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## LETTERS

### KAULA BOMBING

Mahalo, Victor Lipman, for the interesting, well-written and timely documentary article on the Navy's practice bombing at the Hawaiian seabird nesting site of Kaula islet [August]. For the most part, United States military forces have been a highly responsible component of our democratic way of life. However, in this sad instance it is apparent that Navy admirals have knowingly and inexcusably violated the Migratory Bird Treaty Act for at least the past 28 years. Failure to prepare an environmental impact statement for this bombing action under the National Environmental Policy Act constitutes a further disregard for the legal process. Compliance with the laws of our land, the very laws the Navy has vowed to defend, is certainly long overdue.

If the Fish and Wildlife Service bureaucrats in Washington, D.C., do indeed overturn the denial decision by regional authorities and grant the Navy a "special" permit to kill our seabirds, lawsuits should be immediately filed and the matter settled in federal court. After all, there are really no compelling "national security" or "national defense" reasons for bombing Kaula. The site is simply only advantageous from the standpoint of convenience and cost, as admitted by the Navy spokesman quoted in Mr. Lipman's article.

LINDA EVANS

### MO BETTAH

As a resident of the Big Island, and more specific, West Hawaii, I take exception to Tom Horton's extraction of negative comments from the individuals he interviewed [July]. I know for a fact that many positive comments were given him which he chose to ignore. I can now understand why A'ala Akana chose to write her own article.

After living on Oahu for 16 years before moving to the Big Island, I feel that while we do have our problems, they don't compare with the ones the Big City has.

We hope your readers won't believe everything that was written—so that they will realize by visiting our island what we already know: "BIG ISLAND MO BETTAH!"

WILLIAM A. KNUTSON

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Recently I purchased a loaf of King's Hawaiian bread at a retail chain store in

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