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ITU JAL Age Group Triathlon World Championships Return to Waikiki, Sunday, October 9th



The International Triathlon Union and Japan Airlines present the 2005 Triathlon World Championships in Waikiki on Sunday, October 9th. The event is based in Kapiolani Park and features a 1.5K swim course, a 40K bike course, and finishes with a 10K run. The event organizers, Premier Event Management & Korff Enterprises, expect 2000 participants.

The competition starts at 6:00AM and includes a finish festival. The awards ceremony will take place at our very own *Sunset on the Beach!*

This event is sanctioned by: the International Triathlon Union and USA Triathlon. For more information visit www.honolulu2005.com.

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Aloha Festivals Announces the Grand Prize Winner of the 2005 Statewide Falsetto Contest



On September 23, William Wynne of New Jersey, won both first place in both the singing

category and the Hawaiian language competition at the 2005 Statewide Aloha Festivals Falsetto Contest at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel. Noah Campbell of Waialua placed second and Charles Gouveia of Ewa Beach placed third. Wynne was awarded a recording deal with Hula Records, \$500, and weekend get-away for two.

The contest this year boasted a new host and hostess, Harry B. Soria and Karen Keawehawai'i, and renowned falsetto singer Tony Conjugacion served as the head judge. Aloha Festivals also gave tribute that night to three inductees, Mahi Beamer, the late Bill Ali'iloa Lincoln and the late Joe Keawe in its inaugural Falsetto Hall of Fame.



Falsetto music, according to an encyclopedia of Hawaiian music edited by the late George Kanahole, is a combination of pre-European Hawaiian chanting, early missionary hymn song style and popular European 19th century music, and it soared to popularity in the late 1800's. Others attribute falsetto to the *paniolo*, or Spanish-Indian Vaqueros who came to Hawaii in the 1830's. Regardless of its origins, the Hawaiian falsetto is distinguished by an important added element called the *ha'i*, or break in the voice. Falsetto was considered an art form to the Hawaiians that was originally forbidden to females. Male performers instead, threw their voices into the upper registers of the musical scale to sing stories of Hawaiian culture.

Hilton Hawaiian Village's Oktoberfest Serves Up the "Best of the Wurst"

It's oom-pah-pah time again! And in celebration of Oktoberfest, the Hilton Hawaiian Village's Tropics Showroom will be transformed into the "Tropics Biergarten," Friday and Saturday, October 7 and 8. Experience the tastes, sights and sounds of a Bavarian beer garden from 7:30 p.m. to midnight both evenings.

Executive Chef Daniel Le-Garde will cook up traditional Oktoberfest favorites, including grilled 6-ounce pork or veal bratwurst with fried onions (\$16); steamed 6-ounce kielbasa (\$16); and smoked kasseler pork loin (\$18). Included in the entrée prices will be sauerkraut, mashed potato, an assortment of German breads and pickles. The dessert selections will include a choice of apple strudel with vanilla sauce and whipped cream; zuger kirsch torte and Black Forest cheesecake. Giant soft pretzels, a Bavarian favorite, also will be available for purchase. And what would Oktoberfest be without the beer? Oktoberfest celebrants can choose between Beck's Oktoberfest, Lowenbrau Lager and Erdinger Hefe Oktoberfest beers, as well as a selection of Louis Guntrum wine and Berentzen Apfel Korn (apple schnapps) liqueur.

The highlight of Oktoberfest is the lively German music and flown in just for this event will be



Franz Schauer's world-renowned oompah band, the Tyroleans. The festivities will be non-stop fun with the chicken dance, polka, sing-alongs and even a yodeler.

Reservations for Hilton's Oktoberfest can be made by calling (808) 947-7875. Admission is \$10 per person. A specially-priced dinner package will be offered for just \$33, which will include admission, one entrée and one pitcher of beer. Validated parking will be available in the Hilton Hawaiian Village garage. "Eins, Zwei, Drei – Gsuffa!"

The famed Oktoberfest began with a royal Bavarian wedding in 1810. The groom, King Ludwig I, wanted to celebrate his marriage to Maria Teresa of Saxonia by proclaiming a state fair in Munich. The festival was dedicated to the fall harvest and to the region's most famous product, beer. Tradesman and merchants came throughout Germany to join in the merry-making. They examined the crops, sang songs, danced and sampled the first



beer of the season. The celebration was such a success that Ludwig issued a royal decree making Oktoberfest time in Munich. The Oktoberfest celebration is the largest festival in the world, with some six million visitors from around the world converging in Munich each year.

Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa is Waikiki's only self-contained destination resort. A vaca-

tioner or conventioneer finds everything necessary for a visit to paradise, yet is also within walking distance of everything Waikiki has to offer. The resort spans 22 acres, offering the widest stretch of beach on Waikiki, a beachfront lagoon, waterfalls, five pools, gardens, an exquisite art collection, and exotic wildlife, as well as nightly entertainment including the weekly King's Jubilee every Friday, a Hawaiian music and dance celebration that ends with a brilliant fireworks display on the beach. The finest dining, shopping and entertainment center on Waikiki's best beach, the Village boasts more than 20 restaurants and lounges, with fine cuisine ranging from Italian to Asian to traditional steak and seafood menus, as well as the full-service Mandara Spa, the Holistica Hawaii Preventive Medicine Center, and the Bishop Museum Collection at the Hawaiian Arts & Culture Center in Kalia Tower.


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Beach Resort & Spa

Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach Sponsors Free Lauhala Weaving Demonstration with Master Weavers

Ulana Me Ka Lokomaikai presents a free lauhala weaving demonstration at the Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach, Sunday, October 9, 2005, 10 am to 2 pm. Participants can learn about traditional and contemporary uses of lauhala (pandanus leaf), as well as try their hand at simple weaving projects such crafting a bookmark or fish, taught by kumu Gladys Grace and other weavers from Ulana Me Ka Lokomaikai.

The demonstration is sponsored by the Outrigger Waikiki

on the Beach as part of its ongoing commitment to preserving and sharing Hawaiian culture. The hotel will also be the host site of Ulana Me Ka Lokomaikai's annual fundraising auction, scheduled for Sunday, January 29, 2006.

Translated, "ulana" refers to plaiting, which in old Hawaii was a task confined to women. Lauhala was one of the most extensively used plants for weaving, and its leaves were crafted into a variety of items including mats, containers for lines and fishhooks, and rectangular or cubical pillows. So important was

this plant, the Hawaiians had names for the leaves in ascending order from the lowest to the highest leaves on a tree.

Admission to the workshop is free. Validated parking of \$3 will be available nearby at the OHANA East Hotel. For more information, contact, contact



Celebrate Special Occasions Tiki-Style at Tiki's Grill & Bar

Tiki's Grill & Bar, Hawaii's popular tiki-themed restaurant, has announced a festive celebration package for any honoree observing a special occasion, such as a birthday, graduation, retirement, anniversary, farewell or welcome back to Hawaii party.

With the purchase of a regular entrée, the celebration package includes a delicious six-inch chocolate cake, a kukui nut lei for the honoree, the blowing of a conch shell that announces a celebration at Tiki's, and a gift card for \$5 off to use on a next visit. The gift card features a photo of the honoree on his/her special day at Tiki's. The cost of the celebration package is \$14.95.

"We love celebrations," said Bill Tobin, Tiki's Grill & Bar Manager.

ing Partner and CEO. "Celebrations at Tiki's have always included the blowing of a conch shell. It's a special touch in keeping with our tiki theme, and people love it. We wanted to add a few extras to make the experience even more memorable for the honoree."

Reservations are recommended. Call 923-TIKI (8454).

The 272-seat Tiki's Grill & Bar, located on the second floor of the ResortQuest (formerly Aston) Waikiki Beach Hotel at 2570 Kalakaua Avenue, is open for lunch and dinner. Free validated valet parking is available. Call

923-TIKI (8454) for more information or reservations or visit www.tikisgrill.com.



The Star of Honolulu's Ultra-Luxurious Five Star Sunset Dining Cruise Presents an All-New Fall Menu

The 1,500-passenger Star of Honolulu offers an all-new seven-course Fall menu beginning in October on its Five Star Sunset Dining Cruise®.

Executive Chef Eric Omick and Executive Sous Chef Richard Franco showcase Fall's freshest and finest ingredients from around the world in an innovative yet classic French style feast. At the exclusive Captain's Welcome Reception held on the 60-foot-high top deck, Five Star guests sample a selection of Fall canapés served butler style and a non-alcoholic champagne toast to commence the evening. They are then escorted into the lavish art-deco Super Nova Room, where a silky smooth butternut squash soup is presented, garnished with a refreshing dollop of Granny Smith apple and cilantro cream. The salad course pairs a crisp phyllo basket of assorted microgreens with a seared Ahi and Kamuela tomato vegetable terrine, dressed with light basil vinaigrette and reduced burgundy dressing.

The first main entrée features live Maine lobster poached in a season-infused butter broth. Seafood cannelloni, Osetra caviar and Homard sauce complete the dish. Next, to dazzle the palate, savor the sophisti-

cated Cabernet sorbet intermezzo. The second main course showcases a top grade of meat, prime tenderloin of beef, premium aged and highly marbled for intense flavor and made to melt in your mouth. This succulent selection is complemented by morel and portabella mushroom ragout and demi glaze sauce. The evening comes to a grand finale with a trio of desserts – pumpkin tart, spiced carrot cake and Tahitian vanilla ice cream – garnished with tuile cookie, pulled sugar and vanilla anglaise.

On the Star of Honolulu's Five Star Sunset Dining Cruise®, the ambiance is as memorable as the food. Live soft jazz music by Honolulu's top artists creates a relaxing and refined atmosphere. Throughout the voyage, wrap-around windows offer stellar sunset and coastline views.

The Five Star Sunset Dining Cruise® is offered nightly, departing from Pier 8 at Aloha Tower Marketplace at 5:30 p.m. All-inclusive private limousine transportation from Waikiki, VIP welcome, dinner, live jazz show, super premium cocktails and after dinner cart drink service, is \$199 per person. (Special Kamaaina and military rates are available with valid Hawaii I.D.)

The \$7-million, 232-foot Star of Honolulu was custom-designed for steady sailing in Hawaiian waters. In addition, the ship provides full facilities for the physically challenged. For reservations or more information, call 983-STAR (7827), toll-free at 1-800-334-6191 or visit www.starofhonolulu.com.



Kuhio Beach Torch Lighting and Hula Show DAILY!



Torch lighting, Hawaiian music and hula shows are performed daily at **6:30PM – 7:30PM** at the Kuhio Beach Hula Mound, near the Duke Kahanamoku statue. FREE.

Presented by the City's Office of Economic Development (843-8002) and the Hawaii Tourism Authority. *Schedule subject to change without notice.*

For the month of September:

Friday, September 30:
Kapi'olani Ha'o and Halau Ke Kia'i A'o Hula

For the month of October:

Mondays & Tuesdays: "Auntie Pudgie" Young & Hawaiian Serenaders

Wednesday, October 5th: Olana & Howard Ai and Halau Hula Olana with special Honolulu Triathlon Welcome Ceremony

Wednesdays, October 12th, 19th, 26th: Ainsley Halemanu and Ka Liko O Kapalai

Thursdays: Val Crabbe and Na 'Opio O Nanakuli (no show on 6th for parade)

Fridays: Kale Pawai and Halau Na Pua Mai Ka Lani

Saturday, October 1: James Dela Cruz and Na 'Opio Me Na Kupuna O Ko'olau

Sunday, October 2: Kapi'olani Ha'o and Halau Ke Kia'i A'o Hula

Saturday, October 8: Coline Ai and Halau Hula O Maiki

Sunday, October 9: Noelani Chang and Halau Na Mamo O Ka'ala

Saturday, October 15: Lilinoe Lindsey and Ka Pa Nani O Lilinoe

Sunday, October 16: Leimomi Ho and Keali'iaka'apunihonua Ke'ena A'o Hula

Saturday, October 22: Maelia Lobenstein Carter and Ka Pa Hula O Kauanoe O Wa'ahila

Sunday, October 23: Shirley Recca and Halau Hula 'O Namakahulalii



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Other Waikiki Events

Daily: 5:30PM-9:30PM
Live Entertainment at Moana Terrace (Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort And Spa); 6:00PM, Torch Lighting Ceremony, (Renaissance Ilikai); 6:15PM-6:45PM, Changing of the King's Guard - Rifle Drill Exhibition (King's Village)



Monday to Friday:

7:00AM-7:45AM, Rhythms of the Ocean Exercises (Outrigger Reef on the Beach); 8:30AM-4:00PM, Hawaiian Crafter Demonstration & Sale (Outrigger Reef on the Beach)

Monday to Saturday: 12:00PM, 1:00PM, 6:30PM & 8:15PM, Fish & Stingray Feeding at the Oceanarium (Pacific Beach Hotel)



Tuesday to Saturday: 6:30PM-8:30PM, Island Style entertainment in Neptune's Garden Restaurant (Pacific Beach Hotel)



Thursday to Saturday: 6:00PM-8:00PM, Kawika and Friends Hula Show (Renaissance Ilikai)

Wednesday to Friday: 5:30PM-7:30PM, Hawaiian music and dance performance (DFS Galleria)

Every Sunday: 8:30AM-4:00PM, Coconut Weaving (Outrigger Reef on the Beach); 6:00PM-9:00PM, George Kuo, Martin Pahinui & Aaron Mahi perform (Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa); 6:30PM-8:30PM, Soundettes of Hawaii perform (Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center).



Every Monday:

9:00AM-12:00PM, Hawaiian Arts & Crafts (Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa); 10:00AM Lauhala Weaving (Hilton Hawaiian Village); 6:30PM-9:30PM, Christian & Sani perform (Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa); 8:30PM-9:15PM, Derek Daniels "Islands of Aloha" (International Market Place).

Every Tuesday: 7:00PM-1:00PM, Farmers Market, (Waikiki Community Center); 9:30AM-11:30AM, Hawaiian Quilt Making (Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center); 10:00AM Lei Making, Hula, Ukulele (Hilton Hawaiian Village); 10:00AM-12:00PM, Hawaiian Craft Classes (Waikiki Shopping Plaza).

Every Wednesday: 6:00PM-8:00PM Chris Kamaka & Baba Alimoot Perform (Outrigger Waikiki On The Beach); 6:00PM-7:30PM, Ukulele Classes (Waikiki Shopping Plaza); 8:30PM-9:15PM Derek Daniels "Island of Aloha" Performs (International Market Place)

Every Thursday: 5:00PM-7:00PM, Jimmy Kaina on Piano (Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach); 6:00PM-9:00PM, Auntie Genoa Keawe performs (Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa); 6:00PM-6:15PM, Torch Lighting Ceremony (Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center); 6:00PM-8:00PM, Chris Kamaka and Baba Alimoot Perform (Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach); 6:30PM-8:30PM, Pu`uhonua Performs (Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center); 8:30PM-9:15PM, Derek Daniels "Islands of Aloha" (International Market Place).

Every Friday: 7:00PM-1:00PM, Farmers Market, (Waikiki Community Center); 8:00AM-1:00PM, Hawaiian Craft Fair (Pacific Beach); 8:00AM-9:30AM, Yoga Class (\$16 per person, call concierge for reservation) (Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort and Spa)

Every Saturday: 7:00PM-7:45PM, Derek Daniels "Voyage Through Polynesia" (Waikiki Town Center); 7:00PM-10:00PM, Jazz Trio (226 Lewers Street).



Thursday, October 13: 5:30PM-7:30PM, "Kanikapila Concert in the Courtyard" (Sheraton Moana Surfrider)

Waikiki Parade Watch (courtesy of the City)

October 2, 2005 Sunday

7:00AM Starts
9:00AM Ends

NIKETOWN 5K RUN/WALK sponsored by Niketown Honolulu. The event is expected to have 6,000 runners. It will start at Kalakaua Ave./Olohana St., to Kalakaua Ave., to Monsarrat Ave., to Paki Ave., to Kapahulu Ave., to Kalakaua Ave., end on Kalakaua Ave./Kalaimoku St. Kalakaua Ave. all lanes will be closed and traffic diverted to Kuhio Ave. at approx 6:30 am. Contact: Alan Sunio 753-1999, Fax: 455-7574, E-mail: aysunio@yahoo.com

October 6, 2005 Thursday

6:30PM Starts
7:00PM End

ITU JAL HONOLULU TRIATHLON PARADE OF NATIONS sponsored by USA Triathlon/Honolulu Triathlon Race Committee/Japan Air Lines. The event is expected to have 3,000 marchers. It will start at the Duke Kahanamoku Statue, to Kalakaua Ave., to Monsarrat Ave., to end at Queen Kapiolani Park. Contact: Premier Event Management, LLC, Toll Free at Ph. 866-454-6561 For more info, visit their website: <http://www.honolulu2005.com/>

October 9, 2005 Sunday

6:00AM Starts
11:00AM End

ITU JAL HONOLULU TRIATHLON WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP RACE sponsored by USA Triathlon/Honolulu Triathlon Race Committee/Japan Air Lines. The event is expected to have 2,000 participants. Staggered Wave Start 6 am, **1. Swim Course:** triangular route outside Sans Souci Beach, Waikiki **2. Bike Course:** start at Swim/Bike Transition area, to Kalakaua Ave., to Diamond Head Rd., to Kahala Ave., to Kealaolu Ave., to Kalanianaole Hwy., to Lunalilo Home Rd., to Hawaii Kai Dr., to turnaround at Kealahou St., to Hawaii Kai Dr., to Lunalilo Home Rd., to Wailua St., to Keahole St., to Kalanianaole Hwy., to Kilauea Ave., to Elepaio St., to Kahala Ave., to Diamond Head Rd., to Kalakaua Ave., to transition area in Queen Kapiolani Park, near bandstand. **3. Run Course:** start at Bike/Run transition area, to Kalakaua Ave., to Paki Ave., to U turn at Kapahulu Ave., to Paki Ave., to Monsarrat Ave., to Kalakaua Ave., turn around near Kaiulani Ave, to end at Kalakaua Ave./Monsarrat Ave (near Sunset on the Beach Screen). Contact: Premier Event Management, LLC, Toll Free at Ph. 866-454-6561. For more info, visit their website: <http://www.honolulu2005.com/>

October 16, 2005 Sunday

5:00AM Starts
9:00AM Ends

NIKETOWN 30K RACE sponsored by RRCA/Mid Pacific Roadrunners Club/Niketown. The event is expected to have 1,500 runners. It will start at Kalakaua Ave., to Monsarrat Ave., to Paki Ave., to Diamond Hd Rd., to 18th Ave., to Kilauea Ave., to Waialae Ave., to Kalanianaole Hwy., turnaround at Keahole St., to Kalanianaole Hwy., to Kealaolu Ave., to Kahala Ave., to Diamond Hd Rd., to Kalakaua Ave., to Queen Kapiolani Park Bandstand/Hon Marathon Finish. Contact: John Simonds 373-3609 For more info visit their website: <http://www.mprrc.com/>

The above is based on the most current information available from the event organizers as of the date of this publication. For more information, call the Department of Transportation Services, 808-527-6009.



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Check out our monthly calendar of free activities at:

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Waikiki Historic Trail, Marker 3, Ala Wai / Lili‘uokalani Site

by George S. Kanahele, courtesy of The Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association

Geologically, Waikiki was once a vast marshland whose boundaries encompassed more than 2,000 acres (as compared to its present 500 acres). It served as a drainage basin for the water that fell on the Ko‘olau Mountain Range, where on average nearly 5 million gallons of rain falls everyday. The early Hawaiian settlers, who arrived around 600 A.D., gradually transformed the marsh into hundreds of taro fields, fish ponds and gardens. Imagine, Waikiki was once one of the most productive agricultural areas in old Hawai‘i. As the native population dwindled, however, agriculture in Waikiki followed suit. The once productive fields and ponds became breeding grounds for the introduced mosquito. Eventually, in 1927, the completion of the Ala Wai Canal drained the area and reclaimed the land for the devel-

opment of today's hotels, stores and streets.

You are standing on the estate of Queen Lili‘uokalani, the last reigning monarch of the Kingdom of Hawai‘i who was overthrown in 1893. “The Queen’s Retreat,” which was in the district of Hamohamo, consisted of two homes, one located here, called Paoakalani (the royal perfume), which was her principal home in Waikiki. The other was Kealohilani, located opposite Kuhio Beach, which she referred to in her memoirs as “my pretty seaside cottage.” Known for her hospitality, the queen entertained family, friends, and visiting royalty, including the Duke of Edinburgh in 1869.

The story goes that the Duke asked the Queen if he could see real native entertainment. She obliged him with a program of ancient hula, chants, and games that had rarely been seen. A few days

later, the local newspaper, representing the missionary view, described the program as a “disgraceful” display of “heathenism” and hoped that it would be the last of such performances in the Kingdom.

The Queen wrote several of her many songs in Waikiki. One of her last was “Ka Wai ‘Apo Lani” (Heavenly Showers), which was composed at Kealohilani. In it she expressed the hope that she would be returned to the throne. She exhorted her people to remain resolute:

Should our hearts' love be restored,
And our rights be ours once again,
Then will our loved shoals of Kane,
Be the firm foundation of the land.

Entertainers and Food Vendors Wanted

WIA is seeking entertainers and food vendors interested in participating in *Sunset on the Beach* events. Entertainers may contact Janet Maduli, Mt. Kalihi Productions, at 282-5577. Food vendors please call Mike Rossell, Production Hawaii, at 832-7878.



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Outrigger's beachfront hotels present "Spooky Tales"

Experience "chicken skin" (goosebumps) at Outrigger's award-winning "Spooky Tales," a fun evening of Hawaiian ghost stories and other hair-raising tales presented by master island storytellers.

On the island of Oahu, "Spooky Tales" will take place on Monday, October 24, at the Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach, and on Wednesday, October 26, at the Outrigger Reef on the Beach. The event will also take place on Friday, October 28, at the Outrigger Keauhou Beach Resort on Hawaii's Big Island. All three events are scheduled from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with free admission.

Featured storytellers include Woody Fern, acknowledged as one of Hawaii's most accomplished storytellers. Of part-Hawaiian ancestry, Fern has taught classes on storytelling, and has performed his engaging tales at numerous schools, libraries, parks and other venues throughout the state. His specialties include tales of Hawaiian ali'i (royalty), local legends, and stories passed down through families.

Fern will be joined by other master storytellers at Spooky Tales to share a variety of stories that have a connection to Hawaii, including some that draw from the islands' multi-cultural heritage.

This free event is sponsored in part by Bess Press, publishers of Spooky Tales; KQMQ; and the Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach, Outrigger Reef on the

Beach, and Outrigger Keauhou Beach Resort.

For hotel reservations or general information, call toll free 800-OUTRIGGER (1-800-688-7444) within the United States, Guam and Canada. Outrigger's toll-free number is available internationally via AT&T's Direct 800 Service. Elsewhere call direct to 303-369-7777 (long distance charges apply). Or, visit www.outrigger.com or e-mail reservations@outrigger.com.



Aloha Festivals Continue



It's not too late to participate in Aloha Festivals this year. Check out these remaining events!

Aloha Festivals Falsetto Concert and Statewide Contest on O'ahu

This Sept. 23 event brings together the finest amateur falsetto performers in concert. Contestants belt out their best high-register falsetto, as they compete for a recording contract with Hula Records. For information on ticket prices, call (808) 921-6200.

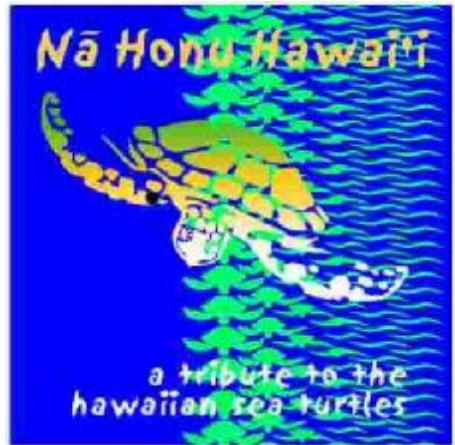
Aloha Festivals Seniors Fair

Sept. 23 through 25, seniors are invited to the 21st Annual Seniors Fair at the Blaisdell Exhibition Hall. The fair is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. For more information, call (808) 832-7878.

Aloha Festivals Royal Aha Aina

Aloha Festivals wraps-up the 2005 statewide celebration on Oct. 15 on the Village Green at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Hawaiian artisans demonstrate their works and masterpieces throughout the day. The evening brings a gathering of all island royal courts for a delectable meal and island entertainment that culminates the festivities for the year. The

event is 10 a.m. to 3 and 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For more information, call (808) 589-1771.



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German oom-pah band music originated in Bavaria (now a state in southern Germany) in the nineteenth century. Lively, colorful, and entertaining, it is often played at German parties and celebrations (in particular, Oktoberfest).