

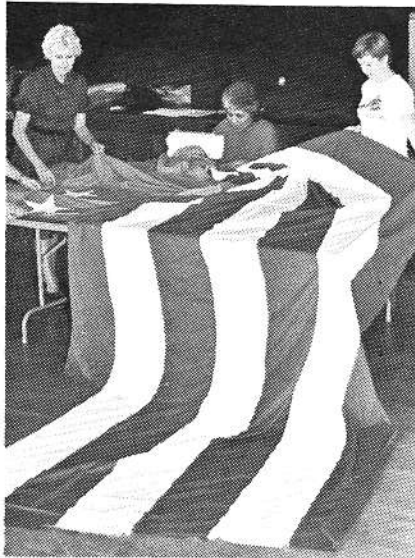


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## Largest flags shown in Hawaii



More than 250 yards of red, white and blue material have been skillfully fashioned into two of the largest flags ever produced in the state of Hawaii.

IPS employee Rubina Forrester and others have created a United States flag and the Hawaii State flag, each measuring 26 by 13 feet. The 100 percent cotton banners will be carried by PCC, BYU and community volunteers in the Silver Jubilee Statehood Parade on July 4th, and will accompany the ti leaf and paper mache covered canoe float representing the theme, "They came by sea."

The flags, possibly the largest exhibited in Hawaii in this century, were designed from patterns contained in the Official Book of Flags. The large white stars of the American flag stretch 9 inches from point to point and the stripes are 13 inches wide and 26 feet long.

## Management Training

Management Training sessions will be held for the management team on July 2 at 1:30 p.m. and for supervisors on July 5 at 8:15 and 10:30.

This weeks topic of discussion will be on "Teaching a new job".

## July 4th Parade

More than 30 volunteers and 50 BYU culture club members will be participating in the Hawaii Statehood Parade on July 4th.

A dress rehearsal for this event will be held for all participants on Saturday, June 30 at 7:00 A.M. on the BYU field. All participants are requested to be there and bring their costumes.

Three buses will be provided for parade participants on Wednesday morning and will be returning to Laie after the parade at 11:30. Food is provided.

Those interested in decorating the float should meet Monday at 5:30 P.M. between the Aloha Center and the Administration Building for transportation to pier 10 in Honolulu. Food will be provided and transportation will return to Laie by 10:30 P.M.

Transportation on Tuesday will be provided at 7:00 A.M. returning at 4:00 P.M. and leaving again at 5:30 P.M. for the night.

## Full-time jobs

Carver/Demonstrator-Guest Services  
Thirty hours per week, Monday through Saturday as scheduled. Must know the Fijian culture; play the guitar/ukulele; sing and chant Fijian songs; work with people; have a pleasant personality. Be able to carve Fijian artifacts.

## Classified Ads

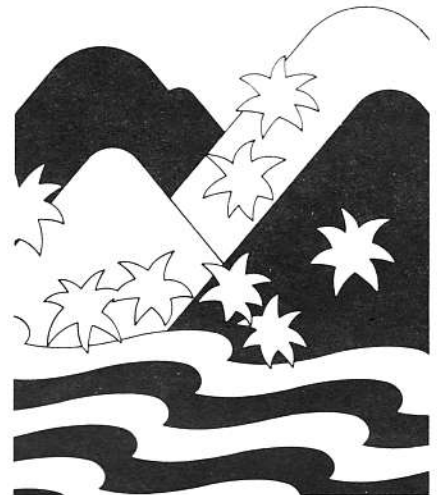
Classified ads and personals may be submitted by calling Loni Manning, Update, ext. 3011. Ads for Friday's paper must be submitted by Tuesday at 5 p.m. PCC, BYU, and Temple employees only please.

**For Sale** - 1977 White 2 door Toyota Corolla. New: Paint; tune up; oil change. Asking: \$2,100 or best offer Call 293-1958.

**For Sale** - 1984 Ford Tempo GLX Deluxe. Rust proofed. Air Conditioning, Power Steering, brakes, windows and locks. AM radio - Make an offer. Call 293-3951.

## Voter Registration in Laie

Primary Election - Saturday, September 22  
General Election - Tuesday, November 6



Voter registration for Polynesian Cultural Center and BYU-HC employees is being held today, June 29 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the court yard of the Snow Administration Building. Community registration will be held Saturday, June 30 at the Laie shopping center.

Several BYU and PCC employees have volunteered and have been trained to act as registration aids.

If you wish to register during these times please bring an I.D.

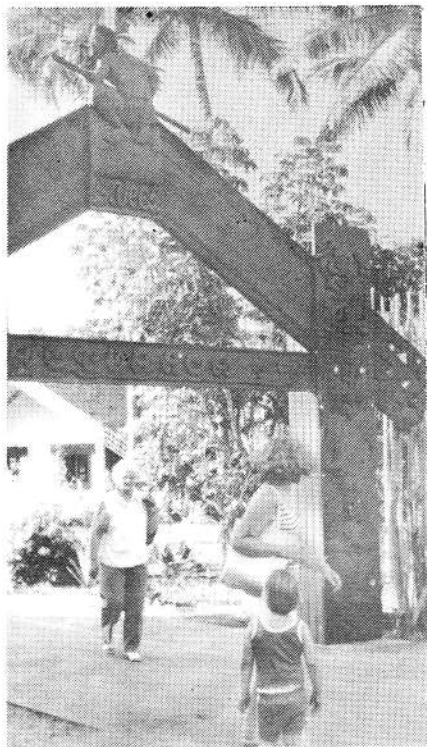
## Mission Presidents Honored

Current Hawaii Mission President Robert J. Martin and his wife Miriam were honored last night at a dinner in the main fale of the Samoan village. Also honored were William O. Perry and his wife Linda who were welcomed to Hawaii as the new Mission parents.

President Martin and his wife will be returning to their home in Bountiful, Utah where they own their own business. President Martin has been known as a very dedicated leader who is concerned with the individual missionary.

President Perry will be responsible for the efforts of 180 missionaries, a number that has increased by 60 during the leadership of President Robert J. Martin.

## Ribbons cut for Maori gate carvings



General Manager Ralph Rodgers and Maori Village supervisor Wai Elkington, have announced the completion of the intricately carved mahogany gate at the entrance of the Maori village, to be celebrated by a ribbon cutting ceremony, Friday, June 29, at 12:15 p.m.

The surface of the gate, stretching 24ft. long and rising to a height of 15ft., is completely covered by detailed "whakairo" or Maori wood carving designs indicating symbolic messages once kept secret by the Maori elite.

In Maori culture, the gate entry to the "marae" or village is an important area of ceremony for greeting approaching visitors and determining whether they will be highlighted by a traditional "wero" or greeting ceremony of chanting and dancing.

According to master carver Barney Christy, such carvings are usually done from the totara wood, a wood that looks much like the North American redwood, and is used for carving because it is soft enough to carve without splintering and hard enough to endure the weather. Now a rare wood in New Zealand, the totara is under conservation and no longer available in Hawaii. A similar wood, Philippine Mahogany was used for this important piece. The carvings are adorned with

round pieces of paua or abalone shell secured with wooden pegs or nails. Traditionally, the "whakairo" was stained with a substance made from red clay and shark or whale oil now substituted with a contemporary purplish red paint.

Master carver Barney Christy and apprentice carvers David Escaran, Kyle Alo, Chad Keliiliki and Raha Elkington began the carving in August of last year in an effort to create a piece representative of all the Maori tribes and the traditional beginnings of "Aotearoa" or New Zealand. The lintel or horizontal crosspiece is carved with the name "Aotearoa" and a representation of the Kiwi bird. Rising to a point over the lintel are two panels illustrating the legendary story of Kupe and adorned with a large figure of Kupe himself. On the point of each side are carvings of the legendary octopus pursued by Kupe. According to tradition, in 950 A.D. in the land of Hawaiki, Chief Maturangi had an octopus that menacingly ate the bait of Kupe's tribal fisherman, making it impossible for them to catch fish for many months. Kupe, in the canoe Matahorua and his friend Ngahue in the canoe Tawirirangi, pursued the luminous octopus by night, killing it in the Cook Island strait of Raukawa in what is now New Zealand. When Kupe's wife Hine-te-aparangi, saw the land of New Zealand in the distance covered by white mists, she called out that she saw a long white cloud or "Aotearoa", thus naming the land and crediting Kupe as the first Maori to discover New Zealand.

The Maori "whakairo" tells a story or history, says Christy, many buildings in each village being adorned with these carvings and each representing a certain phase of some ancestor's life.

Master carver Barney Christy, 63, learned his art more than 40 years ago as a young man in the New Zealand village of Nuhaka, where he was one of eight chosen to apprentice two Maori carvers John and Pine Taiapa. Eleven years ago, the Polynesian Cultural Center in Laie, asked Christy to help preserve and teach the art of carving to visitors, students and professionals at the Center and the adjacent BYU-Hawaii campus.

While at the Center, Christy has carved hundreds of pieces including a replica of a Maori war canoe, buildings, weapons and decorative pieces that have been given to dignitaries around the world.

## Cultural Corner

*Institute for Polynesian Studies*

The word for gift in Samoan is *mea(thing)* *alofa(love, compassion)*. According to Pratt's **Grammar and Dictionary** just the single use of the word *alofa* in the Samoa of the past was the fine mat given and received as very valuable property. Fine mats were preserved with great care -- some of them passing through several generations. The more historic interest they generated and the greater their age the more they were valued.

Fine mats differ from ordinary house mats in that they are more flexible with the weave finer and the texture softer. They are cream-colored, fringed, and often decorated with small red feathers.

George Turner in his book **Samoa** reveals that on occasional torchlight processions in honor of the god Nafunua, villages on the island of Upolu that had cases of sickness brought and laid them before the priest. Those who offered **fine mats** on their behalf were cured but those who offered other goods like tapa suffered from having their diseases prolonged.

## The Food Basket

*Rubina Forester*

The *alligator pear* is nothing more than an *avocado*. The avocado is a food that represents *health* and synonyms which may be applied to both words are hearty, fresh, wholesome, hardy, robust, brave, hale and salubrious.

### Avocado Served in the Skin

Cut avocado in half lengthwise.

Remove the seed.

Sprinkle halves with lemon or pineapple juice.

Serve on a bed of lettuce with the cavity filled with:

Cold: cottage cheese, yogurt, salad greens, seafood cocktail-shrimp, crab, lobster, pineapple chunks, sliced celery and walnuts topped with mayonaise, sliced cucumbers and tomatoes topped with dressing, cooked green beans and dressing, Mexican gaspacho-like Lomilomi without the Salmon, orange slices, fruit salads-banana waldorf, lychee, papaya, pineapple, crab, chicken, etc.

Hot: Curry, mild salsa, local stew, thick soup.

# No babies deliverd yet at PCC

"We are ready to tackle anything," says First Aid Supervisor and registered nurse Tele Hill.

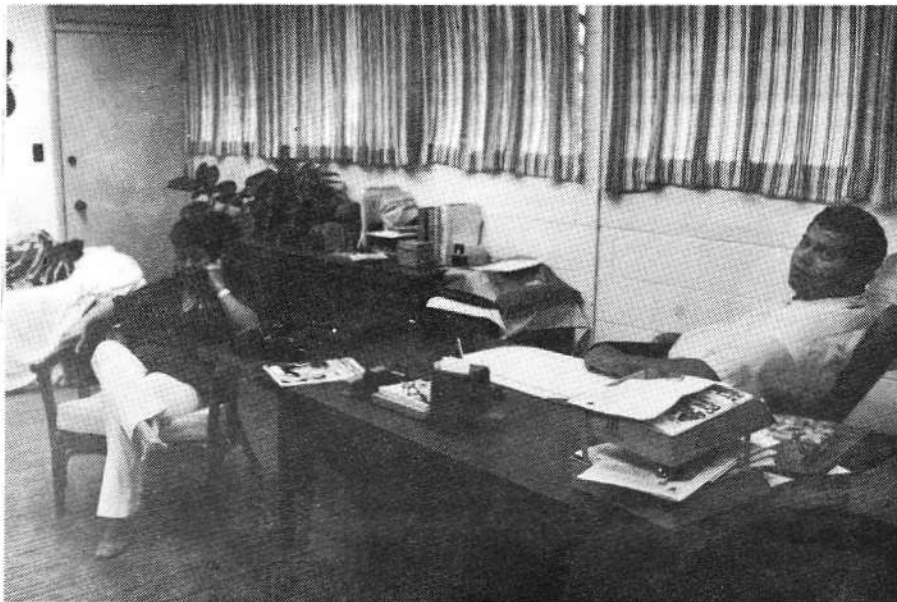
Tele supervises the two First Aid facilities at the Center and a trained staff including three BYU-Hawaii pre-med students, Juli Si'i, Sean Floyd, and George Scanlan as well as three BYU-Provo registered nurse interns including Terry Timmerman, Shelley Jensen, and Robin Reed.

According to Tele, between 70 and 80 people are treated each week for minor illness, injury, medical emergencies or other miscellaneous aid needed by guests and employees. "We are glad to help anybody in need," says Tele and she even recalls giving aid to one victim of a mud puddle who received help in washing her badly stained clothes so that she could enjoy the rest of her day at the Center.

The First Aid Department has given emergency aid to guests encountering everything from heart attacks to bee stings to sun stroke and dislocated hips. "So far," says Tele, "we have not delivered a baby at the Center."

In the past, first aid emergency procedures and training have been given to employees. Tele feels that it is vital for all Center workers, who are in direct contact with guests, receive training in emergency procedures so that they may be prepared for any circumstances and may act as support to the First Aid Department in better serving guests. She also says that Center workers can help her by staying healthy, being careful and reporting all emergencies immediately. Injuries and emergencies may be reported by calling ext. 3016 or 3017.

Tele, a registered nurse with special traihng in obstetric, emergency, operating room, intensive care and cardiac techniques, has worked for the Center since 1979. She received her training in New Zealand and at Cal State in Los Angeles, after which she worked 10 years at the V.A. hospital in Los Angeles and 6 years as head nurse of surgery in another hospital.



## *Blood Benefits*

The Annual Employee Blood Drive was held last Friday, June 22 in the First Aid conference room. More than 100 employees signed up to donate blood. Manager Tele Hill expressed her appreciation for those employees who participated in the Blood Drive and remembered their appointments. However, less than 30 employees who signed up for appointments actually came and gave blood.

Tele explained that the Blood Drives are for the benefit of employees and their families, and provide a system that enables employees to get free blood for themselves

and their families in medical emergencies a necessary commodity that can be very expensive and often scarce if the supply is not constantly replenished by blood donors.

Trained personnel from the Blood Bank of Hawaii were on hand to service all donors who arrived and sandwiches and juice were provided.

Due to the small turnout, future blood drives may not be available unless a greater interest is indicated.

Again, Tele expressed appreciation for those who were able to donate and hopes that they will benefit from membership in the blood donors club.



## Workers awarded for work



*Pati Manutai, bakery supervisor, proudly displays a sheet cake he has just decorated. Pati is the winner of the General Managers \$25 award.*



*Leilani Kahuena recently recieved a \$25 cash award from President Ralph Rodgers for her long and consistent service.*

## PCC welcomes new employees...



*Front: Raymond Magalei-Gateway, May Cummings-Theatre, Yos Valen-Guides, Ella Silva-Hawaiian village, Serin Yeung-Guides, Hwang Jinua-Guides.*

*Back: Gerald Cristobal, Ben Unarie- Fijian village, Tauati Taulogo-Samoan village, Kanoa Thompson-Reservations, Elaine Atoa-Matinee.*



*Fehi Tuifua*



*Mililani Wallace*

Two tram drivers and two Gateway bakery employees have received the General Managers award for consistent good work. Mililani Wallace and Fehi Tuifua, both tram drivers, have received \$25 for their work with the Guest Services Tram Department.

Pati Manutai and Leilani Kahuena of the Gateway bakery received \$25 for their service and outstanding attitude. Pati is the bakery supervisor and has worked with the Gateway for 2 years. Co-worker Leilani has served the Center as a bakery worker for 10 years.

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# IT'S A GREAT DAY...

Beginning Sat., June 30, the Center and top-rated Radio K59 will open the first major radio promotion, "Family Affair," which will culminate Labor Day, September 3, with K59 Day at the Center.

During the months of July and August, popular deejays Michael W. Perry, Dick Wainwright and Kimo Kahoano will be doing radio spots and "fun" fact questions about the Center during their daily programs. The deejays will be inviting K59's 400,000 listeners to join them at the Center on Labor Day with a special 50% discount rate for Hawaii residents.

On the day of the activity the deejays will be air lifted to the Center in Captain Erwn's helicopter and will be reporting live about the fun activities going on during the Center's day of activities.

According to Reg Schwenke of Sales and Marketing, the station's management recalls fond memories of their times spent at the Center and firmly believes that their contest winners and listeners who attend "Family Affair" will never forget their experiences on Labor Day at the Polynesian Cultural Center. He further states that this is a testament to the importance of our role as Center employees in ensuring that all our guests leave with warm and memorable experiences.

K59 deejays have recently visited the Center, including Michael W. Perry, a Hawaii resident of 12 years who visited the Center for the first time two weeks ago and reportedly loved it. Schwenke says that all of the K59 personalities recently visiting have been flabbergasted and very impressed with the extensive grounds and professional activities and performances.

## It's a Happening!

\*Employees not eligible for prizes