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Wastewater flowing through new line

Two new 1,100 foot lines that run under the Ala Wai Canal have been successfully connected to the Beachwalk Pump Station in Waikiki and are being used to move wastewater out of Waikiki. The two new lines were built inside tunnels that were bored by a state-of-the-art microtunneling operation that represents a key portion of the Beachwalk Wastewater Emergency Bypass project. Workers tunneled from the ma uka bank of the Ala Wai Canal and ended at the ma kai pit at the corner of Kūhiō Avenue and Kaiolu Street.

Contractors are now busy forming concrete walls in the ma kai pit. They will also be installing a 42-inch ball valve to regulate the flow to a third line which connects to the existing Kaiolu Street force main line.

Providing redundancy is the key to avoid a repeat of what happened in March of 2006 when officials were forced to divert 48 million gallons of wastewater into the Ala Wai Canal following a force main break in the aging line under Kaiolu.

As a result of hooking up the first new microtunneled line, workers have been able to shut down the temporary bypass pumps that sit above ground on Ala Wai Boulevard. These pipes and pumps are back on standby. In order to reconnect the Beachwalk Pump station to the existing 42-inch pipe, contractors will have to reactivate the bypass pumps later this summer. That 42-inch pipe will serve as the back-up third line.

A portion of the emergency bypass is now operating successfully as part of the connection of



the new microtunneled line. The pipe that was submerged in the canal, and pipes on the ma uka bank of the canal, and at the entrance to Ala Moana Beach Park, are up and running.

The city has also planted foliage around the Ala Moana Park entrance to cover the above ground pipe across from Atkinson Drive along the entrance to Waikiki.

For further information, call 808-543-8374 or visit www.beachwalkbypass.com.



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City to hold conference on transit-oriented development

The City is inviting residents, landowners, developers, community organizations, and other interested groups to get on board Honolulu's fixed guideway program with an introductory offer to attend the Transit-Oriented Development Conference on Saturday, July 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, at Leeward Community College Theater.

Transit-oriented development (TOD) refers to well-designed projects that respond to the high ridership associated with rapid transit by creating vibrant centers of housing, services, and employment, and also reduce transportation costs for residents and workers.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann, who has championed the fixed guideway system since taking office in 2005, said, "With a new transit system, many opportunities will arise to improve our quality of life, particularly in those neighborhoods surrounding the transit stations. With final planning underway for the transit system, we now need to prepare for its effects on our neighborhoods, not react to them. I'm looking forward to a spirited exchange of ideas with all stakeholders on transit-oriented development, based on community input."

Conference topics include a presentation of the range of public benefits that good transit-oriented development can bring, Portland's (Oregon) experience with TOD, and an outline of Honolulu's TOD program.

"While we look forward to transit increasing our mobility choices, we also need to take advantage of the opportunity to shape our communities for the better. As we embark on a major TOD planning effort, this process will enable us to learn more about transit-oriented development so that we get it right, from the beginning," said Henry Eng, Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting.

The conference will feature two speakers with extensive TOD experience:

Marilee Utter, President, Citiventure Associates LLC. Citiventure is a Denver-based real estate advisory and investment firm specializing in public-private transactions, and serves as a consultant or master developer for TOD projects. Projects include leading the TOD efforts on T-Rex, the city's rail system, and more than 25 sites in the Denver region; redevelopment of a distressed regional mall, Cinderella City, into a one-million-square-foot, mixed-use transit-oriented town center; and master planning for 65 acres in Denver's Central Platte Valley, transforming an urban rail yard into the region's premiere commercial, residential, and recreational district.

Debbie Bischoff, Senior Planner, Portland Bureau of Planning. Bischoff has more than 20 years of diverse planning experience in Oregon and Florida. She has been a project leader on various area and neighborhood planning projects that resulted in TOD centers and corridors. One such project, the Hollywood and Sandy Plan, received an American Planning Association award for integrating land use and transportation at a light rail station community (2001) and a regional public involvement award for best program (2000). Bischoff has been a project leader on transportation system and greenway plans and programs. She also has experience in revisions to comprehensive plans and zoning codes.

Registration information is available by contacting Waynette Tamashiro of Pacific Rim Concepts, 429-3313 or PacificRimConceptsRegistrar@hawaiiintel.net.

July 25th deadline approaches for *Keep It Hawai'i* recognition award nominations

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA), the state agency for tourism, is currently accepting nominations for the 16th Annual *Keep It Hawai'i Recognition Awards*. This program recognizes individuals, organizations and businesses that are perpetuating the Hawaiian culture through programs, events or activities for visitors and residents alike. The deadline for nominations is July 25, 2007.

Nominations will be judged by HTA's Hawaiian Cultural Program Advisory Council (HCPAC), which is comprised of members of the Hawaiian community and the visitor industry.

Award recipients will be announced at a ceremony at the Hawai'i Convention Center as part of the Hawai'i Tourism Conference on August 28, 2007.

For full details on the *Keep It Hawai'i Recognition Awards* application process, visit the HTA Web site at www.hawaiiitourismauthority.org. Interested parties may also contact the program administrator Martin Schiller, The Schiller Agency, at (808) 227-6002 or (808) 531-1800 or e-mail mschiller@tsg-hawaii.com.

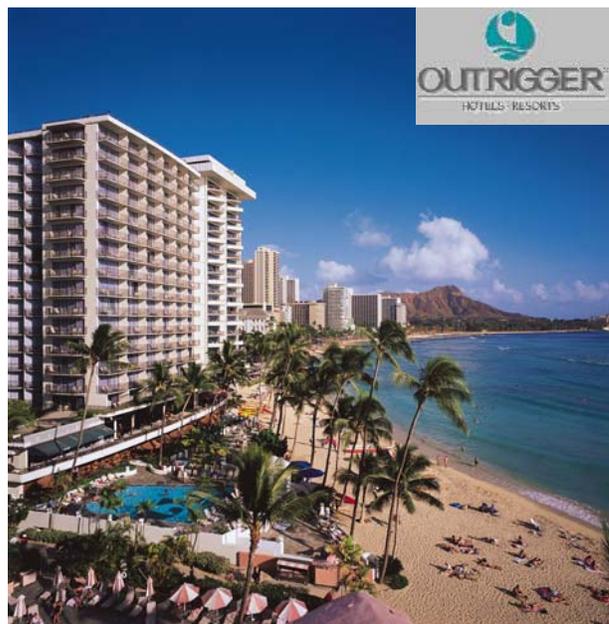
Master musicians lead acoustic workshop in Waikīkī

Featured instructors include four Grammy nominees and Japan's #1 slack key artist

One Grammy winner, three Grammy nominees and the top slack key artist in Japan will be the featured instructors at the third annual Ledward Ka'apana Aloha Acoustic Workshop, hosted by the Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach, August 15 to 18, 2007.

A perfect prelude to the 25th Annual Hawaiian Slack Key Festival on August 19, the multi-day workshop is a rare opportunity to learn from Grammy winner Ka'apana -- one of the world's most respected slack key artists -- together with Grammy nominees Bobby Moderow, David Kahiapo and Paul Togioka, and Japan's top slack key artist Kaoru Konoike.

"This is the kind of workshop that is every aspiring musician's dream, to learn from a true master like Ledward and his celebrated fellow artists," said Jim Heather, general manager of the Outrigger Waikiki on the Beach. "We are thrilled to host this extraordinary musician and teacher as part of our ongoing commitment to sharing Hawaii's musical heritage with our guests and community."



Born and raised in a musical family, Ka'apana is renowned for his mastery of the ki ho'alu (slack key guitar) and exceptional vocal skills. He is loved by audiences in Europe, North America, Japan, Tahiti and Hawaii for his easy going and rascal-like charm. He has released dozens of best-selling albums, both solo and with a group, and received numerous accolades including the Grammy and Hawaii's prestigious Na Hoku Hanohano Award.

Registration fee for the Aloha Acoustic Workshop is \$700 and includes four full days of educational workshops and music sessions. To sign up, call the Kihoalu Foundation at 808-226-2697 or send an e-mail to kihoalufoundationinc@yahoo.com. The workshop is limited to 20 participants.

Both the Outrigger Waikiki and its sister property, the Outrigger Reef on the Beach, are offering special room rates for registered workshop participants starting from \$215 per night for a city view room at the Outrigger Waikiki, and from \$173 per night for a moderate room at the Outrigger Reef.

For room reservations, call toll free 1-877-863-6860 or email beachfront@outrigger.com and ask for the Slack Key Workshop participant rate. For more information about the hotel, visit www.outriggerwaikiki.com. Room rates are subject to availability, applicable taxes and change without notice. Some restrictions may apply.



Master slack key guitarist Ledward Ka'apana

Hyatt Regency Waikiki's Ciao Mein, The Colony and Musashi win awards at the 2007 Flavors of Honolulu

At the 2007 Flavors of Honolulu, Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort & Spa's restaurants won awards for "Most Flavorful Pasta" (Ciao Mein), "Most Flavorful Dessert" (The Colony) and "Most Flavorful Poultry" (Musashi). This year marks the second time where all three Hyatt restaurant entries have won awards at the same event.

The "Most Flavorful" awards were based on the votes of over 45,000 Honolulu residents and travelers from abroad who attended the outdoor event in downtown Honolulu from June 29 – July 1.

Ciao Mein, world-famous for its award-winning Italian and Chinese cuisine and eclectic interior design, was voted as serving the "Most Flavorful Pasta" in Honolulu for its delicious fusilli pasta and chicken with creamy macadamia nut pesto sauce dish. Ciao Mein, a favorite of locals and world-travelers alike, has won a total of 23 awards over the years at Taste and Flavors of Honolulu since 1991.

The Colony, noted for its USDA prime beef and fresh Pacific seafood, claimed the honor of serving Honolulu's "Most Flavorful Dessert" for its white chocolate dipped Oreo cheesecake on a stick with Starbucks coffee sauce. In past events, The Colony has also won the "Best Beef" and "Best Salad" awards, making for the ultimate course dining experience.

Musashi, which serves authentic Japanese teishoku, teppanyaki, sushi and hibachi, won the highly competitive "Most Flavorful Poultry" award for its misoyaki chicken with garlic fried rice dish. Musashi has gained numerous accolades throughout the years and was recently selected by the readers of



The Colony

the Honolulu Star Bulletin and Midweek as one of Hawaii's best Japanese restaurants.

Hyatt Regency Waikiki Resort & Spa Executive Assistant Manager – Food and Beverage Fawaz Gharaibeh said, "These awards truly demonstrate the quality of Hyatt's restaurants to thousands of people at the inaugural Flavors of Honolulu. At the same time, we are extremely pleased to have raised funds for Abilities Unlimited."

For restaurant reservations or inquiries about Ciao Mein, Musashi, The Colony, Terrace Grille and Hyatt on the Beach, please call 808-923-1234.



Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation Awards college scholarships to Hawai'i scholar-athletes Monday, July 16, noon – 1 p.m. at the Outrigger Canoe Club

The Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation (ODKF) will present college scholarships to outstanding Hawaii scholar-athletes competing in "Duke" sports – water sports and volleyball. The award recipients are mostly women, and primarily graduated from Hawaii's public schools.

A highlight of this year is a new Vans Scholarship for \$10,000 presented to a Hawaii surfer who excels academically. Also being rewarded for their excellence are high school competitors with athletic grants, and nonprofit organizations supporting water sports events and youth programs in Hawaii.

Duke Kahanamoku is considered Hawaii's greatest athlete winning six Olympic medals, including three gold medals in swimming, during a 20-year career from 1912-1932. Revered worldwide for his exploits, Duke is regarded as the "Father of International Surfing."

ODKF is a public nonprofit foundation whose mission is to financially support the development of individuals and organizations that perpetuate the spirit and legacy of Duke Kahanamoku.

Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa offers romance, adventure

New packages come with a host of goodies for couples

Couples looking to spark romance or create adventure in their lives can do so with two packages being offered by the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa.

The **Island Romance Package** offers couples accommodations in the luxurious Ali'i Tower, lei greeting and escort to room at check-in, champagne and chocolate-covered strawberries welcome amenity, one day breakfast for two in bed, a 50-minute Hawaiian lomi lomi for two at Mandara Spa and a five-



course chef tasting menu for two at Bali by the Sea with three wine pairings. There is a four-night minimum stay and rates begin at \$495 per night through December 26.

For more adventurous couples, the **Island Adventure Package** offers oceanview accommodations at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, a spa basket welcome amenity, a half-day adventure package at Kualoa Ranch that includes a variety of activities, a Segway Tour for two and dinner at the Hilton's Village Steak & Seafood Restaurant for two. Rates begin at \$425 per night with a minimum four-night stay through December 26.

Rates are based on availability and do not include taxes and gratuities; blackout dates apply as well. To book these packages, call the Hilton Hawaiian Village reservations line at (808) 949-4321, and ask for rate code "P8" for the Island Romance Package or "P9" for the Island Adventure Package. Packages can also be booked online by clicking the "specials" link at www.hiltonhawaiianvillage.com.



HTA conducts second Hawai'i state parks survey

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA), the state's tourism agency, will be conducting its second survey of Hawai'i's state-owned parks. Through HTA's Natural Resources Program, this survey, conducted by OmniTrak Group, will include an in-depth inventory and assessment of more than 60 highly visited parks statewide.

"Our first state parks survey was conducted in 2003, and the results gathered were used to prioritize improvements as well as provide policy makers with accurate and useful information about the state's parks and its users," said Rex Johnson, president and chief executive officer of HTA. "We are asking that park-goers spare a few minutes to participate in the survey when approached. We want the data collected to be as complete and comprehensive as possible as we strive to improve our state parks for both residents and visitors to enjoy."

Fieldwork will be conducted July 1 through October 31, with random visits at a sampling of parks during various times throughout the day. Surveyors will be performing in-person observations and counts, as well as distributing and collecting written surveys. The objectives of the survey are to establish the number of park visitors, identify the composition of park users (residents, in-state visitors and out-of-state visitors), examine the condition of park facilities and amenities, measure park users' satisfaction, and determine if improvements made since 2003 have had a positive impact on state parks. The final report is scheduled to be completed December 31, 2007, and will include recommendations for Hawai'i's State Parks.



Cool off at the Wy-Bar at The Wyland Waikiki

Sexy, sleek, and sophisticated is what you'll find at the newly-opened Wy-Bar at The Wyland Waikiki. If you want a new chic place to grab a couple of drinks after a long day at the beach, or just a new after work hang out, beat the crowds and visit the Wy-Bar at The Wyland Waikiki. Open nightly from 5 pm to 10 pm, the hotel's signature bar offers guests a truly unique experience.

Surrounded by the elegance and ambiance of the hotel's theme of Wyland art and design, The Wy-Bar boasts a cool and contemporary setting with a serene yet hip vibe. With views of the garden swimming pool with cascading waterfall, the whirlpool spa, and more of Wyland's sculptures, patrons will feel transported. Guests can now sit at the custom designed bar countertop made of Avonite Cats eye and enjoy an open floor plan that allows customers to drift between the bar, casual lounge, and the sculpture library.

Spada Bar & Restaurant is managing the operations of the bar. In addition to a full bar, they have developed a signature drink menu that highlights the theme of the hotel. Patrons at the Wy-Bar will be able to order such specialty drinks as a Deep Sea Martini featuring Ocean Vodka, a Sandy Coconut, Tropical Island Tea, or a Maliblu.

"The addition of the Wy-Bar at The Wyland Waikiki provides our guests a great venue to relax and enjoy," said hotel General Manager Robin Graf. "Spada Bar and Restaurant has an outstanding



reputation and guarantees its patrons an outrageously fun experience."

Take a splash this summer and beat the heat at the Wy-Bar at The Wyland Waikiki. It will be an experience that will make all feel comfortable, a gathering place for friends and family, and a place where new friends can be made. Validated valet parking is available at the bar.

For hotel reservations or more information, call The Wyland Waikiki at 866-346-4679 or visit www.wylandwaikiki.com.



TravelAge West recognizes Starwood Hotels & Resorts

Two of Hawaii's legendary hotels received honors recently from readers of *TravelAge West*. Starwood Hotels & Resorts Hawaii is proud to announce that **The Royal Hawaiian** was honored with the 2007 WAVE Award in the category of "**Best of the West, Best Historic Hotel**" on June 7 in Beverly Hills as part of the *TravelAge West* WAVE (Western Agents' Votes of Excellence) Awards. The **Moana Surfrider, A Westin Resort** was nominated for "Best Waikiki Hotel." In addition, Caryl Lee, senior sales manager for Starwood Hotels & Resorts Hawaii was honored with the 2007 WAVE Award in the category of "**Favorite Individual Hotel Sales Representative.**"

Over 136 companies, individuals and destinations were celebrated by the readers of *TravelAge West* at the WAVE Awards ceremony. Honorees were recognized in 48 categories that spanned the cruise, tour operator, airline, hotel and resort, and

destination travel fields. The awards gave travel agents in the Western United States the opportunity to recognize the outstanding qualities and services of their travel supplier partners.

Travel agent professionals throughout the 14 Western states and readers of *TravelAge West* were invited to vote on the best-of-the-best from a list of Editor's Pick award recipients that were chosen after careful review by Editor-in-Chief Ken Shapiro and the editorial team of *TravelAge West*. Review methods included product analysis, on-site visits, a survey of a select group of travel agents and online research.

TravelAge West will also feature **The Royal Hawaiian** and **Caryl Lee** in a special WAVE Awards Spotlight Issue due out in August 2007.



Waikiki Hula Show DAILY!

Authentic Hawaiian music and hula shows are performed daily, 6:30PM – 7:30PM, by Hawaii's finest hula hālau (troupes) and Hawaiian performers at the Kapi'olani Bandstand. The bandstand is located at the entrance to Kapi'olani Park, on the corner of Kalakaua and Monsarrat Avenues. A free parking lot is shared with the Waikiki Shell. Park bench seating is available.

The Kuhio Beach Torch Lighting & Hula Show has been relocated from Kuhio Beach through Summer 2007 while the hula mound is renovated. Torches will continue to be lit along Kalakaua Avenue.

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

For the month of July:

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

Wednesdays: Ainsley Halemanu and Ka Liko O Kapalai

Thursdays: Val Crabbe and Halau Hula Palena

Friday, July 13: NO SHOW

Saturday, July 14: NO SHOW

Sunday, July 15: Leimomi Ho and Keali'ika'apunihonua Ke'ena A'o Hula

Friday, July 20: Moana Chang and the Aloha Boat Days Show

Waikiki Parade Watch (courtesy of the City)

July 29, 2007 Sunday
5:20AM Starts
11:00AM Ends

27TH ANNUAL TINMAN TRIATHLON sponsored by Tinman Unlimited. The event is expected to have 1,000 participants. **Swim** will be at: Queens Beach, Queen Kapiolani Park. then : **Bike** will start at Swim/Bike Transition area, to Kalakaua Ave., to Diamond Head Rd., to Kahala Ave., to Kealaolu Ave., to Kalaniana'ole 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 Kalaniana'ole 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 **Run** will start at Kapiolani Park transition area, to Kalakaua Ave., to Kapahulu Ave., to Paki Ave., to Monsarrat Ave., to 18th Ave., to Kilauea Ave., to Elepaio St., to Kahala Ave., to Diamond Head Rd., to Kalakaua Ave., to end at Honolulu marathon finish line. Contact: Olga Caldwell 595-5317 Fax: 595-5317. For more info, visit their website: <http://www.tinmanhawaii.com/>

August 19, 2007 Sunday
6:00AM Starts
8:00AM Ends

NORMAN TAMANAHA MEMORIAL 15K RUN sponsored by Midpacific Roadrunners. The event is expected to have 500 runners. The event will start at Kalakaua Ave., to Monsarrat Ave., to Paki Ave., to Diamond Head Rd., to Kahala Ave., to Kealaolu St., turn around at end of Kealaolu St (at the service station) to Kealaolu St., to Kahala Ave., to Diamond Head Rd., to Kalakaua Ave., to end at Honolulu Marathon Finish Line. Contact John Simonds 373-3609, E-mail: simonds001@hawaii.rr.com 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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