

# AROUND THE SOUTHEAST



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## Around the Southeast Pacific

Have you ever wanted to use the Pro Bowl or the beaches of Hawaii as an excuse to go play some of the most beautiful golf courses in the world? Well if you are thinking about putting our 50th state on your vacation plans this year, we have just the property for you.

Hotel Renew just opened in the shadows of Diamond Head in Waikiki Beach on the beautiful island of Oahu. This 72-room boutique style property was designed by Jiun Ho, whose vision of balance and harmony were completely captured in an area that many consider to be the epicenter of pure tourism in the South Pacific.

Upon arrival at Hotel Renew, you will immediately see how this property sets itself apart from its many neighbors by the clean modern Hawaiian flow of the lobby and lounge areas. The attention to detail that you are greeted with also tells you that you are in for a

full service experience and not your typical a la carte, charge-as-you-go amenity deal. Even easily forgotten items as beach mats, extra towels, boogie boards and beach bags are complimentary for guests.

However, nothing compares to the 80" projection or HD flat screens found in every room. Is that still not enough? How about a complete entertainment system that provides complimentary music, movies and an in-room computer. Take it from us, be careful if you have small children, they may never want to leave the room to experience the islands.

If luck or timing is really on your side, you may get one of the beach side rooms. The Hawaiian sunsets are probably the reason so many visitors sneak at least a peek at the Want Ads there. See it for yourself: the world famous Tiki's Bar & Grill web cam at about 11 p.m. EST at [www.tikisgrill.com](http://www.tikisgrill.com). Tiki's is located right next door to the Hotel Renew, 129 Paoakalani Ave. Waikiki Beach, Hawaii 808-687-7700, [www.hotelrenew.com](http://www.hotelrenew.com).

## There's a buzz about the NBA in New Orleans

In case you weren't paying attention, the New Orleans Hornets raced to the top of the NBA's Southwest Division standings with a nine-game winning streak in January. Chris Paul led the Hornets by posting double figures in assists in all nine victories (123 total), including road wins at San Antonio and Houston. New Orleans captured 17 of 19 games during a 40-day stretch of games beginning Dec. 19.

New Orleans will host the NBA All-Star Weekend Feb. 15-17. But, you can bet Hornets' head coach Byron Scott will be glad to see the all-stars leave town because his team will host 12 of its next 17 games after the break. Scott, who has four players scoring in double figures this season, also is getting solid play off the bench from several reserves.

From Feb. 20 through March 22, the Hornets will host Dallas, Houston, Washington, Phoenix, Utah, Atlanta, New Jersey, San Antonio, the Lakers, Chicago, Houston and Boston at the New Orleans Arena.

Individual tickets for all Hornets' home games are on sale at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) and six-game flex plans also are available.



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## BLUE for Kids World Series of Bowling

On Wednesday, March 12th at 7 p.m. in Tampa, Fla., BLUE for Kids, an organization founded by Major League Umpires in

2006 to help youngsters awaiting adoption and children coping with serious illness, hosts the World Series of Bowling. The bowling tournament follows the Baker System format and is limited to 28 teams of four bowlers plus a celebrity. Live and silent auction items of sports memorabilia and experiences will be held before and during the event. Items include lunch and golf with sports celebrities, Tampa Bay Rays and Lightning luxury suites, tickets and more. The on-line silent auction begins February 12th at [blueforkids.cmarket.com/blueforkids](http://blueforkids.cmarket.com/blueforkids). Prizes will be awarded to the top two teams as well as to individual bowlers. Gift bags will be presented to all participants. For more information on the 2008 BLUE for Kids World Series of Bowling, visit [www.BLUEforKids.com/ws2008](http://www.BLUEforKids.com/ws2008).



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**The Road to the Kentucky Derby**  
*Key Southeast Triple Crown Prep Races*

Date	Name	Track	Location	Distance
Feb. 16	Sam F. Davis Stakes	Tampa Bay Downs	Oldsmar, Fla.	1 1/16 miles
Feb. 18	Southwest Stakes	Oaklawn Park	Hot Springs, Ark.	One mile
Feb. 24	Fountain of Youth Stakes	Gulfstream Park	Hallandale, Fla.	1 1/8 miles
March 8	Louisiana Derby	Fair Grounds	New Orleans	1 1/16 miles
March 15	Tampa Bay Derby	Tampa Bay Downs	Oldsmar, Fla.	1 1/16 miles
March 22	The Lane's End Stakes	Turfway Park	Florence, Ky.	1 1/8 miles
March 29	The Florida Derby	Gulfstream Park	Hallandale, Fla.	1 1/8 miles
April 12	Toyota Blue Grass Stakes	Keeneland	Lexington, Ky.	1 1/8 miles
April 12	Arkansas Derby	Oaklawn Park	Hot Springs, Ark.	1 1/8 miles
April 19	Coolmore Lexington	Keeneland	Lexington, Ky.	1 1/16 miles



UNLIMITED SPORTS WEEK IN MEMPHIS

The Racquet Club of Memphis invites 64 of the best men's and women's tennis players in world for the 2008 Regions Morgan Keegan Championships and Cellular South Cup. James Blake, Tommy Haas, Lindsay Davenport and Venus and Serena Williams are expected to participate. The event is Feb. 22 - March 2. Tickets are available at [www.rmkchampionships.com](http://www.rmkchampionships.com) or 901-765-4401.

After a day of tennis, catch the top-ranked University of Memphis Tigers or the NBA's Memphis Grizzlies at the FedEx Forum.

**NCAA**

Saturday, Feb. 23 - Tennessee at Memphis - 8 p.m. CT.  
Wednesday, Feb. 27 - Tulsa at Memphis - 8 p.m. CT.

**NBA**

Friday, Feb. 22 - Dallas at Memphis - 7 p.m. CT  
Tuesday, Feb. 26 - Phoenix at Memphis - 7 p.m. CT  
Saturday, March 1 - Utah at Memphis - 7 p.m. CT

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