

# LIFESTYLES



Honolulu City Lights celebration returns with



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cial performance to wrap up the ceremony just before Mayor Jeremy Harris and guests lit the 60-foot tree to kick off the parade.

Honolulu sparkled Saturday night at the annual tree lighting ceremony and parade sponsored by the Hawaiian Electric Company, the Friends of Honolulu City Lights and the City and County of Honolulu.

This year's theme is "Jingle All the Way," and the bells decorating downtown trees and buildings certainly reflected that. Shaka Santa and Mele have received a fresh coat of paint this season and city workers created a new Honolulu City Lights logo sign. Also new are giant arches and a huge Santa sleigh on display at the Honolulu Hale.

Festivities began at 4 p.m. with a concert sponsored by *Star-Bulletin/Midweek* and KCCN FM-100, food booths and keiki train rides.

After the Kawaiahao church service, the tree lighting ceremony began with a welcome by the master of ceremonies, Ben Lee. Jake Shimabukuro, international ukulele extraordinaire, gave a spe-

More than 40 vehicles and floats took part in the parade, along with 15 bands from island high schools and organizations. Big participants in the procession included the Honolulu Fire Department, Facility Maintenance, the Honolulu Police Department and Honolulu Emergency Services, the Hawaiian Electric Company and TheBus.

The highlights of the evening, of course, were the Santa Clauses. A Hawaiian Santa came through jamming to island music, wearing swim trunks and a straw hat. The traditional Santa brought up the end of the parade and many of the floats stayed around for the keiki to get a closer look.

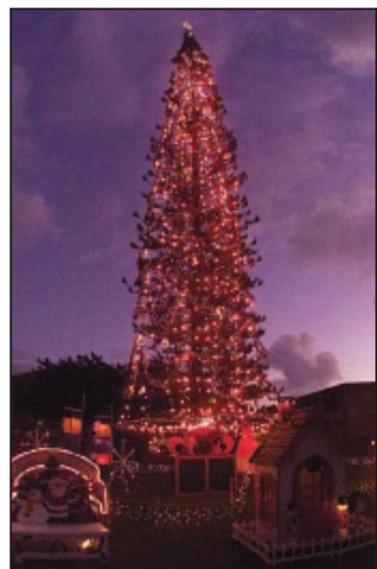
Special Christmas choir concerts will be held in the Honolulu Hale Courtyard every evening from now through Christmas Day. Decorated Christmas trees and wreaths will be on display daily until 11 p.m. through Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004 at the Honolulu Hale courtyard.



Shaka Santa got a face lift for this year's Honolulu City Lights celebration.



Hawaiian Airlines employees show off their musical talent as they entertain the crowd while riding in the Honolulu City Lights Parade Saturday.



With thanks to Base Facilities, a Christmas display illuminates Dewey Square in the early morning hours aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.



Shaka Santa and Mele grace the Honolulu Hale Courtyard as the Honolulu Christmas tree glows at the Honolulu City Lights Ceremony.



Above — A group of lucky kids fly through the parade in a moving sleigh as part of the Honolulu Emergency Medical Services float. Below — A traditional Santa rides past on the Cutter Chevrolet float for the grand finale of the Honolulu City Lights Parade.



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## POSSIBILITIES IN PARADISE

By Bobbie Brock, MCCS Public Relations

### DECEMBER

#### 12 / Today

**Christmas Trees** — Fresh Christmas trees are on sale in the parking lot across from the Marine Corps Exchange Annex. Regular lot hours are Mondays - Fridays from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**Volunteers Needed** — The Personal Services section of Marine Corps Community Services invites you to share in the holiday spirit, and help with Santa's Village, tomorrow. To lend a helping hand, call 257-7786, today.

**Mall Gift Wrapping** — The

Message Center at Mokapu Mall, Kaneohe Bay, currently offers gift-wrapping services weekdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays, Saturdays from noon to 8:30 p.m., and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. This service will be offered until Dec. 23.

#### 13 / Saturday

**Santa's Village** — Personal Services invites you to share in the holiday spirit and stop aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay at the Enlisted Club Ballroom from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (Families or children with special needs are invited to enter Santa's Village at 8:30 a.m., Saturday.)

The base community is invited to receive a free photo with Santa and children are welcome to participate in face painting, ornament making and other Christmas crafting activities. There will also be great door prizes, live entertainment and a special performance by the Marine Forces Pacific Band from 9 to 10 a.m.

For more information, call 257-7786.

**Holiday Bowling Sale** — Check off your holiday list at the K-Bay Lanes Pro Shop, where you will find the perfect gift for the bowling enthusiast in your life. All bowling balls, bags and shoes are 10 percent off retail price, not to include previously marked down items.

**Embroidery Services** — Personalize that special gift at Taylour Made Embroidery located in Mokapu Mall aboard

Kaneohe Bay. Purchase any item from the Main Exchange and have it personalized by the professionals, any Monday - Saturday between 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. or Sunday between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

#### 14 / Sunday

**Breakfast With Santa** — All hands are invited to breakfast with Santa at the Staff NCO Club from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bring the little ones and your camera, and capture the moment on film.

For more information, call 254-5481.

#### 15 / Monday

**Car Auction** — The Auto Skills Center will be accepting sealed bids on the below vehicles through today.

Year	Make	Model	Min. Bid
'93	Ford	Probe	\$550
'91	Ford	Escort	\$500
'89	Nissan	Sentra	\$450
'89	Nissan	240SX	\$850
'88	Acura	Legend	\$1,000

(Note: All vehicles are running; however, the Probe, Legend and Escort need body work.)

**Camp Smith Sunset Lanai** — Get the gang together and relax at the Camp H. M. Smith Sunset Lanai. After a hectic day, enjoy panoramic views of the Leeward Coast, free pool and darts, and free pupus.

The club is open to all ranks Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 4 p.m.

**ASYMCA Playmornings** — Parents, day care providers and

children under 5 years old are invited to Armed Services YMCA Playmornings, Monday - Friday from 9 - 11 a.m. The program is a free parent/child interactive playgroup where learning is active, sharing is practiced, cooperation is encouraged, social skills blossom, confidence is created and fun is mandatory.

For more info, call 254-4719.

#### 16 / Today

**Main Exchange Ladies Night** — The Main Exchange will be open to "ladies only" from 6 to 10 p.m., mark your calendar to check out great bargains throughout the evening and to enter to win door prize giveaways.

Leave your spouse at home with the kids and get your holiday shopping finished!

**Bosses' Day** — Bring the boss to Kahuna's Sports Bar & Grill for lunch from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., and enjoy live entertainment by Jeff Said No from 5 - 8 p.m.

#### 19 / Friday

**Kahuna's Holiday Party** — Save this date for Kahuna's Holiday Party at 6 p.m. Free pupus, live entertainment by El Conjunto Tropical and cool prize giveaways await you.

#### 22 / Monday

**Winter Adventure Program** — Children in grades kindergarten through sixth are invited to the Youth Activities Winter Adventure Program, which

runs Dec. 22 through Jan. 2, 2004.

The camp will be held from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Youth Activities Center, Bldg. 1391, where children will enjoy arts and crafts, games, sports, field trips and much more. The cost of this program is based upon family income, and there is a maximum of 30 children, so call 254-7610, today, to secure a spot.

#### 31 / Wednesday

**New Year's Eve Celebration** — The Officers' Club will ring in the New Year with a five-course dinner at 6 p.m. and a champagne toast in the Koa Lounge at midnight.

### JANUARY

#### 21 / Wednesday

**Spouse Leadership Seminar** — Military spouses who have demonstrated consistent commitment to family readiness and community building programs are invited to attend an annual seminar hosted by Marine Corps Family Team Building, Jan. 21 - 22, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Participants will learn techniques and skills that will help them be effective and successful in leadership roles, as the seminar deals with leadership fundamentals such as goal setting, delegating, leading successful meetings and building successful teams.

Limited space is available, so register now by calling 257-2410.

## SM&SP



All events are open to single, active duty military, E-5 and below.

The SM&SP Office is located in Bldg. 219. Call 254-7593 for more info.

#### SM&SP Online

Get more on SM&SP at www.MCCSHawaii.com under the "Semper Fitness" icon.

#### SM&SP is relocating!

The new SM&SP office will be inside the Kahuna's Recreation Center, scheduled to officially open Dec. 17 in the Enlisted Club facility. Come by and join in on the activities and events available to all single E-5 and below active duty Marines and Sailors aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay and Camp H. M. Smith.

#### Upcoming Events

Your SM&SP continues to deliver quality activities such as the below:

•Dec. 25: Aloha Bowl football game tailgate party.

•Feb. 8: Pro Bowl tailgate party.

•Feb. 14 - 16: Kauai holiday weekend excursion.

•March 12 - 15: Las Vegas weekend excursion. Stay tuned for more!

#### Volunteer Opportunities

Marines and Sailors are needed to help support the following events:

•Saturday at varied times from 2:30 to 11 p.m.: At the Special Olympics Jingle Bell Run, with set up, tear down, security.

•Feb. 5 - 8, 2004: At the Pro Bowl's halftime show.

#### Inflatable Game Rentals

Sumo suits, the Gladiator Joust and the Big Bouncy boxing ring are available for your unit functions on MCB Hawaii for \$100 per game.

## Christmas Workshop brings smiles to K-Bay

### Lance Cpl. Megan Stiner

Combat Correspondent

The spirit of Saint Nick brought smiles to children's faces at a Christmas Workshop held at the base chapel Sunday afternoon.

Kaneohe Bay encouraged special needs children from throughout the island of Oahu to come out and participate in the festivities. Various activities kicked off at 2 p.m. with music and pony rides, plus an interactive church service, volleyball, face painting, basketball, music therapy, a full petting zoo and what seemed to be the kids' favorite, the parachute game. Several games took place at once, and both children and parents were fully involved in the fun.

Children with disabilities ranging from attention deficit disorder to severe physical handicaps also paired up with a buddy who was from the Aliamanu Military Reservation Teen Center to enjoy the games.

The workshop is in its third year of development at K-Bay; however, this year was slightly different because MCB Hawaii combined its efforts with the chapel at 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry (Light) Division, instead of just working with Marines and Sailors here. That change brought even more volunteers and provided the base with the chance to put together its most



Lance Cpl. Megan Stiner

Aaron Young (left) from Nimitz and Marc Sanders from the Aliamanu Military Reservation share a laugh while feeding a llama at the Christmas Workshop petting zoo.

successful workshop in three years.

"It is a great opportunity for the kids," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Joshua Kimble, religious program coordinator for the base

chapel, in charge of coordinating community outreach programs on base.

Kimble said that he believed the best part

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## MOVIE TIME

Prices: Adults (12 and older) \$3, Children (6 to 11) \$1.50, Children (5 and younger) free. Matinee prices are \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. Parents must purchase tickets for "R"-rated movies in person at the box office for children 16 years old and younger. For E-5 and below, admission is free to the second show on Friday and Saturday evenings only. Sunday evenings, the price is \$1 for all patrons. Show your I.D. at the box office. Call 254-7642 for recorded information.

**Sneak Preview Policy:** One hour and 45 minutes prior to the movie, tickets will be issued to first priority patrons waiting in line, then second and third priority patrons.

Mystic River (R)	Today at 7:15 p.m.
Lost in Translation (R)	Today at 9:45 p.m.
The Texas Chainsaw Massacre (R)	Saturday at 7:15 p.m.
Intolerable Cruelty (PG 13)	Saturday at 9:45 p.m.
Brother Bear (G)	Sunday at 3:30 p.m.
Runaway Jury (PG 13)	Sunday at 7:15 p.m.
Good Boy (PG)	Wednesday at 7:15 p.m.
The Texas Chainsaw Massacre (R)	Thursday at 7:15 p.m.
Elf (PG)	Dec. 19 at 7:15 p.m.
Kill Bill Vol. 1 (R)	Dec. 19 at 9:45 p.m.

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## COMMENTARY

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# What makes December a special time of the year?

**Lt. Cmdr. (Chaplain)**

**Nestor Nazario**

*Headquarters Bn., MCB Hawaii*

For many people, December is their favorite month. The lyrics of a popular song describe the season as "the most wonderful time of the year."

The holiday melodies that fill the air, the colorful lights that decorate our surroundings, the gathering of family and friends with the exchange of gifts and favorite recipes, all create a special festive ambiance of joy, love and hope that we treasure and desire year after year.

But why December? What makes this month so special?

The answer to this question may be found in nature itself.

Between the 20th and 23rd of December, those who live in the Northern hemisphere experience the shortest day and the longest night of the year. This event is known as the winter "solstice" — derived from two Latin words: "sol" meaning sun and "sistere," to cause to stand still.

This year's winter solstice will occur on Dec. 21 at 11:04 p.m. (PST). From this date and time until the summer solstice (June 21), the nights will grow shorter and the days longer.

In prehistoric times, winter was a very difficult time for

Aboriginal people living in the northern latitudes. They had to live off of stored food and whatever animals they could catch. People became troubled as they observed the sun sinking lower each noon, fearing that it would eventually disappear and leave them in total darkness and frigid weather.

After the winter solstice, they would have reason to celebrate as they saw the sun rising and strengthening once more. They knew that the return of the warm season was inevitable and that better days lay ahead.

Since then, the winter solstice has been observed and celebrated throughout history and

many cultures as the birth of the sun, of light, of life itself.

The ancient Persians set bonfires and sent birds aloft carrying torches of dried grass to stimulate the sun. The Romans celebrated the birth of Sol Invictus, the Unconquered Sun, on December 25. Most Christians found it appropriate to celebrate the birth of Jesus on this date, since he is seen by many as the light of this world.

Countless religious and non-religious celebrations have been directly or indirectly linked with the observance of the winter solstice and have contributed, in no small measure, into making December the most

wonderful time of the year.

There is a lesson to be learned from this event of nature. No matter how dark, cold, bleak or discouraging we may find our predicament to be, we should take heart and actively hope for a better future.

As the sun appears to stop moving to the Southern hemisphere before heading back north, we should stop and reassess where we are, where we want to be, and then make the necessary adjustments.

Our future can be brighter if we believe and actively hope for it. As Dr. Robert H. Schuller once said, "Tough times never last, but tough people do."

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of this year's workshop was the church service because children had the chance to go up on stage and interact while learn-

ing about the history of Christ.

He was also overjoyed by the positive response from parents, and said the chapel is already looking forward to next year's workshop.

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The human spirit is stronger than anything that can happen to it.

— C.C. Scott

# ON THE MENU AT ANDERSON HALL

<b>Today</b> <b>Lunch</b> Seafood Platter -Fried Fish Nuggets -Fried Shrimp -Fried Scallops -Breaded Oysters Lasagna Baked Ravioli Macaroni & Cheese Chewy Nut Bar Yellow Cake w/Frosting Asst. Fruit Pies  <b>Dinner</b> Roast Pork Loin Barbecued Chicken Mashed Potatoes Steamed Rice Chewy Nut Bar Yellow Cake w/Frosting Asst. Fruit Pies	<b>Specialty Bar</b> <i>(Lunch &amp; Dinner)</i> Pasta Bar  <b>Saturday</b> <b>Brunch/Dinner</b> Herbed Rock Cornish Hens Grilled Strip Loin Steak Rice Pilaf Mashed Potatoes Chocolate Chip Cookies Asst. Fruit Pies  <b>Sunday</b> <b>Brunch/Dinner</b> Yankee Pot Roast Baked Ham Mashed Potatoes Candied Sweet Potatoes Chocolate Layered Cake w/ Chocolate Cream Frosting Asst. Fruit Pies	<b>Monday</b> <b>Lunch</b> Meatloaf Creole Pork Chops Mashed Potatoes Pork Fried Rice Apple Crisp Chocolate Chip Cookies Asst. Fruit Pies  <b>Dinner</b> Baked Turkey & Noodles Baked Fresh Fish Rice Pilaf Apple Crisp Chocolate Chip Cookies Asst. Fruit Pies  <b>Specialty Bar</b> <i>(Lunch &amp; Dinner)</i> Pasta Bar	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>Lunch</b> Beef Sukiyaki Pork Chop Suey Egg Foo Young Chinese Fried Egg Roll Steamed Rice Pork Fried Rice Chocolate Pudding Asst. Fruit Pies  <b>Dinner</b> Creole Macaroni Baked Fish Fillet Mashed Potatoes Noodles Jefferson Chocolate Pudding Asst. Fruit Pies  <b>Specialty Bar</b> <i>(Lunch &amp; Dinner)</i> Taco Bar	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Lunch</b> Barbecued Spareribs Country Style Steak Steamed Rice Mashed Potatoes Oatmeal Cookies Asst. Fruit Pies  <b>Dinner</b> Baked Chicken Beef Pot Pie Boiled Egg Noodles Mashed Potatoes Brownies Asst. Fruit Pies  <b>Specialty Bar</b> <i>(Lunch &amp; Dinner)</i> Country Bar	<b>Thursday</b> <b>Lunch</b> Baked Lasagna Chicken Parmesan Asst. Pizza Slices Garlic Toast Brownies Asst. Fruit Pies  <b>Dinner</b> Chicken Vega Simmered Corned Beef Parsley Buttered Potatoes Steamed Rice Apple Pie Oatmeal Cookies Asst. Fruit Pies  <b>Specialty Bar</b> <i>(Lunch &amp; Dinner)</i> Taco Bar
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## WORD TO PASS

### Candy Cane Lane Opens Today

Keiki of all ages can enjoy making gifts for moms, dads, siblings and friends when the Bishop Museum rings in the holidays today through Sunday with its 1st Annual Candy Cane Lane. The museum's Great Lawn will transform into Santa's workshop with Christmas trees, giant candy canes and festive entertainment.

Children can make crafts ranging from personalized ornaments and pottery to Hawaiian artifacts. Plus, keiki can enjoy candy making, free

train rides, storytelling and much more, including a picture with Santa.

Cost is \$3 per person for Candy Cane Lane, and a nominal fee for special make-and-take crafts. The fun will run from 5:30 to 9 p.m., Friday; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday; and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday.

Call 847-3511 for info, or visit [www.bishopmuseum.org](http://www.bishopmuseum.org).

### Honolulu Symphony Adds Sunday 'Pops' Show

There's still time to get a ticket to the popular "Brothers Cazimero/Na Leo Pilimehana"

concert, today and Saturday at 8 p.m., or Sunday at 4 p.m. at the Neal Blaisdell Concert Hall. Maestro Matt Catingub will lead his 63-piece orchestra and the guest artists as they share the stage in a Hawaiian-style Christmas celebration.

Limited tickets range from \$20 to \$65. Call 792-2000 for more information, or surf to [www.HonoluluSymphony.com](http://www.HonoluluSymphony.com).

### Sunset on the Planes Returns, This Weekend

The Kapolei Fairgrounds will be the place to be, Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. until 10

p.m. for "Sunset on the Planes." This event will commemorate aviation and feature a spectacular air show; military, commercial and civilian aircraft displays; a Wright Brothers flyer flight simulator and replica operating engine; numerous, affordable food booths; crafts, keiki games and activities; a health expo; plus a big screen blockbuster movie.

Catch the Annual Kapolei Christmas Electric Light Parade at 5:30 p.m. and donate a new, unwrapped toy to the Marine Corps Reserve "Toys for Tots" program. Admission is free and

vast \$1 parking will be available at the fairgrounds, located at the corner of Fort Barrette Road and Farrington Highway in Kapolei.

### FBI Seeks Agents

If you're interested in a job with the FBI, Monday is your chance to learn about application requirements. The Personal Services Office will host a career seminar from 10 - 11 a.m. in Classroom 2 of Bldg. 267.

For more information, call 257-7790 or 257-7795.

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# Covenant provides good food for body and soul

I once heard it said, a neighborhood sandwich joint is like the traditional 'mom and pop' one-stop shop: There just aren't enough of them around.

But when you are lucky enough to find one, it's guaranteed to have personality way beyond what any chain can offer.

I was fortunate enough to discover one recently.

Covenant Books and Coffee Café has been offering an assortment of soups, salads and sandwiches for almost two years.

When the Honolulu Bible Church opened a bookstore in 2001, it quickly realized adding a small café might help financially. That is where the cafe manager, Dave Yoshimura, came in.

Dubbed the "the godfather of soup" because of his ability to "make you a soup you can't refuse," Yoshimura pulled together the cafe that was quickly embraced by many area residents and business people.

Obviously by his name, his specialty is soup. The cafe makes a different type of soup daily in an enormous 160-quart pot. The day my wife and I visited, we sampled the shrimp gumbo, overflowing with fresh vegetables (a bowl of soup and roll is \$2.95).

Other enticing soups on the monthly listing included beef chili, clam chowder,



Smoked chicken pesto sandwich and Caesar salad

Mediterranean vegetable, split pea and creamy crab and asparagus.

Fresh sandwiches and salads are available for those who need a more substantial meal.

Or, if you would like to mix things up, you can go for either a soup and sandwich or salad and sandwich combo (the whole sandwich and soup is \$7.95; half a sandwich and soup is \$5.25).

They offer a first-rate selection of well-constructed and cleverly conceived sandwiches, many of them designed for the health conscious.

My wife selected the salad and half sandwich combo, deciding on the popular smoked chicken pesto on ciabatta bread, made with smoked chicken breast, homemade pesto sauce, Provolone cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, sprouts and carrots, and the Caesar salad, with Romaine lettuce, parmesan cheese, garlic croutons, fresh mushrooms, creamy Caesar dressing topped with grilled chicken breast — reported to

be one of the best on the island. I selected the soup/half-sandwich combo. The shrimp gumbo I mentioned earlier was well complemented with a juicy pastrami on light rye, made with sweet pastrami, smoked Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato, red onion and sprouts.

Other sandwiches I intend on checking out in the future include the salami on sun-dried tomato focaccia, made with premium Genoa salami, Provolone cheese, tomatoes and Arugula, and the Southwest turkey and avocado on whole wheat sandwich, made with roasted turkey breast, jalapeño pepper jack cheese, avocado, fresh homemade salsa, lettuce sprouts (all sandwiches are \$6.50 whole/\$3.75 half).

Another good bet for salads is the Oriental chicken salad, made with chicken breast, green leaf lettuce, Chinese cabbage, bean sprouts, watercress, shiitake mushrooms, carrots, green onions, roasted sesame seeds and an Oriental salad dressing (most salads are around \$6.75 whole/\$4 half).

Diners may also be lured by the large display case flaunting the cafe's selec-

table variety of pies, bread puddings, tarts, cakes and Danishes.

Due to the café's under-sized kitchen, staff cannot cook a great amount of hot dishes. However, they plan on opening for breakfast soon and offering dishes like Belgian waffles and omelettes.

Covenant Books and Coffee Café also boasts a selection of fresh, island-grown coffee beans. Their coffees are made in a traditional French press and in addition to its own house blends, the café offers 100-percent Kona coffee, cappuccinos and

espresso.

The combination of good food, strong coffee and sweet desserts along with café-style tables, Hawaiian prints and Chinese paper lanterns creates an ideal escape from the constant interruptions at work or home in its soothing, laid-back atmosphere.

The café's blend of the reverential quiet of a library with the delights of comfortable seating and tasty dishes attract a wide variety of clients, ranging from housewives to businessmen.

The café, with a capacity for 42 customers, seemed to be slightly crowded during lunch; however, diners have the option of calling in their order to take out.

Tables did seem to turn over pretty fast, partially due to the helpful, friendly staff, which simply refuses to accept any kind of tips.

The parking situation around back is also pretty crowded for the bookstore, which is located a block off King Street, sandwiched between a Vietnamese and a Chinese restaurant and across from American Savings Bank.

Overall, Covenant Books and Coffee Café is a place where good food, good company and good coffee all come together to create a first-rate dining experience.

**WTP, From B-4****‘Nutcracker’ Opens**

Ballet Hawaii presents “Nutcracker 2003,” with acclaimed soloists from leading national companies, new costumes, new sets, and live music provided by the Honolulu Symphony, Dec. 19 at 8 p.m., Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 21 at 2 p.m.

Tickets cost from \$25 to \$55. Call 1-877-750-4400, or log onto [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**DECA Accepts Scholarship Applications**

Children of active duty, reserve, guard, retired and/or survivors of deceased military personnel may apply to the Scholarships for Military Children Program. The Defense Commissary Agency intends to award at least one \$1,500 scholarship at each commissary DECA operates, to students from 21-23 years of age.

Applications are available now at [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org). The deadline to apply is Feb. 18, 2004. Students should turn in their completed form to one commissary.

**FRA Revamps OnWatch**

“OnWatch is a great tool for communicating to active duty personnel everything that is going on in Washington, D.C., that affects them and their families,” said Fleet Reserve Association

National Executive Secretary Joe Barnes.

*OnWatch* is a quarterly publication, and the FRA is the oldest and largest professional military association representing concerns of sea services personnel.

For more information, surf to

[www.fra.org](http://www.fra.org).

**Aquarium Seeks Volunteers**

The Waikiki Aquarium needs volunteers for its “Edge of the Reef” interactive program. The exhibit profiles habitats one might find along the Hawaiian shoreline, from the sand dunes

and rocky tide pools to the coral reef. Volunteers interpret the different habitats and species within the tide pools to visitors.

Volunteers receive extensive, hands-on training from expert staff, as well as continuing education about Hawaiian marine life and gift shop and program

discounts.

If you’re 18 or older, and willing to make a six-month commitment, call Joan Kafenzis at 440-9020.

The Waikiki Aquarium is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 923-9741 for more, or visit [www.waiaquarium.org](http://www.waiaquarium.org).

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## MARINE MAKEPONO

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**Vehicles**

**2002 Mazda MPV LX**, sporty family van with 11,000 miles and in excellent condition. Asking \$19,500 or make an offer. Call Alex at 257-8833 or 254-4724.

**Pets**

**Lost cat on Nov. 19**, named “Biao,” gray/brown with tiger stripes, short-haired, small and solid, 5-year-old female, notched right ear, 9 pounds. Reward for return. Call 254-0203.

**Wanted**

**Reliable childcare** for two toddlers in my house at MCBH. Flexible hours, 10-15 hours per week. Please provide references. Call 254-9245.

**Miscellaneous**

**Piano (upright)**, in good condition, includes bench. Great deal, only \$500. Call 254-5351.

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*The deadline for submitting ads to the Hawaii Marine is at 4 p.m. the Friday of the week prior to publication.*

*Makepono may be used only for noncommercial classified ads containing items of personal property. Ads must represent incidental exchanges, not of a sustained business nature, which are run on a first-come, first-served basis.*

*Call 257-8836 or 257-8837 for more information.*