

Mantracker TV Show Searches for Ka'ū Cast Members

Mantracker, the Discovery Science Channel hit that follows riders and horses across the backcountry tracking down human prey, is returning to Ka'ū to film two shows. The producers have announced casting calls to the local community in order to find teams of prey who think they can outsmart the Mantracker. Each team of two humans has 36 hours to make it over 25 miles of Ka'ū wilderness without getting caught by Mantracker. Mantracker, played by Terry Grant,

will be guided by a local sidekick, a paniolo, also on horseback.

The prey must be "exciting, competitive and compelling people who have the strength, smarts and strategy to outfox and evade," said *Mantracker* production coordinator Michelle Budden. Members of each team of prey must be related in some way. They could be siblings, co-workers, or husband and wife.

The deadline for applications is Friday, Oct. 28. To apply, visit mantracker.ca or email Budden at contact@bonterraproductions.com for more information. *Mantracker* airs Wednesdays at 10 p.m. on the Discovery Science Channel and Sundays on OLN at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Applicants to become prey for the Mantracker may upload a short video of themselves in order to try out for the series, which is expected to film in Ka'ū before the end of the year.



Leon Chow and Mantracker during the last filming of *Mantracker*, which is looking for new human prey to hunt in Ka'ū. Photo courtesy of Mantracker

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'Āina Koa Pono Promises Environmental Assessment for Refinery

'Āina Koa Pono representatives promised to hire an independent company to make an Environmental Assessment on their proposed \$400 million refinery up Wood Valley Road and biocrop farm between Pāhala and Nā'ālehu. They made the promise at a District 6 Matters meeting sponsored by County Council member Brittany Smart in September. It was their first meeting with the general public since February.

They also promised a benefits package of at least \$250,000 a year to the community after having met with members of such community organizations as 'O Ka'ū Kākou.

Company representatives said they would provide maps to the community showing the lands that would be put into biofuel crops, those trees that would be taken down and those preserved, and pastures that would be retained and improved as part of a working relationship with ranchers now on the land.

The meeting at Pāhala Community Center drew a full house. The facilitator was Paula Donovan of Ocean View. Hawaiian Electric Co. is asking the state Public Utilities Commission to approve its proposed contract with 'Āina Koa Pono and a proposed surcharge that would raise electric rates once the biofuel is delivered to the utility.

Cost and Jobs

Chris Eldridge, a partner in AKP, said he wanted to make sure that the public understands that electric bills would not be



Pete Hunter of Eke Nui Mango Farm in Nā'ālehu asks that the PUC wait until an Environmental Assessment is completed before considering approval of the 'Āina Koa Pono biofuel refinery contract with Hawaiian Electric. Photo by Julia Neal

hiked before the \$400 million is spent to construct the refinery and establish the biofuel farm in Ka'ū. The surcharge would be added to electric bills only after 'Āina Koa Pono is actually making biofuel and the electric company is buying it, he emphasized. Should the company fail before producing it, the ratepayers would not pay higher bills to pay for the undelivered biofuel. Should the company fail after production begins, ratepayers would no longer pay the surcharge.

An agreement to raise electric bills once the biofuel is sold to the utility is needed, however, in order to obtain guarantees and money from equity partners and financing from banks, said Eldridge. Eldridge and Hawaiian Electric Light Co. president Jay Ignacio said that AKP is offering a fixed price per gallon over the next 20 years and that the biofuel would likely become less expensive than fossil fuel over time. AKP representatives said that this first biofuel factory would

—'Āina Koa Pono, pg. 3

Time Extended to Comment on Nani Kahuku 'Āina Resort

Nani Kahuku 'Āina's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for its Kahuku Village resort development has been republished online, this time including comments from the public that had been inadvertently omitted. The deadline for additional public comment has been extended to Nov. 6.

Sen. Gil Kahele, who championed this year's successful legislation to preserve the South Kona Wilderness Area, has taken an

interest in the Nani Kahuku 'Āina resort proposed for coastal lands south of the Wilderness Area.

After learning from a member of the community that the online Draft Environmental Impact Statement was missing public comments already gathered and that the EIS was not widely distributed in area communities, he wrote to county Planning Director Bobby Jean Leithhead-Todd:

"This project is of high importance to the constituents in my district and while I understand that the applicant has held some public hearings prior to the submittal of this draft EIS to the Office of Environmental Quality Control, I feel due to the rural nature of the community and the potential impact of this project on the community that more time is warranted to allow for a thorough review of the draft EIS."

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Public Calls for More Involvement in Community Development Plan

by Michael Neal

Calls for greater involvement in the Ka'ū Community Development Plan came from the public during the first Steering Committee meeting held since last December. During the mid-September meeting new consultants for the CDP, Chris Hart & Partners, talked about their experience in planning for such rural places as Moloka'i and Lāna'i. Hawai'i County long range planner Ron Whitmore expressed a desire to finish the Ka'ū draft plan and give it back to the Steering Committee and the public for review.

The Steering Committee voted to meet monthly until the draft plan is completed, and several members said they frequent

community events to educate people on the CDP's status and to answer questions. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Jude's Church in Ocean View. Ka'ū Community Food drive donations will also be accepted at the meeting.

Whitmore outlined the process of completing the CDP. The county and consultants are identifying alternative and preferred CDP strategies based on the Community Objectives, feasibility analysis, and input during the fall 2009 community charrette and from key stakeholders. They use this information, including land use classifications, zonings, and land ownership, to match the Ka'ū Community Objectives to

create a draft plan that could be ready for public review early next year.

The Objectives put together by the Steering Committee are as follows:

Manage & Conserve Natural Resources

Protect, restore, and enhance ecosystems, including mauka forests and the shorelines, while assuring responsible access for residents and for visitors.

Preserve prime and other viable agricultural lands and preserve and enhance viewshades that exemplify Ka'ū's rural character.

Encourage community-based management plans to assure that human activity doesn't degrade the quality of Ka'ū's unique natural and cultural landscape.

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Preserve & Strengthen Community Character

Protect, restore, and enhance Ka'ū's unique cultural assets, including archaeological and historic sites and historic buildings.

Establish and enforce standards for development and construction that reflect community values of architectural beauty and distinctiveness.

Encourage future settlement patterns that are safe, sustainable, and connected. They should protect people and community facilities from natural hazards, and they should honor the best of Ka'ū's historic precedents: concentrating new commercial and residential development in compact, walkable, mixed-use town/village centers, allowing rural development in the rural lands, and limiting development on shorelines.

Identify viable sites for critical community infrastructure, including water, emergency services and educational facilities to serve both youth and adults.

Establish a rural transportation network, including roadway alternatives to Highway 11, a regional trail system, and an interconnected transit system.

Build a Resilient, Sustainable Local Economy

Preserve and greatly enhance nā 'ohana economy. (Exchange of goods and services between families)

Increase the number and diversity of income sources for residents, including jobs and entrepreneurial opportunities that complement Ka'ū's ecology, culture and evolving demographics.

Establish or expand retail, service, dining, and entertainment centers in rural villages and towns capable of supporting Ka'ū-appropriate growth.

Encourage and enhance agriculture, ranching, and related economic infrastructure.

New Developments Included

According to Whitmore, the time taken to create the CDP has gone on longer than expected. The original lead consultant, PlaceMakers, LLC, is no longer working with the county. The county elaborated on the disagreement in its June CDP update to the community:

"From Dec. 2009 through Oct. 2010, the county and lead consultant put forth great

effort into aligning expectations for contract requirements. Concerns discussed included project and consultant team management, public engagement, and comprehensive analysis and work products. Adjustments were made to try to resolve differences, and clear frameworks and steps for completing the project were re-established.

"In the end, those attempts were unsuccessful, so in Nov. 2010, the county and lead consultant mutually agreed that it was best to terminate the contract. After the county received all of the consultant's work products, the contract was officially terminated at the end of Feb. 2011. Because contract management is an internal process, the county wasn't able to provide meaningful project updates during that time."

Data collection for the CDP began in 2008, was largely gathered in 2009, and continues to inform the analysis driving the CDP development process, said Whitmore. The data will be updated to address recent issues, including the proposed 'Āina Koa Pono biofuel refinery and biocrop farm near Wood Valley, Pāhala and Nā'ālehu and the evolving plans for the Nani Kahuku 'Āina resort proposed for lands near South Point.

During the Steering Committee meeting, members of the public and committee asked that once again they be included in the development of the plan. Ralph Roland, of Ocean View, said he felt that the plan was being written more by the county and consultants than the community.

Refinery & Resort

Attorney and Wood Valley farmer Ron Self said, "I did not hear anything on the \$350 million issue that is going to affect our entire community." He was referring to the refinery planned on land down Wood Valley Road from the farm where he lives.

Regarding the 'Āina Koa Pono project proposal requiring an Environmental Impact Statement, Whitmore said there is no apparent trigger in county or state law. The refinery would come under agricultural processing, which is allowed on agricultural land, he said. Oil refineries and power-generating facilities are triggers for requiring an EIS. The state's definition of oil refineries and power-generating facilities, however, could be limited to crude oil and fossil fuel burning facilities. The community organization Life of the Land, however, contends that a refinery also in-

cludes factories that make biofuel and has sent its opinion to the state Public Utilities Commission.

Referring to both the proposed refinery and proposed resort, Steering Committee member Loren Heck said, "There are two major elephants in the room that we can't talk about; I want to talk about them."

Concerning the resort, Whitmore said that whether the community wants the land near the coast changed by the state Land Use Commission from Conservation to Urban designation is of major importance. Once that change is made, the future would be set for urbanization, and there are many kinds of urbanization, whether by current or future owners, no matter what current owners plan. There was discussion as to whether the proposed resort community would be considered "a new town" for Ka'ū or an extension of Ocean View. Consultants for Chris Hart & Partners said the development could be seen as an expansion of the already existing community. Whitmore said Nani Kahuku 'Āina could also be considered a new town since there would be a shift from Conservation to Urban use.

Steering Committee Role

Concerning participation by the public and the Steering Committee in the creation of the draft plan, members Michelle Galimba, Heck and Donna Ambrose said they want to be more involved in the process, reviewing data being used by the consultants. Ambrose, in particular, said she wants to invite the community to increased participation.

Said Galimba, "I think we need to have a format for the meeting where we're feeling we are having a part in the process. We

New Fire Chief Plans Fleet Upgrade

Upgrading the island's fleet of fire trucks, some of them decades old, is one of the priorities of Hawai'i County's new fire chief, Darren Rosario. Rosario took the oath and became the Big Island's 21st fire chief in August during a morning ceremony on the balcony of the Hawai'i County Building in Hilo.



Darren Rosario

The 44-year-old career firefighter takes over from Darryl Oliveira, who retired Aug. 1 but volunteered until the swearing-in ceremony.

need to address this frustration."

Steering Committee chair Leina'ala Enos said the role of the committee was not to complete the CDP. "I'm here because I want to hear from all of you," she said. "I'm active enough that people know who I am. I'm not here to eventually have a written document for you folks. I'm here because I want to represent you folks. I'm not able to write up the plan. We're here to make sure when the consultants who are the experts who want to know your input, we can tell them what you told us."

Whitmore called for patience and emphasized the technical role he and consultants play in completing the draft CDP. "I completely understand why people are impatient. We very much invite them to be active in discussions about the work once it is done, but the Steering Committee doesn't

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Kahele & Herkes Report to Community, Seek Ideas

Sen. Gil Kahele hosted a Talk Story Forum in Volcano in September and has scheduled community meetings for Ocean View Community Center on Friday, Oct. 14 and Pāhala Community Center on Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Foreclosure Bill

At Volcano, Rep. Bob Herkes joined Kahele for the forum. They talked about the state's new temporary mortgage foreclosure resolution program, which is expected to go into action soon. Herkes said the new legislation prevents non-judicial foreclosures without a mediator, in an attempt to put the lender and homeowner face to face to work out term. The dispute resolution can last up to 30 days. Homeowners must have lived on their property for at least 200 days to be eligible. Homeowners have to prove their ability to pay off their loan. The new law also requires mortgage lenders with 20 percent market share in the state to have a local office in Hawai'i. The program was a response to what Herkes described as "tremendous lender abuse."

His bill, which was signed into law earlier this year, has been called the toughest foreclosure legislation in the country. Herkes said that people were being tossed from their homes without even knowing that the lender had gone out of business and homeowners have had to spend substantial money to get their houses back.

The new law also allows foreclosures to be conducted in the courts without juries and streamlines the process of converting a non-judicial foreclosure to a judicial one.

"This levels the playing field with borrower and lender," said Herkes.

GE Tax Exemptions

Concerning issues before the public, Kahele said that many general excise tax exemptions are over. Under Bill 754, income from the following are taxed: interisland shipping of agricultural products, loading



Rep. Bob Herkes

Sen. Gil Kahele

and unloading of cargo, tugboat and towage services, aircraft and aircraft engine rent for interisland travel, sugarcane producers, real property leases of labor unions, shipbuilding and repairs, aircraft maintenance and construction. Reimbursements received by federal cost-plus contractors for material, plant, and equipment costs will also be taxed. The bill also suspends deductions from contractors' and real property lessees' gross income.

"It was a tough decision to make for me personally," said Kahele. "I voted for it but with reservations. Not to make an excuse for it, but I was not 100 percent."

According to Kahele, the bill will raise \$200 million annually at a time when the state struggles with a \$1.6 billion shortfall. A building contractor in the forum expressed his concern over the suspensions, calling the bill inappropriate when contractors are "dying left and right." The exemptions will be restored after June 30, 2013.

Mobile Medical Van

The mobile medical van, championed by Herkes and supported by Kahele with successful legislation this year, should be on the road in November. Herkes gave the update at Kahele's public forum. The van will likely be stationed at Nā'ālehu School and will be supported by telemedicine. It will travel to the most rural areas of Ka'ū and South Kona. Referring to Gov. Neil Abercrombie signing off on the legislation in

Kahele & Herkes, pg. 20

Kahele Weighs in on 'Āina Koa Pono

State Sen. Gil Kahele recently told Big Island Video News that 'Āina Koa Pono developers approached him about their project but he has yet to form an opinion about the proposed refinery and biofuel farm. "I haven't made up my mind on it," he said.

Kahele said he knows that "Ka'ū is a depressed area as far jobs and employment, but I think there's a lot of unanswered questions that need to be answered by 'Āina Koa Pono before we proceed with the project. We will see what happens after they run through the process," said the senator.

Concerning the community call for an EIS, Kahele said, "I have been on both ends of the table on issues when it comes to development. As a community person from the village of Miloli'i, we were involved, way back when in the early 80s, on a development for the area, and we asked them to do the whole EIS process. So I know what that entails."

He also talked about the Superferry,

which chose not to do an EIS and was shut down by the courts after it went into operation. "I know what happened with the ferry system, which was very important to the Islands, Maui, the Big Island - the Neighbor Islands."

Kahele also said, "Sometimes we can over-regulate. I hate to say that, but sometimes we're not business friendly, so to speak.... I can see where someone wants to come into the Islands in economic times that we face right now, the dire straits that the state is in. Sometimes we over-regulate, but the EIS is something that maybe they're going to have to go through. I mean if that is what the community is asking for, that's maybe a process that they need to go through. Although it's lengthy, it takes a lot of time, but there's a lot of questions that finally get answered."

See bigislandvideonews.com for video of the Sept. 19 community meeting on 'Āina Koa Pono.

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be more expensive to build than refineries they plan to build on other islands. They said they have already issued Requests for Proposals for biofuel plants on other islands.

'Āina Koa Pono representatives outlined the jobs they promised for the community. They said the 400 jobs to build the refinery would provide opportunities for local hire for apprentices and that some of the skills learned could be valuable for landing permanent jobs in factory maintenance.

AKP engineer Alexander Causey said that once the refinery is built, 55 workers would be needed for day-to-day operations and maintenance and that jobs would include operation of the plant, loading biomass and catalyst, and dispatching. Workers would be trained in emergency response for any "upsets" at the refinery, and could also respond to other "upsets" in the larger community. Maintenance, lubrication, and minor repairs to factory and agricultural equipment would also be needed.

Forty to 50 types of equipment would be used, requiring mechanic and welding skills, Causey said, inviting local youth to apply for scholarships. He said Leeward Community College would bring classes to Hilo from O'ahu to train power plant operators. At the 'Āina Koa Pono farm, 90 to 100 people would be working in the field. There would be training for CDL driver licenses, heavy equipment and small hand tools safety and operation. In management, there would be more than 15 employees, with jobs in bookkeeping, human resources and general administration, Causey said.

Retired police officer Bobby Gomes addressed the idea that 'Āina Koa Pono is coming to Pāhala to make jobs for the people. He asked 'Āina Koa Pono CEO and retired admiral Melvin Chiogioji whether he woke up one morning and decided to come to Pāhala to make jobs. Chiogioji said that is not how it happened. He and other company representatives said they looked for land around Hawai'i for two years and ap-

proached area landowners with their idea of growing biofuel here to help relieve Hawai'i from its dependence on fossil fuel. AKP maintains that the project would also help revitalize the agricultural community.

Mike Munnerlyn, a local contractor who lives in Pāhala, asked where are all the 'Āina Koa Pono, pg. 5



Bobby Gomes



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	10a-12p	"What'eva", with Bobbie "Auntie Ba" Tucker
	12p-4p	"Leilani's Mixed Plate", with Shanell "Leilani" Dedman
	5p-6p	"Musical Roots", shows from around the globe
SUN	7p-8p	"Native Communities", shows from indigenous people
	8a-10a	"Blessings", with Uncle Harry Evangelista
	10a-12p	"The Alan & Kala Show", with Alan Sebastian & Kala Gird
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Who is Running, Advising 'Āina Koa Pono?

The management and advisory teams of 'Āina Koa Pono, the company planning a refinery between Pāhala and Wood Valley and a farm to grow biofuels crops on 13,000 acres between Pāhala and Nā'ālehu, is comprised of the following people, according to aina-koaponono.com:

Dr. Melvin H. Chiogioji, PE, is president, CEO and co-founder of 'Āina Koa Pono and serves on its advisory board. A native of Hawai'i, Chiogioji graduated in 1961 from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. In 1968 he received a master's in Business Administration from the University of Hawai'i, and in 1972 a doctorate in Business Administration from George Washington University.

After five years of active duty in the Navy, Chiogioji became a reserve officer, becoming rear admiral in 1987. Chiogioji spent 27 years as a federal civil servant, including deputy assistant secretary of the U.S. Department of Energy from 1980 to 1985, and deputy director and construction manager for the DOE's new production reactor program.

Chiogioji is a registered professional electrical engineer, a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, a life member of the Naval Reserve Association, a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers and the Society of American Military Engineers.



Kenton Eldridge is co-founder and boardmember of 'Āina Koa Pono, co-founder, and managing partner and director of Sennet Capital, LLC. He serves on AKP's advisory board, as well as those of Innovasc and the Entrepreneurs Foundation of Hawai'i. Eldridge received his bachelor's, master's and master's degree in Business Administration from the University of New Hampshire. He spent 25 years in retail management, 10 years with Federated Department Stores and 15 years with DFS (Duty Free Shoppers). Prior to his retail career he served four years as a U.S. Army intelligence officer in Europe and Vietnam.

He was a board member of HiBeam (Hawai'i Business and Entrepreneur Accel-

eration Mentors) and has served as mentor and investor for Hawai'i start-up companies including Hoku Scientific, where he served on its board for five years. He serves on the Hawai'i board of The Nature Conservancy.

Alan Chiogioji is a partner and the chief financial officer of 'Āina Koa Pono. The son of Melvin Chiogioji, he is CFO of Mele Associates. He received a master's in Business Administration from the University of Maryland and has 25 years of experience in finance and management. As CFO, he is responsible for the business plan and financial strategy for 'Āina Koa Pono and directs professional staff. As liaison to financial institutions, he manages financial transactions and client contracts. He is responsible for financial planning and analysis, forecasting, budgeting, accounting systems, acquisitions, asset management, marketing, audit and human resources.



Christopher Eldridge is a partner of 'Āina Koa Pono and founder and president of America's Mattress Hawai'i, the state's largest chain of specialty sleep shops. Eldridge attended Punahou School and earned a bachelor's degree in Economics and Business from Boston University. He has 20 years of entrepreneurial and start-up experience. He founded four other companies, including PortaBox Storage and FileMinders, which grew into Hawai'i's largest commercial records and data storage company.

Eldridge also serves on the board of directors for Kapiolani Medical Center for Woman & Children. He is a member of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i's Corporate Council for the Environment and a member of the Young Presidents' Organization.

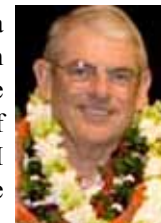
The following are members of board of directors for 'Āina Koa Pono:

Paul Alston is a director of the Honolulu law firm Alston Hunt Floyd & Ing and general counsel for 'Āina Koa Pono. He received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Southern California. He has been recognized in Best Lawyers in America, Chambers USA's Leading Lawyers for Business in the area of commercial litigation, Super Lawyers in the area of business litigation, and *Honolulu Magazine's* Best Lawyers in Hawai'i. He is a former president of the Hawai'i State Bar Association, the Hawai'i Justice Foundation and Hawai'i Lawyers Care,



and a former trustee of the National Conference of Bar Foundations.

Robert Clarke is a former CEO of Hawaiian Electric Industries. Clarke became vice president of strategic planning of HEI in 1987 and was in charge of implementing its diversification strategy. Clarke became president and CEO of HEI in 1991 and chairman in 1998. He serves as chairman of the advisory board of the College of Business Administration of UH- Mānoa. He was previously chair of the Hawai'i Business Roundtable and a member of the Air Force Civilian Advisory Council.



Kimberly Dey is CEO and owner of NumberEight (N8). Originally from New York, Dey moved to Hawai'i in 1993. Dey bought Liquid Planet Studios, one of Hawai'i's largest high-definition production companies, in 1998 and merged with Nothing but Results, a locally owned boutique marketing company, to create N8 in 2010. Dey is in charge of facilitating business arrangements and determining, aligning and pursuing the strategic vision of N8.

Dey also works as vice president for her father's private charitable organization, Charles B. Wang International Foundation, which focuses internationally on children and cross-culture affairs. It helps support local organizations such as ASSETS School, Kapiolani Medical Center, Le Jardin Academy, the Boys and Girls Club of Hawai'i and Special Olympics Hawai'i, with nearly five million dollars since 2001. She is president of the New York Islanders Children's Foundation. She won *Pacific Business News's* "40 under 40" award in 2003 and was a finalist for its "Women Who Mean Business" award.

Norman Y. Mineta is a former congressman of California. Mineta is also vice chairman of Hill and Knowlton, based in its Washington, D.C. office. He graduated from the University of California at Berkeley and was a councilmember and mayor of San Jose before serving as congressman from 1975 to 1995. He was chairman of the Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and later of the House Transportation and Public Works Committee. Mineta served as secretary of U.S. Departments of Commerce under President Bill Clinton and Transportation under President George W. Bush. Mineta co-founded the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus and was also chair of the National Civil Aviation Review Commission.



BUSINESS BRIEFS

Kīlauea Nails Comes to Nā'ālehu

Lisa Magno, of Kīlauea Nails in Volcano, joins Beauty Calls and Kama'aina Kuts in Nā'ālehu on Fridays, where she will be offering manicures and pedicures by appointment.



Since 1983, Magno, who was trained in Las Vegas, has worked in several salons across the nation. In 1991 she opened her own business, Kīlauea Nails, in Volcano. Magno is enthusiastic about her work and confident that many will find her services not only soothing but also beautifying.

In celebration of her arrival, Ursula D'Angelo, of Beauty Calls, and Magno are offering special fall deals. D'Angelo said, "We are very excited to have Lisa join us at our salon here in Nā'ālehu. If she gets busy enough she might even add another day to her schedule!" To make an appointment call Magno at 937-4833.

Credit Union: OV Staff to Nā'ālehu

Ka'ū Federal Credit Union is moving its staff and services from the Kahuku Country Market branch back to its main office in Nā'ālehu, where the hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Kahuku branch closed in late September.

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Directory Deadline Oct. 31

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Mineta was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2006, the Write Brothers Memorial Trophy for his public service contributions to aviation, and the Order of the Rising Sun from the Government of Japan.

Jim Pappas is a member of World Presidents' Organization and the advisory boards



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Hannemann to Run for Congress

Mufi Hannemann, founder of Punalu'u Bake Shop, which is famous for its sweet-bread and as a visitor stop, announced recently that he will run for Congress. If the Democrat wins, he would represent District 2, taking the place of Rep. Mazie Hirono, who has decided to run for U.S. Senate.

Hannemann came through Ka'u several times last year when he was running for governor and plans to come back during his new campaign. A former mayor of Honolulu, he is now president and CEO of the Hawai'i Hotel & Lodging Association. He pointed to his experience as mayor and chair of the County Council on O'ahu, as director of the Hawai'i Department of Business,

Economic Development & Tourism, and as a C. Brewer executive.

Hannemann said his support is strong on the Neighbor Islands, "where I have built and maintained many cherished friendships over the years. As someone who's traveled from Ka'u to Kapa'a, from Kaunakakai to Kaneohe, from Laie to Lāna'i, and from Wailuku to Waianae, and listened to the counsel and concerns of friends and strangers alike, I've decided that I can best contribute to the future of our islands and make a difference in the lives of our people and nation by seeking to serve in Congress," said Hannemann.

Who is 'Āina Koa Pono cont. from pg. 4 of Boy Scouts of America, Mānoa Valley Theater and the University of Hawai'i's Koa Anuenue. Pappas received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting and Finance from San Francisco State University, and did graduate work there and the University of California at Berkeley and University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business. In 1984 he became CEO and president of Honsador Lumber, Hawai'i's largest building supply company, and sold the company in 2004. He attended the National War College in 2010.

Ronald J. Zlatoper is a retired four-star admiral. Zlatoper is the 24th trustee of Campbell Estates and a member of the board



of directors of Parsons Engineering. He received a bachelor's in Math from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY, and has an honorary doctorate in Engineering from Rensselaer, a master's in Management from MIT, and a master's in Administration from George Washington University. He also graduated from the Naval War College.

Zlatoper served as commander-in-chief of the U.S. Pacific Fleet and as CEO and co-chairman of the board of Sanchez Computer Associates, Inc. He serves as a trustee for Rensselaer, regent for Chaminade University, and a member of the board of advisors of George Washington's School of Business & Public Management.

See more on the company at ainakoa-pono.com.

'Āina Koa Pono, cont. from pg. 3 people who will be working on the refinery will live.

Causey said there are from 75 to 100 rentals available. He also said that work would be available for local residents.

Feedstock

AKP agronomist John Carroll identified the chosen biocrop for the company's farm as sterile bana grass. The grass, Carroll said, exhibits robust growth, is non-invasive, and would not require irrigation because it needs 30 inches of rain a year, below the average 44 inches Ka'u receives yearly. Starter fertilizer, however, would be required, but only when the grasses are first planted. Each acre would produce 30 to 40 dry tons of biomass.

Carroll also stated that the grass is not genetically modified. "I think we have the best of the best already, and I don't think there is any need to get some genetically modified plant," said Carroll.

Marcus Castaing, a renowned woodworker who has lived in Wai'ōhinu for more than 30 years, said that AKP planned to cut down nuisance trees to make biofuel. "Anything that's growing here and

is protecting the land, even if it's something like Christmas berry, it's not a nuisance anymore," said Castaing. "It's helping keep this place green and wet. And it's very important that you can't just go raping the land to feed this thing. And so get your facts together. If

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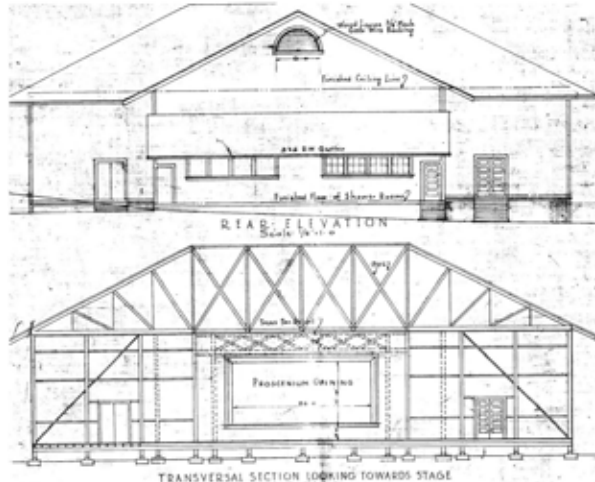
Ka'ū Gym & Disaster Shelter Receives State Funding

The new Ka'ū gym and community shelter will be built. Gov. Neil Abercrombie released most of the money – more than \$17 million – to the county last month. Council member Brittany Smart said she was pleased to learn that the governor not only released funds for planning but also money for construction. She congratulated former County Council member Guy Enriques for initiating the project and continuing to support it.

Sen. Gil Kahele said he visited with the governor's office to help with the release of funding for the project. The county is expected to take design and build bids for the shelter gym soon. The shelter gym is expected to be the largest building constructed in Pāhala since the old sugar mill was built, and will be the biggest building in

the historic town. The proposed location is on the Ka'ū School campus, on open land near the tennis courts. The old gym will be preserved for sports and other activities.

During inauguration ceremonies at Pāhala Plantation House last December, the governor promised that Ka'ū would thrive and that the dreams of the community would come true. One of Smart's first conversations as a new Council member, with the governor, concerned money for the gym and shelter. The governor said he would work on getting the entire funding if the county could build it



Traditional rooflines, like those of existing buildings on the Pāhala School Campus, could be included in plans for a new gym and community shelter.

help release the money.

Design of the Gym and Shelter

Design of the gym and community disaster shelter could include rooflines and other architectural elements of the surrounding school buildings and Pāhala Village, according to a recommendation by the Ka'ū Plantation Days Committee. The group has asked the state and the county to consider that buildings on the campus are on the Hawai'i Register of Historic Places. The new structure could be the largest in the town and be visible from many homes and other vantage points. Members of the Ka'ū Plantation Days group said they sent in their suggestion before the design is made in order to offer input without any delay or extra cost for the project. They said that Pāhala is becoming known for its historic buildings.

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you're going to use trees, then we want to know what your plan is for trees. Otherwise, we want a promise you're not using trees."

Carroll said that the planting of the bio-fuel crops would be incremental and that the lands would not be bulldozed like they were in the days of the sugar plantations. The planting would be done on 20 to 30 acres at a time. According to Carroll, the grass would be planted through conservation tillage, or no-till by opening a three- to four-inch space in the soil. "It does not destroy the soil profile. There are no major disruptions,"



Renowned furniture maker Marcus Castaing with hardwood trees he planted.

claimed Carroll.

Maps of the 13,000 acres where the bio-fuel crops would be planted were promised by 'Āina Koa Pono. Most of the properties are owned by the Olson Trust and the Mallick family, and a significant amount of the

land was once in sugar cane. Regarding the scenic vistas and stands of monkeypod and silk oak trees along Hwy 11, Olson land manager John Cross said after the meeting that the dry, rocky lands at the low elevations along Hwy 11 would be largely inappropriate for biofuel and that the trees and Christmas berry

may be thinned out to make more room for cattle grazing, to open up more grassland while leaving shade for the livestock. "We are not looking at wholesale bulldozing and harvesting of these trees. We are looking at selective work in order to improve the grazing capacity of the land," said Cross.

Malian Lahey, of Pāhala, said she was concerned not only about her own household electric bill but higher rates driving up the cost of foods, goods and services.

Alison Yahna, who owns an apiary on South Point Road, said that even though the proposed grasses may not spread easily by seed, they still can spread by roots, and such grasses have already.

Tim Reha, whose family owns a nature retreat in Wood Valley, pointed to a biofuel project in Washington State that raised hundreds of millions of dollars and shut down. He said later that the problem can be providing feedstock that won't be too costly in terms of money and the environment.



Alison Yahna

Production

'Āina Koa Pono engineer Alexander Causey said during an earlier meeting that 900 tons of feedstock a day processed in microwave ovens would generate 72,000 gallons of synthetic diesel, plus 600 to 1,000

pounds of biochar. The rate of production would be 80 gallons of biofuel per ton of feedstock. Ten pounds of feedstock would create three pounds of fuel, four pounds of char and 1.5 pounds of non-condensable material, he said.

The refinery would use 4.5 tons a day of zeolite in its processing of biomass into bio-diesel. The zeolite could be shipped in from China or the U.S. mainland, said 'Āina Koa Pono CEO Melvin Chiogioji. He said the U.S. Navy is working on a synthetic zeolite that could possibly be available for 'Āina Koa Pono's use. He explained that zeolite is comprised of aluminum, calcium and silica. It was compared to sand. "You have sand here," said Chiogioji. Zeolite would help to change the structure of the feedstock to make the biofuel.

'Āina Koa Pono representatives addressed claims that the proposed biofuel production is associated with the military, as some of the partners are retired military. Melvin Chiogioji, himself a retired U.S. Navy admiral, said that the military is not involved with the AKP project, but that the military has done research related to bio-fuel production that might be helpful. AKP representatives also said that no military or other federal money is being used for the project.

By-Products & Storage Tanks

The 85-foot smokestack planned for the refinery drew concern. AKP representatives said the stack is for a small power plant that would operate the refinery. Federal air quality regulations require the smokestack to be 1.5 times the height of the tallest building at the refinery. It would release CO2

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Sidewalks are part of a plan for the mauka side of Hwy 11 through Nā'ālehu, which could threaten traditional rock walls and shade offered by street trees.

Photo by Marge Elwell

Plan for Sidewalks Threatens Street Trees in Nā'ālehu

Adding sidewalks on the mauka side of Hwy 11 from Nā'ālehu Methodist Church to Ohai Road, across from Nā'ālehu School, is the highest priority on the Big Island, according to the draft statewide Pedestrian Master Plan issued in August. "Although the makai side has a sidewalk in good condition, the shoulders beyond the serviced area can be narrow for pedestrian circulation," the plan states.

According to the plan, the recommendation for the addition of a sidewalk in Nā'ālehu came from the Hawai'i Department of Transportation's Technical Advisory Committee. Members include Stan Tamura and Sal

Panem, of the DOT Hawai'i District Office; Ron Whitmore and April Suprenant, of the Hawai'i County Planning Department; Warren Lee, of the Hawai'i County Department of Public Works; and Tom Brown, of the Hawai'i County Mass Transit Department.

Council member Brittany Smart said that she contacted project manager Rachel Roper about concerns voiced by the community. Individuals have expressed concern about the possible loss of large shade trees, rock walls and parking area across from Nā'ālehu Park, she said.

Roper's response was that any plan should be consistent with community values.

"We do not want to unnecessarily impact the community," she said.

In a letter to Roper, Marge Elwell, of Discovery Harbour, objected to the sidewalk. "I do not believe that a sidewalk can be constructed without damage to some beautiful old trees that are the most pleasing feature of the highway in Nā'ālehu," she said. Elwell is a member of a committee that is applying to have Ka'ū's portion of Hwy 11 designated as a State Scenic Byway.

None of the projects in the plan are currently scheduled for construction. For more information, see hawaiiipedplan.com or call 808-587-6395.

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By Linda Fortin, REALTOR®, GRI, CRS, RECS, e-Pro, CIPS, CDPE, Principal Broker, Pacific Horizons Properties, Inc.

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Keeping homeowners out of foreclosure is now a national priority. Recognizing that far too many homes have ended up in foreclosure, the major players have sharpened their focus on programs to avoid foreclosure. The fact is, none of the parties involved in the process want to see a foreclosure happen. Banks do not want to own your home – especially in this market where, at the current rate of sales, it will be a few years before banks manage to sell all of the homes that are already on their books. The foreclosure crisis found banks without enough staff to handle all of the applications for short sales that they started receiving, processes were drawn out, inconsistent, and often unsuccessful. And in response to an overwhelming volume of delinquent mortgages on their books, banks reportedly cut corners and foreclosed on homes without following all required procedures – the so-called "Robo-Signing" Scandal.

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Marshallese Organize in Ocean View for Health & Culture

by Michael Neal

Unity through culture was the message of the Marshallese community gathering on Saturday, Sept. 3 in Kahuku County Park in Ocean View. Marshallese residents and their supporters presented traditional dance, arts and crafts, food and music and a plan to build a community center. They also showed off a model of a 60-foot sailing canoe, which they plan to build full-scale along with a traditional canoe shed and a weaving shed.

Jonithen Jackson, a Marshallese leader in Ka'ū and head of the Alliance of Community and Health, spoke of the importance of celebrating culture and the danger of ignoring it. He gave an example of two people from different cultures who find themselves riding the same bus. If they ignore each other, they could end up with little understanding of one another and getting into disputes. If they get to know one another, both cultures could be respected, and they could wind up helping one another.

Jackson showed a kind of coat of arms he helped to design for a Marshallese Alli-



Dr. America Bracho, during a Marshallese meeting in Ocean View. Photo by Julia Neal

ance of Community and Health. It depicts a Polynesian ocean navigation map with its shells and sticks; the star that guides navigators; a double-hull canoe; one palm tree with a brown coconut and another with a green coconut; and a third young coconut tree for planting. The artwork is surrounded by a chain, linking the Marshallese people together. Jackson explained that both the green and brown coconuts provide sustenance – one, water, and the other, meat. “No matter the color, we are all important,” he explained. He said that the culture must be respected to help the Marshallese become more self-sufficient and successful in their new home here in Ka'ū.

Jackson moved permanently to the Big Island in 1991, and hundreds of Marshallese have arrived in the last two decades. According to Jackson, there are about 400 Marshallese living in Ocean View – the largest Marshallese community on the island – half of them children. Since their arrival, the Marshallese have found some employment here, sent their children to local public schools and engaged in community projects including a new covered bus stop built for everyone in Ocean View.

The gathering also featured music and dance. Music was provided by Keoki Kahumoku. The Marshallese men did a traditional Eniwetok stick dance, and girls choir sang a song. The Marshallese community sang their



Jonithen Jackson explains the symbolism for the artwork for the Marshallese Culture and Health Alliance. Photo by Julia Neal

national anthem.

Latino Health Alliance Helps Out

Dr. America Bracho was among the supporters who spoke in the gathering. A physician, founding president and CEO of Latino Health Access, a nonprofit organization aimed at improving health education and training in Hispanic communities in the U.S., she spoke enthusiastically of Jackson's vision of community organizing, saying that many local problems cannot be solved without social participation. Top-to-bottom solutions and advice by professionals alone aren't enough, she said. Bracho is helping the Marshallese secure grants for their community projects.

Alejandro Espinoza, the chronic diseases program coordinator for Latino Health Access, has visited Ka'ū several times. Espinoza said the Marshallese and Latinos have gone to training together on the mainland.

He said there are many cultural similarities. “Both have big hearts and are really tied with their community. It's easier to work with communities like that.”

Peter Lubke, who helped to organize the event and create the connection between the Marshallese and Latino Health Access, is an Ocean View resident. Lubke said that he and Bracho are more like ushers for the Marshallese, helping to open doors for the Marshallese toward empowerment. Lubke recently travelled to Los Angeles with three elders and three young people: Jonithen Jackson, Rojel Jonithen, Tarji Jonithen, Abraham Edwards, Mathan David and Risa Aister. The seven trained for a week under Bracho, taking her Promotoreus classes. Members of the Marshallese community also attended the recent Hawaiian Association of Nonprofit Organizations conference on O'ahu.

Water for Ocean View Expected in October

Potable water is expected to be available for Ocean View residents at the new distribution site just off Hwy 11. A new well has been drilled, tanks installed and a driveway and filling station for water was being finished in late September. Electricity has been installed.

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The Directory 2012 Cover Art Contest, Sat, Oct 1, Ka‘ū Federal Credit Union in Nā‘ālehu. Artworks on display for voting 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.; winner announced at End of Show Celebration 12 – 2 p.m. Wanda Aus, 929-9139

Vibrant Colors, Sat, Oct 1 and 8, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Volcano Garden Arts. Lourdan Kimbrell covers various techniques to achieve a luminous painting. Some basic materials provided. All levels welcome. \$60, plus \$5 lab fee, per session. 985-8979 or volcanogardenarts@hawaii.rr.com

The Art & Traditions of Hula at Kīlauea, Sat, Oct 1, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Kumu Leilehua Yuen and Manu Josiah present a 45-minute narrated demonstration of the preparation, protocol and offering of traditional hula and chant at the hula platform in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Followed by 45-minute lessons in lei-making at noon and ‘ukulele playing at 1:30 p.m. (Bring your ‘ukulele if you have one.) Open to all ages and levels. Free (donations welcome); park entrance fees apply.

Faces of Hawai‘i, Sun, Oct 2 - 22, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. by appointment, Volcano Art Center’s Nīaualani Campus in Volcano Village. *HI Art Magazine*, idspace and Volcano Art Center present a photography exhibition portraying Hawai‘i’s faces. Entries selected by Craig F. Walker, staff photographer for *The Denver Post* and 2010 winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Photography. Entries will be compiled into Faces of Hawai‘i Vol. IV. Along with the entries selected for the book, an expanded selection of works will be exhibited along with the book debut. Opening reception Sat, Oct 1, 1 – 4 p.m. 967-8222

Ham Radio Operators Potluck Picnic, Sun, Oct 2, Manukā Park. All American Radio Emergency Service members, anyone interested in learning how to operate a ham radio and families are invited to attend. Dennis Smith, 989-3028

Volcano Rain Forest Art Camp: Autumn Harvest, Mon - Fri, Oct 3 - 7, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Volcano Art Center’s Nīaualani Campus in Volcano Village. Keiki and teens ages 6 - 14 participate in this one-week day camp program with Hawaiian culinary and cultural emphasis. Activities include luau cooking class, ‘ukulele lessons, art and outdoor adventures, all culminating in an ‘ohana lu‘au with food and performances. \$165/\$148.50 for members includes supplies. 967-8222, community@volcanoartcenter.org. or www.vackids.org.

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Ocean View Neighborhood Watch meeting, Thu, Oct 6, 7 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Anchialine Pond Restoration Workday, Sat, Oct 8, 7:45 a.m. Volunteers meet at Wai‘ōhinu Park to carpool to Ho‘onoua Pool South to remove Christmas berry. Bring sturdy footwear, sun/wind protection, long sleeves, gloves water bottle and lunch. 769-7629 or kahakai.cleanups@gmail.com

Atlas Recycling at South Point U-Cart, Sat, Oct 8, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Introduction to Printmaking, Sat, Oct 8, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Volcano Art Center’s Nīaualani Campus in Volcano Village. Lisa Louise Adams offers experiments with simple relief prints, methods of printing without a press and the exploration of color. \$65 plus \$10 supply fee. 967-8222

Writing About Places, Sat, Oct 8, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center’s Nīaualani Campus in Volcano Village. Tom Peek teaches participants some simple but powerful writing methods to get their pens moving and to explore real and imagined places. All levels and all genres welcome. \$85 fee; financial aid applications due by Oct 3. 967-8222

KMC Dining & Theater, Sat, Oct 8, 5 – 8 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp’s Crater Rim Café in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Hawaiian Buffet before the concert features pork paulau (pan style), kalua pork, huli huli chicken, pipikaula and more. \$17.95 adults, \$9.95 Children 6 - 11. Open to authorized KMC patrons and sponsored guest. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8371

An Evening with Cyril Pahinui, Sat, Oct 8, 7 – 9 p.m., *The Ka‘ū Calendar*



Honu‘apo Hosts *Acoustic Hawaiian Jam*

Ka ‘Ohana O Honu‘apo celebrates another year of its stewardship of Honu‘apo Park with a Sunday afternoon of Hawaiian music and ono food on Oct. 9 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Whittington Beach Park.

Ka ‘Ohana encourages everyone to bring their acoustic music instruments to this free family event and jam with Keoki Kahumoku, Jr. Along with the music, Ka ‘Ohana offers \$5 chili and rice bowls, drinks and baked goods to raise funds to help improve Honu‘apo Park. During the event, board members Ken Sugai, Wendy Vance, Megan Lamson, Michelle Galimba, Chris Manfredi and Sue Barnett answer questions about Ka ‘Ohana’s new plan to restore native bird habitat in Honu‘apo’s wetlands.

“We’d like everybody to come and have a good time in the park during the long holiday weekend,” announced Ka ‘Ohana’s executive director Lehua Lopez-Mau. “Keoki has done a terrific job teaching some of our keiki how to make and play the ‘ukulele, and now they have an opportunity to play their ‘ukulele along with their uncles, aunties, grandparents and the rest of the family.”

For more information or to donate baked goods, call 929-9891.

Kīlauea Theater in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Special guests are Peter Moon and Bolo. \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door. 967-8222, concerts@volcanoartcenter.org.

Ka‘ū Community Food Drive, Sun, Oct 9 – Tue, Oct 18. Pāhala Community Center, Mon – Fri, 12 - 2 p.m.; Nā‘ālehu Island Market, Mon - Sat, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sun, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Ka‘ū Family Center, Mon - Friday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Discovery Harbour Community Association, Mon - Wed and Fri, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Kahuku Country Market, daily 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.

People and Land of Kahuku, Sun, Oct 9, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park, between miles 70 and 71 on Hwy 11. These guided 2.5-mile moderately difficult hikes over rugged terrain focus on the area’s human history. 985-6011

Sunday Walk in the Park, Oct 9, 1 - 2:30 p.m. Nick Shema leads this 1.5-hour, 1.5-mile round-trip walk on the ‘Iliahi (Sandalwood) Trail. Free to Friends members. Park entrance fees apply. 985-7373 or admin@fhvnp.org.

Hawaiian Music Jam, Sun, Oct 9, 1 – 4 p.m., Honu‘apo

Park. Ka ‘Ohana O Honu‘apo, Keoki Kahumoku and the Center for Hawaiian Music Studies invite the public to bring their instruments. 929-9891 or honuapopark.org

The Art & Traditions of Hula at Kīlauea, Tue, Oct 11 and 25, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Kumu Maile Yamanaka offerings 45-minutes lessons in hula at 10:30 a.m., lei making at noon and ‘ukulele playing at 1:30 p.m. (Bring your ‘ukulele if you have one.) First-come, first-served basis that day. Open to all ages and levels. Free (donations welcome); park entrance fees apply.

Sumi-e Japanese Brushstroke Painting, Tue, Oct 11, 1 – 3 p.m., Nā‘ālehu Hongwanji.

Ka‘ū CDP Steering Committee Meeting, Tue, Oct 11, 5:30 p.m., St. Jude’s Episcopal Church in Ocean View. 961-8137 or rwhitmore@co.hawaii.hi.us

After Dark in the Park - Pu‘ukohā Heiau: The Power of Place, Tue, Oct 11, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Superintendent Daniel Kawaiaea, Jr. shares information about this place where the history-makers of Hawai‘i lived and

where their history comes to life. \$2 supports park programs; park entrance fees apply. 985-6011

HOVE Road Maintenance board or directors meeting, Wed, Oct 12, 4 p.m., St. Jude’s Church. 929-9910

Red Cross Volunteer meeting, Thu, Oct 13, 7 p.m., H.O.V.E. Road Maintenance Corp. office. For volunteers and those interested in becoming volunteers. Hannah Uribes, 929-9953

Volunteer Forest Restoration Project, Fri, Oct 14, 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Volunteers help collect and process mamane seed on the Mauna Loa strip of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park in order to increase the mamane forest on Mauna Loa to provide habitat and forage for the native honeycreeper birds. Pre-registration required. 985-7373 or forest@fhvnp.org.

Talk Story with Sen. Gil Kahele, Fri, Oct 14, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Email questions and concerns to senkahele@capitol.hawaii.gov with Ocean View Forum in subject line or call 808-586-6760.

Ocean View Community Association Pancake Breakfast, Sat, Oct 15, 7:30 – 10:30 a.m., Ocean View Community Center.

Plants of ‘Ōla‘a Forest, Sat, Oct 15, 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Botanist Linda Pratt leads a slow-paced one-mile walk through this dense rain forest north of Volcano Village. \$35 members; \$50 non-members; students (K-12 and college with valid ID) half-price. Pre-registration required. 985-7373 or www.fhvnp.org.

The Business of Art, Sat, Oct 15, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Volcano Art Center’s Nīaualani Campus in Volcano Village. Ira Ono covers topics including pricing work, creating a competitive edge for foolproofing presentations, creating multiples for increased sales, what to look for when hiring help Internet marketing, catalog sales, trade shows, packaging and presentation. \$60 (Financial aid available). 967-8222

Recycling at Nā‘ālehu School, Sat, Oct 15, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Nā‘ālehu School Gym. Redeem your HI-5 sorted by type; receive 5 cents per container and additional 20 cents per pound on all aluminum. Atlas Recycling donates 20 cents per pound on all aluminum redeemed to the school. 939-2413, ext. 230

Society of Creative Anachronism, Sat, Oct 15, 2 – 3 p.m. Medieval recreation group talks, plans events, does handicrafts and more. Call for location. Michael, 895-8013

Plant and Seed Exchange, Sun, Oct 16, noon – 3 p.m. at Na‘ohulelua Historical Church on Kamaoa Road. Parking along road. 929-7236

Pāhala Quilting Group, Thu, Oct 20, 1 – 4 p.m. All levels welcome. Ka‘ū Resource and Distance Learning Center, 96-3126 Puahala St. Marypat, 989-4594

Hawaiian Civic Club of Ka‘ū, Thu, Oct 20, 929-9731 or 936-7262

Kick Ice sign waving, Fri, Oct 21, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. in front of Nā‘ālehu School gym.

Homeschoolers of Ka‘ū Gathering, Fri, Oct 21, 3:30 – 6 p.m., Wai‘ōhinu Park. Talk, plan field trips, potluck, BBQ. Theresa Passarelli, 443-9100

The Art & Traditions of Hula at Kīlauea, Sat, Oct 22, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Kahula ‘o Nawahine Noho Pu‘ukapu, with kumu hula Ana Nawahine Kahoopii, presents a hula kahiko performance at the hula platform near Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Hands-on cultural demonstrations from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the gallery porch. Free (donations welcome); park entrance fees apply.

Kīlauea Wings Buffet & Red Hot Lava Wings Challenge, Sat, Oct 22, 5 – 8 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp’s Lava Lounge in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Buffet purchase of \$7.95 includes Red Hot Lava Wings Challenge at 7 p.m. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8371

Native Insects: A Field Discovery, Sun, Oct 23, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Hawai‘i insect specialist David Foote looks for Kamehameha butterflies, longhorn beetles, fruit flies, and happyface spiders in Kipukapuau (Bird Park). \$35 members; \$50 non-members; students (K-12 and college with valid ID) are half-price. 985-7373 or www.fhvnp.org

Kipuka‘akihi Hike, Sun, Oct 23, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park, between miles 70 and 71 on Hwy 11. Participants explore an isolated refuge of rare plants in a remnant old-growth forest. Pre-registration required. 985-6011

After Dark in the Park - Friends And Neighbors Live In Concert, Tue, October 25, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center

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Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Friends and Neighbors Wes Awana, Nona Wilson and Ti Chun played together for the first time at a Ka'ū Hospital fundraiser where their special harmonic blend wowed audiences. Program co-sponsored by Hawai'i Natural History Association. \$2 supports park programs; park entrance fees apply. 985-6011

Ocean View Food Basket, Tue, Oct 25, noon - 2:30 p.m. at Ocean View Community Center. 939-7000

Talk Story with Sen. Gil Kahele, Wed, Oct 26, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Email questions and concerns to senkahele@capitol.hawaii.gov with Pāhala Forum in subject line or call 808-586-6760.

Ocean View Community Development Corp. meeting, Thu, Oct 27, 5:30 p.m. at Ocean View Community Center.

AARP Driver Safety Training, Fri, Oct 28. This four-hour class is open to everyone. No driving, no tests, no exams. \$12 current members, \$14 non-members. Mike Last, 929-8422.

Fun Night at Ocean View Salon, Fri, Oct 28. Christie, 929-7411

Halloween Party, Fri, Oct 28, 8 - 11 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp's Lava Lounge in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Music by DJ Red-One. \$3 cover charge if in costume, \$5 if not. Park entrance fees apply. Open to authorized KMC patrons and sponsored guest. 967-8371

Digital Mountain Film Festival: It's My Trail, Sat, Oct 29, 6 p.m. Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. The public is invited to see films produced by local students about trails in the park. Potluck at 5 p.m. Laura, 985-6304

EXERCISE AND MEDITATION

Bowling Leagues at Kīlauea Military Camp's Recreation Hall in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park will be starting up again this fall. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guest. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8352

Pāhala Pool Schedule: Water Aerobics Mon/Wed/Fri 9 - 10 a.m.; Public Recreational Swim Mon - Fri 10 - 11 a.m., Mon/Tue 1:30 - 3 p.m., Wed/Thu 12:30 - 3 p.m. and 4 - 5:30 p.m., Fri 1 - 3 p.m., Sat 9:30 - 11 a.m. and 2 - 5:30 p.m.; Sun 8:30 - 10 a.m. and 1 - 3:45 p.m.; Adult Lap Swim Mon/Tue/Fri 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., Wed/Thu 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Sat 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Sun 10 - 11:30 a.m. 928-8177 or www.hawaii-county.com/parks/aquatics

Yoga, Mon, 7:30 a.m., Volcano Art Center's Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. Emily Catey focuses on stretching and releasing physical and mental tension. Open to beginning and intermediate students. \$10. 967-8222

Interval Fitness, Mon, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., Ocean View Community Center. Weights, balls and Pilates. A.C.E. certified instructor Erin Cole, 640-8473

Iyengar and Yin Yoga, Mon/Wed/Fri, 10 - 11:30 a.m.; Ocean View Community Center. Mats and props provided. Stephanie, 937-7940

Exercise for Energy, Mon/Wed, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Center. DVD instructions; bring your own band, ball and mat. Free w/donation of non-perishable food. Becky, 345-4334

Pilates Matwork, Mondays beginning Oct 24, 5:15 - 6:15 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. UH-Hilo Dance Division head Celeste Staton focuses on core strength, muscle lengthening and a sense of well being. \$75. 967-8222 or volcanoartcenter.org

Zumba, Mon, 6 - 7 p.m., Nā'ālehu Community Center. Certified Zumba instructor Erin Cole, 938-4037

Basketball & Volleyball, Mon - Thu, 5 - 9 p.m., Nā'ālehu Community Center. Richard, 939-2510

Karate Classes, Tue/Thu, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Instructor Peter Lubke offers free classes for all ages. 939-7033

Gentle Senior Yoga, Wed, 3 - 4 p.m., Nā'ālehu Hongwanji. Senior price \$10 for 10 sessions.

Yoga, Wed, 6 - 7:30 p.m. Pāhala Community Center. Steve, 345-1061

Yoga for Everyone, Wed, 10 - 11:30 a.m., Cooper Center, Volcano. Yes, you can do yoga, no matter your age or flexibility. \$10 per class or \$42 for 6-week session. Debra Serrao, 985-7545

Beginning and Intermediate Yoga, Thu, 4:30 - 6 p.m. Will have morning session either Mon or Tue, 8 - 10 a.m. Call for info. Noa's Island Massage in first cottage next to Nā'ālehu Park. Please come 10 min. early. \$10 a class or \$80 for 10 classes. Noa Caiserman, 756-3183

Zumba, Thu, 5 - 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Certified Zumba instructor Erin Cole, 640-8473

Beginner Line Dance Class, Thu, 6 - 7:15 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. By donation. 323-8280

Gentle Yoga, Fri, 8 - 9 a.m., Cooper Center, Volcano. For those who wish to deepen their yoga practice or begin. \$7 a class or \$30 for six-week session. Debra Serrao, 985-7545

WEEKLY & DAILY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Volcano Winery Tours, daily, 10 a.m. These tours of the vineyard and tea field are free and open to all ages. Longer tours available for \$25 or \$45 per person. 35 Pi'i Mauna Dr., Volcano. 967-7772 or volcanowinery.com

Playgroup, daily, 10 - 11:30 a.m., Wai'ōhinu Park. For any age. Hettie Rush, 929-8572

Volcano Farmers Market, Sun, 7 - 10 a.m., Cooper Center. Fruits and veggies, swap meet and more.

Free Lunches, Sun, after 12 noon, Nā'ālehu Hongwanji. Sponsored by Thy Word Ministries-Ka'ū and the Food Bank Hot Meal Program.

Ocean View Community Center computer lab, Mon - Fri, 8 a.m. - noon. Members \$2/hour, non-members, \$4/hr. 939-7033 for information on computer classes.

Nialani Nature Walk, Mon, 9:30 a.m. This one-hour nature walk travels through a lush portion of an old-growth Hawaiian rain forest on an easy, 1/7-mile loop trail. Volcano Art Center's Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. Free (calabash donations welcome). 967-8222 or www.volcanoartcenter.org

Tūtū and Me Traveling Preschool, free classes Mon/Wed, Nā'ālehu Community Center; Tue/Thu, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m., Pāhala Community Center. Limited to 50 participants in each area. 929-8571

Pāhala Senior Center: Lunch served Mon - Fri, 10:30 a.m. for residents aged 60+. Julie, 928-3101

Nā'ālehu Senior Nutrition Center (Hawai'i County Nutrition Program), Lunch served Mon - Fri, 10:45 a.m. for residents aged 60+, greater Nā'ālehu area. 939-2505

Ocean View Nutrition Site and Senior Club hosts activities at St. Jude's Church on Mon/Wed/Fri from 8:30 a.m. and provides lunches 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. for seniors 60+. Donations requested. On Thu, the program takes seniors to Kailua-Kona for doctor appointments, grocery shopping and to pick up prescriptions. Program closed on Tue. Dick Hershberger, 989-4140

After School Tutoring, Mon - Fri, 3 - 4:30 p.m., Kahuku Park. Marc, 929-9113

Ka'ū Driver License Office, Tue/Wed by appointment. 854-7214

'Ukulele for Life, Tue, 3 - 3:45 p.m., ages 6 - 8; 4 - 5 p.m., ages 9 - 13. Patrick Inouye teaches chord and strumming techniques. \$40/\$36 for VAC family members.

Ka'ū Farmers Market, Wed/Sat, 8 a.m. - noon, front of Ace Hardware in Nā'ālehu. Produce, Hawaiiana, arts and crafts, fresh baked goods. Table is \$5. Limit 12 vendors. 929-7236

Mommy and Me, Wed, 9 - 9:45 a.m., ages 18 - 23 months; 10 - 11 a.m., ages 2 - 4 years. Creative engagement and social time includes music, movement, and artistic activities. \$6 per class or \$25 for 5.

Community Bookstore, Wed, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Kauaha'ao Church in Wai'ōhinu. 938-0411

Fresh Locally Grown Produce for Seniors, Wed, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. at Kahuku Park in Ocean View.

Game Night, Wed, 6:30 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Center. Lucy Walker, 929-7519

Quilting Group, Thu, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Center. 929-9576

Friends Feeding Friends, Thu, 4 - 6 p.m. at Cooper Center on Wright Road in Volcano Village. www.volcano-community.org

Women, Infant, Children Services, Fri (except holidays) at various locations. 965-3030 or 934-3209

Joy School Preschool Playgroup, Fri, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.,

Discovery Harbour Community Center. 929-8732

Free 'Ukulele, Slack Key and Steel Guitar classes, Fri, 1 - 5 p.m., Pāhala Boys and Girls Club. Keoki Kahumoku. 935-0463

OVCA Green Market, Fri, 2 - 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Fresh produce, fruits, herbs, flowers, plants, honey and more. ovcahawaii@gmail.com or 939-7033

Live Entertainment at Hana Hou Restaurant, Fri, 5:30 p.m. in Nā'ālehu. 929-9717

Live Music Fridays at South Side Shaka, Nā'ālehu. 929-7404

Ocean View Teen Club, Fri, 6 - 9 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Ages 13 - 18. 217-5593

Ocean View Farmers Market, Sat, 7 a.m. - noon, Pōhue Plaza

Treasure Hunt Resale Outlet, Sat, Ocean View Farmers

Market. Debra Bridgers, 936-9358 or www.makemyday-hawaii.com

Substance Abuse Evaluations, Sat, Ka'ū Family Center in Nā'ālehu. An Intervention/Awareness class is also being offered to first-time DUI offenders. No charge for assessment if recommended to the Intervention/Awareness class. Cory, 756-5768

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings: One Day at a Time Group, Sat, 6:30 p.m., Cooper Center; Pāhala Group, Wed, 7:30 a.m., Holy Rosary Church; Southern Star Group, Tue, 7:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Church in Nā'ālehu; Friday Night BBQ Meeting, Fri, 5 p.m., Wai'ōhinu (929-7674); Happy, Joyous and Free Group, Mon/Thu, 7 p.m. and Sat, 5 p.m., St. Jude's in Ocean View. West Hawai'i Intergroup, 329-1212 or the Hilo office, 961-6133

Square Dancing, Sat, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Open to all; under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Joe, 808-646-0479





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Walk, Run or Ride to Raise \$ for Ka'ū's Emergency Food Pantry

Participants can choose from a variety of transportation modes to help support the Ka'ū Family Center, of West Hawai'i Family Support Services, in The Food Basket's 2nd Annual Walk/Run/Ride for Hunger on Saturday, Oct. 22. Although the event is held at the Queen's Marketplace in Waikoloa, all proceeds from donations and pledges will provide emergency food assistance to those in need on the Big Island, including Ka'ū Family Center's emergency food pantry.

Keiki runners like Kalea Smith, of Pāhala, can enter the Food Basket's Walk/Run/Ride. Wolf-gang won first in the Volcano Rainforest Runs 100-yard race for ages one to four.



For every dollar donated, six pounds of food will be purchased to feed the island's hungry.

Entrants can opt to participate

in the one- or two-mile walk, kupuna and keiki cakewalk, or drive their motorcycle or car in the event. Participants will receive a form and can collect pledges designating Ka'ū Family Support Hawai'i's Ka'ū Family Center as the beneficiary agency.

Deadline for registration is Thursday, Oct. 20 via mail, fax or online. Those unable to participate can still make a pledge by phone, mail or online. Contact the Food Basket, Inc. via phone at 933-6030, fax at 934-0701, or mail at The Food Basket, Inc. 140-B Holomua St., Hilo, HI 96720. Contact them electronically by emailing taylin.foodbaskethi@gmail.com or by visiting www.foodbaskethi.org.

To learn more about the Ka'ū Family Center Emergency Food Pantry and the Ka'ū Community Food Drive being held this month, see story on page 19 or call Teresa Alderdyce at 929-9211, ext. 10.

Ka'ū Girls Varsity Volleyball Racks Up 6 Wins

The Ka'ū High Varsity volleyball girls started the season with a bang, winning six games in a row. In the first round of season play, Ka'ū beat Kealahou, St. Joseph's, Kohala, Kanu, Christian Liberty Academy and Parker. The pressure was on as Ka'ū played to a packed home gym versus Konawaena, who came to Ka'ū also undefeated on Sept. 21. The Trojan ladies fought hard, but lost in five sets. Set scores were: 16-25, 22-25, 25-21, 25-16 and 9-15.

The Trojans also took Kohala to five sets hosting the Cowgirls at the Ka'ū High gym on Sept. 23. Kohala Varsity, whose team sports several seniors, was determined to best the young Trojan team, who has just four seniors, one of whom is new to the sport. After losing to Kohala in the first set, Ka'ū powered up to win the second. The Trojans easily took the third set on the back of a 12-point

serving streak by junior Marley Nicolaisen. However, errors by the Trojans gave Kohala the edge to win the fourth set and an exciting battle in the tie-breaking set ultimately led to the Trojan's loss. Set scores were 22-25, 25-21, 25-9, 14-25 and 16-18.

Strand-Nicolaisen led the Trojans with 21 kills. Senior Joyce Ibasan added eight kills and sophomore Toni Beck racked up seven.

At press time the Trojans were tied for second with Kohala in the red division looked forward to taking on St. Joseph's on home court.

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Marley Strand-Nicolaisen leads the Ka'ū Varsity volleyball team in kills this season.
Photo by Nālani Parlin

Shirakawa Wins HMA Open Moto

Ka'ū High Sophomore Noah Shirakawa brought home yet another win, earning first place at the Hawai'i Motocross Association's Open Class race held at the Kahuku Motocross track on Sept. 18th.

Officials moved Shirakawa up to the Expert Class which pitted the fifteen-year-old against Vince Friese, a top Supercross/Motocross racer. Friese was on a six-day vacation in Hawai'i before going back on the circuit.



Noah Shirakawa and pro motocross racer Vince Friese. *Photo courtesy of Lori Lei Shirakawa*

Ka'ū Athletes Maintain 2.0 GPA

Ka'ū High administrators are teaming up to make sure academics comes first for Trojan athletes. This quarter, any athlete receiving a D or F at mid-quarter were required to attend at least two hours of after-school study hall with teachers and tutors each week until their grades were brought up in order to continue

playing. Anyone suspended from school is also suspended from their next game. Athletic Director Kalei Namohala reminds athletes that "playing sports is a privilege."

Students in large group sports are also singing the alma mater after every game, at home or away, and wearing Ka'ū polo shirts while traveling which helps instill pride.

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Ka'ū High Varsity Girls Volleyball - Front Row (l-r): Leah Cariaga grade 11, Kamalani Fujikawa 10, Joyce Ibasan 12, Janessa Jara 11, Tiana Pascubillo 11, Kristina Padrigio 11, Taylor Pocock 10, Jernest Breithaupt-Louis 10; 2nd Row: Asst. Coach Josh Ortega, Asst. Coach Donna Shibuya, Pilioloha Kailiawa 12, Toni Beck 10, Kaila Olson 11, Brooke Medeiros-Shibuya 12, Marley Strand-Nicolaisen 11, Asst. Coach Riley Louis, Head Coach Elijah Navarro.

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- Sat, Oct. 1, Homecoming game vs Kohala, 6 p.m.
- Fri, Oct. 7, Ka'ū vs Honoka'a, 6 p.m.
- Sat, Oct. 15, Ka'ū @ HPA, 1 p.m.
- Fri, Oct. 21, Ka'ū vs Konawaena, 7 p.m.
- Fri, Oct. 28, "Senior Nght" Ka'ū @ Kamehameha, 7 p.m.
- Sat, Nov. 5, Last game @ Kohala, 2 p.m.

Volleyball

- Tue, Oct. 4, Ka'ū vs Kealakehe, 6 p.m.
- Thurs, Oct. 6, Ka'ū vs Kanu, 6 p.m.
- Sat, Oct. 8, Ka'ū @ CLA, 10 a.m.
- Tue, Oct. 11, Ka'ū s Parker, 6 p.m.
- Thurs, Oct. 13, Ka'ū @ Konawaena, 6 p.m.
- Sat, Oct. 15, Play-off Ties TBA
- Tue, Oct 18, BIIFs Div. II First Round, 6 p.m., Higher seeded team will host game.
- Wed, Oct. 19, BIIFs Div. II Second Round, 6 p.m., Higher seeded team will host game.
- Fri, Oct. 21, BIIFs Div. II Semi-finals @ Hilo
- Sat, Oct. 22, BIIFs Div. II Finals @ Hilo
- Wed-Fri, Oct. 26-28, HHSAA Championships @ O'ahu

Cross-Country

- Sat, Oct. 8, Ka'ū @ Kamehameha, 2:30 p.m.
- Sat, Oct. 22, Ka'ū @ Kamehameha @ 2 p.m.
- Sat, Oct. 29, HHSAA Championships @ Maui

Air Riflery

- Sat, Oct. 1, BIIFs @ Konawaena, 10 a.m.
- Tue, Oct 25. HHSAA Championships @ O'ahu



Trojan Varsity player Kamalani Fujikawa gets the edge over Kohala Cowgirl Chyler Imai.

Bowling

- Sat, Oct. 8, BIIF Team Championships @ Hilo Lanes, 9 a.m.
- Sat, Oct. 22, BIIF Individual Championships @ Hilo Lanes, 9 a.m.
- Thurs-Fri, Oct. 27-28, HHSAA Championships @ Hilo Lanes

Golf Tourney Fundraiser for Ka'ū Basketball Boys Oct. 22

A golf touranment to raise funds for the upcoming Ka'ū High boys basketball season will be held Saturday, Oct. 22 at Punalu'u Golf Course. The tourney will be a two-man scramble, best ball all the way to the hole.

Anyone wanting to participate or donate prizes for the event, should contact Coach Ravel Kaupu at 640-9212. Kaupu also plans softball weekend tourney in the near future.

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Ka'ū High Varsity football team - 1st Row (l-r): Austin Stoner, Preston Kuahiwinui, Nathaniel Kauhi, Daellan Kai, Keani Mello-Waiwaiole, Chance Emmsley, Nenet Madison; 2nd Row: Anthony Emmsley, Oliver Asistin, Jay Bilog, Kupono Palakiko-Leffew, Dimitri Casteneda, Chisum Silva. 3rd Row: Grant Galimba, Kainalu Ke, Derick Velez, Christopher Mark Hinojosa, Hercules Soder. Missing: Mark Cuison, Alika Kaopua, James Dacalio, Makoa, Kekahuna-Keliikoa, Tyler Amaral, Pomai Olson, Quincy Kaawa, Talai Ke, Vincent Vanderpool, Walter Espejo and Evan Vanderpool.

Trojan Football Comes Together 'Like Family' & Homecoming Oct. 1

As the coaches called the Ka'ū High Varsity team together for end-of-game cheer, Team Captain Alika Kaopua recognized how close the team had become over the last month. "No, Coach," he corrected, "We're looking at family now." Kaopua's astute observation might just be the thing the Trojans need to overcome their challenges. Assistant Coach Donovan Emmsley thinks so. "They have the talent. Now they are starting to come together as a team. If they don't worry about winning and just go out there and have fun, there is no limit on what they can do," said Emmsley. At press time, Ka'ū looked forward to the homecoming game on Saturday, Oct. 1 versus Kohala at the Pāhala ball field.

Although the team has yet to win a game, there are many positive improvements taking place for the Trojans. Mark Cuison, also a team captain, is one such bright spot, said Assistant Coach Dylan Rush. Cuison, a senior, is the team's leading rusher, tackler, kick-off returner and punter. He also carries a high GPA and has his sights set on college, added Rush.

Against HPA, quarterback Daellan Kai earned Ka'ū's first touchdown of the season. Cuison ran it in for a second conversion. Final score: 55-8, HPA. Versus Konawaena, a team Ka'ū beat last year for the first time in a decade, the Trojans nearly scored again. Cuison ran the ball 44 yards to the one-yard line, when he was stripped of the ball. Cy Tamura jumped on the ball and would have scored, but play was stopped due to an inadvertent whistle by a referee. Rush noted that the defense played "really tough," stopping Konawaena in the red zone several times. On top of the defense were Cuison and teammates Billy Lorange and Jay Bilog. Final score 41-0.

Ka'ū also held undefeated Kamehameha to 35 points (35-0) and lost to Honoka'a 62-0.

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The Trojan JV team, made up of almost all freshmen, is 3-1 thus far in the season. The Trojans beat both Kealakehe and Kohala, but lost to Konawaena. During their second match-up versus Kohala, the Trojans won both sets 25-22, 25-15. Freshman Aysha Kaupu served well, while setter Kerrilynn Domondon, also a freshman, turned wild balls into strong plays. Freshmen Power hitters Kehaulani Ke and Sky Kanakaole-Esperon also scored several points.



Ka'ū High JV girls volleyball team - 1st Row (l-r): Shaeniese Tailon grade 9, Aysha Kaupu 9, Denisha Navarro 9, Kerrilynn Domondon 9, Head Coach Candy Hashimoto; 2nd Row: Asst. Coach Josh Ortega, Jennifer Tabios 9, Shyann Flores- Carvalho 9, Sky Kanakaole-Esperon 9, Kehaulani Ke 9. Missing Jenna Gascon 10 and Janeane Tadeo. 10. Photos by Nālaini Parlin

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Koi Sisters Represent Ka'ū Riflery

The Koi sisters are firing up for Ka'ū High Riflery. Rochelle, a senior, and Kamrie, a sophomore, are the sole representatives of the Trojan team. Both are coached by cousin Lory Koi, a hunter who moved up from her days as a Trojan riflery team member to coach after graduating high school. Their first match Rochelle earned a spot in the top ten shooters. Kamrie does double duty as a Ka'ū High bowler, and Rochelle is also a member of the homecoming court.

Public Invited to Guided Tour of Ka'ū High & Pāhala Elem Oct. 13

For the first time, Ka'ū High & Pāhala Elementary will invite the community to attend a monthly walking tour of the school on Thursday, Oct. 13 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. The guided walk-through, which affords the public to see the inner workings of the school including brief visits to classes,

will be held every second Thursday of the month.

Following the tour, new vice principal Stacey Bello will sit down to gather feedback from participants, and will share the anonymous comments with the faculty and staff. At her previous school, Mountain

View Elementary, walk-throughs validated the positive things that teachers, students and staff are doing on a daily basis that are not reflected in the Hawai'i State Assessment scores, she said. Without visiting and being on campus, "you don't know the heart

and soul that goes in to a school. You can't feel the warmth and energy of the kids and staff until you are here," said Bello.

To sign up for a tour, call the school office at 928-2088.

Ka'ū Softball Ends Second Round Oct. 10

The Ka'ū community softball league, which sports a separate division for women and men, will end its second round on Oct. 10. Then teams will then compete in a double elimination championship.

On game nights, the Nā'ālehu Park is filled with over 100 people, from keiki to kupuna, three times a week. Teams and community groups fundraise by running the concession.

Originally Kaupu started the league as a fundraiser for the Ka'ū High boys basketball teams, which he coaches. However, high park and lighting fees, as well as equipment costs, have all but depleted the funds raised. Still, league organizer Ravel Kaupu

is happy that the community is enjoying the games. "It is good to see all the people out there," said league organizer Ravel Kaupu. "I see people who could be doing drugs at home, instead at the field being active with their families. The old-timers also come down to eat dinner and watch the game," he added.

Kaupu thanked longtime community baseball coach Kalani DeCoito for prepping the field each night after youth baseball practice for the adult games. "He has a big role in making this happen. He rakes the field by hand which can take up to an hour. He keeps the field in top shape. It is a big burden off of my shoulders," said Kaupu.

Lapera & Shibuya Run for Miss Kona Coffee

Ka'ū natives Kapuahiilani Lapera and Brandy Haunani Shibuya are both running in the UCC Miss Kona Coffee Scholarship Pageant to be held on Saturday, Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Keauhou Resort and Spa.



Brandy Shibuya
Photo by Grace Basque

Brandy Shibuya, 23, is the daughter of Dane and Terry-Lee, of Nā'ālehu, and is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools Hawai'i.

Shibuya is the current Miss Ka'ū Coffee and continues to fulfill

her duties as such. While the Ka'ū pageant is currently a local event, the title of Miss Kona Coffee or Miss Aloha Hawai'i will afford the winner an opportunity to compete at Miss Hawai'i. "I've always had it in my heart to give back to my community in hopes to inspire children and youth by being a positive role model and this opportunity allows me to truly represent Hawai'i as a state that flourishes by nature, beauty, and its people," said Shibuya.

She is a full-time student at the University of Hawai'i Center at West Hawai'i pursuing a degree in elementary education, focusing on a major in psychology. Shibuya and family own and operate Masazo's Pig Farm, a sustainable agricultural farm in Nā'ālehu. Shibuya also teaches youth during her family's quarterly youth sustainability camps.

Shibuya's platform is Building Educational Foundations By Strengthening Children, Youth Communities. "Teaching has always been my passion. Making a

difference starts with one child at a time. I believe with knowledge comes success. There is always room for self improvement and self discovery," said Shibuya.

Kapuahiilani Lapera, 21, is the daughter of Thomas and Hillani, of Discovery



Kapua Lapera
Photo by Alexander Hilo

Harbour. Lapera is a Ka'ū High graduate and attends University of Hawai'i at Hilo, majoring in Kinesiology and Exercise Science with a minor in Business Administration. Lapera said, "My hope for participating in the Miss Kona Coffee Scholarship program is to continue my education in Sports Medicine specializing in Athletic Training. My passion lies with educating and promoting Character Building through Physical Activities in Hawai'i to the youth in our communities," which is also her pageant platform.

"I truly believe that through physical activities one may acquire good habits, ethics, social skills, values, self-esteem, self-confidence and an overall better outlook on life," shared Lapera.

Lapera hopes to return to Ka'ū to be an athletic trainer and possibly open a physical therapy clinic. "Growing up in Ka'ū, nature truly became my playground. My parents always encouraged me to be physically active," said Lapera, who was a multi-sport athlete at Ka'ū High. She now works as a part-time student employee at the UHH student fitness center.

"When I hear an outsider say there isn't anything to do in Ka'ū, I completely

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Ka'ū P&R Youth Baseball Sports 3 Teams

Ka'ū P&R youth baseball instructional league will boast three teams which will compete every weekend against other teams in the Puna-Ka'ū District. The players, ages nine to 12, are learning fundamentals, and the league will act as a feeder to the high school program. Baseball organizer Kalani DeCoito said Nā'ālehu Recreation Director Richard Karasuda warms the kids up daily and collaborates with coaches Donald Garo, Dane Sesson and Mac Davis who are taking the lead in teaching skills. "I may draw the picture, but those guys are the ones coloring it in and making it happen," he said. "They are giving their time. Finding volunteers is rare." 1st Row (l-r): Bobby Emmsley, Logan Evangelista, Isaiah Duarte, Elijah Evangelista, Cyzeiah Silva-Kamei, Owen Palikiko Kaleopono Palikiko; 2nd Row: Zachary Kai, Kama Medeiros, rewor Taylor, Po'ai Emmsley, Elexis Emmsley, Tiani Grace, Isaia Hashimoto, Weston Davis, Jameson Lemaire; 3rd Row: Joven Padrigio, Wayne Dacalio, Maika Gouveia, Daniel Garo, Dane Shibuya, Jr., Nainoa Ke, Daniel Alani; 4th Row: Coach Dane Sesson, Donald Garo and Mac Davis. Missing: Cruz Alani

Photo by Nālani Parlin

Nā Kupuna O Ka'ū Kane Win Kupuna Hula

Lori Lei Shirakawa's Nā Kupuna O Ka'ū won three awards at the 29th Annual Kupuna Hula Festival held at the Keauhou Sheraton last month. A festival favorite, Nā Kupuna took first in the kane division, second in the mixed category (males and females), and soloist Kananiokalani Neizmen won second for male soloist.

Hannah's Makana 'Ohana, which practices in Ocean View, also competed for the first time. "We did not win anything,

but we had a lot of fun," said dancer Mary Ramsdell.

Keoni Jenny, of Ka Lae, who is operating his Kawaimaluhia Hula Studio in Kona and has taught in Ka'ū, also entered the competition for the first time. Kawaimaluhia's Bucky Leslie won Tūtū Kane, and the mixed group won third place. Kawaimaluhia also won two events in the Hula Palua kupuna competition that week.

See next month's issue for photos.

ly beg to differ. I believe we have been blessed to have so many options of natural activities without having to drive extremely far," said Lapera, who encourages people of all ages to get out, be active and set an example for youth.

Both Shibuya and Lapera are raising money for the Children's Miracle Network through the Miss America Organization. To donate on behalf of either contestant, visit www.missamerica4kids.com, click search for contestant and type in their name.

Both contestants are also seeking sponsorships to help them offset the heavy costs associated with this pageantry and pursue their goals of helping the com-

munity.

Businesses may also choose to support candidates with a Miss Kona Coffee program ad. The program will be distributed pageant night. Deadline is Oct. 8.

In addition, the ladies are also selling pageant tickets for \$30 and Kona Coffee Festival buttons for \$3.

To support Kapua Lapera, contact her at 960-3094, email at skinimanini@hotmail.com, or via mail at P.O. Box 901 Nā'ālehu, HI 96772.

To support Brandy Shibuya, contact her at 929-7159, email at haunani013@yahoo.com, or via mail at P.O. Box 839 Nā'ālehu, HI 96772.

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into the air for which ‘Āina Koa Pono has asked for a pollution permit. Bill Kucharski, director of Renewable Energy Pacific, who is working for AECOM, the firm selected by ‘Āina Koa Pono to engineer its refinery, described the power plant as a minor source of air pollution. He said emissions would be below the federal standard of 100 tons of pollutants in the air per year.

Kucharski also addressed concerns over the 1.25-million-gallon storage tanks for the biodiesel. He said the tanks would comply with Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures requirements laid down by the Environmental Protection Agency. The tanks would be designed to satisfy building requirements for earthquake zones as well, said Kucharski.

Julie Dobbs, of Wood Valley, voiced concern over the CO₂ that would be released. “Why in this day and age would we even consider something that’s going to add CO₂ to the environment when we know about the impacts of global warming and the whole situation? We in Hawai‘i have adequate supply of solar, wind, and hydro to get our electricity going,” she said, “We don’t need this.”

The AKP agronomist responded, saying that the entire process reduces the overall carbon put in the atmosphere. “In fact, it’s carbon negative,” he claimed.

James Gebhardt, a retired airline pilot who lives in Pāhala, asked whether the technology remains unproven. “How come in the last few months we hear over the media...

that this microwave process you’re using has not been proven. How come?”

The AECOM engineer replied, saying that there is a five-ton-a-day facility operating with the microwave technology. “They are producing a biofuel and that is, as far as we’re concerned, a fact.”

Biochar was another point of discussion. ‘Āina Koa Pono representatives said they are looking for a market for biochar, the major by-product that would be generated by the refinery. The biochar was described by the AKP team as a valuable soil amendment that acts like a magnet for nutrients for crops. An ‘Āina Koa Pono representative said that some experiments show plants growing two to three times faster with the addition of biochar to the soil. It was also put forth that the biochar binds fertilizer to the soil, so that the fertilizer doesn’t flow away during rain.

Haul Roads

Two possible roads are being considered to take the biofuel from the proposed refinery site off Meyer Camp Road to Hwy 11 to keep all trucking out of Pāhala Village. One alternative could go from Meyer Camp Road across Wood Valley Road and through ML Macadamia orchards. The other route could come down Wood Valley Road toward Pāhala and turn makai near Pa‘au‘au Gulch and head along the Volcano side of the open pasture down to Hwy 11, just outside of Pāhala.

Transporting the fuel from the refinery up Hwy 11 to the power plant at Kona was another concern, and several people asked whether it wouldn’t trigger an EIS. A paint-

ing contractor who drives to Kona on workdays said she was worried about the trucks damaging the state highway and causing traffic problems. ‘Āina Koa Pono representatives projected six round trips by fuel tanker trucks each day on Hwy 11. Another 30 to 40 biomass truckloads would be coming in from the fields on the old sugar haul road between Nā‘ālehu and Pāhala and up Meyer Camp Road to reach the refinery. Right-of-way through other properties would have to be worked out in order to avoid the trucks from the fields skirting the back of Pāhala and turning up Wood Valley Road.

Location

Until last February, the refinery was sited at the industrial yard now used for ML Macadamia’s equipment just off Maile Street near the Pāhala Preschool, Methodist Church, and homes at the bottom of Ilima Street. Concerns from the community over trucks driving where children walk home from school persuaded AKP to move the site last February to its current site off Wood Valley Road. The company’s CEO and President Melvin Chiogioji announced the change in a February meeting in Pāhala. “We want to become a good neighbor, listen to your concerns and try the best we can to alleviate them,” he said.

Sandra Reha, who operates visitor accommodations in Wood Valley, said she is concerned about how fast the location of the refinery was changed from downtown Pāhala to a location off Wood Valley Road without consultation of people living nearby. “An oil refinery? To just pick a place that fast, I find

hard to understand,” she said. “You’re asking us to have all the risks of having this here in our community and also have to pay for this. Where is the precedent for that?”

“Here you come into our community, expect – have these expectations, come in from the outside, plunk an oil refinery in our neighborhoods that’s going to affect all of us in so many ways no matter how nice this plant is,” said Reha.

Impacts of the refinery on nearby residents were voiced by people living along Wood Valley Road and within Wood Valley. Noa Caiserman, who said she lives about 1.5 miles from the proposed refinery site, said that people travel to Wood Valley because of its special beauty. She called the idea of putting a refinery along the way “ugly” and said she couldn’t believe it was being considered. Caiserman runs a small business in Nā‘ālehu and said she raised her family in Wood Valley, where she has lived for 30 years.

When Eldridge asked Caiserman what she would suggest for the future of Ka‘ū youth, she said that her children are doing fine. One is a fireman, and her daughter is a professional, she said.

Trini Marques, a Ka‘ū Coffee farmer, said she worried that soot from the refinery would float to her house in Pāhala.

Earl Louis, of Pāhala, said the AKP staff had not done their homework.

Calls for Environmental Impact Statement

Sophia Hanoa, of Pāhala, whose son is a police officer in Ka‘ū, took on the ‘Āina

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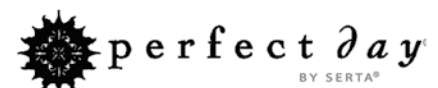


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Kahele also asked that four hard copies be made available: “The Pāhala, Nāʻālehu, Ocean View and Miloliʻi communities that will be most affected by this project are rural in nature. Many of the residents are older kupuna who do not have Internet access that would allow them the chance to view the draft EIS online. Furthermore, the dense nature of the dense nature of the draft EIS alone, at three volumes totaling over 2,300 pages, would require a substantial amount of time to thoroughly review the entire project.

“With the economic crisis that our State is facing, I realize that our limited resources are being stretched thin and our already overburdened departments are being forced to do more with less funding and less staffing. With projects of this nature, I believe it behooves us to allow the public a proper change to fully participate in the vetting process and ensure their opinions are heard. Having multiple sets of eyes working together to review this draft EIS will only strengthen the project and garner more support from within the community as they are allowed access to all the details throughout the entire process,” wrote the senator.

Both the county Department of Planning and the state Office of Environmental

Quality Control agreed to extend the deadline for public comment to Nov. 6.

The Draft EIS can be seen on the state Department of Health website under the Office of Environmental Quality Control. It is titled Kahuku Village DEIS.

The plan calls for state Land Use Commission reclassification of Conservation land near the ocean to Urban and Rural. The resort plan shows hotel, condominium, estate, housing, golf course and commercial development. The resort would be set on 1,600 hundred acres of the 16,000 acre land holding between the Kalae South Point bluff and Ocean View Ranchos. The land is located across Hwy 11, makai of the Kahuku section of Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. The resort would be constructed on the coastal plain north of Kahuku Ranch. The developers have promised Hawaiian and wildlife educational centers and protection of the turtle nesting grounds at Pōhue Bay. The developers have offered land for community buildings, including a veterans center.

According to the EIS, the development has the following triggers for an EIS: reclassification of approximately 1,600 acres from the State Land Use Conservation District to the State Land Use Urban and Rural Dis-



Nani Kahuku ʻĀina, showing the Kahuku Village resort development near the ocean.

tricts; development of a Hawaiian Heritage Center, roadway, infrastructure, and ancillary improvements within the State Land Use Conservation District; possible use of the shoreline area as defined in Section 205A-41, HRS, for trails, signage, resource management, and recreational and cultural purposes; proposed highway intersection

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Koa Pono representatives during the community meeting, challenging ʻĀina Koa Pono to produce a full EIS. ʻĀina Koa Pono announced that it would hire an independent company to write an Environmental Assessment.

Eldridge asked Hanoa why she wants an Environmental study. She replied, “Because I am born, raised and I will die here.”

Eldridge reiterated that AKP is not obligated by law to do an EA or an EIS. “We are going to do an EA. You requested it,” he said.

Hanoa claimed that Eldridge told her earlier that ʻĀina Koa Pono did not want to do an EIS because “we don’t have the money, and we don’t have the time.”

“So be honest with us,” said Hanoa. “That’s why I don’t trust none of you guys. Every meeting was different. You say something different; you say something different.”

Coffee farmer Margaret McGuire said she witnessed the conversation between Hanoa and Eldridge, and claimed that Eldridge

improvements on Mamalahoa Highway (a state highway facility); amendment of the County of Hawaiʻi General Plan to recognize Kahuku Village and allow for its development; development of a helicopter facility; development of a wastewater treatment plant; and possible development of a biofuel power generating facility.

told Hanoa, “We do not want to do an EIS because we can’t do an EIS because if we have to do an EIS we will not be able to afford to do the project.”

The PUC to Decide

Pete Hunter, of Eke Nui Mango Farm in Nāʻālehu, said the Public Utilities Commission should wait for the Environmental Assessment to be completed before issuing its decision on whether to approve the contract between ʻĀina Koa Pono and Hawaiian Electric Company and the proposal to allow the utility to raise electric bills to pay for the biofuel once ʻĀina Koa Pono delivers it to Hawaiian Electric.

Ralph Gaston, who works with Rusty’s Hawaiian 100 Percent Kaʻū Coffee, asked AKP representatives about the purpose of their meeting with the public. “Is this all about avoiding an EIS?”

Deborah “Kepi” Davis, a retired National Park Service archaeologist, said she is concerned about the cultural history of Kaʻū and of Kaʻū as a historic district. She pointed out that the use of any state funds would trigger an EIS and the use of any federal funds would trigger not only an EIS but also a Section 106 consultation. She said Section

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Oktoberfest at St. Jude's

"Put on your dirndl or your lederhosen and your dancing shoes," said organizer Madalyn McWhite-Lamson, for the Oktoberfest celebration on Friday, Oct. 14 at St. Jude's Episcopal Church on Paradise Circle in Ocean View. The menu will include brats and sauerkraut, boiled potatoes, dill pickles, German chocolate cake and beverages. Doors open at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. A live polka band will add to the festivities. "Bring your friends and family for a fun-filled evening with good food, music and polka dancing," said McWhite-Lamson. Tickets, \$12 each or two for \$20, can be purchased by calling Cordelia at 939-7555. For more information or to volunteer to help, call Phyl at 929-7146.

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106 requires one-on-one interviews with native Hawaiians before proceeding with the project. She provided a list of the recently state-appointed Native Hawaiian Roll Call commissioners and suggested AKP representatives talk with them. She asked AKP representatives, and they did publicly state, that they are using no state and federal funds.

'Āina Koa Pono representatives said the EA and the PUC decision are unrelated.

Finance

Rick Porter, of Nā'ālehu, who works in finance and real estate, said that the investment banking community looks at these kinds of projects at 10 percent success and 90 percent failure. He asked Hawaiian Electric Co. president Jay Ignacio whether the proposed surcharges on electric bills to pay for the biofuel would continue should the 'Āina Koa Pono project fail. Ignacio said that the surcharge, if approved, would be charged to ratepayers only when HELCO buys the fuel and not before or after.

Future Meetings

Bobby Gomes and several other members of the public complained about the format of the meeting, which did not allow observers to ask questions during the presentations of AKP representatives or while the public's written questions were read and answered. "You folks had us kept here," said Gomes. "We listened to him," he said, pointing, and "to him, to him. You decide for us,"



Brother Edson Suzuki with his wife Marcia and daughter Hakani.

Nā'ālehu Assembly Welcomes Suzuki

Nā'ālehu Assembly of God hosts guest missionary Brother Edson Suzuki from University of the Nations on Sunday, Oct. 9 at 6:30 p.m. Suzuki served as a missionary to tribal people on the Amazon River in Brazil. "His story of his experience will change your perspective on what it means to be a missionary. Your life will never be the same," said Pastor Kevin Brown.

he told the facilitator. "We don't even know you. You are deciding for us. That's not fair. We should be able to ask them questions."

Facilitator Donovan said at the meeting's closing that a new format should be considered so the public would not feel left out.

Other testimony submitted by Ka'ū residents to the Public Utilities Commission includes the following:

Ron Self, an attorney and farmer who lives in Wood Valley, wrote that a \$350 million investment in the biofuel refinery in Ka'ū "takes all the money out of energy possibilities for Hawai'i." He called 'Āina Koa Pono "a surrogate" company for Hawaiian Electric Co. and contended that its goal is to keep HECO'S outdated



Ron Self

oil burning power plants operating into the future. He said the PUC is now trying to decide whether to have the ultimate cost borne by ratepayers.

Self contended that biofuels need massive amounts of land to produce raw material. "HECO wants to put the burdens and

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River of Life Sponsors Empowered Women's Conference

River of Life Assembly of God in Pāhala will host the Empowered Women's Conference on Oct. 14 and 15 at the church in Pāhala.

Guest speakers include Heather Gacayan of River of Life. Heather is the wife of River of Life Pastor Troy Gacayan. She is the women's leader for the church and has had several opportunities to teach from the pulpit with her simple, direct messages.



Heather Gacayan



Tanya Ibarra

Tanya Ibarra of River of Life, will also be speaking. She has been with River of Life for two years and continues to bring an expository teaching to Sunday services. Pastor Patty Carmichael, along with her husband Pastor Lorin, are Founders and Senior Pastors of Sure Foundation Puna. They are also Founding Pastors of Sure Foundation Hilo, now pastored by their son and daughter-in-law, Pastors Evan and Shinobu Carmichael. Pastor Patty says she ministers the Word of God in a direct and relevant way to draw listeners closer to God, as she teaches the Word of God.



Patty Carmichael

Siew Peng Chow comes from the First Assembly of God at Red Hill in O'ahu. Chow serves as the missions director at

First Assembly of God on O'ahu along with her husband Ernie. "She flows in the prophetic and is sure to challenge and motivate all in attendance," says Pastor Gacayan.



Siew Peng Chow

The early registration fee until September 28 is \$30. After that day the fee is \$40. The conference begins at 9 a.m. on Oct. 14, and both day sessions include lunch. The evening service is at 6:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

On Oct. 16 at 10 a.m., River of Life welcomes Lorin Carmichael, Senior Pastor of Sure Foundation Puna as guest speaker for Sunday morning worship service followed by a fellowship lunch. Pastor Lorin Carmichael is the Sr. Pastor and founder of Sure Foundation Puna located on the Big Island of Hawai'i. Along with his wife, Patty and three children, he started their first service on Easter, 1987. On Easter, 2004 Pastor Lorin started an extension church in Hilo to serve the Hilo community, where his son, Pastor Evan is now the Sr. Pastor. Having much compassion, Pastor Lorin strives to reach people in all walks of life, teaching the Word of God, using his own life experiences at times. He constantly encourages Christians to take God at His Word.



Lorin Carmichael

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KAHU 91.7 FM has been on the air since June 28, 2010. The station received a \$25,000 grant from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and a \$28,500 grant from Ha'ola, Inc., a Native Hawaiian non-profit corporation, to help with its start-up. It receives monthly underwriting from the Edmund C. Olson Trust and donations from listeners and businesses in the community.

The station is affiliated with the National Federation of Community Broadcasters and Native Public Media. According to Ka'ehu'ae'a, KAHU is the only Native Hawaiian owned and operated radio station in the United States.

With new positioning on the tower, KAHU's offerings of music, culture, news, weather, interviews and emergency alert services will reach more people in Ka'ū,

Puna and South Kona. Radio reception will improve in Nā'ālehu, Discovery Harbour, Green Sands, South Point, Kalae and Wai'ōhinu and is expected to extend to Ocean View and the South Kona communities all the way to Miloli'i, said Ka'ehu'ae'a. Toward Hilo, it is expected to reach Volcano and Mountain View, he said.

"From the programming, local news and interviews, with the expanded coverage, especially regarding emergency alert services, this will enable a stronger sense of security for all of the families in the district. Once the installation is complete there will be a testing phase to ensure that the station is heard clearly from areas of Miloli'i to Mountain View. We hope to have all of our projections completed by year end," Ka'ehu'ae'a said.

GUIDE TO KA'Ū CHURCHES

VOLCANO

- New Hope Christian Fellowship 967-7129
- Volcano Assembly of God 967-8191
- Kilauea Military Camp Chapel 967-8333, Protestant - 9am Catholic - 11:15 am, Sundays

PĀHALA

- River of Life Assembly of God 928-0608
- Holy Rosary 928-8208
- Pāhala Bible Baptist Mission 928-8240
- Pāhala Hongwanji 928-8254
- The Universe Story monthly meetings 928-0151
- Wood Valley Tibetan Buddhist Temple & Retreat 928-8539

NĀ'ĀLEHU

- Assembly of God 929-7278
- Iglesia Ni Cristo 929-9173
- Jehovah's Witnesses 929-7602
- Kaunahā Church 929-9997
- Latter Day Saints 929-7123
- Light House Baptist 939-8536

Nā'ālehu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple -

- 95-5693 Mamalahoa Hwy., Nā'ālehu, HI 96772
- Sacred Heart 929-7474
- United Methodist 929-9949
- Christian Church Thy Word Ministry meets in Nā'ālehu Hongwanji, Sundays 10 a.m. 936-9114

OCEAN VIEW

- Kahuku UCC 929-8630
- Ocean View Baptist Church 430-8268
- Worship Service: Sunday, 1 p.m. Ocean View Community Center. All are welcome!
- OV Evangelical Community Church 939-9089
- St. Jude's Episcopal 939-7000
- Divine Faith Ministries 929-8570 (non-denominational) meets Ocean View Community Center 10 am Sundays, Children, Youth, Bible Study. Call for more information .
- Church of Christ 928-0027
- Back to the Bible! 9 am, Bible class studying Romans. Worship 10A.M. Expository lessons from N.T. Books

Stars Over Ka'ū October 2011

by Lew Cook

Boy, is the sun setting earlier each day! It is also rising later, but not by as much. This means the days are getting shorter. Pity those who live in Fairbanks, Alaska, though. On Oct. 14 in Ka'ū the sun sets at 6 p.m. The sky gets dark enough to see bright stars at 6:21 p.m. However, in Fairbanks, the sky gets dark one minute later, at 6:22, but the sun has been down since 5:33!

In the tropics, nightfall comes quickly, but near the poles, twilight lingers. All night, some months. Then you can go above the Arctic Circle and not see the sun for weeks. And the temperature? Brrrr! I'll take Hawai'i, thank you.

There are some notable objects in the sky this month. The brightest of these is Jupiter, low in the east. There is the constellation Grus, or the Crane, which is shaped like a bent cross on the southern horizon. Still, you can imagine its birdlike flight overhead as it flies north. There is also the southern fish, Pisces Austrinus, represented by a single star on our map of the sky.

But do not be unhappy about this, as Fomalhaut is one of the few stars around which we can actually see a planet! Fomalhaut also has a disk of dust that shows up in pictures, too. The Hubble telescope took two images and, sure enough, you can see tiny planet images on them. Overlaying one on the other, you can see the planet had moved

from 2004 to 2006, but only by a small distance. This implies a period of revolution of around 870 years. It is the same distance from us as Vega, 25 light years. Perhaps the movie Contact has more basis set around Fomalhaut instead of Vega. Of course there is that name thing.

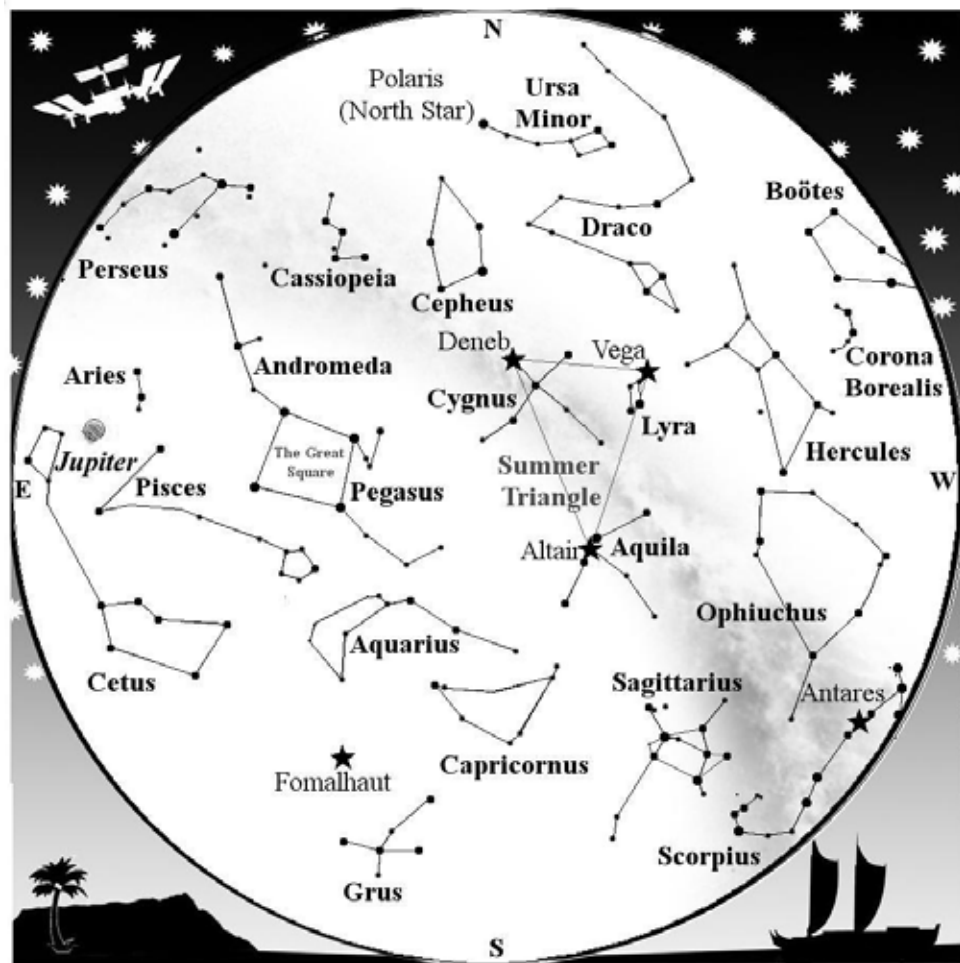
It is determined to be greater than the mass of Neptune but less than three times the mass of Jupiter. It lies just inside the edge of a dusty disk, similar to the solar system's Kuiper belt. The star is much younger than the sun, hence the amount of debris in its disk is greater than ours.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
Oct. 7	6:14	6:05
Oct. 14	6:16	6:00
Oct. 21	6:18	5:55
Oct. 28	6:21	5:50

Moon Phases

First Quarter	Oct. 3
Full Moon	Oct. 11
Last Quarter	Oct. 19
New Moon	Oct. 26

Lew Cook operates a modest size computerized telescope that looks deep into space from Pāhala. He emails measurements of his images and research to astronomers. For more information, go to his website: www.lewcook.com/pahala.htm. Some info has been obtained from wikipedia.com.



How to use this map: Hold this map over your head so that the northern horizon points toward the north on the Earth. For best results, use a red flashlight to illuminate the map. Use this map at about 11:00 p.m. early in the month, 10:00 p.m. mid-month, and 9:00 p.m. late in the month. *Map provided by Bishop Museum Planetarium. Pre-recorded information: (808) 848-4136; Web site: www.bishopmuseum.org/planetarium. Podcast: feeds.feedburner.com/bishopmuseum; Email: Hokupaa@bishopmuseum.org

Kahea Mai Ka 'Āina Camp Means the Land is Calling

Students will be attending Kahea Mai Ka 'Āina camp, Oct. 3 – 5, to learn the importance of sustainability and how to implement it. Dane and Terry Shibuya, owners of Masazo's Pig Farm, will teach and host the camp at their Nā'ālehu farm. The students sleep on site and learn in an outdoor classroom. The camp will feature a hydroponics workshop with instructors from Hawai'i Community College.

Kahea Mai Ka 'Āina means the Land is Calling. "What you put into the land, the land will give back to you to feed your family," explained Terry Shibuya. "We hope that what students learn here, they will carry on and apply to their daily living. Masazo's is a working example of sustainable living, with rainwater supplying the farm's needs, pigs providing meat as well as manure which nourishes the plants, and the plants also providing sustenance and food."

High-schooler Leah Mello-Waiwaiiole attended the Shibuya's weeklong summer camp with her five brothers and sisters. She related her favorite part was the process of killing the pig to make kalua pig and laulau. The students made food products and served them at the program's hō'ike, where they shared what they learned with their family and friends. "We also learned chants and grew taro," said Mello-Waiwaiiole.

"It is an awesome program for the kids. They learn how to farm and take care of the land and environment," said Sandy Domondon, whose ten-year-old grandson

Josiah Barrios attended the camp for the second time. "It is valuable for them to learn it early on. How it is now with the economy, they could use the skills they

learned when they get older" she said.

The farm bustled with families who spent time working and learning alongside their children at the camp. The Shibuya

children Brandy, Tiare and Dane, Jr. shared with students their experience growing up working on the farm, learning the importance of self-sufficiency, while their parents shared their knowledge of farming pigs and growing taro over the course of the week.

Kumu Jessie Ke taught students mo'olelo and Hawaiian chants, while Kumu Maile Yamanaka taught Hawaiian language and hula. Keoki Kahumoku played music and engaged in kani ka pila with the students in the evening. "It was really fun staying up on the farm," said Mello-Waiwaiiole.

In addition to the teachers, the Shibuyas also recognized Leina'ala Enos and the Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center for their donations of food for meals, Wayne Kawachi and 'O Ka'ū Kākou for the use of portable bathrooms, Lani Keko for T-shirts, Irv Massey for his monetary contribution and David and Jamie Kawauchi for their help and donation of lū'au leaves.

Each student went home with a program T-shirt, kalua pig and laulau and bananas from the farm. "We are so fortunate the Shibuyas open their farm and give back to the community," said Domondon.

The Shibuyas hope to host a program on their farm every quarter. Availability will be on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, contact them at 929-7159.



Nainoa Sales, Josiah Barrios, Donald Mello and Leilani Esperanza work in the Masazo garden.



Garret Bilog, center, shows Keani Mello-Waiwaiiole, left, and students how to prep the pig for the imu.



Dane Shibuya gathers lū'au leaves.

KEEPING HEALTHY IN KA'Ū

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Donate to Ka'ū Community Food Drive Oct. 9 - 18

The Ka'ū Community Partnership is asking for donations of non-perishable food items for the Ka'ū Community Food Drive from Oct. 9 through Oct. 18. "The need for food is evident in our community, with many ending unemployment benefits and many on fixed income or no income," said Teresa Alderdyce, a member of the Ka'ū Community Partnership and Family Support Hawai'i's Ka'ū Family Center coordinator. Those needing food can stop by the center with a photo I.D. Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and receive emergency food for their family once a month. Normally the center gives a two-day supply, but lately, due to low rations, only a one-day supply is available.

Food drive collection sites are as follows: Pāhala Community Center, Monday to Friday, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.; Nā'ālehu Island Market, Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Ka'ū Family Center, Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to

2 p.m.; Discovery Harbour Community Association, Monday to Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.; and Kahuku Country Market, daily 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

In August, the center's emergency food pantry serviced 100 families. "Our pantry is kept stocked purely by donations," said Alderdyce. The Discovery Harbour Community Center faithfully donates proceeds from their annual Thanksgiving dinner, which is the largest donation the pantry receives all year. In an attempt to keep the pantry going over the summer, Alderdyce organized a fundraiser to help stock the pantry selling donated orchids at a community event, raising \$7,500. The funds have quickly diminished due to high demand for food, she related. The Discovery Harbour Exercise for Energy class participants also donate food items to the pantry as admission to the class. This month, 'O Ka'ū Kākou also donated \$1,000 toward stocking the pantry. How-

ever, the community's need is still high.

"Community organizations and individuals have made many donations to our emergency food pantry at the Ka'ū Family Center. Thank you," said Alderdyce.

The Ka'ū Community Partnership is made up of representatives from Ka'ū Family Center (Family Support Hawai'i), Nā'ālehu Elementary School, Discovery Harbour Community Association, Queen Lili'ūokalani Children's Center, Tūtū and Me, Dept. of Health, Ocean View Community Association, Friends of Kahuku Park, Once Upon a Story for Literacy and Nā'ālehu Main Street. The Ka'ū Community Partnership meeting is held the last Thursday of the month at 12:30 p.m. at Nā'ālehu Community Center. The meeting is open to the community.

For more information regarding the food drive, contact Alderdyce at 929-9611, ext 10.



Ka'ū Community Food Drive asks for delivery for non-perishable donations to Pāhala Community Center, Nā'ālehu Island Market, Ka'ū Family Center, Discovery Harbour Community Association, and Kahuku Country Market.

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risk of investment on the people and secure Hawai'i's energy future for itself for the next 50 years," wrote Self.

Carol Andrade, of Pāhala, wrote that she "would prefer that 'Āina Koa Pono locate another site for their proposed refinery and power plant." She wrote: "I live about a 20-minute walk from the proposed site area if the terrain was flat and a road was built to Meyer Camp. How close is that? AKP plans to build the refinery above Pāhala, which is too close for comfort for me; too close to the population; too close to the school; too close to the hospital; too close to the coffee farms; too close to the vegetable farm; and too close for my health! Sure, AKP will provide jobs, but what kind of jobs that will provide steady employment for the residents of Pāhala? What about the quality of air? What about the health concerns for the population on Pāhala? How about the EIS? Show us that what AKP says is 'Pono,'" wrote Andrade.



Carol Andrade

Dr. Robert Domingos, a music and language teacher who lives in Wai'ohinu, also submitted testimony, this one entitled A'ole 'Āina Koa Pono in Ka'ū. "I have read what several scientists and concerned citizens have testified opposing this project - I must speak for the trees. Those beautiful monkeypod trees that give Ka'ū a tone of natural grandeur as well as wonderful hardwood for carving -- the humble keawe, its fallen branches prized for mesquite BBQ, even the stands of haole koa -- those trees that give Ka'ū its canopy, which as we know, attracts rain. Rain for our arid south!...We weep when we consider the ease with which we fell a hundred-year-old tree, helpless before

The Ka'ū Calendar

Counseling Helps Prevent Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

Mayor Billy Kenoi is supporting efforts to protect babies from Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. During a presentation at West Hawai'i Civic Center, he called for more counseling of pregnant women: "If we can get to our mothers before the last trimester, we can prevent fetal alcohol syndrome," said the mayor. He was speaking during International Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Day, a worldwide movement

to raise awareness about the largest known, entirely preventable cause of mental retardation and developmental disabilities. Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Day was recognized with bell ringing and flags representing the work being done on this island. Healthcare providers and social workers screen pregnant women to identify alcohol use during pregnancy. A positive screening is a mother who admits to using substances

during their pregnancy.

"These screenings allow the provider the opportunity to offer these women a brief intervention or short education about the risks associated with their behavior. We count it as a success if we even help one woman and change the outcome for her baby," said Sharon Bechler, Children's Research Triangle's Hawai'i state director.

man's machinery...Our precious landscape does not deserve an overhaul, leave it alone. There are many much simpler and less destructive ways of generating electricity," wrote Domingos.



Tom Rosenbaum

Tom Rosenbaum, of Nā'ālehu, wrote, "As a resident of this community, I have many concerns. How could a project of this magnitude be done without an EIS? Impact on roads, pollution ... At 5,000-gallon tanker truckloads to Kawaihae or Hilo ports, running at 100 percent of the time, that works out to eight runs per day.

"This technology has yet to be done anywhere else," stated Rosenbaum. "Then to ask HECO and HELCO ratepayers to pick up the tab without any say, seems totally unfair, since we already pay more per kilowatt hour than anyone else. If HELCO management has such a strong belief in this project let them issue preferred stock instead of riding on the coat tails of ratepayers," he suggested.

"The amount of money to create such a plan and have failure - seems more likely than not, since the University of Hawai'i study found the cost of making biodiesel

more energy intensive than energy produced," wrote Rosenbaum. "There are other alternative energy sources that exist and are proven that would benefit our community such as wind, solar and geothermal," he stated.

"Wood Valley has some of the worst pollution from volcanic emissions at present and to put a bio refinery there is like putting gas on the fire. Please show public consideration before this project is allowed; at least let's see a test site to prove this mi-



Shary Crocker

crowave polymerization technology works and will benefit all parties involved," testified Rosenbaum.

Shary Crocker, of Nā'ālehu, wrote: "The environmental impacts to the air quality: We have had extreme vog alerts in that area and the past year extreme drought conditions. With reports of continued disruptive weather patterns due to climate changes, how will this exhaust from

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Ka'ū Hospital
Caring for Our Community
Emergency Department Medical Staff
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Dr. Patricia Mullen, Board Certified Family Practice and Addiction Medicine
John Wilkinson, MD Board Certified Emergency Medicine
Rural Health Clinic/Hospital Medical Staff
Dexter Hayes, MD, Board Certified Family Practice
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To make a clinic appointment call 928 -2027
Corner of Hwy 11 and Kamani Street in Pāhala

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The Mobile Dental Van will provide dental services at the Ka'ū Family Health Center on Hwy 11 in Nā'ālehu. The dental van is in Ka'ū the first week of the month. For apt. call 965-3073
Call (808) 929-7311 for a medical appointment
Call (808) 965-3073 for a dental appointment
(walk-in's for dental care are accepted on first come-first served basis on Thursdays until 3pm)
"Serving our Ka'ū community since 1996"

Fourth-Graders Invited to Enter HVO Centennial Poster Contest

Ka'ū fourth-grade students are invited to participate in an islandwide poster contest celebrating 100 years of volcano watching on Hawai'i Island. The contest is hosted by the U.S. Geological Survey's Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, which reaches its centennial milestone in Jan. 2012.

Since HVO was founded by Thomas A. Jaggar in 1912, HVO scientists have continuously monitored eruptions and earthquakes on Hawaiian volcanoes. "During the past 100 years, we've seen tremendous advances in the methods, tools, and technology used to study Hawaiian volcanoes and a remarkable increase in our understanding of how volcanoes work," said Jim Kauahikaua, HVO's scientist-in-charge, "but the most important research and monitoring skill used today is the same one used by Jaggar and the Polynesians before him—observation."

The poster contest is open to fourth-grade students enrolled in public, private,



The Hawaiian Volcano Observatory, located next to the Jaggar Museum in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, is sponsoring a poster contest in advance of its centennial celebration.

Photo courtesy of USGS

charter, or home schools on Hawai'i Island. "We chose this grade level because volcanic

processes and scientific observation are topics included in Hawai'i's fourth-grade science curriculum," said Janet Babb, HVO's centennial poster contest coordinator.

Posters should convey a message about HVO and the study of Hawaiian volcanoes through one of three themes: 100 years of volcano watching on Hawai'i Island; the many tools and techniques HVO scientists use to monitor volcanoes; or I ka nānā no a 'ike" (By observing, one learns"). "These themes allow students to focus on the historical, scientific, or cultural aspects of volcano watching—or all three—as they design their posters," said Babb.

Kahele & Herkes, cont. from pg. 3

July, Herkes said, "I can't tell you how happy you are, after all that hard work, when the governor signs it."

Food Security

A food security bill that helps farmers receive loans is already helping agriculture, said Kahele, who helped push Bill 1153 through the Legislature this year. He noted that some farmers have already received loans from the program.

Wilderness Area

The South Kona Wilderness Area that passed the Legislature this year to preserve the cultural, biological and historical aspects of the area could be expanded. The measure was championed by Kahele and Herkes for decades. Kahele said he wants to add the ahupua'a of Kapua onto the Wilderness Area. It is owned by Honolulu developer Jeff Stone.

Kīlauea Lodge owner Lorna Jeyte said that she hopes tourism officials will help to educate visitors on the local culture, nature and out-of-the-way places and activities. She said that the visitor promotions concentrate too much on "sand and palm trees." Other speakers at the Kahele forum asked that farmers markets be publicized to visitors.

The axis deer threat came up at the Kahele meeting, where it was noted that permission has been given for state personnel to hunt them on Hawaiian Home Lands around South Point. Several people asked whether local hunters could take part, and Kahele said that could happen over time.

Students, teachers, and parents can view complete details about the poster contest online. Babb encourages students to read the contest guidelines carefully to be sure that their posters meet the required specifications and are eligible for judging. The poster contest entry deadline is Nov. 23.

A panel of judges will select first-, second- and third-place winners from each of the three Hawai'i Department of Education complex areas and one grand-prize winner from Hawai'i Island. These 10 winners and their teachers will receive engaging and useful awards and will be recognized in an award ceremony during HVO's Centennial Open House on January 21. All students who enter a poster will receive a Certificate of Recognition for their participation in the contest.

Award-winning and honorable mention posters will be displayed at KTA Super Stores around the island from January 11 to 31. The award-winning posters will also be featured on HVO's website.

"The HVO centennial poster contest offers a fun and creative way for fourth-grade students to learn more about HVO and its history, and how HVO scientists monitor Hawaiian volcanoes," said Babb. "We look forward to seeing HVO's history through their eyes."

For more information, visit <http://hvo.wr.usgs.gov/education/postercontest2011> or contact Janet Babb, HVO poster contest coordinator, at 967-8844 or jbabb@usgs.gov.

Electric Bills

David Howard Donald, of Volcano, suggested that the state might consider pushing forward its alternative energy goals by acquiring Hawaiian Electric Industries and using the profits of the electric company to give back to the community with lower rates and other programs. He said that electric rates are low in such places as Quebec in Canada, where the people own the power company and profits stay with the people instead of investors.

Internet availability for remote areas also came up at the Kahele meeting. One speaker suggested installing, at the end of cable lines, a transmitter to beam Internet to even more remote areas.

Revamping building codes and the permitting process is a project planned by Herkes. He said that the Big Island has a bad reputation for taking a long time to get a building permit and that he would be talking with the mayor.

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work on crafting the CDP."

"Hold on a little longer. We're getting close," advised Whitmore.

The committee voted to hold meetings on the second Tuesday of every month and to find ways to allow more public input in the process. The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Ocean View. More information on the Ka'ū CDP can be found at kaucdp.info.

Kanda & Endoso Families Donate, Reunion Raises Funds for OKK

The families of Minoru Kanda and Kenny Endoso recently gave generous donations totaling \$3,500 to 'O Ka'ū Kākou in their memory to help fund projects in Ka'ū.

Minoru Kanda, who passed away just shy of his 97th birthday, was born in Pāhala and lived from 1940 to 1970. At the time, no secondary schools were available in Ka'ū, so Kanda pursued his education elsewhere, graduating from Hilo High and receiving his business degree, with a major in accounting from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Later Kanda returned to care for his mother. He helped to run the family grocery store in Pāhala and worked as an accountant for Hawaiian Agricultural Company, a C. Brewer & Company sugar plantation subsidiary.

Kanda was a member of the Pāhala Lions Club, PTA and Pāhala Hongwanji. His parents Tsurumatsu and Riso Kanda, immigrants from Japan, are buried at the Pāhala Hon-



Minoru Kanda

people who live elsewhere, but grew up or lived in Ka'ū at some point and still have a connection to the area, said Wayne Kawachi, OKK President. "Ka'ū is a special place. It is smaller than most places and people who lived here have a bond to Ka'ū and are continuously giving back," he said. The annual Ka'ū

High summer reunion held in Las Vegas raised \$2,500 for Ka'ū projects. Kawachi said that funding sources for projects in Ka'ū has been tight, but the "extended family" of Ka'ū is stepping up to help fill the void. OKK conducts several community projects throughout the year including the up-keep and funding of the South Point portable bathrooms, the restoration of local cemeteries, coqui frog spraying and the Punaluu highway and pond clean-ups.

Kawachi also noted a recent donation of a bed from Chris Eldridge, a partner in 'Aina Koa Pono and owner of America's Mattress in Hilo, to OKK for a Pāhala senior. Kawachi said he solicited the donation after noticing the poor condition of the senior's mattress while he and OKK Vice-President Walter Wong Yuen helped him move from Ocean View to senior housing in Pāhala last year.

Institute: 'Ōla'a & Insects

The Hawai'i Volcano Institute presents two programs this month. On Saturday, Oct. 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., botanist Linda Pratt guides a slow-paced one-mile walk through the dense rain forest of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's 'Ōla'a Forest, a parcel of old-growth forest just north of Volcano Village. Participants learn the common native plants and see the results of more than 20 years of protection from feral ungulates and management of invasive non-native plants. This area has the highest diversity of native ferns of any forest in the



Wayne Kawachi

"He dedicated his life to the community," wrote Minoru Kanda's son Neal. The family donated \$2500 to OKK "as a token of his last gesture...to help perpetuate the spirit of Aloha in a place that he love," added Neal, member of Ka'ū High class of 1966, who wrote on behalf of his mother Nobuyo and sisters Lynette "Ko" Miyataki (Ka'ū High c/o 1960) and Diane "Didi" Iwaoka (c/o 1964).

Endoso's family traveled from California to visit Ka'ū and donated \$1,000 to 'O Ka'ū Kākou, as well as \$1,000 to Ka'ū Little League. Endoso was a award-winning stuntman in Hollywood, but always thought fondly of Ka'ū, where he grew up and learned to play baseball. To read more about Endoso, see the August 2011 issue at www.kaucaledar.com/news/backissues.html.

Many of OKK's donations come from

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Elizabeth Curtis' *Three Generations* is included in VAC's *Faces of Hawai'i* exhibit.

Photo courtesy of Volcano Art Center

VAC hosts *Faces of Hawai'i*

Volcano Art Center hosts the 2011 *Faces of Hawai'i* photo portrait exhibition and book debut on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend this collaborative event by *Hi Art Magazine*, idspace and Volcano Art Center at VAC's Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. The reception, open to all ages, includes a performance by Hui Okinawa Kobudo Taiko beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Early in 2011, *Hi Art Magazine* called out to residents of Hawai'i to participate in the fourth annual *Faces of Hawai'i* photo portrait competition. One hundred seventy entries were received, contributing to an ongoing project to create a portrait of the time, place and community in which we live. The end result is a book curated by Craig F. Walker, *Denver Post* staff photographer and recipient of the 2010 Pulitzer Prize for photography, and an exhibition that includes the 49 photos from the book and additional images selected by a committee.

Hawai'i photographers of all ages, amateur and professional, contributed images to the exhibit on display at the Niaulani Campus from Oct. 1 to 22. Award winners include Tonya Miller, first place for *Keiki O Ka Honua*; Rita Coury, second

place for *Three Generations*; and Elizabeth Curtis, third place for *Laurie Thiery, Waimea Beach Park*. The public is welcome to view the exhibit between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. by appointment.

The *Faces of Hawai'i* book series, published by *Hi Art Magazine*, is a collection of photographs and stories of the inhabitants of our islands. "Compelling, humorous and poignant, the stories told by the photographers about their subjects create a diverse and beautiful portrait of Hawai'i," said VAC Gallery manager Emily Catey. The books will be available for purchase during the opening reception, online at hiartmagazine.com or at Volcano Art Center Gallery.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment to see the exhibit, call 967-8222. Information can also be found at hiartmagazine.com or volcanoartcenter.org.

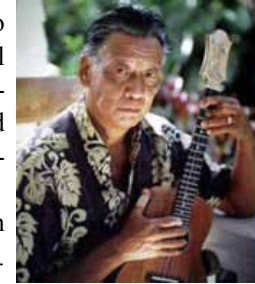
Pahinui Begins VAC's Fall Concert Season

Volcano Art Center announces its 2011 fall concert season. "VAC had such an amazing last season that we want to continue the momentum of bringing great artists and music to Volcano and the Big Island. We feel we have another great season in store that has the classic performers that appeal to all eras and genres, and to all who want to celebrate great music of the highest quality," said concert and performance coordinator David Wallerstein.

Cyril Pahinui performs on Saturday, Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Kīlauea Theater. Pahinui has twice played at Carnegie Hall, has contributed to three Grammy Award-winning albums, received several Hoku Hanohano Awards and recorded more than 35 Hawaiian musical releases. "As a slack key guitarist, Cyril's technical virtuosity, rhythmic adaptations, and instrumental



Cyril Pahinui



Peter Moon



Bolo

harmonics impart the soul of Hawaiian music, and his beautiful, emotive, and well recognized voice renders an intimate picture of his Pacific island home," said Wallerstein. Joining Pahinui for this evening of Hawaiian music are Peter Moon and Bolo.

On Saturday, Nov. 26 VAC features *Christmas with the Brothers Cazimero* at 7 p.m. at Kīlauea Theater. "The Brothers Cazimero are consummate performers who have made their indelible imprint on the face of contemporary Hawaiian music. Their talent, longevity and sales success over the past 30 years have placed them in a league of their own, untouched by any other performer in the history of Hawaiian music," said Wallerstein. "The early 1970s were a remarkable time as the Hawaiian culture and music began an amazing resurgence in Hawai'i.

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Adams Offers Printmaking Workshop

Art educator and fine artist Lisa Louise Adams conducts an introductory printmaking workshop on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The class compliments the Pacific Island Printmakers exhibit, *Embracing 'Ōhi'a* on display at Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park until Nov. 6.

Adams begins by sharing prints and plates as examples, and students start with exercises that simplify the relief printmaking process. Students carve and print a simple relief and have time to experiment and explore the endless possibilities of color. All supplies are provided, and participants can bring papers or fabrics to personalize their work.

Adams lives in Volcano, where she works out of her Spiral Triangle Studios. Her work has been displayed in many invitational and juried exhibitions for over twenty years. She has been involved with statewide projects such as the Grade Level Guide to the Arts, a project to further develop arts curriculum for elementary schools, as well as the Hawai'i Alliance for Arts Education's Arts First Institutes. She currently teaches students, artists and educators easy ways to incorporate arts into their classrooms.

Introduction to Printmaking is held at Volcano Art Center's Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village. The workshop fee is \$65 plus a \$10 supply fee. Call 967-8222 or visit volcanoartcenter.org for more information.

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BLNR Moves To Finalize Funding for County Purchase at Kāwā

Ownership of Kāwā will not go to a contested case hearing before the state Board of Land and Natural Resources, according to a vote taken by the BLNR in September in Honolulu. Abel Simeona Lui asked the board for the hearing in an attempt to prevent the state from passing along funding to the county to complete the purchase of the land for an endangered species preserve and park. However, the board went along with a Department of Forestry & Wildlife recommendation to reject the contested case and to stay out of any ownership question about the land. The county is expected to soon complete the purchase of the popular surfing, fishing and beach-going property.

The state received \$1 million to help buy the coastal property from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. The state is putting in another \$1.5 million, and the county \$1.4

million. A letter from the Department of Forestry & Wildlife describes the purchase as a joint effort "to protect wetland and coastal habitat on the island of Hawai'i." The land would be managed for endangered species recovery. Lands at Kāwā would also be preserved for surfing, fishing and walking along the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail.

The county is purchasing the property for \$3.9 million from the Olson Trust, which bought it for preservation after former owners put it on the market, advertising it to developers. The county already purchased the adjacent 235 acres from Marcia Johnson, who formerly operated a real estate company in Ka'ū.

The BLNR had considered asking the county to allow Lui and his group to continue living at Kāwā as stewards of the land.



Funding from the state, federal and county governments would buy Kāwā lands to protect the wetlands and restore endangered species.

Photo by Julia Neal

Lui has received pro and con opinions from the community, with some people saying he selectively allows or disallows people from visiting Kāwā when it should be open for all the public, and others noting his long history at Kāwā where he has lived, sponsored surf

contests and declared himself the caretaker of the land there. He says he has resided there for more than 20 years and claims his ancestors owned it and that this land cannot be sold, even for a public park. He flies the flag of Hawaiian sovereignty.

Volunteers Haul Two Tons of 'Opala from Ka'ū Coast

Over two tons of marine 'opala were collected from the shores of Ka'ū last month by some 83 volunteers. Hawai'i Wildlife Fund mobilized students and environmental caretakers on Saturday, Sept. 17 to clean up the Wai'ōhinu shoreline from Ka'alu'alu Bay to Kamilo Point. The



Volunteers haul more than two tons off the beach.

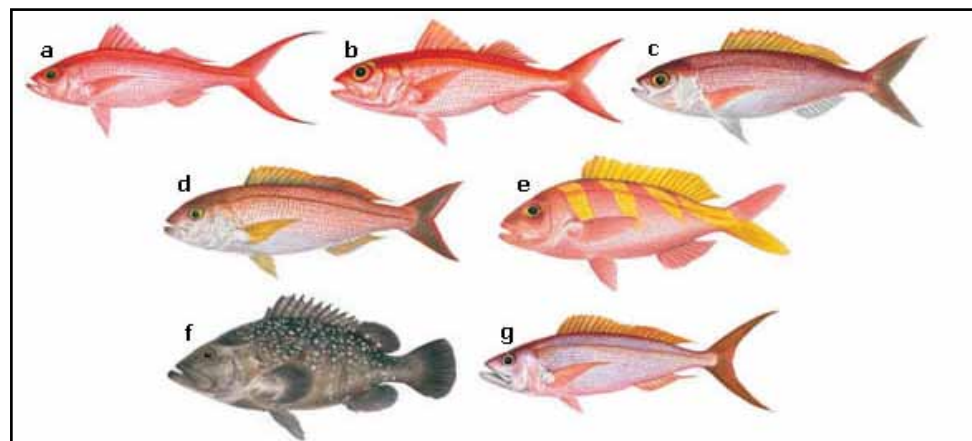
date marked the 26th International Coastal Cleanup event, known in Hawai'i as *Get the Drift & Bag It!* It was sponsored by NOAA's Marine Debris Program and supported by the Surfrider Hilo Chapter and University of Hawai'i at Hilo.

In total, 4,261.5 pounds of garbage was removed from the 1.25 mile stretch of shore-

line. Volunteers on average picked up about 51 pounds of trash each. Data collectors extrapolated from the findings of 10 garbage bags that the debris collected consisted of 58.3 percent plastics, 38.6 percent broken glass, 1.4 percent metal, one percent rubber, and less than a percent of wood and cloth.

Among the garbage collected were 2,720 plastic caps; 1,573 fish traps; 1,131 fishing lines; 916 bottle caps; 910 glass bottles; 859 aluminum cans; 468 plastic bags and food wrappers; 255 pieces of footwear; and many thousands of pieces of plastic, rope, Styrofoam, wood, and rubber. Only 375 pounds of fishing nets were removed, as Hawai'i Wildlife Fund had earlier picked up an estimated 3,400 pounds during net patrol runs. Pickers noted that Japanese and Chinese characters

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Bottom Fish from a-g are: 'ula'uala koa'e, or onaga; 'ula'ula or ehu; kalekale; 'opakapaka, 'ukiki or gindai; hapu'upu'u; and lehi. They are referred to as the Deep 7.

Bottom Fishing Season Continues

Bottom fishing season for the Deep 7 opened Sept. 1 and continues until the state determines that a limit has been reached. The Deep 7 fish are onaga, ehu, 'opakapaka, kalekale, gindai, lehi, and hapu'upu'u. Even with the season open, there is a kapu on a section of water to the southeast of Kalae, or South Point. Two other restricted areas are along the northeast side of Kohala and Hamakua, and just southeast of Hilo. A kapu on all the Deep 7 prohibited fishermen from catching these fish from March 12 through Aug 31. Federal fishing regulators have set an Annual Catch Target for Hawai'i at 325,000 pounds of Deep 7 fish. When the limit is reached, based on required reports by fishermen, the fishing season will be closed.

Axis Deer May Be Hunted in Ka'ū

Axis deer could be hunted on Department of Hawaiian Home Lands following approval of a permit for the Division of Forestry and Wildlife to survey the land around South Point. Reports of axis deer have been made in Ka'ū. The deer are considered highly invasive and could destroy plant life and agriculture. There is rumor that deer may have been brought in by helicopter by people who want to develop more game hunting opportunities.



Axis deer are considered highly invasive and could multiply into herds in Ka'ū if not contained.



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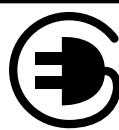
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were on many bottles and pieces of plastic.

Numerous school groups, individuals and families were involved in the cleanup, including nine students from Ka'ū High School's Interact Club and students from Waiakea High School, UH-Hilo and Hawai'i Community College. Volunteers hailed from all over Hawai'i Island. One volunteer flew in from Honolulu to help with the cleanup effort.

The Hawai'i Wildlife Fund will host the Raptorfest Cleanup on Saturday, Nov. 12 in Hilo and Radio Bay and a Ka'ū Coastal Cleanup on Jan. 14. Volunteers are asked to meet the morning of the cleanup at Wai'ōhinu Park at 7:45 a.m. with sturdy shoes, sun and wind protection, reusable water bottles, and bag lunches. Four-wheel-drive vehicles are required to access cleanup sites. To sign up, contact Megan Lamson at 769-7629 or email kahakai.cleanup@gmail.com.

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the 80-foot (refinery) stack...mix with the chemicals in the vog and effect humans that live in that area?" asked Crocker.

"The environmental impact to the water: The land of Ka'ū is well known for its cattle, farm and coffee plantations. Using chemical fertilization to grow the acres of mono crops, every day, year after year, could affect ground water wells of other farmers, animals, and households."

Elizabeth Jenkins, who owns a home, orchard, farm and fruit stand in Wai'ōhinu, also wrote to the PUC. "I do not support the rate hike making residents pay for an expensive biofuel venture that has never been tested or proven to work anywhere in the world. We are not interested in being the guinea pigs for this weird science project. We do not feel this is a valid, sustainable project, nor does it appear to actually be a real "green" project. We do not feel this is good for the land or good for Ka'ū in any way. Please receive this testimony of our entire family of four from "Ai Lani Orchards – an organic farm on 35 acres in Ka'ū."

Helen Behrmann, of Nā'ālehu, called the proposed biodiesel supply contract between HECO and 'Āina Koa Pono "ludicrous." She said South Point wind farm needed no funding through rate hikes from the electric company to produce alternative energy. Behrmann expressed concern over building the refinery in an earthquake risk zone and the lack of precedent of using the proposed microwave technology to produce biofuels.

Behrmann also asked about environmental effects: "Ka'ū has a long history of experiencing droughts. How are they going to irrigate what they need to grow when this occurs? What happens to our watershed? What happens to our air quality?" she asked.

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park. Because this is a sensitive area without developed trails, group size will be limited to 12. "We'll see examples of native lobelioids, endemic members of the African violet family, tree nettles, and many of the over 50 native fern species found in 'Ōla'a," said coordinator Julie Mitchell.

According to Bishop Museum scientists, there are more than 5,800 known native insect species in Hawai'i, over 94 percent of which are endemic to the Hawaiian Islands. On Sunday, Oct. 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Hawai'i insect specialist David Foote looks for Kamehameha butterflies, longhorn beetles, fruit flies, and happyface spiders in Kipuka'pua'ulu (Bird Park). "Hawai'i's native insect fauna has undergone many examples of spectacular adaptive radiations, and we'll look for examples of these evolutionary processes in some of the more common native insect species. We'll also talk about the functional role of insects in Hawai'i's native ecosystems, the impact of invasive alien insects, and the conservation of native Hawaiian insects.

The cost per person for each program is \$35 for members and \$50 for non-members. Students (K-12 and college with valid ID) are half-price. Non-members are welcome to join the nonprofit Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park in order to get the member discount. To register, contact Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute at 985-7373 or visit fhvnp.org.

VAC Concert, cont. from pg. 21

Leading the way down this amazing new path were the Brothers Cazimero, carrying a torch that sparked a new interest in music performed in the Hawaiian language with a contemporary sound that even today has never been duplicated." The duo has released 36 musical recordings and three DVDs.

A Night of Hot Jazz with Volcano Choy is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 10 at VAC's Niaulani Campus. Junior "Volcano" Choy was born into a musical family and was always attracted to the trumpet and Jazz. Choy landed a gig being the horn voice in a quartet led by Betty Lou Taylor that backed Hawai'i jazz vocalist Jimmy Borges. The House Band, as they were known, performed with such greats as Bobby Hutcherson, Stan Getz, Wynton Marsalis, Freddy Hubbard, Anita O'Day, and Bill Watrous. Choy relocated to Pittsburgh, where he landed the trumpet chair with Rodger Humphries. In 2005, Choy moved back home to Hawai'i. Today he travels to the mainland to perform gigs and has recently begun to serve as the musical director for the Volcano Art Center Jazz Ensemble.

Tickets to Cyril Pahinui and the Brothers Cazimero are \$30 in advance and \$35 the night of the performance. Tickets for Junior Choy and the Volcano Art Center Jazz Ensemble are \$15 in advance and \$20 the night of the performance. For tickets, call 967-8222 or visit VAC's Niaulani Campus; VAC Art Gallery; Books, Nooks & Cranies in Hilo; or volcanoartcenter.org.

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KAHU 91.7 community radio has received a \$76,405 grant through Gov. Neil Abercrombie and expedited by Sen. Gil Kahele and Hawai'i State Civil Defense to move its transmitter from Pāhala onto a Crown communications tower just off the old cane haul road between Pāhala and Nā'ālehu. The radio station signal will be beamed from the studio, which will remain in Pāhala, to the tower via microwave, said station general manager Wendell Ka'ehu'ae'a.

The changeover is scheduled from Tuesday, Oct. 18 through Friday, Oct. 21. During the move, the station will continue with on-line streaming at its website, kahufm.org and will be temporarily off air to radio listeners. KAHU is expected to broadcast on air again throughout Ka'ū by Saturday, Oct. 22.

day, Oct. 22.

The grant to expand KAHU's radio broadcast coverage throughout Ka'ū follows assistance offered from the county Civil Defense Agency. Ka'ehu'ae'a said the county

will pay for hard-wiring the station so it can receive emergency alert broadcasts straight from Civil Defense rather than solely over the Internet.

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