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Career fair starts tomorrow

Cpl. Trent Lowry Combat Correspondent

Flipping through the classified ads or just dropping in on a prospective employer can be daunting for job seekers, especially for family members of servicemembers.

The Family Service Center offers another option for people here interested in starting or changing a career with the second annual Spouses Career Fair, Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Officers' Club Lanai Room. Family members and civilians, as well as active duty military, are welcome to attend, and although reservations are recommended, walk-ins are welcome, too.

"We will have about 20 booths with representatives offering employment opportunities and guidance for pur-

suing a job search," said Jim Gardner, the family employment assistance program manager with the FSC. "The services and employers we talked to were more than anxious to provide incentives for family members to start their careers or go back to school."

Representatives from base education, base child care and MWR will offer their services, as well as agents from retailers such as Liberty House, Sears and Radio Shack, according to Gardner.

"We have a well-rounded lineup of opportunities," Gardner said. "The response from last year's fair was very positive. With the representatives we are offering Friday, we hope to help a lot of people.'

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Digital photo by Cpl. Barry Melton

Cpl. Beau Felder, af Weapons Company, 2/3, prepares his pack for PTA.

Packing right for PTA

Cpl. Barry Melton

What do snails, turtles and Marine infantrymen have in common?

Whenever any of the three have to set out for a trip, their necessities are attached to their backs. But unlike the turtle or snail, a grunt isn't provided a natural haven on his back. He has to pack it.

Weapons Marines from Company, 2/3 shipped out for Pohakuloa Training Area on the Big Island Saturday, but before their month-long trip, they had to get ready for what was in store for them.

"You have to pack everything you need, but you also need to pack light," said Cpl. Rob Macchia, a 81mm forward observer Weapons with Company, 2d Battalion, 3d Marines. "Don't pack anything you don't need and waterproof everything."

"The temperature drops about 30 degrees from day to night at PTA," said Cpl. Beau Felder, a gunner with Weapons Co, 2/3. "It's cold at night and hot in the day, so you have to pack all your cold weather gear."

Goretex, sleeping bags and thermals are a must at PTA,

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Change of command



Janel Howell, center, hugs Gen. C.C. Krulak, the commandant of the Marine Corps, as her husband, UGen. J.D. Howell Jr., watches. LtGen. Fulford takes MarForPac helm

Cpl. Barry Melton

Family, friends and Marines welcomed LtGen. Carlton W. Fulford Jr. as the new commanding general of Marine Forces Pacific and bid aloha to LtGen.

Jefferson D. Howell, Jr., here Friday. "I've made a history of following in the steps of giants," said LtGen. Fulford, the former commanding general of I Marine Expeditionary Force. "I'm doing

LtGen. Fulford took command of more than 80,000 Marines and Sailors in the Pacific theater during the flightline ceremony near Hangar 101. For related story and

He was the commander of Task Force photos, see A-6 Ripper during the Persian Gulf War and has also served as the vice-director of The Joint Staff, the commanding general of Marine Corps Bases

Japan and the commanding general of III MEF. Born in Newnan, Ga., May 11, 1944, LtGen. Fulford was commissioned in June 1966. After completion of The Basic School in Quantico, Va. and the Vietnamese Language School, he was the commander of D

Republic.

Commendation Medal; the Meritorious Service Medal; the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star; the Combat Action Ribbon with gold star and the Presidential Unit Citation. LtGen. Howell ended more than 37 years of Marine

Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marines in the Vietnam

His personal decorations include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal; Silver Star Medal; the

Legion of Merit with Combat "V" and gold star;

Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V"; the Purple

Heart Medal with gold star; Joint Service

"Gung ho! Gung ho!" LtGen. Howell exclaimed, his voice booming across the flightline.

LtGen. Howell was gung ho from the day he was commissioned until he relinquished command. of

"Looking back on my career, it all boils down to one word," LtGen. Howell said. "Marine. I'm a Marine and I am so proud to be a Marine. It's been a glorious

Fire damages K-Bay home

Cpl. Barry Melton Combat Corresponden

The Federal Fire Department here doused a kitchen fire at a home on Lawrence Street here Monday.

The fire department responded at 6:26, arrived on the scene at approximately 6:29 p.m. and extinguished the flames in less

than 10 minutes, said John Lee, the chief of the Base Fire Department. None of the residents were injured.

"The fire was isolated to the stove area and in the cabinets above the stove," said Lee. "The fire also spread in the the crawl space of the attic."

The fire was apparently caused

by a stove burner that wasn't turned off, Lee said. Lack of attention to detail could have possibly been the root of the flame.

"The resident might have turned the wrong knob," Lee added. "Everyone just needs to be more careful and double check to make sure the stoves are turned off when they finish cooking."

Local dealership messes with wrong woman



Digital photo by SSgt. Stephen Gude

Cpl. Kim Japhet displays the wide gap between the hood and frant cap of her Firebird.

SSgt. Stephen Gude Press Chief

Corporal Kim Japhet thought she was getting a sweet ride when she and her husband Chris bought a new 1997 Pontiac Firebird Formula, a car with a huffing, puffing, 5.7 liter V-8 capable of delivering the shove in the back only American V-8s can.

But as it turned out, Japhet had to do more huffing and puffing in attempts to get several major problems with the car repaired. Hers is a story of persistence paying off.

Driving around a new car like that should have left Japhet with a grin on her face, and initially, it did.

"You should have seen us when we bought it," said Japhet, who works in the flight equipment section of MALSEK. "We thought we were the bomb."

However, the only thing "wide" about the car were huge gaps in the body seams and the four-inch crack in the front fender. The gap between the flip-up headlights and the hood are wide enough to see parts of the engine. Japhet discovered these problems the day after she bought the car.

These problems turned out to be just the tip of the iceberg. Japhet tried, with more than 20 visits to the dealership, to rectify various body and suspension problems.

"The front bumper was a different color and the fenders were pushed in along the bottom," said Japhet, 22. "And because of the way the fenders were stressed, the struts kept blowing out." Japhet said she believes the car's front bumper cap was hit on the ground at some point before the car was delivered, which stressed the fenders and misaligned the struts.

It looked as though the dealership had tried to fix the car's problems before it was sold, but didn't do a good job, Japhet said.

"I was accused of causing the damage," she said. "We were really trying to be cool about it, trying to see if they would fix it, but they acted like

we were trying to rip them off. One of the service managers said We think you're trying to get out from underneath it."

But in making more than 20 visits to the dealership, the only Pontiac dealership on the island, Japhet clearly intended for the problems to be fixed, because she wanted to keep the car, which now has 6,500 miles on it. But the dealership's personnel consistently tried to discourage her.

However, unlike what the dealership's people thought, it wasn't like Japhet didn't know what she was talking about. She has swapped motors, worked on internal engine components and replaced transmis-

See LEMON, A-10

Sergeants Course

Sergeants Course 6-98 begins Tuesday and will run to June 18. The course is open to sergeants who have completed either the 7000 or 8000 series Marine Corps Institute courses. Interested Marines should contact their chain of command for availablity. Orders must be assigned to attend the course.

Mother's Day deal at Commissary

Dads, surprise Mom - personalize your own cake for her from you and the kids. The Commissary will have pre-iced, simply decorated cakes on which our decorators will help your child create a special message for Mom. This opportunity is one day only at the Commissary's bakery, Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., or while supplies last. Cakes will be done on, a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, call 257-1463.

Get children tested for lead

Are you concerned about lead poisoning in your children? Recently, the Family Housing Department sent letters to residents of base housing here about high lead content of standard issue miniblinds. If you think your child may be at risk for lead poisoning, you may come in to the Branch Medical Clinic's Family Practice/Pediatrics Clinic during normal working hours (Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.), without an appointment, to complete a questionnaire and have a fingerstick lead level drawn. You will be notified of any abnormal results. Symptoms of lead poisoning may range from mild complaints such as

headache, loss of appetite, vomiting, constipation and pica (the desire to eat strange objects, like dirt), to more severe symptoms, such as mental retardation, changes in level of consciousness, staggering and unsteady walking, and even seizures and coma. If you have any questions, please call 257-1156 for more infor-

Hospital Corps' 100th Anniversary

The Navy Hospital Corps will celebrate its 100th anniversary at the Pacific Beach Hotel grand ballroom in Waikiki from 5:30 to midnight. All hospital corpsmen and their Marines are invited. For more information call 257-1144.

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Domestic Violence Help Numbers

Military Shelter	533-7125
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A strike for Adopt-a-School

Richelle Jones, a sixth grader at Puohala Elemetary School in Kaneohe, bowls during an Adopta-School function April 23 at K-Bay Lanes bowling alley here. Puohala, adopted by Headquarters Battalion, MCB Hawaii, brought 34 students and teachers, and u sed eight lanes at the bowling alley. The staudents were members of the of the school's Junior Police Officer group and student council. They bowled two games and ate lunch.



Kokua Korner

Kokua Corner is a weekly feature of the Hawaii Marine, designed to let civic-minded volunteers know where assistance is needed in the community. Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to call the point of contact for a specific event, or the Community Relations section at 257-5744 for more information.

• May 9-13, various times - Hawaii Foodbank. Volunteers needed to help sort donated food items. Call Polly Kauhi at

Sunday, May 17 - Windward Marathon Association. Volunteers needed to assist with 1/2 Marathon and 5K races. Call Carol at 396-7831.

• May 21-24, Special Olympics Hawaii. Need volunteers to assist with scorekeeping and other tasks. Voluntary Action Center, 536-5006.

• Thursday, June 11-12, various times - Convention Center Grand Opening. Volunteers needed to assist with various

events at the Hawaii State Convention Center. Call Larry Redrow at 943-3564.

• Saturdays - Challenger Division, Little League Baseball. Volunteers needed to assist disabled children play baseball starting March 28. Call Mary at 262-0167.

• Different Days/Times - Volunteers in Public Service to the Courts. VIPS is looking for volunteers to help Hawaii's Judiciary. Legal Service experience not necessary. Call Roz at 539-4882.

• Now-May, different days and times -Hawaii State Special Olympics. Volunteer coaches needed to help prepare athletes for Summer Games in track & field, swimming and softball. Call Iris Terashima at 599-6055.

· Now-July, various times and places Sierra Club. Volunteers needed for building and maintaining trails on Oahu. Call Reese Liggett at 544-9553.

· Ongoing, Kalihi Palama Safe Haven Group. Volunteers needed to survey community on benefits of the project. Call Bryceton at 524-7233.

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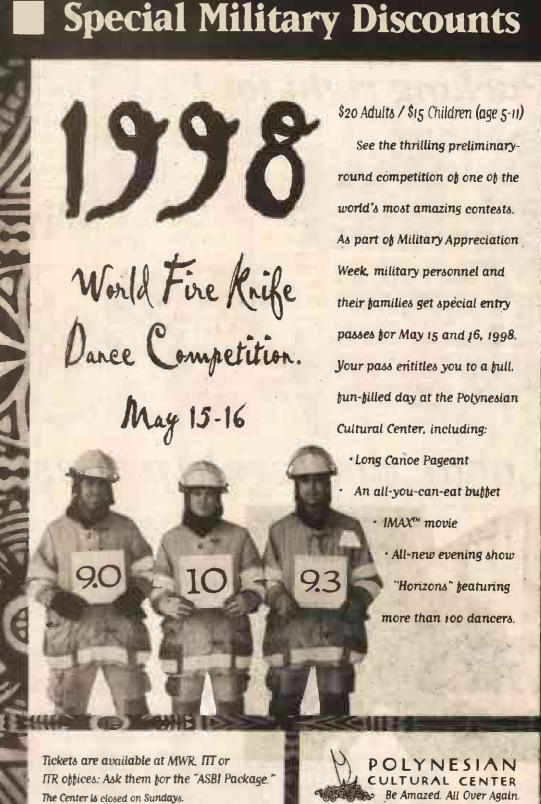
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24th MEU exercises capabilities in Kuwait

Sgt. Edward Harcher 24th MEU(SOC) Public Affairs

UDIARI RANGE, KUWAIT

- Seven years after Allied coalition forces liberated Kuwait from Iraqi occupation, 200 Marines and Sailors from the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) again took up position in the desert for several days of sustainment training.

Under the intense scrutiny of more than 50 national and internation media, four Landing Craft, Air Cushioned offloaded tanks, light armored vehicles, artillery pieces and rolling stock from the USS Ashland to a staging point in Kuwait City's Port Ash Shuwaikh for a four-hour convov inland.

Reporters mobbed the Marines as soon as they arrived, to get the Marines' reactions to news of the recent settlement between Iraqi strongman Saddam Hussein and U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan, apparently defusing the current Gulf Crisis.

"I have never been interviewed for anything except my high school newspaper," said LCpl. Richard W. Evans, a machine gunner with Combined Anti-Armor Team 1, Battalion Landing Team 3/6. "Being approached by a large group of media was quite a shock."

Once the offload was complete and the reporters retired for the day, the vehicles slowly rumbled through the congested streets of Kuwait City toward the outlying desert ranges, escorted by a squad of Kuwaiti police cars. Along the route, Marines were greeted by enthusiastic citizens who either waved at them or honked their horns in appreciation for the U.S.'s continued contribution to Kuwait's autonomy. Kuwaiti flags lined the route, fluttering proudly atop passing vehicles in recognition of Kuwait Liberation day, which was celebrated the following morning.

Even seven years after the war, signs of the damage and havoc wreaked by the Iraqis was still clearly evident, as the convoy passed a mass graveyard of mangled trucks, artillery pieces and armored vehicles. For several Marines who served in the Gulf War, the scene was a tangible reminder of a not-so-distant past.

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range, tanks began the shooting

by firing the 120mm guns,

LAVs sighted in their 25mm

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MK-19 machine gun, and E

Battery, 2/10 sent 155mm steel

destruction downrange. The

battery Marines also completed

several stages of small arms

familiarization fire, defensive

posturing and squad maneu-

the Iraqi border.

Marines from E Battery, Battalion Landing Team 3/6 conduct small arms training at Udiari Range in Kuwait. 🦂

the buildings around the city had been shelled, the sky was pitch black from the burning oil . fields, and there were burnt-out Iragi vehicles everywhere," said SSgt. Richard Link, the operations chief for Battery E, 3/12. "Kuwait is looking a thousand times better since I was last here.

"When we pulled back into a burning oil field during the war," said SSgt. Anthony Rucker, the battery gunnery sergeant of Battery E, "I couldn't see my hands in front of my

"It was the best example of fog of war' I can recall. When we rolled in after the war was over, the Kuwaiti citizens were trying to give us money. Everyone was exchanging flags, and we were tossing candy to the kids."

By nightfall, the Marines arrived at their first rally point ment."

Marine Corps Gen. Anthony Zinni, the commander of U.S. Central Command, flew in with other officials to watch the MEU train.

Camp Lejeune, N.C.

"This range is fantastic," said Cpl. Shane Freeman, a tank driver for Tank Platoon. "It's. more realistic than the ranges we have at home, and the targets are more lifelike. We can reach out and touch someone here at 4,000 meters. This just puts a cap on a great deploy-

"I am extremely proud of the 24th MEU's ability to get here so quickly from its deployement in the Mediterranean Sea," the general said. "I know I speak for the Kuwaitis when I say your presence off the coast really bolstered their morale. If the 'balloon' had gone up, there is no doubt in my mind the Marines would be able to come ashore and carry out the mission successfully."

The MEU conducted a fourday washdown before loading back up and heading back to

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The Opihi Pickers perform, 6:30pm Sat., May 16 Mental Health Association distributes information, 10am~5pm

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Letters to the Editor

Madman helps free speech

After reviewing Jack Flanagan's letter in the Hawaii Marine (April 23), I felt compelled to provide a response. I too, am an avid reader of the Hawaii Marine and after reading Flanagan's letter I must say we are truly blessed to have the comfort of free speech. Although I agree with him pertaining to articles by Cpls. Melton and Lowry, I strongly disagree with his statement that articles written by the "Madman" are not stimulating at the very least.

The Hawaii Marine, as all printed journals, is created to inform as well as entertain the public, therefore it consists of a mix of various types of articles, as well as ads to pay the bills. "Ravings of a Madman" draws me to the base paper. It appears to be a love/hate relationship between SSgt. Gude and the public, in the same category as Paul Harvey or Andy Rooney.

SSgt. Gude's views on life's everyday events bring enlightenment as well as a personal touch to the Hawaii Marine. There have been many times I have disagreed with his views ("Sissy Car," "Dallas Cowboys" and "Potato Salad" - which is my favorite dish with a dash of cheddar sprinkled on top), and yet I anxiously await this particular column. "Rib Shack" and "Ebonics" truly hit home for me; I felt it was I who spoke and I clung to every word. Although these two articles were the most hilarious I've read, each statement made in them was factual and true.

I feel "Ravings of a Madman" presents life in an enlightened, humorous fashion - that's all. In other words, no harm, no foul. Reading the column each week is in the same category as having a hot dog with all the fixins at a baseball game on Aloha Friday, or a piece of cheesecake with strawberries and a glass of milk - it's one of the simple pleasures of life. As with the great Muhammad Ali during the late 60s and early 70s, as well as today's Jerry Springer and Howard Stern (not that they're in the same class as the great Ali), you may completely disagree, disbelieve and swear your rights are being abused by their opinions, and yet, you anticipate their next episode, as I do the next Madman. I love this country.

I love this country.

MSgt. Henry J. Kemp CSSG-3

What is courtesy?

One Friday at around 2:45 p.m., there was a man who had an accident while playing basketball with some kids around the block.

Apparently, he twisted his left ankle, which caused a lot of pain. The kids he was playing with helped him get on his feet and waited several minutes before he got back his bearings. He felt he needed to go to the clinic to ensure there was no fracture.

Again, the kids helped him to his vehicle and he drove to the clinic because there was no one available to take him. He reached the clinic at approximately 3 p.m. Unable to bear his own weight, he hopped on his right leg to the door of "A" Pod, and stood in pain for four to five minutes. On the right side of the clinic, where a sign reads "Clinic

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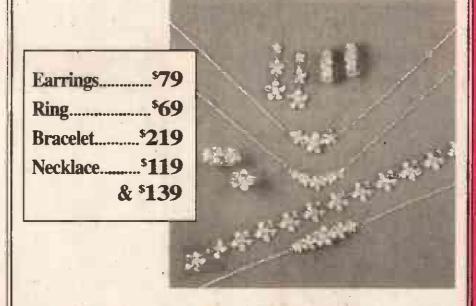
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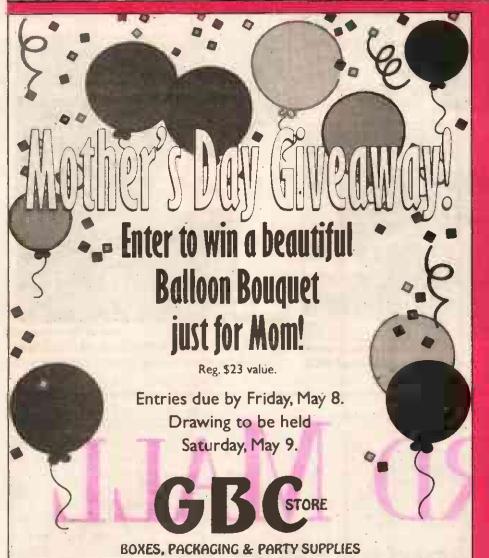
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for Mental Health," inside the nurses' station, there were two females and two males who saw him, he said.

Regardless of how a person judged what is going on with this person outside the door limping, was it so hard for someone to ask if he was all right? Fortunately, after five minutes, one of the men sitting in the waiting room noticed him and assessed that he needed a wheelchair. While this man was looking for a wheelchair, a corpsman finally helped the injured man get inside.

One of the Champus health care providers asked him if he needed a wheelchair, and he replied someone was already getting it. The man who went to get a wheelchair returned with one and was given instructions on how to take the patient to "C" Pod. There, the man was seen by the attending physician. It was not until after the patient reached "C" Pod that he discovered the man who did so much to help did not even work at the medical clinic.

A lot of times we forget what courtesy really means. I thought it could mean being attentive, affable, pleasant and more, especially if you're a health care provider. What do you think?

Garly S.M. Hoage Family Member

NMC XO Responds

I am in complete agreement with Garly Hoage that courtesy and attention to peoples' needs are essential to being a health care provider.

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It's also true each person has a different perception of reality. In looking into the situation she described, a slightly different perception was found. The two individuals who rendered assistance, Petty Officer 1st Class Cottrill and Petty Officer 2nd Class Gerkin, were indeed corpsmen from our command who were at Branch Medical Clinic Kaneohe Bay for a class. They said they were the first to notice the gentleman outside the clinic door and, once they realized he needed help, they had him in a wheelchair and heading for C Pod within a couple of minutes.

If other staff members saw him and didn't realize he needed assistance, I'm deeply

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Photo by SSgt. Darrick Lee LtGen. Howell salutes Gen. C.C.

LtGen. Howell retires

Cpl. Barry Melton

After 37 years, some might think LtGen. Jefferson D. Howell, Jr. might be ready to hang it up.

But he came in devoted to the Marine Corps, stayed that way for more than three decades and retired Friday as proud to be a Marine as the first day butter bars were pinned on his collar in 1961.

"At the battle of Chancelorsville, after hearing 'Stonewall' Andrew Jackson lost his left arm. Gen. Robert E. Lee said , Jackson has lost his left arm, and I've lost my right," said Gen. Charles C. Krulak, the commandant of the Marine Corps, Friday at LtGen. Howell's retirement ceremony. "I also am losing my right arm with the retirement of this man."

LtGen. Howell, a Victoria, Texas native, spent most of his time with the Corps in his heart, but with his head in the clouds. He was assigned to naval flight training in 1964, and was designated a naval aviator in November 1965.

His squadron assignments include: VMFAs-531, -323, -542, -115, -212; VT-21 and VMFAT-101. Two of these tours, VMFA-542 from 1967 to '68 and VMFA-115 from 1972 to "73, included combat missions Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam.

"Flying in combat is very exiciting and challenging, but periodically you can scare yourself," LtGen. Howell said. "Flying in combat isn't much different from the training we did. The only added ingredient is someone else is out there."

Some of his other assignments include: chief of staff, 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade; assistant deputy chief of staff for Aviation and the deputy commander of Marine Forces Pacific.

His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V", Air Medal with two individual and 25 strike/flight awards and the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V." He also received the John Paul Jones Award for Inspirational Leadership in 1980 from the Navy League.





LtGen: Carlton W. Fulford, the new commander of MarForPac. addresses the members of his new command.

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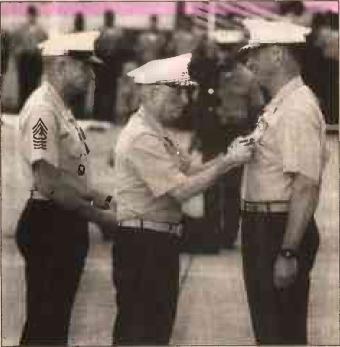
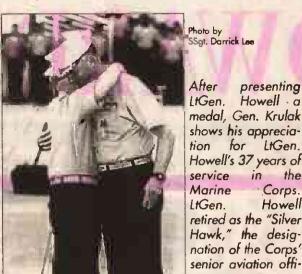


Photo by SSgt. Darrick Lee Gen. C.C. Krulak, center, presents LtGen. J.D. Howell Jr. a Defense Meritorious Service Medal.



After presenting Howell - a LtGen. medal, Gen. Krulak shows his appreciation for LtGen. Howell's 37 years of service in the Marine Corps. LtGen. Howell retired as the "Silver Hawk," the desig-



Photo by SSgt. Darrick Lee BGen. D.F. Bice, the commanding general of MCB Hawaii, leads the ceremonial color guard.



Photo by SSgt. Darrick Lee (Left to right): Zandi Krulak, Gen. Krulak, Janel Howell, LtGen. Howell, LtGen. Fulford and Mary Ann Fulford share a laugh during the ceremony.



Photo by SSgt. Darrick Lee LiGen. Fulford salutes MarForPac Band drum major GySgt. Robert Bean during the pass in review.

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Gibbons awarded for heroism

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LCpl. Shawn Gibbons questions a

suspect at MP Headquarters.

Cpl. Trent Lowry

Lance Cpl. Shawn Gibbons counts becoming a Marine and military policeman among his accomplishments. Now, he can add "hero."

Gibbons received certificates from the Honolulu City Council and the Honolulu Fire Department commending his efforts to rescue a woman from drowning in January.

"I saw a girl out in the water, screaming and splashing, and I could tell she was in trouble," said Gibbons, an MP patrol-

The city also awarded Gibbons a scholarship to help him earn a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, his major at Francis Marion University in South Carolina before joining the Marine Corps in 1996.

"I was diving with a friend at Electric beach,' and I had gone

back to the car to get an extra fin for him," Gibbons said, remembering the events. "I saw her about a guarter mile to a half mile out, and it was obvious she was struggling."

Gibbons climbed down the cliff face and dived in the water to shorten the distance of the swim, as opposed to running to the beach access, he said. When Gibbons reached the woman, she was in full dive gear, so he adjusted the valve control on her tanks and put her respirator back in her mouth to stop her from swallowing water, he said.

"She was panicking and taking in a lot of water," Gibbons said. "I turned her on her back and towed her in, and when we reached the shore the fire

department was already there."

Gibbons knew he had the best chance of saving the woman, which is why he didn't wait for emergency technicians to arrive at the beach, which isn't manned by a lifeguard.

"I didn't even think about getting anybody," said Gibbons. "I figured I could just go out there myself, since there wasn't much time to act, and bring her

The quick-thinking and selfreliance Gibbons demonstrated are trademarks he has earned among fellow military policemen. "Gibbons is very proficient at his job," said Sgt. Michael Barrett, an MPhere. "He has become a great asset to the military police department because he needs little to no supervision."

Gibbons volunteered in a local police program in his native South Carolina while he was in high school, and his desire to work in law enforcement grew.

"I learned so much more in the Marine Corps than college offered me," the tall, lanky MP said. "I want to go into state or federal law enforcement, like the Drug Enforcement Agency, and I certainly feel like I'm getting the experience I need here."

Gibbons will get more experience for his career as he and his partner continue to be on the alert, keeping the base safe.

"I feel we work well together. It's like he's Ponch and I'm Jon from 'CHiPs," said Cpl. Viril Litton, a patrolman who joined PMO from 2/3 as a part of the fleet assistance program. "Tve learned a lot while patrolling with Gibbons."

Including, perhaps, how to be a hero.



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said Macchia.

"At night it gets into the 30's," Macchia added. "It even snows there a few months out of the year."

Felder and Macchia advise Marines to only take two extra sets of utilities and an extra pair of boots. With the rocky terrain at Pohakuloa, boots don't last very long.

"You can bet on wearing out a pair of boots while you're up there," said Macchia. "The volcanic rocks just rip them apart."

Also unlike the turtle or snail, a infantrymen must be ready to go at a moment's notice and speed is important. A Marine can't poke around with his pack all day long, so it has to be packed properly.

"Whenever you pack your stuff, make sure all the things you will need frequently are at the top or in a side pouch," said Felder. "You don't want to have to dig down to the bottom of the pack to get something you need when you're on the go."

Overpacking is often a problem with some Marines, Macchia said. When the gear list goes around, Marines should pack everything on the list and not pack much more than that.

"Some of the junior Marines get carried away with food or tobacco," said Macchia. "There's a small PX at PTA and they accept DPP and personal checks. You don't need to bring a bunch of junk with you when you can buy it there."

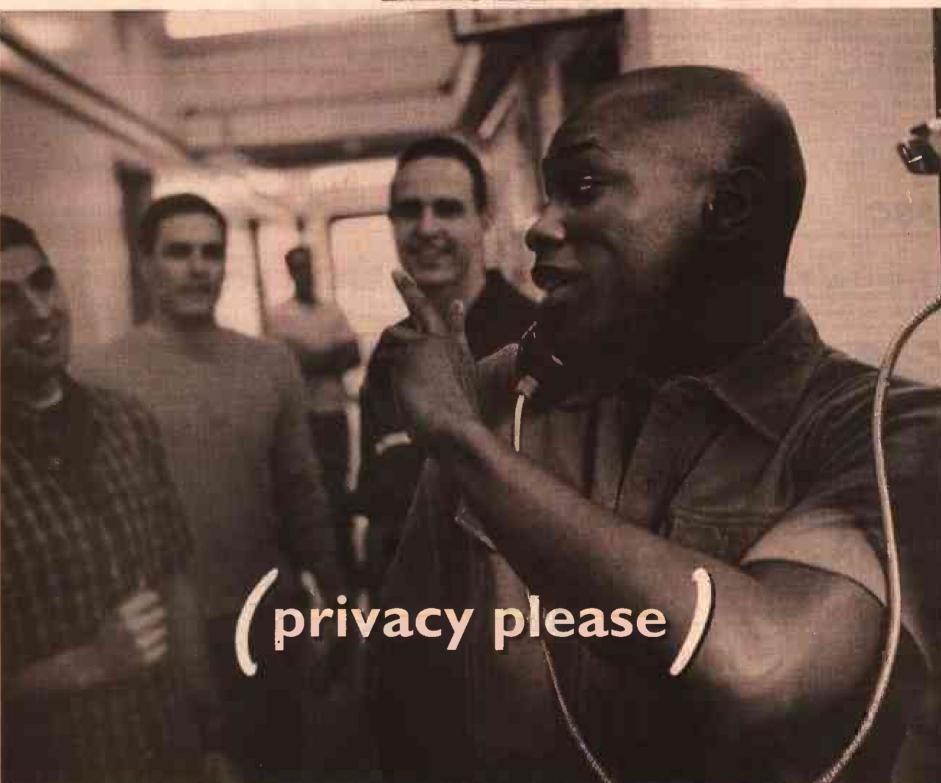
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Spouses Career Fair - will be held at the base officer's club tomorrow from .9-12. They're not full up, but registration is required. Give FSC a call at 257-3135 x353.

Conquering your stress series - Learn to understand your stress and manage the tension. Relaxation and other skills will be taught in the workshop, held Wednesday, June 2, from 1-4 p.m.

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For reservations and information, call 257-1941/0408.

Spouses Career Fair -The fair, May 8 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Officers' Club, will target spouses of Marines assigned to MCB Hawaii. It will provide information about employment, business, child care and educational opportunities on base.

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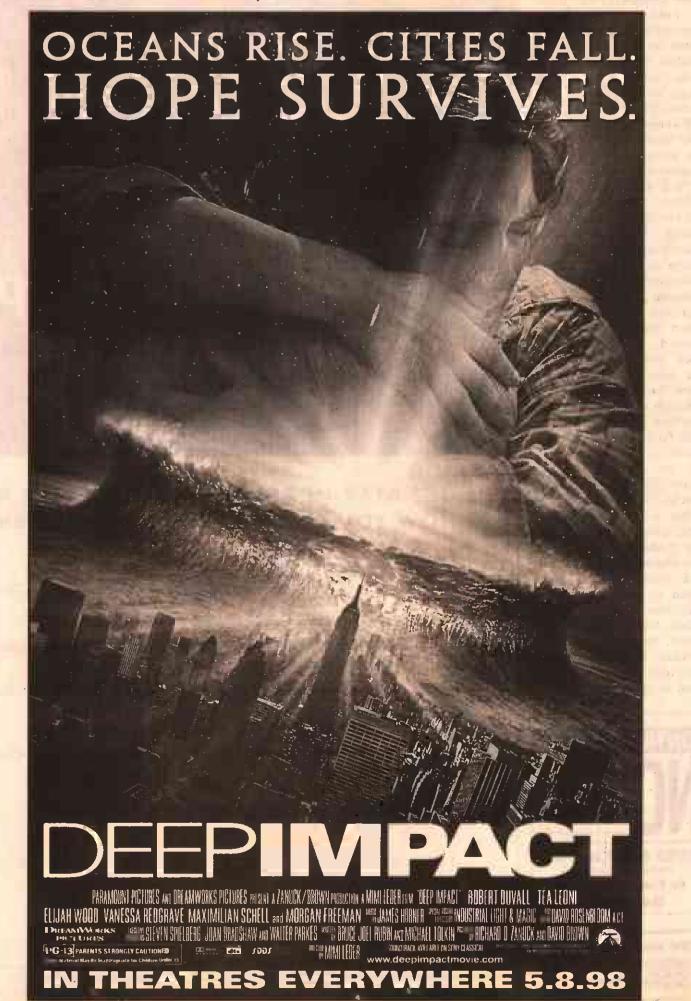
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for reckless driving. Military Police stopped his 1996 Honda on Mokapu Road next to McDonalds. after they saw him travelling at high speed on Mokapu Road.

· A Marine reported someone entered his home on base through the back door of. An investigation revealed the door was unlocked, and it was unknown whether anything was taken.

· A Marine and his wife were arrested by MPs for a domestic disturbance. After receiving a call from an anonymous caller, MPs made contact with the couple. They told the MPs they were arguing over marital problems.

• A man was arrested by MPs for shoplifting from the Seven Day Store. A complainant reported the

· A Marine was arrested by Military Police here man exited the store with unpaid merchandise. When he tried to stop the man, he fled the area, but MPs apprehended him next to the store.

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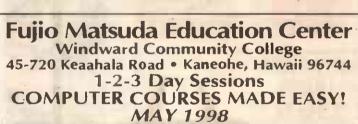
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In cruises, Pacific Splash and Bottom Fishing Cruise offer \$25 apecials through May, Dolphin Watching Cruises are \$18 for the month, and there will be a Mother's Day Champagne breakfast and lunch cruise Sunday for \$29.75, and a Mother's Day cruise for \$50.50 and up.

For more information, call ITT at 254-7563.



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This fully decorated and furnished prototype house opens May 20.

Prototype homes open

Sgt. Steven Williams

Family Housing Department officials here will open the doors of two new homes near the Fairways All-Hands Club for base residents to see May 20.

A single-level and a townhouse will be furnished and opened for groups from 9 to 11:30 a.m and to the general public from 1 to 3 p.m., according to Becky Chestnut, the director of Family Housing here.

"We're really excited about these new homes," said Chestnut. "This open house will give people a look at what the houses will look like when the are finished and furnished."

The homes are slated to be finished around August this year, and will be available for E-1 to E-5 families. The homes include garages, central air conditioning, three and four bedrooms and two and three bathrooms.



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Petty Officer 3rd Class Kara Perez, of Branch Medical Clinic K-

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sions.

Despite this, "The salesman just looked at me like I was a piece of meat," she said. "And the sales manager said Why should we have to fix this? Did you back up and bump into something? You know how you ladies are...'

"They know they can get away with it," Japhet added, "because they're the only Pontiac dealership on the island. Their game is to just bully everyone and just pay whoever doesn't back down, especially the military."

Or at least they thought they

Or at least they thought they could get away with it. Japhet culled all the resources she could, including an "Action Line" segment from a local television statement, to get the dealership to either fix the car or buy it back.

With Japhet's persistence, General Motors, the parent company of Pontiac, decided to buy it back.

She now has a 1998 Saturn SC2 coupe — half the horse-power of the Firebird, but double the customer satisfaction.

"People are so unaware of what they can do when they're in a situation like this, especially military people," Japhet said. "But we have to stand up for our rights, or some people will take advantage of us."

Japhet is not looking forward to buying any other Pontiac products. All she wanted from the dealership was a little common courtesy.

"The thing is, it's the minute details they're not taking care of," Japhet said. "If the body reflected the way the car drove, the car would have been perfect.

"I mean, the last time they had the car, they had it for 13 days," she continued. "When I got the car back, not only was it not fixed, but they had ripped the hood's hinges. What kind of service is that?"

Japhet believes the same fender problem has occured to other Firebirds she's seen on base. And one of the dealership's service managers backs her up.

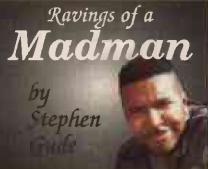
She said the service manager, Alan Carlos, told her he's seen six cars with fender misalignment and cracks.

"I didn't say six," Carlos said,
"but I have seen a couple come
here with that problem."

But even Pontiac doesn't seem to know what the problem is.

"If we knew why this was happening to the cars, we would have fixed it," Carlos said.





NBA — No **Blood Allowed**

saw the fight between Alonzo Mourning of the Miami Heat and the New York Knicks' Larry Johnson and had a good laugh. It was one of the most comical scenes in the NBA this season, with Jeff Van Gundy hanging on for dear life to Mourning's leg.

It was funny to me because I'm a self-absorbed dolt. However, you know, as I do, a lot of children follow these clowns as if they are hardwood pied pipers, and watching these giants square off sent a disturbing message to everyone about the state of the NBA's current players, and even its coaches; I'll get to the coaches later.

Mourning has always been an aggressive, physical player who tries, through scowls, shoves and elbows, to intimidate other players. I have never felt he is worth all the money the Heat is paying him, and this latest incident, which happened during Game 4 of the Heat's playoff series with the Knicks and with only 1.4 seconds to go in the game, only proves the depth of his immaturity and and underscores his inability to take the Heat to a championship

Johnson is a physical player as well, but in a different way than Mourning. He's physical because he's a widebody. His type of physicality, no one really gets mad at, because other players realize if they're defending him, he's going to use his muscle. It's nothing personal, unlike Mourning's style.

When these two oppositely physical players are mixing it up, someone's temper is bound to give. Johnson and Mourning were teammates with the Charlotte Hornets, and I know they banged each other around during practices, so they know each other's game.

Even given the intensity of the Knicks-Heat rivalry, I didn't expect Johnson to get involved in something like this. Mourning, sure, but not Johnson. He should have jus walked away.

Perhaps, however, this incident says something about Heat coach Pat Riley as well. Analysts and commentators have long praised Riley as a demigod of coaching; I. withhold such compliments, because without Magic Johnson, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and James Worthy, Riley has done nothing. Sure, one of his Knicks teams went to the Finals, but it was more because of the same sort of roguish, thuggish play Mourning displays - and the fact Michael Jordan wasn't playing than good coaching.

Anyone ever notice how commentators and analysts seem to be swayed by Riley's slick hair, his custom suits and snappy sound bites? But the fact is, other than the run-and-gun Lakers (there was no other way any team with Magic Johnson on it could have played), all of Riley's teams have been unbelievably physical defensively, to the point of thuggery. Some of the Knicks still play Riley's style. I'm shocked the league lets him get away with it. But maybe not - Riley's one of the NBA's "star" coaches. But I don't watch the games to see the coach's latest Armani suit or determine what kind of hairspray he uses. I watch to see the best players in the world play a game I love. Maybe the NBA should think about that.

"Riley is a coach adjusting to his players," some people say.

"Whatever," I say. If a coach can't get his players to play the way he wants them to, then the coach isn't doing his job.

This fight, along with the infamous Sprewell-Carlesimo brouhaha, has put a black eye on basketball this year. Both have two things in common: players who clearly were acting stupidly and coaches who, for whatever reason, weren't looked at as part of the problem.

Or part of the solution. And that's m laughing matter.

Hawaii Marine B Section

May 7, 1998

Students lei-ed around at Mokapu May Day

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Jason Tolentino sing "Kahuli Aku"

Cpl. Trent Lowry Combat Correspondent

reezy island weather created an ideal setting here for Mokapu Elementary School's annual May Day program, which celebrated Hawaiian traditions and culture Friday.

Children from preschool to sixth grade celebrated the traditional Hawaiian holiday in a ceremony similar to those performed in primary and secondary schools across the state, according to Vicky Garneau, one of Mokapu's school counselors.

"The celebration is especially beautiful here because the chil-

dren are largely from the mainland, and they are performing

dances and songs from Hawaiian culture," Garneau said. "The day really promotes multi-culturalism, which is special because it brings everyone together."

The students spent over two months preparing for the pre-

sentation, attended by hundreds of though, it was exciting. I was very proud parents, many wearing cam-

ouflage utility uniforms. Most of the song-and-dance numbers were

hapa haole, meaning Hawaiianthemed, but written by Caucasian lyricists, according to Garneau. "I was a little nervous out there, because I had to learn the hula MCB Hawaii family member dance for my solo," Grannette Pulliam and Kevin and said Jennifer Kain, a sixth grader and with Mokapu Elementary students. the May Day

> Queen. "Overall, happy to be chosen Queen."

"I had to learn how to do the dances, and ceremonial things like escorting the Queen," said Nicholas Bartley, the May Day King, also in sixth grade. "I guess I got picked because I do well in. school."

Kain and Bartley's peers in the sixth grade rounded out the rest of the court of princes and princesses, representing each of the eight major Hawaiian islands, and their Kahili and gift bearers.

"This is our biggest event of the year," Garneau said. "We're very happy to see over 300 parents and family members come out and see the results of the students' prac-

Hammerheads skate to playoffs

Cpl. Barry Melton Combat Correspondent

AIALAE, Oahu - The Kaneohe Bay Hammerheads Youth Inline Hockey team depended on speed, concentration and power to rout the Waialae Sharks on their own turf 7-1 here Saturday.

The speed came from standout forward Mike Musquez, who scored at will and broke up several Shark transition scoring opportunities. With four goals, Musquez owned Shark defenders and fueled the Hammerhead's offensive fire.

The concentration was provided by goalie Brian Fields. His concentration was centered on guarding his goal and he shut down Shark scorers with a Patrick Roy-like performance with 16 saves.

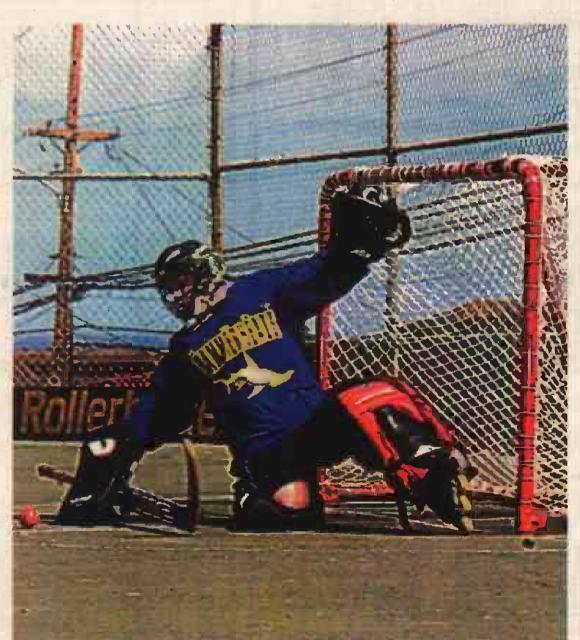
There was some concern at the beginning of the sea son the Hammerheads defense was weak, but Fields and company have proven to all doubters their team is ready for the playoffs, according to Rick Musquez, the head coach of the Hammerheads.

"We changed our strategy," said assistant coach Jason Koons. "We kept Mike and Bill back on defense. Our defense used to be iffy, but now it's tight."

The power came from forward Bill Appling, who scored two goals and is arguably the most physical player on the squad. He intimidated the smaller Sharks and kept the puck out of the goalie's box for Fields most of the game.

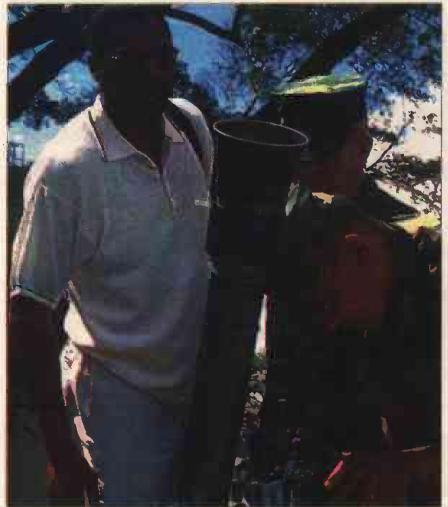
"Our team showed a lot of heart," said Fields. "We worked together and we acted like we wanted to be out there playing hockey with each other."

As for the playoffs, Hammerhead coaches and players feel they are ready. The playoffs will be held Saturday and Sunday at Hickam Air Force Base.



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Kaneohe Hammerheads' goalie Brian Fields does an impersonation of the Buffalo Sabres' Dominic Hasek by making a sprawling save of a Waialae Sharks shot. He only allowed one goal.



Digital photo by Sgt. Michael T. Wiener

Rodney Van Johnson watches as LCpl. Miles Oele, a gunner from Weapons Company, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, adjusts sights on an 81mm mortar.

'Hollywood Marine' finds motivation at K-Bay

Sgt. Michael T. Wiener

ome people have to join the Marine Corps to find out what being a Marine is all about, but others choose to become real "Hollywood Marines."

Rodney Van Johnson, who stars in ABC's "Pensacola: Wings of Gold" as a Marine lieutenant, found a taste of what drives Marines through his character and portrays it weekly.

"When you look at history, the Marine Corps has done so much for this country and still does today," Van Johnson said. "Marines have an undefinable pride others don't have or couldn't even begin to understand. To be able to portray that role is great."

After several years as an account executive for TV stations in Florida, the Cincinnati native moved to New York, then Los Angeles to pursue an acting career. After several smaller roles in plays, TV shows and films, Van Johnson landed a role on "Pensacola."

"I auditioned my butt off for that show," he said. "I went to auditions every day for four weeks. The idea of portraying a Marine was very enticing, and definitely worth the work. I couldn't ask for a better role.

"Every little kid dreams of being a Marine, of running around with a gun, saving lives and blowing things up," he continued. "To be able to do that and get paid for it, is an actor's dream."

A former track and field star, Van Johnson set the state high jump record and qualified for the Olympics in the 100-meter dash. His strong athletic background not only helped him get the role as a Marine, it helps him play it out on the show.

See Hollywood, B-5



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Tony the Tiger, Kellogg's Frosted Flakes' growling cereal seller, salutes four Very Important Patriots, including MCB Hawaii's Peggy Milliman (third from the left) on cereal boxes now available in the Commissary. Kelloggs made the boxes in recognition of people who made significant volunteer service in their military and civilian communities.

Movies

7:15 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Movies are subject to change. Childeren ages 9 and under (age 16 and under for "R" movies) must be accompanied by a guardian 18 years of age or older throughout the entire movie. Movie prices are \$3 for those 12 years old or older; \$1.50 for children ages six to 11; and admission is free for children five and below. Admission to the second movie Friday through Sunday is \$1. For more information call 245-7642.

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Sunday, 1 p.m.

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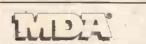
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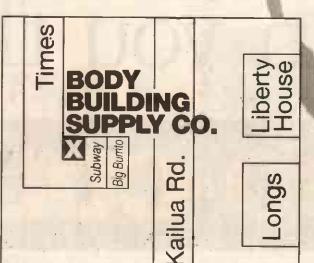
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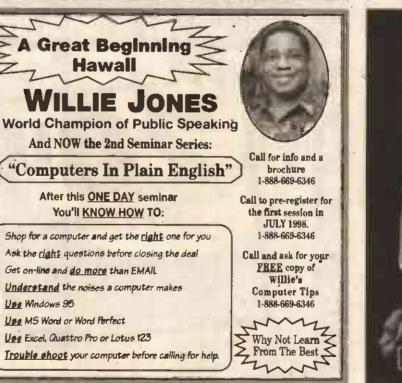
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"Marines have the image of being physically fit, so it was easier for the executives to hire me," he said. "I maintain my physique to help act out the role as a strong, intelligent Marine. Plus, on the show, I'm a recon Marine — the baddest thing on Earth."

Before filming began on the show, Van Johnson and his co-stars didn't know what to expect or how they would react to acting as Marines. The regimented structure of the Marine Corps wasn't what they were used to.

"Nobody likes being told where to go, what to do and how to do it, even if it's acting, so we were all kind of nervous," he said of himself and his co-stars. But after witnessing Marine recruits complete the Crucible, they changed their minds.

"Seeing it was heart-wrenching and every American should witness. It changes your perspective on what it is to be a human being and a Marine, and it definitely changes your perspective on what it means to be an American," Van Johnson said. "When we saw it, we were like, Yeah, yeah, we can do this."

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Van Johnson didn't have to go through 13 weeks of boot camp or finish the

Crucible to earn the title of "Marine," but he did have several intensive weeks of training before filming the show.

"All of the actors went through two intensive weeks basically posturing us as Marines - how to walk, talk, salute and things like that. Then we separated and received individual training in our own specialties, mine being a recon Marine." Van Johnson said. "And of course it's an on-going thing. We're always looking for input as to whether or not we're doing things the right way."

Van Johnson visited Marines here to ask their opinions about the show and his portrayal of a Marine.

"I like talking to Marines because they know the job better than I do. I want to them to tell me if I'm doing something wrong or need to do something better," he said. "For the most part, people like the show. Some say, 'that would never happen in real life,' but we're not real life. We only have 45 minutes each week to save the world."

Van Johnson also found motivation for his role while talking with Marines here.

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"I haven't met one Marine yet who isn't proud to be here doing what he does," he said. "Tm especially impressed with your chain of command. I know you say you don't have black Marines or white Marines, only green, and I can truly see that here."

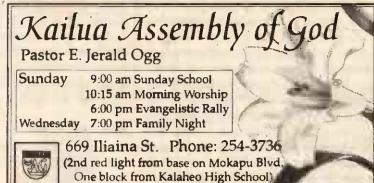
Van Johnson was so impressed with the Marines here and the base, he plans on making a return trip in the future. But for now, it's back to work. In future episodes of "Pensacola," the action and adventure will change ever so slightly, Van Johnson said.

"We would like to deal with the lifestyle of a Marine and what he has to deal with on a regular basis — the real side of a Marine," he said. "We want to show how difficult it is to be a Marine and have a family and other problems Marines face."

Whichever direction the show takes, Van Johnson wants to continue to improve his image as a Marine.

"I'm very impressed with the way Marines carry themselves, and I'm going to try to portray the pride Marines have through my character," he said. "It's important to me to uphold the Marine Corps image."







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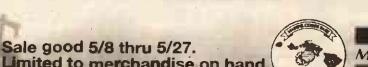
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Concert Review

Pieces of a Dream jams

Klm Keys Special to the Howaii Marine

ontemporary jazz artists Pieces of a Dream delivered a smokin' set at Gussie L'Amour's Sunday in Honolulu.

Celebrating the band's 20th anniversary, original members James Lloyd, Curtis Marvin and Cedrick

Keys Napoleon came

to throw down. Their set kicked off with "The Shadow of Your Smile," which would have made any jazz connosuer do more than grin. Keyboard wizard Lloyd

showed off his talents by mesmerizing the audience during "Careless Whisper." His combination of raw improvisation and sophistication kept the audience on its feet, screaming for more.

Bass guitarist Napoleon showed off his smooth vocal stylings while performing "Pieces," from the band's album of the same name.

Newcomers Eddie Baccus and Cherried Mitchell also proved their worth, as Baccus wailed funky riffs on his saxaphone while Mitchell provided a laid back but chic mood on keyboards.

With its soulful blend of rhythm and blues and jazz, Pieces of a Dream proved, even after 20 years, it still has a the right pieces.

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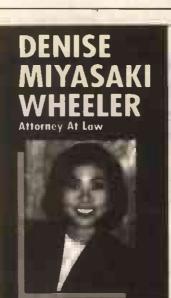
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Military Appreciation Week highlights

By Charles M: Ota

hanks to the outpouring of support from the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and other community agencies, this year's festivities for the 13th Annual Military Appreciation Week will include activities and events to reach every possible member of the military. This display of com-

munity spirit is reflective of the deep aloha that the citizens of Hawaii have for the military community.

The weeklong celebration kicks off May 11 at the State Capitol Rotunda, where Gov. Benjamin Cayetano and Mayor Jeremy Harris will deliver proclamations honoring the military. Adm. J.W. Prueher, commander in chief of the U.S.

Pacific Command, and the respective component commanders will be present to accept the proclamations on behalf of the 42,000 soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen and coast guardsmen stationed in Hawaii. The public and military community are invited to join our sponsor, Bank Of Hawaii, and our legislators, community leaders and other citizens at the ceremony, which begins at 2 p.m.

On May 12, a special reception for about 250 military spouses will be held at the governor's residence at Washington Place from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. This is to recognize the difficult roles assumed by military spouses and display our appreciation for their contributions in enabling their sponsors to fulfill their military duties and obligations as good citizens. We outside the military community are largely unaware of the

unselfish acts of military spouses in having to serve as the head of the household while their sponsors are on extended duty elsewhere for months at a time.

Once again the public and military community will be treated to a special performance by a combined military band comprised of musicians from the four military bands in Hawaii. The Combined Military Band Concert is made possible by AT&T Hawaii and will be held at the majestic Hawaii Theatre Center on May 13, starting at 7 p.m. The concert is free.

The closing event for the week is the annual Military Appreciation Week Luncheon on May 14. Sponsored by the First Hawaiian Bank and A&B Hawaii/Matson Navigation Co., the luncheon will be held at the Tapa Ballroom of the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel, beginning at 11:30 a.m. The keynote speaker

Steele, commanding general of U.S. Army Pacific. Gen. Steele will provide attendees with an interesting perspective on the U.S. Army's 100 years in Hawaii. The public is welcome to attend. Contact Lisa Ann Katagiri at 545-4353 for ticket and table information.

One of the highlights for this year is the distribution of military discount books to each soldier. sailor, marine, airman and coast guardsman in Hawaii. This book will be filled with 20 coupons from participating businesses that seek to express their mahalo to the men and women of the military and their families. This book, the first activity designed to reach every military member stationed in Hawaii, is made possible by Hawaiian Airlines.

This year's celebration will include loads of other discounts for the military, including discounts to

four of the finest luaus in Hawaii. On May 9, the ever-popular Paradise Cove dinner-show starring O'Brien Eselu and his Polynesian revue is featured. This event is cosponsored by Cutter Ford and Oceanic Cable. Then on May 12, the Hale Koa Hotel offers discounts to its Hawaiian luau featuring Danny Couch and an all-star Hawaiian show.

Germaine's Luau, scheduled for May 15, recaptures the spirit of an old Hawaiian luau. The evening begins with an all-you-can-eat buffet featuring Hawaiian and American favorites. Then sit back and relax as Wendell Kalani Silva and Stephanie Lindsey entertain you to an exciting show. The final event is the world-famous dinner show at the Polynesian Cultural Center on May 16. A special treat is in store as guests will be entertained by this year's championship of the firedancing contest.



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I know from our military leaders that they do feel welcome. They do feel a part of our community and our



Senator Daniel Inouye

extended ohana. This is very important. While national security is first and foremost, if the military feels like we are one community, they too will have an interest in nurturing and helping this community we cherish.

Their contribution to Hawaii goes beyond dollars and cents. Although during these trying economic times, military spending has helped Hawaii tremendously,

their contribution is about blood and sweat - keeping our nation and the Pacific region safe and out of harm's way — and coming home to loving families and an extended ohana that cares and respects the job they do.

To all of the soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines, I salute you and thank you for a job well done. Good luck and Godspeed.

Daniel K. Inouye U.S. Senator

Team en route to map Midway battle zone

he U.S. Navy. National Geographic Television and Dr. Robert Ballard recently launched an expedition to find and map the graveyard of the Battle of Midway.

Five aircraft carriers were sunk during this pivotal World War II naval battle, including the USS Yorktown and four Imperial Japanese Navy carriers, but this battle marked the turning point in the war for the Allied Forces.

The U.S. Navy deep submergence support ship, Laney Chouestt, carrying the remoteoperated unmanned advanced tethered vehicle (ATV), left San Diego on April 14, 1998, on its way to the site.

Dr. Ballard, best known for his discovery of the Titanic, will search out and explore

the site located three miles down, at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean.

Dr. Ballard will receive special assistance from the U.S. Navy as well as the University of Hawaii, which is loaning use of its towed search system called MR1.

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It's business as usual for Women Marines

Gender not an issue for these ladies

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uccess at jobs such as air traffic controller, weather observer, or communications technician takes skill, intelligence and dedication.

Although the spotlight in March was on women in the military — part of the recognition of Women's History Month — the MCAF women downplayed the significance of being a Marine and female.

"I don't see myself as one of the guys, but I haven't felt we (women) are treated any different," said Lt. Cpl. April Washburn, a MCAF weather observer.

Women Marines



LCpl. Trent Lowry photo

Lt. Cpl. April Washburn, a weather observer with Marine Corps Air Facility, takes a globe thermometer reoding.

haven't always been able to dismiss gender roles so easily, as any study of women's history shows. While women's roles in the past were significantly supplementary to men's duties, female Marines have always performed their jobs with dedication and pride. "The best part of my job is when we get a lot of traffic and really get rolling," said Sgt. Kaila Flores, an ATC supervisor with MCAF.

"I appreciate my job more knowing I'm one part of a whole team that depends on all its parts to click, and seeing the positive results, I'm proud of our accomplishments."

Flores, who has earned the respect and praise of fellow Marines, was named an NCO of the Quarter in 1997 and is the only Marine with ATC qualifications at all control stations here. While excelling at her job, which includes a role as an instructor, she doesn't see any difference in the way she's viewed by her peers because of her gender.

"Males just expect you to do the same things they do," Flores said, "and I expect that also."

"If you minimize the differences (between

men and women), then other people will ignore them, too," said Cpl. Maria Cappiello, an MCAF ATC Marine. "If you put up those barriers, then people will treat you the way you portray yourself."

The female Marines agreed the revised PFT requirement, from the former mile-and-a-half run to the same three-mile course males run, is one necessary equalizer to put everyone on a level playing field.

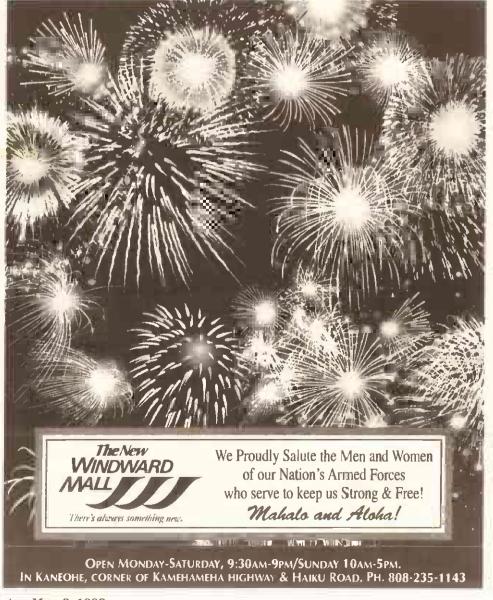
"It lets everyone know we can pull our own weight," said Washburn, who plans to make a career of the Marines. "I wanted a challenge when I joined the Marines, and I've had a good time."

By advertising the accomplishments of past female Marines during Women's History Month, leaders risk giving too much attention to an element — gender — that should be a moot

point in today's Corps; the MCAF women feel. American heroines of yore who gave their best serving in the Marines with pride and dignity paved the way for today's female leaders in the Corps to do what they do best: Be equal parts of the elite Marine Corps team.

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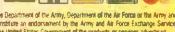






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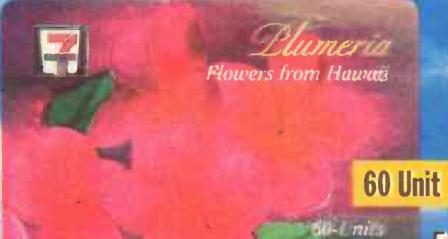


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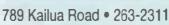








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Pearl Harbor.

But before leaving the command of the USS Charlotte, Commander Fowler and his crew spent six months in Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore and the Persian Gulf. Being under the sea for 140 of the 180 days was a challenge, but each sailor was trained and ready for battle.

"We have spent a long time working toward this deployment," Fowler says.

The captain of the ship has complete responsibility for each operation of the submarine as well as being wholly responsible for the safety and wellbeing of each individual aboard. He is empowered to use any means available to accomplish assigned missions.

Tanaka takes over nuclear attack sub

USS Charlotte Change of Com-

In a change of command ceremony held April 29 at Pearl Harbor, Commander Jeff Fowler was relieved as captain of the nuclear attack submarine, USS Charlotte (SSN 766), by Commander Reid Tanaka.

USS Charlotte is one of the Navy's newest submarines and one of last of the Los Angeles class. Charlotte is capable of a variety of missions such as anti-submarine warfare and

Tomahawk cruise missile strikes. The ship is 360 feet long, weighs over 6,000 tons and carries a crew of 135 men.

With its high speed, unlimited endurance, stealth and firepower, Charlotte is a true asset to the nation's defense.

Commander Fowler will remain in Pearl Harbor working on the staff of Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. Commander Tanaka will be Charlotte's third commanding officer.

"Fortunately because so many of us were out there ready to go, I think we were successful at deterring Saddam and he actually backed down," Commander Fowler said. "We're here to deter wars and, if necessary, fight them. We certainly prefer to deter them."

Commander Fowler left the USS Charlotte April 29 to take a position on the Tactical Readiness Evaluation Team for Commander, Submarine Base, U.S. Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor. He will assist and evaluate the sub-

marine's tactical proficiency — their ability to carry out the mission and submarine skills. Commander Reid Tanaka, previously assigned as the executive officer on the USS Kamehameha, has assumed command.

Although Commander Fowler's job has changed, he will still be at Pearl Harbor. His deployments will only consist of three to four days instead of months at a time. He says he hopes to use his free time to return to Bismarck and go hunting with his family.



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Military presence has come a long way. From superior subordinate to a true partnership — to community helping community. And with each succeeding commander, the people of Hawaii have benefited.

The building of this bridge was a partnership between the Navy, the State of Hawaii and the City and County of



U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye (second from right) helps dedicate the Ford Island Bridge.

Honolulu. It was a working partnership led by a Hawaii contractor, joining mason and bridge builder.

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utilize Hawaii business expertise. It will mean jobs for our workers, and will result in an island we can all be very proud of.

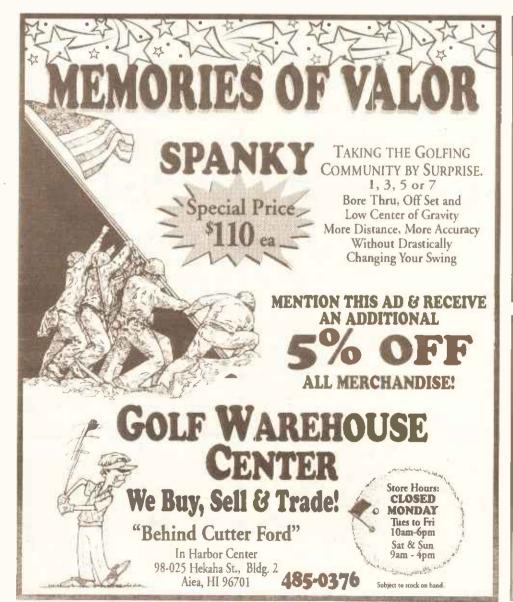
This bridge we dedicate today provides an entry to the island and to our future together. It is most fitting that this bridge we dedicate

today is named after a fine sailor and leader of the Pacific Fleet — Bernard Chick Clarev.

Upon his retirement 25 years ago, Admiral Clarey made Hawaii his home and our community became his community. His work on behalf of the Boy Scouts and the Hawaii Heart Association, to name a few, was evidence of his aloha. While he will always be a part of the military ohana, he also became a part of the Hawaii ohana.

In his way, Admiral Clarey served as a bridge, tying the past to the present, and helping to bring the military and civilian communities together. He did much to create the sense of ohana we feel and appreciate today. He planted very important seeds that, with our collective support, will grow on Ford Island.

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Abercrombie vows continued support

ongressman Neil Abercrombie met April 23 with members of the Hawaii Association of Realtors visiting Washington, D.C., and pledged continued efforts to help Hawaii's economy.

The Realtors expressed their concerns about Hawaii's lagging economy, and discussed actions by Abercrombie and the other members of Hawaii's congressional delegation to create jobs and stimulate the state's economy.

Abercrombie, who voted to balance the federal budget, said he would continue his efforts to keep the budget in balance. He said, 'A balanced budget means lower interest rates, easier access to credit for small businesses and more jobs in the construction, realestate and financial sectors.'

He pointed to a 50



U.S. Rep. Neil Abercrombie meets with Hawaii Realtors during their visit to Washington, D.C., in April.

percent increase in Hawaii single-family home sales from March 1997 to March 1998 as one effect of the balanced budget. "We made some tough choices," he said, "and we're just starting to see some results. Interest rates are staying down and home sales are looking up.'

Abercrombie told the Realtors of his key role as a senior member of the National Security

century." Committee in securing congressional authorization for major military construction projects such as

renovations at Schofield Barracks. That program is creating approximately 600 jobs and will inject \$1 billion into the Hawaii economy by the time it is completed. He also cited his work to upgrade the instrumentation at the Navy's Pacific Missile Range

Facility at Barking Sand, Kauai. Abercrombie said, "Barking Sands is the keystone for the Navy's training program in the Pacific. Equipping that facility with cutting edge technology means maintaining the Navy's presence here well into the 21st

The Realtors and

Abercrombie were in complete agreement about the need to maintain the home mortgage interest deduction as part of the federal tax code. Abercrombie said imposing a flat tax or national sales tax would hurt Hawaii's economy. In a House floor statement, he stated: "As we in Hawaii

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We especially appreciate the efforts by the chamber's Military Affairs Council and Armed Services Committee. Their hard work throughout the year makes our stay in Hawaii a rewarding and enjoyable assignment. On behalf of the 140,000 military and civilian personnel of the U.S. Pacific Command and their families living in Hawaii, thank you for welcoming us with your famous aloha spirit and making us a part of Hawaii's ohana.

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Army helps fight four-day battle to douse brush fire

By Spec. George A. Chidi Jr.

elicopter crews from the 25th Infantry Division (Light) fought a four-day out-of-control brush fire with local firefighters in Central Oahu, repeatedly dousing the flames from above with water buckets.

UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter crews from 2nd Bat-

talion, 25th Aviation, and Chinook helicopter crews from Company B, 214th Aviation, 524th Corps Support Battalion, responded to state and county fire department requests for assistance minutes after the fire broke out around 3:30 p.m. March 11.

Smoke and flames were visible from as far away as downtown Honolulu. At its peak, the sky above central



A CH-47 Chlnook helicopter from Schofield Barracks delivers another bucket of water to the Wahiawa brush fire.

Oahu — from the brush fire site about five miles south of Schofield Barracks, to Pearl Harbor - resembled an aerial traffic jam.

Army and local helicopter crews made repeated trips to nearby Pearl Harbor to fill 500- and 2,000-gallon water buckets slung beneath the aircraft. By the end of the fire fight, the crews had dropped more than 200,000 gallons of

water. At least 30 soldiers took part in the aerial fire fight, in some cases flying close to eight-hour days - a rare and tiring task, said Staff Sgt. Joe Strickland, a flight engineer from Co. B, 214th Aviation.

"This was probably the heaviest week of flying I've ever had," said Strickland, a helicopter crewman for .14 years. The crews

had returned from a training exercise the day before the fire broke out.

Army officials estimate the helicopter crews logged more than 46 hours of flight time fighting the stubborn fire March 11-14 — more flight hours than all fire bucket missions combined in 1997, The fire fight cost the Army \$75,000.

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A helicopter crewman scans the Central Oahu fire. The fire threatened the H-2 freeway, the main link between Honolulu and Schofield Barracks.

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Efforts exhaust firefighters

From page 14

The effort exhausted and exasperated the crews, especially on the mission's second day, when it seemed the fire was winning the fight. "The problem we're having is that it's too far away from the water," said Chief Warrant Officer Kenny Brodhead, a UH-60 pilot from Co. B, 2nd Bn., 25th Avn. "By the time we get to Pearl Harbor and back, the fire spreads.'

"It was good this morning until the wind and the heat picked up," said 1st Lt. Bryan Coleman, also a pilot from Co. B.

The fire broke out near the Wahiawa Correctional Facility, a minimum-security prison. Firefighters were initially concerned about the fire's threat to inmates, but a westerly wind carried the blaze away from the compound.

"If the winds were blowing from the east, the fire could have threatened structures." said Federal Fire Department Battalion Chief Mike Yuen. Brush fires of this magnitude are rare in March, said Yuen, noting that the winter has been unseasonably dry

The firefighting mission was hazardous at times for the Army



Pearl Harbor served as a water bucket refilling point for the Army firefighters.

crews, who had to maneuver through the congested Wahiawa-to-Pearl Harhor corridor, partially blinded by smoke and ash-covered windshields.

Power and telephone lines made navigation difficult, said Spec. Paul Rowse, a UH-60 helicopter crew chief from Co. B, 2nd Bn., 25th Avn. Most of the time. Rowse lay on his stomach in the back of the helicopter, his head poking out the open door, watching the water bucket to make sure it didn't snag a cable

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State's resilience credited to military

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The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii

awaii evolved from its early beginnings as a shipping port to become the 50th state in the United States of America, and is now on the edge of becoming the bustling international business center of the Pacific Rim.

Despite being embroiled in an economic crisis at this time, the people of this state have been resilient and found resourceful means to cope with the difficult times in years past. This was due in large part to the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and community leaders having the foresight to establish a strong partnership with the military and the will to foster this partnership in charting Hawaii's

growth.

From its beginning as a U.S. territory, the evolution of Hawaii is filled with historic events involving the military. The U.S. military has been one of the most influential factors in Hawaii's political and economic development, and today the military is the second-largest source of revenue and jobs.

Hawaii's relationship with the U.S. military began in the 1890s when a group of businessmen from the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii welcomed American troops passing through the port of Honolulu on their way to the Philippines during the Spanish-American War.

Soon after U.S. annexation of Hawaii in 1898, the Navy asked the chamber to conduct a survey of the Pearl River. The survey con-

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firmed the feasibility of a project to open the Pearl River to the sea, construct a naval station and build a great dry dock. Congress appropriated \$3.3 million for the project, begun in 1908 and completed in 1911, which created Pearl Harbor Naval Station.

The ties between Hawaii and the military grew stronger during World War I. The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii established an Army and Navy Committee in November 1916 to address defense-

related issues and assist the military and the Hawaiian militia. With the passage of the draft act in 1916, the committee conducted a military registration day, resulting in more than 26,000 men registering. In 1917, the old Royal Hawaiian Hotel on Richards and Hotel streets was converted to the Army and Navy YMCA, which provided affordable shelter to many of these servicemen and their families.

With the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, a massive effort was undertaken to first restore the naval station and the Pacific Fleet, then to expand Pearl Harbor's facilities to support the war effort. The high visibility of Hawaii during the way, coupled with the thousands of servicemen who returned home with reports of Hawaii's beauty and spirit of aloha, greatly contributed to Hawaii's popularity as a tourist destination.

Hawaii's role as America's springboard in the Pacific theater continued through the Korean and Vietnam Wars. Hawaii's importance to the military became more firmly established. The military continued to invest in Hawaii, and military personnel brought their families and often made their homes here upon retirement.

Today, the military maintains a ready force of 42,000 servicemen and women in Hawaii. Adding in their families, civilian work force and military reserves and national guardsmen, a military community of 141,000 resides in Hawaii today. This community accounts for \$4.7 billion of Hawaii's state economy, which is 15 percent of the gross state product. This makes the military second only to tourism as a source of revenue and jobs in Hawaii.

The \$4.7 billion figure does not take into account such factors as transient accommodations, transport of personal possessions, wages earned and spent by military families or any number of factors not related to military expenditures.

Aside from infusions of capital, military spending has benefited the Hawaii community in many ways. Over the past five years, U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye was successful in securing more than \$3.8 billion for defense-related projects in Hawaii.

Hawaii enjoys these benefits for several reasons. The first and most obvious reason is

Hawaii's strategic mid-Pacific location. Additionally, Inouye's support for military appropriations has been instrumental in maintaining this sector of the economy. A third reason is that Hawaii is only one of two states (the other is Texas) that sends an annual delegation to Washington, D.C., to show support for the military and lobby for important programs. This delegation is led each year by the Military Affairs Council of The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

At a recent ceremony opening the Admiral Clarey Bridge, which now links Ford Island to mainland Oahu, Inouye stated that Hawaii's strong ties with the military played an important role in the development and completion of the new bridge. The senator also mentioned that the award of future projects, such as the pending \$600 million Ford Island Development Plan, would be contingent upon this kind of partnership.

It is clear that the military has been an influential partner in Hawaii's history, and their contributions could greatly impact the state's ongoing efforts to revitalize our economy and develop plans to establish Hawaii as the cornerstone of commerce for the Pacific Rim. This week we should take time to share our mutual appreciation for each other.







Cimarron crew makes most of Hilo visit

Big Island residents share aloha during hula festival

JO2 Greg Cleghorne

SS Cimarron (AO 177) visited Hilo April 24 and participated in the 35th Annual Merrie Monarch Festival, Hawaii's premier cultural celebration.

The late Hawaiian King David Kalakaua once said that hula was the language of the heart and therefore the heartbeat of the Hawaiian peo-

The traditional Hawaiian hula dance, both kahiko (old) and the 'auana (new), is at the heart of Merrie Monarch, but for the crew of the Cimarron, the port visit meant participating in the annual pierside welcome ceremony with the king and queen of the festival, joining in a rousing hula performance by Tahitian dance troop Tamari'i O Tamure, marching in the openingday parade and participating in community relations projects.

"The Navy's participation in Merrie Monarch as well as other events in Hilo is always a highlight for many in the community and city agencies," said John Davis, Hilo Navy League president.

While many Cimarron sailors had the opportunity for some liberty, those standing duty welcomed more than 400 visitors on board for a tour of the fleet oiler.

Cimarron sailors also helped the Hilo downtown improvement association with a project that was helpful to the city's

"They [Cimarron sailors] washed all the vans at the city's senior citizen's center," Davis added. "Washing vans is one of those things that some take for granted, but it makes a big difference to the senior citizens and disabled seniors. It's a real good thing the Navy gets involved. We always hear from so many different people about how much of a positive impact the Navy's

visit was. Their work is appreciated.

The Hilo Navy League's involvement is helpful to Hilo officials and visiting sailors. They are the front-line liaisons for community relations projects and also help sailors enjoy their stay with information on tours and local activities.

"With assistance from a grant from the Hilo County Department of Research and Development, we spent many hours producing a 'ship visit manual' for each ship in Pearl Harbor,' said K.T. Eger, Hilo Navy League treasurer. "The manual has information like contact names and numbers for harbor masters for ship berthing and pierside services for Kailua-Kona and Hilo as well as touring information for sailors. It's a benefit to ships and individual sailors." These manuals were distributed to Pearl Harborbased ships and submarines in January.

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ticipation in the Merrie Monarch Festival involves marching through a two-mile-long parade route in the heart of downtown Hilo. Capt. William H. Rigby, Pearl Harbor Naval Base commander and chief of staff, rode in the front of the parade in a red-andwhite 1955 Chevrolet, A five-person color guard from Cimarron followed close behind, with two sailors carrying a Cimarron banner in back and a 15-crewmember marching unit behind them. Thousands of local residents and tourists lined both sides of the two-way street, as many as three and four people deep, along the route

The 15 sailors in the marching detail stepped smartly in their dress white uniforms to the cadences and commands of Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class (SW) Theresa Dick-

"It was lot of fun," Dickson said, "I've done several parades in the past, but this one was special because of the Cimarron sailors' spirit and the aloha of the crowd. It was great to be there representing the Navy.'

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Although the sailors enioved themselves, they took their marching very seriously.

"It was fun, but marching in formation was demanding," said Sea-man Donna Wise, color guard member. "It was also good to show people the Navy isn't all military things, we help in the community too.

"It was a weird feeling having people applaud us when we passed by," said Seaman Recruit Melanie Alegria, marching unit member. "I haven't felt like that since I marched in a band back home in Victoria, Texas. I felt more proud because I was in my Navy uniform. The Merrie Monarch Festival made me realize and appreciate cultural differences and how we fit in as sailors."

"It was fun because we stood out in our uniforms and we looked really good marching in step," said SR Angela Witkowski. "It was fun hearing the

crowd cheering and shouting, 'Go Navy!"

Some on liberty took the time to shop, sightsee, enjoy the festival and cheer on their shipmates.

"It was great marching in the parade showing Navy pride and the uniform, meeting people and talking to them about Navy life," said Seaman Jeffrey Duncan. "The responses from people I talked to were positive. They enjoyed seeing us there, visiting our ship and talking to us. It was an outstanding experience."

"Seeing my shipmates marching in the parade made me feel good," said Operations Specialist 3rd Class Betty Sanders. "Cimarron's participation in the parade made it more enjoyable for me."

"I was glad the Navy was a part of the festival," said OS3 Ugeneaka Thomas. "The whole festival was beautiful! The king and queen, the hula dancers, the beautiful

leis, all the different costumes and the island's natural beauty were a great experience.'

"I was glad the Navy participated in the Merrie Monarch Festival." said OS3 Da-Keish Oribello. "I saw black-sand beaches, old lava flows, but most of all I saw a lot of the aloha spirit everyone talks about in the local people and in our sailors! I also saw the great pride the Polynesians have in their culture. Hilo was beautiful."

The uniquely Hawaiian pageantry and spectacle of the 35th Annual Merrie Monarch Festival and its heartbeat of hula are history now. The heartbeat of Cimarron, its sailors, exchanged aloha, good will and shared in an historic event.

With excitement in her voice and a sparkle in her eye Orbiello summed up her experience at the fes-

"I hope we get to do this again next year!"



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JROTC cadets break into spring training

Spc. Lori Davis 17th PAD

pring break brought more than lazy days on the beach for 953 fearless Army, Air Force and Marine junior reserve officer training corps cadets. This group of thrill-seeking teenagers from 21 local schools spent their days off at the action-packed JROTC Spring Camp held March 21-26 at Schofield Barracks.

Cadets, ranging from eighth to 12 grade, were tested physically and mentally throughout the week. The camp is intended to build leadership and communication skills, confidence and teamwork, said Diane R. Johnson, a Kaiser High School

"So far all I've seen out here is a lot of motivation, especially when they get wet and muddy," said Sgt. 1st Class Allan, platoon sergeant, Co. B., 2nd



Staff Sgt. Scott McPhail, Co. B, 27th Inf., explains the details of constructing a rope bridge to a cadet.

Bn., 27th Inf.

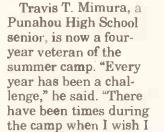
Regt. Allan, who instructed and coached mud-coated cadets through the Light Infantry Training Command's confidence course, said, "The teamwork is some of the best I've seen, even with soldiers. The cadets are motivating themselves just by talking with each other.'

Cadets broke down into groups that rotated

through eight events during the camp. Cadets learned the basics of rappelling at LITC and had the opportunity to rappel off of a 45-foot tower. They improved agility, balance and worked on teamwork skills as they negotiated the intensive confidence course. A two-rope bridge was constructed as cadets moved their entire group across water that was as deep as 9 feet.

map reading skills were covered during land navigation. Leadership skills were key to success during training at the leaders reaction course. And cadets took a dip in Richardson Pool during drown proofing, life saving and

Basic compass and A JROTC cadet inches her way across a two-rope bridge cadets constructed.



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Besides participating in all of the glorious training events, cadets also participated in some of the most basic military details includ-

ing guard duty, fire watch and KP. Cadets claimed that some nights they may have only slept two to three hours

"It's been really hard - testing my limits. But it's worth it," Johnson said.



A cadet supports his teammate on her descent from the Reverse Climb.



JROTC cadets provide support for each other to clear the low belly roll-over on the obstacle course at LITC.

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Marines, kids benefit from school adoption

LCpl. Trent Lowry Public Affairs Office, MCB Hawaii

Company, 3d Battalion, 3d Marines, were surrounded and there was no escaping the

aggressors. So they did what any good Marine would: They smiled and shook hands.

Standing near the cafeteria at Blanche Pope Elementary School in Waimanalo, the aggressors in this case were children in grades kinder-

garten through sixth. 3/3 Marines were renewing their Adopt-a-School pact with Pope March 13, an agreement interrupted by the unit's deployments.

"This is something we feel was important to start again in an effort to give our Marines alternatives to infantry training and going to Waiki-ki," said Lt. Col. Terry Kerrigan, the battalion's commanding officer, who attended the ceremony.

Cmdr. Tim Oswald, 3/3's chaplain, was instrumental in resuming contact between the battalion and the school

"I heard we sponsored a school, but hadn't been active for various reasons," Oswald said. "I tried to get the ball rolling again, and when I heard the enthusiasm from the principal and her volunteers, who said the kids would love this, my enthusiasm just grew with theirs."

For the remainder of the school year the battalion plans to send a group of volunteer Marines to tutor the children in subjects ranging from P.E. to art to academics, according to Oswald. 3/3 will send both Marines who deploy and those who stay here to establish consistency with the school kids. Those who leave will

"The Marines can be the biggest help by giving the kids someone to read to them."

 Louise Wolcott, Blanch Pope Elementary School principal write letters back to the children as pen pals, describing the things they experience on deployment, Oswald said.

"The Marines can be the higgest help by giving the kids someone to read to them," said

Louise Wolcott, principal at Pope. "We have a lot of 'at-risk' children here, so the volunteers will really help the children achieve in the classroom, and will be great positive role models."

In return, the Marines benefit from the Adopt-A-School experience as well.

"We'll learn a lot about Hawaiian culture through the children," Kerrigan said. "You know, it's sad that there are Marines who leave here without visiting Haunama Bay or the Halona Blowhole, which are close to the school.

"Since many of the younger Marines are away from their families for the first time," Kerrigan added, "it's a great opportunity for those who miss their younger siblings."

Other activities planned include a static display of infantry equipment the children can view, and a field meet of physical fitness and fun, according to Kerrigan. A spring "country fair" is another event where 3/3 volunteers can help, Oswald added. During the summer while the children are on vacation, 3/3 can still help with service projects such as painting and maintenance of the school, Oswald said.

"After they get out of the Marine Corps, or have been in for a long time, the volunteers won't remember every patrol, or every training mission," Oswald said, "but they'll have fond memories of going out and helping these children and having fun."

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The special pricing is made possible by Anheuser Busch Sales of Hawaii, Wyland Galleries and The San Francisco Marines Memorial Club. The event is also sponsored by Hawaiian Host Chocolates. The Hale Koa Luau prides itself on its beautiful, oceanside Luau Garden and for preparing the entire luau menu on-site. Guests will sit down to fine china and generous helpings of fresh pineapple, banana and papaya, lomi lomi salmon, teriyaki chicken, mahimahi, kalua pork, haupia, coconut cake and, of course, poi.

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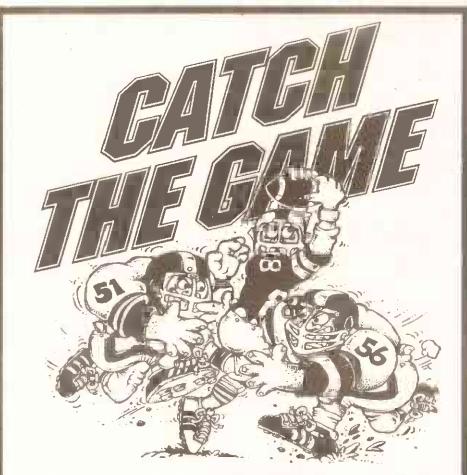
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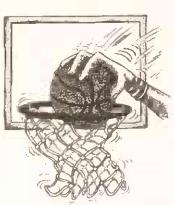
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Military presence gives much to Hawaii

By Susan Page

ot long ago a friend, horn and raised in Hawaii, was looking down at Pearl Harbor from my lanai to view the newly completed Ford Island causeway.

Off-handedly, she remarked that neither she nor her children had ever been to the Arizona Memorial. I was shocked. How could anyone live in Hawaii his or her whole life and not ever --- even on a school field trip - visit the single most-famous site in the state?

Her innocent admission reminded me what little emphasis is placed here on the significance of the military - historically, economically or socially. And, this lack of priority isn't unique to our islands either. Across our nation, the differences between the civilian and the military



Susan Page

nities seem to be growing more pronounced. In "Making

Corps," author Thomas E. Ricks says, "The gap between the military and society is exacerbated by the public's new ignorance of military affairs." He cites the military's changing role, the all-volunteer service, and the fact that the number of people who've ever served is dwindling, as a few reasons.

In the "Price of Paradise, Volume II," Leroy Laney says that one obstacle to the military's future stability in Hawaii is "that many people in Hawaii fail to appreciate the military." He adds that scarcity of land and housing, native Hawaiian sovereignty

issues, and environmencommutal questions are major factors contributing to this lack of appreciation.

It's common to hear local parents say, "Oh, they're military" about a family whose child is on their son's baseball team, as though they were alien beings born with a U.S. Navy (Marine, Army or Air Force) insignia tattooed on their foreheads.

The fact is that military personnel and their families are just people. They were born civilians, then somewhere around adulthood decided that a job in one of the branches of the military services sounded interesting, exciting and challenging. Sometime later, they get out and are civilians again.

Having been a Marine Corps dependent for many years, then a memher of Hawaii's business community, I firmly believe more

needs to be done to create a better relationship between the local population and members of the armed services who are stationed here, and not just because, according to Laney, military expenditures annually amount to about 12 percent of the annual gross state product, and defense here ranks as Hawaii's No. 2 export industry, after tourism.

More important than economics, the contribution members of the military services here make to the community at large is invaluable. They provide tremendous physical as well as monetary assistance to such organizations as Aloha United Way, the Hawaii Food Bank, and Toys for Tots, to name only a few.

Instead of suspicion, distrust, or indifference we must seek to understand our servicemen and servicewomen, and their families here

who they are on a personal level. I guarantee we'll find many more similarities than differences. Then, shower with them appreciation for how greatly their presence adds to the well-being of our islands.

Perhaps a start could

be by simply visiting the Arizona Memorial, where average Americans made the ultimate sacrifice. Then, take the time to get to know someone stationed here. "Military" looks just like you and me when we get to know it.



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MAST has critical role in life-saving efforts

By Doraine McNutt Command Information NCOIC

he phone rings. It's 5:15 p.m. June 26, 1997. Soldiers in the area hold their breath. Another mission. Tension rises.

Although it's their job, 68th Medical Detachment (Air Ambulance), 524th Corps Support Battalion, 45th Corps Support Group (Forward), soldiers don't necessarily like to be called on a mission. The telephone call probably means someone's life is hanging in the balance.

The first-up crew, which includes a pilot, co-pilot, crew chief and medic, quickly prepare to respond. Within nine minutes of the call they're in a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter flying toward Kahuku

Hospital.

The victim this time: a 7-year old boy, Fasi Sua, who darted into the street and was struck by a passing car in Hauula on the North Shore.

In 10 minutes Sua arrives at The Queen's Medical Center.

The boy's mother, Patricia Sua, rode with the crew to Queen's. She said she's very grateful for the help the soldiers provided in her time of need. "I thought they were wonderful. They were very gracious through the whole thing and I can never thank them enough."

Patricia was not the only civilian on the scene who thinks the soldiers are doing a service for the community. "[These soldiers] help a lot of critically injured people. Sometimes it means the difference

between life and death," said Honolulu police officer Victor Tolentino, who was one of the officers at the scene of the accident.

This particular accident has a happy ending. Fasi was released the next day in fair condition.

The reason for this flight and many others, which provide medical evacuation support to Oahu, hinge on an agreement between the 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army, Hawaii and the City and County of Honolulu. This agreement is called Military Assistance to Safety and Traffic. It is a Department of Defense program in which 38 states are involved. Here in Hawaii, 68th Med. Det. has six UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters to per-



Members of the Army Medical Detachment (Air Ambulance) transport a patient.

form these medical evacuation missions, responding to about 350 calls a year. About 60 soldiers make up the detachment, which provides medical evacuation coverage 365 days a year.

Capt. Ed Douglas, copilot for this mission, said although this mission had a happy ending, some don't. He explained how many soldiers deal with the everyday trauma.

"There are some mis-

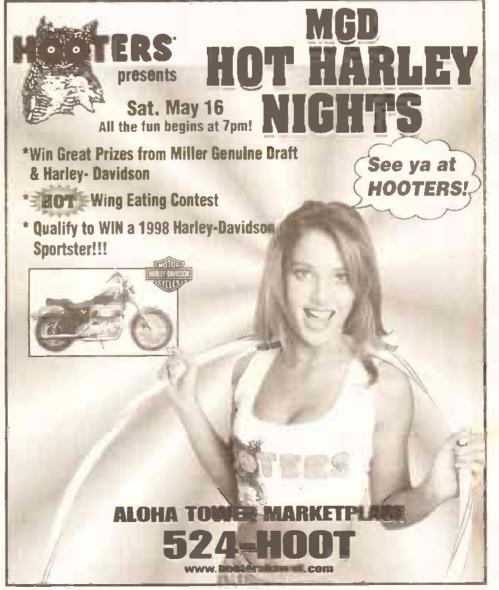
sions where the patient gets to the hospital and doesn't make it. Of course that affects you, but you don't let it affect your judgment," Douglas said. "I think everyone has a soft spot [for some of the patients |, especially when children are involved because a lot of us are parents. I don't think that we deal with it to the point where we become calloused or hardened to it. Most of the soldiers think this work is very rewarding

for them. Although we work very hard and long hours because of the 24-hour shifts we cover, as well as the normal military training and events, it is very rewarding so the soldiers always have a sense of accomplishment."

Although difficult, everyone who talked about MAST — community members and military alike — said this is a mission that needs to be done. Just ask Fasi Sua's mother.









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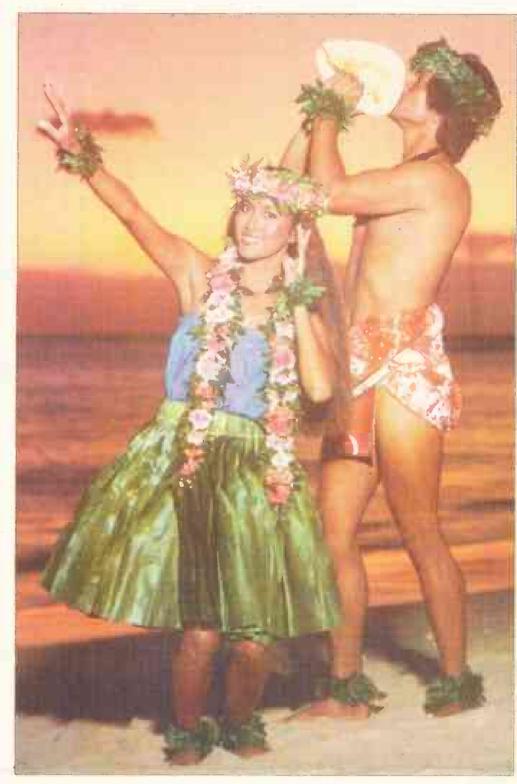
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