

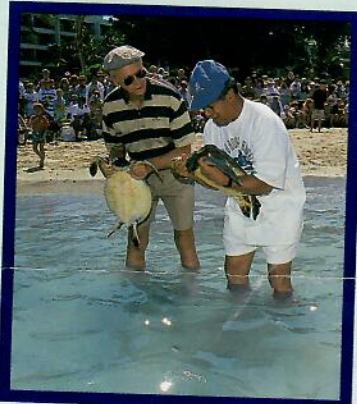
## "TURTLE INDEPENDENCE DAY"

Every July 4, hundreds of people gather at the ocean's edge fronting the Mauna Lani Bay to bid farewell to a small group of endangered green sea turtles which, for the last year, were raised in the ponds in and around the hotel grounds.

For the past six years, Mauna Lani has been home to over 60 of these flippered creatures, as part of a head start program with Oahu's Sea Life Park Hawaii to assist in the education and restoration of the plight of the green sea turtle population. Live entertainment, a turtle parade, and cookies for the kids are all part of the celebration.

For reservations or more information call Mauna Lani Bay Hotel and Bungalows at 1-800-367-2323.

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**Kenny Brown (left) and Hawaii Senator Daniel Akaka, Sr. each released a honu (green sea turtle) at this year's Turtle Independence Day.**