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### Letters

# Pritchett

#### Keiki careless

Governor Linda Lingle says she has to end Hawai'i's universal child healthcare. This latest news confirms that Lingle follows in President Bush's footsteps. He's already cut funds for child healthcare even though at the beginning of 2000, Bush came into office with a budget surplus. Two years ago, Lingle said Hawai'i had a \$700 million surplus.



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Now, Hawai'i's DOE budget was cut three times this year. This month, Lingle cut the entire state budget. She says there's a state deficit in line with the \$700 million surplus. Lingle did find funds for a \$50 million pier that never had an environmental impact statement. What does this say about her priorities?

First, DOE was cut \$69 million this October. Now, she has cut the children's healthcare program.

We need a bumper sticker that says someday we'll have a bake sale for bombs instead of books. Guess the time has come. In the meantime, we need bake sales for science books as well as child healthcare as long as a Republican is in office.

Our state and nation can't afford anymore Republican budget abuse. Carolyn Martinez Golojuch Makakilo

#### **Educate the state**

Since the last Constitutional Convention what we found is that the Hawaiian issues are not state issues. Stolen land, reparations, tribal issues, etc., are all federal issues.

The state of Hawai'i has been "holding the bag" inappropriately.

If the state taxpayers are paying back for "harms" then the Hawaiian taxpayers are paying themselves back (in part) for reparations and harms they themselves suffered. How inappropriate is that?

Furthermore, any OHA programs serving local Hawaiians has little to no benefit for the class of Hawaiians living off island and/or the class of Hawaiians not served by these programs.

Constitutionally this ancestor based state "hand-outs" are not in harmony with equal rights protections fundamental to federal, state, and local laws and constitutional requirements. Where are the equal rights, equal opportunity or equal protection under the law?

The millions of dollars dedicated

Unfortunately, the citizens of Hawai'i have been taught fake history in school while the government ignores the ceded land documents that require that the land be held "for the benefit of all the inhabitants of the Hawaiian Islands"-not Hawaiians only.

COPYRIGHT JOHN S. PRITCHET the valley can supply. Local Nurseries vs. Gentlemen Estates? The answer for Kamilo Nui Valley lies with the landowner as they have the ultimate power to welcome true farmers and encourage diversified agriculture or hold hands with the non-farming community. Time will tell where truth lies as 2010 is just

> Sara Yacuk Hawai'i Kai

#### **Don't kid yourselves**

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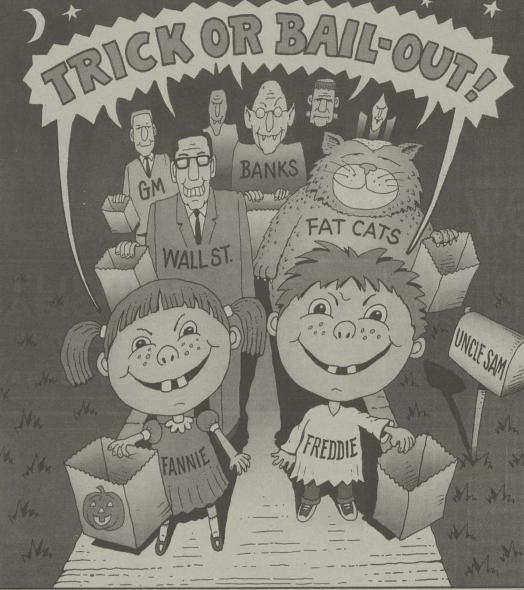
Doesn't John McCain look and sound like he's wound up a little too tightly? Damn, I think he might pull a Dirty Harry and come unglued at any moment. The thought of his finger on the nuclear trigger scares the crap out of me. With the Oval Office as his cockpit, I'm worried that he will get us all shot down.

And friend, I'm worried it won't be just another unlucky moose in Sarah Palin's sights anymore. She will target you and me and anybody else who rubs her the wrong way. And you can bet your sweet patoody that she won't hesitate to pull the trigger-just ask her former brotherin-law, Mr. Out-of-Work-Cop. Don't kid yourselves folks. Mc-Cain and Palin are going to win, and we as a nation are jumping from the frying pan into the fire!

peace. I had some extra time so I decided to go inside. I was greeted by Kimo himself, a wise, peaceful kind man. I told him I could not afford a board as I was just looking. We talked story, he asked me where I liked to surf and pulled out the perfect board for me. Again I said I was just looking. He knew my soul was broken and to jump in the ocean once again would surely put me on the mend. I could see he got great joy making people happy no matter what the cost to him. Kimo asked if I had \$15, I answered yes. He said, "Sister, take the board and when you have the money just pay me a visit." I said no thank you as I do not like owing people money. He offered me the board at a price I could not say no to, practically giving it away. I gave him \$15 then asked him if he wanted my credit card or telephone info, Kimo replied, "No need, sister, you just pay me a visit whenever your life starts to look up, enjoy, no worries, everything will be all right." I left

bor to the palace on that fateful day of Jan. 17, 1893. In the courtyard of 'Iolani Palace where certain Hawaiian groups have been gathering, guns of a foreign nation were drawn toward the direction of the legallyappointed Queen of Hawai'i.

A grandiose manipulation of facts must be at hand when the state which maintains colonial dominion over Hawai'i proclaims itself the sole proprietor of the invaluable grounds of 'Iolani Palace, while Hawaiians are suspect to burglary and trespassing. What would possess Hawaiians to desecrate their own history? The Hawaiians who "take over" the palace are bringing grievances they have about the colonial system that continues to keep them in bondage. We would do well (as a collective society) to listen to their grievances and support them in their efforts. The real issue is not whether there should be more security patrolling the palace grounds. The real issue is that after 115 years, Hawaiians are still under the colonial boot of America.



to Hawaiian-only programs-beyond lacking harmony with federal law and the U.S. Constitutionwould be better spent on the many necessary expenses that the State is unable to budget and fund. For example, education is under-funded while Kamehameha Schools shirks the public responsibility to both the race-based class and non-race based class of beneficiaries, the "boys and girls of the state."

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#### Nurserv care

In 2010 the nursery leases of Kamilo Nui Valley are up for lease rent negotiation with landowner Kamehameha Schools. I can only hope the farmers new annual rent will not be too inflated as their leases don't expire until 2025 and all efforts should be made to uphold agreements dated back to Henry J. Kaiser days when Hawai'i Kai was taking shape. But what seems to be of greater concern is the vision of some people to transform the nurseries into Gentlemen Estates thus displacing our local farmers and killing any chance of increasing the amount of produce

Charles Kerr Honolulu

#### **Aloha lives**

Like most people, I was having a difficult time financially. I just returned to the island after caring for my sick mother. I was trying to rebuild my life again. On my way to work in Kailua I noticed Kimo's surf hut, just looking at the beautiful boards in the window gave me

with my new board and tears in my eyes. It is very rare in this day to be touched with that much aloha especially when business is involved. I will never forget this experience and will do my part to contribute to the real island-style living, showering this awesome earth, filled with all you beautiful people, with love and respect as I can only hope you will do as well.

> Janice Guggino Honolulu

#### Fight the real enemy

While reading statements regarding sovereignty groups' role in 'palace takeovers,' I cannot help but visualize Marines marching from the harVincent Raboteau Honolulu

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### Environment

### 'Ohi'a rust threat is as large as ever, but import ban is allowed to lapse

# Not fade away

#### PATRICIA TUMMONS

ne of Hawai'i's scariest potentially invasive pests is also one of its smallest. Known as 'ohi'a rust, Puccinia psidii is a relative latecomer, having been discovered on 'ohi'a seedings in an O'ahu nursery in 2005. Since then, it has spread throughout the state. While 'ohi'a have escaped its worst effects, the strain of the rust that is present in Hawai'i has devastated rose apple (Syzygium jambos) and has been found to kill individuals of two native species, Eugenia reinwardtiana and the endangered Eugenia koolauensis, both known as nīoi in Hawaiian. All affected plants are in the Myrtaceae family.

#### A temporary ban

Last year, in response to the alarm raised by natural resource managers, the state Department of Agriculture adopted an emergency rule banning the import of Myrtaceae plants and plant parts from California and Florida, and from Central and South America. When the rule expired in late August, the DOA was still working on a permanent rule.

Anne Marie LaRosa, of the U.S. Forest Service's Institute for Pacific Island Studies in Hilo gave an overview at July's Hawai'i Conservation Conference of what she said is not only "possibly the greatest threat to 'ōhi'a," but also "a serious threat to global biodiversity...equivalent to other introduced epidemic tree diseases, such as Dutch elm blight."

Unlike the wiliwili gall wasp, the puccinia rust has been known to science for more than a century, having been described on guava in Brazil in the 1880s. No one was alarmed over its presence there until the 1930s and 1940s, LaRosa said, when Brazil's fledgling eucalyptus industry was affected by the rust. Since then, it has spread from Florida and the Caribbean, where it ravaged allspice trees, to California.

"The concern now is that Hawai'i is the gateway for Australia, New Zealand, and Samoa. 'Ōhi'a is at stake here, the very fabric of our forest," LaRosa said. "If we have an epidemic like Dutch elm disease or chestnut blight, we're looking at changes in our ecosystem... Over 400,000 acres are potentially impacted."

The good news is that the strain of rust identified in Hawai'i, while it can be found on 'ōhi'a, has limited impact. "We see it everywhere, but it's not that bad on 'ōhi'a," she said. Other species affected elsewhere, such as eucalyptus and allspice, have also avoided being hard hit in Hawai'i. But that could change if a new strain arrives in the islands.

At the moment, LaRosa said, "we're working with a single strain, called the rose apple strain. There's little genetic variability now, indicating the rust is something that recently arrived and has not yet undergone change." Hawai'i Department of Agriculture adopted an interim rule prohibiting the importation of all Myrtaceae plants and plant parts. Even asymptomatic plants could still harbor the rust, LaRosa said: "You can't inspect for rust."

#### Is it safe?

But is the ban on imports of Myrtaceae plants and plant parts enough? LaRosa herself identified a large gap in the process. "The flower trade is very active," she said. "We believe that's how the rust came



in." In 2007 and 2008, cut flower material, in pre-arranged bouquets, was intercepted coming into Maui. LaRosa adds, "People grow flowers, send them to a central location to be bundled into bouquets, where it's mixed with Myrtaceae" and other flowers from other plants known to be hosts to the rust.

In another presentation, David Simmons, a student in the University of Hawai'i Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences, reported that the rust had been found on two popular landscape plants, the brush cherry (Eugenia paniculatum) and the downy rosemyrtle (Rhodomyrtus tomentosa), which is also naturalized and considered a serious pest in forests on Kaua'i, O'ahu, and Hawai'i. (On Maui, several rosemyrtle infestations were found and eliminated, but monitoring continues). Simmons reported that the larvae of the diptera fly Mycodiplosis pucciniae had been found eating spores of the rust on all the islands. "It eats a lot of spores," he said, and "helps greatly to reduce the amount of inoculum in nature." When asked where the fly was from, Simmons said that no one knows if it's native or not.

The fly doesn't seem to be helping the native nīoi ward off the ravages of the rust, however. Chris Kadooka, also with the UH Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences, reported on what he had seen when collecting rust samples in the wild. "What we've seen in the field is moderately affected 'ōhi'a... Where I've seen it bad is where we have a rose apple source that's nearby." As for the nīoi: "We found one fungicide that might be protecting it in the nursery, but we're pretty sure there's no fungicide approved for the forest. We went to Kahuku, and it's pretty sad. Lots of trees are susceptible."

According to a source at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, both species of native *Eugenia* are "equally affected, fairly severely. There's not much we can do." "Extinction in the wild is a real possibility," said another botanist who wished not to be identified in print. LaRosa summed up the prospects for control, stating: "There's no practical management for this disease in the wild. Prevention is the key."

#### **Rust season**

With the expiration of the emergency rule, the state has no ban on plants that might host the 'ōhi'a rust. Leslie Iseke, with the Plant Pest Quarantine branch of the state Department of Agriculture, said the department was intending to go forward with a permanent rule, but, "unfortunately, it's taking longer than I thought to gather informa-

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tion." In the meantime, she said, "we're setting up a plant quarantine policy on how we handle Myrtaceae coming into the state."

'We're still targeting areas where the rust is known to occur-Florida, Central and South America," Iseke said, but added that instead of the entire state of California subject to the Myrtaceae ban, based on information provided by California agriculture officials, the ban will probably be narrowed to just San Diego County, "So as we go along," Iseke continued, "as we do the permanent ruling, the infested areas will be better defined, down to counties instead of states. And the same with South and Central America. If people know what areas are infested, we can define it that way—or it could be the entire continent, if the rust is more widespread.'

In addition to learning more about areas of infestation, Iseke said that the DOA is also "waiting to see if we can get information regarding the types of strains that are out there" so that the rule does not exclude the strain of rust already here. "That's how quarantine works," Iseke said. "You're trying to keep something out of Hawai'i, so it has to be something not already here." Still, she said, "to ban all Myrtaceae is probably not the way we want to go." With quarantine rules, she added, "you don't ban everything." The emergency rule was broader than the final rule is likely to be, she said. "When we did the emergency rule, not everyone was in agreement. It was like shutting the gate after the horse has escaped."

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#### **KEVIN WHITTON**

f only fishing was as easy as casting out your line and waiting for a bite. Well, it might be poke, cold beer and good times for the recreational fisherman on shore, but for the commercial, small boat and Hawaiian fishermen who are in the market for bottomfish these days, the politics of snagging dinner is as slippery as a snapper.

With the passage of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976, regional fishery management councils were established by the federal government to manage fishing in federal waters, between three and 200 miles offshore. The Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council (known as Westpac), the largest area of any regional fisheries council, holds court over Hawai'i's commercial fishermen, overseeing fisheries management at the local and community level. The law was amended in 1996 and renamed the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, with provisions designed to prevent overfishing by protecting fish stocks and habitat.

Westpac has its own team of researchers and scientists that monitor and assess fish stocks. The Pacific Island Fisheries Science Center (PIFSC) reports its findings to the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), an advisory group that reports its recommendations to the Westpac Management Council, which, in concert with public opinion garnered from "fisher's forums," like the one held on October 15 at the Pagoda Hotel in Honolulu, makes a final determination of the next year's total allowable catch, the maximum amount of fish that can be taken by fisheries in a specific timeframe without overfishing, which is then transmitted to the secretary of commerce for approval. Whew, now let's open up that can of worms and bait a hook. In 2006, the commerce department closed the main Hawaiian Islands Bottomfish Fishery due to an assessment by the PIFSC that overfishing of bottomfish was occurring throughout the Hawaiian archipelago, primarily due to intense fishing in the main Hawaiian Islands. Since then, catch limits have been established on the total pounds of bottomfish that can be caught in one year. For instance, in 2008, the bottomfish fishery has been closed since April with a total allowable catch of 178,000 pounds.

Many small boat fishermen view this type of bottomfish stock management as a quick fix, one that pushes small-time fishermen out of business and expands or promotes large-scale commercial fisheries. Small-time operations can't stay in business when they can't fish for

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two years, whereas larger operations can more easily target different species of fish.

The overfishing of Hawai'i's waters is a heated topic and many contingencies weigh in on the best way to keep fish stocks healthy. Between the differing opinions of Westpac, conservationists and fishermen, reaching a consensus has "deep seven" species of bottomfish that are so sought after.

On September 29, Westpac announced that with new models and more accurate data, overfishing of bottomfish is not occurring in the Hawaiian Island archipelago and only local stock was minimally depleted.

Last week, Westpac recommended that the 2008-2009 total allowable catch for the "deep seven" should be increased 35 percent from the previous year, to be set at 241,000 pounds, when the fishery reopens on November 15. In addition, for the first time in Hawai'i, non-commercial bottom fishermen will be required to obtain a permit and report their catches if fishing in federal waters.

Westpac's 180-degree spin does not instill confidence in fishermen aspiring to fish pono, like the respected Wai'anae Harbormaster William Aila Jr. "I don't believe in Westpac anymore because the council system is skewed toward large industry fishing and doesn't represent the small-boat fishermen or native Hawaiians," comments Aila. "An increased catch is a good thing for local small-boat fishermen, but I'm not so sure for the fish stock. The fishermen will like it because they can take more fish. In the short term, they'll be happy, but in the long term they won't like it because there'll be more restrictions down the line.'

When it comes to the scientific determination by Westpac to increase total allowable catch limits, Aila cringes, "Westpac's science is so questionable. It's supposed to be based on the best available science, but there's a lot of wiggle room in it, and it always seems to wiggle to the side of consumption, not conservation. The catches might be great for one or two years, but the numbers will go down again and they'll put out more restrictions, and that doesn't help the fishermen." He continues, "They made new models for lobster in the Northwest Hawaiian Islands based on the experience of lobster fisheries and it was not a good thing. They said the lobster stock was healthy, and then it crashed and never came back. History has shown that Westpac doesn't have a good record." For the time being, it looks like 'opakapaka will be the chef's special this Christmas.



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been difficult.

Conservation biologist Alan Friedlander, a fisheries ecologist at the Oceanic Institute at Makapu'u, contends that rebuilding fish stocks is best served by creating effective marine protected areas. He gives the Northwest Hawaiian Islands chain as an example. Deemed a national monument since 2006, there are almost seven times more fish biomass in that region compared to the main Hawaiian Islands, an indication that fishing has reduced fish stocks dramatically. A two-year moratorium on fishing bottomfish. might bolster the stock, but once the season opens, it will be an all-out assault on the six snappers and one grouper that make up the

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# THE ECONOMIC CRISIS COMES TO HAWAI'I. On the margins

#### ADRIENNE LAFRANCE

Aggrieved stockbrokers and downward-pointing arrows make for dramatic images in newspapers and on television, but the crisis now rippling through the economy is writ most painfully on the faces of families struggling to make ends meet.

Here in Hawai'i, we were spared a direct hit from the subprime mortgage fiasco, but its effects are everywhere and increasingly apparent, from the loss of Aloha Airlines to layoffs at The Contemporary Museum to cutbacks this week at the already thin Honolulu Advertiser.

Honolulu Weekly looks at the toll thus far and searches for agencies and organizations offering relief.

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ince the housing market began to unravel in late 2006, the subprime mortgage crisis has been at the forefront of discussions on how to mend an ever-worsening economy and help those who can't afford to keep their houses.

And while Hawai'i has so far escaped the worst of the subprime fiasco, the Islands are far from unscathed from the fallout. Economic strain is squeezing residents to a breaking point, as more and more people are unable to pay their bills.

#### **NOTHING UP BUT THE RENT**

One of the portions of the population that has been largely ignored throughout the meltdown is the group that includes many of those who couldn't afford to have mortgages—even risky ones—in the first place.

"There has been a quite dramatic increase in the number of people who need rental assistance," said Salvation Army spokesman Daniel de Castro. "Just within the past year, it has gone up more than 100 percent. It's significant and people are on the verge of being evicted. The souring economy is

you can eat you're out on the streets. It's really a hard choice."

Anyone who rents can tell you that it always feels like it's going up. But unlike the housing market, there are few entities that track rental trends. State agencies don't comprehensively analyze that data, and even realtors say it's tough to follow month-to-month averages. According to the National Low Income Housing Coalition, the fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Hawai'i is \$1,509. And while the state's minimum wage rate-at \$7.25—is slightly higher than the federal standard of \$6.55, it still means that someone earning minimum wage must work 160 hours a week, 52 weeks a year, in order to pay fair-market rent and afford to live here while still keeping the recommended two-thirds of his or her income for savings and other expenses. Even in assessing the average wage for someone who rents housing in Honolulu-\$12.42 an hour-that person would have to work 93 hours a week, 52 weeks a year to make ends meet.

Affordable

eat and if you don't pay rent so that mortgage crisis, there has been too little attention paid to the needs of those who rent and the challenges they face.

> "There is all this talk about keeping people in their home and bailing them out," said Doran Porter, executive director of the Affordable Housing and Homeless Alliance in Hawai'i. "But I hear no one talking about helping people whose expenses have skyrocketed so that now they're unable to meet their rental costs. It's a critical time and people are on the edge of not being able to make payments, if they're not already there."

#### WATT THE HECK?

It's not just the cost of renting but the cost of everything else that makes paying bills unmanageable for so many. Hawai'i drivers have finally seen some relief at the pump, where regular unleaded gasoline averages at \$3.79 a gallon this week, but that's still more than 50 cents above the average this time last year.

> Energy costs are also among the slew of worsening economic burdens.

Hawai'i still receives among the least federal energy assistance of any state.

"It's because we don't use heat in Hawai'i that we get such a modest amount of energy assistance from the federal government," said Lillian Koller, director of the Hawai'i Department of Human Services.

Of the more than \$5 billion divvied up between states from the federal low-income heating assistance program known as LIHEAP Hawai'i was granted less than \$200,000 in 2008.

And as personal and professional budgets dwindle, businesses continue to lay off workers or shut down operations altogether. In the past half a year, residents of Hawai'i have watched that list of ailing companies grow longer and longer: Aloha Airlines went under, Moloka'i Ranch closed, hundreds of Maui Land & Pineapple Co. employees were laid off, more than a dozen positions were cut at the Bishop Museum, Sea Life Park cut 20 percent of its staff, dozens of employees were laid off at The Honolulu Advertiser, Nordstrom, Hawai'i Medical Center, North Hawai'i Community Hospital and Kona Community Hospital, and the Residents of Hawai'i Moloka'i Times and the Weekly's sis-

really affecting the people of Hawai'i.

He said in September of last year, cates agree 51 renters had applied for assistance through the Salvation Army. In September of this year it increased to 110. In order to qualify for rental assistance, people have to be either homeless or have an eviction notice.

"A lot of folks are underemployed and more and more of them are simply unemployed," de Castro said. "They have to keep up with utility bills, the cost of food and rent and eventually something's gotta give. If you pay rent, you can't 6 Honolulu Week

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#### **HELP IS AVAILABLE**

These are among the developments that led Gov. Linda Lingle to double the timeframe in which people can collect federally-funded unemployment benefits to 26 weeks. Hawai'i still has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the nation—at 4.2 percent in August com-

pared to a national average of 6.1 percent—but the state's unemployment rate is on the rise: It was just 2.7 percent this time last year. And many people who are economically strapped don't realize the aid options from the state and from local non-profit agencies that are available to them.

The website for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations includes comprehensive information on how to file an unemployment claim, who is eligible for food stamps, state-funded health insurance options, along with frequently asked questions about the various services-including confidential counseling-that the state provides.

The number of people enrolling in these kinds of assistance programs has gone up across the board. Koller said 108,000 people on O'ahu receive food stamps, which represents about 12 percent of the population.

"We really encourage people to apply," said Koller. "At least \$22 a month are available at a minimum and it can be much higher, typically around \$76 a month."

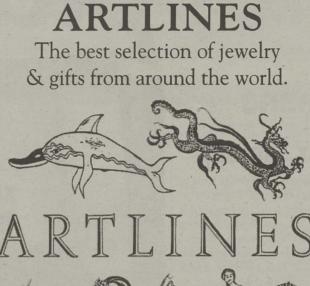
She said that while Hawai'i ranks among the state with the highest enrollment in the food stamp program, many people who are eligible to enroll hesitate.

"It's a stigma issue," said Koller. "You can be living at 130 percent above the federal poverty level and still qualify, but people don't want to accept help with food. But it's nutrition assistance. We want people to take advantage of it. Go get it."

Some may now be more willing to accept help where they can get it, especially in the wake of the termination of Keiki Care, the state plan Lingle signed into law last year to ensure every child in Hawai'i had health insurance from birth until age 18.

But as some state programs shut down, other organizations are stepping up to help. The Salvation Army is one of them. Starting last weekend, it began accepting donations at the Aloha Stadium Swap Meet as a way to handle increasing demand for used clothing as people can't afford to buy new. But spokesman de Castro said the organization is facing its own troubles during the downturn.

"We can only give so much based on our resources," de Castro said. "Charities nationwide are struggling to keep up with inflation. And even people who want to support us are giving less because they can't afford as much. If the trend remains the same, even if donations stay the same, it won't keep up with higher cost. We may be finding ourselves in the same situation as everybody else. We just hope we can still maintain the same services."



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### KÖKUA

If you're struggling financially, know that there are people and organizations ready to help. Those that provide financial support often have programs that address some of the other hardships that people face during tough economic times. And many of these organizations need help themselves-if you're looking to volunteer, give one of them a call. There are families out there in need of your kokua.

#### Hawai'i Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

Get help: Perhaps first and foremost these days, the state Department of Labor and Industrial Relations offers on its website information for displaced workers, and tools for finding new employment. It has a list of links to comprehensive information about rights and eligibility pertaining to unemployment benefits, maternity leave, minor's work permits, wages, worker's compensation, prepaid health care, temporary disability insurance, wrongful termination, discrimination complaints and more. hawaii.gov/labor

586-8842

#### Hawai'i Department of Human Services

Get Help: The state Department of Human Services is the place to go if you need assistance managing aspects of home life, from food and food and clothing. The organization also offers budget and nutrition counseling with a focus on helping you today and enabling you to take care of yourself in the future

Give back: The Salvation Army now has a van at the Aloha Stadium Swap Meet every Sunday, where they're accepting clothing donations. For detailed information on how to donate clothing, furniture or a used vehicle, or to schedule a truck pick up, call 1-800-95-TRUCK, or visit satruck.com. The group accepts monetary donations online, too.

salvationarmyhawaii.org 591-5605

#### The Institute for **Human Services**

Get Help: O'ahu's oldest and largest emergency homeless shelter got started on a summer day in 1978 when the man who would found the organization decided to pass out peanut butter sandwiches to those on the street who looked hungry. Today, the institute has grown to include two shelters where food and support services are offered. Last year more than 55,700 meals were served to those in need. Give back: IHS is seeking individual and group volunteers. The institute also has an internship program for students interested in social work, mental health, non-profit management and more. If you can afford to give money, \$35 will feed

a homeless child a week's worth of nutritious lunches and dinners. ihshawaii.org 447-2800

#### Hawai'i Affordable Housing and Homeless Alliance

The Hawai'i Affordable Housing and Homeless Alliance is a statewide coalition of organizations working toward the availability of affordable housing for all of the state's residents. Director Doran Porter said this will take the addition of 36,000 affordable units, and if you're struggling, the alliance helps put people in touch with the right kind of help for their housing needs. Give back: The alliance runs with just four full-time staff members and is on the look out for a core of dedicated volunteers.

hawaiihomeless.org / Affordable\_Housing\_and\_Homeless\_ Alliance / AHHA.html 845-4565

#### **Other organizations**





stamps to child care, family literacy programs, temporary welfare and state-issued debit cards that can be used at ATMs. Many people don't realize that they can qualify for free health care and other services at as much as 200-300 percent of the federal poverty rate.

hawaii.gov/dhs/self-sufficiency/ benefit/

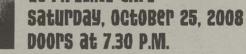
#### **Salvation Army**

Get help: The Salvation Army provides everything from emergency health and housing needs to rental assistance that can help you **Catholic Charities** catholiccharitieshawaii.org 521-4357

**Department of Commerce** and Consumer Affairs Residential Landlord-Tenant Line: 586-2634 hawaii.gov/dcca

**Goodwill Industries** of Hawai'i 836-0313 higoodwill.org

Legal Aid Society of Hawai'i 536-4302 legalaidhawaii.org

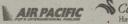


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# 'Ohana

### **Fear factory**

hat most wonderful time of the year approaches when ordinary folks, and especially their children, transform themselves into figures of fright-reanimated mummies, blood-thirsty vampires, Day of the Dead zombies, Sarah Palin-all in an effort to give an adrenaline rush to others and gain bucketsful of goodies for themselves.

For those wishing to be scared as much as to scare, the return of Shockhouse promises to provide chills, thrills and gore aplentywithout the added calories. This extravagant, 10-room haunted house starts ladling out the horror tomorrow night, Oct. 23, at The Blaisdell Mansion. The shows run 6PM to midnight on opening weekend, switching to earlier hours as Halloween approaches. Check with the Blaisdell box office regarding running times, as they vary.

This year several of the rooms take their themes from movies, notably The Grudge and Saw series, The Exorcism of Emily Rose, and apparently (and surprisingly) Vertigo.

Hitchcock would be proud...and -Steve Wagenseller scared.

Blaisdell Exhibition Hall, 777 Ward Ave., Thu 10/23-Sat 11/1, dates and times vary, \$7.50 advance, \$10 at the door, children under 5 free, ticketmaster.com, (877) 750-4400.

### Theater

### Save my soul

or some of Hawai'i's mainland transplants, this may be a tough time of year. There are no pumpkin patches to pick from, no farms featuring transformed landscapes for annual haunted hayrides and it's not cold. But that doesn't mean we can't

celebrate. Safeway has little pump-



**Doug Benson** 

# High time

Comedy

Momedian Doug Benson once saw Morgan Spurlock's docusays, "or Business as Usual." Not a bad idea, though, right?

Director Michael Blieden thought so as well, and the result lit

Director Michael Blieden thought so as well, and the result lit up screens in 2007 (they took the first title). In the film, even Benson is a little worried. "I smoked a lot of pot, but not day and night for 30 days," he admits. "But how awesome would it be if it killed me? That Spurlock movie would be the best movie ever made if he just died at some point, *Grizzly Man* style." He didn't, and the film manages to feature more than people sit-ting on a couch eating Twinkies, detailing police harassment of le-gitimate cannabis clubs and giving a look into the unsuccessful war on drugs. Benson also didn't get an instant party—he first had to abstain from partaking of weed for 30 days. The end result is we learn that Benson is a funny guy whether he's high or not.

Speaking of states of consciousness, just four days after the high comes Demetri Martin. A sometimes contributor to The Daily cessor to comic greats such as Mitch Hedberg and Steven Wright. stoner friends), he notes that pajamas with pockets are handy. "Before, I had to hold things while I slept," he says in his CD

an example: "Sort of' is such a harmless thing to say—sort of," Martin has been recorded as saying. "It's just a filler. It doesn't mean anything. But after certain things, 'sort of' means every-thing, like after, 'I love you.' Or, 'you're going to live.' Or, 'it's a

Even if you're not following Doug Benson's example, the night is undoubtedly going to be a great one.

Demetri Martin

kins and gourds in their floral section, for those with a penchant for seasonal home décor. And traditionally spooktacular flicks will inevitably abound on TV, with all the blood-curdling screams and redcorn-syrup gore we've come to associate with Halloween.

The Actors' Group continues the supernatural tradition this Tuesday. They're getting down to the spooky nitty-gritty with Ultio Venia, a Halloween Dark Night production, written and directed by Eric Nemoto. A scary story for grown-ups, the play deals with angels and demons battling for the souls of humans.

On a dark night, a couple soon marry inadvertently assists in the exorcism of a young woman, thereby releasing the wrath of the dark side. The newlyweds are thereafter engaged in a chilling spiritual battle of good vs. evil as the angels and demons intervene in their lives, fighting for the ultimate prize-the couple's souls. All who enter beware: These themes may not be appropriate for all audiences.

Thrice on this island

es, you can get your money's worth by donning the coiffed wig and tubes of glitter you purchased to wear to last year's Hedwig and the Angry Inch production at the Doris Duke Theatre. A Rocky Horror-like Halloween cult classic, the show returns in its live incarna. tion this year. But think you know your boy-girls, bearded ladies and Eastern European refugee rock stars? Hedwig fans will not only get more of what they know and love with the return of the engrossing production, but also some changes since last year that promise to delight. Otto-artist, musician and cheesecake master (this must always be mentioned)- is reprising his role as Hedwig, and is forthcoming about some changes, but is of course mischievously vague about others. What you can expect are special effects, additional dialogue from playwright John Cameron Mitchell and costumes from a mainland designer

whom Otto met on a mainland tour with his band, 86 List. "Underneath the dress is a surprise," Otto says, leaving the rest of it up to the (possibly dirty) imagination.

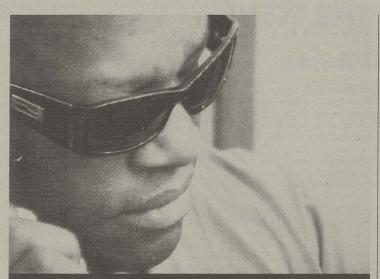
Then there are the cast changes. The only remaining members from the original Hawai'i Hedwig cast are Otto and fellow 86 List band member, Josh 86. Keeping it in the family, also involved again in the production from the 86 mafia is Kesha Teranishi. as the multi-tasking-behind-thescenes mother. Jesse Atomic, of S-1 Atomic and the Hell Caminos, puts in a second year for Hedwig, and former Linus drummer, Stanley Hardjadinata, joins the (ex-communist) party. Though perhaps the most notable new cast member is the introduction of Marky Koga-a 12-yearold bassist who is already a veteran performer at thirtyninehotel and Mercury Bar. Check out his skills on a regular show night, or get into AR-TafterDARK's Monster Mosh on Halloween, as 86 List will tease the crowd in the courtyard before going to the theater for a tricky treat of a Hedwig show. -Margot Seeto



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Ellis Hall plays the songs of Ray Charles at the Blaisdell Concert Hall.

Doris Duke Theatre, Honolulu Academy of Arts, 900 S. Beretania St., Mon 10/27-Thu 10/30 & Sat 11/1, 7рм; Fri 10/31, 9PM; Sun 11/2, 4PM, \$15-\$20,

honoluluacademy.org, 532-8700

Charles in charge

Concerts

s Georgia on your mind? Here to satiate our collective soul needs is the Honolulu Symphony Orchestra with the Toyota Pops: The Music of Ray Charles. Charles, of course, is the musical legend and genius responsible for tunes that fused country, blues, jazz, R&B and funk. And besides Stevie Wonder, the man had the coolest sunglassed sway in pop culture.

Matt Catingub conducts once again, and this time the band has some extra help. Charles' protégé, vocalist Ellis Hall, joins in for hits like "America the Beautiful," "Hit the Róad Jack," "I Got a Woman," "Unchain My Heart," "You Don't Know Me" and of course, "Georgia On My Mind.'

Local stars Afatia and Ginai will also be making their Toyota Pops debuts, starting the show off with "Hallelujah I Love Her So," "Bye Bye Love," and "You Are My Sunshine."

After Jamie Foxx's performance in the 2004 biopic, Charles-awareness is still riding a relevant high, so this night will definitely be something to hit the road for (Unpleasant party game: try explaining to a Facebook-er that Ray Charles

was not singing the intro to "Gold Digger"). -Ryan Senaga

Blaisdell Concert Hall, 777 Ward Ave., Fri 10/24 & Sat 10/25, 8PM, \$10-\$82, honolulusymphony.com, 792-2000

### **Island beats**

rum-heavy and energetic, New Zealand-based Te Vaka puts a contemporary twist on traditional Polynesian music and dance. The 10-piece rock band describes itself as being influenced by the rhythm of the South Seas and driven by a Pacific world beat.

In Tokelauan, "te vaka" means "the canoe," and songwriter Opetaia Foa'i, who grew up in Tokelau, writes about everything from his earliest canoe-traveling ancestors, to the issues-like climate changethat face the region today. Their diverse collection of songs from five albums ranges from chanting-infused and melodic to vibrant and primal beats. Dancers in traditional costume enliven performances and celebrate the band's identity, which is deeply anchored in the history of Polynesia.

The group, comprised of musicians and dancers from Tokelau, Tuvalu, Samoa, the Cook Islands and New Zealand, has played stages across the globe. Te Vaka's 2008 Hawai'i tour has the group travelling from Moloka'i to Maui before finally coming here to play at Pipeline Cafe. -Adrienne LaFrance

Pipeline Cafe, 805 Pohukaina St., Sat 10/25, 7:30рм, \$25-\$40, pipelinecafehawaii.com, 550-8457



**Gutter ball** 

ew punk bands out there are more aptly named than Guttermouth. They're coming to town for a couple of gigs at Anna Bannana's on Friday and Saturday, with Saturday's show open to all ages. Formed in 1988 in Southern California (as if you couldn't tell from their sound), Guttermouth has earned a reputation for being rude, caustic and otherwise generally foul both on the stage and off. It has garnered them a massive fan base that eats up the band's cheeky, sarcastic and often funny lyrics and feverish tempos.

They were banned from Canada for a year after a public indecency charge and, most notably, left the 2004 Warped Tour after tensions mounted due to the band mocking what, one supposes, the band perceived as a phony liberal political agenda espoused by other bands on the tour and by the audience. But going after musical colleagues and fans only fueled Guttermouth's popularity, and 20 years and over a dozen releases later, the outfit is still going strong. They first played in Honolulu in the mid-'90s, and they've since cultivated a new generation of fans. It'll be a wide demographic at the show. Watch your mouth.

--Jamie Winpenny

Anna Bannana's, 2440 S. Beretania St., Fri 10/24, 8PM (21+), Sat 10/25, 6РМ (all ages), \$18-\$20, 808shows.com, 946-5190

# The lungs of the Irish

t's been a long journey for Fiona Molloy, and she's seen more than most of us. Of course, growing up in Northern Ireland and later moving to the United States, one would see plenty. The classically trained Irish singer has sung the national anthem at both Yankee and Shea stadiums, serenaded Nelson Mandela and also given performances to President Ronald Reagan.

Some time has passed and some things have changed. Shea Stadium is no longer there. Yankee Stadium will soon be torn down. And President Reagan has been laid to rest. Yet Molloy is still singing.

And now here is your chance to hear what many others already have had the pleasure of hearing. The songbird will finish the last of her appearances at the three premier Honolulu Irish bars featuring live music. Her final performance, at the Irish Rose Saloon, is a benefit for The Friends of St. Patrick [see feature, page 13], and the early show allows music fans of all ages, probably one of the only chances to have an true Irish pub experience with family without having to go to Ireland.



## Dance trom Aceh

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Whether you are Irish, Irish-atheart, or just like drinking at bars and listening to good music, the event is something you won't want to miss. -Daniel Lee Floren

O'Toole's, 902 Nu'uanu Ave., Thu 10/23, 9PM, (21+), free, 536-4138; Kelley O'Neil's 311 Lewers St., Sun 10/26, 9PM, (21+), free, 926-1777; Irish Rose Saloon, 478 'Ena Rd., Sat 10/25, 6-9PM, \$10 (all ages), irishpubhawaii.com, 946-3414

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## Video killed

THE IDEA OF MUSIC VIDEOS these days is a curiosity, seeing how the two major so-called "music television" stations are more interested in reality programming filled with vacuous idiots and people who mistake looking slutty for being fashionable.

You know, just like the people in the music videos they used to air. But videos are still a valid extension of music, providing a story sometimes related to the song in question, often times not. And then there's the opportunity to provide a face with a name, giving a little self-gratification to the musicians (people want to be recognized for their work. There's a reason I put my name at the end of my articles).

Without the backing of a major label, the idea of shooting a video and spending an obscene amount of money on film, sets, and securing locations-money that can be better spent on things like drum sticks, guitar strings and booze-seems almost pointless. In the early '80s, when MTV catered toward surburban (RE: white) youths, the network was threatened by CBS Records president Walter Yetnikoff, who said he would pull all his artists and tell the world that MTV refused to play black artists. The network capitulated and we got "Thriller.'

#### HIFF '08 MUSIC VIDEO SHOWCASE

Getting in: Build a time machine, and set the dial to Oct. 14,2008 Soundtrack: Proof that

Deathcab for Cutie isn't as bad as I always figured they'd be. Sightings: Cherry Blossoms, DJ Nightfox, Super CW Signature drink: Kona and Sake2Me, both of which were free. Go figure.

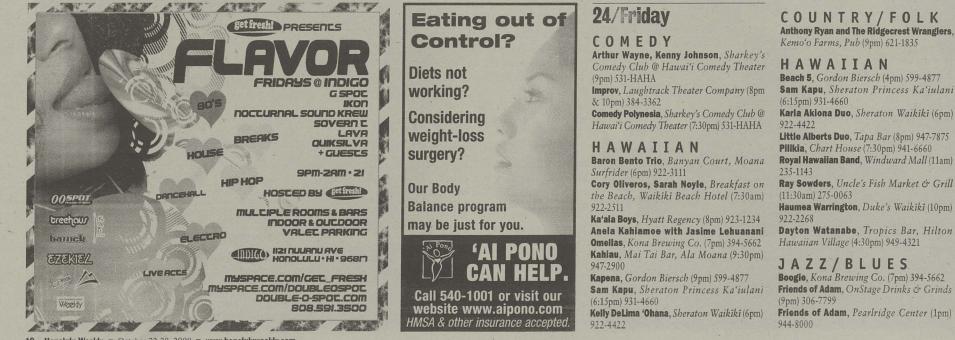
Think about that. If not for a threatened boycott, inmates in the Philippines might be doing synchronized dancing to "We Built This City." Perseverance truly pays off.

That kind of tenacity was apparent last week in the Hawai'i International Film Festival (HIFF) '08 Music Video Showcase. Eight local bands including Linus, Nomasterbacks and Detego had videos played next to established acts like The Chemical Brothers, Deathcab for Cutie and still-crazy-after-allthese-years Björk. There might not be much of a chance it will make it

onto the 15 minutes or so that the two major music video stations dedicate to actually playing videos, but it looks like they all had fun doing it.

And the crowd for last Tuesday's event was ready to share in the revelry, shouting for their favorites and whooping it up at familiar sights and locations. Some of the videos were fairly amateurish (Pimpbot shouldn't quit their day jobs-or their night-for Hollywood anytime soon). But a number of videos were surprisingly good, particularly Hell Camino's "Old Snake Road" and Aim for the Heart with their "Long Live the Dead," both of which went for the classic, "need a storyline? Just add zombies!" theme. It makes sense, since most zombie films are typically short on plot but long on visuals-like most music videos.

Loft hosted the free event, and the sound was fairly muddled in the cavernous space. It's hard to enjoy a song when you feel like your mother, complaining how you can't understand what the singer is saying. The crowd enjoyed it all the same, however, filling up the rows of folding chairs and watching attentively (the smart ones showed up early and took the plush seating on the sides, and the absolutely brilliant ones showed up even earlier to stake out the bar, where Kona and Sake2Me were being handed out for free). When the videos ended, Pimpbot and Make the Change showed the crowd exactly why live is always better than tape. Hell, they didn't even have to dress as zombies. -Dean Carrico



### Gigs

#### 22/Wednesday

COMEDY

Doug Benson, Pipeline Cafe (6pm & 8:30pm) 589-1999

COUNTRY/FOLK The Geezers, Arnold's Beach Bar (7pm) 924-6887

#### HAWAIIAN

Mel Amina, Moana Terrace (6:30pm) 922-6611 Cory Oliveros, Sarah Noyle, Breakfast on the Beach, Waikiki Beach Hotel (7:30am) 922-2511 Mānoa DNA, Gordon Biersch (7pm) 599-4877 Kela Duo, Hyatt Regency (6:30pm) 923-1234 Ka'ala Boys, Tropics Bar, Hilton Hawaiian Village (4:30pm) 949-4321

Kahalepuna Trio, Sheraton Waikiki (6pm) 922-4422

Nā Kama, Tapa Bar (8pm) 947-7875 Sam Kapu Trio, Banyan Court, Moana Sur-

frider (6pm) 922-3111 Kelly DeLima 'Ohana, Wahoo's (6:30pm) 591-1646

Lawrence Kidder, Beach Bar, Moana Surfrider (8pm) 921-4600

Ho'okani, Sheraton Princess Ka'iulani (6:15pm) 931-4660

Kevin Okimoto, Hau Tree Bar (7:30pm) 947-7875 Be-on Paradise, Mai Tai Bar, Ala Moana (9:30pm) 947-2900

Tahiti Rey Trio, RumFire (5pm) Royal Hawaiian Band, Ala Moana Center-

stage (2pm) 946-2811 Ellsworth Simeona, Duke's Waikiki (4pm)

922-2268 Ray Sowders, Chili's Kapolei (7pm) 693-8722

Tangi Tully, Sheraton Princess Ka'iulani (9:30pm) 931-4660

Haumea Warrington, Duke's Waikiki (10pm) 922-2268

JAZZ/BLUES The Deadbeats, Jazz Minds Arts & Cafe 9pm) 945-0800

Jeff Richmond, Noel Okimoto, Dean Taba, Honolulu Club (6:30pm) 543-3916 David Yamasaki Quartet, Diamond Head Grill (8pm) 922-1700

#### ROCK/POP

2 Point 5, Chart House (7pm) 941-6660 Mark Caldeira, Pearl Ultra Lounge, Ala Moana Center (6pm) 944-8000 Guy Cruz and Friends, OnStage Drinks &

Grinds (9pm) 306-7799 Gabe "Aku" Compehos, Doubletree Alana

Waikīkī Hotel (7pm) 941-7275 Vergel Jepas, Diamond Head Grill (8pm)

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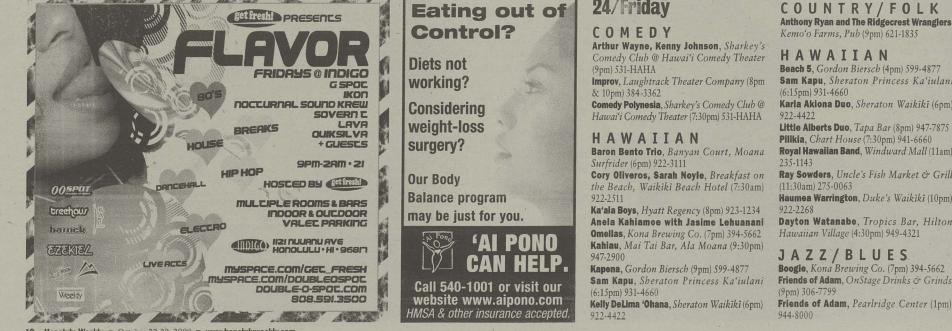
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Doolin Rakes, Kelley O'Neil's (9pm) 926-1777 Roland & Co., Chart House (7pm) 941-6660 Soulution, O'Toole's Pub (9pm) 536-4138 Bongo Tribe, Snappers Bar & Grill (9pm) 947-8057

SHOWROOM Society of Seven, Outrigger Waikiki (6:30 & 8:30pm) 923-7469

WORLD/REGGAE Ali Garcia, Mexico Lindo (6pm) 263-0055



### THE SCENE

#### 23/Thursday

COMEDY Shawn Felipe, Brew Moon (8pm) 593-0088

HAWAIIAN 3 Scoops of Aloha, Sheraton Waikiki (6pm)

977-4472 "Auntie Pudgie" Young, Kühiö Beach Hula Stage (6:30pm) 843-8002

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JAZZ/BLUES Stewart Cunningham, Hank's Cafe (8:30pm) 526-1410

Friends of Adam, Dave & Buster's (9pm)

Windward Jazz Trio, Cisco's Cantina (8pm)

Jimmy Borges, Betty Loo Taylor Trio, Kapi'olani Community College (11:30am) 734-9000

Milestone Jazz Duo, Mariposa Restaurant, Neiman Marcus (6pm) 951-3420

Newjass Quartet, Sansei Seafood Restaurant 🔄 Sushi Bar (10pm) 536-6286 Chris Yeh Quartet w/ Satomi, The Dragon

Upstairs (8pm) 526-1411

Starr Kalakihi, Adj Lagossa, Ben Taaca. Uncle's Fish Market & Grill (6pm) 275-0063 David Yamasaki Quartet, Honolulu Club (5pm) 543-3916

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Blue Light Funk Band, Jazz Minds Arts ඊ Cafe (9pm) 945-0800 Mango Jam, Chuck's Cellar (6pm) 923-4488

Joe Kingston, Sheraton Princess Ka'iulani (9:30pm) 931-4660

Peace of Mind Hip-Hop Show, OnStage Drinks & Grinds (9pm) 306-779

Piranha Brothers, Irish Rose Saloon (9pm) 947-3414 Roland & Co., Chart House (7pm) 941-6660

Society of Seven, Outrigger Waikiki (6:30 & 8:30pm) 923-7469

Swampa ZZ, Bar 35 (10pm) 537-3837

ROCK/R&B Man Alive, RumFire (5pm)

WORLD/REGGAE Kawao, Mai Tai Bar, Ala Moana (9:30pm) 947-2900

Fiona Molloy, O'Toole's Pub (9pm) 536-4138 Rebel Souljahz, Top Heavy, Pipeline Cafe (9pm) 589-1999

Maunalua, Duke's Waikiki (4pm) 922-2268 Naluhoe, Eastside Grill (6:30pm) 952-6555 Olomana, Tapa Bar (8pm) 947-7875 Pa'ahana Trio, House Without a Key (5:30pm)

Pilikia, Chart House (6pm) 941-6660 Royal Hawaiian Band, 'Iolani Palace (12pm) 523-4674

#2 Special, Cha Cha Cha Salsaria (7pm)

John Valentine Trio, Sam Choy's Breakfast, Lunch and Crab (6pm) 545-7979 Kelly Villaverde, Beach Bar, Moana Surfrider

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Sea Warrior Jazz Ensemble, Moana Terrace (6:30pm) 922-6611

Joshua Kaye Trio, The Dragon Upstairs (9pm) 526-1411

Milestone Jazz Duo, Pacific Guardian Center (12pm) 256-7212

Mo'o Soul, Jazz Minds Arts & Cafe (9pm) 945-0800 Molokai Jazz West, Don Ho's Island Grill

Ginny Tiu, Hanohano Room (6pm) 922-4422

4D, Bob's Sports Bar (9:30pm) 263-7669

Analog, Kemo'o Farms, Pub (9pm) 621-1835

Bedroq, Da Smokehouse (7:30pm) 946-0233

Piranha Brothers Trio, Tropics Bar, Hilton

Mark Caldeira, Hau Tree Bar (7:30pm) 947-7875

Christian & Friends, Gordon Biersch (5:30pm)

Dayton & Starla Marie, Pearl Ultra Lounge,

Dean & Dean, Chart House (9:30pm) 941-6660

Guttermouth, Corrupt Absolute, The Slobs,

The Mixers, O'Toole's Pub (9pm) 536-4138

Kimo Opiana, Mai Tai Bar, Ala Moana (4pm)

Piranha Brothers, Irish Rose Saloon (9pm)

Black Square, Boardriders (10pm) 261-4600

Stumbletown, Kelley O'Neil's (9pm) 926-1777

Natural T, Arnold's Beach Bar (9pm) 924-6887

Bongo Tribe, Snappers Bar & Grill (9pm)

Strangers, OnStage Drinks & Grinds (7pm)

WORLD/REGGAE Hot Club of Hulaville, Cafe Che Pasta (5:30pm)

Arthur Wayne, Kenny Johnson, Sharkey's

Comedy Club @ Hawai'i Comedy Theater

Improv, Laughtrack Theater Company (8pm

Comedy Polynesia, Sharkey's Comedy

Club @ Hawai i Comedy Theater (7:30pm)

Sunway and Friends, RumFire (5pm)

ROCK/R&B

25/Saturday

COMEDY

(9pm) 531-HAHA

& 10pm) 384-3362

531-HAHA

Brendan, Kellev O'Neil's (1:30am) 926-177

Hawaiian Village (3:30pm) 949-4321

Ala Moana Center (6pm) 944-8000

Anna Bannana's (8pm) 946-5190

(5:30pm) 528-0803

599-487

947-3414

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ROCK/POP

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Jim Hubbard, Kelley O'Neil's (5pm) 926-1777 Satomi Jazz Quartet, The Dragon Upstairs (9pm) 526-1411

Jonny Kamai, Beach Bar, Moana Surfrider (8pm) 921-4600

Russell Yuen, Shauna Sanborn, Breakfast on the Beach, Waikiki Beach Hotel (7:30am) 922-2511 Ruth Shiroma Foster, Duc's Bistro (6:30pm) 531-6325

Ginny Tiu, Hanohano Room (6pm) 922-4422

#### ROCK/POP

4D, Bob's Sports Bar (9:30pm) 263-7669 We Battle On, All Heart, Amberlin Rose, A Deafening Silence, The Rising End, Supersonic Space Monkeys, Anna Bannana's (9:30pm) 946-5190

Tito Berinobis, Chart House (8:30pm) 941-6660 Black Square, Jesse Atomic, Sebastian Hughes, Omega Six, Kaka'ako Gateway Park (2pm) Brendan, Kelley O'Neil's (1:30am) 926-1777 Eight-O-Eight, Gordon Biersch (8:30pm) 599-4877 Elephant, Irish Rose Saloon (9pm) 947-3414 Ells & Sean T., RumFire (5pm) Guidance, Lion Fiyah, Micah-G, Loft (9pm)

688-8813 Guttermouth, Corrupt Absolute, Purple Kid, The Substituots, Anna Bannana's (6pm)

946-5190 Joe Kingston, Sheraton Princess Ka'iulani (9:30pm) 931-4660

Zaysha Labrador, Mai Tai Bar, Ala Moana (4pm) 947-2900

Zaysha Labrador, Hau Tree Bar (7:30pm) 947-7875

O'ahu Songwriters Group, Hank's Cafe (8:30pm) 526-1410 Doolin Rakes, O'Toole's Pub (9pm) 536-4138

Rubber Soul, Hyatt Regency (7pm) 923-1234 Black Square, Bar 35 (10pm) 537-3837

(10pm) 591-9555

@ Don Ho's w/ DJ LT

Natural T, Arnold's Beach Bar (9pm) 924-6887

Tempo Valley, E & O Trading Company Paradise XS, Mad Dog Saloon (9pm) 924-3400

Society of Seven, Outrigger Waikiki (6:30 & 8:30pm) 923-7469

WORLD/REGGAE One Drop, Mai Tai Bar, Ala Moana (9:30pm) 947-2900

Firenation, Boardriders (10pm) 261-4600 Maacho & Cool Connection, Jazz Minds Arts

& Cafe (9:30pm) 945-0800 Fiona Molloy, Irish Rose Saloon (6pm) 947-3414

Rootikal Riddim & A'ale Mele, Jazz Minds Arts & Cafe (9pm) 945-0800

Te Vaka, Pipeline Cafe (7:30pm) 589-1999

#### 26/Sunday

COMEDY Demetri Martin, Pipeline Cafe (8pm) 589-1999

COUNTRY/FOLK The Geezers, Hank's Cafe (6pm) 526-1410

#### HAWAIIAN

David Asing, Hau Tree Bar (7:30pm) 947-7875 David Asing, RumFire (5pm) De Lima 'Ohana, Hyatt Regency (6:30pm)

923-1234 Kaimana, Sheraton Princess Ka'iulani

(6:15pm) 931-4660 Lawrence Kidder, Duke's Waikiki (10pm)

922-2268 Ledward Ka'apana, Kona Brewing Co. (6pm)

394-5662 Pa'ahana Trio, House Without a Key (5:30pm) 923-2311

George Kuo, Martin Pahinui & Aaron Mahi, Moana Terrace (6:30pm) 922-6611 Pu'uhonua Trio, Banyan Court, Moana Sur-

frider (6pm) 922-3111 Royal Hawaiian Band, Kapi'olani Park Band-

stand (2pm) 523-4674 Soul Bucket Duo, Tropics Bar, Hilton Hawai-

ian Village (4:30pm) 949-4321

Ray Sowders, Chili's Kapolei (7pm) 693-8722

#### JAZZ/BLUES

Sea-Ray Jazz Quartet, Breakers, Hale'iwa (4pm) 637-9898

Amber Ricci Trio, J Bistro (6:30pm) 951-3138 Rico, Arnold's Beach Bar (8pm) 924-6887 Russell Yuen, Shauna Sanborn, Breakfast on the Beach, Waikiki Beach Hotel (7:30am) 922-2511

ROCK/POP Don Baduria, Mai Tai Bar, Ala Moana (5pm) 947-2900

Piranha Brothers Trio, Tapa Bar (8pm) 947-7875 James, Jamie & Jader, O'Toole's Pub (9pm) 536-4138

Henry Kapono, Duke's Waikiki (4pm) 922-2268 Joe Kingston, Sheraton Princess Ka'iulani (9:30pm) 931-4660

Sidewinders, Irish Rose Saloon (9pm) 947-3414

John Valentine, Beach Bar, Moana Surfrider (8pm) 921-4600

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#### **A SELECTIVE GUIDE TO DJ NIGHTS**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

BIG WEDNESDAYS @ The O Lounge TOTALLY '80s @ Loft COUNTRY NIGHT @ Kahuna's KMCB ENJOY (house) @ Zanzabar HIP HOP HUMP! (hip-hop) (top 40) @ Hula's Bar MIC:CTRL (house) (techno) (hip-hop) @ Lotus w/ DJS Willis Haltom, Zane, Zrama, SubZero, Ernie K **OVER THE HUMP WEDNEZDAYS** (mix tape MIXTAPE @ thirtyninehotel DJ RASTA VIBES @ Boardrider's RECESS @ Venus Nightclub w/ DJs Betty, SALSA @ 4 Play WAKU WEDNESDAYS @ Lotus Soundbar

WET 'N' WILD WEDNESDAYS @ Venus w/ DJs K-Smooth and Mixmaster B WILD WEDNESDAYS @ Fashion 45 w/ DJ's Rudedogg, MC Pure, Micah Banks

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23 CASUAL THURSDAYS @ Fashion 45 IDELIVER ENT. @ The Living Room COSMO (electro) (house) (mash-up) ∂ Hula's w/ DJs KSM, Honu, rebeL neB HOUSE @ thirtyninehotel w/ DJs Haboh, Grady

FIRED UP THURSDAY @ Play Bar (Scruples) 18+ JET BOY, JET GIRL (indie) (goth) @ Mercury

LIVE IN THE MIX @ The O Lounge vybe & Kutmaster Spaz MIXTUP MAYHEM FROM THE PURPLE PLANET @ Jazz Minds Arts & Cafe w/ DJ Miki

REDDA FIRE (reggae) (dancehall) @ The Living Room at Fisherman's Wharf ROW BAR @ Doraku Sushi

SALSA @ Planet Hollywood w/ DJ LT TAKE IT OFF THURSDAYS @ Cellar Nightclub THIRSTY THURSDAYS (hip-hop) (house) rance) @ Zanzabar THROWBACK THIRST DAZE @ Lotus Soundbar

/ DJs Revise, Disobayish, Swerve



If the ability to keep bodies in motion with that all-important explosive flavor for your ear isn't a CeeJay Da DJ trademark, it should be.

After establishing himself as a go-to party guy throughout Guam, he moved to Honolulu two years ago thinking his career on the 1s and 2s was a thing of the past.

"I would go to all the clubs on the weekends and I would get a really bad itch for it," said the Play Bar resident music maestro. "It was almost like cigarettes. As soon as I touched a pair of tables I got hooked again."

Now as busy as ever, back in the mix five nights a week, when you're getting your groove on in his presence,

DRAGONFLY @ the W Honolulu EMPIRE SATURDAYS (hip-hop) @ Lotus

FLASHBACK SATURDAYS ('705-now) @ Rumours Nightclub, Ala Moana Hotel w/ DJ Sho FLY @ Cirque Hawai'i

I-DELIVER ENT @ Just One w/ DJ Phil MAD HATTER & STYLISH T @ Aaron's MONKEY BAR @ Ciao Mein PAPERDOLL REVUE @ Fusion Waikiki PURE @ Aaron's, atop the Ala Moana Hote REFRESH (hip-hop) @ Café Che Pasta w/ DI Lava RICE CRACKER @ Chai's Island Bistro

keep in mind that this true student of the game may be helping you step up yours.

"We set the tempo of the club. We are the reason why a guy can go up to a girl and ask, "Hey, do you want to dance?" It's kind of hard to do if the music isn't right, or the mood is all wrong," he said. "We pretty much do all the work to have everybody jumping in a club to give them the courage to go up to a guy or girl to talk to —Kalani Wilhelm them."

Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun, Play Bar, 2310 Kūhio Ave., 18+, 923-9530; Fri, Red Lion Waikīkī, 2424 Kalākaua Ave., 21+, 926-5466

DJ RUDE DOGG, DJ MASTER MIND (hip-hop) (reggae) (R&B) (Top 40) @ Da Big Kahuna SALSA @ Hard Rock Café SALSA SAVADO POR LA NOCHE @ Cafe Che THE SAUCE SATURDAYS @ Brew Moon SOAK @ Wyland Hotel (noon-7PM) w/ DJ Willis Haltom, Ramyt, Zane, Ernie K SPEAKEASY (house) (downtempo) (progressive) D The Living Room at Fisherman's Wharf STUNNA SATURDAYS @ The O Lounge (18+) SURF SHACK SATURDAYS (rock) (reggae) SWAGGER SATURDAYS @ W/ DJs Dragon, Alan

TASTE @ Aaron's Atop the Ala Moana Hotel w/ DJ Ryan Sean

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

BEACH PARTY BLAST @ Hula's Bar and Lei Stand (SPM) w/ DI KSM

THE BLOCK @ Brew Moon & The Living Room w/ DJs Delve, XL, Sub-Zero, Jrama, SovernT, Durtie Rice, Jimmy Taco

DOUBLE DOUBLE SUNDAYS @ Hula's Bar and Lei Stand (9PM) w/ DJ Racer-X THE HEAVENS @ Club 939 w/ DJs K-Smooth, Mr.

MOTION @ Lotus Soundbar

HIP-HOP SUNDAYS @ Mai Tai Bar w/ Music

PALLADIUM NITES (Latin) @ 0 Lounge w/ DJs

RUDEGYAL RETREAT (reggae) (dancehall) (hip-hop) @ Lotus Soundbar

DJ SHO @ Red Lion SIZZLING SUNDAYS (dance contest)

@ Zanzabar w/ DJ Mike D

SOUL FOOD SUNDAY @ Just One

SUNDAY NIGHT SOCIAL (acid jazz) (deep house) (progressive house) @ Da Big Kahuna w/ DJ Miki Mixtup

SUNDAY SALSA @ 4 Play

A TOUCH OF RED @ The W Hotel MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

BEACH PARTY MONDAYS @ Zanzabar FLASHBAXXX (retro) @ Hula's Bar and Lei Stand FLIRT MONDAYS INDUSTRY NIGHT @ Lotus HIP-HOP MONDAYS @ Cellar Nightclub LOLLIPOP @ The O Lounge MELLOW MONDAZE @ Pipeline PHAT TUESDAYS @ Lotus Soundbar SHOCK MONDAYS @ Venus

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28 \$2 TUESDAYS @ O Lounge w/ DJs Betty, Mike D AFTER "THE POINT" AFTER ('705) ('805) @ Pipeline w/ DJ Mikie D EYE CANDY @ Hula's Bar and Lei Stand w/ VJ

FALLING DOWN ROMANCE (jazz) @ Indigo DJ FREQ @ Anna Bannana's HOT LATIN TUESDAYS @ Zanzabar w/ DJs Ray Cruz, Rod Moreno, Mano Lopez KINGSTON TOWN (reggae) @ Fashion 45 MIDNIGHT JUNKIES @ Just One / DJ G OUTLAW NIGHT @ Cellar Nightclub RENDEZVOUS @ Bar 35

Promoters, get your event listed in SpinZone! E-mail details two weeks in advance to SpinZone@ honoluluweekly.com



SOUTH BEACH (mash-up) (hi-hop) (downtempo) (trip-hop) @ Ciao Mein SPICE LOUNGE @ E&O Trading Company HAWAIIWOOD @ Planet Hollywood w/ DJ Durtie STYLUS FRIDAY NIGHTS @ Lotus Soundbar THRASH @ Loft W/ DJs Eskae, Jami, Durtie Rice HOUSE OF RA @ Zanzabar WONDERFUL (downtempo) (mash-up) ('80s) @ Zanzabar w/ Djs Ryan-Sean, Mike D

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 CULTURE SHOCK @ E & O Trading Co. DANCEHALL CITY @ Indigo DJ JONATHAN DOE @ Breakers DJ RACER-X @ Hula's Bar and Lei Stand DJ ROD el MORENO (Salsa) @ Dream to Dance

ALOHA FRIDAYS (hip-hop) (house) (dancehall)

THE CANDY BAR @ Pearl Ultralounge CARNAVAL FRIDAYS (latin) (reggaeton) (hip-hop) @ Pipeline w/ DJs Don Armando, Caju, Mano

Lopez CHEMISSTRY @ Cafe Sistina

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

THE CORNER @ Visions Nightclub w/ DJs Check-one, Slant, City ill, Sho

DJ KSM (electro) (house) (mash-up) @ Hula's Bar and Lei Stand FIRE! FRIDAYS @ Cirque Hawai'i

FLAVOR FRIDAYS @ E&O Trading Company w/ BHANGRA BASHMAT (world) (hip-hop) @

FREAKS COME OUT FRIDAYS @ Cellar

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE @ Eastside Grill

FRIDAYS @ Lulu's w/ DJs Gary O, Sub o

O SNAP @ The O Lounge

Boy, Compose, Delveider, XL

SINSUAL FRIDAY @ Zanzabar

SOUL CLAP @ thirtyninehotel

SPIN @ Hula's w/ DJ Ikon

SOUL HEAVEN @ Lotus Soundbar

w/ DIs Big John, LT

THE GENDER BENDERS @ Fusion Waikiki

THE GOOD LIFE @ Fashion 45 w/ DJ Kenbo

HEAT (hip-hop) (reggae) (island jams) @ Don Ho's w/ DJ Hong

LIMELIGHT (hip-hop) (r&b) ('8os) @ The Living Room at Fisherman's Wharf

PARADISE @ Venus w/ DJs Technique, Krazy K ULTIMATE BEACH PARTY @ Planet Hollywood

THE PLAY GROUND @ The W Hotel w/ DJs Lost

RENDEZVOUS FRIDAYS (hip-hop) (REB) @

ROCK STAR FRIDAYS (rock) (rap) (reggae) @

DJ RUDE DOGG, DJ MASTER MIND (hip-hop) (reggae) (R&B) (Top 40) @ Da Big Kahuna SALSA @ Boardriders

SKYE SUSHI LOUNGE @ Aaron's atop the Ala

SONNY SILVA'S HULAVILLE (gypsy jazz) @







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**Society of Seven**; Outrigger Waikīkī (6:30 & 8:30pm) 923-7469

WORLD/REGGAE Ali Garcia, Mexico Lindo (6pm) 263-0055 Fiona Molloy, Kelley O'Neil's (9pm) 926-1777 Celtic Waves, Kelley O'Neil's (4pm) 926-1777

#### 27/Monday

#### COUNTRY/FOLK

Jack Deals, Boardriders (9pm) 261-4600 The Geezers, Arnold's Beach Bar (7pm) 924-6887

#### HAWAIIAN

Beach 5, Tropics Bar, Hilton Hawaiian Village (4:30pm) 949-4321

Mel Amina, Moana Terrace (6:30pm) 922-6611 Mariene Baldueza & Co., RumFire (5pm) Pacific Blu, Banyan Court, Moana Surfrider (6pm) 922-3111

De Lima 'Ohana, Sheraton Princess Ka'iulani (6:15pm) 931-4660

Zanuck Duo, Hyatt Regency (6:30pm) 923-1234 Kahakea Duo, Tapa Bar (8pm) 947-7875 Eric Lee, Shauna Sanborn, Breakfast on the Beach, Waikīkī Beach Hotel (7:30am) 922-2511

Sam Kapu Trio, Sheraton Waikiki (6pm) 922-4422 Pa'ahana Trio, House Without a Key (5:30pm) 923-2311

Beach Bar, Moana Surfrider

WORLD/REGGAE Conscious Roots, Mai Tai Bar, Ala Moana (9:30pm) 947-2900

#### 28/Tuesday

HAWAIIAN

Little Albert, Hau Tree Bar (7:30pm) 947-7875 "Auntie Pudgie" Young, Kūhio Beach Hula Stage (6:30pm) 843-8002

Cory Oliveros, Sarah Noyle, Breakfast on the Beach, Waikiki Beach Hotel (7:30am) 922-2511 De Lima 'Ohana, Sheraton Princess Ka'iulani (6:15pm) 931-4660

Tava'esina, Sheraton Waikīkī (6:30pm) 922-4422 Typical Hawaiians, Tropics Bar, Hilton Hawaiian Village (4:30pm) 949-4321 Stephen Inglis, Cha Cha Cha Salsaria

(6:30pm) 395-7797 Shawn Ishimoto, Beach Bar, Moana Sur-

frider (8pm) 921-4600 Sam Kapu, Sheraton Princess Ka'iulani (9:30pm) 931-4660

Elena Martinez Trio, Banyan Court, Moana Surfrider (6pm) 922-3111 Peter Milo Duo, RumFire (5pm)

Sean Na'auao Duo, Hyatt Regency (8pm)

923-1234 Ellsworth Simeona, Duke's Waikīkī (10pm) 922-2268

Ray Sowders, Hyatt Regency (5pm) 923-1234

Bongo Tribe, Irish Rose Saloon (9pm) 947-3414

Society of Seven, Outrigger Waikiki (6:30 & 8:30pm) 923-7469

WORLD/REGGAE Rebel Souljahz, Mai Tai Bar, Ala Moana (7pm) 947-2900

A Night to Remember The Movement Center presents a variety of dance disciplines, with students joining their instructors. Calvary By the Sea Lutheran Church, 5339 Kalaniana'ole Hwy., 'Aina Haina: Sat 10/25, (7рм.) 735-8641

Aha Mele XI Celebrating the 11th anniversary of Manu Boyd's Halau o ke 'A'ali'i Ku Makani in a concert of Hawaiian music and hula. Hawaii Theatre, 1130 Bethel St.: Sun 10/26, (4PM.) \$20-\$25. hawaiitheatre.com, 528-0506

Castle Medical Center's Po'okela Two different Hawaiian music concerts to celebrate the center's 45th year and to benefit Patient Services and Renovation. Ticketmas-877) 750-4400. Call 263 for info. Mamiya Theatre, St. Louis High School, 3142 Wai'alae Ave.: Sat 10/25 & Sun 10/26. \$95.

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**Expression Session: Dance Crew Show**case and Teen Dance Teens 13-18 are invited to this showcase featuring MC Kutmaster Spaz, Lil Demo and the Stylistics, 808 Breakers and more.Visit bgch.com or call 689-4182. Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park, 400 Farrignton Hwy.: Fri 10/24, (6PM.) \$10 pre-sale. \$15 door. \$7 with non-perishable food item. 945-3928 Eyes and Ears, City, The Miltons, The Jump Offs If you miss the now-defunct post-rock band, At Sea, here's your chance to see the new incarnation. Denver, Colo. band Eyes and Ears headline. Anna Bannana's, 2440 S. Beretania St.: Thu 10/23, (9PM.) \$5. 946-5190

Guttermouth Anna's gets the punks for two nights before they spread their mayhem to Hilo. Visit 808shows.com. Anna Bannana's, 2440 S. Beretania St.: Fri 10/24, 8PM & Sat 10/25, 6рм. \$18. 946-5190

Honolulu Brass Quintet Hear them blow the sounds of Albeniz, Bizet DeFalla and more Visit chambermusichawaii.org. Mon 10/27, Palikū Theatre; Mon 11/3, Doris Duke Theatre. (7:30pm.) \$25.

Malama Wahine The Spacifics with Creed Chameleon and Meiso, Cherry Blossom Cabaret, DJ Kittylee and a beauty bar entertain you in a benefit for the High Risk Breast Cancer Program at the Kapi'olani Breast Cancer program, the only prevention program of its kind in Hawai'i. thirtyninehotel, 39 N. Hotel St.: Fri 10/24, (9PM-2AM.) \$25; tax deductible and includes a Kai Voda cocktail and goodie bag. 599-2552

Mary J. Blige Ever notice that people who want "No More Drama" actually have the most out of everyone? Visit ticketmaster.com or call (877) 750-4400. Blaisdell Arena, 777 Ward Ave.: Fri 10/24, (8PM.) \$59.75-\$85.75. 591-2211

Music for the Roman Oratory The Abendmusiken Concert Series persents the Bach Chamber Choir Soloists and Bach Chamber Orchestra narrated by Ian Capps, host of KHPR's "The Early Muse." Call 941-2566. Lutheran Church of Honolulu, 1730 Punahou St.: Sun 10/26, (4PM.) \$12-\$20.941-2566

The Music of Ray Charles (See Hot Picks, page 9.) honolulusymphony.com, 792-2000. Blaisdell Concert Hall, 777 Ward Ave .: Fri 10/24 & Sat 10/25, (8pm.) \$20-\$82. 591-2211 Na Mele No Na Pua Sunday Showcase This week's concert features Jimmy Borges,

Gabe Baltazar and Betty Loo Taylor. Waikiki Beach Walk. Sun 10/26, (4-5:30PM.) Free. Rhythm Summit Enjoy the thundering taiko drum and rhythms of Noel Okimoto and Dean

Taba, taikoartscenter.org. Cupola Theatre, Honolulu Design Center, 1250 Kapi'olani Blvd.: Sat 10/25, (8PM.) \$22 advance; \$25 door.

The Shakedown '60s reggae and soul shakedown with DJs Kitty Chow and Doggie Diamond. None of that Jawaiian crap. Sailor Jerry and Red Stripe specials. Mercury Bar. Sat 10/25, (9PM-2AM.) 537-3080

**Te Vaka** (See Hot Picks, page 9.) Visit hono-luluboxoffic.com or call 550-8457. *Pipeline* Cafe, 805 Pohukaina St.: Sat 10/25, (7:30PM.) \$25 general; \$40 VIP. 589-1999

Thirtyninehotel's Four-Year Anniversary Party Rub-n-Tug's DJ Eric Duncan helps the club/bar/art gallery/lounge celebrate it's fourth year of success. And get ready for a beast of a soundsystem you may have never experienced before. thirtyninehotel, 39 N. Hotel St.: Sat 10/25 (10PM.) thirtyninehotel, 599-2552

**UH Chamber Singers & UH Concert Choir** Hear the young 'uns sing their hearts out. Orvis Auditorium, UH-Mānoa: Fri 10/24, (7:30PM.) \$6-\$10.944-2697

**On Sale** 

GiRL FeST Hawai'i Most of this grrrl fest is for everyone From serious documentaries to the return of funnywoman Ali Wong to breakdancing workshops, the week-long festival of activities is dedicated to preventing violence against females. Visit girlfesthawaii. org. Runs Fri 11/7-Sat 11/15.

Hallowbaloo Music and Arts Festival An arts and culture district extravaganza featuring amazing national and international musical acts, such as The Helio Sequence, Mad Professor, Brett Dennen and more, including local performing troupes. Visit hallowbaloo. com. Chinatown. Fri 10/31, (5:30PM-2AM.) \$25-\$30 individual performances; \$125-\$135 VIP; street festival is free.

Hedwig and the Angry Inch (See Hot Picks, page 8.) Doris Duke Theatre, Honolulu Academy of Arts, 900 S. Beretania St.: Runs 10/27-11/2. Additional show at ARTAfter-DARK, Sun 11/2, 4PM. 10/31 show at 4PM, (7:30рм.) \$15-\$20. 532-8768

The Helio Sequence The Portland, Ore. indie rock duo visits the Islands for the first time to spread their infectious blend of pop and folk. Visit hallowbaloo.com. Loft, 115 N. Hotel St .: Fri 10/31, (9рм.) \$25-\$30. 21+. 688-8813

Honolulu Clarinet Quartet This talented quartet will "clarinet-romp" around the world through dance music, including tango, afrofunk, bourre, ballet and more. Atherton Performing Arts Studio, Hawai'i Public Radio, 738 Kāheka St.: Sat 11/1, (7:30рм.) \$10-\$20. 955-8821

"Hot Club of Hulaville The gypsy band pays tribute to George Gershwin with "An American in Paris." Visit hotclubofhulaville. com. If you can read French. Mamiya Theatre, St. Louis High School, 3142 Wai'alae Ave.: Sat 11/1, (7:30рм.) \$30. 532-8768

Hotter than Hell—A Tribute to Kiss This is THE official KISS tribute band. Though doubtful of the tongue ability. Ticketmaster. com, (877) 750-4400. Pipeline Cafe, 805 Pohukaina St.: Thu 10/30, (10рм.) \$20-\$25 general; \$45-\$50 VIP. 589-1999

Judy Tenuta It's been a while since we've heard from this loud, buxom comedienne with an accordion. She describes herself as a "multimedia Bondage Goddess." Got your interest now? Ticketmaster.com, (877) 750-4400. Pipeline Cafe, 805 Pohukaina St.: Thu 10/30, (7PM.) \$25-\$30 general; \$45-\$50 VIP. 589-1999

The Kooks Don't be so "Naïve." Get to the "Seaside" and rock out to the catchy British indie rockers on what the promoters are calling a Hipster Halloween (yikes). Visit ticketmaster.com or call (877) 750-4400. Pipeline Cafe, 805 Pohukaina St.: Fri 10/31, (8PM.) \$25 general; \$50 VIP. 589-1999

Maceo Parker and DJ Logic Legendary saxphonist Parker's nine-piece band pumps the audience full of funk and soul. DJ Logic adds to the party with his fusion of jazz and hip-hop. Visit hallowbaloo.com. The Waterfront, Aloha Tower Marketplace: Fri 10/31, (8:30PM.) \$25-\$30. 21+. waterfrontaloha.com, 545-5900

**EMad Professor Ariwa Dub Posse** ft. Susan Cadogan The internationally renowned DJ veteran of reggae dub and electronica, who also was key in creating the Jungle sound, rocks the now rare and revered venue. Visit hallowbaloo.com. Nextdoor, 43 N. Hotel St.: Fri 10/31, (9PM.) \$25-\$30.

The Movement Still have dance fever? See the winners from season two of America's Best Dance Crew: Supercr3w and Supreme Soul. Ticketmaster.com, (877) 750-4400. Blaisdell Arena, 777 Ward Ave.: Sat 11/1, (6PM.) \$30 pre-sale. 591-2211

On The Spot: Improv Asylum A showcase of short-form improv, a return to the troupe's roots. Visit honoluluboxoffice.com or call 550-8457. The ARTS at Marks Garage, 1159 Nu'uanu Ave.: Sat 11/1 & 11/8, (8PM.) \$10-\$14. artsatmarks.com, 521-2903 The Pied Piper of Hamelin Students of Kaimuki Performing Arts Center perform this classic tale of an oddfellow with a Michael Jacksonesque effect on children. Call 733-4913. Kaimukī High School Auditorium, 2705 Kaimukī Ave.: Sat 11/1, 7PM; Sun 11/2, 3PM. \$5-\$10. Pre-kingergarten keiki are free. 733-4913 Ralphie May If you liked Girth of Nation, you'll probably like this one. Visit ticketmaster.com or call (877) 750-4400. Pipeline Cafe, 805 Pohukaina St.: Wed 10/29, (6PM & 8:30PM.) \$20 general; \$40 VIP. 589-1999 Rolling the Rs R. Zamora Linmark's play about growing up in Kalihi in the 1970s. You can bet on lots of polyester. Kumu Kahua Theatre, 46 Merchant St.: Thu-Sat, 8PM; Sun, 2рм. Runs 10/30-11/30. \$5-\$13. kumukahua. org, 536-4441

Concerts **& Clubs** 

Chad Pure (8pm) 921-4600

Sean Na'auao, Hau Tree Bar (7:30pm) 947-7875 Ellsworth Simeona, Duke's Waikiki (4pm) 922-2268 Tangi Tully, Sheraton Princess Ka'iulani

(9:30pm) 931-4660 Haumea Warrington, Duke's Waikiki (10pm) 922-2268

#### JAZZ/BLUES

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Demetri Martin (See Hot Picks, page 8.) Visit ticketmaster.com or call (877) 750-4400. Pipeline Cafe, 805 Pohukaina St .: Sun 10/26, (8PM.) \$35 general; \$50 VIP. 589-1999

**Doug Benson** (See HopPicks, page 8.) Visit ticketmaster.com or call (877) 750-4400. Pipeline Cafe, 805 Pohukaina St.: Wed 10/22, (6PM.) \$20 general; \$40 VIP. 589-1999 **Exotic Erotic Halloween Industry Party** Thisbowling alley on the island goes adult with Rick Rock and Urusai on the mic, DJ Mike D., go go dancers, prizes, drink specials and of course, cosmic-style bowling. Try playing in a French maid dress. 'Aiea Bowl, 'Aiea Shopping Center: Mon 10/27, (10PM-2AM.) \$3 with costume; \$10 without. 18+. aieabowl. com, 488-6854

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#### MARGOT SEETO



always bring to mind haggis, white pudding, Guinness, Brave-

awai'i doesn't

heart and bagpipes.

Still, there are at least five selfproclaimed Irish pubs in Honolulu, and Bill Comerford, president of The Society of the Friends of St. Patrick and co-owner of E&J Lounge Operating Co., Inc. (parent of Irish Rose Saloon Waikīkī, Kelley O'Neil's and O'Toole's Irish Pub), says "many locals have Celtic blood, tracing the origins back to the sailors" that used to dock on the Islands. Comerford estimates that 5.6 percent of the population in Hawai'i claims Irish blood and 10 percent Scottish blood.

The Celtic presence in Honolulu is a strong part of the cultural landscape of Hawai'i, with almost 10 active Celtic societies, not including family clan societies. Celtic ancestry points to lineage traced back to the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, Scotland, the Isle of Man, Wales, Cornwall, Brittany and parts of Northern Spain. The small size of the islands has created a dynamic within and among many of the societies not often found in Celtic organizations on the mainland and internationally.

#### In the Islands

"We have two Chinese members who love Celtic culture and music. They've been to Scotland and Ireland more than any of us. They always bring things back for us to learn about," shares Cesci Perez-de-Wang, president of the Saint Andrew Society of Hawai'i. While other Celtic organizations have membership guidelines mandated by genealogy and gender, Perez-de-Wang concludes that "this island is way too small for that...And as a woman president-well, that takes care of [the gender issue]." The group is open to anyone with an interest in Celtic culture, and has also seen increased membership since the expansion of Saint Andrew from a strictly Scottish to a general Celtic society only two years ago. Not only does Saint Andrew have a higher overlap of members with other Celtic organizations now, but also additional

members from smaller Celtic groups such as Welts, who don't currently have a formal Welsh-dedicated organization to join here.

The Caledonian Society of Hawai'i, the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, Hawai'i Branch and the Society of the Friends of St. Patrick also are open to anyone with an interest in Scottish or Irish culture.

#### Supporting each other

"Some organizations are more cultural and educational. Ours is more recreational...but there is some part of history in everything we do," says Perez-de-Wang. Many of the major organizations are responsible for island-wide events each year, while some of the smaller ones concentrate on annual pub crawls and the like. Bruce McEwan, Chieftan of the Caledonian Society of Hawai'i and a teacher of the local branch of the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, says that the main event of the Caledonian Society is the Robert Burns Dinner, held annually all over the world to honor the late Scottish bard. The Society of the Friends of St. Patrick is responsible for the St. Patrick's Day Parade, the Emerald Ball and an educational program that provides scholarships for students. It permits women in this branch of organization "to be more current with the times," says Comerford. The Society of Saint Andrew puts on the annual Dressed to Kilt event.

Some of the strictly Scottish organizations are permitted to be sponsors of the annual Hawaiian Scottish Festival and Highland Games, such as the The Caledonian Society, Highland Dance Hawai'i and Celtic Pipes and Drums. All Celtic organizations are invited to participate. works with The Willows to have Scottish dinners and a local chef to cook Scottish food for the Festival.

For youth outreach, some organizations offer a junior membership discount rate and incentives to recruit new members. Celt in A Box, inspired by Chicago libraries' Scot in a Box educational program, is a program in the works for members of Celt organizations to tell Celtic stories and history based on Celtic items they bring to the libraries. Older society members have many stories and tales to tell. As Perez-de-Wang asks, "Why just keep it here [within the societies]?"

#### **Creating a home**

Some Celtic organizations hope to one day realize a Hawaiian Celtic Cultural Center, with enough meeting, event and performance space to accommodate all the Celtic societies and an extensive library. The projected timeframe for making the Hawaiian Celtic Cultural Center a reality is still unknown, though the official name has been legally secured.

In the meantime, Comerford has spearheaded an effort to create The Celtic Room (which he hopes becomes The Honolulu Celtic Cultural Society), located next to O'Toole's. For \$1,000 per year, organizations can use the space as often as they like for whatever purposes, though "mostly to serve a business function" hopes Comerford. There is a budding library and an office space that houses organization records, which are in the process of being saved electronically, as well.

"It's too small for some organizations' meetings and not large enough for the performance groups, but it's gonna be a hit with the rugby teams," ys Perez-de-Wang. Perhaps othe Celtic organizations with smaller membership and a lack of office and storage space may use the room more often. Comerford has noticed for the Friends of St. Patrick, membership attendance has increased since meeting in The Celtic Room consistently, as opposed to rotating meeting locations in public spaces. While there is a desire for the major Celtic organizations to both work by themselves and with other organizations to encourage Celtic cultural education in Honolulu, there's nothing wrong with having an annual drink fest to celebrate the luck o' the Celtic.





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#### To keep growing

Dan Peddie, Chieftan of the Hawaiian Scottish Association, says the association is planning for the 30th anniversary of the games in a couple of years, with hopes of a parade in Waikīkī and a pipe dance competition. He has also been working with the Hawai'i Tourism Authority to promote attendance at the games of those hailing from Scotland, Australia and other countries with a strong Scottish presence to help "make the games bigger every year." In the mean time, other efforts to promote Scottish culture on the island include Scottish food in restaurants. Peddie



# THE SCENE

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### Theater & Dance

The History Boys If you like teenage boys and Tony Award winning plays. The Actors Group, Jos. P. Mendoca Bldg., 1116 Smith St., 2nd Fl.: Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays, 7:30PM; Sundays, 2 & 5:30PM. Through 10/26. \$14-\$16. taghawaii.net, 722-6941

Le Masquerade: "The Dream" Lost actors perform a scene from Honolulu Theatre for Youth's production of A Midsummer Night's Dream. You also get to enjoy a Celtic harpist, singers from HEARTS music ensemble, Convergence Dance Theatre, fortune tellers, dream interpreters, magicians, tarot card readers, The Saloon Pilots and an English feast. Call 457-4255. Koʻolau Grand Ballroom (Koʻolau Golf Course), 45-550 Kionaole Rd., Kāne'ohe: Sat 10/25, (6-10рм.) \$195. 235-2745

**Wiss Saigon** Asians playing Asians. A rare theater occurrence. Visit etickethawaii.com. Palikū Theatre, Windward Community College: Fridays & Saturdays, 7:30PM; Sundays, 2PM. Additional performances Wed 10/22 & 10/29, 7:30рм. \$20-\$30. 235-7433

Pay Attention: A Life in Hollywood on the Rocks with a Twist A one-man show following a New York performance artist going into the world of Hollywood, only to open up a world of self-destruction. Your typical Hollywood experience. Visit honoluluboxoffice.com or call 550-8457. Academy of Film & Television, 1174 Waimanu St., Suite A: Show runs Fridays & Saturdays through 10/25, (8PM.) \$15. americanfilmactor.com, 596-8300

Saman Dance from Aceh The troupe performs traditional dances from Aceh, Indonesia and Sumatra. honoluluboxoffice.com, 550-8457. Imin Center, Jefferson Hall, East-West Center, UH-Mānoa: Thu 10/23, (8рм.) \$12-\$15. **Witio Venia—A Halloween Dark Night** Production (See Hot Picks, page 8.) The Actors Group, Jos. P. Mendoca Bldg., 1116 Smith St.,

2nd Fl.: Tue 10/28-Sat 11/1, (7:30рм.) \$10 at the door. taghawaii.net, 722-6941

#### Auditions

Mainland Education Director James Nakamoto seeks five actors for Scot Izuka's romantic comedy at Kumu Kahua: Asians and Caucasians, 20s-early 30s. Call 536-4222. Academy of Film & Television, 1174 Waimanu St., Suite A: Sat 10/25, 11AM-2PM; Sun 10/26, 6-9PM. americanfilmactor.com, 596-8300

### Museums

Bishop Museum 1525 Bernice St. Open daily 9AM-5PM. \$15.95 adults; \$12.95 youth ages 4-12; under 4 free. bishopmuseum.org, 847-3511

Megladon: Largest Shark That Ever Lived Giant. Sharks. Pre-historic style. Through 1/11/09.

The Contemporary Museum 2411 Makiki Heights Dr. Open Tue-Sat, 10AM-4PM; Sun, noon-4PM. \$5 adults; \$3 students/seniors (free on third Thursdays). tcmhi.org, 526-1322

BenchMark 20 artists have utlized materials to create their interpretation of a garden bench. Through 10/26.

Free Admission Free admission to the museum through October; twenty-somethings get in for free from October through September of 2009. Free cake (while it lasts) on Wed 10/22!

The Contemporary Cafe 2411 Makiki Heights Dr. Tue-Sat, 11:30AM-2:30PM; Sun, пооп-2:30рм. 526-1322 The Contemporary Museum at First

Hawaiian Center 999 Bishop St. Open Mon-Thu, 8:30AM-4PM; Fri, 8:30AM-6PM. Validated parking; enter on Merchant St. 526-1322

Hawai'i State Art Museum No. 1 Capitol District Building, 250 S. Hotel St., 2nd Fl. Open Tue-Sat, 10AM-4PM. Free. 586-0900 Honolulu Academy of Arts 900 S. Beretania St. Open Tue-Sat, 10AM-4:30PM; Sun, 1-5PM. \$10 general, \$5 seniors/military/students; free for kids 12 & under and museum members. honoluluacademy.org, 532-8700 Earth and Sky: Chinese Textiles from

the Academy's Collection at the Honolulu Academy of Arts Includes wolf fur-lined Qing Dynasty robes. Through 11/16.

Literati Modern: Bunjinga from Late-Edo to Twentieth-century Japan, The Terry Welch Collection The HAA acquired the collection of noted Seattle landscape designer Terry Welch in 2005. The modern Japanese paintings in the collection's public debut are stunning. Through 11/9.

'Iolani Palace The palace is the only official residence of royalty in the United States. King Kalākaua built the palace in 1882 to enhance the prestige of Hawai'i overseas and to mark Hawai'i's status as a modern nation. Corner of King & Richards Sts.: Guided tours: Tue-Sat, 9-11:15AM, \$20 adults, \$15 kama'āina, \$5 children (under 5 years not admitted). Audio tours available 11:45AM-3PM, \$13 adults; \$6 children. Galleries open: Tue-Sat; 9AM-4:30PM. \$6 adults; \$3 kids. Free admission to island residents with ID on Kama'āina Sundays (the first Sunday of each month). iolanipalace.org, 522-0832

Mission Houses Museum Step into 19th century Hawai'i when you visit the original homes of the first missionaries to the Islands. Learn about the challenges they faced, the struggles they endured and the legacies they left behind, such as the development of a written language, the printing of books in the Hawaiian language and Western-style schools. 533 S. King St. Open Tue-Sat, 10AM-4PM; closed Sun. Tours available at 11AM & 2:45PM. \$6-\$10; 50% kama'āina discount on lást Saturday of each month. missionhouses.org, 531-0481

Queen Emma Summer Palace Revel in Hawaiian history and American architecture from the Victorian period at the summer retreat. 2913 Pali Hwy.: Daily, 9АМ-4РМ. \$1-\$6. daughtersofhawaii.org, 595-6291

### Galleries

#### Opening

**5th Annual Juried Open Pastel Exhibi**tion Presented by the Pastel Artists of Hawai'i. Runs 10/25-11/21. Pauahi Tower, 1001 Bishop St.: pahinfo1@pastelartistsofhawaii.com.

Flux: A Glass Exhibition -A display of student work. Through 10/24. Commons Gallerv, UH-Mānoa: 956-5258

Louis Pohl Revealed: Artwork from the Estate Collection Through 11/14. Reception Fri 11/7, 2008 5-9PM. Louis Pohl Gal-

lery, 1111 Nu'uanu Ave.: 521-1812 **Nostalgia** Impressionistic paintings by Warren Stenberg. Runs 10/22–11/30. Morning Brew, 572 Kailua Rd.: 754-1274

#### Continuing

4th Annual Plein Air Painters Exhibit Through 11/9. Honolulu Country Club, 1690 Ala Pu'umalu St.: 469-0183

41st Annual Statewide Juried Exhibition Through 10/31. Honolulu Academy Art Center at Linekona, 11:1 Victoria St.: 532-8741 Ancient Customs, Ancient Stories: Lampung Ceremonial Textiles Through 10/31. Hamilton Library Bridge Gallery, UH-Manoa, 2550 McCarthy Mall: 956-7214

The Beauty of Chigiri-e Through 11/21. The Laser Eye Center of Hawai'i Art of Vision Center. 1600 Kapi'olani Blvd.: 946-6000 Bethel Street Gallery 6th Anniversary Sale

happening until 10/31. Bethel Street Gallery, 1140 Bethel St.: 524-3552 Dina D'Argo Through 10/31. Kim Taylor

Reece Gallery, 1142 Bethel St.: 546-1144 Extraterrestrials! Through 10/31. Art Board and Pygoya Gallery, 1170 Nu'uanu Ave.: 536-0121

**Field of Flowers: Mughal Carpets and** Treasures Through 12/31. East-West Center Gallery, 1601 East-West Rd.: 944-7177 A Fine Summer's End Through 10/30. The Gallery at Ward Centre, 1200 Ala Moana Blvd.: 597-8034

The Forest Series Through 11/14. Hawai'i Pacific University Art Gallery, 45-045 Kamehameha Hwy.: 544-0287

GiRL FeST Gallery: Freedom First Through 11/22. Official gallery reception party on Fri 10/24, 6-9PM. The ARTS at Marks Garage, 1159 Nu'uanu Ave.: 521-2903

Having Fun with My Friends and Family Through April 2009. Hawai'i Convention Center, 1801 Kalākaua Ave.: 943-3500

Hawai'i Watercolor 46th Open Show Through 10/25. Pauahi Tower, corner of King and Bishop Sts.: hawaiiwatercolorsociety.org Hula by the Sea Through 10/31. Ko'olau Gallery, Mānoa Marketplace: 988-4147 It's About Time Through 10/30. The Gallery at Ward Centre, 1200 Ala Moana Blvd.: 597-8034

Kaimuki Portfolio Through 12/3. town, 3435 Wai'alae Ave.: 735-5900

Kent Ghirard Collection Through 11/6. Honolulu Hale, 530 S. King St.: 247-9440 Killer Red Ants Through 11/15. Reception Fri 11/7. Chinatown Boardroom, 1160 Nu'uanu Ave.: 585-7200

Kim Taylor Reece Ongoing. Kim Taylor Reece Gallery, 1142 Bethel St.: 546-1144 Legacy Exhibit Through 11/30. Ho'omaluhia Botanical Gardens, 45-680 Luluku Rd.: 233-7323

Liminal Through 11/26. Reception Fri 11/7, 5-9PM. Artist talk Sat 11/8, 2PM. Nu'uanu Gallery, 1161 Nu'uanu Ave.: 536-9828

Local Motives Through 11/14. Koa Gallery, Kapi'olani Community College courtyard, 4303 Diamond Head Rd.: 734-9374

Nā Manu o Kēia 'Āina Through 11/2. Second Floor at Cedar Street Galleries, 817 Cedar St.: 589-1580

Palolo Kids and Friends Downtown, Hawai'i State Art Museum, No. 1 Capitol District Building, 250 S. Hotel St., 2nd Fl.: 586-0900

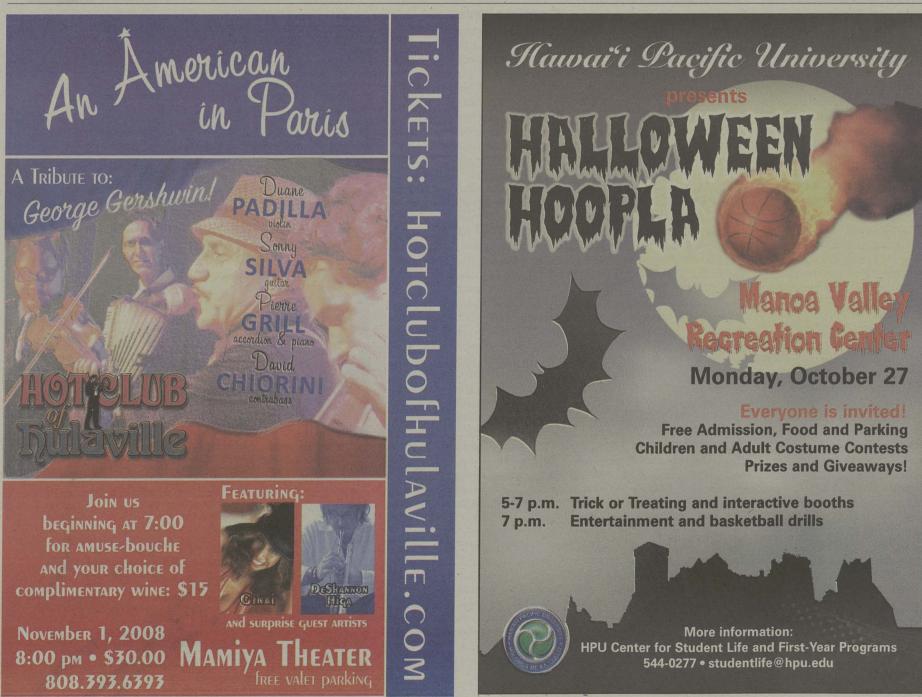
Project Ignition Through 10/24. Pearlridge Center, 989-1005 Moanalua Rd.: 536-5507 Runs 10/27-11/7 at the Hawai'i State Public Library, 478 S. King St.: 586-3500

**Quilts: A Contemporary Celebration** Extended through 11/14. Honolulu Hale, 530 S. King St.: 768-6622

Singgalot: The Ties that Bind Celebrating the legacy of Filipino Americans in honor of the 100th anniversary of Filipino immigration to the U.S. October is Filipino-American History Month. Through 10/25. Hawai'i State Library, 478 S. King St.: 956-7348

Textile Society of America Through 10/31. Gallery on the Pali, First Unitarian Church of Honolulu, 2500 Pali Hwy.: 595-4047

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# An ink and paper fusion of nature and culture Japanese literati

Art



Yokoi Kinkoku, "Drawing Pure Spring Water to Compare Tea."

#### MARCIA MORSE

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n a circular mat, surrounded by embracing rocks and pine trees, three men relax, enjoy-

ing erudite and companionable conversation, awaiting the refreshment being brought down the path by their attendants. Rendered in soft tones of gray and black, touched with delicate passages of color, Yokoi Kinkoku's "Drawing Pure Spring Water to Compare Tea" captures the quintessence of the Japanese literati, a distinctive cultural class that developed in the 18th century and continued into the early 20th century. Based on an earlier Chinese model, the literati of Japan were scholars and civil servantsamateurs in the true sense of the word, in contrast to official court painters, who also cultivated the art of the brush in calligraphy and painting, using these skills both to experience and to express the pleasures of a community of like-minded aesthetes. The literati engaged, as the title of a work by Masuyama Sessai suggests, in "pure conversation among green mountains."

Literati Modern: Bunjinga from Late Edo to Twentieth-Century Japan, The Terry Welch Collection at the Honolulu Academy of Arts includes 83 paintings, calligraphies and ceramics by 60 artists. The collection embraces a substantial range of vision, from works closely aligned with traditional schools of brush painting to those that clearly manifest the influences of western modernity sensitively integrated into the medium of ink on paper. The exhibition, like the collection, is organized by four themes: Literati pursuits (like the scene depicted in Yokoi's sixpanel screen); Plants and animals (including Tsuji Kako's serene and elegant "Cranes" as well as Hirai Baisen's "Plum in Snow/Rising Sun"—a bold triptych that seems to embody the extremes of cultural

and political temperament.) The exhibition also includes several works that prominently feature human figures, including an album by Fujimoto Tesseki depicting "The Pleasures of the Literati Life"

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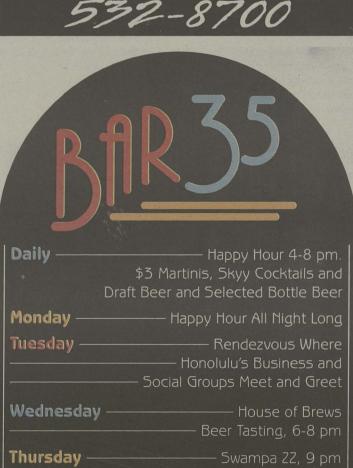
Doi Goga's wonderfully eccentric "Screens of Human Figures and Bamboo," which suggests a strange sort of family resemblance between human and plant forms, aligned by means of the language of brush-strokes.

The theme of landscape (nature writ large, as distinct from close studies of individual plant forms) dominates the exhibition, revealed both in panoramas that unfold horizontally in visual journeys and in vertical hanging scrolls that reinforce a powerful sense of environmental hierarchy, one that draws the eye and spirit inexorably upward. The vision may be intimate, as in Ike Gyokuraa's "Willows on the Riverbank," or as overwhelmingly grand as Baisen's "Mountains in China." This theme is also addressed in a broad range of styles: one might be drawn to Tanomura Chokunyu's "Landscape in the Style of Wang Meng" (in which the folds of green rocks and hills seem to writhe) or to Kondo Koichiro's more austere "Rocky Seashore" (in which dark-winged birds ply jagged rocks, a strong counterpoint to the pale serenity of the sun above.)

A love of nature and a desire to create a kind of fusion of nature and culture is everywhere evident—sometimes expressed in the juxtaposition of image and text, sometimes imagined in the appearance of figures within the landscape making their way, and finding their place. There is also a strong intimation that not only must one be rightfully situated, but also that one must learn to be small in the world, to appreciate the still point of simplicity that refreshes both body and mind.



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#### WHAT WE'RE INTO

## Movie sign!

(Note: To the tune of the original Mystery Science Theater 3000 theme song)

n the not too distant future (next Tuesday, actually) A certain cult hit show marks its 20th anniversary If you've never seen it, well, it's a hoot. But it was misunderstood by the network suits

#### **MUSIC REVIEW ALL FOR ONE Del Beazley**



They won awards, even the cable Ace They even made a feature movie, one of last shows helmed by Trace

They mocked stupid movies-the Roger Corman kind (ha ha ha) From Pod People to Devil Doll, the humor was sublime (ha ha ha) It's hard to imagine wanting to view The Beginning of the End (ha ha ha) But Joel and Mike kept

it palatable with the help of their robot friends The names of who are: Cambot! Gypsy! Tom Servo! Crow!

If you think it's a show for



Angel", a lullaby written for Beazley's granddaughter, seems to be a strange fit, probably because it's the only song in English. It is nevertheless an inspired geeks and dweebs that deserved two networks' axe (ha ha ha) Then obviously you weren't

**CITY WISE** 

in the know, and your tastes in shows are whack. Yay, Mystery Science Theater 3000!

Those who watched Mystery Science Theater 3000 (or MST3K) when it was on the air between 1988 and 1999, knew that it was a show too weird to succeed on cable TV yet too rare to die. So we watched, adjusting our schedules to the most ridiculous airtimes imaginable (Saturday morning at 8? Really?) in a time before Tivo. We formed networks to trade tapes so that we could see episodes we had missed. And when Comedy Central announced the cancellation of the show due to poor ratings (8AM on a Saturday? And you're surprised?), the outcry and subsequent petition drive was so mighty, MST3K found themselves picked up by the Sci-Fi Channel almost immediately. But of course, not knowing what to do with a twohour show, they placed the series in a time slot nearly impossible to catch, especially if one had a penchant for booze the night before.

Rhino Entertainment, specializing in nostalgia packages, recognized MST3K's fan base before the show went off the air, and managed to release certain episodes on VHS and later on DVD. But it was never an easy process for Rhino. MST3K typically acquired movies with expired copyrights, and when the riffing they took made them hot commodities, the producers tried to gain a couple more dollars than the films originally had earned. Other producers were reluctant to allow their products to be released tainted by the commentary, the

tune, and he should consider making a children's record on the same lines.

Production wise, there are no surprises or perks, as all the tracks start and play on through with little to no instrumental development aside from an occasional solo. The engineering on "God Sent an Angel," clearly the strongest sounding song on the record, is full and well balanced with Beazley's voice being treated with the sensitive mastery a singer requires. Unfortunately, a critical listener's ears will need an adjustment in volume and equalization to create the feel of a sonically cohesive record. A mastering engineer would have been a good choice to factor into the production

most notorious among them being Sandy Frank who was reportedly offended by the riffing of his movies (Time of the Apes and Humanoid Woman). The result: the length of the show and problems with rights made MST3k impossible to package properly for fans.

However, Rhino did its best, moving into the boxed set realm in 2002 and releasing four films in a single set. But they also rereleased several titles previously available, which brought the ire of fans who had already shelled out for the earlier version. Worse, no less than four times, Rhino released titles that had to be recalled due to licensing issues, forcing the price of the recalled episodes up into the hundreds of dollars at auction sites.

Now, Shout! Factory, responsible for the great DVD sets of shows such as Home Movies and Freaks and Geeks, has taken the distribution helm, just in time for the MST3K's 20th anniversary. Their limited edition collection features four fan-picked favorites, lobby cards with original art, and a figurine of Crow T. Robot. Extras include a three-part history of the show hosted by all former major cast members and a reunion panel at the 2008 Comic-Con, where they all give the same answers as the history, only with better delivery. It's a present for fans by people who are obviously fans themselves. One only hopes we don't have to wait another 20 years for the next set. —Dean Carrico

Mystery Science Theater 3000: 20th Anniversary Edition, \$69.99, shoutfactory.com.

budget to solve this issue, especially since the record was credited to be recorded and mixed by multiple engineers. Overall the record delivers the message the title suggest, and if you believe, than this album needs to grace your record collection. -Shawn Livingston

A nationally ranked concert pianist and founder of reggae band Dread Ashanti, Shawn Livingston has worked as a producer and engineer on over 100 records over the past 20 years. Credits include Ken Makuakane, Mike Keale, Ho'aikane, and Dave Matthews. More information on the artist can be found at shawnlivingston.com

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Twists and Turns: Contemporary Textiles in Hawai'i Today Through 10/30. The Exhibit Space at 1132 Bishop St.: 599-5009 Wide Hawai'i Through 10/30. Canon Photo Gallery, 210 Ward Ave.: 522-5930 Writing with Thread: Traditional Textiles of Southwest Chinese Minorities Through 11/30. UH–Mānoa Art Gallery, 2535 McCarthy Mall: 956-6888

### Words

**An Evening with Tinfish Press** Tinfish Press releases 18.5, a new interactive word game and puzzle book in collaboration with local artists. Visit tinfishpress.com. Art Building Auditorium, UH-Mānoa: Sun 10/26, (6:15PM.)

Bones Nyla Fuji-Babb and Yuie Shiroma perform Bones, a darkly humorous exploration in dance, music and story inspired by the mystique of ancient human bones. Visit librarieshawaii. org or call 831-6877. At various libraries: Wed 10/22, 2:30PM, Hawai'i State Library; Sat 10/25, 11AM, 'Aina Haina; Sun 10/26, 2PM, Kaimuki. Flippin' on Poetry The last event celebrating Filipino American Heritage Month. Enjoy a poetry reading on Filipino history and pride. Refreshments afterward in the courtyard. Call 728-4620. Hawai'i State Public Library, 478 S. King St.: Sat 10/25, (2PM.) 586-3500

Hawaiian Family Album Author Matthew Kaopio presents his grandmothers once-forbidden stories, each accompanied by a mouth-brush painting. Native Books/Nā Mea Hawai'i (Ward Warehouse). Sat 10/25, (6PM.) Free. 596-8885 The Lucifer Effect: How Good People Tum Evil Hear from famed psychologist Philip Zimbardo (of the Stanford Prison Experiment) on his new book. UH School of Business, A-101. E-mail revolutionbks@yahoo. com. Thu 10/23, (6PM.) Free.

Macbeth, Live and in Context! Actors from the Kennedy Theatre perform scenes from the play. Another series of performances in celebration of Teen Read Week. Visit librarieshawaii. org. Hawai'i Kai Public Library, 249 Lunalilo Home Rd.: Wed 10/22, (10:30AM.) 397-5833 Obake Odyssey: Ghost Stories in Hawai'i and Beyond Some of the state's best storytellers such as Kathy Collins, Jeff Gere, Cathy Spagnoli and Lopaka Kapanui, give you chicken skin. Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i, 2454 South Beretania St.: Sun 10/26, (6–8:30PM.) \$3 non-members; free for JCCH members. jcch.com, 945-7633

**Shakespeare on Sunday** The bard aficionados read *Titus Andronicus*. Call 394-5317 for details. *Academy of Film & Television*, 1174 Waimanu St., Suite A: Sun 10/26, (7PM.) Free. americanfilmactor.com, 596-8300

### Learning

**Conversation with People of Ethnic Diversity** Who knows what will ensue...Dr. Arthur Johnson from Tripler Army Medical Center conducts a panel discussion previous to the dialog session. Call 597-1341. *Mililani High School Cafeteria*, 95-1200 Meheula Prkwy.: Sat 10/25, (8:30–11AM.)

Declining Palila Populations Learn about the endemic and endangered finch-billed honeycreeper found only on the slopes of Mauna Kea. 528-1432. St. John Hall, UH-Mānoa campus, 3190 Maile Way: Mon 10/27, (6:45PM.) Free. Indigenous Media in a Digital Age: What Does the Future Hold? NYU Anthropology Professor Fay Ginsburg presents this fascinating lecture. E-mail anthprog@hawaii. edu. Architecture Building, Room 205, UH-Mānoa campus: Thu 10/23. (3PM.) Free. **BOO-gie Town: Halloween Costume Disco Party** Besides the disco, you'll also get to enjoy a bubble machine, music toys, souvenir photos in costume, lunch, mask making and other arts and crafts. Visit bbtots.com or call 256-9002. *The O Lounge*, 1349 Kapi'olani Blvd. (old China House): Sun 10/26, (10AM–2FM.) \$15 pre-sale; \$20 door. Non-walking Infants are free.

**Easter Seals Hawai'i 9th Annual Haunted House** The house has both spooky surprises and activities for the younger ones and those faint of heart. Call if interested in volunteering. *Easter Seals Hawai'i Adult Day Center*, 91-1251 Renton Rd.: Fri 10/24 & Sat 10/25, (6– 11PM.) \$5. eastersealshawaii.org, 681-0747 **Family Fun Fest** Bring the family for inter-

active games, crafts, face painting, shave ice, popcorn and bouncy castles (though probably not after the shave ice and popcorn). The theme is "Blast from the Past." Dress old school—any school you like. Call 677-3992 or 206-1398. Bethel Chapel, 94-371 Ana Lane: Sat 10/25, (5:30PM.) 251-7823

**Family Hike** Bring the family and hike to Kalahe'e Ridge. Bring a snack, insect repellent, sun screen and water. Wear closed-toe shoes. Participants must be at least 7 years old. *Waimea Valley*. Sat 10/25, (8:30AM.) waimeavalley.net, 638-7766

Halloween Costume Parade If the kids want to wear their costumes multiple times, help them get their ya-yas out with this early parade, which doubles as a trick-or-treating adventure, as well. *Market City Shopping Center*, Corner of Kapi'olani Blvd. & Kapahulu Ave.: Sat 10/25, (6PM.) 734-0282

Halloween Extravaganza Get your face painted, hear chicken skin tales and enter pumpkin carving contests. *Kahuku Public & School Library*, 56-490 Kamehameha Hwy.: Tue 10/28, (6PM.) Free. 293-9275

Haunted Hay Ride The haunted hay ride promises to be extra scary this year. Not meant for very young children. *Gunstock Ranch*, La<sup>t</sup>ie: Runs Mon 10/27-Fri 10/31, (7-10PM.) \$5. gunstockranch.com

Haunted Lagoon Ride Maybe you'll catch a glimpse of the La'ie Lady—the lady in white on this spooky ride. *Polynesian Cultural Center*, 55-370 Kamehameha Hwy, Lā'ie: Runs Fri 10/24–Fri 10/31, (6:30–9PM.) \$8 ages 16 and up; \$5 keiki 5–15. 239-2911

Haunted Village Enjoy the usual Palikū Players on stilts; the "Nightwalk" show, and the new "It's Alive! The Return of Famous Monsters from Filmland" presentation by supernatural folklore expert Steve Fredrick, *Imaginarium*, Windward Community College; Fri 10/24, (6-8:30PM.) Free. 236-9169 Hawai'i H.O.M.E. Project Halloween Carnival A carnival for the shelter's keiki. Donations for the carnival accepted through Fri 10/24 at the John A. Burns School of Medicine Education Building at UH. E-mail háwaiihomeproject.uh@gmail.com or call 223-8859. Pai'olu

Ka'ialu Shelter, Wai'anae: Sat 10/25. Free. Kailua Town Halloween Treat Street Pumpkin picking, crafts and games, face painting, balloon sculptures, live entertainment, food booths, a costume contest and a parade. Visit kaneoheranch.com or call 234-0404. Sat 10/25, (4–9PM.) Free.

**Shockhouse!** (See Hot Picks, page 8.) Visit ticketmaster.com or call (877) 750-4400. *Blaisdell Mansion*, 777 Ward Ave.: Thu 10/23, Fri 10/24 & Sat 10/25, 6PM-12AM; Wed 10/29, 5–10PM; Thu 10/30, 5p,–1AM; Fri 10/31, 4PM-1AM; Sat 11/1, 5PM-12AM. \$7.50 advance; \$10 door; keiki 5 & under free. 591-2211

Silly Spooky Dance Party Costumes encouraged at this movin' and groovin' keiki partaaay. *The Dance Space*, 2615 S. King St, Ste. B310: Sat 10/25, (6PM.) 542-9442

### Hikes & Excursions

**Audubon Society Field Trip** Expert birders lead you in the viewing of endangered waterbirds and other migratory fowl at one of O'ahu's few remaining wetlands. E-mail hiaudsoc@pixi. com or call 528-1432. *James Campbell National Wildlife Refuge*, 66-590 Kamehameha Hwy:: Sat 10/25, (8:30AM.) 637-6330

Barack Obama's Local Neighborhood This non-politically affiliated tour, led by the Clean Air Team, explores sites in the Pāwa'a and Makiki districts of Barack Obama's youth. Call 948-3299. Central Union Church, 1660 S. Beretania: Wednesdays through 10/29, (1PM.) Any donations accepted. 941-0957

**The Heart of Honolulu** All the major historic sites in the civic center district are included in this 1-mile walk. Presented by The Clean Air Team. *Meet at Damien statue*, State Capitol: Fri 10/24, (9AM-12PM.) Free. 948-3299

**Honolulu Ghost Tours** Do you live in a monster house? Is your street haunted? Find out with one of six themed walks. Various tours available. Check website for details. \$65. honolulughosttours.com, 699-4940

Jungle Hike to Jackass Ginger Waterfall Walk along the Old Pali Road, hike up the Judd Trail and descend to the waterfall with the Clean Air Team and the Program to Preserve Hawaiian Place Names. *Meet at Damien statue*, State Capitol: Every last Sat; 10/25, (9AM-12PM.) \$10 plus two city bus fares (or use a pass). 948-3299

Nu'uanu Take a woodsy walk, a 4-mile, intermediate-level hike with the Hawaiian Trail & Mountain Club. 'Iolani Palace Grounds. Sat 10/25, (8AM.) \$2 nonmembers. 263-8330 The Royal Mausoleum & Two Asian Tem-

**ples** The walk is less than a mile but all participants need to pay for two city bus fares (or use a bus pass) for this educational tour. *Meet at Damien statue*, State Capitol: Last Fridays; 10/24, (1-4PM.) \$10 plus two city bus fares, (or use a pass). 948-3299

Uncle Steve's Honolulu Ghost Tour Take a one-and-a-half-hour walk to haunted sites and mystical places in downtown Honolulu and Chinatown. Visit stevestoursandfilms. vpweb.com or call 395-0674. Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays, 7:30PM. Meet in the Capitol District.

### Food & Drink

**Canned Goods Drive for Hawai'i Food Bank** The season of giving begins. Bring in non-perishable canend goods to participatig WarJ Centers merchants. Visit wardcenters. com for details. *Ward Centre*, 1200 Ala Moana: Through 10/31.

Murder Mystery Dinner The show this year is "The Glitch that Stole Christmas." Try not to get distracted by visions of playing skee ball upstairs. Visit myspace.com/murdermysteryplayers. Dave & Buster's, 1030 Auahi St.: Saturdays 10/25, 11/15, 11/29, (7PM.) \$36.95. 589-2215

**Oktoberfest Beer Dinner** Sam Adams beers are the theme of this dinner. Experience pairings such as grilled Angus tri-tip steak with Sam Adams Black Lager and white peach pie with Coffee Stout and Blackberry Wheat. E-mail hawaiibeerevents@yahoo.com. The Willows, 901 Hausten St.: Fri 10/24, (6PM.) \$65; \$55 for Willows' Beer Club members. 952-9200

Winez & Grindz Dinner Chef Robert Urquidi prepares an upscale menu with local and Latin American influences, such as Kalua Pig Pupusas and Kabocha Pumpkin Tea Cakes. Call 945-6573 to reserve. *Alan Wong's Pineapple Room*, Macy's, Ala Moana: Wed 10/29, (5PM.) \$65; \$90 with wines. Fashion Cinema A cinematic experience of fashion, music and dance to benefit the Life Foundation. macys.com/passport. Dole Cannery Theaters, 735 Iwilei Rd.: Thu 10/23, (8PM.) \$25.

**Testival of Resistance** Learn something, get active, expose the Bush. Join hundreds of others for a day of talks, poetry, games, displays and music. worldcantwaithawaii@yahoo.com. UH-Mānoa. Fri 10/24, (10AM-whenever.)

Halloween Cat Show Contests include Top Halloween Cat and Best Decorated Cage. LoL I can has cheezburger? *McCoy Pavilion*, Ala Moana Beach Park: Sat 10/25, (10AM-4PM.) \$4 adults; \$2 keiki/seniors. 261-4354

Hale'iwa Art Walk Galleries, shops and restaurants open late. Enjoy artist demos and live entertainment. gonorthshore.org, 637-4558. Hale'iwa. Last Saturdays: 10/25, (6–9PM.) **\*Mactoberfest and Hawai'i Geek Week** Mactoberfest (not associated with playas or playa hatas) features activities during Geek Week. hawaiigeekweek.org. Through 10/25. **Suicide Prevention Workshops** Learn the warning signs and preventive measures that just might help save a life. Registration required in advance at hawaii.gov/health, or call 733-9238 or 733-9820. Hawai'i Tokai International College, 2241 Kapi'olani Blvd.: Wed 10/23 & Thu 10/24, (7:30AM-4:30PM.) \$65. 734-9256

**Threads of Hope Gala** Join the Hawai'i Fashion Incubator for a multi-media artwork showcase inspired by the UH costume collection and Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Booze, pūpū and silent auction included. Visit hawaiifasion.org/events. *Aloha Tower Marketplace*, 1 Aloha Tower Dr.: Thu 10/23, (6PM.) \$10. alohatower.com, 528-5700

Trash & Treasure Fundraiser Fair Temari's annual fundraiser feataures artsy wares for shopping splendor from artists who must be invited to include their work. Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i, 2454 South Beretania St.: Sun 10/26, (9AM-2PM.) jcch.com, 945-7633 Trick or Trees The annual Outdoor Circle fundraiser includes live music, silent auction, dinner and costume contest. Call 593-0300. Elks Club, 2933 Kalākaua Ave.: Sat 10/25, (5:30PM cocktails & silent auction; 7PM dinner & dancing.) \$175. 593-0300

Wiki Wiki One Day Vintage Collectibles & Hawaiiana Show This show's theme is The Recycle Re-use Money Wise Show. 90 vendors from Hawai'i and the mainland sell strictly vintage collectibles. Call 941-9754. Blaisdell Center Hawai'i Suites, 777 Ward Ave.: Sun 10/26, (10:30AM-4:30PM.) \$15 early entry at 9am; \$4 general; \$2 ages 7–11.

### Sports

#### Hawai'i Harlequins Rugby Football Club

**Tournament** Games on 10/24 begin in a round-robin format, ending at sunset. Pub crawl to follow, starting at 7:30PM at Eastside Grill. Sat 10/25's post games-party is at Lulu's. Visit hhrfc.org for details. *Kapi'olani Community College*, 4303 Diamond Head Rd.: Fri 10/24, 12–6PM; Sat 10/25, 8:30AM–4PM.

Hawai'i Lacrosse Invitational Tournament Men's and Women's games including Championship matches throughout the weekend, along with a youth clinic presented by professional players. See hawaiilacrosse.com for details. Kapi'olani Park. Fri 10/24-Sun 10/26. Free. Hawai'i Winter Baseball Play ball! Professional baseball returns to the Islands. Visit hawaiiwinterbaseball.com for schedule. Hans L'Orange Field and Les Murakami Stadium. Honolulu Polo Club Make pony and enjoy a beautiful day in the countryside: ponies, snacks, crafts, T-shirts chukkers and back shots. Waimānalo Polo Field, Kalanianaole Hwy.: Every Sunday through 10/26, (1PM gates; 2:30PM start.) \$3 per person; keiki under 12 & military families free. 396-0494 Relay for Life The last run of the year for the American Cancer Society. Visit events. cancer.org/rflwaimeahi or call 334-0010. Waimea Park, North Shore: Sat 10/25-Sun 10/26, (6PM-6AM.) Vote for Change: Obama Bike Rally How does biking help Obama? Dunno, but ride from UH to the Capitol to Kaka'ako Park, where art, barbecues and music abound from Black Square, Jesse Atomic, Sebastian Hughes, Omega Six, Angry Woebots, Jeff Nisbet, Ground UP artists and The HAC. Visit barackobama.com or call 351-9812. Campus Center, UH-Mānoa: Sat 10/25, (12PM.) Weightlifting Competition Team Hawai'i definitely directs you to the gun show. Or maybe it's guns show. Ward Warehouse Amphitheater, 1050 Ala Moana Blvd.: Sat 10/25, (3-5PM.)

Gay

**Blazing Saddles** The GLBT Western dance club meets every week. blazingsaddleshi.org. *Ala Wai Golf Course Ballroom*, 404 Kapahulu Ave.: Tuesdays, (6:30–9:30PM.) Free. 941-4769 **Coronation No. XXVII** End the three-day celebration with the crowning of the new Emperor and Empress of the Imperial Court. Call 623-9626. *Hawai'i Convention Center*, 1801 Kalākaua Ave.: Sat 10/25, (5:30PM.) \$60.

**The Hollow Queen Party** Bust out those leather chaps again. Blazing Saddles presents the annual event with prizese for the scariest, sexiest and most outrageous costumes. Visit blazingsaddlesHI.org. *Ala Wai Golf Course Ballroom*, 404 Kapahulu Ave.: Tue 10/28, (6:30PML)

**Lesbian Surf and Play Day** Easy (haha) waves to learn on. Call 953-5135 for lessons and board rentals. Call 259-8453 for info. *White Plains*. Sundays, (11AM.)

Lesbian/Bi/Straight Book Club The October book is *Eat*, *Pray*, *Love* by Melissa Gilbert, Call 265-6551. Fourth Wednesdays, (6:30PM.)

**LikeHike** Do the Tom-Tom Trail up a steep ridge. Remember the sunscreen and water. Email kenzen@hawaii.rr.com or call 551-4142. Sun 10/26, (9AM-3:30PM.)

**Out of Towners Show** Enjoy a production as part of the Imperial Court Coronation celebration. *Fusion Waikīkī*, 2260 Kūhiō Ave.: Thu 10/23, (6PM.) 924-2422

**Rocky Horror Picture Show Sing Along** The cult classic comes to Tapa's. Belt out along with the film without fear of getting toast thrown in your face. *Tapa's*, 407 Seaside Ave., 2nd Fl.: Thu 10/23, (10PM.) 921-2288

Trick or Treat Hawai'i 2008 Win prizes for the largest amount collected to benefit The Milton Lau Scholarship Fund at the UH–Mānoa School of Nursing and UNICEF. Pick up boxes at Fusion. turnabout2008@yahoo.com or call 942-4860. Fusion Waikiki, 2260 Kūhiō Ave.: Donations collected 10/22–10/26. 924-2422

### Mixed Media

Aloha Shorts Author Cedric Yamanaka hosts this weekly show, which features local actors reading works by local authors. *KIPO* 89.3 FM. Every Tue, (6:30PM.) 955-8821

**Hawai'i's Reel Stories** The local show is now available to view online. Visit oc16tv. com. *Oceanic Cable, Channel 16*. Thursdays, (8:30PM.)

**Monday Night Live** Hear the bands that don't get the airplay they deserve. This week's show features Miss Buddha (punk). *KTUH*, 90.3 FM Honolulu, 91.3 FM North Shore, 89.9 Windward: Mon 10/27, (10PM.) 956-5288 **NPR Election Coverage** The third pre-

general debate. KHPR 88.1 FM. Tue 10/28, (7PM.) 955-8821

**On Politics** A new call-in discussion program with HPR Talk Show Executive Producer Beth Ann Kozlovich and Political Reporter Wayne Yoshioka. *KIPO 89.3*. Tuesdays, (SPM.) 955-8821 -

**Talk Story Radio** Jeff Gere's long-running program featuring the tales and tellers of Hawai'i and the Pacific Rim now available as a downloadable podcast! Set your browser to feeds.feedburner.com/TalkStoryRadio.

### **Submissions**

"The Scene" provides groups and individuals with free listings of community events, activities and entertainment. Submissions must include the following: • Date and time:

Island in Space: The STS-122 Space Shuttle Mission to the International Space Station A special public talk and publication by Astronaut Stanley G. Love. Without the special sauce. 956-3151. UH-Mānoa. Tue 10/28, (7:30PM.) Free.

Yo-Yo Fabric Coaster Participate in the resurgence of fabric-covered bottle caps. Windward Community College. Sat 10/25, (8:15AM-12:15PM.) \$40 plus \$6 lab fee. 235-7433

### Keiki & 'Ohana

A Halloween Program See a modern verison of *Cinderella* performed by the Pearl City High School Drama Class. *Pearl City Public Library*, 1138 Waimano Home Rd.: Tue 10/28, (3:30PM.) Free. 453-6566

### Botanical

**Growing Native Hawaiian Plants** Discover how to grow Native Hawaiian plants in your own backyard. Take home your own plant. Reservations required. Call 638-7766. *Waimea Valley Audubon Center*. Sat 10/25, (9AM-12PM.) \$5 plus admission. 638-9199 **The Secrets of Plant Propogation** Learn basic techniques by use of cuttings, divisions and airlayers. Call 621-5463. *Wahiawā Botanical Garden*, 1396 California Ave., Wahiawā: Fri 10/24, (9AM.)

Worm Composting Workshop Recycle with earthworms—learn to vermicompost! Fee includes mini-bin, starter colony of worms and owner's manual. E-mail waikikiworm@hawaii. rr.com or call 382-0432. *Hālawa Xeriscape Garden*, 99-1268 Iwaena St., Hālawa Industrial Park: Sat 10/25, (10AM.) \$30. 527-6113

### Whatevahs

**Beatroot 2008: Qualifier #4** Producers' showcase, featuring beatmakers using drum machines, MPCs, laptops and more. Performance by Tassho Pearce. Guest judging by B-Money. Visit lightsleepers.net or call 222-9284. *Easy Music Center*, 1314 S. King St.: Thu 10/23, (5-7PM.) 591-0999

**Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil** Keep the candle burning for Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Visit hscadv.org or call 832-9316. *McCoy Pavilion*, Ala Moana Beach Park: Tue 10/28, (SFM.) Location (include a street address);
Cost or admission price (please note if event is free);

• Contact phone number;

• Description of the event. If submitting an entry to the music section, include the general type of music (jazz, rock, hip-hop, Hawaiian, etc.).

Deadline for submissions is two weeks before the listing should appear. Listings appear the Wednesday before the event. "The Scene" is also posted each week on our Web site, at honoluluweekly.com.

Send all submissions c/o Honolulu Weekly Calendar Editor, 1111 Fort Street Mall, Honolulu, HI 96813, fax to 528-3144 or email calendar@honoluluweekly.com, Submissions are not accepted over the phone. Please note: We welcome photographs with submissions, but cannot guarantee returns — please do not send original art.

WTF?

#### DEAN CARRICO

ince the release of JFK, director Oliver Stone has been taking hits for creating revisionist history. Stone has vehemently stated that his 1991 picture was supposed to be a pastiche of various conspiracy theories. Considering the vast numbers of said theories, the film was an impressive display of both editing and narrative.

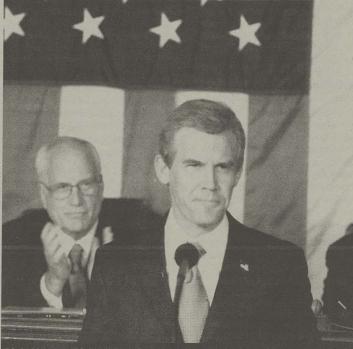
But the criticism seems to have taken its toll on Stone, and so, with his newest spotlight shining on the current president in W., he's careful to ensure that everything revealed about his subject is already heavily reported, from George W.'s problem with alcohol in his earlier years to his drifting from job to job and his famous misspoken statements, now known as Bushisms. Of course, we know all about these aspects of his life and character, and so we wait for the film to tell us something we didn't already know. That moment, unfortunately, never comes.

Bouncing back and forth through time, we see Bush Jr., at various states of disrepair. He pledges his fraternity standing naked in a vat, while being force-fed alcohol; he semi-proposes to a floozy in a bar; he quits jobs impulsively and careens his car into his father's mailbox. The early scenes as president don't put him in a favorable light either, showing him browbeating Dick Cheney (Richard Dreyfuss) simply because he can, and endlessly debating his preferred catchphrase of "Axis of Hatred." Again, all things we've heard before, all superficial.

Josh Brolin, playing the title character, is the best thing about the movie. What easily could have been slapstick or caricature becomes a powerful interpretation of a complex character. Brolin has moments so intense, you're not sure if he's going to burst out crying or bust out swinging.

The main source of Bush Jr.'s angst and uncertainty comes from his relationship with his father, played with cold, calculating fervor by James Cromwell. Cromwell's George H.W. Bush repeatedly lectures his son on his bad behavior ("Who do you think you are, a Kennedy?" he says. "You're a Bush. Start acting like one").

Unfortunately, those father-son tensions are the only chances Stone takes with his narrative. In Stone's world, everything that drives the



Dick Cheney (Richard Dreyfuss) and George W. Bush (Josh Brolin) in W.

### I've seen JFK. I've admired JFK. W., Mr. Stone, is no JFK.

Film

younger Bush stems from a desire to either one-up his brother Jeb or to infuriate his parents. After becoming a born-again Christian and quitting drinking, Stone suggests Bush's turn into politics was

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nothing more than another cry for acceptance from his overachieving war hero, millionaire, director of the CIA, and finally president of the United States father.

These daddy issues might have rung more true, however, if we didn't already know so much about the aspects of the 43rd president that Stone skims over or avoids entirely. Junior's stint in the National Guard and alleged improprieties surrounding the 2000 election are surprisingly passed over with either slight or no mention, and it feels like the formerly outspoken director avoids these key moments to steer clear of controversy.

Meanwhile, recognizing W's weaknesses and his charms are Karl Rove (Toby Jones), Donald Rumsfeld (Scott Glenn) and Dick Cheney, who move quickly to mold him into a puppet of their own designs, craftily making vague statements until the younger Bush reaches their viewpoints, which he believes he's come to on his own, because, you know, he's "the decider." His mentors agree and retreat, barely able to conceal their smirking.

And then there is the Iraq War. While junior surrounds himself with *Dr. Strangelove*-like cabinet members, only Gen. Colin Powell (Jeffrey Wright) expresses any sense of rationality. Stone returns his camera again and again to Powell as the disappointed voice of reason, turning him into a film industry cliché as the black man who knows better. Handled with more finesse and a better script, Powell's story could have been a much more interesting one than *W*.

In a recent interview with The A.V. Club (avclub.com), Stone makes it clear that his contract allows him to tinker with the final cut of his film until January. Given the slapdash nature of *W*., one hopes the director's cut will bring about a harsh spotlight, instead of the tepid candle currently being shone upon the direction of the White House in the film that's now playing in theaters.

Regal Cinemas no longer releases its movie listings in time for Honolulu Weekly to publish them.

#### Town

#### RESTAURANT ROW 500 Ala Moana Blvd. 526-4171

◆ Bangkok Dangerous (Wed & Thu 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:30, Fri-Tue 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:05); Journey to the Center of the Earth (Wed & Thu 1:55, 4:55, 7:55, 10, Fri-Tue 1:55, 4:55, 7:55, 10:20); Kung Fu Panda (Wed & Thu 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 9:55, Fri-Tue 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:10); Pineapple Express (Wed & Thu 1, 4, 7, 9:25, Fri-Tue 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 9:40); Star Wars: The Clone Wars (Wed & Thu 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:40, Fri-Tue 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 10); WALL • E (Wed & Thu 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:35, Fri-Tue 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 9:55)

• Thu 10/23: **Disaster Movie** (Wed & Thu :50, 4:50, 7:50, 9:55); **Get Smart** (Wed & Thu 1:05, 4:05, 7:05, 9:20); **Step Brothers** (Wed & Thu 1:35, 4:35, 7:35, 9:45)

 Fri 10/24: The Longshots (Fri-Tue 1:50, 4:50, 7:50, 10:15); Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (Fri-Tue 1, 4, 7, 9:45); Tropic Thunder (Fri-Tue 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:50)

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Thu 10/23: Appaloosa (Wed & Thu 12:30, 5:20, 10:15); The Express (Wed & Thu 12:55, 3:50, 7:35, 10:30); Nights in Rodanthe (Wed & Thu 3, 8)

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#### RYAN SENAGA

ake out the tumbleweeds and horses and you'll find that the Western is the precursor to the action flick, the police procedural and of course, the buddy-cop movie. While the shoot-outs in urban bullet ballets feature bigger bangs and explosions, the true heart of these films were masculine codes of honor and the upholding of a certain stoic understanding between men. Part of the core of the Western was two men sitting around a campfire, simply nodding and grunting at each other, not talking about their feelings, but knowing them all the same.

For everything that doesn't work about *Appaloosa*, the one thing it does get right is an understanding of the need to explore, for lack of a better term, the bro-mance.

Ed Harris directs his second

feature, playing Virgil Cole, a famed gunslinger who rides into Appaloosa with his shotgun-toting partner, Everett Hitch (Viggo Mortensen). The two are hired to clean up the town from the evil cattle rancher Randall Bragg, played by Jeremy Irons, who finally reigns in his over-acting for his most solid performance since 1997's Lolita. Stirring up the mix is, of course, a woman. Allison French (Renée Zellweger) is a piano player fresh off a train, the ambitious type of single gal who is always ready to attach herself to the top stallion in the herd, who is, for now, Virgil Cole.

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How long Cole stays top stallion, though, remains to be seen. Along with he and Bragg, there is another pair of legendary gunslingers in town, and the Shelton brothers' head sibling Ring (the under-used Lance Henriksen) may cause Allison to hedge her bets. Then there is Everett—if something happens to Virgil, should Allison have an in with him as well?

Part of the problem with *Appaloosa* is Harris. He's miscast as the confident, laconic Cole who has his disciplined autonomy shaken by a skirt. He plays the role too broadly, his chin so close to his neck that he begins to resemble Al Bundy. Zellweger is also wrong for her part; her puckered Bridget Jones pout is too cutesy for the role of an ingenue coming between two, let alone four, men.

The other part of the problem is the pacing. Based on a surprisingly thoughtful Western novel by Robert Parker, this film should have had a lazier, mosey tempo but instead, plot points play out so quickly, especially those establishing the quick relationship between Virgil and Allison, that the proceedings border on parody.

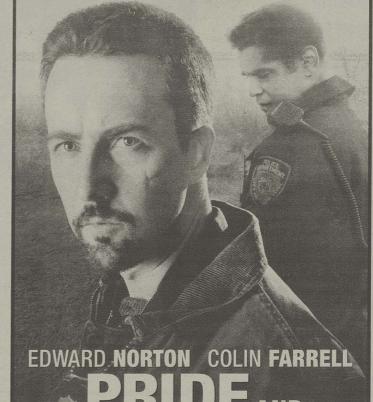
Only Mortensen seems to understand the project he is in, injecting his character with levels of subtlety and nuance. As in his work with David Cronenberg (A History of Violence, Eastern Promises), he paints his characters with a quiet machismo that is always intriguing and absorbing. It would have been a whole different, and possibly great, film had Mortensen been the one playing Cole.

As it stands, *Appaloosa* is a beguiling yet flawed experiment. If one can't see the movie, the novel deserves to be read as an examination of a type of American male idealism that, like the Old West, may soon be a relic of the past.

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### Oʻahu Films

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#### Opening

**Pride and Glory** Edward Norton and Colin Farrell in a cop drama set in New York.

**High School Musical 3: Senior Year** Released just in time for Halloween, as it's sure to give you nightmares. Stop dancing! For the love of all that is good and decent, stop singing!

**Saw V** A group of kids find themselves in Jigsaw's "Live or Die" scenario this time around. Let's hope it's the kids from *High School Musical*, and that they pick the latter.

#### Continuing

An American Carol David Zucker, of *Airplane!* fame, turns his lens to parody Michael Moore. As if Moore hasn't become a parody on his own. Appaloosa See review, page 19. Beverly Hills Chihuahua Drew Barrymore is a spoiled dog. (In the movie! We meant in the movie!) When your kids drag you to this, all we can say is good luck.

Burn After Reading Dark as night and furiously funny, if somewhat convoluted, with a story involving blackmail, CIA memoirs, the Russians and plastic surgery. If you're in the right frame of mind, it's a helluva ride, but the callousness with which the Coens treat their characters might be off-put--Dean Carrico ting to some. Body of Lies This is DiCaprio's movie all the way; it's a star vehicle masquerading as an autumn prestige tentpole and he throws himself into the fray like a stressed out Jason Bourne. One gets the feeling that the film thinks it is more imperative than it actually is. -Ryan Senaga



Anna Biller, director and star of Viva, showing at Doris Duke Theatre.

**City of Ember** Probably the strangest choices for a sci-fi flick ever. Bill Murray, Tim Robbins and Martin Landau? Are we in an alternative universe where the intellectuals are in action movies and the action stars are in politics? Oh wait. Never mind.

**The Duchess** A period piece that serves best as a cure for insomnia.

**Eagle Eye** A paranoid action-thriller that has the potential for more Hitch-cockian panache, but pokey pacing reduces the impressive set pieces to stand-alone action sequences. -R.S.

#### **Fireproof** Kirk Cameron goes bananas in a Christian-fueled tale of love, faith and marriage.

**Lakeview Terrace** Samuel L. Jackson expands his acting range by playing another BMF, this time on the right side of the law in yet another variation of the neighbor-from-hell scenario.

**Max Payne** Mark Wahlberg in an adaptation of a video game. That means stuff gets blown up.

**Miracle at St. Anna** A Spike Lee joint detailing the Buffalo Soldiers' experience during WWII. There's probably a bit of angst as well. **Morning Light** Inspirational sports documentary on open ocean sailing, sponsored by Disney, which features lots of footage of Hawai'i.

Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist Michael Cera and Kat Dennings in this year's quirky-alt-indie-youth comedy. Nights in Rodanthe Another Nicholas Sparks (*Message in a Bottle, The Notebook*) adaptation. Bring insulin. Quarantine Probably the best advice we can take on a film based on its title.

♥ Religuious Bill Maher provides a lot of laughs in his documentary decrying deities, but most of the subjects can barely turn on a lamp, much less shed light on why they believe God exists. At the end, Maher tells us to stop believing in fairy tales saying, "It's time to grow up, or die." That's hard to take seriously after 100 minutes of poking fun at the slow kid. —D. C. The Secret Life of Bees Warning: Not an offshoot of The Secret.

**Sex Drive** A philosophical discourse on the nature of man and the prizes for which he quests. OK, not really. Another college sex farce with horny teenaged boys and girls found on the Internet. And a doughnut costume, for some inexplicable reason. (Mmm-mm...doughnut.)

**Transsiberian** Woody Harrelson and Emily Mortimer take a ride on the titular train route, finding themselves mired in international espionage. Ben Kingsley plays a Russian detective, with no advanced word on whether he's gonna get all butt-naked again. **W.** See review, page 18.

#### Art House & Short Runs

**Windows Divorce, Italian Style** (Italy, 1961) Proof that a sex farce can become a masterpiece. Ferdinando wants to marry his cousin, and that's not the problem—it's his wife. Knowing the society in which he lives forgives crimes of passion, he attempts to frame his wife and as adultress, so he may kill her. Funnier than it sounds. Doris Duke Theatre, 900 S. Beretania St., Wed 10/22 & Thu 10/23, 1 & 7:30PM; Fri 10/24, 1PM, \$7 general, \$5 members, 532-8768

**The Consequences of Love** (Italy, 2004) Love themes abound in this film, from caring for relatives, desire for others and the Mafia's love of money. All these themes, of course, collide in the end. *Movie Museum*, 3566 Harding Ave. #4, Thu 10/23, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30 & 8:30 PM, \$4 members, \$5 general, 735-8771

**Cooking for Alibrandi** (Australia, 2000) An Australian teen has to deal with her mother, the nuns at her school and her romantic interests in this charming drama. Movie Museum, 3566 Harding Ave. #4, Fri 10/24 & Mon 10/27, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30 & 8:30 PM, \$4 members, \$5 general, 735-8771

**Wy Brother is an Only Child** (Italy/France, 2007) Two brothers in a small town want to change the world, one through communism, the other, fascism. Talk about sibling rivalry! And yes, it's a comedy. *Movie Museum*, 3566 *Harding Ave.* #4, *Sat* 10/25, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30 & 8:30 PM, \$4 *members*, \$5 general, 735-8771

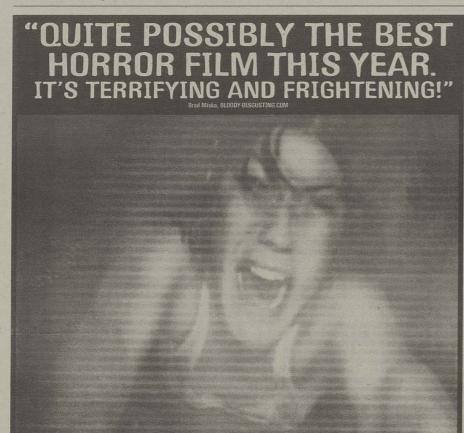
♥ Naked in Ashes (2005) Repeat screening of the documentary of the practices and lifestyles of Hindi Yogis as they prepare for the largest festival held every four years. Movie Museum, 3566 Harding Ave. #4, Sun 10/26, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30, 6:30 & 8:30PM, \$4 members, \$5 general, 735-8771

**♥ Souls Without Borders** (2006) Subtitled *The True Story of the American Lincoln Brigade*, it's a documentary of volunteers from over 50 countries to fight against fascism in the Spanish Civil War. *University of Hawai*'i-*Mānoa, Art Auditorium, Wed 10/22,* 7:30PM, \$3 students \$5 general.

♥ Viva (2007) A Russ Meyer-inspired romp of the sexploitation films of the '60s, local director Anna Biller takes an anything goes approach. (Please note: Viva is not suitable for viewers under 18.) Biller will introduce the film on Friday. Doris Duke Theatre, 900 S. Beretania St., Fri 10/25, 7:30PM (program reserved for members of Friends of Film Friday, for information about walk-in tickets, see friendsoffilmfriday.com); Sat 10/25 & Sun 10/26, 1 & 7:30PM, \$7 general, \$5 members, 532-8768

**Whaledreamers** (Australia, 2008) Produced by Julian Lennon, this documentary examines connections between aborigines and whales, both of which are slowly disappearing. Wacth for appearences by Geoffrey Rush, John Hurt and Pierce Brosnan. University of Hawai'i-Mānoa, Spalding Auditorium, Sun 10/26, 5PM, \$3 students \$5 general, 223-0130

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t a forum last August at

his megachurch in

California, preacher

Rick Warren asked

presidential candidates

John McCain and Barack Obama

when human life begins. McCain

replied, "At conception," a re-

sponse that went over well with the

pro-life audience. Obama said,

"Answering that question with

specificity is above my pay grade,"

which many thought was evasive or

flip and which I think sounded lame, even though my own views

are closer to Obama's than Mc-

Cain's. No doubt Obama punted

because he thought he'd get into

even more trouble if he answered

frankly, but you, Cecil, are under

no such constraints. So tell us:

each candidate-was, "At what

point is a baby entitled to human

rights?" But a lot of people think

once they've answered your ques-

tion, they've answered Warren's. So

-Frank Caplice, Chicago, Ill.

ittle problem, Frank. That

wasn't what Rick Warren

asked. The thrust of his

question-he phrased it

slightly differently for

When does human life begin?

here's my take on the subject, which shows why I'll never be running for public office:

1. Human life begins at conception.

2. Big deal.

Let's review the leading theories on when human life starts, many drawn from Roe v. Wade:

At birth. The belief of the Stoics, Roe tells us, and some religions today.

At conception. This idea harks back at least to the Pythagoreans but didn't become the standard view among abortion opponents till the late 19th century. An important turning point, for Roman Catholics anyway, was a pair of declarations by Pope Pius IX: (1) in 1854 he said Catholics were obliged to believe that Mary, mother of Jesus, had been free of sin since conception; and (2) in 1869 he decreed abortion was punishable by excommunication. Before this the Catholic church had waffled on when human life began (more on this below), but once conception had been established as. a watershed, opinion hardened.

At the 40th day (for males) or 80th day (for females) after conception. This odd notion was formulated by Aristotle and embraced

ally speaking was Catholic belief, though not dogma, till the time of Pius IX. The idea is that while basic existence begins at conception, the fetus isn't animated-or in Catholic terminology, ensouled-until several weeks out, at which point it becomes human. The matter was debated for centuries, although without much practical impact on church policy; abortion was always prohibited for the same reason birth control was prohibited-it interfered with a natural process. But prior to ensoulment, abortion wasn't homicide.

point at which fetal movement can be detected, usually around the 16th week of pregnancy. Abortion before quickening, Roe observes, wasn't an indictable offense in English common law, apparently in line with the Aristotelian idea that the

fetus didn't become a person till sometime between conception and birth.

At implantation of the embryo in the uterine wall, the commencement of brain activity, etc. These are modern attempts to fix the beginning of human life at some point in fetal development following conception. While not without merit, they suffer from the defect of seeming to separate life from human life, the matter to which we now turn.

Few would dispute that animal life in the ordinary sense starts at conception. An inseminated frog egg develops into an adult in the normal course; an unfertilized one doesn't. No biologist distinguishes not-yet-frog embryos from froggy ones; they're all frogs from the start. And so it is with us. Notwithstanding the many critical stages in fetal development, human life by any reasonable definition starts at conception.

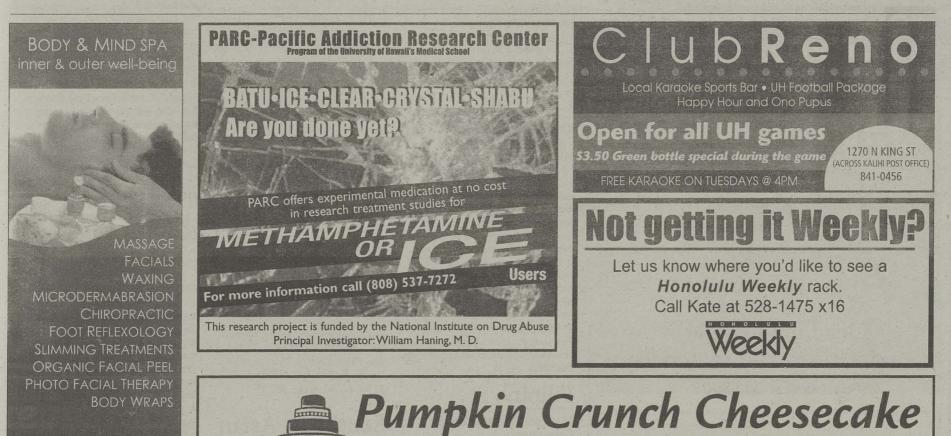
However, to be blunt, so what?" We may stipulate that human life begins at conception, and that the purposeful ending of a human life constitutes homicide. It doesn't necessarily follow that abortion is always wrong. We take innocent lives when it suits us-in a "just war," say. Sure, abortion often ends a life because it inconveniences the mother. But look at it this way:

1. Until the late 19th century, the mainstream religious and philosophical tradition in the West was that a human fetus didn't acquire personhood until some point after conception but before birth.

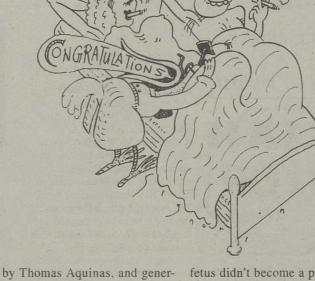
2. We can argue about when that point is, but a logical milestone is the beginning of measurable brainwave activity, roughly 25 weeks after conception. After all, brain death is now commonly accepted as marking life's end.

3. We may then say that, personhood having been acquired, the child is entitled to our protection. One accepts that abortion in such cases may be necessary when the mother's life is in peril, but it doesn't seem to me it can be justified (as some would have it) merely because the child is a product of rape or incest or is defective. These things weren't the mom's fault, and may impose some hardship on her, but they weren't the kid's fault either, and he's one of us.

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### Café & Deli

Kalapawai Café & Deli Kawehi Haug (5/30/07)
 Sitting right off of Kailua's main drag, between KFC and Arby's, Kalapawai Café & Deli is a cute, charming and quaint surprise. Part country café, part saloon-style eatery, it's this island's equivalent to Maui's Hali'imaile General Store. The mostly southern-Europeaninspired flavors can be mixed and matched at whim, and always with rewarding results. The portions are kept in check-you won't get mountains of food or family-sized platters. Who says you can't have your steak ... and fish and pizza and pasta...and eat it, too? 750 Kailua Rd. (262-DELI) Mon-Thu & Sun бам-9рм. Sat & Sun бам-10рм. Entrees: \$12.95-\$14.95. AmEx, MC, V

#### Mix Café

- K. H. (10/17/07) The bustle and din at Mix Café belies its smallness. Six tables for two and one table for six turn the long narrow space into a café that seats fewer diners than most people here have family members. The full staff-warm, friendly and charming-is always at your beck and call. Order the sandwiches with a side of country salad, potatoes and roasted veggies tossed with oil, vinegar and salt and pepper and you won't miss the fried starch that we normally pair with our sandwiches. Its breakfast menu is also certainly worth waking up for. The amazing waffles are in good company with Bruno's signature omelette, a fritatta-like dish that's chock-full of fresh veggies that threaten to make an addict out of anyone who discovers them. 35. S. Beretania St. (537-1191) Mon-Fri 7AM-7PM. Entrees: \$4.75-\$8.90. AmEx, Disc, MC, V.

### Chinese

#### **Aloha Bistro**

-Rachel Brown (5/7/08) Along with the chopsticks and handleless tea mugs, the restaurant offers few entrees over \$20 and excellent service. Presentation figures big into the bistro's specialty dishes, the Seafood Taro Bowl: a medley of fish, squid and vegetables which comes in a delicate bowl of violet taro that soaks up the garlic sauce as you eat. Chinese tourists and islanders alike can find something familiar and comforting at Aloha Bistro: Good food, good prices and a staff that shouts in Cantonese. 444 Kānekapōlei St. (926-8288) Mon-Sun Lunch: 11AM-2:30PM, Dinner: 5PM-9:30PM. Entrees: \$12.95-\$19.95. Disc, JCB, MC, V.

### Filipino

### Marilou's Restaurant & Catering

## New or Noteworthy

#### news you can

eat

Philadelphia Phillies outfielder and Maui boy Shane Victorino has earned the ire of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals...because he loves **spam musubi**. "We suspect that the cruelty in every can of Spam will infuriate Shane more than a high Hiroki Kuroda fastball," said PETA's Dan Shannon last week...Kaka'ako's **Hank's** 

Haute Dogs, which was the victim of an inexplicable snub by Anthony Bourdain during his Hawai'i visit earlier this year, has a new menu item (duck fat fries at \$3.75) and a new website (*hankshautedogs.com*).

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### French

#### JJ Bistro & French Pastry -R. B. (6/18/08)

The food is so eclectic and the flavors so harmonious, that JJ transcends such labels as "French-Laotian" or "Eurasian." There are two fixed menus offering soup, appetizer, entree and dessert. One such entree is the Fisherman's pot pie with a dense, flaky crust that cradles a rich concoction of shrimp, scallops, salmon, zucchini and bamboo shoots, all drenched in a buttery cream sauce. The pastry display boasts a variety of desserts, including the famous chocolate pyramid, lemon honey cake, plum tarts and frou frou au chocolate. JJ provides world class cuisine in a chic setting at very reasonable prices. 3447 Wai'alae Ave. (739-0993) Mon-Sat, 9AM-9PM. Sun, 12PM-9PM, Entrees: \$19.95-\$24.95. AmEx, Disc, MC, V.

### Japanese & Okinawan

#### **Chiba-ken** - *R*. *B*. (5/21/08)

Chiba-ken is a quiet garden in Dante's dark wood of outer Waikīkī, just over the bridge and the crawling Ala Wai canal. Their outdoor seating even includes a proper lava rock wall to shield you from the sidewalk traffic and really makes you feel like you're in Hawai'i. While they offer Westernstyle drinks, the true star is the sake. They have over a dozen selections ranging from very sweet to very dry And the sushi? Chiba-ken makes it as it's supposed to be made: perfectly bite-sized with just a tiny mouthful of rice under a slice of fish you don't have to gnaw in half. Reasonably priced delicious sushi in a great location with a spectacularly helpful staff, Chiba-ken promises a perfect evening before you can say, "Banzai!" 468 'Ena Rd., (941-2800) Sun-Thu 5:30pm-11:30pm Fri-Sat 5:30PM-1:30AM. Entrees: \$8.50-\$17.50. AmEx. MC. V.

### Southeast Asian

#### India Café

-R. B. (4/16/08) India Café, a small, homey restaurant in Kilohana Square, serves up some of the best curry-and-roti combos in town in a cozy, laid-back atmosphere. The menu is basic but varied, with six different chutneys, 11 types of bread and enough variations of curry to turn anyone's head. It is vegetarian-friendly, with as many vegetable sambals and masalas as there are meat offerings. Of special note is the okra vegetable curry, a delicate, mild dish-the soft okra leaves room for the spices to stand out, creating a wonderfully complex mixture that starts out with a bite and goes down smooth. Spicy but not scorching, stop by India Café after your next Bollywood marathon and satisfy your craving for cayenne, tamarind and cinnamon. 1016 Kapahulu Ave. (737-4600) Lunch: Fri-Sun 11AM-2:30PM, Dinner: Sun-Thu, 5РМ-9РМ. Fri-Sat, 5РМ-9:30РМ. Entrees: \$7.95-\$16.95. MC, V.

#### Madras Café

Carlie Singh (4/23/08) Madras is just about your only choice for fast, café-style Indian food at lunchtime. While ingredients change daily, the food tastes home-cooked instead of "restaurant food." The dishes are thoughtful, well-balanced and consistent-they will satisfy your hankering for Indian food without sending you back to work exuding clouds of curry. The service is friendly and fast with enough variation in the menu to make Madras Café a weekly lunch spot. 2320 S. King St. Suite B4. (949-4840) Mon-Thu, 11AM-3PM. Entrees: \$6.95-\$7.95

#### **Opal Thai Food**

-N.L.(1/10/07)Diners who devour satay and fried rice have come for the cooking of Opel and Aoy Sirichandrha. Originally from Thailand, they are now united on the North Shore to serve simple, good, honest food. What may be the best things on the menu aren't cooked at all. The popular green papaya salad is seasoned with an authentically pounded tincture of lime juice, fresh garlic and tomato. Across from McDonald's,

Kamehameha Hwy. Hale'iwa (381-8091) Wed–Sun, 11AM-6PM. Entrees:



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-Walter Rhee (3/5/08) The allure of traditional Filipino cooking lies in the braising of meats slow-cooked for several hours to release the flavors. Each lunch/dinner combo comes with four items of your choice-pinapaitan, pinakbet (a soup with long green beans, few pieces of lechon-crispy fried pork, bitter melon, eggplant and tomatoes), dinguanan, pork guisantes, pork adobo, mungo beans or pork menudo. All items on the combo plates are savory. Take your pick from Banana lumpia and halo halo for dessert. Marilou's is the place to go for a real comforting home-cooked Filipino meal. 70 Kukui St. (621-1196) Mon-Sat 9AM-9рм. Sun 9АМ-ЗРМ, Entrees: \$7.35-\$9.50.

#### & Indian

#### **Bombay Indian Restaurant** -Napua Leong (1/3/07) One of the highlights of Indian cuisine is its wonderful treatment of vegetables, and I was thrilled to see my favorite dish on the menu: Baingan bhartha, baked and mashed eggplant. The popular veggie standards are available, plus lesser-known variations like bhindi masala made with okra. While some Indian desserts can be either excessively floral or clunky, the ones at Bombay are subtle and mostly pleasant. Discovery Bay Center, 1778 Ala Moaпа Blvd. (942-3990) 5-10рм. Entrees: \$9.95-\$21.95. JCB, MC, V.

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#### **Pho Minh Thu** -*N. L. (1/10/07)*

The promise of hot, healthy pho helps to offset the lackluster ambience here. as does the swift and attentive, if hurried, service. The pho is a watery beef-based broth slow-cooked with hefty doses of Saigon-Cinnamon, star anise and ginger. Pho is the saving grace at Pho Minh Thu, standing alone as a lone exemplar of the soul of the Vietnamese kitchen. Pho is also a testament to the many threads of influence in Vietnamese cuisine, the noodles-in-soup being a distinctively Chinese gastronomic desire. 478 'Ena Rd., Waikīkī (946-2299). Daily, 10AM-9PM. Entrées: \$7-\$8.50.

# Wheels without wheels

### A special twist on sushi gets business rolling in Waipahu

#### PATRICIA CHANG

little-known kiosk hidden in a Waipahu supermarket is offering customers a new perspective on sushi with an unique, innovative menu. Co-owners Ramon Rojales, 25, and Arnold Pontillas, 36, opened Sushi On Wheels in July in hopes of expanding their catering business, in which they make sushi on the spot for guests at parties; hence the name Sushi On Wheels. Already successful

as caterers, Rojales and Pontillas wanted to open a small-scale establishment that would help generate more publicity for their catering business and at the same time, be a stepping stone to opening a full-scale restaurant.

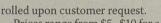
Sushi On Wheels is a small contemporary sushi bar. Its eight seats allow Rojales and Pontillas to know their customers by name -and by sushi preference.

"I know just what you need," Rojales reassuringly told one of his regulars as she plopped down at the bar, looking glum and exhausted. To help wake her up and fix her bad day, he made her a kicked up shrimp tempura roll topped with spicy 'ahi and chili flakes.

At Sushi On Wheels, every customer is a VIP and receives specially made rolls catered to his or her taste buds. 'We're almost like Burger King,"

joked Rojales. "Have it your way." The location and set-up of the restaurant might throw some visitors off, but looks can be deceiving. Also, it isn't really mobile. Rojales and Pontillas kept the name Sushi On Wheels because people already knew it from their catering business.

Located in the Waipahu Festival Marketplace, the sushi bar is located in front of vendor stalls, hawking everything from seafood to boba drinks. If it weren't for the roof, customers would feel like they were dining in an open-air street market in Asia. At Sushi on Wheels, space is cramped and socializing is just as necessary as eating. It's a great place for friendly conversation and delicious food. The kitchen is simple—a refrigerator, a microwave and toaster oven. Since the kiosk is inside a supermarket, open burners and stoves are prohibited. Luckily, most of the preparation, like chopping, is done beforehand in a main kitchen in Kalihi. Some items, like the tempura or soft shell crab, is pre-fried and reheated in the oven but everything else is prepared on the spot. Sushi is only



The wheel thing: Sushi On Wheels holds it down in Waipahu.

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Prices range from \$5-\$10 for a roll. Platters are available for \$25 to \$40. Nigiri bentos and salads are also on the menu. The spicy 'ahi salad is worth ordering, especially if you're looking for a low-carb meal. Spicy 'ahi is piled on top a bed of mixed greens and dressed with a homemade wasabi vinaigrette.

Some patrons, like Cindy Han of Waipahu, first complained about the price.

"It is kind of expensive," she commented. Rojales asked her how many times she's visited him this week. "Three," she admitted. "The sushi is very good, that's why. Take all my money."

When asked what her favorite roll is, Han replies with a laundry list of favorites, "I like the sunshine roll, California katsuo roll, spicy 'ahi...oh! And the seafood medley salad.

Such creative rolls sprung from the innovative minds of the two owners, both graduates of Kapi'olani Community College's (KCC) Culinary Institute of the Pacific. A former med school-bound Biology student at KCC, Rojales, dubbed the "Sushi Doctor" by one of his customers, ditched the white doctor's coat for a chef's hat.

"Food belongs in my family," explained Rojales, whose grandparents used to own the well-known Filipino restaurant Joni's. "It's one of our core values. I always knew I wanted to be involved in the food business."

Although Joni's is no longer in business, Rojales still uses some of his family recipes in his creations, like the adobo roll. Joni's adobo sauce has the perfect balance of sweet and sour, making it just flavorful enough and not too rich. Not only does Rojales draw inspiration from his own Filipino background in the creation of his specialty rolls but he also finds influence in all different types of cuisine ranging from Italian to Chinese. His specialty rolls usually come together when he's "just messing around."

a shrimp tempura roll topped with spicy 'ahi, katsuo bonito flakes and three special sauces.

Rojales and Pontillas decided to go into business together after meeting at The Kahala Mandarin Hotel. Pontillas was a waiter at The Plumeria Beach Café and Rojales was an intern running the different food departments. Both already had side businesses doing private catering. Rojales made desserts and various types of foods while Pontillas, a seasoned sushi chef, specialized in live sushi bar catering. They decided to combine their skills and create Sushi On Wheels. Their services, usually spread by word of mouth, have been used by many islanders. Even Mayor Mufi Hannemann is reportedly fan.

"I gave him some sushi at a party," said Rojales.

Yeah, he came the other day but you were closed," said one of the regular customers, Walter Omori of Walter's Sound and Karaoke Shop.

A missed opportunity perhaps, but Rojales and Pontillas plan to continue expanding Sushi On Wheels in hopes of reaching a wider range of customers. Aside from the sushi kiosk, the two currently still run the catering business and also have a sushi bar at every University of Hawai'i home football game. In the next couple of months, they plan on implementing a fresh sushi delivery service to Waipahu area residents. However, they hope to open a restaurant in the next few years—one complete with a kitchen and liquor license.

'We will keep it small though,' Rojales made sure to point out. 'That way we can provide better quality sushi for the price. It's more personal because when a restaurant is big you don't know who you're talking to. Customers become just a number." Sometimes customers might even need to take a number when it's either Pontillas or Rojales working alone behind the sushi bar. Business is definitely picking up, said Rojales, so it might get backed up on a busy day, but one 'Ewa resident, who favors the Kilauea roll, said the sushi is "definitely worth the wait."



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#### SUSHI ON WHEELS

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(March 21-April 19) Our government spends an obscene fortune on its armed forces-almost as much as do all

the other nations of the world combined. In fact, we are by far the most weaponized empire in the history of the world, with 761 military bases in over 100 countries. If our military costs were cut down to a more reasonable size-say the same as China's-we'd have a trillion-dollar bonus to deal with the financial infection that erupted here and sent toxic ripples throughout the world. Keeping that in mind as a metaphor, Aries, make this your hypothesis: By reducing the hostility, combativeness and judgmental ire that you personally generate, you'll be far more likely to navigate your way toward prosperity.

#### TAURUS

(April 20-May 20) The days leading up to the national election features a rare opposition between Saturn and Uranus. Since Saturn symbolizes the past and Uranus the future, we might expect there to be a showdown between what has been and what will be, not only on a collective level but also in our personal realms. In what areas of your life do you think that will materialize, Taurus? Identify those hotspots, then get to work coordinating synergistic interactions between the seemingly contrary forces.

#### **GEWINI**

(May 21-June 20)

Write the number 10 followed by 11 zeroes. Our Milky Way Galaxy has that many stars. Write a 10 followed by 12 zeroes. That's the size of America's national debt in dollars. Now promise me that for the next month, you will avoid absorbing any scary, overwhelming data like the kind I just threw at you. Worrying about the big financial picture would not only be fruitless, it would also distract you from your main tasks, which are as follows: Regard the crisis as an excellent opportunity to shed materialistic obsessions and live more humbly and creatively. Sublimate your buy-ological urges into biological urges. Stretch yourself to get into closer touch with your spiritual core.

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(June 21–July 22)

As the stock markets came crashing down, a different kind of global devastation received scant notice. The World Conservation Congress revealed that 25 percent of the planet's mammal species and one out of eight birds are on close to extinction. We're not just talking about exotic animals in remote hideaways, but rabbits and deer and cardinals and turtledoves. As you meditate on how to reinvent yourself in the wake of the financial chaos, Cancerian, please hold a vigil in your heart for the endangered creatures. The two crises are related, after all. The greed to turn everything into a means of generating money has led humans to both despoil nature and risk the crazy gambles that have savaged the economy. The more you understand that, the better your intuition will be as you make personal decisions affecting your future relationship with money.

symbolic nature of Saturn is different. It invites you to creatively limit and discipline yourself so that fate isn't forced to limit and discipline you in unpleasant ways. It so happens, Virgo, that Uranus and Saturn are now poised in opposition to each other. Will they work at cross-purposes, spawning a sticky mess? Or is there a way for you to get them to work together? More than you imagine, you have the power to affect how they interact in your personal sphere.

#### LIBBA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 22) "I cannot tell if the day is ending, or the world, or if the secret of secrets is inside me again." So wrote Jane Kenyon, translating Russian poet Anna Akhmatova. At this juncture in history, that's a feeling many of us have. Part of the time we're on the verge of freaking out, half-expecting some new calamity to befall the world. Other times we're awash in wonder and awe, catching glimpses of the miraculous flow that's hidden just below the surface of everyday chaos; we're tantalizingly close to understanding that everything is proceeding exactly as it should. In the coming weeks, this excruciating poignancy will peak, especially for you. Regard it as a gift—as a difficult blessing that has the potential to free you of your illusions.

#### SCORPIO

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21) What do you do when you're squeezed between the demands of authority and the healthy need to rebel? How do you respond when the past and future are at odds? What resources do you draw on when the person you have always been starts to evolve into an interesting new form that you don't recognize? You've come to a fork in the road, Scorpio, when you will be asked to deal with these questions on a larger scale than before. My advice? Study your past so thoroughly that you'll be able to keep it from repeating itself, and open your mind to possibilities you've rarely considered.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

The world is poised at the threshold of a great choice: Should we stick with what has worked for us, even though it's not working any more? Or should we experiment with possibilities that may work for us in the future, even though they don't have a track record? You, Sagittarius, can and should be a leader in this epic adventure. The best way to do that is to summon your dormant courage as you apply the big questions I just posed to the specific circumstances of your personal life.

#### (APRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

The planet Saturn symbolizes the preservative and conservative tendencies of evolution. It teaches us to learn from the past and keeps us from rushing into the frontier before we're ready. Uranus, on the other hand, represents future shocks, both the disturbing and benevolent kinds. It disturbs our sleep in order to wake us up and energizes us to reinvent ourselves on the fly. What happens when these two planets slip into an intimate dynamic, as they are now? Will one of them prevail over the other in a great battle? Or will they coordinate their efforts artfully in a riveting, gorgeous dance? Amazingly enough, the outcome depends in part on you.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

No faking allowed, Aquarius. I mean it. You must do no pretending, tell no dirty lies and never act as if you know things you don't truly know. Instead, say exactly what you mean; be more real than you have ever dared to be; be nothing more and nothing less than who you actually are. Why is this authenticity crusade so important right now? Because in the coming weeks, you'll be setting your life's tone for months to come. You will be planting more seeds than you can imagine.

PIS(ES (Feb. 19–March 20) Uranus symbolizes your instinct for freedom, your drive to express your dormant genius and your attunement with your intuition. Saturn represents structure and responsibility; when it's prominent, it's time to get back to basics and cut down on distractions and excesses. So what should you do when these two planets are in exact opposition, as they are now? Here's one hint: We're all being squeezed between a mandate to head toward the frontier and the pressure to play it safe. To keep from being paralyzed, some of us may have to choose one way over the other. In my opinion, you Pisceans are likely to profit by choosing the Uranian path.



#### Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: What are these "ocean deserts" I've been hearing about? Also, didn't I read that there was a huge mass of plastic bottles floating around somewhere on the ocean surface? -Wally Mattson, Eugene, Ore.

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So-called "ocean deserts" or "dead zones" are oxygen-starved (or "hypoxic") areas of the ocean. They can occur naturally, or be caused by an excess of nitrogen from agricultural fertilizers, sewage effluent and/or emissions from factories, trucks and automobiles. The nitrogen acts as a nutrient that, in turn, triggers an explosion of algae or plankton, which in turn deplete the water's oxygen.

According to the Ocean Conservancy, a dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico-where the Mississippi River dumps untold gallons of polluted water every secondhas expanded to over 18,000 square kilometers in the last decade. Many other such dead zones have also undergone rapid expansion in recent years.

A recent study by German oceanographer Lothar Stramma and a team of prominent inte tional researchers confirms this phenomenon and also points the finger at global warming. Their data show that oxygen levels hundreds of feet below the ocean surface have declined over the past 50 years around the world, most likely a result of human activity. And as ocean waters warm due to climate change, they retain less oxygen. Furthermore, warmer upper layers of water stifle the process that brings nutrients up from colder, deeper parts of the

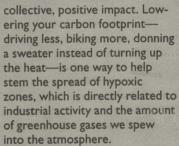
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The expansion of these dead zones is bad news for most marine inhabitants and the ecosystems they thrive in. Thousands of different species already stressed from over fishing and other threats, now must con-

tend with expanding hypoxic areas throughout regions that once constituted healthy habitat.

The accumulation of plastic debris and other trash in the ocean is not necessarily related to hypoxic zones, but is yet another major problem facing the world's fragile marine ecosystems. California-based sea captain and ocean researcher Charles Moore discovered what is now known as the Eastern Garbage Patch-an aggregation of plastic and other



And limiting plastic and plastic bag use is the best way to prevent such litter from ending up swirling around mid-ocean. Some countries, such as China, and

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(July 23-Aug. 22) TV's The Daily Show did a mock biography of your fellow Leo, Barack Obama, poking fun at the adoration he inspires in millions of people around the world. Every time he speaks, said the narrator, "an angel has an orgasm." According to my analysis, you now have a scaled-down version of that power. You may not incite the same intensity of pleasure in the heavenly hosts, but you could definitely unleash eruptions of raw enthusiasm in numerous humans. I suggest that like Obama, you channel it in service to a cause beyond your own selfish interests.

#### VIRGU

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

When the planet Uranus comes into play, as it is now, it's a good time to initiate experiments that will expedite the arrival of future blessings. Pushing beyond comforting habits, you thrive by going in quest of bracing truths, unfashionable beauty and wild justice. The Go to RealAstrology.com to check out Rob Brezsny's EXPANDED WEEKLY AUDIO HOROSCOPES and DAILY TEXT **MESSAGE HOROSCOPES.** 

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marine debris occupying some 700,000 square kilometers in the North Pacific Ocean-during a crossing of the North Pacific in 1997. In a 2003 article in Natural History Magazine, Moore reported being astounded that he couldn't be further from land anywhere on Earth yet he could see plastic bags and other debris coating the ocean's surface as far as the eye could see.

Individuals can help the oceans and their inhabitants by making smart daily choices that can have many large cities—San Francisco, for example—have banned plastic grocery bags. If your city hasn't yet taken this step, pressure them to do so-and in the meantime bring your own reusable bags to the market and avoid plastic wherever else you can.

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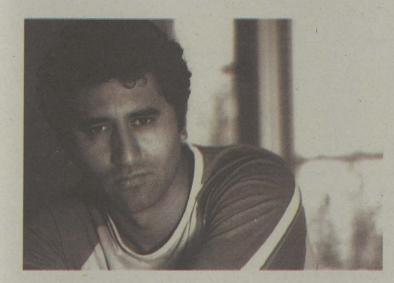
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# Q&A

### **Cliff Curtis**

"There was a time when people just didn't want to see New Zealand films. The New Zealand public didn't want to. But I think that's [changing] now because it's about having choice."



#### ALBERT LANIER

After making his debut in Jane Campion's Oscarwinning The Piano, Maori actor Cliff Curtis has carved out a steady career with supporting parts in major studio films in the U.S. including roles in Runaway Jury, Three Kings, Training Day, Blow and the shot-in-Hawai'i Six Days, Seven Nights. More recently, Curtis has appeared in Live Free or Die Hard and Fracture but local audiences likely know him from performances in Whale Rider and Once Were Warriors. Curtis was in town recently to serve on the Hawai'i International Film Festival's documentary jury and sat down to talk about his career as an actor and the state of the New Zealand film industry.

How did you get into acting? It was a hobby. I was 17 years old and I was into dancing and stuff. Rock 'n' roll dancing because my father was into rock 'n' roll dancing. I got involved in a local amateur society, did some musicals, did some plays. By the time I was 19 or 20, I decided to go to the New Zealand Drama School. Studied acting for a couple of years and then by the time I graduated, I began my career. I went to Switzerland for a short time to study, auditioned for a film called The Piano and since then, I've done a couple of films a year.

#### What's different for you about working on Hollywood films?

Primarily that when I am at home I'm playing a Maori, a New Zealander. I'm playing my own culture. When I'm not there, I'm playing everything else but-Hispanic, Middle Eastern, mulatto, American—whatever. I've developed a whole string of different dialects so I can keep working. That's the biggest and most obvious [difference]. New Zealand film has developed as well. It used to be that I would go home and do small independent films. Now, they're doing huge budget films in New Zealand regularly.

# **Brave New Zealander** Maori actor Cliff Curtis carves out a steady career

It used to be, "Come to America with these huge crews" and stuff, but now, they're equal to any now in New Zealand.

#### To what do you attribute that growth in terms of budgets, crews, etc.?

It's investing in film, basically. It takes a long time to build a Peter Jackson, who did six independent films with the film commission before he started making Hollywood movies. So, it is about investing in that talent and giving them a reason to stay at home. Otherwise they'll just leave. So, if you invest in someone with talent and they want to be at home and, they'll invest in turn in their own infrastructure so they can keep doing what they love doing. That's the key.

#### How was it to work with Ryan Gosling (in Fracture) and John Cusack (in Runaway Jury)?

I've been lucky, very fortunate to work with great actors in my career. And specifically about working with Ryan Gosling, he's just a really talented young guy and he's just got great integrity. He came from the Mickey Mouse Club and he made a decision after a while, he said "I'm going to make films I believe in." I just have huge respect for him for making that choice and he has the talent to back it up and the focus and everything that a great actor needs, and the courage to follow that path. I loved working with Ryan. John Cusack as well is just a very, very fine actor. I just learn all the time from the actors I work with and the directors and the writers and the crew.

#### Are you satisfied, for the most part, with your Hollywood projects?

For the most part, yeah, I am. I had to look at what opportunities were available to me and I just wanted to work and that was my philosophy: "Well, If I work, I can learn, and if I learn, I'll work some more." It was a very sort of basic approach to my craft and hopefully some art mixed in there. I enjoy all kinds of cinema. I love art house cinema. but I enjoy popcorn movies, as well. So, when the opportunity comes up and I'm going to work and enjoy myself, then I'll take the opportunity to work and enjoy myself.

What are the positive aspects of the New Zealand film industry? There was a time when people just didn't want to see New Zealand films. The New Zealand public didn't want to. But I think that's broadening now, because it's about having choice. Giving them a choice and having a breadth of different kinds of films. It's a very broad spectrum of things that create a possibility for cinema to exist. I think if you go to France, for example, with French-speaking cinema or Spanish-speaking cinema or Russian or Indian cinema, there's a culture of cinema. People in those countries-there's a culture that exists there and they go to see their own films. With New Zealand cinema, I think we're slowly developing that, but it's kind of difficult as to how you define a New Zealand film. The easiest way to define a New Zealand film is the indigenous people of New Zealand but beyond that, it kind of looks like it could be from any English-speaking culture.

#### Is there a chasm between working in theater and working in film and television?

There's a lot of differences. In theater, you rehearse for weeks and weeks and weeks and you work with a small number of people. There's the obvious differences but the similarities are obvious as well. You're telling a story and you have to be truthful about what the storytelling is, but it's a different skill set in some ways. A theater actor can find film frustrating because it's all out of sequence and the scheduling and locations are determined based on the day. They schedule the scenes around locations in film, things like that. And then film actors will find theater daunting because you act out the entire [play] in a single session. There's no cuts, there's no retakes and you've got to do it multiple times.

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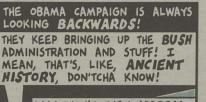
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