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Kekai rides ripple to snare paddle event

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Rabbit Kekai, who has been surfing or paddling to water sport wins as long as anyone can remember, pulled to a first place in the open division of the six-mile Diamond Head Surfboard Paddling Championships yesterday.

He made the grueling round trip from the Moana Hotel sands, around Diamond Head buoy and back in 61 minutes, ten seconds, on his open style board.

EIGHTEEN years ago Rabbit paddled a 170-pound redwood board to win the first championships. This time he did it with an 18-pounder.

Aka Hemmings, first in the stock division, finished in 61

minutes, 17 seconds, using a board of specified length, width and weight.

Twelve-year old Kainoa Downing won the half-mile men's open division of the 18th annual paddling championships, while Luana Froiseth took the women's division.

Leigh Josephson captured men's 35 and under prize, Rabbit and Evie Black teamed for a tandem win, and Evie won the quarter-mile girls 17 and under event.

Heidi Hemmings won the girls 14 and under division, with Rick Arbeit taking the boys 11 and under.

JOSEPHSON, John Wilcox, Jim Baird and Linda Noda

scrambled to a win in the run, swim, paddle mayhem, where five teams swim and paddle, relay style around an offshore buoy.

Rabbit, who added a close second place in the 35 and over category to his two first places, said if he had been training, he wouldn't even be tired.

"I picked up a ripple to ride on in the home stretch," he said, "but you know, when the finish line is near, and you're a little ahead, you don't know where your strength comes from, but it comes."

Rabbit led the field of six paddlers heading out to the

buoy, then traded the lead with stock winner Hemmings on the drive home.

"I FINALLY came inside to catch the calm water and passed him for good," said Rabbit, who is as solid as the redwood board he paddled 18 years ago. "With a surge, I won it."

Rabbit is the beach captain at the Outrigger Canoe Club. He says he is "old enough," or in his 40's, or enough years for wins in the Makaha International, or spots on winning teams in the Molokai to Oahu Canoe Race, or simply, "lots of 'em."

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Actress Pat Wodwell wings in from Manila film chores, husband (writer) Gary Clark comes this-away from L.A. to spend a week as guest of Mrs.



Hudson

Lon Bentley (dancer Manu Kanemura). Manu's makeup artist-hubby Lon currently in H'wood working on a pilot, then powder-puffs a Rock Hudson movie . . . What does the president of the Minnesota Vikings football team do after his club loses to the S.F. 49ers? If his name is Max Winter (and it is) he quietly told his downhearted coaches: "It's only a football game. Let's look forward to next season" — then went home, became a "plumber" and fixed his leaking kitchen sink . . . Sterling Mossman is home after Mainland nite club dates and checking in with old friends — director John Ford (bedridden, but full of spunk and wit) in Hollywood and golfing buddy Jimmy Ukauka, exec at Troy Post's plush Tres Vidas Mexican resort. Mossman did a one-man show at the spa (with South of the border musicians). Made such a hit, they want him back Eastertime . . . A few days after marrying Jane Kroc in Vegas, Pete Canlis was honored as one of the Ten Restaurateurs of Distinction, selected by over 1,400 eatery folks in Institutions Mag's annual awards. Pete and bride stop over this week on their 'round-the-world honeymoon . . . Pals toss an aloha luncheon for UAL's former Honolulu PR chief — Chuck Novak. The feed is Wed., Outrigger Canoe Club. Boy, is Chuck already being missed by the press, radio and TV!!! Oilman Ed Pauley, one of the co-owners of Coconut Island (Kaneohe Bay), is preparing his autobiography. Was a close personal friend of Truman and many other top politicians . .

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VARIETY'S Army Archerd reports that actor George Kennedy's L.A.-bound plane was delayed on the ground at Honolulu Airport, the pilot came on the p.a. system and consoled the passengers: "There's nothing to worry about, folks. We have on board Joe Patroni of 'Airport'." . . . Arthur R. Van Pelt, editor-in-chief of International Police Association magazine, passing through



Kennedy to Australia, stopped off to see his new grandson, born to Clarence (Tootie) and Arlene Adams Jan. 1 at 2:13 a.m. "Just think," mused grandpa, "Missed the income tax deduction by a measly two hours and 12 minutes. Arlene should have tried harder." Yes, but it Hertz! . . . The Royal Hawaiian's director of sales Don Genhart, uses the motto "Think Pink" and even stamps it on his pink stationary and envelopes. The other day the mailman came directly to him with a letter addressed to "Mr. Think Pink, c/o THE Pink Palace, Honolulu." . . . Mike O'Day, currently appearing at the Parrot Cage of the Holiday Inn, used to appear on the Grand Ole Opry back in the mid-fifties . . . An Aloha luncheon for popular United Airlines flack Chuck Novak set for Wednesday at the Outrigger Canoe Club . . . And are you ready for a new rock group from Dallas calling itself Kinky Freeman and the Texas Jewboys?