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At Your Service

Fort Street Tower

Aloha Sushi	585-7374
Bin's Convenience	521-8886
Clark Hatch Fitness	536-7205
Cookie Corner	532-9072
Flowers For You	521-2020
Candy Bouquet	532-2639
Carrot Patch	531-4037
Ft. Street Bar & Grill	523-1500
Young Laundry	521-2286

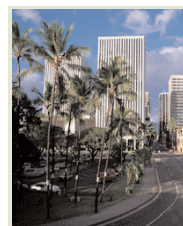
Bishop Street Tower

Amfac Center Barber	538-7811
Andy Mohan, Inc.	521-1222
Best Printing	531-2121
Charles Schwab & Co.	534-9700
For the Love of Coffee	533-4486
Full Spectrum Lending	532-0922
Komala Curry House	523-9900
KD Jewelry	545-7841
Leather Soul	531-7685
Scottrade, Inc.	521-8573
Styling Crew	533-7800
Subway Sandwich	545-3945

We welcome the following companies to the Topa Financial Center

Bishop Street Tower

Leather Soul, LLC
C. H. Guernsey & Company



Fort Street Tower

Smith Himmelmann, Attorneys

Name Change

Bay Isle Investment Advisors
(formerly Bay Isle Financial)

Tenant Spotlight:

University Health Alliance, located on the 3rd floor of the Bishop Street Tower, was established in 1988. UHA is a mutual benefit health insurance company dedicated to providing access to quality health care services while protecting its members from financial loss due to illness or injury. UHA provides medical, drug and vision plans to over 1,800 Hawaii employers. With annual revenues in excess of \$50 million, it is among the top 250 companies in Hawaii.

UHA's CEO, Max Botticelli, M.D., says, "our staff of over 65 associates are dedicated to UHA's vision of continually improving the quality of health care in Hawaii. Our members ranked UHA among the top 10% of plans nationwide in the 2003 CAHPS® Survey."

To learn more about **University Health Alliance** visit their website at www.uhahealth.com.



University Health Alliance
A Better Approach to Health Insurance

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Building Events

Hawaiian Heritage Craft Fair

December 2 & 3

Kamuela Productions Craft Fair

Topa Plaza - December 15, 16, 17

Christmas

December 25 **(Building Closed)**

Blood Donor Drive

December 28

Topa Plaza

Effective January 1, 2005, the Topa Plaza will be converted into classrooms for The University of Phoenix. In the past, the room has seen its share of many types of events including craft fairs, wedding receptions, baby luaus and fundraisers.

New Receptionist

As you pass by the Management Office, you will notice a new face sitting at the reception desk. Deborah Yacas joins Topa Management Company as the new receptionist. Deborah replaces Nicole Domingo who now assists Curt Nakamura in the leasing operation. If you have a chance, please stop by and introduce yourself to Deborah.

Flu Shots

Topa Financial Center hoped to offer tenants flu shots again this year. However, due to the shortage of vaccine, the immunizations are not possible. Should the situation change, tenants will be notified accordingly.

FedEx Drop Box

A FedEx drop box now joins the DHL drop box located in the basement (parking garage) near the elevators to assist tenants with last minute pickups. The last pickup of the day for FedEx is 2:00 p. m. and for DHL it's 6:00 p. m. - Monday through Friday.



Grammar Awareness

Question: I have a question regarding proper noun derivatives. Some proper nouns are now used as common nouns. What is the rule regarding their capitalization? When people want a facial tissue, they ask for a Kleenex, not a facial tissue. Since this word is frequently used as a common noun, should it now be spelled with all lowercase letters like french fries?

Answer: Some expressions change from proper nouns to common nouns after extensive usage such as the words "roman numerals" or "manila folder." Although Kleenex is a very well-known word, this word should be capitalized because it is a trademark name. The only way to really determine the capitalization of words of this type is to check an up-to-date dictionary or reference manual

Question: I don't understand the difference between making a last name plural and possessive. I prefer to write The Dumas' live in California. Is this correct?

Answer: Do not use an apostrophe with a name unless you intend to show ownership. What does the Dumus family own? The verb "live" follows the name; consequently, Dumas is not showing ownership. The sentence implies that there are at least two people with the last name of Dumas. Since Dumas is the last name and it ends in "s," the last name is made plural by adding "es." Therefore, the sentence should be The Dumases live in California.

Nauseous vs. Nauseated: What's the proper use of these two often confused words?

Incorrect: The phrase "I feel nauseous" is incorrect when used to describe feelings or affects of illness. What you are actually saying by this statement is that you feel like you are loathsome or offensive to others - meaning that YOU cause nausea.

Correct: The correct way to describe a feeling of revolt or a queasy, sickish stomach is to say "I feel nauseated".

Staff Spotlight

ANTHONY "TONY" ARRIBA

Maintenance Technician



Before Tony migrated to Hawaii in the 1980's. He was a BMX rider who, along with his team, won several bicycle championships. His first job in Hawaii was a service attendant, after that he worked as a mechanic's helper and tow driver. He challenged himself to build a 1968 Fastback Mustang hot rod and experienced his very first race at Campbell Industrial Park. Tony states that he was scared to death but that it was fun, fun, fun!

Tony gained his present experience and knowledge while working with his father at the Gold Bond Building in building maintenance for three years. Tony has worked at the following buildings in Honolulu: Blackfield Building, Honolulu Club, Pan Am Building, Waikiki Landmark, Pearl Highland Shopping Center and Davies Pacific Center.

Tony left the Davies Pacific Center to take a position at the Topa Financial Center as a building engineer and work again with his former boss, Rory Reiley. Tony has been with Topa Management Company for the past year and says he enjoys working with his team as well as the tenants in the building.

Tony is a busy man. When he's not working, he does renovation and beautification on his newly purchased home with the help of his wife and two children. His hobbies are reading magazines, swimming, boogie boarding and bicycling (**Century Bike Ride**) and he loves all kinds of music. Tony is a volunteer for Aloha United Way.

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You Can Help Save A Life

The Blood Bank of Hawaii will hold a blood drive on December 28th in the Topa Plaza from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Donating blood is vital to our community's well being. Should you have any questions concerning blood donation, please contact the Blood Bank at: (808) 845-9966.

Quotes

If you believe everything you read, better not read.
- Japanese proverb

Patience - how long does that take? - unknown

Comments, ideas, submissions and corrections are welcome. Please email bvandine@topa.com or fax to (808) 599-5776