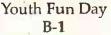


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# Marines brave tragedy at Falls

#### Cpl. Trent Lowry Combat Corresponder

Two Kancohe Bay Marines played a significant part of rescue efforts after a clear, sunny Mother's Day at Sacred Falls, a popular Oahu recreation site, quickly turned into a scene of horror May 9.

The blue sky became obscured by rocks, dirt and debris when a rockslide barreled down the falls, a favorite site for outdoor enthusiasts. 'Eight people were killed and many more were injured when the avalanche of rocks plowed through what was once a serene scene.

"It sounded like thunder at first, and then it got real quiet," said Cpl. Matthew Nelson, a

scout/super with Headquarters and Service around to see if the people who were with him Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, who was visiting the Falls with his girlfriend, Natalie Bann, and her brother and sister-in-law. "Then the sky was filled with rocks." he added.

Until that fateful moment, Nelson said "it was the nicest day I'd ever seen up there. I'd never seen so much as a pebble fall before.'

Nelson and Cpl. Jason Hill, a pianist with the Marine Forces Pacific hand, were two of the Fall's visitors present to witness the path of terror the rockslide caused. Both Marines remained level-headed and were instrumental in relief efforts to help the injured park visitors.

were alright. Unfortunately, Aaron Bann, brother of Nelson's girlfriend, Natalie, was one of the first fatalities of the landslide. Natalie and Cindy, Aaron's wife, were also hadly injured.

"At first 1 spent my time going between Natalie and Cindy," said Nelson, who also suffered bruises and cuts, which required stitches. Nelson said after the women were taken out of immediate danger of the rocks that continued to clatter down the monntain after the main slide, he returned to help others.

"All I thought at the time was that I needed to be (where the victims were), because I knew I Nelson said the first thing he did was look - could help," Nelson said. "Anybody would have

done the same thing."

Hill was just around the bend from the impact area when the landslide hit.

"It's unimaginable what I saw out there," said 21-year-old Hill, whose injuries-a twisted ankle and muscle soreness which gave him a crooked, limping gait for two days after the tragedyoccurred from his labors in heaving people out of the debris.

Hill and a friend, Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Jay Long, were hiking when they saw people with various injuries run past them to safety.

"I was scared for about four seconds, and then

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MAKING A NEW HOME personnel from Patrol Squadron 9, the "Golden Eagles," gather as Navy Capt. Franklin Jr., the chief of staff for Patrol and Reconnaissance Forces, U.S. Pacific Fleet, speaks at the VP-9 open house ceremony Monday in K-Bay's Hangar 4. Patrol Squadron 9 came to K-Bay as a result of the closure of Naval Air Station Barbers' Point. See A-6 for full story.

# Marine prepares to return to skies

#### Col. David Salazar Combat Correspondent

When a helicopter accident left a Marine Heavy Helicopter squadron 362 Marine injured Oct. 14, the possibilities that he would fully recover were slim in the eyes of his doctors.

But Tuesday, more than seven months after the accident, Lance Cpl. Peter Lyons, an HMH-362 airframes mechanic, rode on the same CH-53D helicopter which nearly ended his life last fall.

"I want to be the first passenger in (aircraft) 19 since it's been repaired," Lyons said.

According to Gunnery Sgt. Franklin Kline. the airframes chief at HMH-362, the fact that both Lyons

and the aircraft are both working again is an inspiration to HMH-362 leathernecks.

"I think it's really great that a bird hurt so bad is going up again," Kline said. "Anytime an aircraft is down for that long, it's pretty motivating for the Marines when it gets back up.

"And just having Lyons back in the shop is a morale booster in itself." Kline added.

Kline said Lyons' spirit and determination is enough to keep the shop. running.

"He really (works hard). If I had ten of him in my shop, I wouldn't need anyone else." Kline said.

Due to Lyons' unfaltering drive. See Lyons, A-10

Wall visit Hawai

#### Prass Release

USS Arizona Methodial Association

"The Moving Wall," a half-size replica of the Washington, D.C. Vietnam Veterans Memorial, will be

on display on the grounds of the USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center, Friday through May 31.

Like the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, which honors the men and women of the armed forces of the United States who served in the Vietnam War, the Moving Wall stands 6 feet in height at its center, and at 252.4 feet long, stretches out to nearly the length of a football field.

The exhibit will be open 24-hours a day and is free to the public. Volunteers will be on hand to assist the public in finding specific names on the Wall and with name rubbings.

The public is also invited to attend the Opening



"The Moving Wall" exhibit, shown here, will visit Oahu Friday through May 31.

Ceremony of the Moving Wall Exhibit on Friday, at 8 a.m. The ceremony program is scheduled to include the U.S. Navy's Pacific, Fleet Band, Joint Service Color Guard, Ceremonial Rifle Squad and gnest speaker retired Navy Captain Gerald Coffee a Vietnam veteran and Honolulu resident who was a POW for 7 years and wrote a book about his experience,

The USS Arizona Memorial Visitor Center is located adjacent to Kamehamcha Highway, near the Aloha Stadium, between Ford Island Bridge and Pearl Harbor's Makalapa Gate.

For more information, call (808) 422-2771.

# K-Bay flight simulator upgraded

#### Lance Cpl. Otto C. Pleil-Muele Combat Correspo

Marine aviators from MCB Hawaii. Kaneobe Bay began jumping into the pilot's seat of the base's newly advanced CH-53D flight simulator May 10.

The simulator just adopted monitors to present a realistic flight environment for pilots to practice flying the CH-53D.

"It's really quite remarkable," said Col. Terry Gordon, commanding officcr of Aviation Support Element Kaneohe, after testing the updated simulator. "It gives us a great opportunity to practice some of the things we don't get a chance to do all the time," he

added, which includes landing on a ship and flying in formations.

According to Monte Aye, the site manager for Reflectone Training Systems, the simulator was installed about a year ago and it has been used since then, but without the monitors.

For the past couple months, though, the five monitors have been in the installation process. Now, instead of a blacked-out cockpit, pilots can see nmways and landing zones through the program setup. Currently, the program shows an aerial view of Okinawa.

"I'm pleased to have the visual capabilities," said Gordon.

"There are a few 'bugs' we need to

work out, but that's expected," said Hank Tripp, the simulator instructor.

One of the key differences between flight in the simulator as compared to actual flight in a CII-53D, according to Tripp, is the effect of the simulator on pilots, also known as a form of "flicker vertigo."

This occurs when the pilots in the simulator notice a slight difference in the response from the controls when compared to actual flight in a CH-53D and this causes a psychological reaction that usually triggers cold sweats at first, according to Tripp The simula-



Photo by Pfc. Roman Yurek See SIMULATOR, A-4 Major Mark D. Franklin, a pilot with HMH-366, uses the upgraded simulator.

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# Change of Command Ceremonies

A change of command ceremony for 3rd Marine Regiment will be held at Dewey Square, aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, today at 4 p.m. ColoneFR, B. Peele will relieve Col. J.A. Keenan as the regimental commander.

A change of command ceremony for Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron(463, will be held at Dewey Square Friday at 2 p.m. Lt. Col. J.A. Marquardt will relieve Lt. Col. C.E. O'Connor'as the squadron commander

A change of command ceremony for 1st Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment will be held at Dewey Square May 27 at 10 a.m. Lieutenant Col. C.F. Swain will relieve Lt. Col. J.M. Lance as the battalion commander.

# **Post and Relief Ceremony**

A post and relief ceremony for Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 366 will be held at Hangar 103 Wednesday at 8 a.m. Sergeant Maj. A McBride will replace Sgt. Maj. S. A Rollins as the squadron sergeant major.

# Farewell Coffee

Navy and Marine Corps spouses are invited to attend a farewell coffee in honor of Mrs. Zandi Krulak at 10 a.m. June 1 at the K-Bay Officers Club. The cost is \$3. Make checks payable to the KOWC and send to 1866 Marmande Dr., Kailua, HI 96734. RSVP by 28 May. POC is Bridget Riggs at 254-2397.

## **Memorial Day Movie**

The MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Base Theater will have a special feature on Memorial Day, May 31. The Matrix, rated R, stars Keanu Reeves and will be showing at 7:15 p.m.

## School Carnival

Kaneohe Bay's Mokapu Elementary School will host a school carnival Friday from 5-8 p.m. Food, games, pony rides and a giant slide will be among the attractions. Call 254-7964 for more information.

# Extreme Athletes

The Marine Corps Recruiting Command is seeking to identify Marines who are involved in "Extreme" sports, including in-line skating, skateboarding, wakeboarding, street luge, BMX freestyle, slalom skiing, freestyle skiing, snowboarding, snowmobiling, surfing and bodybuilding, The MCRC is looking to possibly use established Extreme athletes in future sporting events and sponsorship opportunities. Contact Kevin Foskey at (703). 784-9435, MCRC Advertising, for more information.

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# Sergeant Major's Corner Don't dishonor your title

# Sgt. Maj. Robert W. Holub

Just when you think that a person could not possibly be more stupid, someone proves you wrong. As Marine Forces Pacific sergeant major, I see both good and bad

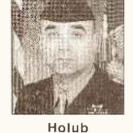
reports. I read a report recently about an act so incredibly stupid that I am still in a state of disbelief.

I do not normally do this, but because the incident was so incredibly callous, and stupid, I decided to share it with you in hopes it will help prevent it from happening again. I hope you find the incident as repugnant as I do. I also hope you

understand my anger with those few Marines who would dishonor the title of "United States Marine."

While on leave in Arizona, a Marine apparently thought it would be "funny" to booby trap an elementary school by using some pyrotechnics called "flash bangs," that he allegedly took from his unit. Flash bangs are simulated booby traps used in training. When triggered they emit a flash of smoke and light with a loud bang.

Stealing is a crime, but this act, following so shortly after the high school shootings in Colorado, makes it tragic. When caught, this feather merchant's response to police was that he was an instructor at Camp Pendleton. He said the pyrotechnics were easy to get. He told police he did it as a "prank," but afterwards, when reminded of the killings in Colorado, it began to dawn on him that it was probably a bad idea. Bad idea?



That is an understatement if I ever heard one!

The Marine showed police a bag containing a variety of pyrotechnics belonging to his unit. A couple nights prior to this incident, a star cluster aerial flare was shot off in his

> neighborhood. As of this writing, the Marine has not been charged with firing the star cluster.

Following the elementary school incident, the Marine was arrested and will face a state judge later this month. The FBI has decided to let the Marine Corps investigate how he got the pyrotechnics.

If you think this won't effect you, guess again. The next time you go to the field, can you imagine how many new ways you will have to account for the ammo and pyrotechnics? How many Marines will see an increase in paper work to account for these items which are so often used in training?

When someone "stinks up the nest," we all suffer from the loss of credibility. What is even more nauseating is this "bird" was an NCO! That is perhaps the most shameful part of this whole incident. He may have had the stripes on his uniform, but he never was a real NCO. Real NCOs don't do things like that

What if a little kid had picked up one of those flash bangs? I have seen those things blow grown men's fingers off. What would it have done to a little kid? He called it a prank.

A newspaper account of the incident reported a man told police he was walking near the school when he stepped on a trip

wire that triggered a small booby trap. What if it had been an elderly grandfather or grandmother who had a heart attack and died when the pyrotechnic went off?

I have seen a lot of stupid stuff in my life. I have even done some dumb stuff when I was younger. But this one is at the all time top-of-the-list for the dumbest things I have ever heard of a Marine doing. True Marines do not do this kind of stuff! We are supposed to be the protectors of our countrymen, not terrorist pranksters. We are supposed to be the knights in shining armor for little kids --role models. Marines should not be the ones who make them afraid to go to school.

When one of our Marines fails to live up to the high standards of the Corps, all of us are tarnished. When one fails to live up to our ethos of honor, courage and commitment we all share the blame.

I wonder if any of his fellow Marines knew that he possessed pyrotechnics from his unit? When we allow someone to brea regulations and say nothing, we are just as guilty as they are. To do nothing when others are breaking the law is the most heinous crime a Marine can commit. Marines don't do stuff like this.

I personally hope they throw the book at him. In my opinion, this was not a prank. A prank is hiding the erasers in class. I feel this was a criminal act that should be punished to the full extent of the law. I hope he and whoever helped him, or knew he had pyrotechnics and didn't tell anyone, go to jail for a long time.

Marines are not thugs and juvenile delinquents. We are the men and women America trusts and relies upon to do the right thing! Marines are who our youth should look up to. Semper Fi.

# CMC looking for questions from Marines

#### **Press Release** Base Inspector's Office

The Commandant of the Marine Corps is seeking questions to ask the Corps. Marines are being asked to submit questions that may be presented to leathernecks world-wide. In Marine Administrative Message 191105Z, March 1999, an initiative to focus attention on key issues of concern to the future of the Corps is announced. The initiative

seeks questions that may stimulate leathernecks' to provide solutions to challenges to Marines and the Corps as it approached the 21st century.

The MarAdmin message reminds Marines that Marine Mail was established in 1995, as part of the commandant's planning guidance. Three specific criteria were cited to solicit ideas to prepare the Corps for the 21st century. A fourth criterion was established 1997.

The criteria includes what we are doing that we shouldn't be doing, what we aren't doing that we should be doing and what new idea, tactic, concept or piece of equipment should the Marine Corps explore to increase its warfighting capability.

This most recent initiative is presented as an extension to the commandant's plan.

Questions submitted should be

pertinent to all Marines, not just those in a specific geographic area or individual situation, as the commandant will pose the selected question(s) to the entire Marine Corps.

Those seeking to submit their questions should e-mail questions to the deputy base inspector, Master Gunnery Sgt. Robert A. Flores at floresra@exemh1.mcbh.usme.mil. For questions on this topic, call the deputy base inspector at 257-7717.

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# **Every Clime and Place**

# Sailors, Marines work to support Salam orphanage

#### **Navy Chief Potty Officer Cleve Hardman** USS Boxer Public Affo

BALI, Indonesia — There are many ways to enjoy a day out of work on a tropical-island paradise. Many relax on the sunny beaches. Others try to surf the perfect wave. Some venture down the white-water rapids.

But for 146 Marines and Sailors of the Boxer Amphibious involved in the Ready Group, the day was well spent lending a helping hand to the Salam Orphanage here May 1.

Volunteers took a one-hour bus ride to a home for 5-12 year old Indonesian orphans to spend five hours under the tropical sun painting, laying floor tiles and carrying bricks and rocks to make preparations for a property retaining wall.

"This many people taking a day of liberty to do this project is really nice," said Petty Officer 1st Class Ramona Grim, who participated in the community relations project at the orphanage. "That says a lot about our priorities, especially in Bali."

Much of the work took place in five bedrooms where the servicemembers repainted walls with a fresh coat of white paint. New ceramic white tile was installed on the floor of one of the bedrooms, while additional tiles were brought in to tile the other bedrooms at a later date

Others took on the labor-intensive task of staging materials for the building of a retaining wall. Human chains were set up to earry bricks, piles of sand, and truckloads of rocks down the hillside.

The day for Sailors and Marines also included lots of time devoted to the children.

"The big thing is the interaction with the children," said Chief Petty Officer Vince O'Bannon. "They see the work, but they will

remember the lasting impression of the interaction with the kids."

"For mány project. this was the first time to participate in such an event. It is a wonderful thing we are doing for the children," said Officer Petty 3rd Class Tracy Culbert, a first time volunteer for a communi-

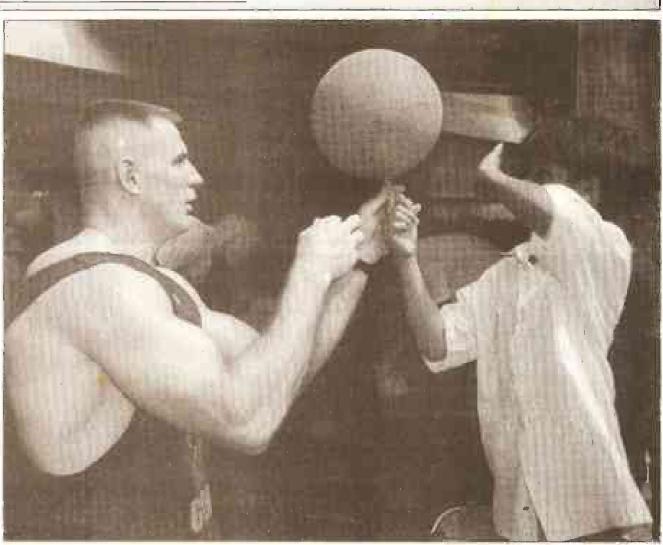


Photo by Lance Cpl. Branden P. O'Brien ty relations pro-Staff Sat. Michael Adams, the section leader of 13th MEU (SOC) Low Altitude Aircraft Detachment shows a local child a few tricks with the basketball. The MEU was visiting the orphanage as part of a community relations project. ject. "I will tell others of the

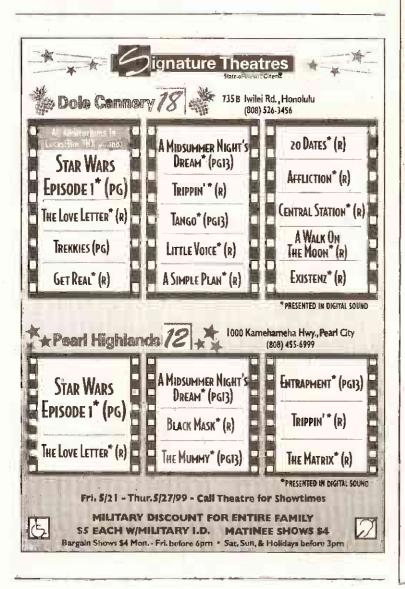
atmosphere here, what we have done and how happy this has made fortunate. The people are so appreciative, it is just amazing." the kids."

"Marines will do anything to help the kids," said Sgt. Maj. Bruce A. Mackamul, sergeant major of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable). "I can't think of a better way to be ambassadors than to come out and help those less

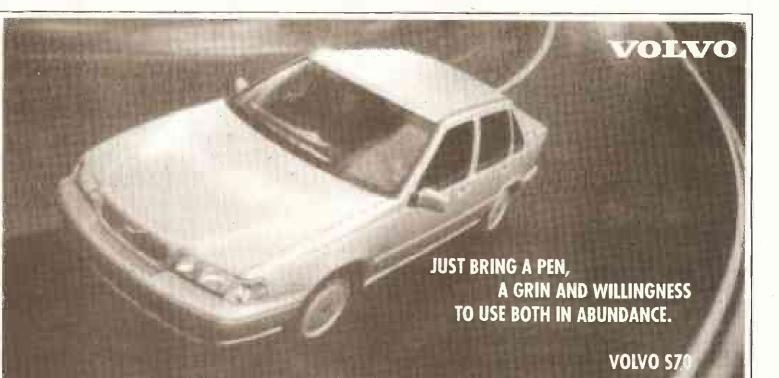
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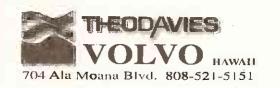


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# Finance Marines preparing for deployment

#### Pfc. Roman Yurek Combot Corresponden

Two MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, finance Marines are being tasked with providing the support of an entire finance office during an upcoming deployment May 28 to Southeast Asia.

Staff Sgt. Christian Ramstorff, an auditor, and Cpl. Salvatore Bullock, noncommissioned office in charge of discharge and temporary lodging and allowances, will join Combat Service Support Group 3 leathernecks as a part of the Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training exercise, as the finance office support.

"It's a great opportunity," said Ramstorff, "this is my first deployment."

But they won't completely be without additional support.

Before they get their feet wet, they are training to use new equipment and software that will give them similar capabilities to those available at a base Finance Office, according to 1st. Lt. Jason J. Latona, the finance officer for the K-Bay finance department. They will use new laptop computers, printers, and scanners

Another piece of equipment the finance personnel are learning to use is the Beretta 9mm pistol. Since the finance Marines will be carrying cash while on deployment, they will be required to be armed to better help them guard the money. Handling a pistol instead of an M16A2 service rifle makes transporting the money

easier, according to Bullock.

Latona added that Ramstorff and Bullock are not alone in the pistol and new equipment training. All the finance Marines are getting trained to use these, so that they are all prepared for future deployments.

No matter how many deployments or Marines the finance personnel need to support, Latona expressed his confidence in the finance Marines.

"Whether it's 300 or 3,000 Marines, we're (the finance office), ready to meet the challenge," said Latona.

The next deployment currently on the finance officer's schedule is Exercise Crocodile '99, which will take place in Australia.



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I snapped out of it, knowing that there were injured people and that we could help," Hill said.

Hill and Nelson were just two of the many people who assisted in the emergency efforts. But both devil dogs attribute their ability to handle the emergency situation to their Marine Corps training.

"I think my Marine Corps training helped me a lot," Nelson said, "I was able to take charge of the situation, and I kept myself busy so I didn't think about it."

Hill said he also had basic splinting training in the Boy Scouts, took cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes in high school, and the emergency training taught in Marine boot camp was a huge help.

"I'm not any kind of expert, but I never felt helpless. I knew what needed to be done," Hill said.

Though both Marines were instrumental in relief efforts, both men spoke with humility about their experiences.

"It's hard to feel like a hero when

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you know people are dead," Hill said, his eyes hinting at his difficulty dealing with the emotions of the ordeal. "Even though everyone did what they could, I still have a very guilty feeling."

"It's too bad it takes a situation like this to bring out the best in people," said Nelson, who is currently on leave to attend Aaron's funeral and offer support to the Bann family. "My friends have been great, and everyone in my command has been unrealistically cooperative. I'm just trying to find a way to deal with this."

Cindy Bann will not be able to make the trip to southern California for her husband's functal, as she is still recovering from her injuries in an Oahu hospital. Nelson said she "is heating real well. She's amazingly strong."

He declined to talk about Aaron, though, out of respect for the Bann family.

The Sacred Falls recreation area, located on the northern shore of the island, has been closed until further notice for safety reasons.

tor responds slightly later than an actual CH-53D would.

Tripp said flicker vertigo especially happens to well-experienced pilots that have gotten used to the way a CH-53 should respond to certain actions.

Because of this reaction, Tripp said pilots don't actually fly a real aircraft for at least 24 hours after flying in the simulator.

An advantage of having the simulator, though, is that pilots can be given 10 groups of emergency situations to practice responding to, according to Tripp. Many of these situations, including several different vibrations, can't be practiced on a real aircraft, Tripp said.

Several-units of K-Bay Marines will get the opportunity to fly the simulator but pilots under instruction will have precedence.

Photo by Ptc. Roman Yurek

Training on the simulator will be conducted eight hours a day and five days a week

WELCOME ABOARD, SHIPMATE! Sixth grade students from Pu Ohala Elementary School board a Naval vessel located at K-Bay's Waterfront Operations. This event was part of their "Job-Shadowing Day," in conjunction with Headquarters Battalion, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay's adopt-a-school program.

Overall, many Marines agreed that the improved simulator provides another way to ensure that Marine pilots are better prepared down on the ground when the time comes to fly in the sky.



# Alcohol abuse may eventually take more than money from Marines

I lost... my career, my

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'Derek'

Former Marine and recovering alcoholic

And it can weaken people's

#### Staff Sgt. Luis P. Valdespine Jr. Press Chief

Editor's note: This is the third in a series of Alcohol Abuse Awareness Month articles. Next week the topic will be alternatives to abusing alcohol.

A six-pack of beer at the Package Store may only cost servicemembers about \$4, but for some servicemembers the cost of alcohol can be much higher.

For those who abuse alcohol, the price paid can come in the form of health problems, financial problems, and even personal losses such as loss of a family member or marriage.

The health problems caused by the abuse or misuse of alcohol

can vary, depending on an individual's drinking habits, according Roger O'Guin, director of the MCB Hawaii Substance Abuse Counseling Center.

Many drugs, in general, are harmful to a person's body, O'Guin said. But alcohol. O'Guin explained, is especially harmful to brain tissue because it is not only a depressant, but it also dehydrates.

Alcohol also can have harmful effects on essential organs, such as one's pancreas and liver. O'Guin add

creas and liver, O'Guin added. immune systems, he said.

But whether or not one ever has any major health problems caused by alcohol, one can still be just as or more severely impacted because of the the effect alcohol may cause on a person's judgement, O'Guin said.

After drinking alcohol, some people may make irrational and harmful decisions such as to spend more money than they can afford to spend, or to drive while impaired, or even to get involved in illegal substances.

O'Guin said of the Marines referred to the SACC for the use of illicit substances, "more than one-half admitted they were intoxicated when they did."

Derek (whose last name is not being published to protect his privacy), who was discharged from the Marine Corps last year for his use of illegal drugs, said that was always the case in his uses.

"I never did drugs without drinks," the ecovering alcoholic said.

Derek explained that when he would drink alcoholic beverages, he would lose sight of sound judgment.

But the abuse of alcohol cost him more than his judgement, he said.

"I lost a ton of money, which was the least of my worries; my career, my marriage, and a chance to be with my son on a daily basis," said the former leatherneck of eight years.

"I was constantly lying... setting up times and things so I could

drink. I set my whole life up to drink, not to spend time with my wife or my son," said Derek, who explained that he used to spend time with his son, but because he was often consumed with his drinking plans and habits, he was still missing out on his son's life.

And by the time Derek said he made the decision to quit drinking and abusing alcohol, he also had to pay for charges under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, which is common for servicemembers.

According to Base Legal Office personnel, the UCMJ has seven punitive articles that specifically describe alcohol-related offenses, and two additional articles, 92 (failure to obey orders or regulations/dereliction of duty), and 133 (conduct unbecoming an officer)

> that provide a basis for disciplinary action for alcohol related miseonduct. Depending on their specific incident and their respective commanders, punishments can vary, explained Capt. Mario R. Verna, a trial counselor with the MCB Hawaii Legal Center.

> For violators of articles 92 and 133. and servicemembers who are charged for drunken or reckless operation; being drunk on duty; disorderly conduct (while drunk); incapacitation for performance of duties through prior wrongful indulgence in intoxicating liquor; being a drunk prisoner; and drinking liquor with a prisoner, a commander can decide to issue nonjudicial

punishment, or recommend a court martial for the violator, Verna said.

Punishments can include confinement, forfeiture of pay, reduction in pay grade, and possibly a bad conduct discharge, Verna explained.

So even though one may have just paid a few dollars for a few alcoholic beverages, servicemembers who abuse or misuse alcohol could end up paying more than they bargained for.

Verna added that although the punishments vary, alcohol is involved in most cases of UCMJ violations he sees.

But whatever the price an individual pays for his or her abuse of alcohol. Verna and others who see the results of people misusing alcohol seem to agree alcohol abuse can definitely change lives and be costly.



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# 'Golden Eagles' make K-Bay new home

## Lance Cpl. Otto C. Pleil-Muete

Navy Patrol Squadron 9, "Golden Eagles," had an open house Friday at Hangar 104 after finishing their transition from Barbers Point Naval Air Station to their new home aboard MCB Hawaii. Kaneohe Bay

The squadron's mission has expanded over the years from anti-submarine warfare to coastland operations and currently has four P-3 C Orion aircraft at K-Bay according to Navy command Master Chief Beth Lambert.

Examples of operations the squadron is involved in include search and escue missions,

surface surveillance, and medical evacuations, the time we expected to do it." according to Senior Chief Petty Officer Jeff Gonzales, operations leading petty officer for VP-

The P-3 squadrons have a very large number of enlisted Sailors as compared to other squadrons. Lambert said. About 18-22 people make up the crew for a P-3, which includes the pilots, obse vers, sensors, technicians and engineers.

The move to K-Bay has proven to be very successful according to the squadron-personnel.

"I think this is the smoothest evolution I've ever experienced," said Navy Cmdr. Matt Peters, the commanding officer of VP-9. "We did it in half

According to Lambert, the whole squadron took less than two weeks to move and encountered nothing but cooperation from K-Bay Marines.

"I think it's been a very good team effort." said Peters, who also said he enjoys the new. state-ofthe-art facilities.

"This is the first hangar that was designed for our P-3 Squadron," added Lambert. And while tailored to the needs of the squadron, the hangar and the rest of K-Bay provide a great new home for the squadron,

"This base looks like what (our Sailors) thought Hawaii would be like," said Lamhert who

expressed her appreciation for the sights overlooking Kaneohe Bay from the hangar.

"Every time we come to the gate," said Peters, "we get a great Navy greeting."

In addition, Lambert'said many of the Sailors are impressed with the quality of food service they receive, adding to the many benefits of moving to K-Bay

There are two other P-3 squadrons scheduled to move to K-Bay, VP-4 and VP-47, according to Lambert. One of the three squadrons is always on deployment for six months, while the other two stay back during the 12-month Inter-Deployment Training Cycle.

# K-Bay flightline increases emergency landing readiness with installation of arresting gear

# K-Bay will be able to accomodate tailhook aircraft

## Lance Cpl. Otto C. Pleil-Muete

Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, is expanding it's ho izons ... well, actually its aircraft landing capabilities.

The flightline has restored its E-28 arresting gear to proper working condition after years of discontinued use and can now provide emergency arrestments for tailhook aircraft.

According to Warrant Officer Charles W. Thompson, officer-incharge of Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting Recovery, the use of the arrestment gear was discontinued several years ago due to lack of necessity. Barbers Point Naval Air Station, across the island, had its arresting gear capabilities available in case of emergency.

But since Barber's Point is closing down and its squadrons are coming to K-Bay, another accesting gear setup was needed to replace it.

The arresting gear includes two rotary hydrodynamic arresting engines, one on either side of the flightline. A thick cable lies across the flightline and connects the two engines together.

When the aircraft lands and glides down the flightline, it's tailhook, which is on the underside of the aircraft, strikes the cable. Then, the cable and arresting engines flex slightly and absorb the kinetic energy of the moving aircraft to stop it.

Although the arresting gear is used only during aborted takeoffs and emergency landings, usually brought by bad weather conditions, it must be operational and ready for use at any time, according to Thompson.

"It always has to be ready in case of an emergency," said Thompson.

And to ensure the gear is always ready, three Marine aircraft recovery specialists were brought to K-Bay to set up and maintain

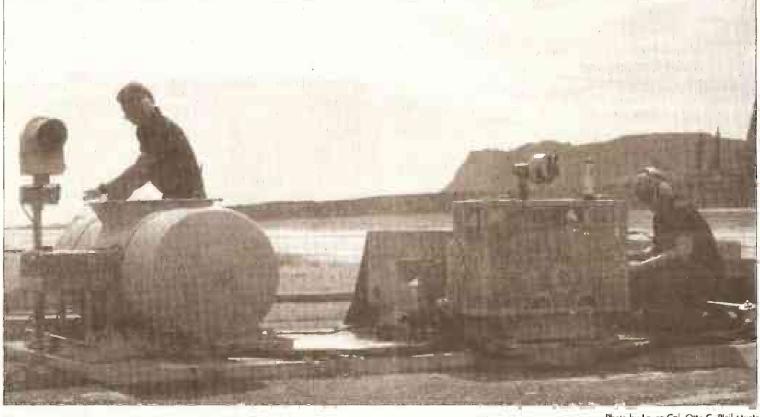


Photo by Lance Cpl. Otto C. Pleil-Muete

Private First Class William Burger (left), an aircraft recovery specialist with Marine Corps Air Facility, and Staff Sgt. William A.Nixdorf, the MCAF Recovery Section staff noncommisioned officer in-charge, perform preventive maintenence on the E-28 arresting gear at the K-Bay flightline Monday.

the arresting gear.

According to one of those Marines, Staff Sgt. William A. Nixdorf, recovery non-commissioned officer-in-charge with Marine Corps Air Facility, arresting gear is functional on both ends

of the flightline for any tailhook equipped aircraft.

"Pilots of tailhook aircraft depend upon us to land during emergencies," said Nixdorf, "and that's a responsibility we take very se 'iously.'



# Blotter

While conducting a command authorized identification card check, military police observed the driver of a 1989 Ford pick-up truck attempt to gain access via the main gate. Upon contact with the vehicle, MPs detected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage. Military police conducted a series of field sobriety tests on the suspect, which he failed. The MPs transported the Marine to MPD where he elected to submit a breath test resulting in a blood alcohol content of .115%. MPs processed and released the Marine to his unit representative.

Hawaii Armed Service Police reported to MPD that a Marine was arrested for assault. Two HPD officers arrested the Marine on 240 Lewer's St. just after 1:15 a.m. The HASP was unable to provide any further information and bail was not set pending further investigation.

While conducting a command authorized identification card check, MPs observed a vehicle approach the gate. Upon contact with the operator, MPs realized that the driver had his driving privileges suspended. The MPs cross referenced his ID with the base suspension list and it concurred that the driver was indeed driving while on base suspension.

Military Police apprehended a sergeant for fraudulently using a blue

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DoD decal. The MPs observed the driver of the vehicle attempt to gain access via the main gate. Upon contact with the driver, MPs observed the operator display his ID Card and attempt to cover up the rank portion. A check of the Marine's ID card revealed that he was fraudulently using an officer decal. The MPs apprehended the Marine and transported him to MPD where he was processed and released to his unit representative.

#### LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found custodian has bicycles, keys and other miscellaneous items in custody. If you are missing any of these items, call 257-1306. All unclaimed property is disposed of after 45 days.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

The Military Police Department's Crime Prevention Section is seeking volunteers to assist with the MCB Hawaii. Neighborhood Watch Program. Volunteers are requested for various housing areas. For further information, contact Sgt. Nicholson or Sgt. Jones at 257-2103, ext 314.

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# SAYING 'THANKS' TO HAWAII'S MILITARY

Navy Admiral Dennis Blair, the Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Pacific Command, speaks to servicemembers from Oahu commands as part of the Hawaii Military Appreciation Week apening ceremony held at the state capitol building May 13 in Honolulu. Now in its 14th year, this celebratian promotes increased public awareness of the military's role in various communities in Hawaii.

# **K-Bay Enlisted Spouses** Club supports military spouses, community

Pfc. Roman Yurek Combat Correspondent

Everyone in the Marine Corps has a mission, whether it is to recon enemy terrain or to fix a government vehicle.

The mission of the Enlisted Spouses Club is to better the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, community by getting enlisted servicemembers' spouses involved in it.

Some ways the Enlisted Spouses Club encourages the community involvement are by rewarding volunteers with scholarships, running a thrift shop on base, and holding fundraisers to support the scholarships and base organizations such as the Navy/Marine Corps Relief Society, Marine Corps Community Services, and the American Red Cross.

The scholarships are made available to spouses and high school graduates of enlisted members who volunteer at least 100 hours of their time a year, according to Connie Nobels, the current club president.

The hours do not have to be associated with the club as long as they are with a credible organization on Oahu. For

the 1998-1999 year, the club gave out nearly \$77,000 in scholarships, she said.

The K-Bay Thrift Store sells donated household goods, clothes and uniform items at low prices. It is the main source of income for the club, according to Nobels. All the money the thrift store receives goes to the club for donations or scholarships.

Among other fundraisers, the club is involved with is the winter holiday gift wrapping held outside the main Marine Corps Exchange, according to Telecia Woods, a member of the club.

To be a part of the club, an enlisted servicemember's spouse needs only to attend the monthly meeting. It's held the second Monday of the month at the thrift store, located off Mokapu Road near the flightline, hehind the Marine Forces Pacific band hall.

Though spouses are not enlisted, according to Nobels, they are part of the Marine Corps family and the more volunteers, the better the club can accomplish their mission.

# Key Volunteers links commands with families to aid Corps' mission

**Cpl. David Salazar** 

The Key Volunteers program is comprised of dedicated spouses who have worked hard to build and maintain a sturdy bridge; a bridge that conjoins two important entities ----Marines' units and their families.

"Our mission is to keep families in a 'ready mode' by maintaining a good communication link between the command and families during deployments," said Frances Seybold, the Key Volunteer trainer aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

The program is designed to establish liaison between the unit and the families, so the unit can provide information and updates on how the unit is doing while it is on deployment. Seybold said the better the communication between the unit and family, the more efficient the unit will be.

"Good communication allows the Marines to focus more on their work and worry less about their families, because they know their spouse has someone to contact if they have any problems" Seybold added.

'The program makes you feel like a part of the unit...'

# **Frances Seybold** Key Volunteer trainer

According to Diana Parker, the Key Volunteer coordinator for Marine Helicopter Training Squadron 301, the program is important because it lets families know exactly what is going on.

"While the Marines are deployed, we keep their spouses informed of what's happening out there and keep rumors at a standstill," Parker said.

Spouses interested in becoming Key Volunteers are asked to undergo a fourday training session, which greatly benefits the volunteer, Seybold said. "The program makes you feel like part of the unit," Seybold explained. "The volunteer also gets better knowledge on the Marine Corps and how it functions."

The training session offers information on Marine Corps history, unit structures, policies and traditions, Seybold said.

"The session may sound like it's long, but they get a lot of information - great information that will help them throughout their careers," Parker said.

For more information call Seybold at 257-7776.



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## Transition Assistance Management Program

Bradley-Morris, Inc., military placement specialists with over 350 client companies will conduct interviews at MCCS Personal Services, building 216, May 28 from 8 a.m. to noon. Those wishing to schedule an appointment may call 1-800-330-4950, ext. 108. The Family Member Employment Assistance Program provides resume assistance, job referrals, federal job assistance and one-on-one counseling. For more information on TAMP programs, call 257-7790.

## Events

American Red Cross is sponsoring a 30-kilometer bike-a-thon Saturday, 8 a.m. at NAS Barbers Point. Non-sponsored fee is \$30. The person who raises the most money for the Red Cross wins a free inter-island trip. Pick up an entry form at the Red Cross, building 216, or call 449-1488 for more information.

Asian/Pacific Islander Festival is free to the general public and will be held Saturday at Pearl Harbor's Bloch Arena from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The festival will feature music and dance, cultural display, food and crafts. For more information call 473-5909

"All I Asking for Is My Body," a play of Hawaiian plantation life just before the outbreak of WWH. plays through May 30 at the Kumu Kahua Theatre, 46 Merchant St., Honolulu. Call 536-4441 for tickets.

Male and female Asian-American singers are wanted for principal and ensemble roles in "Miss Saigon." Tryouts will be held for children June 8 and adults June 10 and 11. Call 732-7733 for more information. Young Marines Program needs volunteers. Former drill instructors are prefer ed, but all are welcome. Call Miyuki Watts at the Honolulu Police Department for more information at 951-5484.

Camp Smith Stables offers free horse-

back rides to single Marines Sundays at 1:30 and 3 p.m. For more information, call the Camp Smith Stables at 484-9417. The Hawaiian Trail and Mountain Club will hike Kankonahua Stream Saturday at 9 a.m. This is a three-mile ridge and valley hike in Wahiawa. For more informa-

more information. call the hike coordinator. Joe Bussen at 262-5506. On Sunday at 8 a.m., the club will take on

Koloa Gulch. This seven-mile interimediate valley and ridge like in La ie also includes a swim. Call hike coordinator John Hoover at 528-1206 for mole information. On May 29 at 6:30 p.m., the club takes on the Windward Side for a moonlight stroll up Kaliwa Ridge. The hike begins at Kailua Beach Park opposite Buzz's Steak House. Call Miles and Maureen Brubacher at 261-7814 for more information.

The Dance Movement Academy teaches all levels of ballet, jazz, tap and gymnastics at building 267. For more information, call Di Rodin at 261-0538. To register, call Youth Activities at 254-7610.

The Moving Wall, a half size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, will be on display on the grounds of the USS Arizona Memorial Visitors' Center Friday through May 31. The exhibit will be open 24 hours a day and is free to the public. Long and short-term vehicle storage is available on Ford Island's Hangar 176 for \$1 per day. Call the Pearl Harbor Auto Hobby Shop at 471-9072 to make arrangements.

Hale Koa Hotel will run a junior lifeguard program for children 8-15. June 14-18 and July 12-16. from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants must be able to swim 200 yards without stopping. Cost is \$90 and includes supplies. Call 955-9155 to enroll.

Homeschooled teens and preteens are getting together on a routine hasis for fun classes such as swimming and physical education. Call 254-5420 for more information. Parents' and Children's Skills for Relocation is presented at Tripler Army

Medical Center from 3-4 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month. The class is designed to help families cope with the stress of a PCS move For more information, call 474-4222. *K-Bay Rod and Gun Club* is for those who are interested in hunting, fishing, shooting and archery. Meetings are at a.m. at the Semper Fit Center.

at 11:30

The Society of Military Widows cordially invites all military widows and widowers to join. Must have a valid URW ID card. The society meets the third Saturday of every month. Call 262-7953 for more information.

#### LINKS

Those who are newly married and would like to be linked with spouses who are successfully meeting the challenges of Marine Corps living should give LINKS a try. LINKS focuses on providing lifestyle insights to spouses new to the Marine Corps. Free transportation and free on-site child care is provided. *Reservations are necessary. Call* 257-2368.

#### Kokua

The Bishop Museum needs volunteers for the following positions: exhibit

design and production assistant, office clerk, custodian assistant, Jabulka Pavillion host, and exhibit guide. For mole information, call Judi McClain at 848-4180.

#### MCCS Personal Services

*Budget awareness class,* Monday from 9.30-11 a.m. in TAVSC classroom 2.

#### CREDO

Marriage Enrichment Retreat, with the theme of "improved communication and problem solving skills," will be held Monday through Wednesday. For information and reservations, call 257-1941/0408.

## ITT

*ITT* offers a variety of discounted tickets for activities island-wide, including cruises, huans, movies and more. The ITT hours of operation are Mondays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sundays and holidays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. *For more information* on *ITT*, call 254-7563.

## The Armed Services YMCA

Hourly childcare for keiki ages 6 weeks to 5 years old runs weekdays from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Call after 10 a.m. for reservations.

**Food for Families** is designed to help families E-1 through E-5 stretch food budgets.

Summertime Day Camps have weekly theme sessions for ages 5-10 and are held Mondays through Thursdays from 8 a.m. to noon. Registration begins Friday.

**Clay Classes** will teach children ages 5-10 how to make a gift for Father's Day.

**Playmornings** provide preschoolers with an opportunity to interact with children their own age. Call for time and location.

Call 254-4719 to register for all ASYM-CA programs.

Editor's note: unless otherwise specified, all military activities take place aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.





# Free tests Cats causing problems at K-Bay

## **Cpl. Barry Melton**

What might seem a cuddly guest has been a predacious pest at MCB Hawaii, Kancohe Bay.

Both feral and household cats which roam freely here are putting protected and endangered birds, such as the Hawaiian Stilts and the Red-Footed Boobies, in danger, according to Lance Bookless, the natural recourses program manager at the MCB Hawaii Environmental Department,

"Cats, by nature, are predators," said Bookless. "If you let your cat out at night, it isn't likely to stick around by your doorstep."

One such instance of a problem cat involved a community house cat that killed almost half of a flock of ground-nesting Shearwaters here, said Bookless. The cat killed nearly 70 of these protected birds without actually consuming any of them.

"The cat simply killed for sport," said Bookless.

According to base regulations, it's prohibited to leave any animal, including house cats, unattended or unsupervised to roam around base. Also, house cats are required to have an identification chip before being registered on base.

"The cat should not be left to roam around," said Ralph Nakamoto, an area housing representative at the Kaneolie Bay Family Housing Office. "Either have the cat secured or supervise it, or we can inform the Military Police Department to pick it up."

Nakamoto also advises base residents to inform either MPD or the housing office if there is a cat in the anymore, the animal should be turned over to the neighborhood roaming freely. If the cat is found to be Hawaii Humane Society or MPD, Bookless said. a repeat offender, it can be removed from the residence. Where as a house cat might pose a threat by hunting

for sport, a feral cat hunts to survive, said Bookless. They will prey on and eat birds, as well as lurk in MPD at 257-2123 or the housing office at 257-2705.

neighborhoods here and eat out of garbage cans or a \*pet's food dish.

Feral cats, concentrated mostly near the beach cottages here, carry fleas, ticks and disease, said Bookless. They shouldn't be fed or approached. They are wild animals and pose health threats.

Bookless said, if any base residents are having problems with independently roaming house cats or feral cats at their residence, contact either the environmental or housing offices, or MPD, who will refer the complaint to the military game wardens.

Secondly, if a resident has a cat they don't not want Residents should never just "drop" their cats off or abandon them.

For more information, call Bookless at 257-6920,



#### Photo by Pfc. Roman Yurek LYONS COVER DOWN

Sgt. Uipa Staff Antonio, the platoon sergeant for 1st Platoon, B Company 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, makes sure his platoon is covered down during the 1/3 sergeant major's drill inspection May 12 at MĊB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

From A-1 Sgt. Maj. William Waldier, the squadron sergeant major, had the air-

craft renamed in honor of the Marine. "We named aircraft 19 'Lyons' Pride'," Waldier said. "We had the letters painted on it bright red so everyone can see it, and everyone in the squadron who sees that gets motivated."

Despite his speedy recovery, Lyons: still undergoes monthly physical therapy sessions, but has set physical

goals he hopes to meet by the oneyear anniversary of the accident.

"I'm almost to the point to where I could run again," Lyons said. "My goal is to be back up to physical 'fitness test standards by October."

Kline said there was no question that the squadron would be supportive in helping Lyons recover.

"We're Marines --- we take care of our own," Kline said. "Lyons is one of ours, so we took care of him."



earn free credits

**Cpl. Barry Melton** Combat Corresponden

The Kaneohe Bay Joint Education Center is giving away free college credits. Well, almost.

For those who want to earn college credits without sitting through classes, college exam programs are an economical option, according to Maria Fullenwider, the test examiner at the Joint Education Center.

There are three different tests that servicemembers, their family members and DoD civilians can take at the JEC --- the College Level Exam Program tests, the Regents College Exam Program, and the Dantes Subjects Stundardized Tests, said Fullenwider,

"I think everyone should take them," said Fullenwider. "Most schools accept the credits, It all depends on which school you attend."

The tests are free to all servicemembers; however, for family members or civilians, there is a \$27 fee for Dantes exams, a \$44 fee for CLEP tests and costs vary for the Regents programs, Fullenwider said.

The exams do not count against one's grade point average, said Fullenwider. The only penalty involved is that students who don't meet the required passing score must wait six months before taking the same exam again. However, students are free to try any of the other exams during that period.

"The exams aren't designed to be easy, is said Beth Austin, a Chaminade University counselor...""By passing the examine means you have mastered the same material as someone who has taken that course."

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#### Hawaii Marine B Section

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Photos by Pfc. Roman Yurek Top, Elizabeth Chase, an 8-year-old K-Bay resident, throws a softball. Below, children from Goju-Kan Karate School demonstrate their skills.

# **K-Bay youth** has 'a ball' at Fun and **Fitness Day**

#### Pic. Roman Yurek Comhat Corresponden

Nearly 100 ehildren participated in the Youth Fun and Fitness Day, sponsored by Youth Activities, Saturday afternoon at Pop Warner Field aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

Back-toback events of athletics and entertainment made for a "fast-paced day," according to Clark Abbey, sports



scheduled events. such as a watermelon cating contest, an egg loss, a three-legged race, a slam dunk contest and an ice cream

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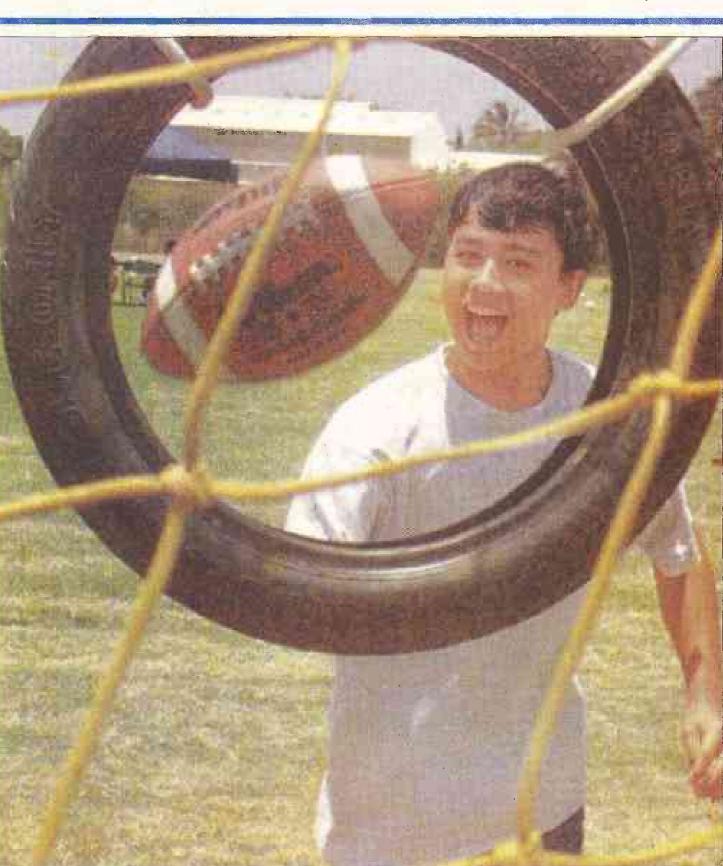
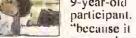


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rogram coor dinator for Youth Services at K-Bay.

Events such as throwing a baseball, softball or football through a tire was held at one goal post. Across the field at the other goal post, children tried to kick a soccer hall in the goal and kick a fieldgoal. All these events were going on throughout the day.

Also, during the day there was a variety of



Ranson Decosta, a participant in K-Bay's Youth Fun and Fitness Day Saturday, celebrates after throwing a football through a tire. "because it

was cool eating with no hands."

For added entertainment, two demonstrations were featured. The first was a dance demonstra-tion by Dance Movement Academy.

"This is a sample of the show we will have on June 5," said Di Rodin, director of the academy. The academy has a recital scheduled for June 5 at the base theater.

The second demonstration was performed by the Goju-Kan Karate School, who practice at the K-Bay Family Gym, next to the Seven-Day store on base.

"This was just bits and piece's of our everyday training," said Jan Aki, chief instructor of Gojn-Kan.

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"It was neat," said William Chase, a 10-year-

old who watched the demonstration. "I always wanted to do karate."

As kids left, the words "This was a blast," 'This was cool.' were should to parents and other kids. When all the events were finished, kids walked away with smiles on their faces and some with trophies and certificates in hand.

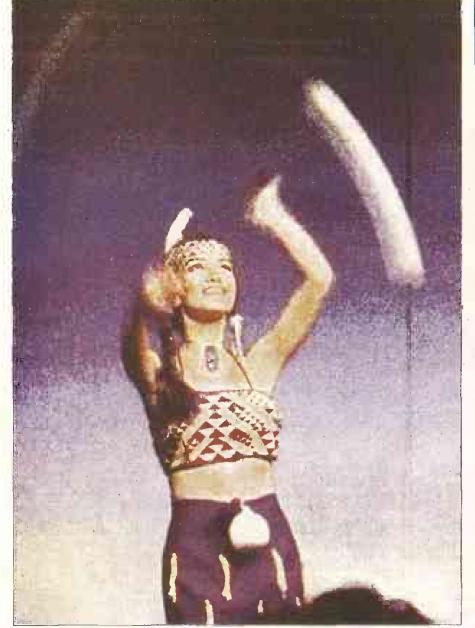


Photo by Cpl. Trent Lowry A "Polynesian" dancer twirls bolos during "Creation: a Polynesian Odyssey."

# **Polynesian** presentation dazzles audiences with new 'Creation"

**Cpl. Trent Lowry** Combat Correspondent

The story of man's history has been documented many ways-the Bible, G eek mythology, Mel Brooks' movie History of the World, Part L.

None of those stories may have been as exciting, though. as the retelling of human history from the viewpoint of Polynesian islanders, presented in Creation: A Polynesian Odyssey, the new dinner show at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani hotel in Waikiki.

I've been stationed in Hawaii for more than a year, and in that time I had never taken in any of the cultural shows-such as a luau at Hale Koa or the Polynesian Cultural Center.

But. I decided to attend the premiere of Creation.

The dinner show, which runs twice a night, seven days a week, turned out to be one of the best experiences I've had since reporting for duty at MCB Hawaii, Kancohe Bay.

The evening starts off with a buffet-style dinner, and with seating times of 5:30 and 8 p.m., there's nearly an hour available for dining. Other hotel dinners I've had were nothing to write home about, but the buffet line served a variety of tasty dishes, including sliced prime rib.

While eating, diners are treated to calming Hawaiian string music. If you can save enough room, the dessert bar is also a treat for after the meal.

About an hour after seating, the lights in the dining room dim and the curtains around the stage are pulled back, erasing the fluorescent palm trees that decorate the scene during the dinner.

The show hegins as a thunderous basso voice disturbs the darkness, and a volcano erupis in a blinding display of special effects, lighting and pyrotechnics. As a matter of fact, the effects help make this show a treat to watch throughout the presentation.

Male and female actor-dancers recreate the Polynesians version of the creation of man and woman, tribal wars and romantic celebrations. Specific cultures portrayed during the show include the Maori of New Zealand and the Pacific island people of Fiji, Tahiti. Samoa and the Marquesas.

The dancers exert enough energy through their performances and numerous costume changes to propel the Concorde supersonic jet from London to Hong Kong, yet they don't even seem to break a sweat.

The dancers also take time to interact with the audience, cracking jokes and prompting replies from the crowd. A lucky few audience members were even led to the stage by the athletic female hula dancers, to shake their booties in front of God and everyone.

The highlight of the night, for me anyway, was watching Vise Vitale, the fire-knife dancer. The difficulty of his act was awe-inspiring.

Vitale amazed the entire crowd with his lightning-quick acrobatics. I won't min the show for you, but I will say his flatning fancy footwork is worth the price of admission alone.

And for a night out in Waikiki, that admission won't break the bank, either. A discount is offered for military personnel and their families, so taking in a little local culture can cost as low as \$24 for an adult (for the show and cocktails).

The Creation show that may best fit the bill for military families is the 8 p.m. dinner time, which is geared more toward American and European visitors to the hotel, according to Erica MacGuyer, director of public relations for the Princess Kaiulani hotel. The early show focuses more on Asian visitors, according to MacGuyer, although both are enjoyable for all audiences.

Now. I won't say you must go to the Sheraton's Creation production specifically. It is one of a number of entertaining shows in Waikiki.

But after avoiding the various Polynesian cultural shows on Oahu for so long, I finally realized what I was missing. and I strongly suggest taking in these fun shows, no matter how long your stay in Hawaii.

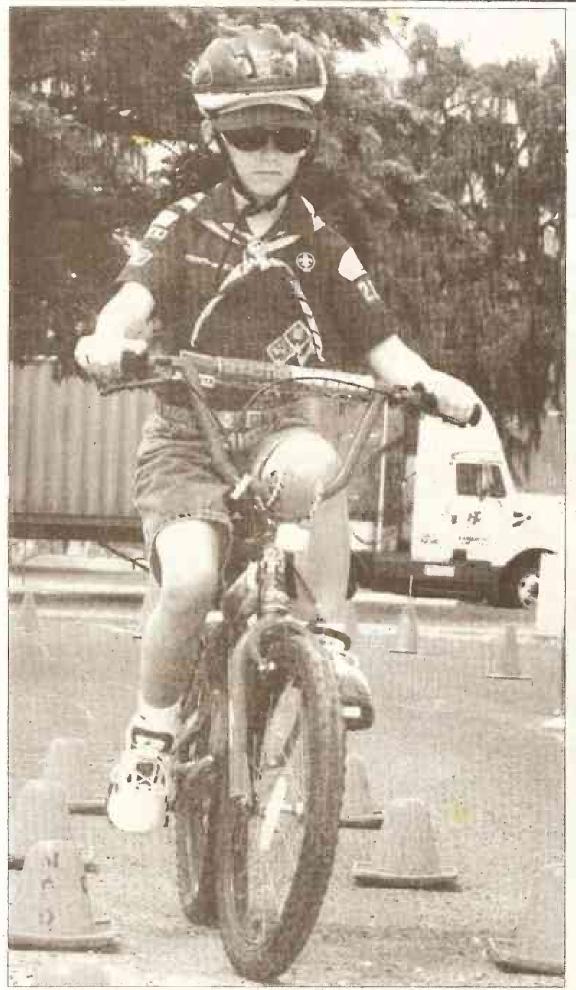


Photo by Cpl. Trent Lowry Chris Higgins, 8, keeps his balance while navigating the bike-safety course at the Bay Scauts Den 225 Bike Rodeo at the Windward E-Club Saturday morning.

# **Bike Rodeo teaches** base youth saferiding techniques

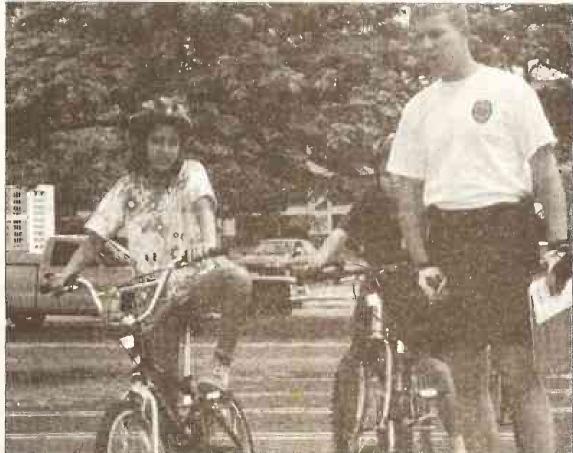


Photo by Cpl. Trent Lowry Lance Cpl. John Faile, a bicycle patrolman with the Military Police Company, explains the next leg of the bike-safety course to young K-Bay resident Mary Dozier.



#### **Gpl. Trent Lowry** bat Corresponder

A rodeo was held Saturday at the Windward Enlisted Club, but this rodeo did not have threeton longborns, wild-eyed broncos or barrel-clad clowns, which made it much more safe than a normal rodeo.

Actually, the focus of the Bike Rodeo was all about salety.

The rodeo, organized with the cooperation of MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Boy Scouts and the K-Bay Safety Office, was held to promote bicycle safety and proper riding techniques for children.

"Any monkey can ride a bike. What's important is knowing when and how to swerve and brake to avoid canger," said Cpl. Dave Eastman, a

motorcycle safety instructor with Base Safety who constructed the safety course for the rodeo and supervised the proceedings. "It's important for kids to learn to obey traffic lights and rules."

The Bike Rodeo was primarily a function of Den 225, the Boy Scouts organization on base. but was open to anyone on base or in the neighboring communities, according to scout master Rusty Bixler.

"We just want parents and kids to be safety conscious," said Tammy Meckfessel, one of the event organizers. She said part of the reason the Bike Rodeo was held in the spring, in addition to the annual fall bike rodeo, is to help prevent incidents like the two recent accidents aboard K-Bay involving children and bikes.

"Summer's coming up and kids will be out of

Photo by Cpl. Trent Lowry

Dan Higgins, a Marine and Cub Scout Den 225 father who helped out at the Bike Rodeo, shows William Dozier hand-and arms signals for the next station of the bike-safety course.

school riding around a lot-more." Bixler said. The wreck and the helmet falls off." organizers wanted to "make sure kids have safe bikes and helmets.

Proper use of helmets is important, according to representatives of the military police who also assisted with the rodeo.

"One of the biggest problems we see is improper helmet wear." said Lance Cpl. John Faile, a bicycle patrolman with the MP company who helped supervise the rodeo participants. "People ride around without their helmets strapped on properly, which doesn't help if you

The rodeo included a safety course with stations to measure a child's ability to perform tasks such as recognizing traffic lights and stop signs, keeping balance on the bike, and making quick

This is an excellent chance for kids to come out and make sure their bikes are safe, and to gain a better knowledge of hand signals and bike safety procedu es," Faile said.

Also a part of the Bike Rodeo were games, prizes and refreshments inside the E-club.





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The pool is open to lap swimmers Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 6 p.m., and recreational swimming is available from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Hours on Saturday, Sunday and holidays are noon to 5 p.m. for both lap and recreational swimmers. The pool is closed Mondays, with the exception of holidays. Call 254-7655 for more information.

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# **Flag Football** and Cheerleading

Kancohe Bay Youth Activities is announcing registration for Youth Flag Football and Cheerleading to he held June 28 to July 16 in each of five categories: Mini Mites, Mighty Mites, Termites. Pee Wees and Midgets. The participant's birth year determines category placement and birth years range from 1983 - 1993.

The program participates with Hawaii Youth Sports League and includes a \$35 fee for flag football, featuring a jersey and certificate: and \$10 for cheerleading (uniform not included). Practice begins Aug. 30 and the season runs from Sept. 25 to Nov. 20. Call Youth Activities at 254-7611 for restrictions, age requirements and more information.

# **Sprint Triathlon**

Register now for K-Bay's 3rd Annual 1st MAW ASE Sprint Triathton to be held June 19. The event is open to the public and begins at 7:30 a.m., following check-in at the

Marina that begins at 6 a.m. The challenging event consists of an 800-meter swim in Kaneohe Bay, 11.1-mile bike race up and down MCB Hawaii. Kaneohe Bay's rolling terrain, and 3.5-mile run circling a portion of the scenic Klipper Golf Course.

Entrants may register as th ee-person relay teams or as individuals. Divisions include ages 18 to 23: 24 to 28: 29 to 35; 36 to 41; 42 to 46; 47 to 50; and 50 and over. Relay teams leature one person only participating in each section of each event.

The event is sponsored by Island Demo, Gatorade and Spike's Bagles. Trophies are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place individuals in each age gloup, learn divisions and overall male and female finishers. Fees are \$12 for individuals, \$36 for teams with a \$5 late fee after June 11. Call Athletics at 254-7590/7591 for more information.

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Lunch Pepper steak Southern fried catfish Potatoes au gratin Rice pilaf Black-eyed peas Glazed carrots Sugar cookies Chocolate cream pudding Vanilla cream pudding Assorted gelatin

Dinner Lasagna Ravioli Southern green beans Peas with carrots Chocolate cream pudding Vanilla cream pudding

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Dinner Barbecued beef cubes Baked turkey and noodles Parsley buttered potatoes Succotash Brussel sprouts Spice cake Ginger molasses cookies

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Lunch Meat loaf Roast ham Steamed rice Mashed potatoes

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# Phantom Menace doesn't fall short, Lucas still has magic in bag of tricks Star Wars Episode I, The Phantom Menace debuts in Hawaii theaters

**Cpl. Trent Lowry** Combat Corresponde

A long time ago, in a theater far, far away.

The long-awaited prequel to the classic Star Wars trilogy was on creator George Lucas' backburner for a decade. Since them, Lucas has busily prepared, planned and produced the first film in a new trilogy that pre-dates Star Wars, and the hype and rumors surrounding the film reached a crescendo in the last few months.

It's been sixteen years since I last saw a Star Wars movie on the silver screen, and as a confessed Star Wars fan I tried to keep up with all the news about the new movie. My patience was finally, richly rewarded when I attended the premiere of Star Wars Episode 1: The Phantom Menace very early Wednesday morning.

Though it is one of the most anticipated films in movie history, the release of Episode I was shrouded by lingering doubts of media and fans alike.

"Would it be as good as the original trilogy?"

Will it be worth the wait?"

Expectations were inevitably high for the Phantom Menace to be as good, if not better, than its predecessors. Throw your doubts aside, friends, because Phantom Menace does not disappoint. The prequel may not reach the "bestmovie ever" status that the first trilogy earned, but it gets pretty dog-gone close

eléments Star Wars fans have come to expect are included in

All the

the Phantom Menace: Good versus evil, breathtaking special effects, and an

awe-inspiring soundtrack. But the prequel ups-

the-ante on acting ability, enlisting the impressive talents of Liam Neeson (Schindler's List), Ewan McGregor (Trainspotting), Natalie Portman (The Professional) and Samuel L. Jackson (Pulp Fiction).

The story begins with a Trade Federation blockade around the planet Naboo, where Queen Amidala (Portman) tries to negotiate an end to the sanctions by the greedy commerce organization. The Republic Senate sends two Jedi, Qui-Gon Jinn (Neeson) and a young Obi-Wan Kenobi (McGregor) to help negotiations, but sinister forces behind the Federation's blockade have different plans.

That's all of the plot that I'll give away. Though books and television shows out there have spoiled some of the movie's secrets, actually sitting

'Throw your doubts aside... Phantom Menace doesn't disappoint.'

## Cpl. Trent Lowry Combat Correspondent

overshadow the classic Luke Skywalker versus Darth Vader duels in The Empire Strikes Back and Return of the Jedi.

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The special effects, too, outdo the Star Wars ancestors. I was afraid that the effects would make the film look too artificial, and I'll admit that there are some places where the computergenerated creatures look a bit too twodimensional, but the technological wizardry never distracts from the story.

Many of these characters seem like living, breathing creatures, including clumsy comic relief sidekick Jar-Jar Binks, one of the computerized aliens and a companion of Jinn.

Anyone who wasn't able to see the film on opening night may still be faced with long lines for weeks to come, because I predict that people will want to see Lucas' magic over and over

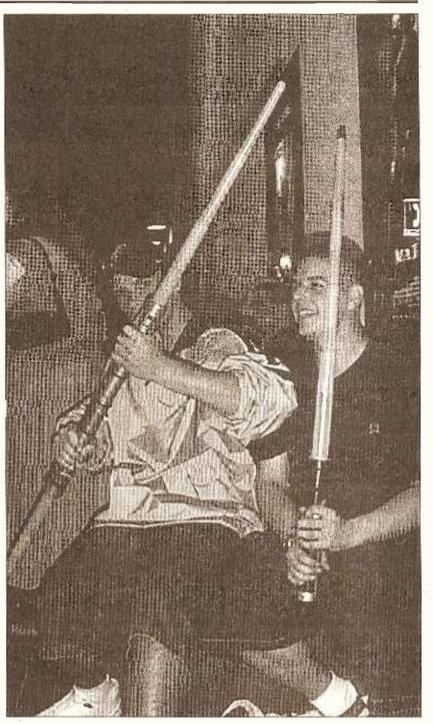
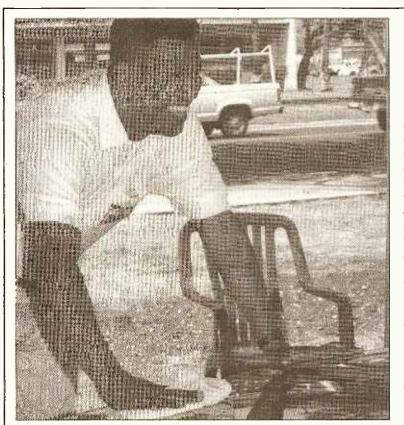


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Lance Cpl. Bill Hasse (right), a records clerk with the K-Bay Property Office, and Cpl. Matt Sheffield, an operations clerk with the K-Bay Finance Office, wield their lightsabers before a showing of Star Wars Episode I, The Phantom Menace Tuesday night in Pearl City.



## Photo by Cpl. Trent Lowry PUTTING ON AN EXTRA COAT OF WAX

Ken Lewis, owner of Ken's Auto Detailing Service, located near the Kaneohe Bay Gas Lanes, wipes down'a customer's car here Tuesday. Ken's Auto Detailing can also serves servicemembers across the island in the parking lot at Naval Station Pearl Harbor main exchange Ken's Auto Detailing is now serving K-Bay community for all the auto detailing needs, Tues. Through See next week's Sun. Hawaii Marine newspaper to learn more about the detailing service.

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# Hawaii visitor one of nature's frequent fliers

## Cpl. Barry Melton

Judging from the number of vacationing tourists who visit the Hawaiian Islands each year, it would be safe to say most everyone enjoys a trip to paradise.

The Pacific Golden-Plover is no exception.

Every year, logging more frequent flier miles than most business executives, the Plover leaves the brutal Alaskan and Siberian winters behind to spend their time Plovers you see in your yard this year was probably the same group of birds that were there the year before.'

When they arrive in Hawaii, they occupy grassy areas here and feed on insects. Many of these Plovers choose MCB Hawaii, Kancohe Bay, as their winter vacation site.

They arrive to Hawaii in August wearing their drab winter coats, consisting of mostly brown plumage with dirty white leathers covering their underparts.

When the Plovers get ready to depart for their non-stop 36- to 48hour flight back north, they will circle around base to "pick up" the flock, said Bookless. One by one, the flock gets larger and larger until it is ready to depart.

The birds are one of nature's best fliers for their size, said Bookless. Most are no larger than the common pigeon and can fly in excess of 60 miles per hour. They return to the coastal tundra of Siberia and Alaska to mate. By August, they get ready to turn

in Hawaii just to turn around and fly back in the summer.

"The interesting thing about these birds is they generally return to the same spot each year," said Lance Bookless, the natural recourses program manager at the MCB Hawaii Environmental Department. "Chances are, the

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By the time their stay here is through in May, however, the white feathers on their breasts is replaced with a shiny black breeding plumage and the brown feathers on their backs is accented with flashes of gold and white. This is affectionately known as their "flight suit," Bookless said.

around and make the trip back to Hawaii, year after year.

Even more interesting, some of the birds fly to Hawaii and never leave. They will assume yearround residence in the islands, Bookless said. Some will return to north to mate, but not all of them.



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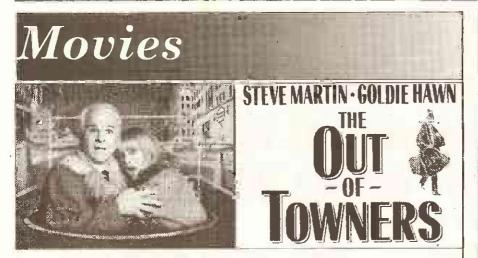




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# The Out of Towners

Friday and Sunday, 7:15 p.m.

Starring Steve Martin, Goldie Hawn and John Cleese When a midwest couple flee their empty nest and head for the Big Apple, a comic odyssey of unexpected calamities yanks them through the most bizarre 24 hours of their lives. Comedy, rated PG-13. 95 minutes

# **10 Things I Hate About You**

#### Friday, 9:30 p.m

Starring Julia Stiles, Heath Ledgers, Joseph Gordon-Levitt Strict rules in the Stratford household forbid Bianca from having a boyfriend until her odious sister Kat has one of her own — a situation that seems highly improbable considering Kat is a social disaster at Padua High School. Comedy, rated PG-13, 100 minutes

# **Forces of Nature**

#### Saturday, 7:15 p.m.

Starring Sandra Bullock, Ben Affleck and Maura Tierney Ben (Affleck) has two days to get from New York to Savannah for his wedding to Bridget (Tierney). When his plane goes skidding into Flushing Bay. Ben saves the life of his seat mate, an eccentric young woman named Sarah. In return, she becomes his faithful travel companion. Romantic comedy, rated PG-13, 110 minutes

# Ed TV

## Saturday. 9:45 p.m.

Starring Matthew McConaughey, Ellen DeGeneres and Woody Harrelson Ed TV follows the awkward, often hilarious and sometimes painful predicaments suffered by the members of a quirky family. The youngest son, Ed. an unambitious video store clerk, is plucked from obscurity and becomes the blockbuster hit of the season when he agrees to have his "life" aired on cable TV 24 hours-a-day. Comedy, rated PG-13, 125 minutes

# **Doug's First Movie**

#### Sunday, 3:30 p.m.

Vocal talents of Thomas McHugh, Becca Lish and Fred Newman The film chronicles the misadventures of Doug Funnie, an imaginative and quirky 12-year-old. Doug finds himself caught between saving the endangered "monster" of Lucky Duck Lane and his hurning desire to take Patti Mayonnaise, his sweetheart, to the school dance. Animated comedy, rated G. 80 minutes

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# The Kaneohe Bay Rugby Club

The K-Bay Rugby Club is looking for both experienced and novice ruggers to be part of the team. Practices run Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. at K-Bay's Risley Field. All which is need to join the team is a desire to play.

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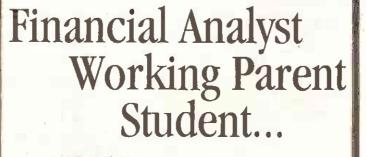
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