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Polynesian Cultural Center

WAITANGI DAY IS HERE!

Tomorrow is Waitangi Day! The day is scheduled to start with a Devotional. This year's Waitangi Day is a product of careful research, planning and lots of preparation.

Mr. David Gamble, New Zealand Consulate from Los Angeles, will be the honored guest of the Maori Village.

The entertainment program begins at 1:30 p.m. Don't miss it! This promises to be a day to be remembered.



The Haangi (food preparation) demonstration in the Maori Village this week was a hit with Center visitors.

NEWSBREAK

Due to falling trees, power outages, and other acts of Man, your Update is late. The Update staff reports that Editor Vernice Pere and her PCC Photo Exhibition are doing well in Provo, Utah and are arguing over who misses her most, Baden or us!

May I See Your ID?

All PCC employees are requested to show their employee ID cards when passing through any entrances onto Center grounds. Security guards posted at each gate are required to ask to see your ID. They are also required to check all boxes, bags, etc; that leave the grounds. So, if you are stopped and asked to show your ID do it with a SMILE, for you know that guard is on the ball!

Lost your ID? The Personnel Department has informed Update that securing another ID is a fairly simple task. First, inform your supervisor that your ID has been lost. Your supervisor will give you a memo signed by your department head requesting a new ID for you. Bring this memo to the Personnel Office and they will issue you a new ID. Simple? You bet! All employees are reminded to care for their employee ID's in the same manner as they would care for a Driver's license. Your ID not only permits you to enter PCC grounds, it also allows you special benefits, e.g. free admission to Sea Life Park, Wiamea Falls etc.

CENTER & COMMUNITY NEWS

J. Willard Marriott Sr. Visits the Center

Brother and Sister J. Willard Marriott Sr. visited the Center last Friday and enjoyed it so much they returned for another visit the following day. After lunch at the Gateway Restaurant and were escorted through the Villages on Friday by Kalili Hunt (Village Operations).



President Cravens escorting Brother and Sister Marriott



Brother and Sister J. Willard Marriott Sr. on tour.

They were presented with gifts in each village among these were: *Samoaan Village* - a carved 'fire dance' knife; *Maori Village* - a taiaha; *Fijian Village* - salusalu leis; *Hawaiian Village* - Hawaiian Village - fans; *Tahitian Village* - shell leis; *Weavers Hut* - salsalu leis and a Tongan basket; *Tongan Village* - tapa and a Tongan platter.

They equally enjoyed the song Blue Hawaiian that was sung especially for them in the Hawaiian Village and Brother Marriott's favorite Maori song that they heard in the Maori Village.



“LIGHTS - CAMERA - ACTION!”

Despite a recent bit of rainy weather in the Islands, the Polynesian Cultural Center was the scene of several film projects in the past month.

Perhaps the most interesting of these projects was brought to us by martial arts expert Ed Parker, the Kalihi-born father of former Center dancer and guide, Beth Parker Uale.

Parker, a close friend of recording superstar Elvis Presley, knew that the Center and our villagers would make the perfect setting for part of a 10-minute film he's helping make to publicize a new copra gin (as in cotton gin) which will greatly facilitate the making of this important Pacific product.

And adjusting their video cameras to make the Center look warmer and brighter were three "PM Magazine" television crews from the Mainland.

About two dozen Center villagers added some realistic background to Parker's film by depicting South Pacific styles of living and gathering coconuts to make into copra.

"Stars" in the film segment included Vini Purcell, Sione Fitiseanu, David Breckterfield, Ema Langi, Jamie Asera, Sophia Turaga, Koto Vilisone, Eugenia Logan, Sielu Avea (who climbed the coconut tree several times in the rain) and James Lobendahn. . . among others.

Also assisting with the copra gin film were Vendy Oura of Village Operations, the guide department for transportation, and maintenance which provided the use of potted plants and the Center's cherry picker truck.

Parker and his crew from Los Angeles were so pleased with the "professionalism" of the villagers and the results of their two-day shooting session in Laie that the karate king made a \$1,000 donation to the Center.

Several of those involved were heard to say they couldn't wait to see themselves on the silver screen.

Switching to TV, "PM Magazine" television crews were also recently busy looking for the perfect camera angles and the right activities to show the folks back

in the freezing mainland.

The crews came from Rochester, New York; Terre Haute, Indiana; and Salt Lake City, Utah. A fourth "PM" crew from Sacramento was also scheduled to come about the same time, but cancelled out because the rain was too heavy on the days they planned to spend at the Center.

There are over 100 TV stations across the Mainland, each with their own production crews, in addition to a national program crew. . . and the Polynesian Cultural Center has been quite lucky in getting about half-a-dozen of these to film here.

The Salt Lake City "PM" crew focused their story on the Center dancer and emcee Delsa Atoa, following her through the villages and various activities, while the Rochester crew interviewed guide Ropeti Lesa Jr. as well as showed "Pops" Kama making fresh poi in the Hawaiian Village.

--Mike Foley

NEWS

FORGIVE?

Mayor Eileen Anderson has publicly proclaimed the week of February 7 - 13, 1982 to be International Forgiveness Week in the City and County of Honolulu.

Center employees are encouraged to participate in observing the Week.

How do you participate in International Forgiveness Week? Very Simply:

- 1st day: (Sunday) Forgive yourself
- 2nd day: (Monday) Forgive your family
- 3rd day: (Tuesday) Forgive your friends and associates.
- 4th day: (Wednesday) Forgive across economic lines, within your own nation.
- 5th day: (Thursday) Forgive across cultural lines, within your own nation.
- 6th day: (Friday) Forgive across political lines, within your own nation.
- 7th day: (Saturday) Forgive other nations.

You can do this alone in very brief meditation or reflection, or you can make a ceremony of it each day with your family and other friends.

40% Discount

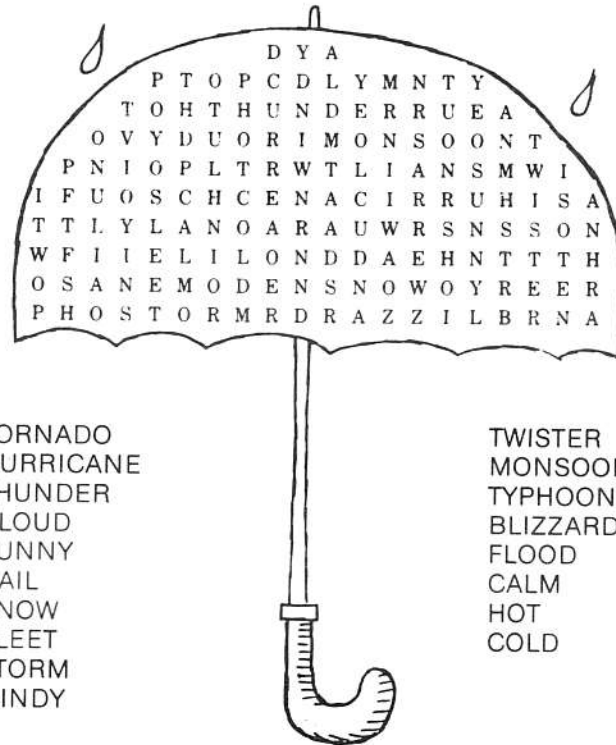
Shop Polynesia is offering, for a limited time, a 40% discount to all PCC employees. This discount is effective from January 25th to February 25th during the hours of 10:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday. It will not be honored on Saturdays. All PCC employees must present their ID to receive their discount.

The discount is a privilege extended to PCC employees only. It is not to be extended to friends, tourists, and non PCC employees. All cameras, film and perfume will be given the regular 20% discount.

Update Notice

For the month of February, please refer Update announcements and news items to Tapae Haurua, ext 3041 or Barbara Benight, ext 3116. Update will be reduced to a smaller format for this month.

WEATHER WATCH



Introducing



Elder Hartman Rector, Jr.

Elder Hartman Rector, Jr. is a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He is currently serving as president of the California San Diego Mission.

Elder Rector was born on August 20, 1924, at Moberly, Missouri, a son of Hartman and Vivian Garvin Rector. He was reared on a farm near Moberly, where he graduated from high school and junior college.

A former naval aviator, Elder Rector spent 26 years in the Navy. He is a captain in the United States Naval Reserve. For 10 years he was with the United States Department of Agriculture where he was program and budget analyst in the budget and finance office in Washington, D.C.

He was called as a member of the First Council of Seventy in 1968 and subsequently was called to be president of the Alabama Florida Mission.

Elder Rector and his wife, Constance Kirk Daniel Rector, were converted to the Church in 1952. They have authored several books together called "No More Strangers" regarding conversion stories to the Church from all over the world.

They are the parents of nine children.

NEWS

PCC EMPLOYEES IN HOMECOMING QUEEN CONTEST



Bottom row left to right: Leilani Dumaguin, Joyce Sun (PCC), Mela Karangalan, Leanna Freebairn, Rita Lee, Maria Muyco. Top row left to right: Molly Maxwell, Karen Butler, Verna Tonga (PCC), Carolyn Ho Ching (PCC), Sheri Lopes (PCC), Liz Norman.

Of the twelve young beauties vying for the crown of BYU-HC Homecoming Queen, four are PCC employees. The Center is well represented by Carolyn Ho Ching (Reservations), Joyce Sun (Cultural Orientation), Sheri Lopes and Verna Tonga (both Theatre).

Surely the students will have a difficult selection to make in choosing their Homecoming Queen. Update wishes our girls the best of luck!

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What happened to Baden Pere's Sweet-Sour-Chicken-Beef-Stew?



Happy Birthday!

Hideko Adachi	5
Mary Scott	7
Toni Masoe	8
Carolyn Ho Ching	8
Sialele Levale	8
Warren Nihipali Jr.	8
Cyril Bello	9
Arapata Meha	9
Vini Purcell	10
Stephen Keung	10
Jason Rivers	10
Faith Beloy	11
Siok Tan	12

GOOD NEWS FOR Center Employees

PCC employees are no longer required to make reservations for Sealife Park and Waimea Falls.

However, employees are reminded to show their I.C.'s when visiting these places.