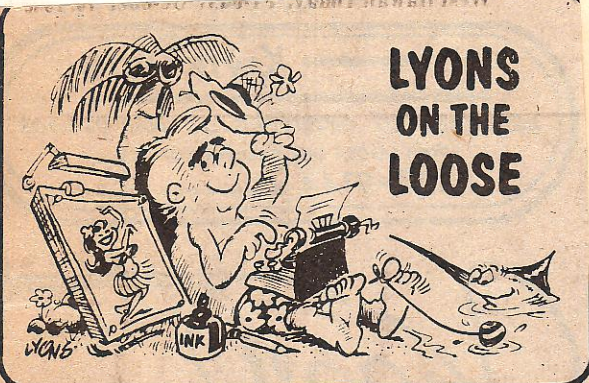
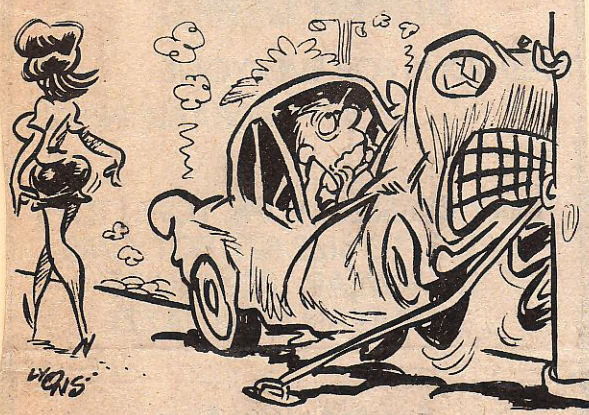


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LYONS ON THE LOOSE

UP THE DOWN GUIDE WIRE
Among the burning questions of our times is: Should political candidates be banned from roadside sign-saving during election campaigns?
It may not be quite as important as Does RONALD REAGAN dye his hair, Is RAQUEL WELCH really made of Silly Putty, What is JOHNNY CARSON REALLY like, or Who Shot J.R., but it's a hot local controversy.
Opponents of roadside wavers beat their breasts and fire off incendiary letters to the Editor, maintaining that the wavers constitute a dangerous driving distraction and that massive automobile carnage is certain to occur.
Supporters say nuts to that, a 38-24-36 in a string bikini undulating along Alii Drive at White Sands beach is just as distracting and besides, who needs more government interference in our lives?
Personally, it's okay with me if all the candidates want to stand out there frantically waving arms and placards, while tutu and auntie and wife or husband, plus hordes of grinning offspring wave and shout pleasantries.
In Scarsdale, New York about 40 years ago, my father ran the family Nash up a telephone pole guide wire once, and he wasn't distracted by sign wavers.



He was ogling a nubile young neighborhood girl. So let 'em wave. Of course, I won't VOTE for any of 'em. I figure what are they doing wasting their time out there getting unburned when they oughta be home boning up on how to raise taxes without anybody noticing or sneaking in paid airport parking in the dead of night. Isn't that what politicians are for?

COCONOTES & QUOTES

JIM SEELY has finally explained what makes that awful crunching sound when you step on one of those pesky millipedes that are currently infesting parts of Kona: "It's just the sound of all their little knees breaking". Yes, Virginia, there ARE happy joggers. Despite a recent column suggesting that all runners look like they're suffering from terminal agony, **TONI ROMP** of the **DUCK SOUP RUNNERS** sends me evidence to the contrary: a color photograph of her (Romp's a pretty good name for a runner, yes?) floating along in her **CAMPBELL'S SOUP** shirt, looking absolutely blissful. She says "Here's your smiling, joyful runner. Time to put on your NIKES and experience the ecstasy of a fun run." Sorry, Toni baby, I sent the picture to my photo lab and they concluded that the pix is a clever fake: your smiling face pasted on **JULIE ANDREWS'** wafting body in a scene from "SOUND OF MUSIC". Local folks are rooting and praying for the recovery of popular, long-time Kona resident **CATHY ROEBUCK**, who suffered very serious injuries in an accidental fall last week.

SHORT SPORTSNOT

The **FIRST ANNUAL KEAUHOU OPEN VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT** will be held tomorrow and Sunday on the court next to the Keauhou Bay pier. "We're having three-person teams," says **TED HARDIE**, one of the event's organizers. "Women's competition starts at 9AM Saturday, with men's to follow at about noon.
"The finals will be held Sunday afternoon. We have teams entered from throughout the state, and the competition should be tremendous. There are players from such international championship teams as the **OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB** from Honolulu, and even some former pro volleyballers will play.
"It's definitely not a patty-cake tournament."

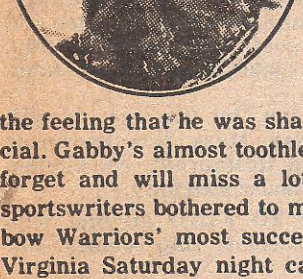
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THE third shoe has dropped. Superstition has it that certain events happen in threes, and if that is true, then the passing yesterday of **Gabby Pahinui** will serve as proof to the believers. First it was the death of **Hilo Hattie**, then **Jesse Kalima** and now "Pops" **Pahinui**, who may well have been the greatest of them all. Certainly no fan of Hawaiian music could ever have heard him sing "Hillawe" without the feeling that he was sharing something very special. Gabby's almost toothless smile is one I'll never forget and will miss a lot. . . . None of Hawaii's sportswriters bothered to mention that the UH Rainbow Warriors' most successful drive against West Virginia Saturday night came off a new wishbone formation. One UH coach told me it wasn't something inspired by the way Wyoming ran over the Rainbows with the same formation—apparently **Dick Tomey** has been experimenting with it since spring training. . . .

FORMER Society of Seven manager **Francis Kirk** would love to see the World Series go seven games—she's going to have her five-foot TV screen tuned to World Series play—albeit delayed for the most part



thanks to **KHON**—at the Outrigger East's Aloha Garden Bar. Appropriate pupus to go with your beer include hotdogs, peanuts and crackerjacks. . . . **Tiare Riechert** had hoped this would be a week to remember forever, and it still may be, but at least one high point will be . . . She was to have paddled for the Outrigger in the Molokai-to-Oahu canoe race which was scrubbed due to high seas Sunday, despite the fact she and her fellow paddlers had trained for six months in preparation for it. One other memorable moment for the week remains ahead, however—she's still getting married on Saturday to Burger King honcho **John Finney**, her longtime boyfriend, which will probably guarantee her free Whoppers for life. . . . **Frank DeLima** had a busy day Sunday, appearing both at the Lung Association's chili cookoff at Andrews Amphitheater and the Portuguese cultural festival at Pier 9. . . . A hit with most people at the chili cookoff was when Matteo's bartender "**George**" Mullen, competing in the Miss Hot Chili contest, briefly lifted her T-shirt and was severely reprimanded in academic "tsk tsk" language by a UH representative whose idea of fun seemed to be throwing cold water on everything. **George** won anyway. . . .



ADMAN **Tom Sellers** was driving through Colorado recently when he came upon a store in Ridgeway called "The Drug Dealer." He stopped to investigate when he noticed a political sign in the window. It turned out to be a poster promoting the candidacy of **Wayne Mayfield** for county commissioner. Now **Sellers** knows Mayfield, who before his retirement was a partner in the local ad firm of Mayfield, Smith, Park, so he got his number and gave him a call. The person answering the phone said that **Wayne** couldn't come to the phone because "He's out cutting hay." Not only that, but he's apparently handling his own campaign and as one not too charitable observer quipped, "At last he's making hay." . . .

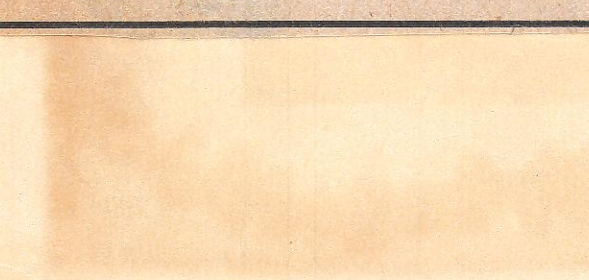
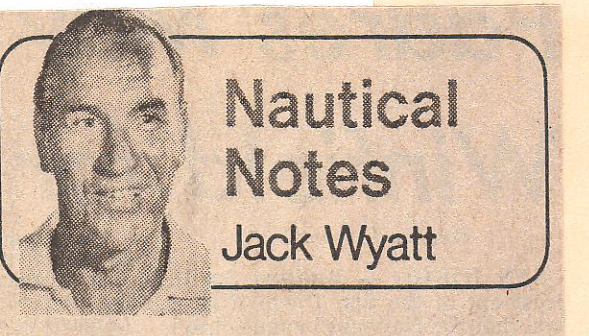


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Nautical Notes
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Kayak Paddling Catching On

Alaska's kayak-paddling Eskimos would burst out of their seal skins if they could witness the interest shown in one-man kayaks among Hawaii's waterbuffs. And according to some Honolulu kayak fanciers, what we're seeing in the boat's popularity is just the tip of an Alaskan iceberg.
"Postponing last Sunday's Molokai-to-Oahu kayak race because of big seas may have been a blessing," said **Jim Peterson**, an Outrigger Canoe Club paddler, "for the alternate smooth-water race from Maunaloa Bay to Waikiki provided the less experienced paddlers a much needed shake-down.
"For most of us," he explained, "mastering Sunday's Molokai waves would not have been that much of a problem. But there were several novice paddlers off Waikiki on Sunday who had their hands full even in the calmer water.
The fifth annual Kanaka 'I Kai Ka Molokai-Oahu Kayak Race has been rescheduled for Sunday beginning at 7:30 a.m. from Molokai's Laau Point. The first kayak is expected to arrive at Hawaii Kai's Maunaloa Bay Beach Park five to six hours later. Twenty-five one-person kayaks are expected to tackle the sometimes tempestuous 23-mile channel.
"Sunday's 20-mile alternate race drew 18 boats," Peterson added, "and it was simply a pick-up race put together the day before. But it was a good course, one which we'll probably use again next season."
Australia's **Grant Kenney**, who won last year's Molokai-to-Oahu race in a record 5½ hours, also won Sunday's alternate race. The 18-year-old kayak builder turned the course in two hours and 21 minutes beating Hawaii's **Bob Twogood** by nine minutes and **Bob Oldt** by 12 minutes.
"Kenney returned to Australia and won't be able to defend his title," said **Ricki Weiss**, a kayak follower, "but with **Kalal Handley**, who won the race two years ago, plus other top local paddlers, the race on Sunday should be a competitive one. Now if only the weather would cooperate."
Following the wake of one-person Laser, Windsurfer and El Toro sailboats, interest locally in kayaks is high. "We've just recently began producing the Hayden surf ski (an Australian designed 19-foot, 40-pound kayak)," said Outrigger Canoe Club's **Mark Buck**, who, under Kakaako's Sandwich Island Ski Co., builds the boat, "and we've already got such a backlog of orders that we've had to make another fiberglass mold.
"The Hayden appears well suited for Island waters having won races here the past two years. I look to see a series of kayak events held locally throughout the year. With its low cost (kayaks cost between \$400 and \$800), easy portability, and paddling enjoyment, the sport has to take off in the islands."
In addition to racing, Peterson sees the versatile kayak as an off-season training vehicle for canoe paddlers. "Up to now," explained Peterson, "Island kayaking has been sort of an individual fun, mind-clearing, activity for the water-man who wants to get away from it all. But now with the large amount kayak interest locally, plus the fact that they are now built here, an organized racing schedule is bound to come."
Gale Force Behind HCA
While Oahu's kayakers were churning the waters off Waikiki, last weekend at Windward Oahu's Kahana Bay, 55 Island one-design sailboats were busy staging a regatta of their own.
"On Saturday morning with the winds blowing 30 miles-an-hour and rain squalls sweeping the bay, we managed to get off three races," sighed **Danny Gale**, owner of sponsoring Pacific Surf and Sports. "But on Sunday, the weather turned beautiful and we sailed two more heats, plus a wahine race, to complete the regatta. What with the overnight camping, the cookout, plus other activities, the weekend was a resounding success.
"On Saturday morning the founders of the Hawaii Catamaran Association, spoke excitedly about his newly formed organization. "HCA's basic purpose," explained **Gale**, "is to foster better catamaran racing through communication and organized regattas. In addition to our regular racing schedule, next summer I plan to sponsor a Hawaii-Australia catamaran sail-off using Prindle-18 cats off Kaanapali, Maui. We'll be holding elimination heats soon to determine Hawaii's best skippers."

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Women's turn on Molokai channel

How would you feel if your daughter was paddling 38 miles across the Molokai channel in a six-person outrigger canoe?
Well **Mary Winchester**, president of Na wahine o ke kai — women of the sea — knows the answer because last year her 17-year-old daughter **Danielle "Pinkie" Winchester** was one of 228 women who paddled the course in the first Molokai-to-Oahu women's canoe race.
"I felt great about it," she said "I encouraged my daughter to go out because that was the first race and I was very proud of having her out there. After all, not too many paddlers make the first race. But unless they've paddled before, parents don't realize how much effort you put into paddling. If they (the parents) are experienced paddlers, they understand how their children feel."
Sunday at 7 a.m., 18 wahine crews will set out once again from Hale O Lono harbor on Molokai in the second annual women's race, which is dedicated to **Pepe Cook**, retired Molokai ranch manager and long-time devotee of canoe paddling.
There are two teams from California — the Balboa Bay Club, which came in second last year, and **Pupu o Hawaii**, a San Jose group comprised of transplanted local girls now living there plus San Jose paddlers. Maui has two teams entered, the Big Island one and **Oahu 13**.
Morale is high and the canoe clubs are working together in a spirit of great cooperation. "The Waikiki Surf club is lending the San Jose club a canoe and providing other assistance," said **Winchester**. "We're calling this assistance project 'hands across the sea.'" She also added, "We've got a real terrific committee. It's amazing what women can do when so much is at stake and their hearts are in it. Give 'em the job and they do it."
What they're about to do isn't

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one official boat will have **Dr. Phillip Foti** aboard in case of emergency. We try to make sure we have as much medical coverage as we need for the safety of the girls. We've also worked out with the Coast Guard Auxiliary to have two or three boats leave with us from Hale O Lono, three more will meet us at Makapu, and one more at Diamond Head. This is gonna be a good race," she added.
"But if the ocean is rough . . . well, it hasn't been rough at all in the past five years," said **Anderson**. What they all hope for is malle (calm) water conditions.
No lives have been lost in the 28 years since the men's race began, and traditionally they raced in mid October when turbulent seas were more likely. But in 1979 the Aloha Week sponsors moved the men's race to September, leaving the women with the more risky mid-October date.
If you have never been in the Molokai channel when the seas are running, take it from one who has, it is awesome even in a good size boat. Watching canoes disappear behind a swell, a paddler roll over the starboard side of the canoe to make a midchannel change, or a lone paddler treading water, with one arm held overhead for better visibility, while waiting to be picked up, is impressive.
Winning — even competing — can be a matter of determination and fearless strength. Outrigger Canoe Club won last year, establishing a respectable time of six hours, 35 minutes and 14 seconds. Just 49 minutes slower than the OCC 1979 men's crew. This year the winning OCC men's crew recorded a time of five hours, 52 minutes and 26 seconds. Given the strong wind and sea conditions, the women could beat that and surf in to an exciting finish.



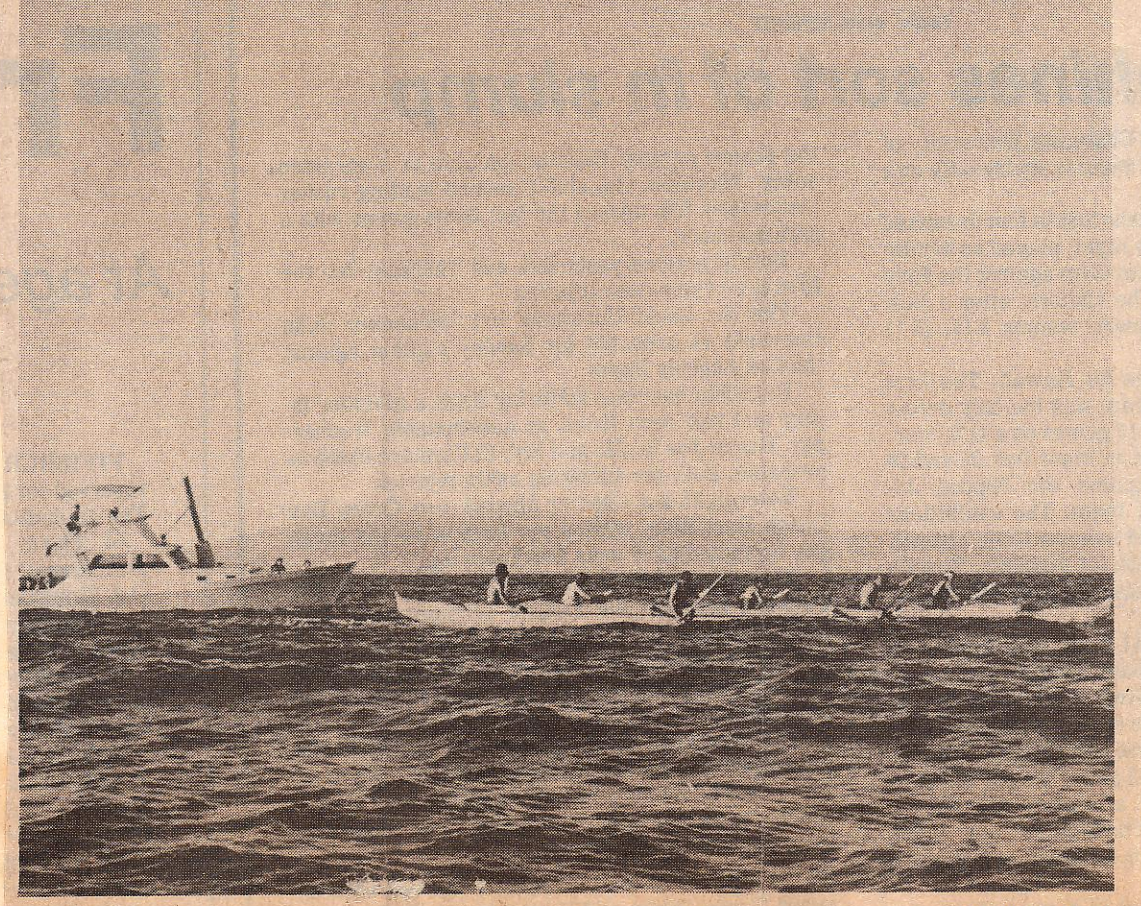
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George Lamont
George V. Lamont, 50, of 3209 Collins St., died Oct. 27 in Queens Hospital.
He was born in Canada.
Services will be today at 5:30 p.m. at the Outrigger Canoe Club. The ashes will be scattered at sea. Casual attire is requested.
Lamont is survived by a sister, Mrs. Myrtle McGuire of Oregon.

easy Whether male or female, anyone who paddles a Hawaiian outrigger canoe puts a lot of effort into it. Not only do they have to work out paddling many hours almost year round, but their coaches (usually senior paddlers from the same clubs) require them to run, exercise and follow a rigorous training schedule so that they are fit and in shape for distance — and weather.
What about the weather? Well, this year it's not cooperating.
"Yes," said race director **Hannie Anderson**. "I believe it's gonna be kinda windy. They (weather forecasters) expect 25 knot winds and eight to 10 foot swells in the channel but we hope the good Lord will look the girls are in good shape. They've been training for this race since the season started. They're tops . . . they're in good condition. They take it pretty seriously. But if the Coast Guard advises we should not go on with the race, the board would meet and decide what to do," she continued.
What they probably would do is start later in the day or postpone the race until Monday, according to **Winchester**.
Anderson outlined some of the safety procedures. "Each canoe has an escort boat and there are four official boats which form a diamond shape around the course in case any assistance is needed. The number

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The women and the big seas

MAUI WILL HAVE TWO TEAMS entered in this Sunday's Molokai to Oahu women's canoe race. Team **Kihei** gathered their own crew and the other has been formed from women members of the seven Maui County Hawaiian Canoe clubs. The canoes will start from Molokai at 7 a.m. Sunday along with 16 other crews. Outrigger Canoe Club of Oahu won the race last year in a time of six hours, 35 minutes and 14 seconds.