

EXPECT THE Unexpected



MU3 James Randorff, assigned to the Pacific Fleet Rock Band on Pearl Harbor, plucks his bass during a concert at the Aloha Festival held in Hilo, Hawaii.

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They're not your typical Sailors. They dress in the same familiar summer white uniforms, but part of their job is to play Guns N' Roses, Green Day and Lynyrd Skynyrd. They are known as the Pacific Fleet Rock Band, an eclectic ensemble of musicians who offer up a variety of melodic selections for all ages.

The band visited the island of Hawaii on Sept. 24 -27 to participate in events surrounding the Aloha Festival, performing at various high schools, universities and malls playing songs spanning from current hits to classic rock favorites.

"The rock band is traditionally always going to get a surprise reaction from the audience because every year we're going to show up with new material," said Musician 2nd Class Brian Nefferdorf, who plays guitar. "If you saw what we did this year, next year is going to be completely different. We're going to keep people on their toes and surprise them all the time. It makes the job more exciting that way."

The band performed at the Ho'olaule'a Festival in downtown Hilo on Sept. 24 as part of the Aloha Festival events. They took the stage in their summer whites with a crowd of approximately 50 people. By the end of the performance, the crowd had grown to more than 300 people.

"That's just a pure example

of what we do," said Nefferdorf. "We really play off of the crowd. We always go out there and give 110 percent and when the crowd's really into it, we bring the show to a higher level."

"When you see the surprised look of, 'Oh my god, the Navy rocks. The Navy has edge. The Navy's pumped up.' That's a great feeling and you totally get a high from that," said Musician 3rd Class Ross Hartig, who plays drums for the band. "That's exactly why I got in the Navy. I wanted to play festivals, dances and parties to have a good time and to show people a good time."

The band also performed at the Kilauea Military Camp's Lava Lounge to a mixed crowd of retirees, active-duty, reservist and members of the local community.

"It was a real treat for our guests and the local community," said Arlene Bali, marketing director for the Kilauea Military Camp. "Even our employees were out because they wanted to enjoy it too. We're really thankful to have had the Navy come out and play."

"I loved the performance. It was great," said Deborah Agles, a guest of the camp and former Navy flight surgeon. "I've never seen the Navy band and they were hot. If they weren't in uniform, they could have been any band anywhere. It's great public relations for the military to be in uniform and play that kind of music."

The group brought their style of music to local high schools in the area, providing entertainment and showing students another side of the military music program.

"The response we got from the teachers at the high schools was really good," said Acosta. "They really enjoyed the program that we put out. With this ensemble being a rock band, most high schools don't really know what we're going to come and do."

"When they think of a Navy band, they think of marches and stuff the kids

aren't going to be interested in. The look on the students' faces were just like, 'They're playing that?' That's an awesome look to get. That's what we do this job for, is to get that surprised look on their faces," he continued.

So why does the band play rock music?

"We play for the public," said Acosta. "That's why we cover such a wide variety of material. I feel we need to do that because music is an experience for all ages and we play for all ages."

"By us covering that music, it's a real eye-opener. We keep them guessing. It makes for an interesting mode for us because it gives us more to play off of, which gives us more energy on stage and makes for a better performance," he continued.

The band members also took time away from playing to give a musical workshop for students at Hilo High School.

"We were showing them musical foundations applied to the instrument that they're on, that could take them to the next step and hopefully getting them closer to the goal of making music with other people," said Hartig.

"Whenever we get a chance to work with young students, it's always an eye-opener because you never really know which student you're going to influence along the way, that you're actually going to make continue with it and move on," said Acosta.

The band supports a variety of events and festivals in Hawaii, and Nefferdorf said the look of amazement in the crowd makes every performance that much more enjoyable.

"The element of surprise makes it more interesting for us every time because we like to see that they're enjoying themselves," said Nefferdorf. "That just makes it so much better. We're there for the audience. When they're enjoying it, then all the hard work put into that song makes it all worth it."



MU3 Ross Hartig lays down a beat on his drum set during a public concert at the Prince Kuhio Plaza Mall in Hilo, Hawaii.



MU2 Jose Acosta plays his saxophone during a public concert at the Kilauea Military Camp Lava Lounge.



MU2 Brian Nefferdorf picks his guitar during a public concert at the Kilauea Military Camp Lava Lounge.



MU2 Mallory McKendry, lead singer for the Pacific Fleet Band, jams to a tune during the Aloha Festival on the Big Island of Hawaii.



Members of the Pacific Fleet Band play during a concert in Hilo.

Helping kids to be 'financially literate'

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Remember the "three Rs" - reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic? For decades, schools have stressed the importance of the three Rs in the education of America's youth. While children are making the grade in these academic areas, they are being "shortchanged," according to financial experts, when it comes to understanding finances. It's important that today's kids are "financially literate," they explain.

Youth who are financially illiterate have no concept of money, can't balance their checkbooks, and usually lack even the basic knowledge of savings accounts, investments, etc. Left with such a deficit in their early education, many find themselves in rather financially precarious positions as adults.

Recognizing that financial illiteracy was especially prevalent among girls, Joline Godfrey, president and CEO of Independent Means, Inc., launched the company in 1996 as a leading worldwide provider of financial experiences and products for teens and their parents.

Her financial classes are taught in schools across the nation. Sacred Hearts Academy in Honolulu offers the curriculum as part of its Advanced Placement (AP) economics class. In April, Godfrey presented a financial literacy conference at the academy, which was open to the public.

"We need to make sure our kids have the skills to cope on their own," emphasized Godfrey. "The idea is not to have this be an event, but a process," she said.

Stressing that ages five to 18 are "financial appren-

ticeship years" for kids, Godfrey remarked that during that time youth should be taught the financial basics, such as savings and balancing checkbooks. But she pointed out that parents are inclined to have the attitude that "they're just little kids - they don't need to worry about that stuff."

Not learning the financial basics can have a detrimental effect on youth when they reach adulthood, according to Godfrey, because "they're trying to learn these skills at the very same time they need to use them."

There is also a large disparity in financial education between genders, according to Godfrey. "We have not expected enough from girls and have expected too much from boys," she said and added, "How do we help girls grow up not to be poor women?"

Maggie Stark, a Navy family member who just graduated from Sacred Hearts, can identify with the points made by Godfrey and through the program has become more financially savvy. "We learned that you have to set goals, be very realistic in determining what your wants and needs are," said Stark, who was a student in the AP economics class at the academy. "That prioritizes what you have to budget for. A lot of it is the concept of not putting all of your eggs into one basket," Stark added.

The class also teaches the fundamentals of investing. "With government bonds, you can invest and you're guaranteed to get your money back with interest. With the stock market, you can get more money than with government bonds, but it's not guaranteed you'll get your money back,"

explained Stark, adding a note of advice, "You want to diversify - not put all of your money into either the stock market or government bonds."

Stark admitted that prior to the class, she didn't know anything about investments, but said that her parents have always been good about giving her basic financial advice. Stark soon put her newfound knowledge into action.

While working, she opened up a checking account. Money that she earned was used to pay for things, including gas for her car, but she said that half of what she makes goes into a savings account that will be used for college expenses. Stark also opened a mutual fund account while she was working at her summer job and, at her young age, is already planning ahead for retirement.

Another topic covered in the class discussed the use of credit cards and the inherent pitfalls. "We touched upon the dangers of having a credit card. It's good for emergencies, but you have to have a realistic idea of what an emergency is," explained Stark.

"I would rather not have a credit card until I have a stable career," she admitted.

Armed with what she has learned at school and with the guidance of her parents, Stark is prepared to meet today's financial challenges. "I can't always go to an ATM and get cash when I want it. I can't spend my money frivolously. I have to budget for gas and other expenses," she said.

"My parents have drilled into me how to spend my money wisely and not waste it," said Stark as she heads to college at James Madison to pursue a degree in crimi-



Photo by Hayley Matson-Mathes

A Navy family member (center of photo) learns about finances and the importance of being "financially literate" as part of the AP economics class at Sacred Hearts Academy.

nology or psychology.

Betty White, director of Sacred Hearts Academy, reiterated the importance of teaching youth about finances. "We are failing our graduates if we are graduating them without some financial savvy and the concepts of knowing what compound interest is, and about money management," she commented. "To be financially independent, they have to get into professions that will create that kind of money," she continued.

White stressed the importance of girls having a profession, especially in the event that they may need to work to support their families. "Joining the job market is no longer a choice. They have to get prepared for it," she noted.

Celeste O'Brien, development director at Sacred Hearts, reinforced that point. "Girls shouldn't sell themselves short. They need to look at what their talents and skills are worth," she advised.

Classes for children that teach money skills are also offered in the spring and

during the summer months at Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. Money Skills for Kids (ages 8-12) "gives young people a hands-on way to get involved in learning about money management at an early age," according to Debra Blunt, financial counselor at FFSC.

"We stress the importance of saving at an early age. We play several games at the end of the class to teach the kids the difference between assets and liabilities," said Blunt.

Blunt said that as part of the curriculum of the Money Skills for Kids (ages 13-17), teens are provided with an understanding of budgeting, credit cards, and how to start and maintain a checking account. "A class exercise is conducted on living on their own - they are required to find an apartment, a job and car. A budget is prepared to see if they can afford to be on their own (assuming they are also attending college)," she explained.

"Most of the teens are

shocked and I have had a few say, 'I'm not leaving home,'" continued Blunt. "It gives them an idea of what mom and dad go through each month and what needs to be done to make ends meet."

Becoming more financially educated is not only essential, but it is a topic that many youth want to learn about. "Kids want to know about money. They just don't know how to go about it," noted Godfrey.

Emphasizing that children should learn about such financial matters as savings, she said, "If kids can spell compound interest, it's a start."

One problem is that many parents don't know how to discuss money matters with their children, Godfrey said. "Because parents didn't have their own training, parents and kids don't have ways to talk about this in a way that is comfortable," she commented. "Parents have a high level of anxiety because they don't know how to counsel them."

The financial educator also offered some ideas on allowances for children. "An allowance is a tool to learn to manage money. It's not an entitlement, it's not a salary," she asserted. "Look at reality. It means giving them much greater responsibility for a larger amount of money," she added.

But the bottom line, according to Godfrey, is increased education and financial awareness for today's youth. "Money is real. There are true consequences for running out of it," she said.

For more information on the FFSC classes, call 473-4222. More information on financial education for youth can be found by visiting the www.independent-means.com Web site.

Fire Prevention Week events planned

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It sounds almost too simple, but it's true - the best way to fight fire is to prevent fire. "Use Candles with Care" is the theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week, slated for Oct. 9-15. The Federal Fire Department (FFD) at Naval Station Pearl Harbor reminds residents, "When you go out, blow out!"

"The individual's intentions of burning candles and incense are usually to create a mood, but the mood could rapidly change if precautions are not practiced," cautioned Victor Flint, fire inspector with the Federal Fire Department at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. "Nothing combustible or flammable should be left near the candle and/or incense. Have a secure, non-combustible base for the candle and/or incense," Flint said.

He advised that residents should take precautions to ensure that lit candles can't be tipped over by pets or children and to make sure

that candles aren't located close to windblown curtains where they could ignite a fire.

"Do not have children light candles and/or incense. These are not toys. As with matches and lighters, keep candles out of the reach of children," admonished the fire inspector.

He offered a final precautionary note when using candles. "Never, ever leave the burning candle and/or incense unattended, never!" he emphasized.

The department will present special exhibits and demonstrations during the week-long fire prevention observance.

A live fire demonstration will highlight the department's prevention week event on Oct. 11 at Aliamanu Elementary School.

Sparky the Fire Dog and Smoky the Bear will be on hand at the events. There will also be static displays of firefighting and hazmat equipment, a house of hazards display and fire prevention information.

Displays have been scheduled at the following locations:

- Oct. 11: 9-10:30 a.m., Aliamanu Elementary School.
- Oct. 12: 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Schofield Barracks Commissary.
- Oct. 13: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Kaneohe Marine Corps Exchange
- Oct. 14: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Pearl Harbor NEX/Commissary.

If a fire should start, there are important guidelines that should be followed.

"When your house is burning is not the time or place to stop and use the telephone to call the fire department," cautioned Victor Flint, "Go to a neighbor's house and use their phone or use a cordless phone or cell phone," he said. "Do not go back into a burning house. Once you're out, stay out!"

Fire spreads rapidly, leaving as little as two minutes to escape safely. Many people are surprised to learn that smoke from a fire can quickly put them into a



Photo courtesy of the Federal Fire Department

Federal Fire Department will present a series of displays and demos during Fire Prevention Week from Oct. 9-15. There will be static displays of firefighting equipment and appearances by Sparky the Fire Dog and Smokey the Bear.

deeper sleep rather than waking them. Fire Prevention Week, which is held during the second week of October each year, had its beginnings in the Great Chicago Fire that occurred Oct. 9, 1871. The fire killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and

burned more than 2,000 acres - all in a matter of 27 hours. One legend about the fire's origin is that Mrs. Catherine O'Leary was milking her cow when the animal kicked over a lamp, setting the barn on fire and starting the blaze. Although FFD units and personnel from Naval Station Pearl Harbor will provide special

exhibits and demonstrations at military malls and local schools during the week-long observance, fire prevention awareness is a major focus of the department throughout the year.

"Fire prevention awareness is emphasized by the Federal Fire Department all year round through information disseminated in news stories and Navy Channel 2. They also conduct fire safety inspections at homes and businesses and look for fire hazards and ways to eliminate them," explained Flint. "The fire department also gives fire prevention demonstrations, exhibits and drills, such as Federal Fire Department Day and various safety standdowns," he continued.

"We want to be proactive, not reactive," emphasized Flint. "Prevention is the key."

For more information about fire safety, visit the NFPA Web site at www.nfpa.org or call Inspector Victor Flint, Federal Fire Department, at 474-7785.

Columbus Day - holiday to be observed Oct. 10

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The observance of Columbus Day on Oct. 10 means that federal government and state government offices, schools, banking institutions, etc. will be closed. The holiday also gives many people a three-day weekend.

But just why do we celebrate Columbus Day? Remember the little ditty that you had to memorize

in elementary school? "In 1492, Columbus sailed the ocean blue. He sailed and sailed and sailed and sailed, to find this land for me and you." That sums it up quite well.

It was more than 500 years ago, on Oct. 12, 1492, when a sailor on the Pinta sighted land in the "new world."

Christopher Columbus' 10-week voyage from Spain ended the next day when the famous explorer and his crew landed on the island of

Guanahani in the Bahamas. Of course, the rest is history.

But, according to the Library of Congress, it wasn't until Oct. 12, 1792 - 300 years later - that the first recorded celebration of Columbus Day took place in the United States. It was organized by the Society of Tammany, which was also known as the Columbian Order.

Information from the Library explains that the 400th anniversary

of Columbus' discovery, in 1892, inspired the first official Columbus Day holiday in America when President Benjamin Harrison issued a proclamation that urged Americans to observe the day. The people responded enthusiastically and organized programs, plays and community festivities across the nation.

For decades after, the Knights of Columbus, an international Roman Catholic fraternal society, lobbied

state legislatures to declare Oct. 12 a legal holiday. Colorado was the first state to officially make Columbus Day a holiday on April 1, 1907 followed by New York on Oct. 12, 1909.

Since 1971, the holiday has been celebrated on the second Monday in October. It has also marked a time of parades and festivities, as well as a day of rest and relaxation.

Enjoy your Columbus Day holiday.

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Movie Call

Sharkey Theater
Naval Station Pearl Harbor
(473-0726)

TODAY

7:00 p.m. The Great Raid (R)
SATURDAY
2:30 p.m. Sky High (PG)
4:45 p.m. Four Brothers (R)
7:00 p.m. Deuce Bigalow: European Gigelo (R)

SUNDAY

2:30 p.m. Valiant (G)
4:30 p.m. Must Love Dogs (PG 13)
6:30 p.m. Dukes of Hazzard (PG 13)
THURSDAY
7:00 p.m. The Cave (PG 13)

Memorial Theater

Hickam Air Force Base
(449-2239)

TODAY

7:00 p.m. March of the Penguins (G)
SATURDAY

7:00 p.m. March of the Penguins (G)
SUNDAY

7:00 p.m. 40-Year-Old Virgin (R)
WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. 40-Year-Old Virgin (R)
THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. March of the Penguins (G)

Sgt. Smith Theater

Schofield Barracks
(624-2585)

TODAY, SUNDAY AND THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. The Skeleton Key (PG 13)
SATURDAY AND WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Undiscovered (PG 13)

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

- **Oct. 15:** Kuliouou Ridge hike, 8:30 a.m., \$5. Register by **Oct. 12.**
- **Oct. 16:** Kayaking at Chinaman's Hat, 8:30 a.m., \$15. Register by **Oct. 13.**

LAKER GIRLS APPEARANCE

The Laker Girls will be at the Paradise Lounge at Club Pearl from 5-6 p.m. **today.** For more information, visit www.greatlife-hawaii.com or call 473-4279.

FAMILY FUN DAY AND REGATTA

A free Family Fun Day and Regatta will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **Oct. 8** at Rainbow Bay Marina. Sharpen your skills or learn the basics of kayaking, paddle boating or sailing. The activity will also include a free barbecue. The event is open to all MWR patrons. For more information, call 473-0279.

WALK-TOBER

A healthy lifestyle is just a step away when you improve your fitness walking skills by participating in MWR's free clinics. Clinics will be held at 9 a.m. **Oct 10** and at 4 p.m. **Oct. 17** at Bloch Arena. Advance registration is required. For more information, call 473-0793.

PACIFIC RIM COMEDY TOUR

Enjoy the laughs with nationally-known comics of the Pacific Rim

Comedy Tour at 8 p.m. **Oct. 12** at Beeman Center at Pearl Harbor. See Evan Sayet, political satirist, comedian, former writer for "The Arsenio Hall Show" and the first creative consultant on "Politically Incorrect with Bill Maher," for comedy with a conservative twist. Debbie Praver, the clever and sarcastic actress/comedienne who is the original "Desperate Housewife," has played the Improv, The Friars Club and the Comedy Store. The event is open to all MWR patrons ages 18 and over; the show includes adult content. The comedy show is free and no tickets are necessary. For more information, visit the MWR Web site at www.greatlife-hawaii.com or call 473-2582.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY NAVY

The following Happy Birthday Navy events will be held **Oct. 13** at the Club Pearl complex:

4 p.m. - Oceans CPO; 4-6 p.m., Pool & Pizza; 8:30 p.m., The Country Bar. Patrons will have a chance to win a special "Happy Birthday Navy" T-shirt. Supplies are limited. For more information, call 473-1743.

POKER TOURNAMENT

Put your poker skills to the test at the Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament at Pearl Harbor. Qualifying rounds will be held **Oct. 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 18 and 25** at Club Pearl Paradise Lounge on Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The tournament is open to active duty personnel from all branches of the U.S. military. Free entry is limited to the first 320 registrants each night. Registration begins at 5 p.m. at the event with play beginning at 6 p.m. Qualifying round winners will receive various electronics prizes such as Apple iPods, DVD

players, Sony Playstation portables (PSP), TVs and more. A minimum of 10 qualifiers each round will advance to the finals. The final round will be held at 6 p.m. **Dec. 2** at Beeman Center at Naval Station Pearl Harbor. The tournament winner will receive the JN Chevrolet jackpot valued at over \$1,500. For more information, call 473-2582 or 473-4279.

REGISTER FOR SUPER GARAGE SALE & CRAFT FAIR

The next MWR Super Garage Sale & Craft Fair is set for **Nov 5.** Those who wish to participate as vendors can register early at any Navy Information, Tickets & Travel Office. The information about the event and the application can be found online at www.greatlife-hawaii.com.

WINNERS TO SUPER BOWL XL

Get your entry into the grand prize drawing to be held at the end of the year for a trip to Super Bowl XL. The winner and a guest will go to Detroit to see the Super Bowl XL. The prize includes airfare, hotel and tickets to the big game. The more you play, the more chances you have to qualify at Pool & Pizza at Pearl Harbor. Events begin at 6:30 p.m. every Monday. The drawing will be held **Dec. 26.** For more information, call 473-1743.

FREE FITNESS WORKSHOPS

Upcoming free fitness workshops will be held at Bloch Arena:
- Back in Action - Learn a series of back exercises to strengthen this vulnerable area.
- Ultimate Jump Rope Workout - Experience optimum cardiovascular conditioning and improved athletic skills.
- Powerful Plyometrics - With lit-

tle or no equipment, you can achieve more power.

- Break the line and rotate - It's the way our muscles move.
Advance registration is required. For more information, call 473-0793.

"BELLY" GOOD EXERCISE

Learn authentic Arabic and Egyptian dance moves while tightening and toning your body. Month-long class sessions are \$25 and begin the first Tuesday of each month at Bloch Arena. Classes are held from 7:30-8 p.m. For more information, call 473-0793.

BARBERS POINT CLUBHOUSE NOW OPEN

The snack bar, MacGregor's Grill, is now open at the new Barbers Point Golf Course Clubhouse. The snack bar is open daily, from 6 a.m.-6 p.m., serving a variety of hot foods, fresh deli items and cold beverages. For more information, call 682-5662. While you're there, check out the new pro shop to find everything you need to get in the game. For more information, call 682-1911.



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@honoluluadvertiser.com or fax 473-2876. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's issue. Items will run on a space available basis.

Military personnel with I.D. will receive free admission to the 57th Narcissus Festival's **Splendor of China** which will be held **Oct. 8-9** at the Neal Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall. The event will be held from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Oct. 8 and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 9. Highlights of the cultural festival will include cultural and historic exhibits, Chinese dog show, acrobat lion dances, food booths, mah jong exhibition, performers from China, Chinese folk dancing, cooking demonstrations, acupuncture demonstrations and more. There will be special appearances by the 57th annual Narcissus Festival contestants. General admission is \$2 per person. Children under the age of 12 will be admitted free. Tickets are available in advance at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce office or on the day of the event at Blaisdell. For more information, call 533-3181 or email info@chinesechamber.com.

The **Navy Officers' Birthday Ball** will begin at 6 p.m. **Oct. 8** at Hilton Hawaiian Village. For tickets or more information, Navy personnel should contact their command representative.

Pouhala Marsh Work Days have been scheduled for cleanup and removal of pickle weeds at the north end of Pearl Harbor's West Loch. The project will cover a Hawaiian fish pond and coastal marsh of about 70 acres. Volunteers are needed for the following dates and times: 8:30-11:30 a.m. **Oct. 8, Nov. 5 and Dec. 3.** Anyone who is interested in participating should call 473-1203 or e-mail adelina.lobes@navy.mil.

In observance of **Fire Prevention Week**, the Federal Fire Department on Oahu will conduct a series of displays and demos at various locations around Oahu.

- **Oct. 11** - 9-10:30 a.m., Aliamanu Elementary School, Salt Lake: Live fire and fire truck demo and live stage show with Sparky and Smokey.
 - **Oct. 14** - 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Pearl Harbor NEX Commissary, Radford Drive: Fire truck display, "house of hazards" and Sparky the Fire Dog.
- For more information, call Inspector Victor M. Flint (FFD) at 474-7785.

Naval Health Clinic Hawai'i will present a three-day **health promotion workshop** from 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. **Oct. 26-28** at Navy Training Center, building 679 (formerly Navy College). The workshop is designed for Navy instructors who wish to improve their presenting skills on such topics as nutrition, fitness, tobacco awareness, alcohol awareness, healthy heart and sexual responsibility. Deadline to register is **Oct. 14.** For more information, call 471-9355.

The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) is seeking **Navy volunteers to help with the MDA dinner and auction** to be held **Nov. 19** at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel in Waikiki. The evening's activities include a silent auction and a live auction. Volunteers are needed to assist with the auctions. MDA will provide a free dinner to each volunteer. For more information, call 593-4454.

Eligibility for the **World War II Registry of Remembrances** is open to anyone who helped win the war, either a veteran or an American on the home front. Registrants may enter their own name or the name of someone they wish to honor for their service

during the war. The Registry of Remembrances is accessible on site at the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Names can be registered via the WWII Memorial Web site at www.wwii-memorial.com or by mailing to WWII Memorial Processing Center, P.O. Box 305, Calverton, NY 11933-0186. There is no fee to add a name to the registry, but there is a fee to add a photo or receive a certificate. For more information, call the World War II Memorial processing center at (800) 639-4992.

The Hickam Hurricanes **swimming team is looking for a head coach.** Previous coaching experience is desirable. The team also has an immediate opening for an assistant coach. No previous coaching experience is required for the assistant coach position. For more information, contact Peggy Glasgow at 389-5063 or email at information@hickamhurricanes.com with a current resume.

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.

The **University of Oklahoma** offers a master of arts in managerial economics and a master of public administration. The non-thesis programs can be completed in about 18 months. The school offers one-week classes that are TDY/TAD friendly. For more information, contact OU at 449-6364 or aphickam@ou.edu or visit www.gouou.ou.edu.

Welcome Baby support group: All expectant and new moms are invited to attend. The group meets twice a month. Children are welcome to attend. For more information or to reserve a spot, call Terri or Susan at 363-1897.

The **Children's Waiting Room** is a place where parents can drop off their children if they have a doctor's appointment. The Armed Services YMCA is in need of volunteers to keep this program running at Tripler Army Medical Center. The hours of the waiting room are from 8 a.m.-noon Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Those who are interested in volunteering or who wish to place an appointment should call 833-1185.



The 40-Year-Old Virgin: Andy has done quite a few things in his life. But there's just one thing he hasn't done yet - have sex. His friends consider it their duty to help.

The Cave: A rescue team is sent down into the world's largest cave system to try to find the spelunkers who first explored its depths.

Deuce Bigalow: European Gigelo: Deuce is seduced back to his pleasure-for-pay profession when his former pimp is implicated in the murders of Europe's gigolos.

The Dukes of Hazzard: Bo and Luke Duke, with the help of their cousin Daisy, try and save their farm from being destroyed by Hazzard County's corrupt commissioner.

Four Brothers: See Review

The Great Raid: Set in 1945, "The Great Raid" tells the true story of the 6th Ranger Battalion who undertake a daring rescue mission.

March of the Penguins: Emperor penguins overcome daunting obstacles in order to return to their breeding grounds for mating season.

Must Love Dogs: Sarah, who has sworn off dating, finds her family pushing her back into the dating world. Her sister places a personal ad for her, declaring that anyone answering it "must love dogs."

The Skeleton Key: Caroline takes a job caring for a stroke-victim. But Caroline becomes suspicious of the house and makes her way into a room where she discovers instruments for voodoo.

Sky High: When you're the son of the most legendary superheroes, there is only one school for you. The problem is that Will is starting with no superpowers of his own.

Undiscovered: An aspiring model falls in love with a struggling musician when they suddenly cross paths on a train.

Valiant: A lowly wood pigeon named Valiant overcomes his small size to become a hero in Great Britain's Royal Air Force Homing Pigeon Service during World War II.

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Four Brothers

"Four Brothers" is the type of film that's just one step away from being great, and at the same time just one step away from being very bad. It hovers in a happy medium of popcorn fantasy and realistic bravado, hopping to appeal to the masses.

In the beginning of the film, we learn about Evelyn Mercer, an older white lady living in the ghetto of Detroit, who has a passion for helping those in trouble, no matter what their color. But in true script writing form, she is shot dead in the first moments, thereby creating the story. Her four adopted sons, two black and two white, come back for her funeral and begin an investigation into why their mother was killed. It turns out there is more to the story than what is known and the brothers go on an all out war against everybody for the truth.

Director John Singleton's film hits every genre along the way, exposing comedy, drama, action and a little bit of sentimentality. He never quite renders a true path the film follows, but rather a sporadic barrage of scenes that feel like a roller coaster of emotions. The climactic scenes build up grave sadness only to be followed by a tacky strut-your-stuff conclusion, which leaves little to connect with.

Actors Mark Wahlberg, Tyrese Gibson, Andre Benjamin and Garrett Hedlund do an average job as the four brothers, but in their defense, many scenes lend little in the way of solid scripting by which they could stand out or shine.

The movie is not bad, but it's not fantastic either. It's the sort of film that leaves your mind as soon as you walk out of theater, with nothing more to follow. It will appeal to everyone with a little bit of action, sorrow and humor, but never really defines itself.

OVERALL RATING:

New exhibit at Battleship Missouri Memorial gives emotional look into life during WWII

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A new exhibit at the Battleship Missouri Memorial recently opened in conjunction with a commemorative ceremony on Sept. 2, on the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II. Titled "Our World At War," the exhibit gives visitors a glimpse into life during the war.

"The purpose of this exhibit is to make sense of the surrender - of that incredible moment when the victorious were conciliatory when they could have been vindictive. In order for visitors to understand why that moment was so significant, they need to glimpse the horror of war," said Mike Weidenbach, curator of the USS Missouri Memorial Association and the exhibit's creator.

The exhibit, which opened Aug. 15, the 60th anniversary of V-J Day, takes visitors back to what life was like in the midst of World War II. When they enter the "Our World At War" exhibit in the memorial's wardrobe, the faces of war stare back. The images, called the "Eyes of War," are powerful, reflecting times of uncertainty and horror. Also at the beginning of the exhibit is a section called "The Fallen," which portrays how easy it is in wartime to lose sight of individual losses and families torn apart.

Images of the onset of the war line the walls as visitors venture further into the room. These include the rounding up of Jews bound for concentration camps, posters from various countries reflecting a common call to arms, and pieces of time and place that reflect the experience of those who lived in it.

The exhibit ends with the focal point, highlighting the unadorned end of the war that claimed over 60 million, on the decks of the battleship Missouri with poignant words of reconciliation from General Douglas MacArthur:

"It is my earnest hope and indeed the hope of all mankind that from this solemn occasion a better world shall emerge from the blood and carnage of the past - a world founded upon faith and understanding - a world dedicated to the dignity of man and the fulfillment of his most cherished wish - for freedom, tolerance and justice."

Other elements on display include a letter sent by MacArthur to the mother of a soldier who had died in captivity, pieces of the kamikaze plane that crashed into the Missouri during the Okinawa invasion, and a picture of Ishino Setsuo, believed to be the 19-year-old pilot who was given a formal military burial at sea by his Allied enemies.

After experiencing the exhibit, Weidenbach hopes visitors will have a better understanding of the costs of war and the significance of the surrender.

"I hope visitors realize that



Photo by Maile Murphy

Mike Weidenbach, curator of the Battleship Missouri Memorial Association and creator of the beginning of the World War II exhibit, discusses one of the displays with visitors at the memorial.

World War II is more than history, but something they can relate to our world today and what is happening with the conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere," said Weidenbach. "The surrender was such a significant moment because peace was restored to the world with words of reconciliation and hope, rather than vindictiveness and hatred. The war was such a costly one, and the surrender aboard the Missouri was special and unique."

Another part of the com-

memoration exhibit is a surrender timeline, unveiled Sept. 2 on the surrender deck of the ship. It is a horizontal display consisting of a series of photographs depicting the chronological sequence of events during the surrender ceremony aboard the Missouri.

Both the World War II exhibit and the surrender timeline were made possible by a grant awarded to the USS Missouri Memorial Association by the Bank of Hawai'i.

Cool treats on a hot day



Photo courtesy of Forest City Residential Management

Navy family housing residents in Moanalua Terrace were treated to free ice cream sweets as part of the "Keeping It Cool with Forest City" event, which was held Oct. 1. This is the second year that Forest City Residential Management has sponsored the community event.