



HAWAII

By Dave Donnelly

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Church will send in the clowns

MAKE a joyful noise . . . On the other hand: If you're one of those people who hates mimes, and there are such folks, stay away from Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church Sunday. They're having their annual "Clown Sunday" services at 9

and 11 a.m. featuring clowns, dancers and a sermon delivered in pantomime. This is the 19th year the church has held "Clown Sunday" and it is usually the most popular service of the year. While the sermon is in mime (and I'm trying to picture things like the burning bush, David vs. Goliath and Bathsheba in mime), the rest of the program is far from silent. For instance, the choral group assembled for the occasion is called the Outrageous Calvary Creation Choir, or O-Triple-C for short. There'll also be a keiki clown choir and for those who want to express the clown in themselves, a face painting booth . . .

For the first time in its 87-year history, the Outrigger Canoe Club has three women sitting on the board of directors. And would you believe that the three, Mary Philpotts-McGrath, Michele St. John and Scrappy Lipton, all were born on a Sept. 17 and celebrated their respective birthdays Sunday? . . . Speaking of ladies, Nancy Gardner, partner in Perfect Bodies Personal Fitness Studio, is giving her all for the 17th annual Bankoh Na Wahine O Ke Kai outrigger canoe race from Molokai to

Oahu on Sunday. She'll be massaging the women crew members of the 50 or so crews from Australia, Hawaii, New Zealand, Tahiti, Canada and the mainland competing in the 41 mile event. And in the interest of promoting physical fitness, I'd like to volunteer my time and talents in helping Gardner in her appointed task . . .

How come?

WHEN Val Mori, UH academic advisor at the college of arts and sciences, took her two grandsons to see Lisa Matsumoto's "Das How Come" at Kennedy Theatre, she sought to prepare them for what they'd see. She explained the play would be in pidgin. After the show, which they loved, young Travis asked his grandma if they'd seen the right show? He was prepared to see pigeons, and there weren't any in the show, the language of which apparently didn't bother him in the slightest. The theater is selling copies of Matsumoto's new children's book, "How the B-52 Cockroach Learned to Fly" before and after the show, since the play was based on the



Lisa Matsumoto

Dr. Jerrold Michael

book. But still, no pigeons. On Oct. 1, the author herself will be at Kennedy to sign copies of her book from 3:30 to 5 p.m. . . .

ON the move: Judy Neale, who was director of promotion and public relations for the Honolulu Symphony for several years, has moved to the mainland and resurfaced as head of p.r. for the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra in Minnesota. She's waiting for the onslaught of winter, when she can reminisce about island weather . . . Dr. Jerrold M. Michael has retired from

UH and is returning to the Washington, D.C., area where he'll join the faculty of the George Washington University Medical Center as a professor of public health . . . New U.S. citizen John Ferguson, Irish-born manager of O'Toole's, is taking some ribbing about his full name, as published in the Citizenship Day program: John Francis Alphonsus Ferguson. Alphonsus???

Gala Gaelic Gathering

CSI, which stands for Comfort Security Independence, a non-profit agency assisting the elderly and disabled, is holding its second Gaelic Gala tonight at Murphy's Bar & Grill. Murphy's also is marking half-way to St. Paddy's Day with bagpipes and flutes, a feast with free flowing libations and all for a good cause. Among items up for bids at the auction tonight will be tandem skydives, so make sure those libations aren't so free flowing that you'll soon be high-flying . . .

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OffShore swamps its old record

The club from California continues its domination of the event with its third straight win and ninth in 10 years

BY JACK WYATT
Special to the Star-Bulletin

For the third straight year, and the ninth time in the last 10 races, California's OffShore Canoe Club topped the women's outrigger canoe race from Molokai to Oahu yesterday, bettering its own course mark in the process.

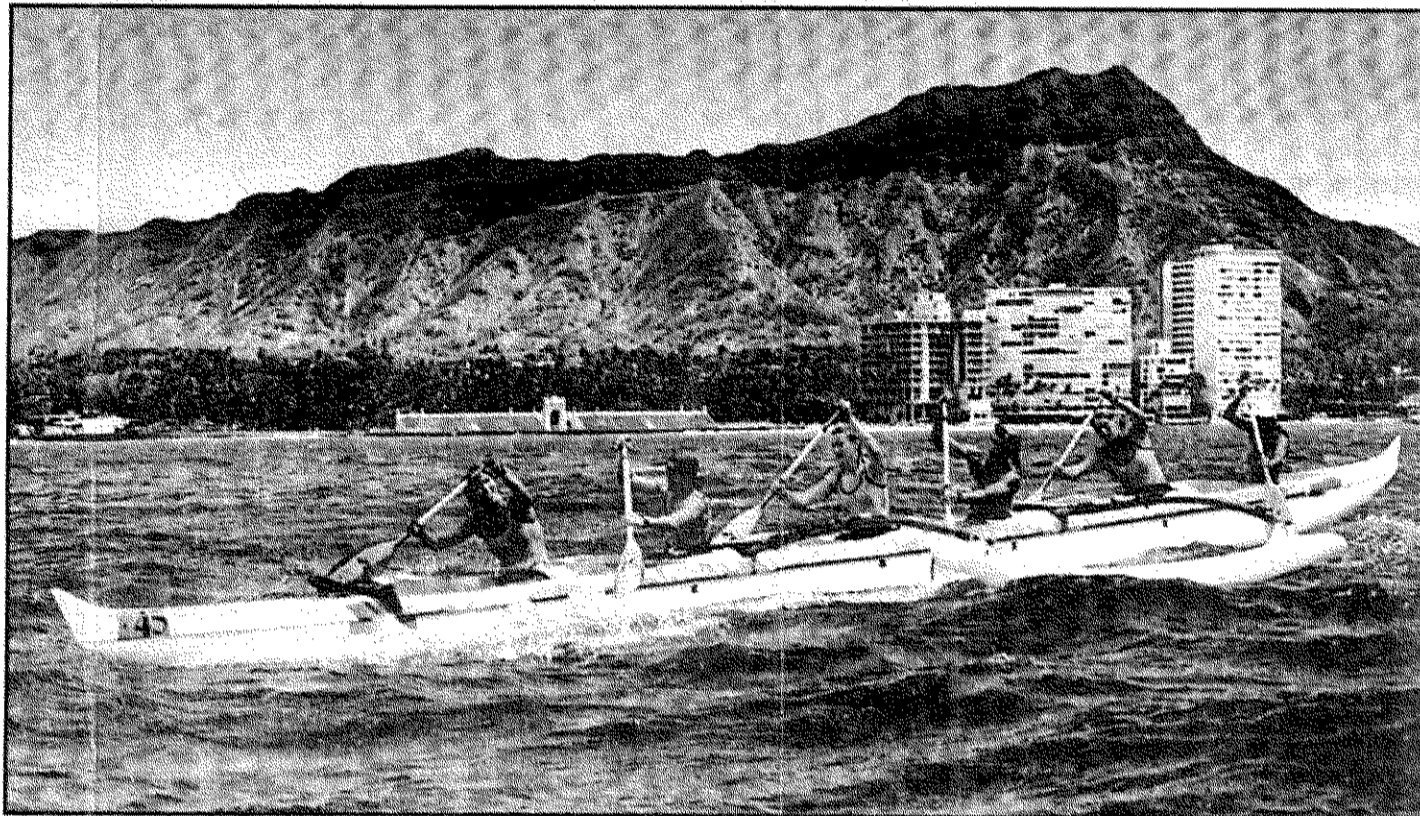
"Simply the best of paddling conditions — moderate waves and favorable wind and current," said OffShore's steerswoman Mindy Clark.

OffShore's strong and experienced crew and its fast fiberglass boat was key in its record passage.

"Several strong teams, including those from Outrigger, Kailua and Lanakila canoe clubs, pushed us. We couldn't let up," Clark said.

The powerful OffShore covered the 41 miles from the Hale O Lono Harbor on Molokai to Waikiki's Duke Kahanamoku Beach in 5 hours, 24 minutes and 42 seconds. The visitors bettered their own course mark, set in 1990, by nearly 20 minutes.

PLEASE SEE OFFSHORE, C-5



Simply the best of paddling conditions.

Mindy Clark, OffShore's steerswoman

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BY KATHRYN BENDER, Star-Bulletin

Offshore Canoe Club paddles to a record-setting victory in the Molokai-to-Oahu race. At right, Agenta Andersson, left, and Anna Olsson, celebrate the team's 5 hour, 24 minute, 42 second finish.



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OFFSHORE: Paddles to record

FROM C-1

The 17th annual Bankoh Na Wahine O Ke Kai drew a record 49 teams, up two from last year's field.

OffShore and Lanakila broke first from the crowded start, followed closely by Outrigger and Kailua. By Molokai's Laau Point, OffShore began inching away, and although pressed, the two-time defending champ would never be caught.

"OffShore's women were too strong; too powerful," said Outrigger's steerswoman Kisi Haine, "Our crew was good and our boat fast but we were no match for OffShore's speed."

The Haine-led Outrigger finished second in 5:31:09, followed in third by Kailua in 5:36:00. California's Lanakila placed fourth in 5:41:04, with the Big Island's Kai

heavy outrigger canoe from Molokai gives her a chance to flex her muscles.

"We really had the boat moving today," she said.

OffShore's Swedish connection have won eight Olympic kayaking medals between them. They hope to add to their booty at Atlanta next year.

OffShore's success in the Polynesian sport outrigger canoe racing has locals wondering: "Why California and not Hawaii?"

"Outrigger, Kailua, and some other local clubs have strong paddling programs and are becoming more competitive with each race," said OffShore's coach Billy Whitford. "Crews were on our stern much of the way," he said, "Not once could I relax. I don't look for OffShore to dominate forever."

Some local paddlers say the OffShore crew is made up of a select group of all-stars.

"Nothing wrong with fielding an

all-star team," said race follower Tommy Machado of Waipahu. "Rules allow it. Maybe an all-star team is the way to go."

While yesterday's race leaders battled for open honors, age-division winners — Maui Masters (35 years and over) and Koa Kai senior masters (45 years and over) took the role of giant killers.

"We beat a lot of young strong paddlers out there today. I'm proud of our 'older' crew," said Maui Masters steerswomen's Laura Blears after their 10th overall finish.

Koa Kai's senior masters, with its 42nd overall finish, was a mixed plate.

"We couldn't fill a crew (12 paddlers) from one club so we recruited women from several clubs," paddler Joyce Spoehr said.

"Paddling is ageless," she said, "We may not ever finish first but we're paddling and sure having fun."

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PADDLING

Na Wahine O Ke Kai

Molokai to Oahu
41 miles

Yesterday's results

Overall—1. OffShore I (Calif.), 5:24:42. 2. Outrigger I, 5:31:09. 3. Kailua I, 5:36:00. 4. Lanakila I (Calif.), 5:41:04. 5. Kai Opua I, 5:41:54. 6. Lokahi I, 5:42:54. 7. Umbi Gumbi (Australia), 5:43:22. 8. Outrigger II, 5:48:18. 9. Waikahi Surf I, 5:51:43. 10. Maui Master, 5:53:51.

Koa division—1. Waikahi Surf I, 5:51:43. 2. Kailua II, 5:57:37. 3. OffShore II (Calif.), 6:02:28.

Masters division—1. Maui, 5:53:51. 2. Lokahi, 6:01:30. 3. Kahakui (Calif.), 6:09:20.

Senior masters—1. Koa Kai, 6:24:01.

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MAUI NEWS

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Maui Masters paddle to 10th

HONOLULU — On a record-breaking day, the first Maui Masters women's canoe crew made a little history itself.

The Valley Isle dozen — made up of several crews from Maui — finished 10th overall, the second Neighbor Island crew and first masters finisher in the Bankoh Na Wahine O Ke Kai Molokai-to-Oahu world championship canoe race.

Ann Blanchard, Laura Blears, Joyce Garrard, Candace Horton, Nancy Cramer, Kathy Longstaff, Jan Lyle, Pam Monahan, Cindy Nartatez, Vikki Nesvold, Anne Perry, Mary Rodriguez, and Donelle Zarko finished the 41-mile race from Hale O Lono Harbor to the beach in front of the Hilton Hawaiian Village in 5 hours, 53 minutes, 51 seconds.

One spot behind them in 11th was Hawaiian Canoe Club's No. 1 boat, which finished in 5:54:32.

The Maui Masters were coached by Vanessa

Weiss.

The race was won for the fourth straight year by Offshore No. 1 from Newport Beach, Calif., in 5:24:42, more than 20 minutes faster than their own race record.

Outrigger No. 1 (5:31:09), Kailua No. 1 (5:36:00), Lanakila No. 1 (5:41:04) of Redondo Beach, Calif., and Kai Opua of the Big Island rounded out the top five.

The top seven crews in the race broke the old record.

The Maui Jim crew finished 17th in 5:59:33, Lae Ula O Kai was 30th in 6:13:58, Napili was 35th in 6:19:18, and Kihei was 47th in 6:37:58.