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**Next Meeting.** (a) The next monthly meeting will be our potluck dinner-meeting to be held on September 10th at the American Legion Hall located at 2639 Wagon Wheel Road, Oxnard, starting at 6:30 pm. We will have elections of officers for the next fiscal year (October thru September). The nominations committee will present the slate of officers at the meeting. After the elections we will have casino night. Guests are always welcome, please bring a potluck dish to share or pay a modest \$2.

**Past Meeting.** (a) The picnic we had at Ventura Pier on August 20th was wonderful. The weather cooperated until late in the afternoon when the wind picked up. When it got windy, **Gerry and Gwen Wong's** saimin tasted really good. In the fishing derby, **Gerry** won first place honors while **Ted Wakai** came in second. **Paulette Peterson** taught people to play the "Sakura" card game. What a relaxing day to spend at the beach with friends.

**Hawaii Sports.** (a) On Sep 3 UH football team plays the defending champion USC in Honolulu. ESPN will telecast it starting 4 pm. USC is picked to three-peat as National champions. Do we have a chance against USC? I dunno but I remember the UH game against Nebraska about 50 years ago when we scored the biggest upset in college football that year with a 7-0 victory. Go Warriors! (b) Hawaii's **Bryan Clay** won the decathlon event at the 10th World Championships of Track and Field in Helsinki, Finland, in August. **Clay**, who won silver in the 2004 Olympics in Athens, easily out pointed second place finisher **Roman Sebrle**, the Olympic gold medalist and world record holder of the Czech Republic. Clay graduated from Castle High School in Kaneohe and is now considered the greatest athlete in the world. Nice going brah!

**Hawaiian/Local Tidbits.** (a) Hawaii Pacific University (HPU) has recently added pidgin English to its curriculum. HPU approved an undergraduate certificate in pidgin English studies. Gee if this class was offered when I was attending the UH my grade point average would have been a couple of points higher. (b) **Kealii Reichel** and Na Leo Pilimehana concert, Hollywood Bowl, on Sunday, September 11, 7:00 pm \$4-\$80. (323) 850-2000, [www.worldsound.com](http://www.worldsound.com). (c) Las Vegas, Nevada 6th Annual Aloha Gathering. California Hotel on September 16. \$32-\$35 (818) 262-3543, [www.alohaworld.com](http://www.alohaworld.com). (d) Las Vegas Hawaiian Civic Club's Pacific Islands Festival with food, crafts, entertainment and raffle. Lorenzi Park, 9 am to 6 pm on September 17 and 18. \$2 (702) 382-6939, <http://lvhcc.org/Hoolaulea.html>. (e) E Hula Mau with Raiatea Helm headlining the Mahalo Bash, Long Beach Performing Arts Center. \$20-\$30. (909) 930-3994, [www.namamo.org](http://www.namamo.org). September 2 - 4, 2005. (f) Herb Ohta Sr. and Jr. in concert at Shannon Center, Whittier, California. 3 and 8 pm on September 24. \$20-\$35. (562) 907-4203, [www.shannoncenter.org](http://www.shannoncenter.org). (g) Southern California Ukulele Festival with workshops, luau and concerts at Cerritos, California on October 1. [www.ukulelefestival.org](http://www.ukulelefestival.org). Evening concert will feature **Herb Ohta, Jr.**, **Keoki Kahumoku**, 16 year old **Brittini Paiva**, 97 year old Hall of Fame **Bill Tapia**, and more. Paid admission. (h) The mayor of Whistler, British Columbia, Canada, a ski resort town says he needs a mid-life change from mountains and snow and will do his mayoral work at a distance. "I'll be the mayor, but living in Hawaii and performing duties from there," said Mayor **Hugh O'Reilly**. **O'Reilly** is moving to the islands to sell real estate. He won't run for re-election in November. Instead, he'll complete the rest of this term, either telecommuting or commuting to council meetings from his new home in Hawaii.

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## THE JOURNEY OF OUR LIFE

A long time ago, there was an Emperor who told his horseman that if he could ride on his horse and cover as much land area as he likes, then the Emperor would give him the area of land he has covered.

Sure enough, the horseman quickly jumped onto his horse and rode as fast as possible to cover as much land area as he could. He kept on riding and riding, whipping the horse to go as fast as possible. When he was hungry or tired, he did not stop because he wanted to cover as much area as possible.

Came to a point when he had covered a substantial area and he was exhausted and was dying. Then he asked himself, "Why did I push myself so hard to cover so much land area? Now I am dying and I only need a very small area to bury myself."

The above story is similar with the journey of our Life. We push very hard everyday to make more money, to gain power and recognition. We neglect our health, time with our family and to appreciate the surrounding beauty and the hobbies we love.

One day when we look back, we will realize that we don't really need that much, but then we cannot turn back time for what we have missed.

Life is not about making money, acquiring power or recognition. Life is definitely not about work! Work is only necessary to keep us living so as to enjoy the beauty and pleasures of life. Life is a balance of Work and Play, Family and Personal time. You have to decide how you want to balance your Life.

Define your priorities, realize what you are able to compromise but always let some of your decisions be based on your instincts. Happiness is the meaning and the purpose of Life, the whole aim of human existence.

So, take it easy, do what you want to do and appreciate nature. Life is fragile, Life is short. Do not take Life for granted. Live a balanced lifestyle and enjoy Life!

Watch your thoughts; they become words.

Watch your words; they become actions.

Watch your actions; they become habits.

Watch your habits; they become character.

Watch your character; it becomes your destiny.