## Pigeons cause problems for restaurants in Honolulu

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HONOLULU - Waddling across a basket of croissants or nibbling at a french fry, the pigeons of Waikiki patronize the very best restaurants and live at the finest hotels.

Hardly anybody but the pigeons is happy with the arrange-

The number of pigeons, and to a lesser extent, doves and sparrows, has ballooned in the past 10 years, to the point where they land on restaurant tables and wander into hotel rooms and condos through open lanai doors. They aren't eager to socialize -

they're looking for food.

The birds of Waikiki have worked out in their teeny bird brains that it's easier to make a meal off a leftover English muffin than to scrounge around the greenery in Kapiolani Park looking for seeds. Then kind-hearted ladies see the dear birdies munching on human food, and promptly scatter crumbs from their luncheon rolls to attract more of them.

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The result is a population explosion. "Flocks of pigeons are enlarging rapidly," said Ralph Saito, wildlife biologist with the forestry and wildlife division of the state Department of Land and Natural Resources. "People are feeding the birds, there are more open-air restaurants making more food available to them, and there are no real predators to reduce the population.

There actually is one predator -man - and for years, the Department of Land and Natural Resources has issued permits to kill birds. The permit is issued only after investigation has deter-mined that the birds complained about are causing health or environment problems

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The destruction of the birds is done with chemicals and by someone certified by the state Agriculture Department to use them. At least 20 hotels, restaurants and condominiums in Waikiki cur-rently have these permits. Corn kernels are poisoned and left on window ledges or rooftops generally inaccessible to humans.

Because the birds often don't die immediately and occasionally appear to suffer, there have been

complaints by concerned people. "We don't feel the present system is either a concerted effort or a humane one," said Alex Wade, executive director of the Ha-

waiian Humane Society. "We realize that we will have to cull the bird population, but instead of

doing it piecemeal, condo by condo and restaurant by restaurant, we should look at the numbers and put in strict controls. It has been suggested that the most humane method would be to trap the birds and release them elsewhere on the island, but Dr Thomas Sawa, pathologist with the state Department of Agricul-ture, doesn't think this would

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"We are now seeing pigeons on the beaches, looking for hand-outs," biologist Saito said. "They leave droppings in the same sand that people lie on and children play in. This has the potential of a big problem. We eventually have to look at these birds as vectors (disease carriers) like roaches and

Wade feels that management of the pigeon flocks will be possi-ble only when people stop feed-ing the birds, and this may require legislation making it a misdemeanor.

Waldo







## Frogman

## Former policeman remembers World War II service

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NORTH HUTCHINSON IS-LAND, Fla. — Recollections remain vivid of the many times Dan Dillon, laden with explosives, stealthily swam into harbors of Japanese held islands in the Pacific to blow up obstacles and traps designed to stop Allied invasion forces.

Now, 43 years later, the retired New York City police lieutenant and some of the surviving Underwater Demolition Team men trained in World War II are working to set up a museum on this coastal island, considered the birthplace of the Navy

Joining them is Elizabeth Bush, sister-in-law to Vice President George Bush. It was her brother, the late Rear Adm. Draper Kaufman, who founded this country's frog-

Still agile at 70, Dillon climbs the concrete and steel tetrahedrons strewn along the beach here, re-membering them from almost a half century ago when he was in the first

group of volunteers for what would first be called Naval Combat Demolition Units.

"There was nothing here then," he says, looking at a growing skyline of condominiums. "The water was filled with sharks and the mosquitos ate us alive.

Dillon smiles as he recalls he dis obeyed police orders, to join the U.S. Navy Dec. 14, 1942. Following basic training and gunnery school, he was awaiting assignment when he volun-teered for "extra hazardous duty."

"The good part they promised was first-class hotels while in any foreign country and, if you survived, first-class hotels when you got back."

Dillon was one of the fewer than

100 men selected to train in early 1943 with Kaufman, then a lieutenant commander.

"Early in World War II, the U.S. Navy became painfully aware of the need for frogmen," says retired Capt. Norman H. Olsen, who spent most of his 30-some year naval career with amphibious forces.

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Dillon and Olsen emphasize that training for frogmen was extremely

"We had a high attrition rate and lost about 75 percent of the volunteers in training," says Olsen. "There's no mold to be a frogman. There were all sorts of personalities and the common thread is the brotherhood of what we went through.

For the first group that trained here, "a cadre of coal miners taught us how to use explosives," recalls Dillon. "We blew up everything in sight. Dynamite is unpredictable and nitro would get into our skin and give us headaches. We found out beer was the best antidote.

After several months of strenuous training, Dillon became one America's first combat swimmers. Most of his buddies went to England to prepare for the Normandy invasion. Dillon was among two five-man teams detached to the South Pacific. His first taste of combat came while helping New Zealand troops take a Japanese island.

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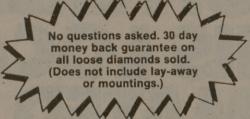
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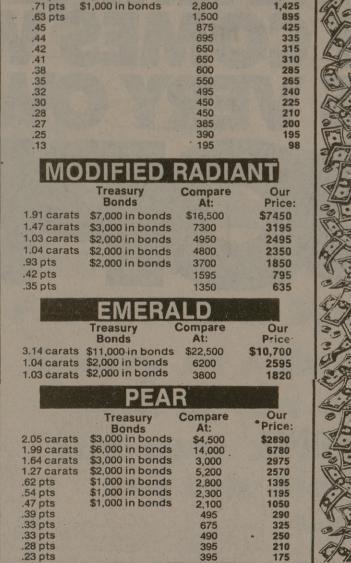
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