

# PETALUMA PETE

## Kauai, Bennett or Bust



By Richard Somers

Pete and Nurse Patt decided to head for Kauai (an old haunt since the early 1970s) in order to: (1) see old friends like Larry Rivera and family (the musical family everyone knows after just one visit to Kauai), (2) rest and relax from the cold, wet Petaluma winter, (3) get the freshest organic produce at Sunrise Farmers' Markets, (4) play lots of golf, and (5) pop over to the Big Island to see David Bennett, the Founder of *The Petaluma Post*.

Upon arrival, a call was received from David, who said he was picking them up in his new Hovercraft and "hovering" the duo to the Big Island and back. When the craft arrived, the first thing Pete noticed was a colorful Mangosteen logo on each side of the bow. The craft had a cabin and there were fresh fruit smoothies from every exotic fruit imaginable to sip during the relatively short trip across the Pacific -- right up onto the land on the East Coast of the Big Island and down the exotic tree-lined driveway that is the entrance to David's estate.

Nurse Patt and Pete learned way too much about tropical fruit trees -- but spent quality time with a good friend.

A couple of days after Pete and Nurse Patt got back to Kauai (thanks again to the Hovercraft), Joyful Joelle & Lovely Lisa spent a week with them doing lots of tourist-type stuff like visiting the canyons, falls and rivers famous to the island. Pete even

showed them the original "Slippery Slide" that was no longer open to people. Nevertheless, they took a chance of being caught and went down it one time -- enjoying the thrill of the 30-foot drop off a cliff at the end into a deep pool of fresh mountain water flavored by fruit and flowers as it rushes down from the wettest place on earth.

Toward the end of the trip, Dr. Larry and his wife, Ellie, arrived on a ship which was owned by the former CEO of Land's End. Dr. Larry had been to the Artic on this same vessel. For many years Larry has been the largest private collector of Inuit Art. He brought a few examples to show Pete and Nurse Patt.

This foursome played a round at The Grove Golf Course, which started out as a beautiful 10-hole course. Then, it took 10 minutes by electric cart to get from a green to the next tee. That problem no longer exists, since it has been an 18-hole course for a couple of years now. They also played at the famous "Chicken" course -- a beautiful layout halfway up the mountains with views of the ocean on one side and of the mountains on the other -- all this in a Japanese Garden setting. Some of the original haoles were generous with their trusts, leaving this course in trust so that locals could afford to play it forever.

A Mai Tai or three always helped Pete and Nurse Patt forget the politics of King George.

A hui hou for now.



# THE DEVIL'S ADVOCATE

## Get Some Rays

By Joe Tinney

I read where the army has developed a non-lethal ray gun. They can aim it at someone from 500 yards away and it doesn't really hurt them, but it makes them feel like they are on fire, duplicating the Taco Bell experience. My reaction was, "so what?" What they didn't tell us is the real purpose of this ray gun: The enemy jumps into the nearest pond, where they're attacked by really vicious guppies.

This has led to the development of a number of other of ray guns, each of which has a different result. Here they are:

**The Jane Fonda Ray Gun** -- You turn it on and it annoys people to death.

**The Barack Obama Ray Gun** -- This one looks great, but it doesn't do anything.

**The Joe Biden Ray Gun**

-- You turn it on and it shoots itself in the foot.

**The George Bush Ray Gun** -- You aim it at the enemy and it showers them with leaflets. Half of them are from Mad Magazine, and the other half are misspelled.

**The Nancy Pelosi Ray Gun** -- This tries to undo everything the George Bush Ray Gun does.

**The Hillary Clinton Ray Gun** -- No one on earth has been able to turn this one on.

**The Mayor Gavin Newsom Ray Gun** -- This one turns on when you don't want it to.

**The Petaluma City Council Ray Gun** -- You turn it on and it makes everything twice as expensive as you originally thought.

**The Barbara Boxer Ray Gun** -- This kicks the Condoleezza Rice Ray Gun in the teeth.

**The Arnold Schwarzenegger Ray Gun** -- You turn it on and it makes Arnold's political opponents all really lame, guaranteeing his re-election.

**The Barry Bonds Ray Gun** -- You turn it on and it bulges out in muscles, and no one can stand to be near it.

**The Ryan O'Neal Ray Gun** -- This one shoots at its most closely related other rays.

**The Anna Nicole Smith Ray Gun** -- Aim it at someone, and it gives them six fathers at once.

**The Britney Spears Ray Gun** -- Aim it at someone, and it reduces their intelligence by half. This was successfully tried on its namesake eight times in a row.

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