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*"On now. Dare it. Let there be life." ~ James Joyce*

### **KAUAI'I ~ ISLAND OF WET CHICKENS**

Kuai'i (or "koo-why") as the natives say it, which is, of course, NOT the native Hawaiian pronunciation, is very different from the more tropically typical Maui. It's a little bit like visiting a Northwestern/Southern Island -- big green forests and shark-toothed ebony lava-rock mountains and pine trees and jungle forests and sweeping vistas of water and land and houses on stilts with wraparound porches and porticos that remind you of Key West or the bayous of Louisiana.

But no real beach here at our lovely Starwood Westin timeshare to frolic or laze upon. In fact, a 7-minute steep and slippery downhill hike "off resort" to the sand below only reveals a shoddy strand where white-whipped waves stream in the wind as they crash on reefs hundreds of yards away under constantly changing cauliflower clouds. And the sea before us is shallow and becalmed. We had to drive an hour south to catch the sun, but it was well worth it, and afforded us a chance to stock up on more homemade candies at the House of Noodles in Kapa'a -- Pineapple Flower Crackers, Sweet Potato Chips, Honeyed Apple Bananas and Hawaiian Pretzels. (Don't ask.)

We are awakened every day by the raucous call of one of the colorful roosters now ubiquitous to the island, due, in part, to the destruction of chicken ranches by hurricane Iniki (*strong, piercing wind*) on September 11, 1992.

As for the weather we're experiencing -- well, the Hawaiian word for it is *pili i kea no ino a malie o ke kau* -- which I assume means, *there is no word for weather because it changes all the time*.

This is a funky, friendly place, which reminds us of many beautiful lands we've visited before as we drive its excellent highways and gasp at the ever-changing vistas that unfold before us at every turn. We'll be back. Aloha.



*"Humor is something that thrives between man's aspirations and his limitations."  
~ Victor Borge*

### **KISS AND MAKEUP**

The election is over. It is time to repair friendships with the other party and Gov. Sarah Palin is

doing her part to do just that; but the rest of the world cannot understand how, after a bitter election campaign, American politicians can kiss and make-up.

For instance, Gov. Palin has invited to her great state of Alaska, the men who defeated her, Barack Obama and Joe Biden. She has set up a moose-hunting trip for their enjoyment and hired three prominent experts to assist them.

Dick Cheney will lead them on the hunt, Ted Kennedy will drive them back to their cabins each evening, and Bill Clinton will entertain their wives and daughters and provide a moose mating call to entice the critters from the woods...

*Firesign fans are found in hip pockets all over the backside of America.  
~ Phil's Phunny Phacts*

### **THINK DARK THOUGHTS**

About chocolates, that is. Researchers at the Institute of Noetic Sciences in Petaluma, California and at Hawaiian Vintage Chocolate in Honolulu, Hawaii, published the results of a double blind, randomized, placebo-controlled experiment, in *Explore* magazine, which is printed on edible rice paper.

The chubby scientists had 3 groups consume half an ounce of dark chocolate twice a day, "intentionally treated by three different techniques" to see whether the subjects would experience "an enhanced sense of energy, vigor, and wellbeing." The 4th group ingested untreated chocolates as a placebo control. Everybody got fat.

The results of the "Effects of Intentionally Enhanced Chocolate on Mood," demonstrated that chocolate exposed to "good intentions" would enhance mood more than unexposed chocolate. But who cares?

<http://www.deanradin.com/papers/chocolate.pdf>

*"The time you enjoy wasting is not wasted time."~ Bertrand Russell*

### **IT'S "MY" TAI**

From the Starwood Resorts *Mailani* magazine (*the favored one*) we learned that Trader Vic's own Vic Bergeron invented the Mai Tai in 1944.

That now classic combination of rum, lime, orange Curaçao, rock candy syrup and French Orgeat, for its subtle almond flavor (arsenic can be substituted) was first served to some of Vic's Tahitian friends, one of whom exclaimed, *Mai tai roa ae!* (*Out of this world!*) Bergeron introduced the libation with a sandwich to the Sandwich islands in 1953 at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

We also read in the *Lonely Planet* guide that the origin of the appellation *horny* was coined to describe randy nineteenth century whalers looking for Mai Tais and Maui tail in Lahaina after successfully rounding Cape Horn. *Okoli maluna!* – Bottoms up!

*"I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalogue: 'No good in a bed, but fine against a wall.'"*  
~ Eleanor Roosevelt

### **HIGH TIMES**

In the *Maui Time Weekly*, Jacob Shafer interviewed a retired stewardess nicknamed "Sky" about her sexiest air-related romp, which, as it turns out, took place on a plane that was on the ground. It seems her future husband managed to sneak her aboard an old airplane commandeered for a movie shoot, and after they did the deed, it was blown up the next day.

"That is by far the most romantic Valentine's present I've ever gotten," opines Sky. "Now I can always watch the movie and say, 'I did it on that plane.'"

*The Declaration of Independence was written on hemp. ~ Phil's Phunny Phacts*

### **OUR FOREFATHERS USED DRUGS!**

A piece making the rounds in cyberspace alleges that on October 12, 1860, future President Abraham Lincoln walked into the Corneal & Diller drugstore in Springfield, Ill. and bought fifty cents worth of cocaine and since Lincoln was already popping mercury pills to control bouts of depression, it's reasonable to assume he'd try this new wonder drug just extracted from the cocoa plant. No wonder he wore that tall hat!

However, others have pointed out that processed cocaine was not really available until 1862 and didn't catch on with the public until 1884. So what did Honest Abe buy that day, as chronicled in Henry Pratt's *Lincoln Log*?

Hair tonic! In the Illinois State Register, on Oct. 11, 1860, is a front-page ad for "Cocaine - Burnett's, for the Hair." made by Joseph Burnett in Boston from the oil of cocoanuts (an alternative spelling of coconuts). No wonder he wore that tall hat!

[http://www.theblitz.org/message\\_boards/showthread.php?tid=39172](http://www.theblitz.org/message_boards/showthread.php?tid=39172)

*"It's a damn poor mind that can only think of one way to spell a word." ~ President Andrew Jackson*

### **TWO DROPS IN THE OCEAN**

An older lady goes to the bar on a cruise ship and orders a Scotch with two drops of water. As the bartender pours the drink she adds, 'I'm on this cruise to celebrate my 80th birthday, and it's today!'

'Well, since it's your birthday,' the bartender says, 'this drink is on me.' As the woman sips it, the lady next to her says, 'I'd like to buy you a drink, too.'

'Thank you,' says senior. 'I'll take another Scotch with two drops of water.'

'Coming up,' says the barkeep and as she downs that drink, the man to her left says, 'I would like to buy you one, too.' The lady thanks him and orders yet another Scotch with two drops of water and as the bartender gives her the next drink, he says, 'Ma'am, I'm dying of curiosity. Why the Scotch with only two drops of water?'

'Sonny' the old bird replies, 'When you're my age, you've learned how to hold your liquor. Holding your water, however, is a whole other issue'

*"Vinton Cerf was one of the creators of the World Wide Web and that's why we 'surf' the web." ~ Allen Newcomb*

### **'OLD' IS WHEN...**

Your sweetie says, 'Let's go upstairs and make love,' and you answer, 'Pick one; I can't do both!' Your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes and you're barefoot. A sexy babe catches your fancy and your pacemaker opens the garage door, Going braless pulls all the wrinkles out of your face. You don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along. You are cautioned to slow down by the doctor instead of by the police. 'Getting a little action' means you don't need to take any fiber today. 'Getting lucky' means you find your car in the parking lot. An 'all nighter' means not getting up to use the bathroom -- and you're not at all sure that these are jokes...

*"Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health care is the most shocking and inhumane." ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.*

### **A TASTY STUDY**

A teacher designed a study testing the senses of first graders using a bowl of lifesavers to identify flavors by color: red for cherry, yellow for lemon, green for lime and orange for -- orange.

Finally the teacher gave them all HONEY lifesavers, but after popping them into their eager little mouths, none of the children could identify the taste; so she said, 'I'll give you all a clue. This is what your

mother may sometimes call your father.'

One little girl looked up in horror, spit out her lifesaver out and yelled, 'Oh my God!! They're asses!'

*"The face of a child can say a lot about things, especially the mouth part of the face." ~ Jack Handy*

*"The height of mediocrity is still low." ~ Vanna Bonta*

#### ATTITUDE

GIG: [http://gigapan.org/viewGigapan.php?id=15374&window\\_height=583&window\\_width=1251](http://gigapan.org/viewGigapan.php?id=15374&window_height=583&window_width=1251)

HECKLE: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUjgdFoALok>

CARD: <http://www.adobecards.com/>

HOLY V-DAY: [http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/7888539.stm?lss](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/7888539.stm?lss)

SPIDEY: [http://www.brainblog.to/mediaview/185/Spider\\_mobile](http://www.brainblog.to/mediaview/185/Spider_mobile)

RATTY: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/china/4688453/Giant-rat-caught-in-China.html>

*"Peace is not won by those who fiercely guard their differences, but by those who with open minds and hearts seek out connections." ~ Katherine Paterson*

#### AND GRATITUDE

Victor, Kopcewich, R. S. Janes, Richard Van Kooy, Jayne Lynn Stahl, Kathy Landers, Noah Kaufman, Gene (E.C.) Ayres, Bill Coombs, Kenneth Wilhite, Jr., Nick Oliva, Miles Neff, Scott W. Langill, Jerry Gelb and new Planeteer, Cece Dubois.

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\* FIRESIGN CDS: <http://www.laugh.com>

\* BEARWHIZ: <http://www.eagletshirts.com>

\* FUNNY TIMES: <http://www.funnytimes.com>

\* FST: <http://www.FiresignTheatre.com>

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