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L-R: Mervlyn Kitashima, Kilohana parent Jodi Bocoboc and Kilohana PCNC Facilitator Louise Miguel

Focus: Children at Kilohana Parents' Night

by S. Peabody

"What Our Children Need to Succeed in School" drew a hundred parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents to the Kilohana School Parent's Night on December 6th. An evening workshop for parents, welcomed children to the delicious dinner prepared and served by volunteers before the guest speaker was introduced. Child care was provided by some of Kilohana teachers and staff.

Principal Leighton Kawai welcomed everyone and asked those present to read and sign a petition regarding the DOE's "Weighted Student" Concept for budget and staffing for more information call the school

PCNC coordinator and facilitator Louise Miguel to introduced colleague Mervlyn Kitashima. Raised on Kaua'i, a graduate of Kamehameha, Mrs. Kitashima is a classmate of QLCC's Mahealani Davis.

Now PCNC coordinator with Kamehameha Schools, Mervlyn Kitashima included memorable personal and professional illustrations. Kitashima drew audience responses to the theme "What Children Need to be successful," supporting, nurturing with empowering parents and children to our community values of aloha, service to others with defined family boundaries and expectations her family call "details." She urged parents, grandparents, guardians to see children as our treasures. They need patience (yes, sometimes it's hard not to yell), help them to make better choices, enjoy them. She concluded with stories of well-known people...Michael Jordan, Walt Disney and Thomas Edison as examples of individuals who didn't believe discouraging opinions, dared to dream, and succeeded in their choices.

Mervlyn Kitashima touched many hearts. Thanks to the sponsorship of PCNC, Kilohana School Community Organization and QLCC for a wonderful dinner and the opportunity to hear an inspirational, down-to earth and reality-oriented speaker.

Don't forget to come to the Medieval themed Christmas program at the Kilohana Center on Tuesday, December 19th, 6pm. Winter intersession begins on Wednesday.

Real Property Tax Exemption Application Deadline -- Jan 2, 2007

The Department of Finance, Real Property Tax Division announces that the deadline for filing claims for real property tax exemptions for the 2007-2008 tax year is Tuesday, January 2, 2007.

Also, for property owners to qualify for the exemption, the document by which their interest in the property was acquired (deed, lease, assignment of lease, agreement of sale, etc.) must be recorded on or before December 31, 2006 at the Bureau of Conveyances.

Property owners affected by these deadlines include: individuals claiming the basic home exemption of \$300,000 of assessed valuation; charitable organizations using their property exclusively for non-profit purposes; public utility companies; low/moderate income housing; disabled veterans; Hansen's disease sufferers; those who are blind, deaf or totally dis-

abled; child care providers; and taro farmers. A new claim does not have to be filed for every property that already has an exemption if the conditions under which the exemption was granted have not changed. HOWEVER, exemptions for child care providers, low/moderate income housing, public utility companies, and taro farming, must be filed annually on or before December 31, 2006.

A property owner currently receiving an exemption has the legal obligation to report any change in the status of his ownership or use * including sale of home, rental of premises, etc. * within 30 days following the change. Such a change will void the present exemption for the next year. Failure to submit such a report shall be cause for disqualification and penalty.

For additional information, Molokai call 1-800-272-0117 ext 7297.

Bill of Rights Day Dec. 15, 2006

Resisted by Government and Fascist Media!!

THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS: Our second great national holiday -- or at least it should be. No legislative proclamations, no media, not even government school teachers bother to mention it. Why is the government so resistant to a formal celebration of our founding freedoms?

Everybody remembers Philadelphia July 4, 1776 Unanimous Declaration of Independence -- that men may rightfully form or disband governments at will, for the higher purpose of protecting our God-given individual rights.

But that confederation of free men ended on June 21, 1788, upon ratification of the new U.S. Constitution for a federal government, making it the law of the land, replacing the Confederation of States with the United States of America. The people fell for the siren song of "federalism," accepting solemn promises that the powers of the new central government would be sharply limited to those expressly spelled out therein -- funding a Navy, granting patents and copyrights, coining metal money.

Fast forward 210 years. As a recipe for limited government, this Constitution for the United States of America has not been enforced by the sovereign People to keep the servant government constrained, and we The People are now threatened by the servant. In the face of this unchained monster, our remaining hope against outright tyranny lies in the fact that two states, Rhode Island and North Carolina, refused to ratify that Constitution until a Bill of Rights was added - and Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia and New York ratified the federal Constitution only on the condition that certain amendments be quickly added.

And so, on the day we should probably celebrate as our second great national holiday, Dec. 15, 1791, the first 10 amendments -- aka the "Bill of Prohibitions" on government conduct were ratified. The Bill of Rights is all we have left to keep us free. Today, as usual, that anniversary passed with not even a mention on the daily news and propaganda broadcasts.

Why do the folks now in charge of our national offices -- including the government schools -- pass over and ignore the historic ratification of those 462 words which have made us for two centuries the envy of men and women seeking freedom the world around -- this Bill of Rights?

Maybe because they fear folks might actually read them, and then act on them?

They're in plain English, you know. It was never intended we should need an attorney to tell us what they mean -- let alone that we should tolerate black robed "judges" telling us they don't mean what we can plainly read there for ourselves.

It couldn't be because they're afraid we'd actually go read the First Amendment, which begins, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion..."?

Maybe The People would know the government is not allowed to establish some agency like the DEA, or IRS, or BATF, or Homeland Security et al, at Taxpayer expense, and issue them guns and badges, empowering them to enter onto our private property, arresting and jailing us and seizing our land and homes when no crime or injury has been committed?

Maybe the fascists running our government are afraid we'd actually go read the Second Amendment? The one that says, "A well regulated Militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed"? Fascists don't like that word "free" in there, and mere people with guns?

Only a "free" country requires that the large majority of the potential armed forces consist of free, private citizens better armed than the soldiers commanded by the central government. What the Second Amendment clearly means is that -- as a guarantee against the threat of internal government tyranny -- any law-abiding American adult has a right to own and carry with him a weapon of his choice: a belt-fed .30-caliber Browning machine gun or a shoulder-launched heat-seeking missile if needed to stand up to the FBI, the ATF or the 101st Airborne for acts of treason against any Citizen of the United States of America. And where the Second Amendment says that right to keep and bear arms shall not be "infringed," that means neither the weapon, nor its ammunition, nor the buying or transport of either, may be taxed, regulated or subjected to any "permitting" process. The government can't even require that the store clerk who sells me my machine gun "check my ID," or write down my name.

A federal firearms licensed store operator in Kaunakakai reports that Maui Police Chief Thomas Phillips' SOP requiring permits and other infringements is so screwed up that the store has had to hold at least six hunting rifles and one .22 hand gun for law abiding customers way beyond the 14 days the MPD is allowed to finish the paperwork.

Unfortunately, our servant government people have the guns to enforce their will with treasonous actions against you.

What are you going to do about it, now on December 15, 2006, in celebration of Bill of Rights Day in Hawaii?

And what about the 10th Amendment: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." This means 90 percent of the laws, agencies, orders and regulators now pouring forth from Washington like a torrent from a broken dam are null and void -- if ever tested in the harsh daylight of the Bill of Rights.

Some fascist stooges running our now Master government will point out that the preamble to the Constitution advises us the purpose of the document is to "promote the general welfare," therefore Congress is allowed to enact any law and do anything to "promote the general welfare." But if that were the case, they need only 28 words: "The Congress may enact any law which the majority of both houses shall determine to their own satisfaction tends to 'promote the general welfare'; have a nice day."

So many restrictions on government power, in this modest little Bill of Rights; so concise and clearly written, is now deemed by treasonous fascist stooges in our Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of our servant government to mean the opposite of what they are understood to mean to a mere layman, who can read them written in plain English which we should all be able to understand without an advanced degree in Canonical Sophistry.

Get a copy of the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights and read them to a child. It's our next-to-last best hope for their future, their freedom, their sovereignty.

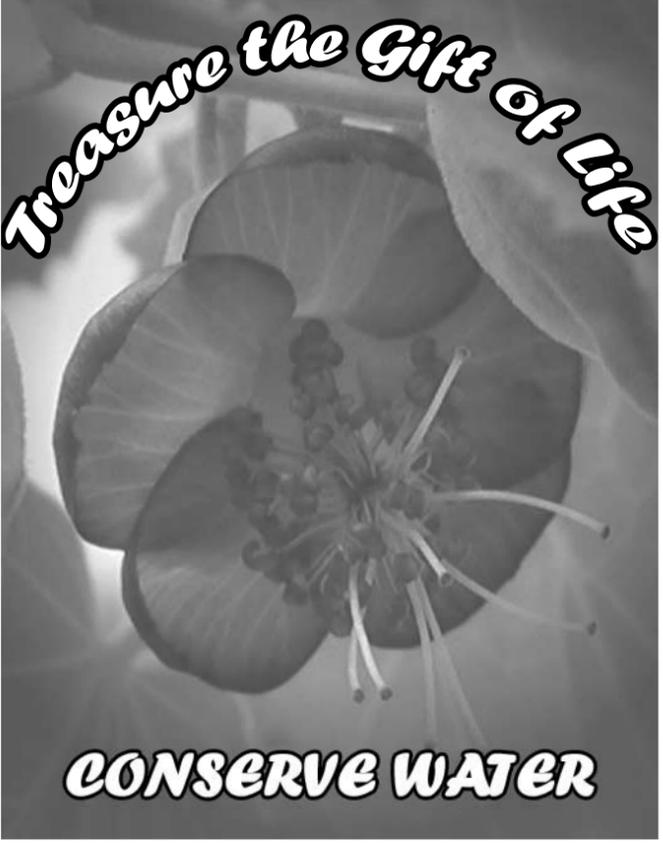
The Hawaii Legislature has refused to establish Bill of Rights Day in Hawaii each of the past six years that a bill was introduced for our elected representatives and senators to bring the Bill of Rights to our attention in the schools and throughout our society at least once a year, lest THE SERVANTS forget We The People are sovereigns. What will you do on Dec. 15, 2006?

And, what are you sovereign People going to do about it in 2007?

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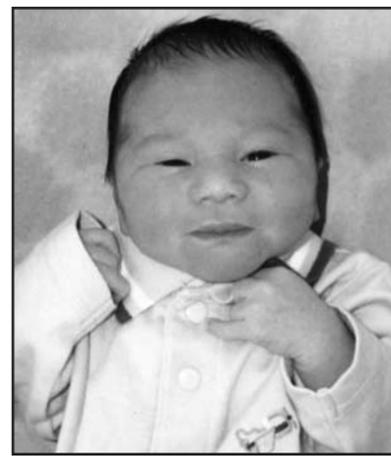


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Birth Announcement

Baby Boy **Wesly Kaimana Dela Cruz** was born on November 24, 2006 at Queen's Medical Center. His parents are Katie Juario and Guillermo Dela Cruz. Baby Wesly was 6 lbs. 14 oz. and 18 1/2 " at birth. He has one brother, William Dela Cruz and a sister Keely Dela Cruz.



12/15 Deadline to Submit "Op Out" Form to DOE Excludes info to Military Recruiters

All secondary students and their parents/guardians in intermediate, middle, high, or combination elementary/secondary schools who DO NOT want their contact information released to military recruiters must submit a written request to the school office by December 15th, 2006.

The Hawai'i State Department of Education had originally set a September 15th deadline but extended the deadline to clarify the procedures for opting out.

Any secondary student or their parent/guardian may choose to opt out. Opt Out forms were supposed to have been distributed to all secondary students. Forms may be requested from the school. However, any written request to opt out will be accepted and should include the student's name, birthdate and school name and the instructions "DO NOT RELEASE the student's name, address and phone number to military recruiters."

The No Child Left Behind Act requires the State of Hawaii, Department of Education to turn over secondary students' personal contact info to military recruiters upon request, but provides for parents and students to withhold their personal information by submitting a written request to the schools. The Department of Education is responsible for providing ample notice of these opt out provisions to all secondary school students/parents, and the general public.

In the past there have been complaints that students and parents did not receive opt out information in a timely way, that the process of opting out was inaccessible and confusing, and that students' personal information was released to the military even when they had completed the opt out request forms.

This issue is of urgent concern given the controversy over the war in Iraq and a surge in allegations of fraud and abuse committed by military recruiters. It also comes at a time when all military service branches are struggling to meet their recruiting goals.

As a public service, the American Friends Service Committee CHOICES project has made available opt out forms in English, Tagalog, Cebuano, Ilocano, Chinese, Japanese, Samoan, Vietnamese, Korean and Hungarian that can be downloaded from the website. For more information about how to protect your personal information from military recruiters see www.afschawaii.org or call (808) 988-6266.

Obituary

Wilfred "Tiny" Aki

Wilfred "Tiny" Aki was born in Ho'olehua, Moloka'i on Jan. 3, 1932 and passed suddenly on Dec. 6, 2006 in Placerville, CA. Tiny retired from the U.S. Army after 25 years of service. Having served one tour in Korea and three tours in Vietnam, Tiny was the recipient of the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, the Air Medal, and two Purple Hearts. Tiny enjoyed entertaining with his music and was an active member of the Placerville Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Tiny is survived by his wife, Doris; daughters, Sharon, Jaylynn, and Heidi; as well as two brothers, six sisters, two step children, twenty grandchildren, and twelve great grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Dec. 11 at the Placerville Seventh-day Adventist Church. Arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of the Pines Funeral Home.

Maururu and Mahalo !!

...for TAHITI TRIP

Ia Ora Na to the community and people of Molokai!

On behalf of the students and teachers of Ke Kula Kaiapuni 'o Molokai Hawaiian Language Immersion Program at Molokai High School we would like to say

MAURURU and MAHALO from us to you, for making our Educational Excursion to Tahiti Nui, French Polynesia to participate in the fourth annual Maohi Cultural Festival a dream come true.

Mahalo Nui Loa to each and everyone of you who has supported us in all different capacities, from fundraisers, to your love and aloha that you've shared with our Immersion program in our preparation towards Tahiti. The experiencing of a different yet similar culture of Tahiti has made us appreciate our Hawai'i, our schools, and our families even more. The lifestyle there was a bit different from home, yet the people that hosted us were so loving and caring that they made us feel like we were right at home. They too know what aloha means. Our exposure to the Tahitian language has inspired us to strengthen our own use of the Hawaiian language. As for the French language, we want to start learning that as well.

Thanks to our wonderful community on our beautiful island of Molokai as well as our principal, Mrs. Linda Puleloa for making this opportunity possible.

We will never forget the wonderful experiences and friendships that we shared with our cousins in the isles of French Polynesia. Mostly, will we not forget you, the people of Molokai for your continued support throughout all these years. Maururu Roa.

*Kamakani Ki'aha, Senior,
 Hawaiian Language Immersion Program, Molokai High School*

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Annual MHIS Science Fair

The annual MHS Science Fair is also being held in combination with the Holiday Expo! The students have been working all semester for this event. The school level winners will be traveling to Maui later in the year to compete in the district Science Fair. District winners will participate in the State Science Fair.

MHS and MMS Science Fair Results

On Tuesday December 5, Moloka'i High School and Moloka'i Middle School held their annual science fair judging. Nineteen middle school groups and 53 high school groups were judged by community members with backgrounds in science. The judges then pick the winning groups who will represent the Moloka'i schools at the Maui County Science Fair. The science departments of both schools would like to thank all of the judges for their time and hard work in picking the winners. We would also like to thank Adell Lee for getting the judges. Congratulations to the winning groups and all students at both schools for their hard work.

The following is the list of winning groups that will go over to Maui on Thursday January 25, 2007 to represent Moloka'i. Good luck students.

Moloka'i Middle School

"Counting the Uncountable" - Elenka Jacobs (grd.8)

"Durability of a Fragile Item" - Mahina Lorenzo (grd 8) and Chelsea Sakamoto (grd 8)

"Hawaiian Landscapes" - Uilani Schnackenberg (grd 7)

"Growth of Lima Beans" - Crystalene Antonio (grade 8) and Danichel Ruiz (grd 8)

"Graphing Solar Energy" - Salinas Awai (grd 8) and Kammy Lee Manintin (grade 8)

"Toil With Oil" - Kalei Adolpho (grd 8)

Moloka'i High School

"Coagulation of Eggs" - Tierra Madani (grd 11) and Jamie Langer (grade 11)

"Cigarette Smoke and Car Emissions on Plants" - Shige Bonk (grd 12) and Faith David (grd 12)

"Baking in a Cardboard Box" - Ceriann Espiritu (grd 9)

"Fastest Rusting Environment on Moloka'i" - Kelsy Takashima (grd 11) and Kristan Forsberg (grd 11)

"Signals from the Sun" - Ayla Bicoy (grade 11)

"Lettuce Seed Bioassays" - Estrella Madani (grade 10)

"Flammable Liquids" - Wendell Mollena (grade 10) and William Keanini (grade 10)

"Boom Bottle" - Tyrah Kaapuni (grade 10) and Maureen McDonough (grade 10)

"Do You Remember" - Roblen-Ann Talon (grade 10) and Lindsey Keohulua (grade 12)

"Plants on Steroids" - Jacob Esteron (grade 11) and Keku Likua (grade 12)

Book Review of last Week

by Mo'o Acasio

In The Last Mission by Harry Mazer, a 15 year-old-boy named Jack Raad lies his way into the army by using his brother's birth certificate. Once in the army he went to different camps all over the U.S. and learned how to be an airborne soldier. He went on his first airborne mission to bomb the German capitol city of Berlin. No one would want their capitol city blown up, so he expected plenty of fire from the enemy. He makes it out alive, and goes on 26 more missions (he had to fly 30 missions to get out of the army.) On his 26th mission his crew misses their target and had to turn around, and then gets hit by enemy fire. When Jack ejects out of the plane, he finds out that he is the only one alive.

This book is a really good book because it has lots of action and excitement. For example, when Jack's plane is shot down, he's still falling from the sky when he realizes that he's the only one from his crew left alive.

I would recommend this book to people who like to read about planes, fighting and World War II. If you like war action, this is the book for you.

Book Review of this Week

by Ku'uilei Alameida

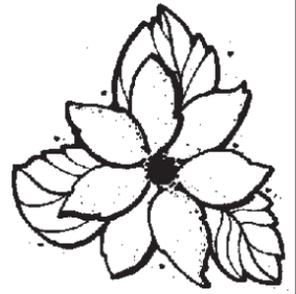
A Girl Named Summer by Julie Garwood is about Summer Matthews who has a crush on the handsome new boy at school named David. Ann, whom Summer despises, also likes the new boy. Summer's best friend, Regina, exaggerates and tells everyone at a pool party that Summer is a runner. They are surprised to find out that David is a runner too. Now, Summer has to live up to a lie. When David invites Summer along for a run, she realizes that she could either die of exhaustion, tell David the truth or-- what if she becomes a real runner?

I liked this book because I'm really into great endings. My favorite part of the story is when Summer first sees David. She can hardly stop looking at him.

I would recommend this book to readers enjoy a happy ending!

*Wishing you a Happy, Healthy and Safe
Holiday Season, and Happy New Year!*

From the Yuen Family & Staff at
**Kualapuu Market and
Molokai Wines'n Spirits**



Mahalos...

From Healthy Start

Molokai Healthy Start and its participants would like to thank the Ka Chank Horsehoe Club for its generous Thanksgiving gift baskets. The thoughtfulness and helpful addition to our families' holiday was greatly appreciated. Mahalo nui loa, Nita Bogart, Healthy Start Clinical Supervisor

From MHS Drama Club

To Our Community,

For everyone who enjoyed an evening at the theater experiencing the Molokai High School Drama Club's production of Neal Simon's "The Odd Couple" thank you so much for your support. Your applause and kind comments encourage our talented students, and your donations allow us to operate.

*Me ke aloha,
Nancy Lawrence*

MOLOKAI LITTLE LEAGUE 2006 SEASON continues with Minors

Our Tee Ball division with baseball players ages 5-6 years old ended their season on November 18th. Our MAHALO to Kanani Adolpho, Tee Ball VP; to our concession people with Luana Santiago; to our County Parks & Recreation crew with Zachary Helm; and to David Mikami with Kamoi Snack-n-Go and Molokai Drugs, Inc. for their generosity with gift certificates for our players and officers.

Thank you to all our officers, umpires, our coaches, our parents/ grandparent/guardians, and Molokai community for all their support with our little league players.

Our next division, Minor league with coach pitch, players ages 7-8 years old, will be starting practices in late January.

And thank you for supporting our KOKUA CARD PROGRAM with Friendly Market Center. Kokua cards can be picked up and dropped off at these various sites: Bank of Hawaii, Molokai Community FCU, and Unemployment office.

MAHALO NUI to Monsanto Company for their generous donation and to all our banner sponsors for 2006.

Anyone interested in a banner or donating to our organization, please contact Lorna Dudoit, treasurer, at 567-6715.

MAHALO, MOLOKAI!!!

Bulletin Board

December 13, Wednesday

PALS Winter Session, last day to sign up 553-3205

December 15, Friday BILL OF RIGHTS Day

December 19, Tuesday

Kaunakakai Christmas Program, 8:30am.

Kilohana Christmas Program: Medieval Theme, 6pm, Kilohana Ctr

December 20, Wednesday Last Day of School, half day for

Kiilohana teachers and students

December 21, Thursday Winter PALS (Dec. 20-Jan. 10)

Laau/KAL meeting; 4pm, OHA DHHL Kalamaula

December 25, Monday Christmas Day

December 30, Saturday Rizal Day Commemoration

December 31, Sunday New Year's Eve

January 1, 2007 Monday Happy New Year!

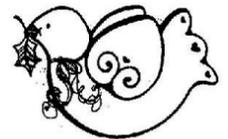
January 11, Thursday School resumes at Kaunakakai School

January 12, Friday School resumes at Kilohana

January 16, Tuesday

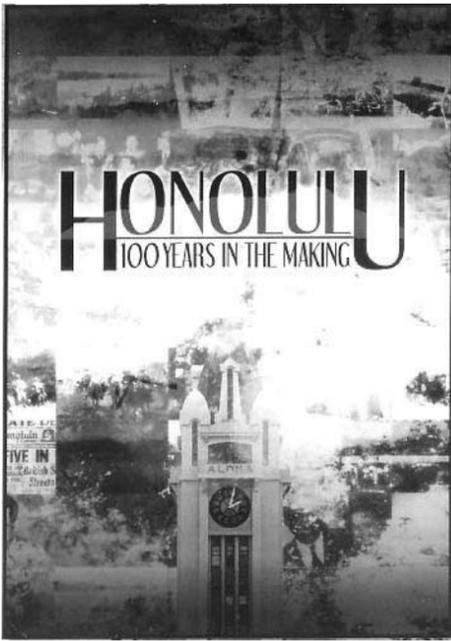
Autism Collaboration Hour - DOE Molokai Complex Office (553-1723) by

video conf. 2:30 pm - Social cognitive Development



New DVD:

HONOLULU: 100 YEARS IN THE MAKING



The Big City of Hawai'i, nearly a million population in 2006, is officially celebrating its 100th anniversary. For Molokaians, it's a place to go for visiting family, medical care, shopping, going to school, or just to "see the Christmas lights."

What makes a city a city? What gives it its own distinct identity? It's unique character? it's unmistakable feel? a great city is much more than a place-- it's a state of mind.

Honolulu is one of the greatest cities in the world, and the celebration of its 100th birthday is a perfect occasion to look back at the life of Hawaii's capitol and reflect on the many events, people, and phenomena that have made Honolulu what it is today.

This new DVD distributed exclusively by Mountain Apple Company

was shown as a KGMB 9 Special. Hosted by Jade Moon, former new anchor at CBS affiliate, KGMB, HONOLULU was produced by the same team who brought you documentaries on IZ, Eddie Aikau, Duke Kahanamoku and other hit shows.

This hour-long fascinating look back at the evolution of Honolulu from small port to capitol city also includes bonus footage that has never been broadcast, much of it from The Bishop Museum collection. Also of interest is Thomas Edison Hawaii film of Hawaii from the turn of the Century (1900).

HONOLULU: 100 YEARS IN THE MAKING is a nostalgic, informative look at a historical city facing many changes including rail (not the railroad like they had on the leeward coast until the late 1940's).

PALS Winter Sports & Cultural Day Camp Program Last day to register - 12/13

The County's Department of Parks & Recreation Support Services - PALS program will provide Winter Intersession, December 21, 2006 -- January 10, 2007 for children ages five thru 12. The last day to register for the program is Wednesday, December 13, 2006.

During intersession, PALS will be in session at three Molokai locations Kilohana Community Center, Kualapuu Community Center and Mitchell Pauole Center.

The Day Camp provides opportunities to learn FUNDamental skills in volleyball, softball, flag football, track and non-competitive sports & games. Cultural activities including: music, dance, arts & crafts, language and ethnic customs.

December 25 (Christmas Day) and January 1, (New Years Day) will be observed for the Monday-Friday program.

Enrollment is limited and there is a sliding scale of cost. Contact Luana Alcon at the County office, 553-3204 for more information.

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Cell Phones Bugged by FBI

The U.S. Commerce Department's security officeworks that "a cellular telephone can be turned into a microphone and transmitter for the purpose of listening to conversations in the vicinity of the phone."

THE FBI calls it roving bugs. The FBI is apparently using a novel surveillance technique on alleged Mafioso: activating his cell phone's microphone and then just listening. The surveillance technique came to light in an opinion published this week by U.S. District Judge Lewis Kaplan. He ruled that the "roving bug" was legal because federal wiretapping law is broad enough to permit eavesdropping even of conversations that take place near a suspect's cell phone.

Nextel and Samsung handsets and the Motorola Razr are especially vulnerable to software downloads that activate their microphones, said James Atkinson, a counter-surveillance consultant who has worked closely with government agencies. "They can be remotely accessed and made to transmit room audio all the time," he said. "You can do that without having physical access to the phone."

Because modern handsets are miniature computers, downloaded software could modify the usual interface that always displays when a call is in progress. The spyware could then place a call to the FBI and activate the microphone--all without the owner knowing it happened. (The FBI declined to comment on Friday.)

"If a phone has in fact been modified to act as a bug, the only way to counteract that is to either have a bugsweeper follow you around 24-7, which is not practical, or to peel the battery off the phone," Atkinson said. Security-conscious corporate executives routinely remove the batteries from their cell phones, he added.

A BBC article from 2004 reported that intelligence agencies routinely employ the remote-activation method. "A mobile sitting on the desk of a politician or businessman can act as a powerful, undetectable bug," the article said, "enabling them to be activated at a later date to pick up sounds even when the receiver is down."

Surreptitious activation of built-in microphones by the FBI has been done before. A 2003 lawsuit revealed that the FBI was able to surreptitiously turn on the built-in microphones in automotive systems like General Motors' OnStar to snoop on passengers' conversations.

When FBI agents remotely activated the system and were listening in, passengers in the vehicle could not tell that their conversations were being monitored.

Malicious hackers have followed suit. A report last year said Spanish authorities had detained a man who wrote a Trojan horse that secretly activated a computer's video camera and forwarded him the recordings.

Store clerk shoots robbery suspect

BY ELIZABETH CAMPBELL
STAR-TELEGRAM Staff Writer

Burleson, TX— A convenience store owner shot and wounded a Cleburne man as he accepted a robbery Tuesday night, Burleson police said.

Travis Lee Baxter Jr. is being treated at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, but his injuries are not believed to be life-threatening, said Capt. Cindy Aaron, a spokeswoman for the Burleson Police Department.

According to police reports, Baxter, who carried a large hunting knife, walked around the counter of Bennett's Grocery Store and demanded money from the clerk.

The store owner, Eddie Bennett, yelled from the office, but Baxter refused to leave and was shot twice, police said.

He fled in a Ford F-150 pickup along with Justin Wade Germain, also of Cleburne. The two men then stopped at the Wal-Mart on Southwest Wilshire Boulevard to buy bandages, Aaron said. They made an illegal left turn, and were pulled over and held by state troopers until police arrived, Aaron said.

The robbery spree began earlier Tuesday night in Joshua, when Baxter, reportedly wearing a blue ski mask and carrying the hunting knife, entered two convenience stores and demanded money and cigarettes from the clerks and money from a customer, police said.

All of the stolen property was recovered.

Baxter and Germain face aggravated robbery charges in Burleson and Joshua. Germain is in custody at Burleson's holding facility.

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