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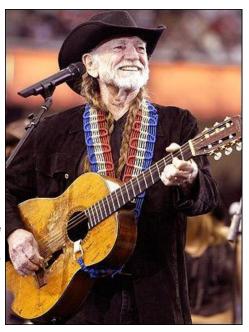
Willie Nelson added to line-up for "Kokua For Japan" on April 10

World-renowned entertainer Willie Nelson will perform at "Kokua For Japan," a Hawai'i-based radio, television and Internet fund raising event for the victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan. The event, staged by Clear

Channel Radio Hawaii and Oceanic Time Warner Cable, will take place at the Great Lawn at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa on April 10, 2011 from noon to 5 p.m. All proceeds to benefit the American Red Cross for the Japan earthquake and Pacific tsunami relief efforts.

Nelson will join previously announced entertainers including: Henry Kapono with special guests Michael McDonald and Mick Fleetwood; Loretta Ables Sayre; The Brothers Cazimero; Cecilio & Kapono; Kalapana; Cecilio & Kompany; Amy Hanaialii; Na Leo; John Cruz; Natural Vibrations; ManoaDNA; Robi Kahakalau; Mailani; Taimane; Go Jimmy Go; Jerry Santos; Gregg Hammer Band; and Kenny Endo Taiko. On-air personalities from Clear Channel Radio and local broadcast and cable TV stations will host the program.

"Kokua For Japan," a Hawaiʻi-based radio, television and Internet fund raising event for the victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2011 from noon to 5 p.m. The event, staged by Clear Channel Radio Hawaii and Oceanic Time Warner Cable, will take place at the Great Lawn at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa. Tickets are available for \$15 via Honolulu Box Office. Visit HonoluluBoxOffice.com for on-line purchasing or call 808-550-8457 for charge-by-phone.



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Television broadcast stations include: KFVE; KGMB; KHNL; KITV 4; and OC 16 plus radio stations: AM940; Island 985; KCCN-FM100; KHVH AM; Hawaiian 105 KINE; KSSK 92.3 FM; and KSSK AM 590. In addition, Clear Channel Radio Hawaii. OC 16 and KITV 4 will stream the event live on the web.

For information, visit <u>www.kokuaforjapan.com</u> or contact the following Clear Channel Hawaii radio stations: KSSK FM at 296-9292; KSSK AM at 296-5959; KHVH 830 AM at 521-8383; or Island 985 FM at 296-9850.

State Legislature to commend Hawaii Five-0

They say "if it ain't broke, don't fix it." Well, it wasn't broke but they did make it better, engaging a new era of viewers and showcasing the beauty of the islands as never seen before.

CBS' Hawaii Five-0 took the beloved police procedural drama set in the picturesque backyard of Hawaii, and updated the show's brand appeal with a new generation of fast-paced, high-action, eye-seducing, crime-fighting quartet. On Thursday, March 31, 2011 at 12-noon in the House Chamber, The State Legislature will honor representatives from CBS, the show's producers, cast and crew

Honorees include Senior Vice President of Current Programming for CBS Glenn Geller, Executive Producer Peter Lenkov, Co-Executive Producer Paul Zbyszewski, Co-Executive Producer and Director Brad Turner, Producer and Co-Unit Production Manager Jeff Downer, cast members Alex O'Loughlin (Steve McGarrett) and Daniel Dae Kim (Chin Ho Kelly).

on the global success of Season One.



"While some may have had their doubts about bringing back this iconic series," said Rep. K. Mark Takai (District 34 – Aiea, Pearl City), "It really was a win-win for everyone involved-especially our local film and television industry. The success of the new series tells other production companies that Hawaii is a good place for film and television ventures."

In its first season, Hawaii Five-0 led with notable rating recognitions. The highly anticipated pilot episode was watched by over 17-million viewers and on January 23, 2011 Hawaii Five-0 picked up its highest ratings to date, with the fifteenth episode of the first season drawing 20.95 million viewers. (Source: Nielsen Galaxy Explorer. As dated. P2+, L+7 000s)

For his portrayal of New Jersey transplant, devoted father, and McGarrett's partner in crime and crime-fighting, Detective Danny "Danno" Williams, Scott Caan was nominated for a 2011 Golden Globe Award for Best Performance by an Actor in a Supporting Role in a Series, Mini-Series or Motion Picture Made for Television.

At the 37th People's Choice Awards on January 5, 2011, Hawaii Five-0 won "Favorite New TV Drama." Shot entirely on-location, Hawaii Five-0 has brought the flavors and stunning backdrop of the Hawaiian islands to viewers across the country and the world – in over 200 international markets. Locals here and abroad look forward to new episodes (CBS, Mondays 10/9 ct) to spot their favorite hangouts and maybe even their friends and family as extras.

"In the words of the late James MacArthur," Takai said. "I, too, am heartened to see the legacy of this popular cultural icon, preserved and perpetuated in the hands of the terrific people now at the helm."

Hawaiian revolutionizing check-in process at Honolulu

In what Hawaiian Airlines is calling one of its most significant customer-oriented initiatives to date, the company is completely redesigning its ticket lobbies at Honolulu International Airport, a move that will revolutionize the speed and convenience of its check-in process.

Mark Dunkerley, Hawaiian's president and CEO, commented, "Hawaiian is bringing a dramatic transformation to the check-in process at our Honolulu hub that Hawaii's residents and visitors alike will find to be a faster, easier

and superior experience. We have made it a priority to provide a standard of service that leads the airline industry and this new lobby design is a quantum leap forward from the traditional check-in process that travelers are used to."

The redesigned lobby will be striking in appearance and the results will be immediate in reducing wait times for customers – especially during peak traffic periods. Hawaiian is removing its traditional ticket counter lobby configuration at Honolulu International Airport and replacing it with six circular, check-in "islands" in



the middle of Hawaiian's two check-in lobbies in Terminal 2 at the airport, four in Lobby 2 and two in Lobby 3

Each check-in island features eight, agent-assisted, self-service check-in stations that can be used to check in for any scheduled interisland, mainland or international flight on Hawaiian.

The innovative, free-flowing floor plan eliminates one of three check-in steps and also removes the limitation of having designated queues for various destinations, meaning customers entering the lobby will be able to go to any of the new 48 self-service check-in stations that are available, cutting peak period wait times by up to 75 percent.

Each check-in station will be equipped with state-of-the art technology that allows customers to complete the check-in process for their flight, including the weighing of luggage, payment of any fees for upgrades and other services, and printing of destination luggage tags with assistance from Hawaiian's customer service agents.

Customers will then place their checked luggage onto a single conveyor belt for inline U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) inspection, TSA screening and loading onto their flight. This new process will eliminate the current requirement to have luggage being checked to destinations outside Hawaii pre-screened by USDA before starting the check-in process.

Hawaiian's new lobby design also provides designated service areas that will give customers a place to re-pack their luggage and carry-on items if necessary, or to receive additional assistance from Hawaiian's customer service agents.

With the removal of the existing ticket counters, Hawaiian's customers will have more control over their check-in process, and its customer service agents will be free to move about the lobbies and provide more personal assistance alongside customers checking in for their flights.

The new design is the result of two years of industry research and motion studies conducted by Hawaiian to find a solution to long lines and bottlenecks during busy periods and speed up the check-in process.

Hawaiian expects to complete the \$6-million self-funded transformation of both lobbies in June.

Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa's Bali Steak & Seafood Restaurant named AAA Four Diamond Restaurant

Bali is the only Hawaii restaurant to receive the award for 22 consecutive years

Bali Steak & Seafood Restaurant, the culinary landmark at the Hilton Hawaiian Village⁰ Beach Resort & Spa, has been named a Four Diamond Restaurant by AAA Hawaii for an unprecedented 22nd consecutive year. No other restaurant in Hawaii has received that distinction, and there are only a handful of restaurants with such a distinction across the United States.

"The AAA Diamond rating system measures upscale dining establishments and lodgings which more than 50 million-plus AAA members rely upon for their travel decisions,," said AAA Hawaii Regional Manager Diane Peterson. "We congratulate these hospitality professionals who offer high caliber service, hospitality and care to their guests in accommodations that are beautiful, clean and comfortable."

More than 51 million AAA members and the public depend on the hotel and restaurant Diamond ratings in the AAA TourBook® to help them with their travel decisions. The award signifies that a hotel or restaurant met AAA's objective rating criteria and levels of excellence during an unannounced inspection.

Bali Steak & Seafood in the Rainbow Tower offers a menu that includes USDA prime meats on its menu, plus an extensive wine list. The restaurant has hosted a number of celebrities and heads of state in the past. Bali Steak & Seafood Restaurant is open Tuesday through Saturday and reservations can be made by calling the resort at (808) 949-4321 and asking for dining reservations.



Diane Peterson of AAA Hawaii (far right) presents the 2011 AAA Four Diamond Award to Hilton Hawaiian Village Resident Manager Michael Wilding, and the Bali Steak & Seafood team. The team also includes Executive Chef Jeffrey Vigilla and Bali Chef Brett Villarmia, Director of Food & Beverage Maurice Constantin, and Bali Restaurant Manager Alicia Antonio (front row from left to right).

Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel takes you on tour with the "Discover O'ahu Package"

Plan a vacation and "take a vacation from making plans." Let Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel coordinate the best of Oahu's accommodations, meals, transportation and attractions for you. Enjoy the hotel's "Discover Oahu Package," designed to replace stress with relaxation.

The package is an adventure-filled vacation for two that is all about saving money and spending time – together. The selected tours explore two of the most popular attractions on Oahu, each hosting more than a million visitors a year. One day begins at the USS Arizona Memorial Museum at Pearl Harbor, followed by a tour of the historic sites of Honolulu, including the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl and the 'Iolani Palace, the only royal palace on U.S. soil.

A second day of adventure is a tour of Pacific island nations as showcased at the Polynesian Cultural Center. The award-winning Alii Luau is a true taste of Hawaii, followed by the dramatic stage production of "Ha: Breath of Life," featuring 100 performers from islands across the Pacific. Aston's staff has hand-picked these favorites and packaged them with three nights of ocean view accommodations in Waikiki, convenient transportation, picnic lunch and the hotel's signature daily "Breakfast on the Beach."

The Discover Oahu Package includes:

- Three (3) nights of ocean view accommodations
- USS Arizona Memorial, Pearl Harbor and City Tour for two (2)
- Polynesian Cultural Center's Alii Luau Package for two (2). Includes round-trip transportation, admission, luau dinner and preferred seating for "Ha: Breath of Life," the Polynesian Cultural Center's world-famous, award-winning evening show
- Commemorative Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel backpack with picnic lunch
- "Breakfast on the Beach" Daily
- Free Aloha Book with over \$2,500 in savings on dining, shopping and activities.

Rates start from \$795, double occupancy, with a special rate of \$160 for each additional night. Guests can upgrade to oceanfront accommodations for an additional \$15 per night. Rates are valid through Dec. 23, 2011, and may not be combined with other programs, specials or discounts. Prices do not include tax and resort fees.

Hawaii Prince Resorts promotion updates

Now is the perfect time to visit Hawaii! Prince Resorts Hawaii has opened another category in their "Spring Into Summer Promotion" and reduced prices for their "Prince Free Night Promotion" at the Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki and Golf Club.

Spring Into Summer Promotion

Room rates start at \$209 per night for an Oceanfront Vista room with a \$50 daily resort credit. Offer is valid for travel between April 1 – September 30, 2011 inclusive.

Prince Free Night Promotion

Third night is free when booking two consecutive nights for travel dates between April 1 – June 30, 2011. Oceanfront Vista rooms now start at \$225/night.

Above rates do not include applicable taxes and some restrictions may apply. Call 1.866.PRINCE.6 for reservations or visit www.PrinceResortsHawaii.com/oahu-special-offers.php.

Hula Grill Waikiki fills April with live music and hula

Right on the water's edge with Diamond Head as a backdrop, Hula Grill Waikiki invites guests to sip on their favorite island drink while taking in the smooth sounds of live, local music from 7-9 p.m. throughout April. Guests are also treated to live hula on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

The April entertainment schedule includes:

Mondays

Kamuela Kahoano - April 4 & 18 Eric Lee - Monday 11 & 25

Tuesdays

Kamuela Kahoano ... see photo

Wednesdays
Jeremy Cheng

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<u>Thursdays</u> Sheila Waiwaiole & Mara Sagapolu

Fridays

Alika Souza & Kalani Maio with Jaime

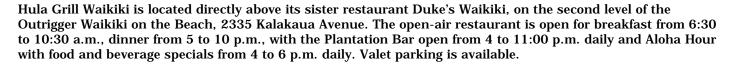
Saturdays

April 2, 16, 30 - Kaipo Dabin & Buzzy Kealoha with Kahanu

April 9 and 23 - Kaipo Dabin & Kauokalani Moikeha with Kahanu

Sundays

Bruce Spencer & Bobby Kini with Jaime



For reservations or more information, call (808) 923-HULA (4852).



Hawaiian Diacritical Marks

Waikīkī Improvement Association recognizes the use of diacritical marks (i.e., glottal stop ('), macron (ā) in place names of Hawai'i, such as Waikīkī and Kalākaua Avenue and will include them whenever possible. We also respect the individual use (or not) of these markings for names of organizations and businesses.

There will also be times when we may not have a chance to add or change the markings in all of the articles submitted and when that happens, e kala mai.



April is filled with live music at Duke's Waikiki

Kick back and relax at Duke's Waikiki to enjoy live local music daily throughout April. This beachside restaurant invites guests to experience the best of Waikiki with delicious food and music during "Concerts on the Beach" or "late night live music." Hawaiian music artist Henry Kapono continues to excite the crowd every Sunday. The April entertainment schedule includes:

"Concerts on the Beach" - 4-6p.m.

- Haumea Warrington Mondays through Thursdays
- Maunalua Fridays April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- Beach 5 Band Saturdays April 2, 30
- Taimane Gardner (pictured) Saturday, April 9
- Kona Chang Band Saturday, April 16
- Vaihi Saturday, April 23
- Henry Kapono Sundays April 3, 10, 17, 24

Late night live music - 9:30p.m. until midnight:

- Ellsworth Simeona Mondays through Wednesdays
- Tahiti Rey Duo Saturdays April 2, 9, 30
- Yu En Me Duo Saturday April 16
- Kona Chang Duo Saturday April 23



Duke's Waikiki is located at 2335 Kalakaua Avenue, beachside in the Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach Hotel. Validated parking is available at Ohana East Hotel.

Reservations: (808) 922-2268, website: www.dukeswaikiki.com < http://www.dukeswaikiki.com > .

Hoku Nai'a Dolphin Watch Cruise

Dates: Daily (closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Days)

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Location: Hoku Nai'a departs from Wai'anae Boat Harbor

Meet wild dolphins aboard the Hoku Nai'a Dolphin Watch Cruise! You'll enjoy panoramic views and the best dolphin activities, with Certified Naturalist crew, narration, video presentation, and fun and educational keiki program. Dolphin sightings are guaranteed or receive a free return cruise ticket until a dolphin is spotted. New "Child FREE" (cruise only, per paid adult) special is perfect for families and entertaining out-of-town guests! Ask about lunch and snorkel upgrades.

For reservations or more information, please call 983-STAR (7827) or visit www.starofhonolulu.com.

Retail Rate: \$49.54 adult, \$29.63 child (3-11)

Child FREE per paid adult

Kama'aina / Military Rate (with valid Hawaii ID): \$40.13

adult, \$24.00 keiki (3-11) Keiki FREE per paid adult



Photo courtesy of Hoku Nai'a

Waikīkī Hula Show at the Kūhiō Beach Hula Mound

Authentic Hawaiian music and hula shows by Hawai'i's finest hula $h\bar{a}lau$ hula (dance troupes) and Hawaiian performers. Opens with traditional blowing of conch shell.

Tues-Thurs-Sat-Sun, weather-permitting from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Kūhiō Beach Hula Mound, near Duke Kahanamoku statue, beachside at Uluniu & Kalākaua Ave. in Waikīkī.

FREE and open to the public. Outdoors, casual, seating on the grass; beach chairs, mats, etc. okay. Cameras welcome. Presented by the City & County of Honolulu, the Hawai'i Tourism Authority and Waikīkī Improvement Association.

For information, call Marnie Weeks, Producer, Kūhiō Beach Hula Shows. 843-8002.

Week-nights

Every Tuesday – Ainsley Halemanu and Hula Hālau Ka Liko O Ka Palai

Every Thursday - Joan "Aunty Pudgie" Young and Puamelia

Weekends

Sat April 2 – Shirley Recca and Halau Hula O Namakahulali

Sun April 3 – Kale Pawai and Halau Na Pua Mai Ka Lani



Waikīkī Wiki Wiki Wire - Newsletter Deadline

Waikīkī-related news and information submitted for the weekly Waikīkī Wiki Wiki Wire should be received no later than 4pm Wednesday for newsletters published and distributed the same evening.

Information received after the deadline will be considered for inclusion in the following issue.

Photos which accompany stories are always welcome and, for best results, should be attached to the email as a separate jpeg - maximum 1 MB please.

Your kokua is appreciated. Mahalo.



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Weekly Events & Promotions

April 3-9, 2011



Sunday, 4/3

HOLIDAY INN WAIKIKI BEACHCOMBER RESORT:

OUTRIGGER REEF: ≽9a-1p & 6-9p Kuloko Arts of Hawaii: Guest Artist (info. 922-5110)

≽6-9p Kani Ka Pila Grill: Na Palapalai (info. 924-4990)

OUTRIGGER WAIKIKI: >4-6p Duke's: HENRY KAPONO (info. 922-2268)

≽2p Hula Grill: Aloha Hour / 7-9p Bruce Spencer & Kimo Artis w/Jaime (info. 923-

WAIKIKI BEACH WALK: ▶5-6p Na Mele No Na Pua Sunday Showcase: Junior Kekuewa Jr., Fountain

Stage (info. 931-3591)

>6-6:45p Hula Implements work shop at MANA HI (info. 923-2220)

Monday, 4/4

OUTRIGGER REEF: >9a-1p & 6-9p Kuloko Arts of Hawaii: Guest Artist (info. 922-5110)

≽6-9p Kani Ka Pila Grille: Sean Naauao (info. 924-4990)

>9p Jimmy Buffett's: Kailua Bay Buddies (info. 791-1200)

OUTRIGGER WAIKIKI: >4-6p Duke's: Haumea Warrington / 9:30p-12a Ellsworth Simeona

(info. 922-2268)

>4p Hula Grill: Aloha Hour / 7-9p Eric Lee(info. 923-4852) WAIKIKI BEACH WALK: >4-4:45p The Art of Lei Making at MANA Hawaii (info. 923-2220)

Tuesday, 4/5

HOLIDAY INN WAIKIKI ➤9a-5p Jimmy Buffett's: Free Surfing Museum Tours (info. 791-1200) BEACHCOMBER RESORT:

OUTRIGGER REEF: ≽9a-1p & 6-9p Kuloko Arts of Hawaii: Guest Artist (info. 922-5110)

≽6-9p Kani Ka Pila Grille: Weldon Kekauoha (info. 924-4990) OUTRIGGER WAIKIKI: >4-6p Duke's: Haumea Warrington / 9:30p-12a Ellsworth Simeona (info. 922-2268)

≽4p Hula Grill: Aloha Hour /7-9p Kamuela Kahoano (info. 923-4852)

WAIKIKI BEACH WALK: ▶10-10:30a Learn Hawaiian Language at MANA Hawaii (info. 923-2220) >4:30-6p Ku Ha`aheo~Evening Hula, Fountain Stage (info. 931-3591)

Wednesday, 4/6

OUTRIGGER REEF: ▶9a-1p & 6-9p Kuloko Arts of Hawaii: Guest Artist (info. 922-5110)

>6-9p Kani Ka Pila Grille: Cyril Pahinui (info. 924-4990)

OUTRIGGER WAIKIKI: >4-6p Duke's: Haumea Warrington / 9:30p-12a Ellsworth Simeona (info. 922-2268)

≽6p Strolling Hawaiian music by Hemapa`a

>4p Hula Grill: Aloha Hour / 7-9p Jeremy Cheng (info. 923-4852) ≽4-4:45p Entry to Hula at MANA Hawaii (info. 923-2220)

WAIKIKI BEACH WALK:

Thursday, 4/7

HOLIDAY INN WAIKIKI ≽9p Jimmy Buffett's: Kailua Bay Buddies (info. 791-1200) BEACHCOMBER RESORT:

OUTRIGGER REEF: ➤9a-1p & 6-9p Kuloko Arts of Hawaii: Guest Artist (info. 922-5110) >6-9p Kani Ka Pila Grille: Kawika Kahiapo/Mike Kaawa (info. 924-4990)

OUTRIGGER WAIKIKI: >4-6p Duke's: Haumea Warrington (info. 922-2268)

>4p Hula Grill: Aloha Hour / 7-9p Sheila Waiwaiole & Mara Sagapolu(info. 923-4852)

WAIKIKI BEACH WALK: >4-4:45p `Ukulele at MANA Hawaii (Mana Hawaii info. 923-2220)

≽9p-12a Giovanni Pastrami: Free Karaoke (info. 923-2100)

Friday, 4/8

HOLIDAY INN WAIKIKI ▶9:30a-5p Jimmy Buffett's: Free Surfing Museum Tours (info. 791-1200)

BEACHCOMBER RESORT: ≥9:30p Kailua Bay Buddies

OUTRIGGER REEF: ≽9a-1p & 6-9p Kuloko Arts of Hawaii: Guest Artist (info. 922-5110)

▶6-9p Kani Ka Pila Grille: Kaukahi (info. 924-4990)

OUTRIGGER WAIKIKI: ≻5p Piano by Jeanette Travias, Lobby

>4-6p Duke's: Maunalua (info. 922-2268)

≻4p Hula Grill: Aloha Hour / 7-9p David Asing & Alika Souza w/Jaime (info. 923-

4852)

WAIKIKI BEACH WALK: ≻10-10:45a Hula at MANA Hawaii (info. 923-2220)

Saturday, 4/9

HOLIDAY INN WAIKIKI BEACHCOMBER RESORT: **OUTRIGGER REEF:**

≽9:30p Jimmy Buffett's: Kailua Bay Buddies (info. 791-1200) >9a-1p & 6-9p Kuloko Arts of Hawaii: Guest Artist (info. 922-5110)

≽6-9p Kani Ka Pila Grille: Manoa DNA (info. 924-4990)

OUTRIGGER WAIKIKI: >4-6p Duke's: Taimane Gardner / 9:30p-12a Tahiti Rey Duo (info. 922-2268) ▶3:30p Hula Grill: Aloha Hour / 7-9p Kaipo Dabin & Buzzy Kealoha w/Kahanu (info. 923-4852)



