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## Prostitution problem limited mostly to Oahu

Only 2% of such arrests came on neighbor isles

By RICHARD BORRECA  
Star-Bulletin

Prostitution may be the oldest profession, but it is definitely not a big one on the neighbor islands.

A computer survey of state Criminal Justice Data Center records going back to 1979 shows that of nearly 6,000 ar-

rests for prostitution and related offenses, only 114 — less than 2 percent — occurred on the neighbor islands.

Many arrests, Honolulu police say, resulted from complaints about streetwalkers in Waikiki.

On the neighbor islands there are few areas for PLEASE SEE WALKERS, A-6

### Prostitution convictions

1979-1995

Charge	Number / location	Fines	Description
Prostitution (petty misdemeanor)	4,146 Oahu 21 Hawaii	\$1,534,229 \$4,500	Engaging in or offering to engage in sexual conduct with another person for a fee.
Promoting prostitution 1st degree (class B felony)	2 Maui	\$1,000	Compelling a person to engage in prostitution, profiting from coercive conduct or advancing prostitution of a person younger than 16.
Promoting prostitution 2nd degree (class C felony)	38 Oahu 3 Maui	\$16,613 \$5,000	Advancing or profiting from prostitution by owning or supervising a prostitution business with two or more prostitutes.
Promoting prostitution 3rd degree (misdemeanor)	20 Oahu 6 Hawaii 1 Maui	\$5,358 \$602 \$0	Knowingly advancing or profiting from prostitution.

By KEVIN HAND, Star-Bulletin



Kala Kukea  
Hui Nalu Canoe Club  
co-head coach

## Fire captain dies while kayaking

Kala Kukea, 52, suffers a possible heart attack outside the Ala Wai

By DEBRA BARAVUGA  
AND CATHERINE K. ENOMOTO  
Star-Bulletin

Fire Rescue Capt. Kala Kukea, who coached thousands of young canoe paddlers and kayakers, died this morning in the ocean he loved.

Kukea suffered a heart attack while paddling his kayak outside the Ala Wai at 6:26 a.m. before he was scheduled to report to work.

Fellow firefighters responded to discover Kukea's son and a former firefighter on the beach near the Hilton Hawaiian hotel, performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation on the 52-year-old firefighter, said Pawaia Engine Capt. Lionel Camara Jr.

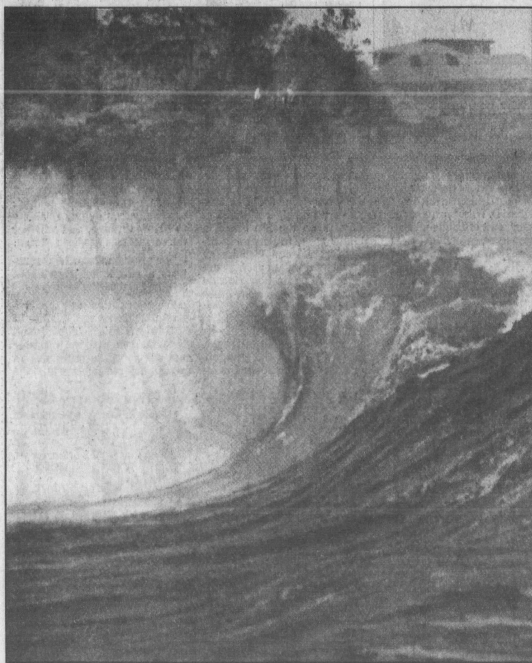
Kukea was rushed to Straub Hospital where he died in the emergency room after unsuccessful attempts to revive him, said Wil Hokama, Straub spokesman.

Kukea, an Interscholastic League of Hawaii kayaking coach, was known for his work in the community as well as on the job.

"This is a tremendous loss to the community," said Michael Chun, president of the Kamehameha PLEASE SEE CAPTAIN, A-5

## Waimea Bay on a roll

Big breakers will continue to hit north and west shores today



By KEN SAKAMOTO, Star-Bulletin

Houses on the Haleiwa side of Waimea Bay are treated to a spectacular show as huge waves roll into the bay. A high-surf advisory remains in effect for north and west shores today.

## Hunt on for suspect in molestation case

A \$633,000 judgment awaits Michael Stephens, following a faked drowning and a run to Mexico

By LINDA HOSEK  
Star-Bulletin

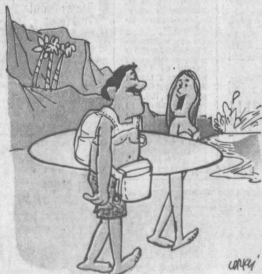
You can run, but you can't hide.

Or in the case of Michael Stephens, you can fake a drowning, but you can't avoid a \$633,000 judgment for sexually molesting an 18-year-old in 1983.

Family Court Judge Allene R. Sueniori this week granted a default judgment against Stephens, a 44-year-old former Manoa resident and real estate salesman.

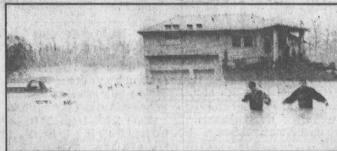
Stephens, on probation for a 1961 molestation conviction when the 1983 incident occurred, PLEASE SEE WANTED, A-5

## CORKY'S HAWAII



"OOWH! HOW HIGH ARE THEY?..."

## Worst floods in 30 years hit Oregon



Associated Press

Brothers Pat and Kevin Doherty wade through water in front of their father's southeast Portland, Ore., home.

Two are killed and thousands flee as melting snow and heavy rain turn rivers and streams into raging torrents

By BOB BAUM  
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Days of heavy rain and melting snow sent rivers and streams raging over their banks across northern Oregon today, forcing thousands to flee their homes and a prison to evacuate its inmates.

The Willamette River, which normally meanders peacefully through farmland and the state's cities, was a chocolate-colored, debris-strewn torrent. The state's

worst flooding in more than 30 years closed hundreds of roads, including both of Oregon's cross-state freeways, and Amtrak service to Portland was suspended. Two people were reported dead.

Volunteers stuffed sandbags and tried to help neighbors save their homes and businesses. In Portland, where the river was expected to crest more than a foot above the level of a sea wall, sandbags were piled around office buildings. And millions of dollars worth of logs broke free from a

PLEASE SEE OREGON, A-6

## Florida runaway, 17, found in N.Y. hospital

There is no evidence she was kidnapped or harmed in any other way

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A 17-year-old girl from Florida, missing more than a month before she was found in a New York hospital with memory loss, had run away from home, investigators said today.

"The NYPD has closed its missing persons case," after identifying the "Jane Doe" brought into the hospital as Cheryl Ann Barnes, said Sgt. Sean Crowley, a police spokesman.

The teen-ager left Beth Israel Medical Center this morning, shielded by her grandmother from a horde of journalists. Before boarding a plane at a New Jersey airport, she thanked reporters for the coverage that led to her reunion with to her family,

adding: "I want to go home."

She had been under psychiatric observation at the hospital, Crowley said, and appeared to be suffering from amnesia.

"She's going to need professional help," her father, Bill Barnes, told reporters outside the hospital this morning.

The girl was found sitting in a snowdrift in Manhattan, talking incoherently, on Jan. 16. She had no identification and said she did not know who she was. She was finally identified after her car was discovered and a nurse saw a television report about the search for Cheryl Ann.

Crowley said investigators concluded the teen-ager was not abducted after finding pieces of paper in her car that mapped out a route from Florida to Philadelphia and New York. There was no evidence that she had been harmed by anyone in New York, either, police said.



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# Insurance eases Clinton's tab

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — While President Clinton has suggested that his legal troubles may leave him broke, two insurance policies have since paid \$800,000 to help pay his bills in a sexual harassment lawsuit, his attorney said today.

The policies, dating back to his days as Arkansas' governor, provide Clinton a total of \$2 million in coverage for legal fees — a threshold he may not reach in the case.

Clinton's Whitewater-related bills are not covered by the policies, which were first disclosed today by the Wall Street Journal. Attorney Bob Bennett said the president and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton still face the prospect of paying legal bills out of their own pocket.

The \$800,000 was paid to Bennett's law firm in December to augment money collected by Clinton's legal defense fund. The fund had \$865,000 as of June 30, 1995, and will report next week on its new total, said lawyer Michael Cardozo, the fund's overseer. Even with the insurance windfall, Clinton's legal-fee pool faces a substantial deficit, Cardozo said.

Bennett said he notified the insurance companies early in 1995 that he believed the policies covered Clinton's legal expenses in a suit brought by Paula Jones, who works for the state of Arkansas when Clinton was governor.

Clinton did not mention the policies last month when he suggested that legal costs have made him and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton insolvent.

"I feel badly that 20 years of hard effort in savings may go away," Clinton said, referring to about \$2 million in legal bills he has accumulated from the Whitewater investigation and the sexual harassment lawsuit.

Bennett said Clinton "certainly has not been focusing" on the prospect that his insurance policies would help pay the legal bills. "He's worried about everything. He's not worried about what I'm doing in representing him about details like this," Bennett said.

"Secondly, this does not cover anything in the Whitewater case and it doesn't cover everything in the Jones case."

Bennett said it was unclear whether all the Jones-related bills would be paid.

# Study fails to link cancer to electromagnetic fields

**Coz News Service**

A comprehensive scientific review has dealt another major blow to the hotly debated theory that exposure to electromagnetic fields — such as those from power lines and microwave ovens — causes cancer and other illnesses.

After reviewing all the existing research on the theory, Dr. Clark W. Heath of the American Cancer Society concludes that data suggesting a possible link are "weak, inconsistent and inconclusive."

His review, published in the new edition of *Cancer: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians* — examined more than 45 scientific studies published during the past two decades on a possible link between electromagnetic fields and

cancer. Despite the studies, said Heath, the form of EMF energy at frequencies lower than those of X-rays and ultraviolet radiation has been shown to cause cancer.

However, Heath said studies should continue to "test all reasonable hypotheses" regarding potential links between electromagnetic fields and human illnesses.

Last fall, one of the most plausible pieces of evidence linking EMF exposures to cancer became much less plausible after two attempts to replicate the findings failed. The studies, published in the *Journal of Radiation Research* last October, rebutted the decade-long work at Columbia University and Hunter College, which suggested that EMF produces cellular changes that may lead to cancer.

# Clinton signs landmark bill on telecommunications

**Star-Bulletin news services**

WASHINGTON — Using an electronic pen, President Clinton today signed into law landmark telecommunications legislation throwing open the market for cable TV and telephone services.

The law breaks down barriers erected by laws written 62 years ago and allows TV and telephone companies to move into each other's businesses, ultimately giving consumers more choice.

Civil libertarians also argue that its criminal provisions aimed at pornography on the Internet open the door to censorship. The American Civil Liberties Union and the four abortion-rights groups have

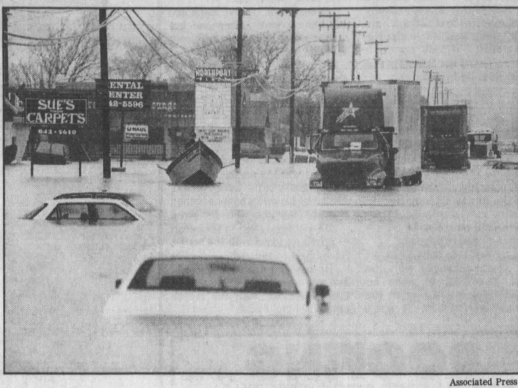
filed lawsuits to block those provisions.

The abortion-rights groups say the anti-indecency provision would outlaw discussions of abortion over computer networks.

The ceremony included a humorous telephone conversation between Vice President Al Gore and comedian Lily Tomlin playing as telephone operator Ernestine.

"A gracious hello," Ernestine said. "Have I reached the party to whom I am speaking?"

There was a bipartisan tone to the ceremony, attended by House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and Sen. Larry Pressler, R-S.D., chief Senate sponsor of the legislation.



A boat crashes among cars and trucks stranded on U.S. Highway 101 yesterday in Tillamook, Ore. Heavy rain and melting snow caused rivers and streams to overflow in northern Oregon.

# OREGON: Thousands flee, and rain keeps falling

**FROM A-1**

Willamette River storage area, slamming into downtown docks and bridges in Portland.

Virtually every river and stream in northwestern Oregon was above or near flood stage. The rain continued for a fourth straight day, dumping 2 inches on Eugene in 24 hours, 2.1 inches on Salem and 1.8 inches on Portland.

And forecasts called for rain through Friday.

Many schools were closed, and state workers in the capital, Salem, were told to stay home. Just north of Salem, Keizer city officials ordered 9,000 to 12,000 people living near the Willamette to leave their homes.

Helicopters and rescue boats plucked stranded people out of the high water, including a woman and her two young children from the roof of an old school bus where they lived.

"She was very hysterical," said her husband, John Wayne, who had worked through the water to get help. "I had to yell at her to stay in the bus and mellow out, keep the kids in the bus, relax."

The swirling waters washed a house east of Portland into the Columbia River late yesterday. A tugboat rescued a man from the house, which began breaking apart as it raced three to four miles downriver.

But the operator couldn't rescue the man's wife. She was missing today.

Near the small Willamette Valley town of Scio, a 9-year-old girl drowned in a culvert yesterday when she went out to get the mail.

Main Street in the town was almost entirely under water.

An 84-year-old woman drowned near Monmouth, about 50 miles from Portland,



Helen Green of Mohawk, Ore., is carried to shore by Bruce Barlow after being rescued from her rural home yesterday.

# Oregon flooding

Willamette River levels above or below flood stage as of Thursday

Portland	+1.3'
Oregon City	+1.3'
Salem	+1.8'
Albany	+4'
Corvallis	+4'
Harrisburg	+7'
Eugene	+9.5'

southern Washington spilling over their banks, and flood warnings were issued for 15 major rivers. Near Tacoma, at least two cars of a freight train fell into Puget Sound today after the train struck a tree that had fallen across the track because of rain-saturated ground. Two people suffered minor injuries.

In downtown Portland, the Willamette was expected to spill over the downtown sea wall tonight and crest tomorrow morning at 30 feet, 12 feet over the lowest point on the wall. To prepare for that, city crews and volunteers ringed the lowest point on the wall with concrete highway dividers, reinforced with sandbags, and attached plywood to the top of the wall.

Corvallis, Albany and Salem also faced Willamette flooding for the first time since the historic flood of 1964, which killed 18 people in the state.

Coast Guard and county rescue boats ferried people through the coastal town of Tillamook, sometimes catching propellers on the roofs of cars.

Helicopters rescued about 12 people yesterday evening in Dodson and Warrendale after two huge mud and rock slides buried Interstate 84 in the Columbia Gorge, east of Portland.

The thaw also sent rivers in

When her car went over an embankment into a flooded river, sheriff deputies said.

In Salem, authorities evacuated the 187 inmates of the Oregon Women's Correctional Center because of rising water. Three days of heavy rain capped two weeks of severe weather that began with snow and was followed by five days of freezing temperatures and an ice storm.

"It's crazy," said Jack Bohl, meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Portland. "It hasn't happened in 30 years and we weren't prepared."

From Monday through early this morning, rainfall amounts totaled 8.5 inches in Eugene, 7.65 inches in Salem and 6.3 inches in Portland.

# BRIEFLY

## Water main woes affect 750,000 in New Jersey

**NEW MILFORD, N.J.** — Surgeons scrubbed up with bottled water and some restaurants had to close as two water main breaks disrupted life for 750,000 people in northern New Jersey.

Before daybreak today, 50,000 customers in the state's two most populous counties — Bergen and Hudson — were still without water and many others were being told to boil their water before drinking.

Water wasn't expected to be fully restored until tomorrow.

Among the most serious concerns was a diminished water supply to five hospitals in Bergen County. Private contractors brought in drinking water, but elective surgery and admissions were postponed, said Joan Odde of Englewood Hospital and Medical Center.

The breaks could be related to the cold weather, said Deb Rizzo, a spokeswoman for United Water New Jersey.

## Colorectal cancer tests urged for those over 50

**ATLANTA** — Men and women over the age of 50 should have regular screening for colorectal cancer, the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths, U.S. health officials said today.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, an independent advisory panel to the Public Health Service, issued the new recommendations.

Dr. Marion Nadel of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said this was the first time the government had recommended testing for colorectal cancer.

The American Cancer Society estimates 138,500 cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed this year and 54,900 people will die from the disease.

## San Diego teachers end strike, return to classes

**SAN DIEGO** — Teachers in California's second-largest school district returned to their classrooms a week-long walkout that divided the community and left students watching videos.

Negotiators reached a three-year tentative agreement at 4 a.m. following 19 hours of negotiation.

The deal was expected to be approved within a week by both the school board and teachers.

## U.S. investigating fires at black churches

**WASHINGTON** — The Justice Department said today it has launched a civil rights investigation into fires at black churches in several Southern states.

"I had first heard comment about it — not that it was widespread, but that there had been some church arson — and asked that we look into it," Attorney General Janet Reno told her weekly news conference.

She said the department's Civil Rights Division had initiated the investigation, along with the FBI.

# WALKERS: Prostitutes work mostly in Waikiki

**FROM A-1**

streetwalkers to patrol, and hence, police say, few arrests.

"Mostly it is a problem in downtown Hilo," said acting vice division Lt. Sam Thomas, with the Big Island Police Department.

The question of prostitution on the neighbor islands came up when Kaula police arrested a Lihue man for promoting prostitution and racketeering, resulting in the Garden Island's first prostitution trial. Four women were arrested. No women were arrested, but Kaula police were acting on the rarely enforced third definition of sexual conduct, which prohibits bodily contact for pay.

One of the four women originally charged accused police of sexually abusing her during the four hours she was in custody. She said Kaula police fondled her breasts and genitals while she was handcuffed and took suggestive pictures of her while she was in her underwear.

Those charges are being investigated by the state attorney general's office.

Charges have been either reduced or dropped against the four women, while trial for the man, Carl Richie, began this week.

On the Big, only 80 prostitution charges have been filed in 16 years.

Although the crime of prostitution

is a petty misdemeanor, police in Honolulu and the neighbor islands do enforce the law and respond to complaints.

"Last year we put an emphasis on it, because it's a major element in the elements such as drug dealing," Thomas said.

**No room to cruise**

Police say they get few prostitution complaints about anything except streetwalkers. So without areas for prostitutes to cruise, there are few arrests.

In Honolulu, police Capt. Forrest Broome, a veteran of the Waikiki district, shows off a list of about 130 known streetwalkers working in Waikiki at any one time. The list is kept by the police, updated regularly and used to help beat officers.

A study of the computerized files from the state shows 5,896 prostitution-related charges between 1979 and the end of 1995. Depending on the crime, one person can be charged with more than one violation.

Although promoting prostitution, profiting from prostitution and running a house of prostitution are felonies, prostitution is a petty misdemeanor.

The crime is committed if a person "engages in, or agrees or offers to engage in, sexual conduct with another person for a fee."

The law defines sexual conduct as sexual penetration, deviate sexual intercourse or sexual contact.

For a first offense, the fine is \$500 and a discretionary jail term of not more than 30 days. A second offense makes the culprit a mandatory 30-day jail term, plus another \$500 fine.

# It's 'not a very big problem'

If prostitution charges are such a rare occurrence on the neighbor islands, what triggers police to make arrests? On the Big Island, open drug sales in downtown Hilo prompted the police to act.

On Maui, complaints come from wives or girlfriends of men frequenting hostess bars, said Capt. Paul Winters, in charge of the Maui police Vice Division.

"Those small numbers don't surprise me, he said. "We don't have streetwalkers like Waikiki, but we do have prostitution and it is a problem, it just isn't a very big problem."

On Kauai, records going back to 1979 show only one other arrest.

On the Big Island, Thomas said, men posing as women prostitutes prompted most of the prostitution arrests.

On Maui, prostitution cases sometimes involve bars or escort services.

"For instance, one of the resort hotels from the Kaaanapali area believed that there was prostitution in the hotel," Winters said. "They believed it was an escort service having entertainers in. We did a sting with an undercover officer posing (as a guest). The officer was solicited for additional acts — for another fee."

"We tried it with other services, but they did not make an offer."

Broome said in Waikiki every time the police run a prostitution sting, they must disclose all their tactics during the trial, thereby alerting prostitutes to police techniques.

"We have to divulge our secrets up front," he said. "Then we have to come up with an entirely new game plan."

# Lawmakers consider mandatory sentences

They say the practice would drive prostitutes out of the state quickly

**BY RICHARD BORRERA**  
*Star-Bulletin*

Legislators, worried that prostitutes are ruining Waikiki with their aggressive hustling, want to scare them out of town with mandatory jail sentences.

The first time a streetwalker is convicted, they say, he or she should be put in jail for 30 days.

The theory, says Rep. Terrance Tom, House Judiciary Committee chairman, is: Most prostitutes, faced with the mandatory 30-day jail term and an immediate loss of income, will jump bail and leave the state.

"They are only here to collect a buck and split paradise. If we can get them out of state, all the better," he said.

Senate Judiciary Chairman Rey Graulty agrees that something should be done to curb prostitution in Waikiki.

"The solicitation has been overly aggressive," he says. "It is becoming a blight on the tourist experience, there are a lot of families increasingly writing letters of complaint."

Graulty also wants first-time mandatory sentences for convicted prostitutes but worries that the state will first have to find a place to house the offenders.

Both legislators worry that after a plan between the city and the state to cooperate on a facility to house low-risk criminals, such as prostitutes, the state wouldn't have the resources to build a prison.

Also, Graulty (D, Moanalua-Salt Lake) worries that prostitutes today are more and more likely to escape punishment.

But a computer survey of the arrest records for prostitution between 1979 and 1995 shows that more than 74 percent of simple prostitution charges resulted in a guilty verdict.

The overwhelming majority of the prostitution charges are for streetwalking solicitations and three-quarters of those charged are found guilty.



Terrance Tom

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The fines collected from prostitutes between 1979 and 1995 amounted to \$1,533,729. The money goes into the state's coffers, although the streetwalkers are arrested in Honolulu by police.

Honolulu Police Capt. Forrest Broome, in charge of the Waikiki beat, says the number of active streetwalkers in Waikiki varies between 70 and 130. Police keep track of the prostitutes and maintain an updated file on them.

Complaints from tourists range from simple harassment to robbery and assault.

"We can't simply chase them from street to street, or we would have a federal civil rights complaint," Broome said.

The most visible weapon police have against prostitutes is a curfew ordinance.

"About the only thing a uniform officer can do is an ID check and caution the prospective johns that prostitution is an illegal activity. That's why police are always seen talking to prostitutes."

Rep. Mary-Jane McMurdo (D, Waikiki) thinks the best solution to the problem of Waikiki prostitution would be to regulate it by making it legal and requiring prostitutes to get a state or city license.

"If you are trying to get a handle on prostitution, you have to regulate it and you can't control something that isn't legal."