



# Waikiki Wiki-Wiki Wire



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## City Partners with NFL to Promote Hawaii Local Charities Benefit via ‘Surfboards in Paradise’ NFL Pro Bowl Block Party Coming to Waikiki

The City and County of Honolulu and National Football League are scanning the field for local artists interested in helping to create the ultimate surfboard collectibles as part of “Surfboards in Paradise,” a new initiative benefiting local charities, being held in conjunction with the 2007 AFC-NFC Pro Bowl.

“Surfboards in Paradise is a joint promotion of the City and NFL that will promote Hawaii as a visitor destination while benefiting Hawaii-based charities and non-profit organizations,” said Mayor Mufi Hannemann. “As the clock runs down at the 2007 Pro Bowl, the winners will be local charities.”

On a related note, Mayor Hannemann also stated that **the City is pleased to co-sponsor the NFL Pro Bowl Block Party scheduled for Friday evening, February 9, 2007, along the beachfront portion of Kalakaua Avenue.**

“I broached the idea to the NFL of having a block party in Waikiki patterned after our very successful partnership with the Waikiki Improvement Association, which stages the Waikiki by Moonlight/Sunset on the Beach with the City. They were quick to take me up on my offer, given the fact that the NFL is always looking to expand their Pro Bowl Week activities,” said the mayor.

Through December 22, the City will accept proposals from artists to design one of two “Pro Bowl” longboards (one AFC and another NFC) that will each be signed by members of their respective Pro Bowl teams and put up for auction worldwide on NFL.com. The auction will be active for six days, beginning simultaneously with Super Bowl XLI kickoff on Feb. 4, and ending as the clock runs down at the Pro Bowl on Feb. 10.

A judging panel consisting of representatives of the City, NFL and design sponsors Surftech and Freesurf magazine will select two artists who will each design one of the boards. Artists must be able to implement their designs to be eligible. The finished boards will be unveiled during the week of the Super Bowl — immediately prior to going up for auction (though team signatures will be added when players arrive in Hawaii for Pro Bowl). The boards will also be displayed in Honolulu during Pro Bowl activities.

The City, Surftech and Freesurf magazine will award \$500 to each selected artist and cover costs of approved design materials and board production. Surftech and Freesurf magazine have also donated the undecorated longboards.

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Interested artists should submit a proposal for design of either board by Friday, Dec. 22, 2006, to: Surfboards in Paradise, City & County of Honolulu, c/o McNeil Wilson Communications, Inc., Pauahi Tower, Suite 950, 1001 Bishop St., Honolulu, HI 96813. Selected artists will be notified by Jan. 1. Artists may submit more than one design, but they will be considered independent submissions.

Design proposals must include artist's name, Hawaii address and phone number, visual representation of the board's design, written description of concept (two-page maximum), production schedule for design implementation (boards must be completed by Feb. 1), and demonstration of artist's ability to implement design (for example, samples of previous work).

The boards' design must incorporate the City seal, Pro Bowl AFC or NFC logo, and 25 percent free surface area available on the top of the board to allow for the teams' signatures. Boards must also be completed by Jan. 26 to allow time for photography prior to start of auction.

For more information or an artist entry form, visit the City and County of Honolulu's website at [www.honolulu.gov](http://www.honolulu.gov) or call Maria Quidez at (808) 539-3493.



## Waikiki Beach Nourishment Update

The Kuhio Beach nourishment project got underway on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. The contractor successfully pumped for approximately three hours on and off due to various technical difficulties with pump hoses on the barge. DLNR estimates that approximately 200 cubic yards of sand were delivered to the beach.

Due to the various delays and reduced pumping rates, very little return water was discharged into the nearshore. The pumped sand was staged in the settling basin to dry until Monday morning.

The project was scheduled to recommence on Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. DLNR expects to be pumping at a full capacity after the contractor switches out new pumping hoses on the barge.

Project updates can be found at <http://www.hawaii.gov/dlnr/occl/waikiki.php>.



# Sunset on the Beach

*Sunset on the Beach*, presented by Tesoro Corporation, returns to Queens Surf Beach for a special Sheraton Hawaii Bowl celebration on December 16, 17 and 19. The movies have not been selected yet, but save these dates for fun-filled evenings for the whole family! (More details to follow in our next edition.)

These three days are sponsored by the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl. Mahalo to Tesoro Corporation and the Sheraton Hawaii Bowl for continuing the *Sunset* tradition!

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## Hilton Hawaiian Village Unveils Tapa Maker Sculptures

Nearly 11 years to the day after she began work on the largest unbroken sheet of kapa, Puanani Van Dorpe was honored as a “Living Treasure of Hawai‘i” with the unveiling of “The Tapa Makers” sculptures at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa. The statue of Van Dorpe is the centerpiece of the sculptures, along with Lauhuki a me La‘ahana, the Patron Goddesses of Tapa making. The ceremony held recently on the Tapa Tower concourse was attended by Puanani Van Dorpe, her husband Bob, their families, friends and several Hawaiian entertainment legends including Beverly Noa and Marlene Sai.

Originally known as tapa, it is pronounced “kapa” in Hawai‘i, where the art reached its highest refinement, often made up of several paper thin layers sewn together with the facing layer beautifully decorated. Kapa was primarily used for garments, sleeping coverings and for wrapping previous objects, with the finest being offered as gifts symbolic of rank and prestige.

Van Dorpe devoted much of her life to preserving the ancient art of Hawaiian tapa making using traditional materials and techniques. The making of bark cloth from the white inner bark of the paper mulberry and other trees was widespread in Polynesia. For close to 30 years, she patiently gathered old accounts of kapa processes and put them to actual test, carefully recording and evaluating the results of each experiment. Through the arduous practice, she developed the skills required in beating, watermarking, and decorating, until she was able to produce kapa that is identical to kapa produced centuries ago. Van Dorpe began working on the largest unbroken sheet of tapa on November 15, 1995. Measuring 32 feet by 3 feet, it



Statue of “Living Treasure of Hawaii” Puanani Van Dorpe

is on display at the Hilton Hawaiian Village’s Tapa Tower – just a few yards away from the sculptures that honor her.

“The Tapa Makers” was created by local sculptor, KaMille. Originally from Washington, D.C., KaMille has lived in Hawai‘i for most of her life. She studied sculpture at the University of Maryland and the University of Central Florida. KaMille has completed sculptures in the Ho‘omaluhia Botanical Garden, as well as one of sumo champion, Akebono, in Waimanalo, plus pieces at the Hilton Hawaiian Village and private collections. In addition to her work in sculpture, KaMille is a photographer and illustrator.

“The Tapa Makers” is the latest in a series of art pieces dedicated to preserving and perpetuating the Hawaiian culture at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Van Dorpe’s statue joins those of entertainer Alfred Apaka and hula dancer ‘Iolani Luahine at the Village.



Hilton Hawaiian Village’s Keiki Train Ride  
(All of the proceeds will go to the Hawaii Children’s Cancer Foundation.)

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## Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort & Spa Opens New StayFit@Hyatt Gym

A brand new [StayFit@Hyatt](#) gym has just opened its doors to all guests at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort & Spa, announced Michael Jokovich, general manager. The gym will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, free of charge for all hotel guests.

In addition to the facilities in Na Ho'ola Spa, the [StayFit@Hyatt](#) gym offers guests a variety of cardio machines including treadmills, cross trainers, upright and recumbent bikes, and a selection of muscle-building free weights. The gym also features Life Fitness® Signature Series selectorized strength pieces, stability balls, stretching mats, resistance tubing, jump ropes and weighted bars.

Hyatt's new 24/7 gyms are an extension of the dynamic [StayFit@Hyatt](#) program launched late-2005, which caters to fitness-conscious business and leisure travelers. In addition to offering 24/7 gyms featuring the latest high-tech cardio and strength-training equipment from industry leader Life Fitness®, regularly scheduled exercise programs, and knowledgeable support staff on-site, StayFit@Hyatt also offers guests in-room, on-demand yoga videos through an exclusive

partnership with Yoga Away, a 24-hour-a-day, seven day-a-week StayFit concierge service that provides workout attire upon request in under an hour, and complimentary GPS forerunner armbands to help runners and walkers easily monitor their heart rate, course and distance as well as provide easy navigation back to the hotel.

"People interested in healthy lifestyles will be pleased that the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort & Spa now offers a state-of-the-art fitness facility to use free of charge while on business or vacation," said Jokovich. "In addition, all our award-winning restaurants offer healthy dining choices so that people can maintain their healthy eating habits away from home."

For more information about the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort & Spa, please call 808-237-6200 or visit our website at [www.waikiki.hyatt.com](http://www.waikiki.hyatt.com).



## Sheraton Waikiki Shares New Year's Glee

This New Year's Eve, celebrate and connect with friends and loved ones in the heart of Waikiki Beach at the Sheraton Waikiki. With million-dollar views of Diamond Head, the Sheraton Waikiki will ring in the New Year on Sunday, December 31, 2006 in the elegant Hanohano Room, the seaside Ocean Terrace, and the Sand Bar at the main pool deck.

The Hanohano Room will provide a glittery backdrop for early and late New Year's Eve dinners, served at 5:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. (first seating) and 8:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. (second seating). Jazz sensation Stardust will provide entertainment for both seatings. Ocean Terrace will feature a

decadent dinner buffet from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The Sand Bar will host a Little Albert tribute show poolside from 9:30 p.m. to midnight. For more information and reservations, please call the Sheraton Hotels in Waikiki Central Dining Desk at (808) 921-4600 or send an email to [tdrc.waikiki@sheraton.com](mailto:tdrc.waikiki@sheraton.com).



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## Create New Memories and Forget Last Year's Resolutions At Sheraton Moana Surfrider

On December 31, 2006, the "First Lady of Waikiki" will ring in 2007 with special celebrations. For a night complete with live entertainment, boogie down in the Banyan Courtyard as seven-piece dance band EightOEight takes the stage with famous impersonators from 7:15 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. A delightful New Year's Eve brunch will be served at the Banyan Veranda at 9 a.m. (first seating) and 12 p.m. (second seating) for \$55 (plus tax) for adults and \$25 (plus tax) for children ages 5-12. That evening, an intimate New Year's Eve dinner buffet will take place at the Beachside Cafe. Adults cost \$75 while children 5-12 are \$37.50. For more information and reservations, please call Sheraton Hotels in Waikiki Central Dining Desk at (808) 921-4600 or email [tdrc.waikiki@sheraton.com](mailto:tdrc.waikiki@sheraton.com).

Dance under the stars in the Banyan Courtyard with Eight O Eight featuring (impersonators) such as: Elvis, Little Richard, Cher and Madonna from 7:15 p.m. – 12:15 a.m. Eight O Eight is a seven piece rhythm & blues, contemporary jazz band with a repertoire ranging from classical music to rock.

The evening will conclude with a fireworks show at midnight. Pre-sale admission is \$95; tickets at the door are \$100 and show only (no buffet) tickets are \$55. All seating will be on a first come, first served basis with no reserved seating. Revelers will be able to refuel their dancing energy with a delicious all-you-can-eat pupu buffet.

For a complete brunch menu, visit [http://www.moana-surfrider.com/de\\_msbvnye.htm](http://www.moana-surfrider.com/de_msbvnye.htm).

The first seating is at 9 a.m. and the second seating is at 12 p.m. Adults cost \$55 (plus tax) and children ages 5-12 cost \$25 (plus tax).

Please visit [http://www.moana-surfrider.com/de\\_msbvnye.htm](http://www.moana-surfrider.com/de_msbvnye.htm) for complete dinner menu.



## Star of Honolulu Offers Premier Whale Watch Cruise

For the most complete whale watch experience, board the Star of Honolulu's 2 1/2-hour Premier Whale Watch Cruise! With the Star's panoramic walkways, 60' high observation sun deck and wattle-type stabilizers, guests enjoy the most outdoor deck space and a smooth voyage out to Diamond Head to view Humpback whales. Plus, participate in educational and fun whale activities with the crew of Certified Naturalists and Hawaiian cultural activities. Whale sightings are guaranteed or receive a free return cruise ticket until a whale is spotted.

The Premier Whale Watch Cruise sails daily, from December 15, 2006, to April 30, 2007 (closed Christmas and New Year's Days), from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Star of Honolulu departs from Aloha Tower Marketplace, Pier 8.



Photo courtesy of Star of Honolulu

For reservations or more information, please call 983-STAR (7827) or visit [www.starofhonolulu.com](http://www.starofhonolulu.com).

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## Outrigger Waikiki's "High in the Sky" Spa

Relax and rejuvenate with a "high in the sky" spa package from the Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach. The hotel's 2007 spa package lets spa-goers indulge in a choice of island treatments and elevated views of the ocean and blue Hawaiian sky.

Located on the penthouse level of the hotel via an express elevator, the Waikiki Plantation Spa encompasses six treatment rooms, a gracious interior décor inspired by Hawaii's plantation heritage, and expansive sun decks with panoramic vistas of the ocean and sky. Professional therapists, under the direction of Tony Young, one of Hawaii's top spa experts, provide a wide range of treatments including massages, facials, body wraps, body polishes, pedicures, manicures and beauty services.

Oahu-bound travelers can experience the lofty Waikiki Plantation Spa at an equally high value with a 2007 spa package that includes three nights accommodations and a \$200 spa credit and a spa amenity basket per room. The package is priced at \$1,212 for an ocean-view room and \$1,374 for an ocean-front view room. Prices are based upon double occupancy, and are subject to availability, applicable taxes and change without notice. The spa package is valid to December 21, 2007; some restrictions may apply. Additional room nights may be added at Outrigger's Best Available Rate.

The Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach is a deluxe and gracious Hawaiian hotel located directly on the sands of world-famous Waikiki Beach in the heart of exciting Waikiki. The 525-room property features three restaurants including the famed Duke's Canoe Club, Chuck's Steakhouse and Hula Grill Waikiki; the popular Society of Seven cabaret show, shops, meeting rooms, self-service business center and exceptional displays of Hawaiian artifacts and artwork throughout the property. All guests are welcome to enjoy such on-property amenities as free high-speed Internet access, free long-distance domestic telephone calls, baggage services (fees apply), and Hawaiian Airlines check-in kiosk.

For reservations or 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.outriggerwaikiki.com](http://www.outriggerwaikiki.com) or e-mail [reservations@outrigger.com](mailto:reservations@outrigger.com).



## Aloha Airlines Gift Tickets for the Holidays

Now you can treat those special people on your holiday list to the gift of travel on Aloha Airlines with pre-purchased round-trip Gift Tickets valid for use throughout next year. Three great giftticket options are available only online at [www.AlohaAirlines.com](http://www.AlohaAirlines.com):

**\$120 Inter-island Gift Ticket (Coach Class):**

Round-trip Coach travel between any two destinations in Hawaii on flights operated by Aloha Airlines. Travel is valid on any day. There are no black-out dates.

**\$500 Transpacific Gift Ticket (Coach Class):**

Round-trip Coach travel between any Aloha Airlines destination on the Mainland and Hawaii. Travel is

valid for most days of the year. An additional fare increment will be collected from the passenger for travel on Prime or Peak travel days. For further information, go to [www.AlohaAirlines.com](http://www.AlohaAirlines.com) and look for Aloha Gift Ticket details.

**\$1,600 Transpacific Gift Ticket (First Class):**

Round-trip First Class travel between any Aloha Airlines destination on the Mainland and Hawaii. Travel is valid on any day. There are no black-out dates.

The Aloha Airlines Gift Ticket is an actual airline ticket and not a gift certificate. It's a new concept in

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## Aloha Airlines Gift Tickets for the Holidays

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online shopping for holiday gifts where you actually purchase e-tickets online for the people on your holiday gift list, and notify them that gift tickets have been created in their names. The recipients of your gift can then decide when they want to fly between December 1, 2006 and December 31, 2007, and make their own booking by calling Aloha Reservations at 484-1111 on Oahu, or toll free at 1-800-367-5250.

“Surprise someone this holiday season by going online and purchasing a round trip to Hawaii or the Mainland, or an inter-island round trip,” said Thom Nulty, Senior Vice President of Marketing and Sales. “The Gift Ticket is a hassle free way for you to shop and a convenient way for your loved ones to travel to any of Aloha’s destinations on the West Coast or in Hawaii.”

When you purchase a Gift Ticket online, Aloha Airlines will send you an e-ticket confirming your Gift Ticket purchase and naming the passenger on his or her own travel record. You can forward that e-mail with the attached e-ticket, or Aloha Airlines can mail you a printed Gift Ticket to give to that special person. The individual named on the Aloha Airlines Gift Ticket can call Aloha Reservations directly to book travel through December 31, 2007.

For more information and the best fares available, go to [www.AlohaAirlines.com](http://www.AlohaAirlines.com).



## Kuhio Beach Torch Lighting and Hula Show DAILY!



Torch lighting, Hawaiian music and hula shows are performed daily **6:00PM – 7:00PM** 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 December:*

**Mondays & Tuesdays:** "Auntie Pudgie" Young & Hawaiian Serenaders (NO SHOWS Monday, December 25 and Monday, January 1)

**Wednesdays:** Ainsley Halemanu and Ka Liko O Kapalai

**Thursdays:** Val Crabbe and Halau Hula Palena

**Friday, December 8:** Moana Chang and the Boat Days Show

**Friday, December 15, 22:** Kale Pawai and Halau Na Pua Mai Ka Lani

**Friday, December 29:** Kapi'olani Ha'o and Halau Ke Kia'i A'o Hula

**Saturday, December 9:** Coline Aiu and Halau Hula O Maiki

**Sunday, December 10:** Leimomi Ho and Keali'ika'apunihonua Ke'ena A'o Hula

**Saturday, December 16:** Lilinoe Lindsey and Ka Pa Nani O Lilinoe

**Sunday, December 17:** James Dela Cruz and Na 'Opio Me Na Kupuna O Ko'olau

**Saturday, December 23:** Shirley Recca and Halau Hula 'O Namakahulali

**Sunday, December 24:** NO SHOW Christmas Eve

**Saturday, December 30:** Kapi'olani Ha'o and Halau Ke Kia'i A'o Hula

**Sunday, December 31:** NO SHOW New Year's Eve

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## Honolulu Zoo Society Offers Twilight Tours

What's Wild in Waikiki? Take a stroll to the Honolulu Zoo and learn the sort of monkey business that goes on after hours. Learn about the lives of the Zoo's remarkable citizens. Tours are held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Saturday evening! It's a fun evening of education never experienced by day visitors. Special arrangements can be made for large groups. Families are welcome. The tours are appropriate for all ages 5 to 105! Please purchase

tickets in advance from the Honolulu Zoo Society (HZS) by calling 971-7195. Walk-ups are welcome if space is available - meet at the Front Entrance at 5:15pm. See [www.honzoosoc.org](http://www.honzoosoc.org) for info.



## Waikiki Parade Watch (courtesy of the City)

### December 10, 2006 Sunday

5:00AM Starts

1:00PM Ends

**HONOLULU MARATHON** sponsored by Honolulu Marathon Association. They expect to have 35,000+ runners. It will start on Ala Moana Blvd., near Queen St., to Ala Moana Blvd., ewa bound, to Nuuanu Ave., to King St., to Kapiolani Blvd., to Piikoi St., to Ala Moana Blvd., to Kalakaua Ave., to Monsarrat Ave., to Paki Ave., to Diamond Hd. Rd., to 18th Ave., to Kilauea Ave., to Waialae Ave., to Kalaniana'ole Hwy., to Hawaii Kai Dr., to Keahole St. to Kalaniana'ole Hwy., to Kealaolu Ave., to Kahala Ave., to Diamond Head Rd., to Kalakaua Ave., end at Honolulu Marathon finish/Kapiolani Bandstand. Roadways closed: 1)H1 Freeway closed at Waialae Ave. off ramp to Aina Koa Ave., 2)Kalaniana'ole Hwy., makai half closed for runners, between Aina Koa Ave. & Kawaihae St., mauka half converted to contra flow, 3)Kalaniana'ole Hwy., all lanes closed, between Kawaihao St. to Keahole St., Contact: Honolulu Marathon Assn. 734-7200 Fax: 732-7057 For more info, visit their website: <http://www.honolulumarathon.org/>

### January 7, 2007 Sunday

7:00AM Starts

9:00AM Ends

**BOB & RON'S 5K RUN** sponsored by the Mid-Pacific Road Runners Club. The run is expected to have 100 runners. It will start at Monsarrat Ave., to makai jog path of Paki Ave., to Poni Moi path, to Kalakaua Ave. path (2 loops) and finish at Hon. Marathon finish line on Kalakaua Ave. Contact: John Simmonds 373-3609 E-mail: [simonds001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:simonds001@hawaii.rr.com)

### January 15, 2007 Monday

9:00AM Starts

12noon Ends

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY PARADE** sponsored by Martin Luther King Coalition. The event is expected to have 2,000 marchers, 100 vehicles, 20 floats, 6 bands. It will start at Ala Moana Park to Ala Moana Blvd., to Kalakaua Ave., to Monsarrat Ave., end at Waikiki Shell Parking Lot in Queen Kapiolani Park. Contact: Patricia Anthony 384-4038 Fax: 672-4129

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 website at:

[www.waikikiimprovement.com](http://www.waikikiimprovement.com)