



# Financial Center

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### At Your Service

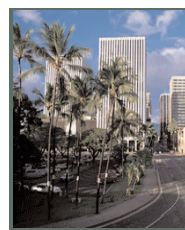
#### Fort Street Tower

Aloha Sushi	585-7374
Bin's Convenience	521-8886
Candy Bouquet	532-2639
Carrot Patch	531-4037
Clark Hatch Fitness	536-7205
Cookie Corner	532-9072
Flowers For You	521-2020
Fort 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
Country Wide Lending	532-0922
Komala Curry House	523-9900
KD Jewelry	545-7841
Leather Soul	531-7685
Scotttrade, Inc.	521-8573
Styling Crew	533-7800
Subway Sandwich	545-3945

### We welcome the following companies to the Topa Financial Center



**Name Change**  
 Obara & Company, CPA, LLP  
 to ONTS CPA, LLP

**Fort Street Tower**  
 Time Warner Entertainment



**Bishop Street Tower**  
 Benediktus & Associates  
 C. H. Guernsey & Company  
 Swan Pacific Investment, Inc.

### Tenant Spotlight:

#### Hawaii Dental Service

##### Hawaii's Leading Dental Benefits Provider

The nearly 100 Hawaii Dental Service employees who work at the Topa Financial Center all have one common goal: to help keep dental benefits affordable for Hawaii's families. Now entering its 44th year of service, HDS has a long-standing track record in the Islands. Hawaii Dental Service was founded by 15 pioneering dentists who had a strong commitment to provide quality oral health care to our community and was designed primarily to provide dental benefits for the children of Hawaii's stevedore union employees.

Today, HDS's customer base consists of employers and organizations throughout Hawaii as well as Guam and Saipan. Altogether, this represents well over a half million members. Families count on Hawaii Dental Service to provide dental benefits at a reasonable cost, and as a local company, they pride themselves on being responsive to and even anticipating the needs of their customers. HDS's reputation also extends to those on the Mainland. HDS is capable of serving Hawaii-based employees of Mainland companies that offer DeltaUSA plans and out-of-state DeltaUSA members can receive dental services while in Hawaii.

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Hawaii Dental Services' ongoing collaboration with dentists is critical to their success. Today, more than 96 percent of Hawaii's licensed practicing dentists in Hawaii participate with HDS. This is the largest network offered by any dental plan in the state, allowing members to choose from more than 800 dentists, which makes HDS attractive to many employers and employees.

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## Building Events



### Memorial Day Holiday

May 30, 2005 (Building Closed)

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## Topa Plaza

Effective January 1, 2005, 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. Tenants have enjoyed using the Plaza for various meetings, as well. However, it will no longer be available.

There are two conference rooms in the Fort Street Tower that are available at a nominal charge for tenants only. Each room will hold eighteen people. Please schedule through the management office.

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## Building Evacuation Drill

The Fire/Evacuation Drill held on February 4, 2005, was considered a success. According to the Honolulu Fire Department, the evacuation took a total of 19 minutes. HFD had several comments to make that we will share with you in order that the next evacuation drill will be even better:

Tenants are to proceed to their designated refuge areas and should not linger around the perimeter of the buildings.

Floor Wardens did not wear the recommended floor warden caps that were provided for identification purposes. Another form of identification for floor wardens is being considered by building management.

The majority of occupants evacuated the building; however, there were some that did not. We would like to remind you that studies of fire disasters have shown that though flames and smoke are the primary cause of death, the real culprit in loss of life is ignorance.

## Grammar Awareness

### Using Indefinite Pronouns

Indefinite pronouns are words which replace nouns without specifying which noun they replace.

**Singular:** another, anybody, anything, each, either, everybody, everyone, everything, little, much, neither, nobody, no one, nothing, one, other, somebody, someone, something.

**Plural:** both, few, many, others, several

**Singular or Plural:** all, any, more, most, none, some

Singular indefinite pronouns take singular verbs or singular personal pronouns.

**Correct:** Each of the members has one vote. (The subject, each, is singular. Use *has* in this example.)

**Incorrect:** One of the girls gave up their seat.

**Correct:** One of the girls gave up her seat. (Her refers to one, which is singular.)

Plural indefinite pronouns take plural verbs or plural personal pronouns.

**Correct:** A few of the justices were voicing their opposition (Few is plural, so are were and their.)

For indefinite pronouns that can be singular or plural, it depends on what the indefinite pronoun refers.

**Correct:** All of the people clapped their hands. (All refers to people, which is plural.)

**Correct:** All of the newspaper was soaked. (Here all refers to newspaper, which is singular.)

### A Gender-Sensitive Case

The pronouns ending with **-body** or **-one** such as anybody, somebody, no one, or anyone are singular. Pronouns like each and every are singular as well. Words like all or some may be singular. That means a possessive pronoun referring to singular words must also be singular. In standard written English, the possessive pronoun his is used to refer to a singular indefinite pronoun unless the group referred to is known to be all female.

**Correct:** Is everyone happy with his gift? (Everyone and is are singular. The possessive pronoun must be singular too.)

Most languages, including English, observe the standard of using the masculine pronoun in situations.

## Staff Spotlight

### GAVINO "GABBY" ABAYON

#### Building Facility Maintenance



Gabby Abayon put himself through college and graduated with an Associates Degree in Radiologic Technology and a Bachelor of Science in Business. He worked as a radiologic technologist at the Veteran's Memorial Medical Center in Quezon City, Philippines.

In search of more opportunities, Gabby moved to Iran to continue his profession at the Shah Reza Kabir Hospital, Ministry of Public Health and later to Kuwait to work at Sabah Hospital, Ministry of Public Health.

In Kuwait, Gabby met the woman he was to spend the rest of his life with, Aida. Together, they have three children who all aspire to be engineers and be as strong minded as their father. Gabby says that his main priorities are his children's education and ensuring a great future for them.

One of Gabby's most horrible experiences was escaping the horror of the Gulf War in 1990 with his family to settle them in the Philippines while he returned to Kuwait.

From 1991 to 1998, Gabby worked as a superintendent x-ray technician at the Kuwait Cancer Control Center. In 1998, Gabby resigned to return to his family in the Philippines where he opened a mini-grocery store and became an entrepreneur.

In 2001, Gabby and his family moved to Hawaii. His first job in Hawaii was as a work trainer for those with physical disabilities and maintenance at Lanakila Rehab Center, Inc. Gabby was then assigned to the Hickam Air Force Base, Hale Aina facility. After a year, he transferred to Armstrong Building Maintenance as a building technician at Topa Financial Center and, later, became part of Topa Management's Team. Gabby believes in putting forth all his efforts in doing his job. He is a fast learner, a hard worker and a motivated and dependable member of our team.

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## Topa Blood Drive A Success

As a result of the blood bank held in the Topa Plaza on December 28th, there were a total of 29 pints of blood drawn from 44 participants. Of these, 13 were first-time donors. There were 15 deferrals. As a result, as many as 87 lives can be saved. A big mahalo to those who participated.

## Insurance Requirements

Anyone doing work at Topa Financial Center for tenants, including movers and delivery personnel, must submit a Certificate of Insurance to the management office prior to work being done. We must be very stringent about this policy and ask for your cooperation. If you need further information regarding insurance requirements, please feel free to contact the manage-

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