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Polynesian Cultural Center

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## PCC Ambassadors to Canada



Vendy Oura and Sophia Turaga (Mocetoka) leave February 1 for a fifteen-day assignment in the cities of Toronto, London, and Hamilton in Canada.

Sponsored by the Eaton's chain of department stores which are similar to Hawaii's Liberty House, the two women will demonstrate weaving skills and give informal lectures to the thousands of shoppers expected to view Eaton's Hawaii Promotional.

The promotional, called "Eatons Uncrates the Sun" will utilize TV, newspapers, and radio all across Canada and should promote tourism to Hawaii. The store particularly wanted PCC weavers to attend as their representative enjoyed watching handcrafts being made while on a visit to the Center some time ago.

In addition, Sophia and Vendy will be taking vandas, crotons, and plumerias to show off a little of Hawaii's winter in the snows of Canada.

Now, if any one has a spare polar bear coat and two sets of earmuffs (size large) please donate them to the Village Operations Department, where Sophia and Vendy are already freezing in anticipation!

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### COMING UP

The inauguration of President Elliot Cameron of Brigham Young University-Hawaii Campus. Remember the date-February 20th!!!

### NOTICE

Starting February 2, the Kau Kau Special Plate dinners of the day will increase in price to \$2.25.

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## Update Editor to Speak

Vernice Pere has been invited as a guest speaker at the Sixth Annual BYU Women's Conference in Provo, Utah. She will deliver her paper "All That I Am" which explores the Mormon woman's eternal role using scriptural research and comment. In addition, she will also appear on a panel with well-known Mormon women poets Emma Lou Thayne and Carol Lynn Pearson addressing the question, "Do Good Mormons Make Bad Poets?"

Vernice feels honored to represent the Pacific and the Center in this assignment, especially as the list of

speakers is long, and includes Sister Camilla Kimball, Barbara B. Smith, Jeffrey R. Holland, and others. Most of the speakers come from the mainland, specifically Utah, so Vernice's Pacific view will be one of the few cross-cultural ones presented.

"I'm really looking forward to making a contribution to the Conference," she says, "I think that the women of the Pacific have a great heritage of faith and devotion to share, so I will be taking every opportunity to share our Polynesian ways with those who attend."

## NOTICE

W-2 forms are now available for pick-up at the Personnel Office. Positive I.D. is required. Direct Payroll Deposits into Savings, Checking, or Credit Union accounts can be arranged by employees at the Personnel Office. If you would like to have your paycheck paid directly into your Bank Account, please see Personnel and fill out the appropriate forms.

## NOTICE

DMBA forms are now available at Personnel for dental insurance coverage. If you still have your own teeth and want to keep them even longer, first see Personnel and then see your dentist.

## BYU--H Calendar

### Friday January 30

10:30a.m. Little Theater  
Focus Club Film

7:30p.m. Gym  
Womens Basketball  
BYU-HC vs Shafter

9:30 p.m. Mall  
Concerts Impromptu  
and Dance

### Saturday January 31

6:30 & 9:30p.m. Auditorium  
Movie "The Black Stallion"

7:30a.m. Stake R.S. Leadership  
meeting

7:30p.m. Gym  
Womens Basketball  
BYU-HC vs Shafter

### Monday February 2

SA Nominations for Homecoming  
Court, Mall. Feb. 2,3,4.

### Wednesday February 4

10:30a.m. Auditorium  
SA Presentation of Court Couples  
Jazz Band Concert

### Thursday February 5

11:30a.m. Mall  
Crazy Competitions

## viewpoint vernicepere

I have been fascinated by the roofers who are working on the Orientation Building. They tie thick ropes to the building's uprights, throw them over the roof, then tie themselves to the other end and get about their jobs. It takes a certain faith and trust to dangle from a rope in a Kona wind and re-thatch a steep roof! Faith in the strength of the fiber that bears your weight, and trust that no unseen person on the ground will tamper with the knot that anchors your life-line to earth.

Many parallels present themselves as I watch them work: Before birth we are anchored by a cord to the source of life and nourishment we later come to recognize as mother. Prophets have urged our anchoring ourselves to sure principles in our lives. Lehi dreamed of a rod which worked as well for his family as our roofers' ropes.

In Polynesian mythology, Tane separated earth and sky and his brothers propped up Rangi the sky-father with long, bright poles. Maoris point to the long shafts of sunlight that radiate from clouds to earth as evidence that Rangi is still supported by his sons' pole today. Maui used magic ropes to snare the sun and his super-human feats have captured the imagination of mortals everywhere.

There is no doubt that we are familiar with ties of all kinds in our everyday lives. Terms such as our mothers' "apron-strings", the "ties that bind us together," and even being "all tied up" are well-known parts of English speech.

The roofers on their job remind us more visibly than any other example of the need for life-lines in our existence. In the Church, prayer is perhaps the strongest link between God and man, a line of communication we need to keep open and clear for safety's sake. Such communication lines also exist in all organizations between management and employees. It is important to know that such lines are anchored to firm principles, and that we may safely "tie" ourselves to them as we work out our jobs.

So, here's to the roofers who perform a difficult job with courage and skill. May we appreciate their work and their willingness to literally "hang by a thread" as they perform it!

