



For fun in the sun, just add water

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In Hawai'i, there's never really a cold season. Most of the year is a good time for hitting the walking trails, going to the beach, or enjoying Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park.

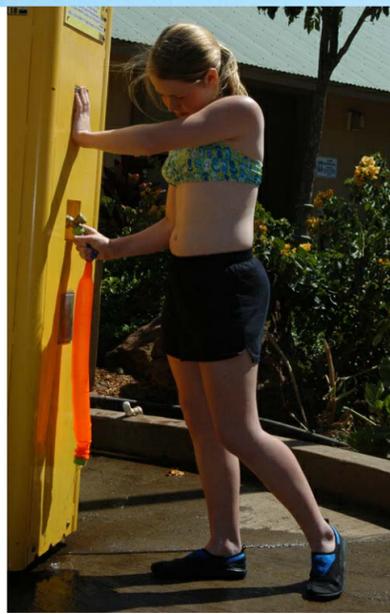
Sitting just off H-1 in Kapolei, Hawaiian Waters is Oahu's only water park. The 25-acre site is home to a wave pool and more than two dozen other attractions. Sean Gano, a former Sailor and now Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park's corporate sales and special events representative, said the park is a haven for civilians, Sailors, families and commands.



Kids enjoy a ball toss game on the midway at Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park. The game guarantees a winner each time someone plays.



Kids slide down the large water slide in the Waterworld area of Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park. This area is designed so kids can have fun and parents can relax.



A Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park patron fills up her 'Big Squirter' at the filling station at the park. Patrons can purchase the water squirter at the park and fill it throughout the day as needed.

"It's nicer for families here," Gano said referring to the park's Waterworld and Keiki Cove attractions which are designed specifically for children. "Parents can relax and enjoy the day knowing there are no big waves, no undertow and knowing there are lifeguards watching out for the kids."

For commands, the park can provide a unique training setting.

"We have a couple of Army commands that come and do their annual [water safety] training here," Gano explained. "You don't often get the chance to see people in full BDU [battle dress uniform] jumping into our pool."

Gano said the commands come before the park opens to the general public to conduct their training. They follow all the same rules and regulations as they would in any other training environment. When the training is complete, the members of the command and their families spend the day enjoying the park.

"We've also had commands conduct pre and post-deployment briefings here," Gano said. "We have a full PA system and private patios they can use. Then, they can spend the rest of the day with their family."

Gano said the park receives about 350,000

visitors a year. Sailors who are interested in visiting the park can pick up tickets at the Information Ticket and Tours offices located throughout Oahu. Gano advised groups of 10 or more to book their reservations directly through the park at 674-9283, extension 104 for command picnics or functions and extension 111 for birthday parties.

"Since May is Military Appreciation Month, everyone who buys a ticket at ITT will get a coupon for a free soda at the park," said Gano. "We also have our annual Veteran's Day special for Nov. 11. We let in all military service members, including reserves and retirees, for free. Family and friends get in for half price that day. Those tickets go on sale at ITT a few weeks before the event."

Since opening, the park has undergone upgrades and built up new attractions. This year is no exception. A new ride, "Da Flow Rider" is scheduled to open Memorial Day weekend.

"The area around it will be called 'The Sweet Spot,'" Gano said. "It's a reference to the surfing culture."

The new ride is billed as a "million-dollar wave," and will allow park guests to ride a human-generated wave on surfboard or on boogie board. In addition, there will be a bar located near the ride called "the Flow Bar." The stage in the park will feature bands. Gano said the plan is to use the new area as more of an evening venue for adults.

The park also features a new midway with games and prizes. Guests can try their luck at a basketball shoot or other games like a ball toss where everyone is guaranteed a prize. Gano said the midway will eventually move closer to the front of the park in an area currently under construction to hold it.

The park is looking into putting in an 18-hole miniature golf course near the front where there is currently a volleyball court. Gano said the theme will be "Ahu Pua'a — From the Ocean to the Mountain."

"Kids and adults will learn about Hawaiian culture," Gano explained. "The holes will move from an ocean theme, to a land theme and then into the mountains. We do a lot of education tours here."

Gano said the idea is not to remain in the "water park" niche.

"The plan is to expand beyond just the water side," Gano said. "That's why it's called Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park. There's just so much to do."



A female patron waits while her friends slide down The Cliffhanger at Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park. Officials say an average of 350,000 patrons enjoy the park each year.



A family enjoys Keiki Cove while a lifeguard keeps watch at Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park.



Photo courtesy of MWR Marketing

Children make arts and crafts at last year's "Springfest." The event is held April 15 this year.

MWR celebrates 'Month of the Military Child' with Springfest

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Each April since 1983, the "Month of the Military Child" has emphasized the importance of providing children with services and support so they can adjust to the unique demands of a military family lifestyle.

To celebrate the "Month of the Military Child," Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) will hold its annual "Springfest" from 5-9 p.m.

April 15 at Ward Field.

The event will provide two hours of entertainment for children.

Special performances will include the award-winning Hypersquad Dance Company, Hawaiian/Caribbean Steel Drum performer Greg MacDonald, Honolulu Theater for Youth staff member and storyteller Dan Kelin, juggler and spray artist Wayne Gabaylo from "Art in Motion," and puppeteer Christy Lipps.

MWR will also provide

bounce houses, games, crafts and other keiki activities throughout the evening.

At 7 p.m., the Club Pearl Paradise Lounge will show the PG-rated cartoon feature "Sponge Bob Square Pants" on their big screen and will serve free popcorn.

All events are free and open to all military-affiliated personnel, their sponsored guests and children of all ages.

For more information, visit MWR on the web at www.greatlifehawaii.com or call 473-0606.

Hunting for Easter eggs



U.S. Navy Photo by PH3 Lindsay R. Minturn

A small boy searches for Easter eggs in the Makalapa Crater at a COMPACFLT MWR sponsored Easter egg hunt. Each year, COMPACFLT brings families and children together to experience fun and enjoyment for the Easter holiday.

HHLA's Visitor Industry Charity Walk pays tribute to troops on May 21

Dara Lum
McNeil Wilson Communications

"Mahalo to Our Troops" is the theme for the 27th annual Visitor Industry Charity Walk which will be held May 21. Sponsored by the Hawai'i Hotel & Lodging Association (HHLA), the charity walk is Hawai'i's largest single-day fundraiser, taking place simultane-

ously on Oahu, Maui, Kauai and the Big Island.

Alan Cambra, charity walk chairperson and general manager for the Renaissance Ilikai Waikiki Hotel, said, "While the majority of our charity walk funds will continue to be allocated toward social and civic community needs, we wanted to make a significant contribution toward Hawai'i's military to show

our utmost appreciation."

"We understand the hardships that families of servicemen and women are experiencing while serving in the Middle East," Cambra added.

"The visitor industry is a huge supporter of our military in the islands. We have hospitality employees serving in the Hawai'i National Guard that are deployed in the front

lines of our armed forces," said Murray Towill, president of HHLA.

Last year, more than 11,009 walkers on four islands participated to raise \$960,400 for more than 170 local charities. Since its inception in 1978, the charity walk has raised over \$15 million for Hawai'i's charities.

For more information and walker applications, visit [\[www.charity-walk.org\]\(http://www.charity-walk.org\) or call the charity walk representative on your island.](http://www.charity-</p></div>
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Oahu: Tina Garcia, Hawai'i Hotel & Lodging Association, (808) 923-0407.

Maui: Lani Correa, Maui Hotel Association, (808) 244-8625.

Big Island: Charlie Park, Mauna Kea Resort, (808) 882-5451.

Kauai: Jolene Ogle, Hawai'i Hotel Association-Kauai, (808) 826-2273.

Battleship Missouri Memorial launches Parade of Bands

USS Missouri Memorial Association

The USS Missouri Memorial Association, caretaker of the "Mighty Mo," announced its Parade of Bands schedule, featuring performances by scores of visiting high school, college and community-based bands and choirs at the Battleship Missouri Memorial.

The performances are being held as part of the memorial's year-long commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II.

The National Association for Music Education, the world's largest arts education organization, has designated March through June as the time of year when music education becomes the focus of schools across the nation.

During that time, bands and choirs from across the United States will perform for visitors in the shadow of America's last battleship, most famous for her role as the site of Japan's unconditional surrender that ended WWII.

Many of the bands have conducted special fund-raising activities to fund their trips so that it would coincide with this year's commemorative activities.

Band performances will be conducted on a nearly daily basis, with most performances taking place between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The schedule of bands follows:

- April 1**
 - Edward Pine Middle School Patriot Jazz Ensemble, Reno, Nev. (33 members)
 - Orlando High School Band, Orlando, Fla. (38 members)
- April 2**
 - Oakland Singers Encore, Oakland, Calif. (47 members)
- April 3**
 - Ferris High School Choir, Jersey City, N.J. (32 members)
- April 4**
 - Bear River High School Choir, Grass Valley, Calif. (52 members)
 - Union City High School Marching Band, Union City, Tenn. (330 members)
 - Chaparral High School Concert Choir, Temecula, Calif. (68 members)
- April 5**
 - Prairie High School Concert & Jazz Band, Brush Prairie, Wash. (65 members)
- April 8**
 - Kamiak High School Concert Band, Mukilteo, Wash. (99 members)
- April 10**
 - San Rafael High School Band, San Rafael, Calif.

- (120 members)
 - April 12**
 - Will C. Wood High School Symphonic Band, Vacaville, Calif. (48 members)
 - Murphy High School Showchoir, Murphy, N.C. (24 members)
 - April 13**
 - Will C. Wood High School Band, Vacaville, Calif. (72 members)
 - April 17**
 - Whitney Young High School Choir, Chicago, Ill. (38 members)
 - April 21**
 - Mount Carmel High School Band, Chicago, Ill. (50 members)
 - May 5**
 - Jefferson High School Choir, Shenandoah Junction, W.Va. (65 members)
 - Wilson High School Choir, Florence, S.C. (40 members)
 - Wimberley High School Marching Band, Wimberley, Texas (59 members)
 - May 27**
 - Wayne County High School Marching/Concert Band, Jesup, Ga. (50 members)
 - June 4**
 - Pulaski Academy Band, Little Rock, Ark. (72 members)
 - June 5**
 - Auburn High School Concert Band, Auburn, Ala. (119 members)
 - June 8**
 - Independence High School Band, San Jose, Calif. (292 members)
 - Washington High School Band, Tacoma, Wash. (185 members)
 - Farmington High School Band, Farmington, N.M. (185 members)
 - June 9**
 - Tri-West High School Band, Lizton, Ind. (60 members)
 - Northrop High School Band, Fort Wayne, Ind. (250 members)
 - June 10**
 - Hickman High School Band, Columbia, Mo. (250 members)
- Dates and times are subject to change. Visit the Battleship Missouri Memorial's web site, www.usmissouri.org, for a current listing.
- The USS Missouri Memorial Association has launched a yearlong commemoration of the end of World War II that culminates with the 60th anniversary of Japan's surrender on Sept. 2, 2005.
- A public ceremony being held in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Defense will mark the anniversary at the Battleship Missouri Memorial, located on Battleship Row in Pearl Harbor.

Learning about health and awareness



Photo courtesy of Tripler Army Medical Center

Nancy Wilimek, Tripler Army Medical Center adult medicine clinic's triage nurse (from left), helps W. W. Marshall of Honolulu read the body fat content analyzer, assisted by Maj. Mary Clarke, the clinic's head nurse. The clinic started an ongoing monthly health promotion program in its waiting room Feb. 18, with educational displays and health screenings. In April, the clinic will feature alcohol screening and gastro-intestinal health.

Navy Marine Corps Relief Society – there to help Navy families

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When thinking of spring, one may think of the Easter holiday, a rebirth as trees and flowers wake up from their wintery naps and begin to bud, and the introduction of the season's newest spring fashions.

Each spring also heralds the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) fund drive, which is conducted at Navy and Marine installations around the world.

According to an ALLNAVACTS message released about the event, it is the one time of year that Sailors and Marines prove that "we do, in fact, take care of our own in the most meaningful way possible."

For more than 99 years, NMCRS has responded with enthusiasm and compassion to the emergency financial

needs of active duty and retired Sailors, Marines and their families. As the problems of Sailors and Marines have grown increasingly complex, the society has implemented a full spectrum of programs and services to meet the diverse needs of service members.

During 2004, NMCRS at Navy Region Hawai'i assisted 1,673 Navy and Marine families who visited the society's office at Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

It provided interest-free loans and grants of more than \$1,136,000. Complimentary junior sea bags, each containing a coordinated assortment of baby items, were given to 243 Navy and Marine Corps families. Some items in the sea bags were handmade by the society's volunteers.

Visiting nurses conducted more than 1,600 patient visits. Thrift shops helped families stretch their paychecks

with sales totaling more than \$47,000.

This year's fund drive will continue through April 22. The Navy/Marine Corps community is highly encouraged to support the NMCRS fund drive. When approached for a donation, here are some facts to consider:

- One hundred percent of the donation is returned as financial relief to Sailors or Marines.
 - When you or someone in the Navy or Marine Corps is in financial trouble, chances are NMCRS will be able to help.
 - All NMCRS financial loans are issued interest-free.
- For more information on the fund drive, contact the Pearl Harbor NMCRS office, located in building 1514, at 423-1314 or the Marine Corps Base Hawai'i – Kaneohe Bay NMCRS office, located in building 4016, at 254-1327.

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Movie Call

Sharkey Theater
Naval Station Pearl Harbor
(473-0726)

FRIDAY
7:00 p.m. Sideways (R)
SATURDAY
2:30 p.m. Pooh's Heffalump Movie (G)
6:00 p.m. Advanced Screening Sahara (PG 13)
SUNDAY
2:30 p.m. Pooh's Heffalump Movie (G)
4:30 p.m. Hitch (PG-13)
6:45 p.m. Boogeyman (PG 13)
THURSDAY
7:00 p.m. Alone in the Dark (R)
\$3 adults; \$1.50 children (6-11)

Memorial Theater
Hickam Air Force Base
(449-2239)

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
7:00 p.m. Hitch (PG-13)
SUNDAY
7:00 p.m. Constantine (R)
WEDNESDAY
7:00 p.m. Constantine (R)
THURSDAY
7:00 p.m. Because of Winn-Dixie (PG)
\$3 adults; \$1.50 children (6-11)

Sgt. Smith Theater
Schofield Barracks
(624-2585)

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
7:00 p.m. The Aviator (PG 13)
SUNDAY
7:00 p.m. The Passion of Christ (R)
THURSDAY
7:00 p.m. Son of the Mask (PG)
\$3 adults; \$1.50 children (6-11)

Editor's note: Every effort has been made to provide the most up-to-date information at the time of publication. However, scheduling of these events is subject to change. It is recommended that you call the contact numbers for the individual events to determine whether or not the activity will be held.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE EVENTS

- **April 9:** Poopia Family kayaking, 8:30 a.m. Register by **April 6**.
- **April 10:** Kaawa Valley ATV ride, time to be announced, \$70. Register by **April 7**.
- **April 16:** Outrigger canoe ride - Waikiki, 10 a.m., \$12. Register by **April 10**.
- **April 23:** Boogie boarding at Bellows, 9 a.m., \$10. Register by **April 20**.
- **April 24:** Learn to surf, 9:30 a.m., \$15. Register by **April 21**.

ACTIVE DUTY TENNIS CLINIC
A free active duty tennis clinic will be offered beginning at 5:30 p.m. **April 4** at Wentworth tennis courts. Participants can learn tips and techniques to improve their game. Register no later than **today** by stopping by the pro shop or by calling 473-0610.

FAST LUNCH LEAGUE
Naval Station Pearl Harbor bowling center will offer a lunchtime bowling extravaganza every Tuesday. The Fast Lunch League will be held **April 5-May 24**. No team is required, just come join the games. The cost is \$9 per day and includes two games, shoe rental, lunch and drink. For more information, call 473-2651.

SAND VOLLEYBALL CLINIC
A free sand volleyball clinic will begin at 6:30 p.m. **April 8** at Wentworth sand volleyball courts. Participants will receive tips and learn techniques to improve their game. Register no later than **April 6** by stopping by the pro shop or by calling 473-0610.

8TH ANNUAL FORD ISLAND 10K BRIDGE RUN
Sign up now for the 8th Annual Ford Island 10K Bridge Run which will be held **April 9**. Late entries will be accepted until **April 8**. There will be no race day entries. Entry forms are available online at www.greatlife-hawaii.com or can be picked up at any military fitness center. For more information, call 473-2494.

SINGLE SAILOR RETREAT AT BELLOWES
Liberty in Paradise will host a single Sailor retreat at Bellows ABS on **April 8-10**. The cost is \$40 per person. Activities will include games, kayaking, swimming, paintball and more. LIP will provide transportation. For more information, call 473-4279.

YOUTH FITNESS ORIENTATION
A youth fitness orientation will be held **April 9** at Power Point Fitness Center, Barbers Point. The orientation is offered to youth ages 10-15 years old and includes a facility tour, safety guidelines, an equipment usage demo and a review of the rules and regulations. An adult must accompany program participants. Call the fitness center at 682-5243 by the Thursday prior to

class to reserve a space.
ADULT SAILING CLASSES
Free adult sailing classes are available to all active duty, retirees, DoD employees and family members at Rainbow Bay Marina. Classes are offered every week. The schedule is as follows: 8 a.m.-noon Monday through Thursday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 473-0279.

YOUTH STRENGTH PROGRAM
A youth strength program for ages 10-13 is held from 3-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Bloch Arena. The cost of the program is \$25 per month. The workout includes a cardiovascular warm-up, strength exercises, stretching techniques and nutritional tips. Registration requires a healthy history and Par-Q form. For more information, call 473-0793.

LUNCHTIME YOGA
Take a lunchtime yoga session at Bloch Arena Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Improve your flexibility, strength and stamina while increasing your feelings of calm and well-being. The cost is one aerobic ticket. For more information, call 473-0793 or visit www.greatlife-hawaii.com.

TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT
A Texas Hold 'em Tournament, a "Texas-sized" poker event, begins at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights at Beeman Center. Prizes, including trips, computers, poker sets, etc., will be given away. There is no entry fee. For more information, call 473-4279.

MASSAGES BY "THE LOTUS TOUCH"
Want to improve circulation, increase flexibility, release muscle tension and receive a greater sense of well-being? Try "The Lotus Touch." Patrons can enjoy a hot and cold stone massage which includes face, neck and shoulders. A 75-minute treatment costs \$90. Other treatments are available for as low as \$15. Appointments are available at Bloch Arena and Power Point Fitness Centers. For more information, call Ruby at 386-4812.



- **April 1:** Creation - a Polynesian Journey (includes buffet dinner, drink and show in Waikiki), \$40, 4 p.m.
- **April 2:** Hanauma Bay/Diamond Head Duck Tour (tour of Diamond Head and snorkeling), \$40, 8:30 a.m.
- **April 3:** Honolulu Hidden Valley waterfalls, \$37, 8:30 a.m.
- **April 6:** Game show night, free, 7 p.m., Beeman Center.
- **April 8:** Movie marathon at Liberty in Paradise, free, midnight-8:30 a.m.
- **April 9:** Skydiving, \$135 and up, 7 a.m.

Weekly events:

- Sunday:** Chess tournament, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday:** WWE wrestling, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday:** 8-Ball tournament - 7 p.m.
- Wednesday:** Game show - 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday:** 9-Ball Pool tournament - 7 p.m.

Community Calendar

To have your activity or event featured in the Community Calendar, e-mail your requests to hnn@honoroluaadvertiser.com or fax 473-2876. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's issue. Items will run on a space available basis.

The annual **Navy Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) fund drive** held its annual kickoff March 14 and will continue **through April 22**. The mission of the NMCRS is to provide, in partnership with the Navy and Marine Corps, financial, educational and other assistance to members of the naval service and their eligible family members and survivors. NMCRS provides assistance with basic living expenses, emergency transportation, funerals, medical bills, essential car repairs, pay problems and other emergency needs. For more information on the fund drive, contact the Pearl Harbor NMCRS office, located in building 1514, at 423-1314 or the Marine Corps Base Hawai'i - Kaneohe Bay NMCRS office, located in building 4016, at 254-1327.

The **Pearl Harbor Commissary** will close at 3 p.m. **April 6** for an **annual storewide inventory** and storewide reset. The commissary will reopen on April 7 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. The Pearl Harbor Commissary will add additional shelf spaces to provide patrons with a better flow of product throughout the store. To accomplish this, the commissary will close at 3 p.m. June 20 and will be closed all day June 21-22, reopening for normal business on June 23 from 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

The International Hospitality Center is seeking **volunteers to provide a day of hospitality** for the officers, mid-shipmen and crew of the Swedish Navy ship, "Carlskrona" on **April 10** for the afternoon and early evening. The itinerary would begin with a pickup at the ship at 2 p.m. Hosts are asked to provide a warm welcome to the officers and men by taking small groups (two, three or four) for sightseeing, beach picnics, recreational activities, backyard barbecues, etc. Assistance in extending the spirit of aloha will be appreciated by the Swedish Navy midshipmen/crew who look forward to having opportunities to meet members of the community. The ship will arrive on April 10. For more information and to register to be a host, contact Barbara Bancel, executive director of the International Hospitality Center at 521-3554, fax at 538-8046 or email at ihc@priory.net

Navy Region Hawai'i will host its second annual **Earth Day Fair** from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **April 23** in the main rotunda of the NEX at the Mall at Pearl Harbor. Learn about Hawai'i's environmental treasures and how everyone can help protect and preserve them through various interactive exhibits. There will be games, activities and prizes for the children. For more information, call Terri Kojima at the CNRH Public Affairs Office at 473-2926 or 473-2888.

A **VP-4 All Hands Reunion** is planned for **Aug. 4-7** in Portsmouth, Va. For more information, call Steve Andruszkewicz at (818) 652-9942 or email VP4Reunion2005@aol.com

The **American Red Cross**, Hickam Service Center is seeking volunteers to fill the following positions: chairman of volunteers, records chairman and publicity chairman. For more information, call the Red Cross office at

449-0166. The office is located at 655 Vickers Ave., building 1105 and is open from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Sea World San Diego is offering free admission throughout 2005 for all active duty military and up to three dependents. For more information, visit <http://www.herosalute.com/cavatz/index.html>.

The **USS Chafee Ohana** meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the community center in Pearl City housing. Child care is provided at a cost of \$2 for the first child and \$1 for each additional child. For more information, call 780-4132 or contact chafee-ohana90@yahoo.com

The **Navy Exchange Appliance Store** has a new home, located in building 70 at the corner of Radford Drive and Bougainville Drive. It is open from 9 a.m.- 9 p.m. daily. For more information, call 421-1495.

How to contact **TriWest/TRICARE services** - Beneficiaries can contact TriWest with enrollment; Primary Care Manager and address changes; program benefits questions; claims status; fee payments and locating network providers in the area by calling 1-888-TRIWEST (1-888-874-9378), visiting their web site at www.triwest.com, or visiting TRICARE Service Centers located at Makalapa Medical Clinic and Kaneohe Bay Medical Clinic.

The TRICARE Service Center located at the Pearl Harbor Makalapa Clinic is open from 7:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. The TRICARE Service Center located at the Kaneohe Clinic is open from 7-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4 p.m.

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), a nonprofit, noncommercial weight-loss support group, meets every Wednesday at the Armed Services YMCA, Aliamanu location. Weigh-in begins at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 6:15 p.m. Membership fees are low and includes the T.O.P.S. magazine. There are also incentive programs offered. The first meeting is free. T.O.P.S. in Hawai'i is a support group for helping members Take Off Pounds Sensibly.

The group recently held its state convention and crowned the state queen. She had lost all her weight by the end of December 2003 and lost 163 pounds. The first meeting of T.O.P.S. is free. If you need support in your weight loss efforts, the group offers low monthly fees and a low joining fee. Call Delcie at 623-1403 for information on the several chapters and meeting places on the island. For more information, call Delcie at 623-1403.

Youth can win savings bonds for **good grades**. Parents should take their child's most recent report card to the Navy Exchange to register for the Project A-OK program. The prizes are \$5,000, \$3,000, \$2,000 or \$1,000 in U.S. Savings Bonds. For more information, visit the NEX customer service department at The Mall rotunda.

Navy Exchange **price matching policy** lets customers match the price of any identical item sold in any local store. Simply provide proof of the lower price and the NEX will match it. If the price difference is under \$5, the NEX will match it on the spot. Some restrictions apply to the policy. Please see a sales associate for more information.



Alone in the Dark: A detective travels to Shadow Island to solve the mystery of a friend's death.

Assault on Precinct 13: A cop-killer is unexpectedly brought into a Detroit precinct on New Year's Eve. The remaining cops and prisoners find themselves fighting for their lives against rogue cops.

The Aviator: A snapshot in the life of Howard Hughes. "The Aviator" ends in 1946, when Hughes was still a young man and romancing actresses.

Because of Winn-Dixie: A 10-year-old girl moves to a small town in Florida with her father. She adopts a stray dog whom she names after the local supermarket where she finds him.

Boogeyman: Tim returns to his hometown so he can visit the house where he grew up and convince himself his traumatic memories are just a figment of his imagination.

Constantine: Occultist John Constantine teams up with skeptical policewoman Angela Dodson to solve the mysterious suicide of her twin sister.

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The Passion of the Christ: Over the last 12 hours of Christ's life, he is betrayed and condemned to death. He is beaten and made to carry his cross before he is nailed to it.

Pooh's Heffalump Movie: The residents of the Hundred Acre Wood try to catch the terrifying Heffalumps. Roo comes across a young Heffalump, who proves that Heffalumps aren't at all what people say.

Sahara: Master explorer Dirk Pitt goes on the adventure of a lifetime while seeking out a lost Civil War battleship known as the "Ship of Death."

Sideways: Two men reaching middle age with not much to show, embark on a road trip through California's wine country, just as one is about to take a trip down the altar.

Son of the Mask: Tim Avery is feeling reluctant to become a father when he finds that he has to take care of a baby with amazing abilities.

JO3 Ryan C. McGinley
Hitch

There are some actors who can make just about any movie worthwhile. Their persona, articulation and overall likeability can create a watchable character out of some of the most boring lines and story ideas. Will Smith is one of those actors.

"Hitch" is a movie defined by Will Smith. Put another, lesser actor in the role of Hitch and this movie fails miserably. Put Will Smith in, and suddenly audiences find themselves laughing and having a good time, despite the mediocrity.

It tells the story of Alex "Hitch" Hitchens, who is known to his clients as the 'date doctor.' He is the man who knows how women think, act and fall for men. In a world where one moment with a woman can make the difference between happily ever after and lonely ever after, Hitch can manipulate that moment to the guy's advantage.

The film basically follows the story of a client named Albert (Kevin James), who has shot for the moon, so to speak, with the woman he wants to court. Add a love interest for Will Smith and there's the movie. Ironically, Hitch can't get his 'stuff right' when he's with his love interest, to further complicate this moronic plot. If audiences want to watch real people in real love situations, watch "Sex and the City."

Despite distaste for the movie as a whole, it's fun to watch. Will Smith adds comedy right when audiences start to lose interest. Granted most of the funny parts are in the trailers displayed everywhere under the sun, but it's still fun to watch. Audiences will watch almost anything Will Smith acts in, with the exception of "Wild Wild West." But he can't be perfect all the time.

"Hitch" is a fun movie because of Will Smith. Supporting characters are mediocre at best. The plot and dialogue are uninspiring and dull. But when words come out of Smith's mouth, we sit up intently and listen, because that's what good actors can make us do.

OVERALL RATING: ★★☆☆☆