

PUC, Consumer Advocate, HECO Ask for Transparency

More transparency in contracts like the one proposed between the electric companies and 'Āina Koa Pono would be available to the state Public Utilities Commission with the passage of Senate and House Bills being considered by the 2013 Hawai'i Legislature. The 'Āina Koa Pono case now before the PUC involves claims by AKP regarding expected productivity of more than 10,000 acres that would be used to grow feedstock that would be processed in a refinery above

Wood Valley near Pāhala. The case involves AKP's claims that the proposed microwave depolymerization refinery could produce biofuel at a more affordable price than fossil fuel. Regarding the details and data that would back up claims by AKP, the electric companies have declined to answer questions from the county and other parties involved with the case, claiming the AKP information is proprietary.

Community organizations Life of the

Land and Blue Planet Foundation, along with PUC chair Mina Morita and state Consumer Advocate Jeffrey Ono, support the measure for more transparency, as do the electric companies themselves. The lone opposition, as of press time, came from a group of energy producers.

In late February, Life of the Land's executive director Henry Curtis sent out an email entitled: *Are Ratepayers Being Ripped Off? Key Legislative Bill Needs Your Sup-*

port. He wrote that the electric company signs "contracts with 'Āina Koa Pono, Pattern Energy, PGV or First Wind. The utility asks the Public Utilities Commission to approve the contract.

"The renewable energy companies are not parties to the PUC proceedings and could be getting windfall profits at ratepayer expense," wrote Curtis.

The House version of the legislation

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HECO Answers Questions with 'Āina Koa Pono Claims

Late last month, Hawaiian Electric Co. and Hawai'i Electric Light Co. responded to County of Hawai'i, Life of the Land and other parties' detailed questions about 'Āina Koa Pono and its plan to sell diesel under a proposed 20-year fixed-price contract to the utilities. According to Mayor Billy Kenoi, the price would be around \$200 a barrel and would raise electric bills on the Big Island and O'ahu. The mayor assigned county attorneys to work on the case and asked many complex questions about pricing and technology. The electric companies addressed many of the questions by quoting claims by AKP. Some other questions were addressed by saying that some information is not being released by AKP.

The electric companies did answer a question regarding what kind of fuel would be the end product at the planned refinery off Wood Valley Road that would use cuttings of grasses, brush and trees as its feedstock, along with additives to make biodiesel. County attorneys asked, "Does the MicroDee process directly produce biodiesel following the microwave depolymerization step, or is the product pyrolysis oil that requires further upgrading to biodiesel? If the latter, then what is the composition of the pyrolysis oil (and variability in this composition based on the proposed feedstock or multiple anticipated feedstocks), what facilities will be required to upgrade the pyrolysis oil, will these facilities be on-site (and if not, where will upgrading be performed), and what will be the source of hydrogen to obtain the final biodiesel product? Could this product be called green diesel or simply renewable diesel? Have any additional transportation costs and raw material (especially hydrogen) costs been incorporated in the analysis?"

HECO and HELCO responded: "According to 'Āina Koa Pono-Ka'ū, LLC, the MicroDee process produces a pyrolytic oil. An on-site scalable upgrade process will be provided to further process the pyrolytic oil to a synthetic renewable diesel. The source of hydrogen would be from a commercially available mobile skid unit or in industrial supply tanks.

"According to AKP, the finished fuel is

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Basking on the Black Sand Beach

An endangered monk seal basked on Punalu'u Black Sand Beach from about 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Feb. 16. A student marine biologist from University of Hawai'i-Hilo stayed with her and discovered that a tag on her flipper identified her as being from Moloka'i.

Photo from Carrie and David Berry

Police, Prosecutors & Farmers Vow to Protect Precious Ka'ū Coffee

Police nabbed a suspect in February after the recent string of Ka'ū Coffee thefts. According to various coffee farmers, police visited coffee mills in Kona and found a receipt showing sales of Ka'ū Coffee to a Kona mill by a person unrelated to a coffee farm. Mills are required to show receipts to confirm the source of their coffee under Hawai'i law. Such receipts or other documents are also required of people transporting coffee from place to



Phil Becker holds up the Eckounltd shirt. Whose is it?

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place around the island. The cooperation of the mills and those selling coffee to retailers and at farmers markets will help cut down the thievery, said County Prosecuting Attorney Mitch Roth. Roth met with farmers and ranchers in February.

During the community meeting sponsored by Ka'ū Farm Bureau, Roth said that ag theft can be combated through cooperation among police officers and the lo-

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Community May Meet On Future P.U.D.'s

Greater community involvement in consideration of proposed Planned Unit Development projects will be required under a proposal by Hawai'i County Planning director Bobby Jean Leithead-Todd. She asked for an amendment to the Hawai'i County Code that requires a community meeting before submittal of an application for a P.U.D., which is often used to create smaller than 20-acre lots under agricultural zoning.

In February, the measure was recommended for approval by the Windward Planning Commission.

An example of how a P.U.D. works: One thousand acres zoned for 20-acre agriculture lots allows for subdivision into 50 separate parcels. With a P.U.D. approval, however, a developer can place unbuildable land, such as steep hillsides and gulches, in one large parcel, leaving other lots smaller than the 20 acres for which the property is zoned. A 1,000-acre parcel zoned Ag-20 could possibly be subdivided into one 500-acre parcel comprised of cliffs and streams and 49 other flat lots 10.2 acres each. The intent of the P.U.D. was to make for better planning by avoiding simple cookie cutter developments.

The P.U.D. has sometimes been used to maximize the number of small lots that can be obtained out of a large agricultural parcel. Some proposals have attempted to maximize beachfront lots for estates by proposing to create one large lot in the most mauka section of the property and putting the smaller, often narrow, beachfront estates, under 20 acres each, near the shoreline.

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Workshop: Find A Niche in the Specialty Food Business in Ka'ū

Farmers who want to sell a product to the public can learn from value-added and specialty foods consultant Lou Cooperhouse when he presents *Food Business Basics: Getting Started and Finding Your Niche in the Specialty Foods Business*. The workshop to be held at Pāhala Community Center on Wednesday, March 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. is designed for farmers seeking to develop their raw product into a value-added prod-

uct and bring it to market, entrepreneurs and restaurateurs interested in diversifying their revenue streams with specialty food products, and established producers looking to take their food businesses to the next level.

According to The Kohala Center, which is sponsoring the workshop, the Food Industry offers many exciting opportunities, and this workshop will provide attendees with critical assistance to develop, build or evolve their businesses. Topics include Understanding the Food Marketplace and Channels of Distribution; Top Trends Affecting Our Food Industry and their Impact on New Product Innovation; Identifying

Your Target Consumer; Developing Your Product Niche and Creating Your Unique



Selling Proposition; the Strategic Planning Process and Your Business Plan; Lo-

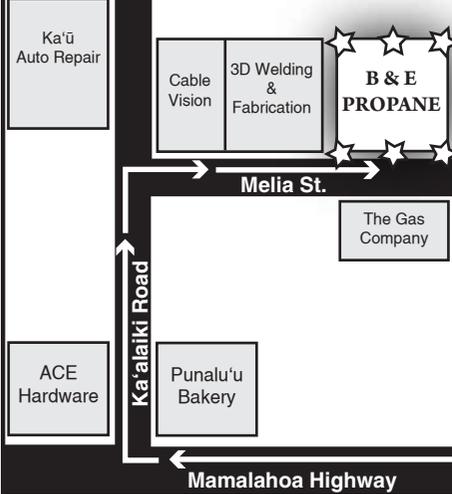
cal, State and Federal Food Regulations and Food Inspection Requirements; Food Processing Options and What to Look for in Getting Your Product Produced; Food Safety Technologies from Farm to Fork that will Enhance Quality and Safety; the Product Development Process: Scaling Up from Concept to Commercialization; and Funding Options and What Banks and Investors Will Want to Know.

Following lunch (included with pre-registration), Nicole Milne, Agricultural Business Development specialist for The Laulima Center, will present two one-hour *Specialty Food*, pg. 3

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says the PUC “shall have the authority to examine all documents, ledgers, records, projections, contracts, or any other information and data pertaining to the development, financing, taxation, construction, or operations and maintenance of a project in any power purchase agreement that has been submitted to the commission for review or approval, as the commission deems necessary, including the information and data of any third-party electricity producer seeking to sell electricity to a public utility as defined within section 269-1; provided that this section shall be effective to the extent it is not inconsistent with applicable federal law. The commission shall maintain the confidentiality of all information submitted under confidential seal and provided in accordance with this section.”

The justification section of the proposed legislation says, “Electricity in Hawai'i is supplied increasingly by non-utility power generators that use a variety of both fossil fuel and renewable energy resources. Electric utilities acquire third-party supplied energy via power purchase agreements that establish a final price for energy supplied throughout the entire contract term, which typically lasts for twenty years. Negotiated prices in purchased power agreements are

renewable energy project financing costs. “The purpose of this Act is to authorize the Public Utilities Commission to examine all records, projections, business documents, and other necessary information relating to the review by the commission of power purchase agreements for the sale of electricity to a public utility.”

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“Complete access to underlying renewable energy project cost information, including cost support information and associated materials, would allow the commission to better determine the reasonableness of proposed prices in the context of the local energy market, independently track trends in renewable energy project development and more readily compare independent power producers’ projects. More specific, detailed contract information can fundamentally shift the way renewable energy project costs are currently set so that they move more closely in line with the actual costs of energy production and are free of the influence of volatile fuel oil prices. In addition, more open and clear contract pricing information could potentially improve the financing environment for non-utility energy developers, thus benefiting the entire state through lower re-

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and more readily compare independent power producers’ projects.

“We believe this will not only benefit Hawai'i ratepayers, but will ultimately result in greater acceptance of renewable energy in Hawai'i,” said the Blue Planet testimony.

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Pāhala Library Opens Four Days a Week with 28 Computers

Pāhala Public & School Library has resumed hours, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with Wi-Fi and free Internet access to all those with a library card, as well as use of four desktop and 24 laptop computers.

The library also offers free Microsoft HI Tech Academy classes online and the new Gale Cengage Learning program Ed2Go, with access to free instructor-linked online classes. Courses range from accounting to Excel, Creating Web Pages, Learning to be a Medical Assistant, Assisting Aging Parents and Parenting to Algebra, Business Finance, Chemistry and Writing. Students can also prepare to take the ACT/SAT exams.

Debbie Wong Yuen, who has managed both libraries, said filling two vacant positions at Nā'ālehu Public Library allows her to return to Pāhala. She explained that for almost two years, Nā'ālehu and Pāhala Public & School Library suffered a staffing shortage when two of three permanent library personnel retired, leaving one permanent employee.

Though Pāhala Library is larger and adjacent to Ka'ū High School and intermediate and elementary schools, Nā'ālehu has been the more often used library in recent years. During the staff shortage, Pāhala Public & School Library was affected by intermittent closures, with hours reduced to opening only on Mondays. Wong Yuen said public and school libraries can be operated only by permanent workers. She thanked those who

offered to substitute and volunteer and everyone for "patience during the days both libraries were affected with closures." During the time without additional permanent staff, she kept Nā'ālehu Library open.

With Nā'ālehu Library now fully staffed, Wong Yuen, a library technician/branch manager, said the goal at Pāhala is to extend the open days to five days a week with longer hours.

While library cards are free to Hawai'i residents, non-residents have an option of a three-month card for \$10 or a five-year card for \$25. To replace a lost library card, the fee is \$5.

The library also has an extensive collection of DVDs, which can be borrowed for one week with a \$1 fee for each DVD. Also in the collection are many audiobooks, CDs and the latest adult fiction bestsellers. The public can browse the online catalog for any materials available in the Hawai'i State Public Library System and request for them to be brought to Pāhala free of charge. Those with an e-Reader or iPhone can download audiobooks through two e-book services: Overdrive and OneClickDigital.

Wong Yuen said she encourages the community, teachers and students to make use of the many free services the library offers. "We need to show the state librarian and the legislators that you want your public and school library to stay open. How can you help? By coming to your library often, checking out materials (books, DVDs, CDs,



Jennifer Losalio and Sara Kamibayashi are new staff members at Nā'ālehu Public Library, allowing Debbie Wong Yuen to return to Pāhala Public & School Library four days a week.

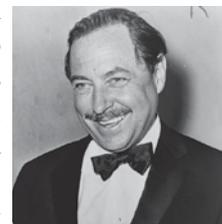
magazines, audiobooks) and using the computers. This will make a difference in the future of the library."

She also invited the public to stop by Nā'ālehu Public Library "and welcome on board Sara Kamibayashi, the new librarian/branch manager, and Jennifer 'Jen' Losalio,

the new library assistant, who will be happy to help you. Please thank them for accepting the positions that filled the two vacancies, which now allows Pāhala Public & School Library to operate once again," Wong Yuen said.

Tennessee Williams Plays Come to Pāhala

Two By Tenn With Tea, an afternoon performance of two rarely performed one-act plays written by Tennessee Williams, takes place at Pāhala Plantation House Sunday, March 24 at 3 p.m. In what director Julie Dobbs describes as a "fragile mood piece" entitled *Talk to Me Like the Rain and Let Me Listen*, Arlene Araki and Dick Hershberger, of Ocean View,



Tennessee Williams Photo from U.S. Library of Congress

portray a man and woman rooted hopelessly in an unchanging present.

I Can't Imagine Tomorrow, the second play, also features Araki and Hershberger in what Dobbs calls "a variation on the theme of the passage toward death; of endured, but unendurable, pain."

Tea and cookies will be served. Donations are suggested at \$5.

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trainings. One is on Financial Resources Available for Hawai'i Farmers, and the other is Marketing Agricultural Products on Hawai'i Island.

In addition, Cooperhouse will also conduct 30-minute one-on-one consulting

sessions with pre-selected workshop participants. Registrants interested in the one-on-one consultations must complete and submit a brief application.

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Ka'ū's Kawauchi Serves as Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Jamae Kawauchi, who grew up in Ka'ū, is the new westside Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, reporting to newly elected County Prosecuting Attorney Mitch Roth. Kawauchi

is assigned to the Kona office. Roth said that he has admired Kawauchi's experience as a private attorney and her willingness to help community organizations

and kupuna. "When I have worked with community groups the past, she has been one of the attorneys who has always helped. She never turned us down."

Roth said that "the appointment has nothing to do with politics. Jamae has been there helping people in the community, including pro bono work."

Roth himself has worked on crime prevention in Ka'ū through community organizations that have started Neighborhood Watch. He recently advised and promised to work on agricultural theft in Ka'ū.



Jamae Kawauchi with her parents from Wai'ōhinu, David and Jamie Kawauchi.

Photo by Julia Neal

Kawauchi most recently served as County Clerk after being nominated by former County Council chair Dominic Yagong and confirmed by the Council and Mayor Billy Kenoi.

She is the daughter of David Kawauchi, a retired police officer, and Jamie Kawauchi, who is retired from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Jamae Kawauchi is a graduate of Kamehameha Schools and University of Hawai'i Richardson School of Law. She is a former Harvard University fellow and served as assistant director of Harvard Medical School's

Center of Excellence in Minority Health and Health Disparities. She is former president of the County of Hawai'i Bar Association and also served on the County Charter Commission.

In private practice, she was a business and civil attorney who worked with Carlsmith Ball and Tsukazaki, Yeh and Moore before establishing her own law practice.

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The bathroom. Big or small, it's one of the rooms in your house that gets a lot of attention — from you, your family and friends, and potential buyers. And as one of the most popular rooms in the house, it deserves an update every now and again. Even if renovations aren't in your plans, there are some easy ways to update it on a budget. The key is to revamp focal points, such as mirrors or rugs, and then focus on unique additions.

Start by replacing the mirror — a bathroom staple — with a more contemporary shape and style. For big impact with minimal effort, reduce clutter on the bathroom counters by repurposing mason jars from the kitchen to hold makeup brushes and pencils, small combs or extra toothbrushes, and store makeup or other odds and ends in stylish mini baskets or ceramic pots. To refresh the counter without replacing it, change out the fixtures and accessories like the soap dispenser and towel rack.

Pull together the entire bathroom with complementary or matching hues for bathroom essentials such as towels, washcloths and a shower curtain, or stencil an easy, colorful border around the mirror or ceiling for an added pop of color.

Treat your bathroom like any other room in the house. Use framed postcards, vacation photos or pressed flowers to create inexpensive artwork to deck the walls. Consider repurposing other household items to give the bathroom a welcoming vibe, such as wine racks for rolled up towels.

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March 2013

La'a Ka Pa-Kapala, Sacred the Rhythms And Patterns, Sat, March 2 – Sun, April 14 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. A collaborative exhibit by Natalie Mahina Jensen and Lucia Tarallo featuring a collection of acrylic paintings depicting the Hawai'i Maoli's penchant for sacred geometry. The paintings serve to illustrate the newly interpreted Nature Chant Kumulipo entitled Kāne Keia! Wāhine Kela! (Male This! Female That!). Opening reception Sat, March 2, 5 p.m. Talk Story with both artists Thu, March 14, 6 p.m. Free; park entrance fees apply. 967-7565

Make Books, Sat, March 2, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Ni'aulani Campus in Volcano Village. Lisa Louise Adams teaches how to make a hardcover accordion book and two softcover books. Bring cotton fabric for covers and magazine or favorite copies of photos. \$35/\$31.50 VAC members plus \$10 supply fee. 967-8222

Volcano Variety Show, Sat, March 2, 6:30 p.m., Sun, March 3, 2 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Ni'aulani Campus in Volcano Village. Acts include sketch, comedy, music and dance. Appropriate for all ages. \$8 adults, \$5 children under 17. 967-8222

Ham Radio Operators Potluck Picnic, Sun, March 3, 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

Women's Energy Workshop, Sun, March 3, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., Volcano Village Dance Studio. Yoga and dance meditation with Debra Serrao and Shizuno Nasu focusing on the Sacred Feminine. \$55 includes lunch; space limited. Debra 985-7545, debwhiteflower@hotmail.com or Shizuno 967-8574, shizunodance@gmail.com

A Walk into the Past, Tue, March 5 & 19, 10 a.m., 12 & 2 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center & Whitney Vault in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Ka'ū resident Dick Hershberger brings Hawaiian Volcano Observatory founder Thomas Jaggar to life every other Tuesday.

After Dark in the Park: Building a Wildlife Preserve in Ka'ū, Tue, March 5, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. John Replogle of The Nature Conservancy discusses how the area became a preserve and how the Tri-Mountain Alliance played an important role. \$2 donations support park programs; park entrance fees apply. 985-6011

Hawaiian Affairs Caucus General Membership Meeting, Wed, March 6, 6:30 p.m., Honolulu. Neighbor island members and guests can attend via teleconference. 605-477-2100, participant access code 697371#. hawaiianaffairscaucus.weebly.com

Stewardship at the Summit, March 7, 15, 23, 28, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Paul and Jane Field lead volunteers on hikes, cutting invasive Kahili ginger along the way. 985-6017

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

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

Hula Arts at Kīlauea, Sat, March 9, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. This Na Mea Hawai'i Hula Kahiko Performance features Hālau Hula Manaolana 'O Kohala, Hula Hālau Pi'o O Ke Anuenuue of Ashland, OR and Hālau Hula Keao 'O Kala of Pāhoa under the direction of kumu hula Roy Leabig honoring the late kumu hula Raylene Kawaia'ea. Hands-on cultural demonstrations 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., VAC Gallery porch. Free (donations welcome); park entrance fees apply. 967-8222 or julie@volcanoartcenter.org

Sunday Walk in the Park, March 10. Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park explore the Pu'u Pua'i area on an easy/moderate hike of about three miles. Free. Non-members can join the organization in order to attend. Park entrance fees apply. 985-7373 or admin@fhvnp.org

People & Land of Kahuku, Sun, March 10 and 24, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. These guided 2.5-mile moderately

difficult hikes over rugged terrain focus on the area's human history. 985-6011

Tūtū & Keiki, Sun, March 10, 1 – 4 p.m., Honu'apo Park. Ka 'Ohana O Honu'apo presents this free Makahiki family event featuring Hawaiian activities, games and prizes. 929-9891

Medicine for the Mind, Sun, March 10, 4 – 5:30 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Ni'aulani Campus in Volcano Village. Free Buddhist healing meditation for beginners and advanced. Patty Johnson, 985-7470

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St. Patrick's Day Craft, Wed, March 13, 3:30 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Grades K – 8 register March 4 – 8. Nona, 928-3102.

Red Cross Volunteer meeting, Thu, March 14, 7 p.m., H.O.V.E. Road Maintenance Corp. office. For volunteers and those interested in becoming volunteers. Hannah Uribes, 929-9953

Rummage Sale, Fri/Sat, March 15/16, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Sun, March 17, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Center. Proceeds benefit Discovery Harbour Volunteer Fire Department. Suzanne, 929-9576

Kick Ice sign waving, Fri, March 15, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. in front of Nā'ālehu School gym.

Ka'ū Coast Cleanup, Sat, March 16, 7:45 a.m. Hawai'i Wildlife Fund seeks volunteers who meet at Wai'ōhinu Park and carpool to site. kahakai.cleanup@gmail.com or 769-7629

Volunteer Forest Restoration Project, Sat, March 16, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., Mauna Loa strip section of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Pre-registration required at 352-1402 or forest@fhvnp.org

Recycling at Nā'ālehu School, Sat, March 16, 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

Palm Trail Hike, Sat, March 16, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. This relatively easy, guided 2.6-mile loop crosses scenic pasture along an ancient cinder cone with some of the best panoramic views Kahuku has to offer. 985-6011

Lunch with a Ranger, Sun, March 17 and Sat., March 30, 11:30 a.m., Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park's Kahuku Unit. Rangers choose varied topics and guide an open discussion with visitors over a bring-your-own-bag lunch. Check Activities Boards at Kahuku Visitor Greeting Area for the day's topic and location. Free. 985-6011

Garden Talk Story & Plant & Seed Exchange, Sun, March 17, 12 – 3 p.m., Na'ohulelua Historical Church. 929-8164

St. Patrick's Day Buffet, Sun, March 17, 5 – 8 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp's Crater Rim Café in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Shepherd's pie, corned beef and cabbage, beer-boiled potatoes, whiskey carrots, salad bar, ice cream bar and beverage. \$17.50 per person. Regular menu also served. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply.



Ka'ū Coffee Festival Gears Up
Ka'ū Coffee Festival is expanding with more than a week of activities and events sponsored by local farmers and community groups, beginning with Miss Ka'ū Coffee on Friday, April 27 at Pāhala Community Center, followed by the annual dinner at Kalae Kilohana on Saturday, April 28, the Triple C Recipe Contest at Ka'ū Coffee Mill on Sunday, April 29 and farm and ranch tours, stargazing and other excursions all week long leading up to the Ho'olaule'a on Saturday, May 4 and Coffee College, Sunday, May 5 Above, hula dancers from Pāhala strike a sister village relationship with Lāna'i, which will send dancers to this year's Ho'olaule'a at Ka'ū Coffee Festival. The Ka'ū group will visit Lāna'i for its cultural festival. See all the events at www.kaucoffee.com.
Photo by Julia Neal

967-8356

Lito Arkangel in Concert, Wed, March 20, 6:30 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Singer/songwriter Arkangel shares his original compositions and other Hawaiian favorites. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Hawaiian Civic Club of Ka'ū, Thu, March 21, 929-9731 or 936-7262

Ka'ū Ag Water Cooperative District meeting, Thu, March 21, 4 p.m., Royal Hawaiian Orchards Field Office in Pāhala. Jeff McCall, 928-6456 or mecalljef-freyw@gmail.com

Life on Recent Lava Flows, Sat, March 23, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Botanist Tim Tunison discusses the characteristic small suite of plant and animal species found on recent lava flows; how succession on lava in Hawai'i differs from that on rock surfaces; how rates of colonization differ on 'ā'ā versus pāhoehoe and from dry to wet areas; and why there are few alien, invasive plants on recent lava flows. \$50 for Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park members; \$65 for non-members. 985-7373 or institute@fhvnp.org

Ka'ū 'Ohana Day, Sat, March 23, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Participants explore Palm Trail by GPS and compass. Free lunch, cultural craft demonstrations. Registration required. 985-6019

Two by Tenn with Tea, Sun, March 24, 3 p.m., Pāhala Plantation House. Julie Dobbs directs Arlene Araki and Dick Hershberger in two one-act plays by Tennessee Williams. \$5. 928-0007

Lei Hulu a me Ulana Pāpale Lauhala, Mon, March 25, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center lānai in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Kilohana Domingo demonstrates feather work and displays his nā lei hulu (feather lei). His mother, Hawaiian artist and master weaver Lehua Domingo, shares the 'anoni style of weaving pandanus leaves into a hat and other art ob-

jects with assistance from her granddaughter, Kawai Domingo. Free; park entrance fees apply.

HOVE Road Maintenance board of directors meeting, Tue, March 26, 10 a.m., St. Jude's Church. 929-9910

Ocean View Food Basket, Tue, March 26, noon - 2:30 p.m. at Ocean View Community Center. 939-7000

Easter Fun Day, Wed, March 27, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Ages 4 – 14 register March 18 – 27. Nona, 928-3102

Sanctuary Ocean Count, Sat, March 30, 8 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., various locations. Volunteers count humpback whales and document their behavior. hawaiiumpback-whale.noaa.gov

Easter Egg Hunt, Sun, March 31, 9 a.m., Kīlauea Military Camp in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park for children 10 years old and under. Bring Easter baskets. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. Pre-register at 967-8352.

Easter Brunch, Sun, March 31, 7 a.m. - 1 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp's Crater Rim Café in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Honey-glazed ham, beef pot roast, stuffed French toast with mango cream cheese filling, omelet station, breakfast meats, fresh fruit, ice cream bar and a beverage. \$17.50 adults; \$8.50 children 6 – 11. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8356

Spring Fling, Sat, April 13, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Punalu'u Bake Shop in Na'alehu. Ka'ū School of the Arts seeks artists to participate. 854-1540 or bradg@flex.com

EXERCISE AND MEDITATION

Bowling Leagues starting soon at Kīlauea Military Camp in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8352 or 967-8350

Pāhala Pool Schedule: 928-8177 or hawaiicounty.gov/pr-recreation

Yoga, Mon, 7:30 a.m.; Tue & Thu, 5:30 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Ni'aulani Campus in Volcano Village. Emily Catey focuses on stretching and releasing physical and mental tension. Open to beginning and intermediate students. \$10. 967-8222

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

Tennis, Mon – Thu, 3:15 – 5 p.m., Nā'ālehu Community Center. Ages 15 & under. Richard, 939-2510

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

T-Ball/ Coach Pitch, Mon – Thu, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. for ages 5 – 8. Richard, 939-2510

Instructional Basketball, Mon – Thu, 5 – 7 p.m., Nā'ālehu Community Center for ages 6 – 15. Richard, 939-2510

Zumba, Mon, 5:30 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Ni'aulani Campus in Volcano Village. \$5. 967-8222 or julie@volcanoartcenter.org

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

Yoga, Mon, 6:30 p.m. Pāhala Community Center. By Donation. 323-8280

Muscle Toning, Tue, 8:30 a.m., Ocean View Community Center. Erin Cole, 938-4037

Zumba, Tue/Thu 5:30 p.m., Sat, 9 a.m. Check with Kīlauea Military Camp's front desk in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park for location. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8333

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

Beginning and Intermediate Yoga, Tue/Thu, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Noa's Island Massage in rear entrance of Ka'ū Realty across from Hana Hou. Please arrive 10 minutes early. 756-3183

Self-Guided Yoga, Wed, 9:30 – 11 a.m., Cooper Center, Volcano. Calabash donations. Debra Serrao, 985-7545

Gentle Senior Yoga, Wed, 3 – 4 p.m., Nā'ālehu Hongwanji. Senior price \$10 for 10 sessions. Stephanie Peppers, 937-7940

Meditation, Wed, 4 – 5 p.m. Nā'ālehu Hongwanji. Velvet Replegle, 936-8989

Line Dance, Wed, Pāhala Community Center. By donation. 323-8280

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

Western Line Dance Classes, Thu, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.,

Discovery Harbour Community Hall.

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 ACTIVITIES

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

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.

Ni'aulani Nature Walks, Mon, 9:30 a.m. & Sat, 11 a.m. These one-hour nature walk travel through a lush portion of an old-growth Hawaiian rain forest on an easy, 1/7-mile loop trail. Volcano Art Center's Ni'aulani Campus in Volcano Village. Free (calabash donations welcome). 967-8222 or www.volcanoartcenter.org

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 Tue. Dick Hershberger, 989-4140

Ka'ū Community Chorus Rehearsals, Mon 7 – 8 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall. 929-7544

South Side Alateen meeting, Mon, 7 p.m., St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Ocean View. Sandy, 557-9847

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

Charter School Online, Tue – Thu, Nā'ālehu Community Center. hawaiicounty.gov/pr-recreation or Richard, 939-2510

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

Tea for Tuesdays, 2 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Ni'aulani Campus in Volcano Village. JoAnn Aguirre, tea educator and member of the Hawai'i Tea Society offers a special tribute to all young girls and to women's contributions to the world of tea. Free; donations accepted. 967-8222 or teachingtea.com

Hula 'Auana Classes, Tue, 4:15 p.m. for adults with two or more years of experience; 6 p.m. for beginners, corner of Tiki and Princess Ka'iulani in Ocean View. Sammi Fo teaches hula to classic, romantic music from Waikiki and all Hawaiian Islands. 990-3292

Pohai for Speaking Hawaiian, Tue, 6:30 – 8 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall. 929-7544

Ka'ū Farmers Market, Wed/Sat, 8 a.m. – noon, Shaka's Restaurant in Nā'ālehu. Produce, Hawaiiana, arts and crafts, fresh baked goods.

Nā'ālehu Market, Wed/Sat, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., Ace Hardware. Produce and locally made products.

Friends Feeding Friends, Thu, 4 – 6 p.m., Cooper Center on Wright Road in Volcano Village. volcanocommunity.org

Desperately Seeking Serenity AFG meeting, Thu, 5 p.m., St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Ocean View. Sandy, 557-9847

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

Aloha Fridays, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery porch at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Variable hula art offerings of hula lessons, lei making, storytelling, lauhala weaving or 'ukulele lessons. Everyone is welcome. Free; donations welcome; park entrance fees apply.

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

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

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

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings: One Day at a Time Group, Sat, 6:30 p.m., Cooper Center; 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

Free Square Dancing Lessons, Sat, 7 – 8:30 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Open to all ages. Lucy, 895-4212

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

Kanikapila Jam Sessions, Wed, 5:30 p.m., Volcano Art Center's Ni'aulani Campus in Volcano Village. Open to all musicians. Donations appreciated. Ongoing. 967-8222

Free 'Ukulele, Slack Key and Steel Guitar classes, Wed, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Olson Trust Building in Pāhala; Fri, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Nā'ālehu Methodist Church. Keoki Kahumoku. Call Tiffany at 938-6582 for details and to confirm.

Ka'ū 'Ohana Band Rehearsals, Wed/Thu, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Looking for flute & clarinet players. Instruments provided; no experience necessary. 929-7544

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

Ka Lae Quilters, Thu, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Center. 238-0505

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March, 2013

Mello-Waiwaiole Sisters Take Ka'ū to States in Wrestling

Wrestling flows in the blood of the Mello-Waiwaiole family, as they continue on to the State Wrestling Championships, Friday and Saturday, March 1-2 at the Blaisdell arena on O'ahu. Shavon Mello-Waiwaiole, a sophomore, wrestled her way to second place last month at the Big Island Interscholastic Federation Championships, held at Kealakehe gym, Sister Leah, a junior, took third and the final bid to states in her weight division. Only the top three in each class moved on.

Under the coaching prowess of longtime wrestling coaches, Greg and Hettie Rush, Ka'ū put out three wrestlers at BIIFs, including Joe Oyama. Oyama put it all out on the mat, but ended up with one win and two losses, which put him out of the running in this double-elimination competition. Unfortunately, Kupono Palakiko-Lefew, who Greg Rush noted is making a name for himself among island wrestlers, was unable to compete. Reigning BIIF Champ in the 220-lb weight class, Keani Mello-Waiwaiole, also did not finish out the season.

Shavon, although several pounds lighter than most of her competition, proved she is a force to be reckoned with. She ended the season with 11 wins and two losses.

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Shavon Mello-Waiwaiole quickly pins her quarry to advance to the BIIF championship match. Photo by Jemy-Ray Palancia

Keiki Track Earns Dozens of Medals

Pāhala and Nā'ālehu track and field teams entered last month's Parks & Recreation age-group track and field meet and came away with dozens of medals.

Wahine from the Nā'ālehu team swept up in the girls ages 11-12 triple jump. Chaunalisa Velez won first with a distance of 23 feet and 2.75 inches. Kayla Kainoa-Aukai took second, landing at 22 feet and 6.5 inches, while Nanty Brina Bruce followed in third with a distance of 21 feet and 10.75 inches.

The Nā'ālehu 4x50-meter relay team of Noah Engichy, Teree Oyama, Mories Moss and Elijah Evangelista also raced to first place with a stellar time of 33.49 seconds.

Running against girls ages 6-8, the Nā'ālehu 4x25-meter relay team of Aliyah DeCambra, Aleia Adam, Marilyn

Klein and Kaialani Okamura earned first place with an awesome 23:36-second finish.

From the Imua Trojans team, of Pāhala, Moani Aipa-Dolan edged her way into first place for girls 11-12 400-meter Run (1:09.61), just three-tenths of a second before her second-place competition.

Aipa-Dolan's teammate Chadwick Pajimola competed against boys ages 13-14 and took second in the 800-meter run (2:52.83) and third in the standing long jump (7-00.50) and the 400-meter run (1:08.08). For girls ages 13-14, Chloe Gan took second in the 400-meter run (1:19) and Tina Sanchez, third (1:26.24).

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Ka'ū Rocks the Beat With Success



Ka'ū High athletic director Kalei Namohala, middle, with Rock the Beat volunteers Meghann Chow and Hi'ilani Lapera.

Photo by Jemy-Ray Palancia

Partnering with the American Heart Association, Ka'ū High School hosted a Rock the Beat game at the tail-end of January. The Trojan boys basketball teams faced Hilo High at the Ka'ū High gym. Ka'ū High sold Rock the Beat T-shirts, with 100 percent of the money raised going to AHA. "The main purpose of holding this event was to help our community be aware of one of the leading causes of death in Hawai'i: understanding and knowing the signs and symptoms of a heart attack and stroke. The knowledge learned could help save a life of a love one near and dear to our hearts!" shared Ka'ū High athletic director Kalei Namohala.

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Baseball - Coach Hawkes

No baseball this season, due to low turnout.

Boys Volleyball - Coach Josh Ortega

- Sat, March 16, Ka'u vs Konawaena, 10 a.m.
- Sat, March 23, Ka'u vs Kohala/St. Joseph's, 10 a.m.
- Tue, March 26, Ka'u @ Kealakehe, 6 p.m.
- Sat, March 30, Ka'u vs Parker/Hilo, 10 a.m.

Judo - Glen Hashimoto, Jr.

- Sat, March 23, Hilo Tournament, 9 a.m.
- Sat, March 30, Dual Tournament @ Kealakehe, 9 a.m.

Softball - Coach Donald Garo

- Sat, March 2, Ka'u vs Kealakehe, 1 p.m.
- Tue, March 5, Ka'u vs Kea'au, 3 p.m.
- Thur, March 7, Ka'u @ Hilo, 3 p.m.
- Wed, March 13, Ka'u vs Pahoa, 3 p.m.
- Fri, March 15, Ka'u @ Waiakea, 3 p.m.
- Wed, March 20, Ka'u @ Kohala, 3 p.m.
- Sat, March 23, Ka'u vs Konawaena, 1 p.m.
- Sat, March 30, Ka'u vs HPA, 1 p.m.

Tennis - Coach Hi'ilani Lapera

- Sat, March 2, Ka'u @ Pahoa, 10 a.m.
- Sat, March 9, Ka'u vs St. Joseph's, 10 a.m.
- Sat, March 16, Ka'u vs Waiakea, 10 a.m.
- Sat, March 23, Ka'u @ Laupahoehoe, 10 a.m.
- Sat, March 30, Ka'u @ Hilo, 10 a.m.

Track & Field - Coach Brian Dopp

- Sat, March 9, Preseason meet @ HPA, 9 a.m.
- Sat, March 16, Preseason TBA
- Sat, March 30, @ Kea'au, 9 a.m.
- Sat, March 23, Ka'u @ Laupahoehoe, 9 a.m.
- Sat, March 30, Ka'u @ Hilo

Grade checks for athletes are due Monday, March 11

OKK Raises \$ for Youth Sports

Through shave ice sales, 'O Ka'u Kākou recently raised \$1016 for the Ka'u High wrestling team, so the team could go to states, \$859 for South Side club volleyball's trip to a mainland tourney, and \$150 for Ka'u P&R Track and Field team transportation costs.

Raise \$ for Ka'u Sports with KTA

The 7th Annual KTA S'port Up! promotion started Feb. 27 and runs until April 9. Buy selected products at any KTA and earn points for Big Island high school athletic programs. Choose Ka'u High at the check-out. S'port Up! helps to provide much needed sports equipment and air travel.



Joe Oyama, left and Leah Mello-Waiwaioe get the best of their opponents at the BIIF championships.
Photos by Jemy-Ray Palancia

Golfers Raise \$7K for Ka'u Hospital

The Ka'u Golf Group's sixth annual tournament held in February raised \$7K for the Ka'u Hospital. A Nā'alehu team made up by Hunter Larson, Greg Larson, Steve Lent and Shawn Anderson won first place. Second place went to Charles White, Lisa White, Brian Bence and Charmine Bence from Waiakea, with third place going to George Harai, Jean Okayama, Rodney Maeda and Craig Aoki from Kona.

Play started with a sunny day at Volcano Golf & Country Club, seeing 84 entrants and 21 teams take the course. One hour into the game a pouring rain started, soaking players and volunteers. Ten

teams stopped playing, however, the other 11 teams continued on "because they wanted to prove they had the spirit of golf in them," said organizer Ron Young. After lunch, door prizes were given out, followed by an auction of items donated by island merchants. All proceeds went to Ka'u Hospital, which uses matching federal dollars to purchase emergency room equipment. Young sends a big mahalo to everyone who participated, with a special thank you to Beverly Velazquez, who for the last two years baked pastries and desserts for morning check-ins and lunches. He also noted a special thanks to all of the ladies who volunteered on the holes and got just as soaked as the players.

The Nā'alehu youth track and field team kept keiki busy and healthy, training for the Parks & Recreation age-group track meet last month.



Keiki Track, Cont. from pg. 7

The Nā'alehu Track & Field team also earned the following second-place medals:

Boys ages 9-10: standing long jump, tie for 2nd place - Rio Chopot, 5-09.50; 4x50m relay 2nd place - Irata Kelen, Collin Barbadillo, Kyle Pensula, and Joe Riklon, 35.71.

Boys ages 11-12: running triple 2nd place - Noah Engichy, 24-10.75; 400m 2nd place - Kainakoa Kane-Broadfoot 1:12.27; 4x50m relay 2nd place - Takios Paul, Nelson Boaz, Cecilio Jelke, Neil Jormanit, 33.79; Boys 11-12 4x100m relay 2nd place - Keala Liu, Elijah Evangelista, Kaniala Barboza-Wright, Kainakoa Kane-Broadfoot, 1:07.95; Girls ages 11-12 4x50m Relay 2nd place - Kayla Kainoa-Aukai, Eme-

lyn Miranda, Nanty Brina Bruce and Daedrie Kai, 34.71; Boys ages 12-13: running triple 2nd place - Sumou engichy 2nd 24-11.

Girls ages 6-8: softball throw 3rd - Chelsea Velez, 43-06; Boys ages 6-8: standing long jump 3rd - Kaponu Liu, 5-02; Girls ages 9-10: standing triple 3rd - Vivianne Long, 16-10; 4x50m relay 3rd - Jahlaysha Gouveia, Mya DeCambr, Roselintha Ken and Sepe Levi 36:49; 4x100m relay 3rd - Maliah Ababa, Faith Vasconcellos, Vivianne Long and Lucy Klein, 1:15.11; Boys ages 9-10: 4x100m Relay 3rd - Nick Lubeke, Joe Riklon, Anthony Ysawa and Irata Kelen, 1:12.61; Boys ages 11-12: 200m 3rd - Keala Liu 30.28; 4x100m relay 3rd - Timmy Ketion, Neil Jormanit, Teree Oyama and Logan Velez, 1:09.

Imua Trojans coach, Angie Miyashiro, has been training up to 19 athletes, with 11 attending

Wrestling, Cont. from pg. 7

This year she wrestled in the same class as her sister Keani. She and Keani each won one match against the other.

At BIIFs semi-finals, Shavon had her opponent pinned in a minute or two. Unfortunately, in the championship match, Aimee Shiraki, of Konawaena, pinned her in two minutes, 51 seconds. Looking toward states, Shavon said, "I need to wrestle smart and not get too excited." She said that when she is calm, she can think out her moves clearly.

Leah, who wrestled in the 135-lb category, ended the season with 11 wins and five losses. She also advanced to the semi-finals, where she controlled the match, putting her up several points. However, after minutes of intensity, her opponent gained the upper hand and the pin. Leah moved on to the consolation match and pinned her opponent to gain third place.



Ka'u High girls Varsity Basketball - Front (l-r): Asst. Coach Brian Dopp, Sky Kanaka'ole, Denisha Navarro, Jenna Gascon, Bridget Pasion, Toni Beck, Shyam Carvalho-Flores, Casey Koi, Camry Evangelista, Asst. Coach Cory Koi; Back: Asst. Coach Jennifer Makuakane, Head Coach Cy Lopez, Leah Cariaga, Shaylin Navarro, Head Coach Cy Lopez, Jernest Breithaupt-Louis, Pi'ilani Peralta and JV Coach April Jara.
Photo courtesy of Ka'u High Yearbook

Girls B-Ball Hangs Tough

This year girls basketball saw new coach Cy Lopez take the reigns. Lopez came on as new coach of the Ka'u High baseball team last season.

Lopez said there were a lot of learning curves this year, but he was really proud of the teams. Varsity ended with a 1-9 record, beating Pahoa. "The records say we lost, but we had some close games...they never gave up. Even if they were down by 20 they never gave up," which to Coach Lopez shows the heart of the team. Lopez noted the leadership of captain Shaylin Navarro, who along with her teammates endeav-

ored to always stay positive.

"Every game is a learning experience. What matters is their drive."

In their BIIF play-offs, the Trojans came close to beating rivals HPA. After the half the Trojans led on the board. However, HPA started to improve on their rebounding and lack of turnovers ultimately served the Trojans their defeat.

Lopez said that he looks forward to next year, when some of the promising JV players move up to Varsity. "They are looking real good. I saw their progress from the beginning of the season to the end."

He said he intends to keep the girls busy in the off-season and hone their skills.

While all of the coaches assisted Lopez, April Jara served as JV Coach, with Brian Dopp as her assistant. Jennifer Makuakane also assisted as Coach to the Varsity.

See more on boys basketball and team pics in our next issue.



Ka'u High girls JV Basketball - Front (l-r): Jennifer Tabios, Maricar Manantan, Staysha Ault, Lea Aipa-Dolan, Jamie Beck; Back: Kyra Malepe, Shaira Badua, Aprille Miguel, Kerrilyn Domondon, Aysha Kauptu, Deisha Gascon.
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cal community. He noted that thievery hits hard on one of the most successful post-plantation economic developments in the state. It is particularly damaging to the Ka'ū economy as farmers are starting to make a good living in Ka'ū Coffee after more than 16 years of hard work, following the closing of Ka'ū sugar in 1996 when many of them lost their jobs.

Roth described Ka'ū Coffee as an agricultural product that has risen to the top in international reputation. Thieves are hitting some of the most successful of these farmers whose ability to make a living and the livelihood of their workers depends on getting the famous Ka'ū Coffee beans to market.

Some thieves are stealing at night, thrashing through fields, breaking branches as they grab for coffee cherries. Thieves sneak into places where coffee is processed to haul bags of parchment to cars and trucks waiting on rural roads, coffee farmers reported.

Roth urged farmers and police officers to understand that this kind of agricultural theft is a felony – Theft in the Second Degree. He urged farmers to post no trespassing signs, saying “Private Property,” “No Trespassing,” with letters at least two inches high. Lorie Obra, owner of Rusty's Coffee farm, asked whether she could install a bear trap, as some of her renowned coffee cherries were stripped from the trees and stolen.



Traditional Walk with the Cross Planned for Good Friday

As churches schedule Easter season celebrations across Ka'ū, members of Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Pāhala are planning their Walking Stations of the Cross for Good Friday, March 29 at 1 p.m. when participants will stroll through the village and stop at stations in front of houses where they will sing and pray. Above left, Manuel Badua set up a station in 2011. *Photos by Julia Neal*

The prosecuting attorney said that traps that would injure thieves intentionally and also shooting guns at thieves are not allowed. He urged farmers and ranchers, however, to fence areas when possible.

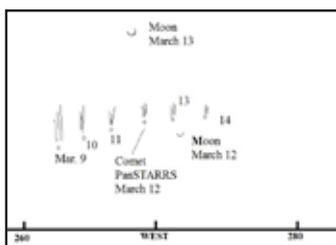
He said that stealing even 25 pounds of coffee is a felony. Stealing equipment and supplies used to grow or process the coffee when their value is over \$100 is also a Class Two Felony – earning jail time when convicted. He also warned that farmers, coffee buyers and sellers delivering coffee should always carry with them a certificate, receipt or log book showing origin of coffee in their vehicles. A person without such

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Stars Over Ka'ū March 2013

by Lew Cook

The year of the comets? Look for Comet PanSTARRS very low in the west just after sunset. Here is a chart drawn following the instructions in a March 2013 *Sky and Telescope* article for adapting their chart for the comet at 40 degrees latitude to our latitude.



The track of comet PanSTARRS looking west about 30 minutes after sunset. It may be faint, so take your binoculars in case it is.

Get to where you have an unobstructed view of the western horizon. South Point sounds ideal! Thirty minutes after sunset look toward the west. If Comet PanSTARRS hasn't turned into comet fizzle (which it well may), you'll be able to see it with your naked eye. Otherwise, plan on having to use binoculars.

By the way, don't look for the path of Comet PanSTARRS on the big star chart. It set a couple of hours before the time of the chart.

Comet ISON is a fall event, and you can expect it to be spectacular.

Jupiter is low in the western sky at chart time (10 p.m. HST). It sets around 11:50 p.m. It is in Taurus. Mars is setting just after the sun, and when it is very near the sun, don't be surprised if we get a dropout of the

data from Curiosity rover. This will happen toward the end of March and through April.

Saturn is a late night object, rising around chart time. It will rise out of the sea around 9:30 p.m. I dragged it, kicking and screaming, over the horizon that the sky map from Bishop Museum gave us just because I had mentioned it in the article. It is slightly displaced from where it should be.

Mercury is our morning star, rising more than an hour before the sun. Venus is moving behind the sun to become an evening star.

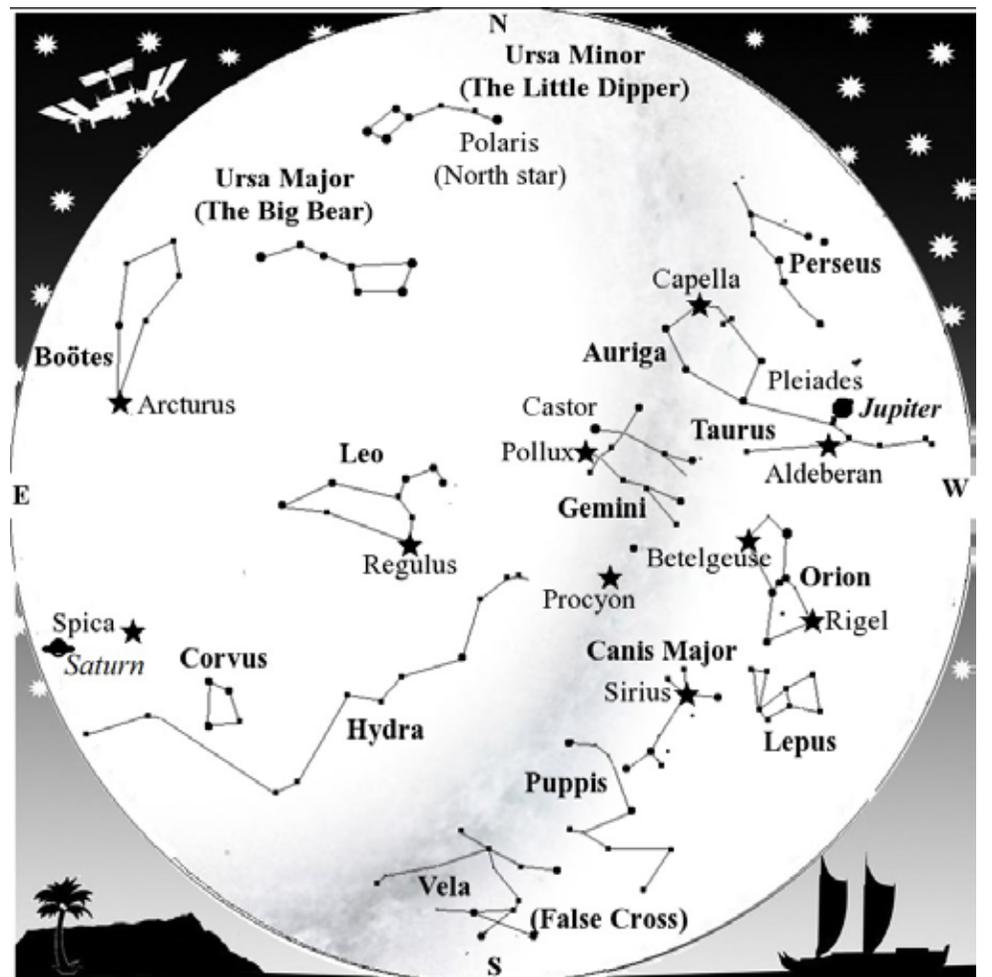
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March 15	6:30	6:32
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March 29	6:18	6:35

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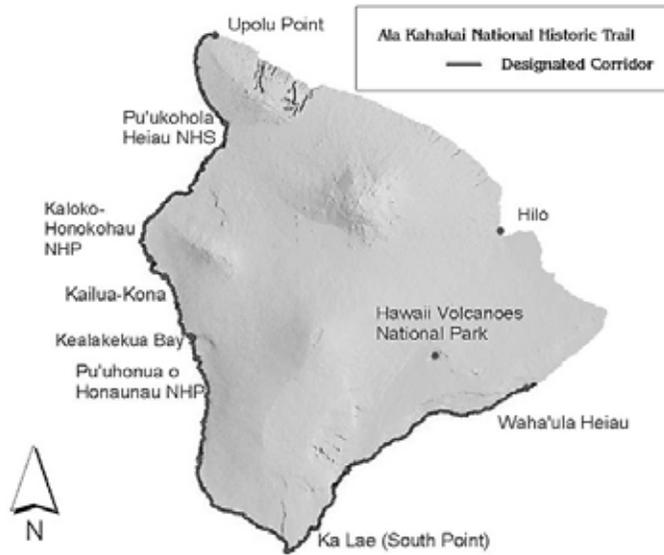
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Fed Funds Improvements to Historic Ala Kahakai Coastal Trail

Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail, which stretches along the entire coast of Ka'ū and continues up the west side of the island, will receive \$275,000 to improve infrastructure and access to the historic 175-mile trail. U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said that funds will be used to install road, parking, and trail signs and trail treatments to improve trail user safety, protect cultural and natural resources, and enhance visitors' experiences while honoring Native Hawaiian culture and the environment.

In his State of the Union address last month, Pres. Barack Obama "called on us to upgrade our nation's transportation infrastructure to help grow our economy and improve energy efficiency," said LaHood. "Improving access to modern transit services throughout our scenic parklands and protected areas will



help us to preserve these national treasures for future generations."

Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail is administered by the National Park Service. According to the website, nps.gov/alka, the trail was established in 2000 "for the preservation, protection and interpretation of traditional Na-

tive Hawaiian culture and natural resources." It describes the trail as "full of cultural and historical significance" and says it "traverses through hundreds of ancient Hawaiian settlement sites and through over 200 ahupua'a."

Ala Kahakai Trail Association is a private, nonprofit association established to provide community support to the planning and management of the trail. The association's website states, "This shoreline trail is unique in that it is a model of community management and involvement, focusing on the preservation of Hawaiian culture and heritage as well as

promoting environmental stewardship and education. It is more than a recreational trail – it is a path that joins the past to the present and the future."

The trail can be unofficially accessed through sections within the four National Parks on the island, including Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Pu'uhoonua o Hōnaunau National Historical Park, Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park and



Ala Kahakai Trail skirts all of the Ka'ū Coast. Photo from National Park Service

Pu'ukoholā National Historic Site.

The funding is part of \$12.5 million in grants for 29 projects in 20 states to improve access to America's national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges. The funds are provided through the Federal Transit Administration's Paul S. Sarbanes Transit in Parks program.

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evidence can be arrested for felony theft and processed. He said he is working on enforcement of these laws by police and the state Department of Agriculture.

Aikane Plantation Coffee grower Phil Becker said his farm was hit,

with thousands of pounds of coffee stolen off a drying pad at the farm on the old cane haul road between Pāhala and Nā'ālehu. It was the second weekend in a row. He said an alarm system will soon be installed, and he plans to guard the pad himself. He showed those attending the meeting what he believed to be evidence left by a thief - a military duffle bag and a hoodie with the brand name Eckounltd printed across the chest. Becker sent out a call to the community to help identify the owner of the clothing. Inside the bag were coffee bags from his farm.

Ka'ū Coffee Mill is also upgrading security, as are other small farmers. In multiple incidents, thousands of pounds of coffee were stolen from the mill on Wood Valley

Road – from the drying pad. Brenda Iokepa-Moses said she hopes that police officers will ask suspects more questions to narrow down their reasons for being on coffee lands without permission of owners. She said she suspects someone stealing coffee

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State Consumer Advocate Jeffrey Ono testified in support of the measure. He gave pricing of solar and wind energies as examples where transparency could help the PUC make decisions.

"In recent years, the cost to produce solar photovoltaic panels and wind turbines has decreased significantly. Furthermore, as the technology for these renewable energy devices has improved, so have their relative capacity factors. On the mainland, power purchase agreement prices for solar and

wind projects have declined as production costs decreased and efficiencies increased. The State of Hawai'i, on the other hand, has not seen a similar decrease in purchase power agreement prices for wind and solar projects.

For every application for the approval of a purchase power agreement, the Consumer Advocate requests actual cost data from the independent power producers through the electric utility to determine if the price per kwh is just, reasonable, and in consumers' best interest. Thus far, independent power

producers have not provided this data, but instead provide pro forma financial information, which reflect assumptions and projections, not actual costs. The Consumer Advocate finds these pro formas to be less than adequate in the Consumer Advocate's ability to determine the reasonableness of purchase power agreement pricing.

"The Consumer Advocate believes that this measure will provide access to the documentation that will help to facilitate the review of assessing the reasonableness purchase power agreement pricing and will maximize the ability to assess that ratepayers receive the benefits of renewable energy projects," testified the Consumer Advocate.

PUC Wants Transparency

Public Utilities Commission chair Hermina Morita also testified: "This bill will provide the Commission with the means to obtain full and complete information from

all parties to power purchase agreements submitted to the Commission for review and approval. Although the Commission currently has general supervisory authority over public utilities under Chapter 269, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, which allows the Commission to compel necessary information from regulated utilities, information from non-regulated entities may not be as readily available for the Commission's review.

To ensure the protection of a non-utility's confidential information, included in this bill are provisions requiring the Commission to maintain the confidentiality of information submitted under confidential seal," wrote the PUC chair.

HECO Wants to Know More

Hawaiian Electric Co.'s manager of Renewable Acquisition testified in support of more transparency. "Providing complete

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a synthetic renewable diesel; any additional transportation costs and raw material (including hydrogen) costs have been incorporated in their analysis."

Hawai'i County also asked, "What are the predicted final overall economics? When electricity is finally made by the proposed process, is the net energy balance positive or negative, and is the total amount of petroleum input per kilowatt-hour more or less than if the electricity had been made by using the petroleum directly, or if the biomass were simply burned? Is there a potential that this project will potentially increase the Islands' reliance on imported petroleum?"

The electric companies deferred to AKP: "According to AKP, the net energy balance will be positive. When the feedstock is processed, biochar and biodiesel will be produced. The biochar will be used to generate electricity to power AKP's facility while the biodiesel will be sold to HELCO and third parties. As a result, the total amount of petroleum input per kilowatt-hour will be lower than if electricity had been made by petroleum directly. The overall MicroDee process is far more efficient than simply burning

biomass because it yields multiple products; biochar which can be used to power the AKP facility and biodiesel which can be used by HELCO at Keahole to generate electricity.

"According to AKP, their project will not increase the island's reliance on petroleum," the electric companies told Hawai'i County.

"Please compare anticipated biomass yields per acre with actual experience in Hawai'i," asked Hawai'i County. "Convert these actual yields into estimates of how many cultivated acres will be required, and how many total acres this implies—along with required infrastructure (roads), supply yards, storage. Are there this many acres available on the Island of Hawai'i?"

"If AKP proposes making 16 million gallons on 12,000 acres, the AKP numbers imply production rates of 1,333 gallons per acre. It's obvious this is much higher than other sources, about three times more productive than palm oil (which is a more direct route to biodiesel: since one starts with longer chain fatty acids). Please explain such productivity?"

The utilities replied that, "according to AKP, it anticipates meeting all of the proj-

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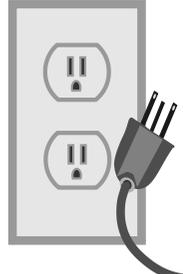
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Health Groups: Sugary Drink Tax Would Shrink Obesity Epidemic

Of the approximately 2,000 bills submitted to the 2013 Hawai'i State Legislature, the sugary beverage tax, which has failed in past sessions, is one of about 300 with the possibility of success. The bill would

impose a fee on sugar-sweetened beverages. It would also establish the obesity and chronic disease prevention special fund and the Hawai'i interagency obesity prevention council to support obesity prevention programs. It would make an appropriation from the obesity and chronic disease prevention special fund to the state Department of Health. SB 1085 has passed second reading in the Senate Health Committee, chaired by Sen. Josh Green, who represents Ka'ū. It also passed the Committee on Judiciary and Labor. The two no votes came from Republicans Sen. Mike Gabbard and Sen. Sam Slom. The measure was on its way to the Senate Ways and Means Committee at the end of February.

The language of the bill states that, "in Hawai'i childhood obesity increased by 38 percent between 1999 and 2009, and adult obesity has more than doubled between 1996 and 2011. As a result of health risks and complications related to obesity, this generation of children may be the first generation not to outlive their parents.

"Obesity-related medical expenditures in Hawai'i were calculated to be over \$470 million in 2009 and are continuing to increase. Sugar-sweetened beverages have been identified by many scientific studies as a major contributor to the costly obesity epidemic.

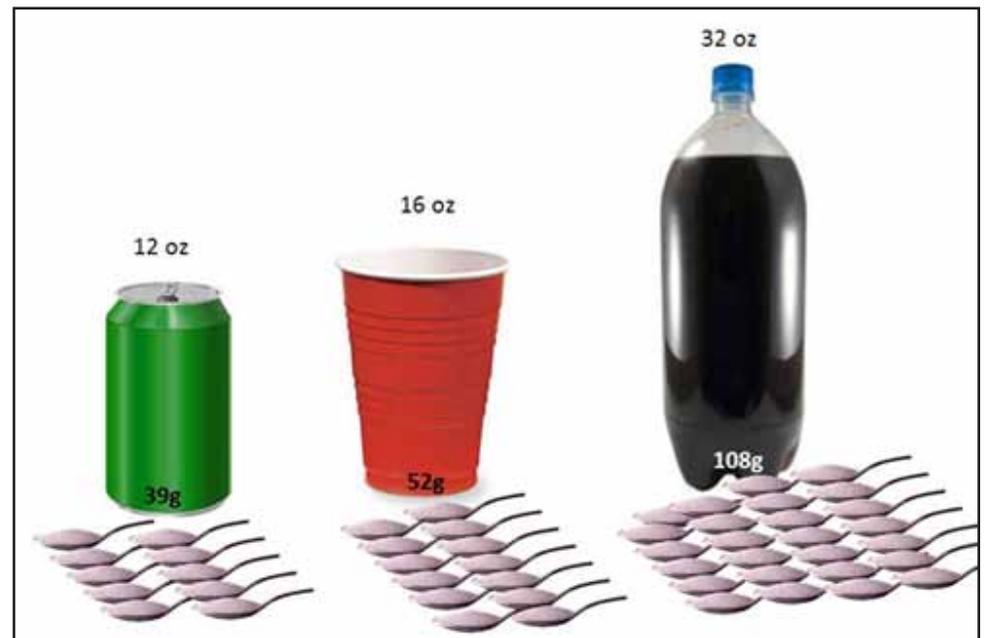
"A 2004 study found that sugared soft drinks are the single largest contributor of calorie intake in the United States.

"According to nutritional standards, sugar-sweetened beverages such as non-diet soft drinks, energy drinks, sweet teas

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ect's feedstock needs from the land currently under consideration. Testing during 2013 will identify the exact details. With AKP's farming methods, it is anticipated that a mature energy grass crop will be available for harvest in approximately nine months. Therefore, using sequential planting and harvesting methods, a continual supply of feedstock will be available. The advantages are many with a facility located on former sugar cane land. The infrastructure (roads and erosion controls) is already in place and should only need inspection and some slight improvements. Supply yards and storage is a function of commercially available and proven methods that are designed specifically for regional variability and local considerations.

"According to AKP, there is no shortage of available productive acres on the Island of Hawai'i. In addition, there is also no shortage of excellent labor resources on the Island of Hawai'i. AKP states that the yield per acre and production of ethanol and biodiesel is an "apples to pineapples" comparison. Ethanol is a conversion of extracted sugars from a plant source, and biodiesel is



A 12 oz. soda has 10 teaspoons of sugar, and a 16 oz. drink has 13 teaspoons of sugar.

Image from National Institute of Health

and sports drinks offer little or no nutritional value and contain massive quantities of added sugars and calories. For example, a twelve-ounce can of soda contains the equivalent of approximately eight to ten teaspoons of sugar."

The American Diabetes Association wrote, "If we do not do something about this growing epidemic, the quality of life and the economic cost to Hawai'i will be crippling." The American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network and the Hawai'i Public Health Association support the bill.

The Grocery Manufacturers Association, Hawai'i Bar Owners Association, and local soft drink manufacturers oppose the bill.

dependent on extraction and conversion of plant oils. Neither process efficiently extracts the base energy content (sugars or oils). The MicroDee process targets the carbon and sugar content within the feedstock and, through heat and catalysts, efficiently converts the majority of energy within the feedstock without having to initially go through an extraction (squeezing or pressing) process.

"Feedstock yields of pyrolytic oils are consistently in the range of 80 gallons per ton of feedstock. Some other non-energy grass or woody biomass feedstock, not in consideration for this AKP project, has the potential of even greater yields. AKP is not producing a synthetic diesel with any fatty acids. The product from the MicroDee process is a synthetic diesel with the properties of a fossil diesel.

"AKP is not producing oilseed crops. AKP is producing energy grass crops and will also be using woody biomass crops. The MicroDee process has demonstrated to AKP that biomass feedstock generally produced 80 gallons per ton of synthetic diesel."

Life of the Land stated that "HECO/HELCO told the Commission that AKP's

The tax would be one cent per ounce and would increase the cost of an average soft drink by 17 percent. Gov. Neil Abercrombie's testimony said the tax is "expected to reduce consumption by eight to 10 percent and maybe even higher on youth. If this bill passes, in 2014-15 we are hoping to raise \$38 million in new revenue and will use these funds to support childhood and adult obesity prevention and health promotion programs," wrote Abercrombie.

Other supporters of the tax include the Queen's Health System and numerous health organizations.

Progress on this and other bills in the state Legislature can be tracked at capitol.hawaii.gov.

first proposal, which was turned down in late 2011 and the latest proposal, submitted in 2012, "are reasonable and in the public interest. How is that possible?" asked Life of the Land.

The utilities responded, "At the time the AKP1 Biodiesel Supply Contract was executed and filed with the Commission, the Companies' believed that the AKP1 Biodiesel Supply Contract was reasonable and in the public interest over the twenty-year term. The Consumer Advocate's Statement of Position was also generally in agreement with the Companies' position that the AKP1 Biodiesel Supply Contract was fair and reasonable. However, the Commission issued its Decision and Order in Docket No. 2011-0005 denying the AKP1 Biodiesel Supply Contract on Sept. 29, 2011. One of the main reasons for the denial was that the Commission concluded that the contract price was unreasonable and not in the public interest.

"Since the denial of the AKP1 Biodiesel Supply Contract, a lower per gallon price of AKP biodiesel was agreed upon by both parties. Because of this, the Companies believe that the proposed AKP biodiesel

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Friends Explore Life on Recent Lava Flows

Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute, part of the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, presents *Life on Recent Lava Flows* with botanist Tim Tunison on Saturday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. According to Tunison, the park, with two active volcanoes, may be one of the world's best outdoor classrooms for learning about the colonization of new geological surfaces, a process that ecologists label primary succession.

The lava flows along Chain of Craters Road, resulting from Mauna Ulu flows and other eruptions in the 1970s, are highly accessible and informative. Life has noticeably recolonized these 30- to 40-year-old

flows and deposits, but the simplicity and sparseness of life make species identification manageable—and ecological patterns readily apparent.

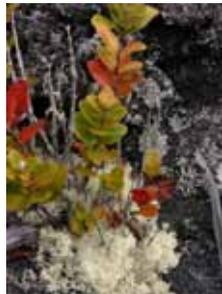
Participants investigate the characteristic small suite of plant and animal species found on recent lava flows; how succession on lava in Hawai'i differs from that on rock surfaces; how rates of colonization differ on 'ā'ā versus pāhoehoe and from dry to wet areas; and why there are few alien, invasive plants on recent lava flows.

The day involves short walks in three

or four sites on pāhoehoe or deep cinder totaling about one mile. Program cost is \$50 for Friends members and \$65 for non-members. Student fees (K-12 and college with valid ID) are \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. Non-members are welcome to join the Friends in order to get the member discount. Tuition includes a pictorial species identification handout and a PDF mini-book.

To register, email institute@fhvnp.org or call

985-7373.



'Ōhi'a tree growing along a crack in lava flow. Photo by Tim Tunison



Kumu hula Raylene Kawai'ea

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Hula Honors Kumu Raylene Kawai'ea

Volcano Art Center presents a hula kahiko performance in honor of late kumu hula Raylene Kawai'ea on Saturday, March 9. The event features Hālau Hula Manaolana 'O Kohala, visiting Hula Hālau Pi'o O Ke Anuenue of Ashland, OR and Hālau Hula Keao 'O Kala of Pāhoa under the direction of kumu hula Roy Leabig.

The 50-minute narrated presentation demonstrates the preparation, protocol and offering of traditional hula and chant at the hula platform in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. A hands-on cultural demonstration takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the gallery porch. All events are free (donations welcome), and park entrance fees apply.

For more information, call 967-8222 or visit www.volcanohula.com.

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has a getaway car waiting down the road.

Roth asked farmers to give police report numbers and said he would look them up to learn the extent of the investigations.

Roth said that thieves cannot only be charged with the felony theft and given jail time, they can be forced to pay for loss of the crop, and future losses, including long-term losses when coffee trees are damaged.

He also promised to go to Ka'ū's farm-

ers markets to make sure vendors can prove the sources of the agricultural products they are selling.

Coffee farmers talked about theft of some of their side crops. A stock of bananas is usually more than 25 pounds, and a thief could be charged with a felony. Twenty-five pounds of avocado may be only amount to 25 avocados, but stealing them is a felony.

Farmers talked about inviting the police chief, captains and other officers to review the felony law regarding agricultural theft and to make sure the community and police are on the same page when it comes to gathering evidence, writing police reports and sending results of investigations up to the prosecuting attorney's office.

With the coffee berry borer heavily damaging Kona coffee orchards, thieves have been stealing from Ka'ū to sell to Kona, not only causing grief and economic damage to Ka'ū Coffee farmers but also tainting the branding when Ka'ū Coffee is sold as Kona.

Suggestions for dealing with the thieves have included increased security at all coffee farms and mills, dying the parchment with food dye to make it easy for buyers to recognize the origin, and heavier policing of wholesale and retail buying to prove coffee origins.

Tipsters can report theft anonymously to Crimestoppers at 961-8300 or 329-8181. A reward leading to prosecution could total as much as \$1,000.

able fossil fuel prices and provide security of fuel supply through locally available resources."

Previously, in light of both Big Island and O'ahu electric bills going up should 'Aina Koa Pono succeed in selling fuel to the utilities, Life of the Land asked the utilities to provide all documentation that O'ahu lacks sufficient renewable energy resources to provide all of its renewable

energy needs. The electric companies replied that they "have no documentation that, with certainty, either supports or refutes that O'ahu lacks sufficient renewable energy resources to provide all of its renewable energy needs."

Life of the Land then asked, "Will HECO/HELCO stop asserting that O'ahu is resource poor?" HECO and HELCO replied, "O'ahu currently has the lowest renewable portfolio standard compared to the neighbor islands and, as explained in the Companies' (earlier) response, the renewable technologies mentioned by LOL are either being developed, demonstrated (wave energy, OTEC and deep water offshore wind) or are not firm and dispatchable (wave energy, PV, offshore wind). At some time in the future, these renewable technologies may make the transition to a commercial state for installation on or about O'ahu. However, as LOL is aware, even if some of the as-available energy such as wave energy or offshore wind becomes commercially viable, this as-available energy is not a replacement for firm, dispatchable energy, which is needed in part to help the Companies provide firm and stable power to its customers."

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price is reasonable and in the public interest.... The lower biodiesel price will amount to a lesser ratepayer impact over the twenty-year term. The proposed AKP Biodiesel Supply Contract is reasonable as a hedge against unpredict-

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Proper firefighting gear is expensive, and "many of our volunteers in Ka'ū are not rich. The county tries to provide equipment, but has a limited budget. A good pair of boots costs \$300," said Girard. Using fundraiser money, the Discovery Harbour volunteer fire brigade was able to purchase seven 3M full-face respirator masks.

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access to underlying renewable energy project cost information, including cost support information and associated materials, would allow the Commission to better determine the reasonableness of proposed prices in the context of the local energy market, independently track trends in renewable project development, and more readily compare independent power producers' projects," testified Barry Nakamoto.

HREA Opposes More Transparency

The Hawai'i Renewable Energy Alliance opposed the measure, testifying: "We believe this measure is the first step in the direction of regulating independent power producers. Under Hawai'i Revised Statutes Chapter 269, independent power producers are not regulated as public utilities, unlike electric public utilities like Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. Giving direct statutory authority to the Commission to require inde-

pendent power producers to provide financial, cost and other project information as proposed in this measure would begin to enable and authorize the Commission to regulate independent power producers the same way the Commission regulates public utilities, by regulating the independent power producers' costs, expenses, investments and allowed rate of return. Imposing this type of reporting requirements, financial and cost disclosures, and implied regulation on competitive independent power producers would have a chilling effect on independent power producers because of the administrative and regulatory burdens that would be placed on independent power producers.

The organization contends that "this would provide a disincentive for independent power producers to do business in



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Hawai'i - further degrading Hawai'i's business climate." The testimony also states that the measure would "create more uncertainty and risk to developers and their financial partners. There would also be a risk that confidential proprietary information could be discovered by competitors of the independent power producers, which would not benefit consumers, because it would harm the competitive market" where they compete. "Thus, we believe many investors will look

elsewhere. Increased uncertainty and risk, and reduced competition by private independent power producers in the renewable energy market will eventually result in higher prices to consumers for renewable energy. This measure would obviously put a damper on the further development of renewables in Hawai'i," testified the Hawai'i Renewable Energy Alliance.



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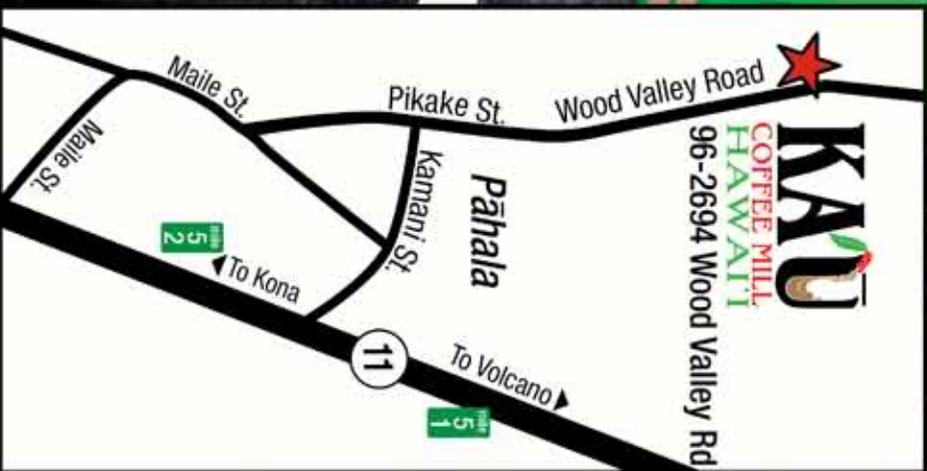
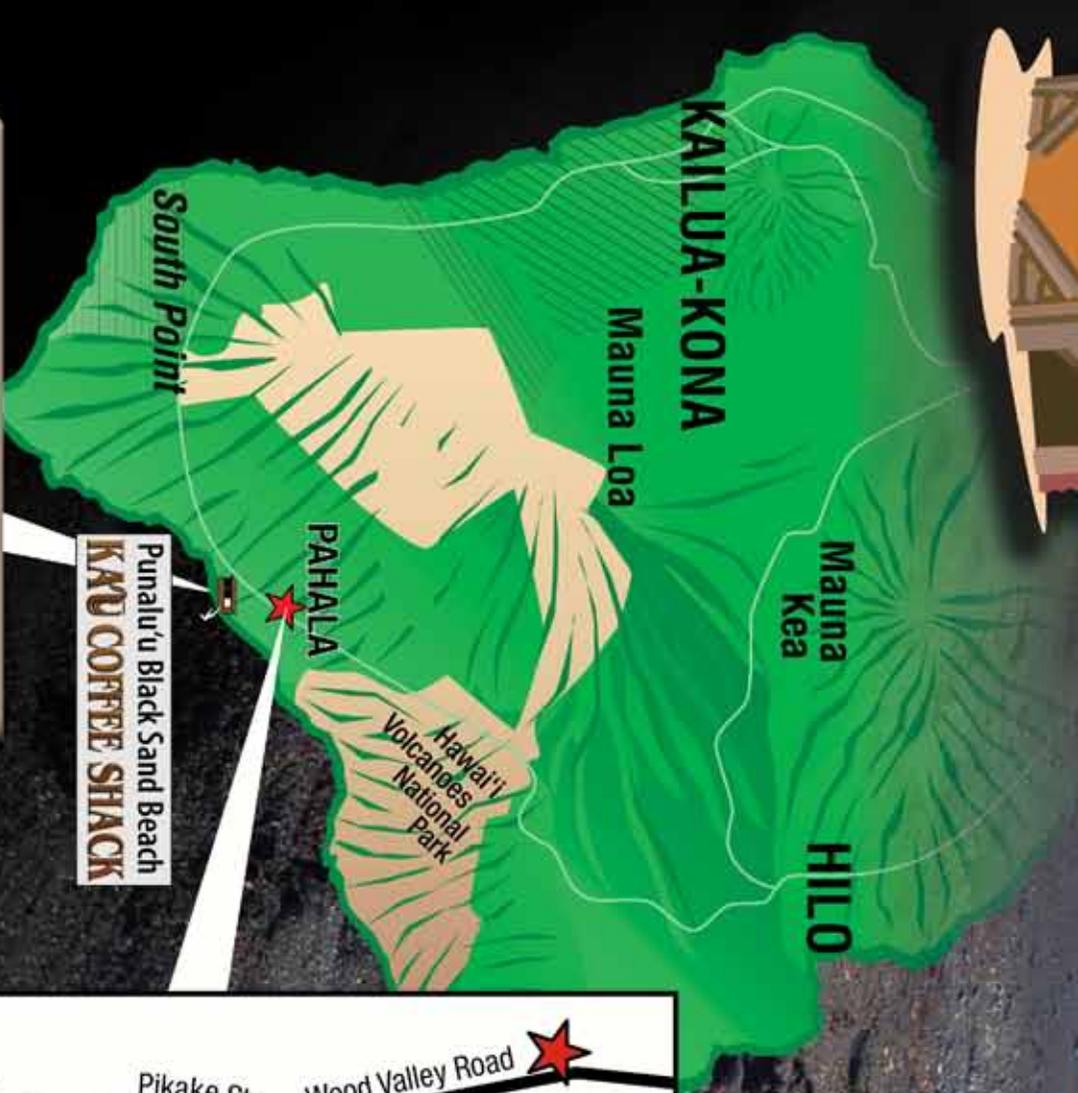


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