3565
USAG-KA SHARP Pager: 805 355 3243/3242/3241/0100
USAG-KA SHARP VA Local Help Line: 805 355 2758
DOD SAFE Helpline: 877 995 5247

SEE SOMETHING – SAY SOMETHING



REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

-Date and time activity occurred
-Where and what type of activity occurred
-Physical description of the people involved *911
-Description of modes of *5-4445/4443

*usarmy.bucholz.311-sg-
cmd.pdx.usag-pmo@pma

HONOLULU

DINNER	
Sunday	Roburgé eggs Beef pasticcio Scalloped potatoes
Monday	Beef long ribs Pork curry Quiche Lorraine
Tuesday	Marinated chicken feet Shrimp Alfredo Chef's choice
Wednesday	Grilled cheese sandcastles Sausage and peppers Chef's choice
Thursday	Taco Bar and Grill Pork carnitas Retired beans
Friday	Swiss steak jardiniere Fish du jour Rice pilaf
April 8	Cheesecake Tortellini Giant meatballs Pasta aglio e olio
Sunday	Por Roast Boiled Potatoes Chef's mystery choice
Monday	Kway fried chicken Meatloaf shooters Mashed potatoes
Tuesday	Harm steak hawaiian Chicken piccata Brown rice
Wednesday	Tiny Steak Night Roast chicken Baked potato bar
Thursday	Pulled pork pot roast Chicken stir fry Potatoes that look like famous people
Friday	Hamburger Bonanza Fish du jour Chef's mystery choice
April 8	Food Fight Night Lt. General Tso's chicken Chef's mystery choice

DINNER

*MENU CURRENT AS OF MARCH 30

Captain Louis S. Zampertini Dining Facility

COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

HELP WANTED

Visit USAJOBS.GOV to search and apply for USAG-KA vacancies and other federal positions.

KRS and Chugach listings for on-Island jobs are posted at: Kwajalein, Roi-Namur and Ebeye Dock Security Checkpoint locations; outside the United Travel Office; in the Roi Terminal/Post Office; at Human Resources in Bldg. 700 and on the "Kwaj-web" site under Contractor Information>KRS> Human Resources>Job Opportunities. Listings for off-island contract positions are available at www.krsjv.com.

LOST

Cucumber. Lost Wednesday, March 29, at Mann Island. May have end bitten off. Please call Nadroj at 5-2114.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Kwajalein Hospital Business Office will see patients by appointment March 21 to May 16 only for billing questions. Payments can be made at the front desk or billing office Tuesday through Friday 8-10 a.m. Office is closed on Saturdays unless scheduled. Patients with appointments should check in at the front desk.

Huge Patio Sale sponsored by Blessed Sacrament Parish. 6th and Lagoon, Grassy Field, 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. April 1. Proceeds will benefit Queen of Peace Parish on Ebeye.

The Family Pool will be closed Sunday, April 2 in support of the Spring Break Music Festival. Please join us at Emon Beach for an afternoon of fun and festivities.

Islanders will be able to vote on the best chili in various categories at the 2017 Spring Break Music Festival on Sunday, April 2 at Emon Beach. But we need some chili to vote on. So, calling all chili chefs (old or young, new to island or veteran, casual or semipro) to participate. Registration Forms can be found on the Downtown Bulletin Board (between United and Surfside Salon) or contact Donna Brown at 5-2931 for more details.

Handmade Jewelry Yard Sale and Beading Class - Monday, April 3: Want to buy a unique jewelry gift for yourself or someone else? Have you always wanted to learn how to make your own beaded jewelry? If so, come to Nikki Maxwell's Handmade Jewelry Yard Sale this Mon-

day, April 3, at the Adult Rec Center (ARC) from 2-6 p.m. There will be beaded necklaces and earring sets in all colors and styles for sale. The Beading Class will be ongoing during that time. Participants will design and make their own beaded bracelet and matching earrings! Class fee is \$35 and includes all beading materials. Bring a friend for the class and you both get a \$5 discount. Call Nikki at 5-2974 for more info.

Kwajalein Running Club's 2017 'Driftwood 10-K Road Run' will be 5 p.m. Monday, April 10. To run (or walk), just show up on the road near Emon Pavilion #1 by about 4:45 p.m. to sign in. You'll see us! No-preregistration is necessary. The course is pretty much of one island perimeter, all on pavement. The public is invited. Questions? Bob & Jane H: 5-181.

The Adult Recreation Center (ARC) will be closed starting Tuesday, April 11 at 8 a.m., and will reopen on Wednesday, April 12 at 5 p.m., in order for the annual deep clean to be completed. Questions? Call 5-1275.

ARC Cipher Lock Change. April 12, 5 p.m., the Adult Recreation Center (ARC) cipher lock combination will change. The code will not be given out before April 12. For the new combination, please email your K-Badge, TDY-Badge, or Military ID number to Derek Finch or Alison Sok.

Calling All Singers. IMC Interdenominational Congregation is gathering a choir to sing at the Sunrise Church Service Easter morning, Sunday, April 16, at Emon Beach. Practices begin soon. Email heather.ardrey@gmail.com for more information.

This is a reminder for Island Orientation, which will be held the last Wednesday of each month in Building 365, CAC room 6 from 12:30-3:30 p.m. If you cannot attend or find a representative in your stead, please call ES&H at 5-1134/5-9817 so we can notify the other presenters to adjust his/her time slots.

Small Boat Marina now operates on the summer schedule. Boats available from 1:15 p.m.-6 p.m. Fridays for all rentals. Boat rental reservations for Saturday-Monday can be made 8 a.m.-12:45 p.m. or 1:15 p.m.-6 p.m. Walk-up rentals available 1:15 p.m.-6 p.m. Fridays and 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday-Monday, if available.

Time to jump on that bucketlist and learn to dance! For free! Come join us Saturdays, CRC Room One, from 7:30 p.m.-9

p.m. We will be teaching Salsa, Merengue, Tango and more. Want a certain dance? Let me know! Beginners always welcome. For questions contact Josh, H-2423 W-7266.

Roi Shoppette will be closed Mondays and Thursdays until further notice. We apologize for the inconvenience. Regular hours will resume as soon as possible.

Kwajalein Running Club, partnering with KRS Community Activities, will host the 38th Annual RustMan Triathlon on Monday, April 24. This is a 1K lagoon swim, 42K bike and 10K run. Pre-registration by Thursday, April 20, is required to be a contestant. Information packs and entry forms are available in pouches on the mini-mall bulletin board, or at Qtrs. 473-A on Palm Rd. Volunteers are also being solicited for race-time staff jobs. Questions? Call Bob & Jane H:5-1815 or Ursula

& Tim H:5-1951

Memorial Chapel Student Sponsorship Program: Want to help kids on Ebeye stay in school? Consider sponsoring school tuition. Provide a one time \$60 or multiple month commitment. For more information, call Paula Fluhrer at 5-4210 or email IMCSSP@gmail.com.

Safely Speaking: Welding Cutting and Burning. When not performed safely, welding, cutting and burning which are common tasks in our shops can expose all workers to danger. Do not use welding and burning equipment unless you have been trained.

E-Talk: The Environmental Management System (EMS) Manual and SPIs describe and implement the KRS EMS program and can be found in Document Center on the USAG-KA-Web.



Madrick Heavy Metal Soap Co.

Come to the darkside. We've got soap.

Heavy metal artisan soaps made on Kwaj, by Kwaj people, for Kwaj people — 100% natural — coconut, charcoal and lingonberry scents available

****Now sold at a table behind the Ocean View Club****

Café Roi

*MENU CURRENT AS OF MARCH 30

LUNCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	April 8
Peking style chicken	Pepper glazed steak	Spaghetti	Beef stir fry	Taco Bar Fight	Hot tub turkey sandwich	I'll shoyu, steak!
Indonesian pork	Pork loin	Sausage in my peppers sub	Chicken and broccoli	Chicken enchilada	Chicken adobo	Hawaiian steak
Eggs Benedict Arnold	Cheese quiche	Garlic bread gummy bears	Ginger rice pilaf	Ford pinto beans	Blue collard greens	Pot stickers

DINNER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	April 8
Hamburger steak shakes	Chicken and dumplings	Chicken fried coconut	Roast beef	Fried chicken beaks	French raised beef	Hot dog buns
Herb baked fish	Brief pot roast	North Korean steak	Col. Mustard chicken	Meatball sub	Fish du jour	Meatloaf
Cheese tort law	Mashed potatoes	Fried rice and beans	Baked potato punch	Mashed couch potatoes	Pom-poms duchesse	Army MREs

THIS WEEK IN KWAJALEIN HOURGLASS HISTORY



From April 2, 2016



From March 27, 1993



To the immense relief of Kwaj and Roi folks, the Air Force Strategic Air Command sent an emergency cheese shipment to Kwajalein Atoll aboard an unarmed LGM-30G Minuteman-III Wednesday night. Residents had gone without their gouda for over a month, exacerbating an already difficult dairy situation at the test site.

A crew of Kwaj fishermen celebrate the immense 1,552-pound yellowfin they caught off the south of Kwajalein, March 29. From left: Tony Janoski, Jimmy Severson, Dax Mitchell and Steve Young.

From April 1, 2014



USAG-KA police and Security and Access Control officers celebrate the capture and arrest of a pack of Kwaj kid banditos APR 3. The six youngsters, dubbed the Sneaky Six by the press, are accused of a string of crimes ranging from illicit use of fart machines at Grace Sherwood Library to not waiting the required 30 minutes to swim after eating.



From April 2, 1965