

PUC Sets Nov. 10 Deadline for ‘Āina Koa Pono Appeal

‘Āina Koa Pono is planning to go ahead with its refinery and farm in Ka‘ū and “is now in negotiations with a publicly traded oil company to buy the entire output of its \$350 million, 13,000-acre Big Island project for use in California,” says an October story in *Pacific Business News*.

Specific plans to build any refinery are yet to be submitted to the county planning department and other agencies. Large-scale

farms in Ka‘ū have yet to be planted with biofuel crops, but a test plot of various grasses that could be grown for biofuel has been planted along Wood Valley Road, near the Meyer Camp Road site of the proposed refinery. ‘Āina Koa Pono has also stated that it could use invasive plants like Christmas Berry and other non-native trees to get started.

Pacific Business News wrote an edito-

rial last month contending that the Public Utilities Commission made the right call in turning down a contract through which ‘Āina Koa Pono would sell biofuel to Hawaiian Electric Co. to be used in its O‘ahu and Big Island power plants. The editorial said that the biofuel contract could have led to \$10 million in electric bill hikes in the first year of biofuel production, and \$100 million

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‘Āina Koa Pono’s depiction of its Ka‘ū Energy Farm and refinery.

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Planning to Begin for \$17.9 Million Emergency Shelter & Gym

The \$17.9 million in state money to build a federally certified Ka‘ū Emergency Shelter and Gymnasium in Pāhala won first-reading approval by the County Council in late October. Final approval is expected in early November, and the planning can begin.

Council member Brittany Smart issued a letter of thanks to Gov. Neil Abercrombie, Sen. Gil Kahele, Rep. Bob Herkes, Mayor Billy Kenoi, the County Council and former Council member Guy Enriques for their work in procuring the funding.

“We are very pleased the governor has released these funds, as the health and safety of all residents is our number one priority,” said Smart. She said Ka‘ū’s 6,500 people, living on more than 900 square miles, lack adequate emergency shelter space. Smart said the gym and shelter will not only protect residents during natural disasters but also promote community resilience and aid in post-disaster recovery.

The money was assigned to the county rather than the state Department of Education, said Rep. Bob Herkes, because the DOE prioritized the gym and shelter as number 60 out of 64 projects. After winning office last year, Smart asked Abercrombie to help Ka‘ū by releasing the funds. After Sen. Gil Kahele took office, he went to the “Fifth Floor,” the governor’s office above the Legislature, and also asked for the funding.

Principal Sharon Beck said the new shelter gym has been one of her top priorities.

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Miloli‘i & Ka‘ū Communities Study Nani Kahuku ‘Āina Resort Proposal

Nov. 6 is the deadline to submit testimony for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Nani Kahuku ‘Āina resort development, Sen. Gil Kahele reminded constituents during his community forum in Ocean View in October. He said that whether people are for or against the project, they should read the EIS and give their opinion. He said he has remained neutral on the project and wants to “let the process take its course.” The EIS is available at libraries and online at the Hawai‘i Department of Health website under Office of Environmental Quality Control.

The resort is planned along the coast for some 1,600 within 16,000 acres between



South Point may be road to windmills and geothermal resources for electricity, according to a native Hawaiian company that says it may explore here.

Photo by Julia Neal

South Point Considered for Geothermal Exploration

South Point is one of the areas being considered by Huenia Power for development of geothermal resources. Innovations Development Group has formed the company for a 50-megawatt geothermal project with a construction budget of \$200 million. Other locations being considered are Hualalai volcano above Kona and in

Puna. Huenia is promising 150 construction jobs, according to a story in *Pacific Business News*.

Innovations Development Group founder Roberta Cabral promotes a “native-to-native” business model and says it has worked successfully in New Zealand with Maori people developing wind and geothermal.

If Hawaiian Home Lands are used for geothermal at South Point, there is some question as to whether the state or Department of Hawaiian Home Lands would be paid for the resource. OHA already receives 20 percent of revenues provided to the state by owners of the geothermal plant in Puna.

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New Law Allows Police to Impound Vehicles

Drunken and unlicensed drivers may have their vehicles impounded by police. A new law that passed the County Council in October allows police to use their discretion in whether to have cars towed after stopping drivers for intoxication and when coming upon an unlicensed driver, a driver with a suspended license and anyone driving a car with license plates, safety and/or registration stickers not issued for that car.

The new law is called Alyah's law and was named for an infant killed in a motor vehicle crash caused by drunken driving.

State Names Mark Glick New Energy Chief



Mark Glick

Hawai'i has a new energy administrator. Mark Glick is tasked with the job to develop, implement and manage clean energy initiatives to meet the 70 percent renewable energy goal set for 2030 by the state. His experience includes managing a \$9.5 million block grant under the state Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism. He also helped craft the state's Food and Energy Security Act.

Glick headed economic development for Office of Hawaiian Affairs. He will work under DBEDT, and its director Richard Lim said, "Mark's pioneering work in clean energy policy and project management, environmental stewardship, finance and federal and state grant acquisition will be invaluable in building a clean energy economy for Hawai'i." Glick will work on many projects, including developing interisland cables to carry energy from one island to another, Lim said.

Cost of Mailing Could Go to 45 cents a Letter

The cost of sending a one ounce letter could go up to 45 cents on Jan. 22, according to the U.S. Postal Service. Each additional ounce will still cost 20 cents. Post cards will cost 32 cents. The proposed price hikes go before the Postal Regulatory Commission. Letters to Canada and Mexico go up to 85 cents each, and letters to all other international locations will go to \$1.05 each.

Voting Could be Done through the Mail

Voting by mail could become a reality for Big Island citizens beginning in 2013. It would be a test for the entire state and last through elections in 2018. The County Council voted 6-2 in October, approving a resolution that will go to the 2012 State Legislature for consideration. Ka'u County Council member Brittany Smart supported the measure.

Tight Restrictions Leave County with Money

Mayor Billy Kenoi has announced that tight restrictions on hiring, overtime, purchases and other expenses have allowed the County of Hawai'i to realize a fund balance of \$24.682 million at the end of the 2011 fiscal year on June 30.

That is \$10.74 million more than the county expected to have on hand at the close of the fiscal year, and represents a determined effort by every department to cut costs, conserve resources, and increase the efficiency of county government, said the mayor.

"This is the culmination of years of hard work to reduce the size and cost of county government, and I am extremely proud of our employees for pulling together to cut spending and prepare for the future. We know we face some difficult times ahead, and these reserves will be critical to providing the police, fire and other essential services our communities need," said Kenoi. The county budget for this year is \$35.9 million, 8.9 percent less than the budget in effect when the Kenoi administration took office in 2008.

County Water Department Chief Pavao Will Retire

The County Board of Water is taking up the search for a new manager. Milton Pavao has worked for the county Department of Water Supply for almost 40 years and has been its chief for more than 15 years. Pavao, 62, has announced that he will retire.

Starbucks Serves Ka'u Coffee from 40 Farmers

Up to 190 Starbucks coffee shops with Clover brewing machines on the mainland and in Canada and Japan will feature Ka'u Coffee through mid-November. Under the Starbucks Reserve program, Ka'u Coffee is selling at some Starbucks for \$3.95 for a tall cup, \$4.15 for a grande cup and \$25 for an eight-ounce bag of whole beans. The coffee comes from



Ka'u Coffee at Starbucks sells for \$3.95 for tall cup, \$4.15 for a Grande and \$25 for a half pound of whole beans.

Ka'u Local Products, Inc. Its president, Chris Manfredi, purchased the coffee from farmers on 280 acres owned by the company represented in Ka'u by Manfredi.

Manfredi said he bought the beans from 40 different farmers.

A Starbucks blog described the Ka'u Coffee. "We were smitten instantly with this lovely little coffee and lucky enough to buy five tiny micro lots. With all of this attention it won't be long until everyone will have Ka'u on their lips! The discovery of this little gem is replete with flavors that scream tropical paradise," states the Starbucks blogger.

Said Manfredi, "We are pleased to see that customers are discovering the fresh coconut flavors with sweet caramel and citrus notes that are distinct characteristics of the Ka'u cup. This is another important step on Ka'u's journey to establish itself as a premium coffee growing origin."

Manfredi said recently that he expects to see expansion of coffee growing on the 2,000 acres owned by the investors he represents. The company recently received county permission to subdivide the land as a Project Unit Development. Manfredi said they plan to develop an agricultural community. Many of the Ka'u Coffee growers have their farms on this land, and Manfredi said they will receive first option on buying the land where they farm.

Manfredi has been involved in marketing Ka'u Coffee at the Specialty Coffee Association of America, where local farmers have won international tasting awards, and representing Ka'u Coffee as president of the Ka'u Farm Bureau, legislative liaison for the statewide Farm Bureau, and working on the coffee berry borer committee and the statewide Hawai'i Coffee Association.

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lutants damaging the fishery along the coast. They said currents could bring such runoff toward Miloli'i.

They also talked about a nonprofit group that the developers say would oversee cultural and environmental programs at Nani Kahuku 'Āina as well as the protection of Pōhue Bay, where endangered hawksbill turtles nest. The board of the nonprofit is comprised of the resort developers themselves. Attorney Kehau Watson advised the group on responding to the draft EIS.

Letters from the public omitted from the first online publication of the Nani Kahuku 'Āina Draft EIS are now posted. Their omission led to the extension of the time allowed to comment on the project.

In the letters now posted, Rick Warshauer, of Volcano, asked, "Is it fiscally responsible for government officials and commission members to recommend and grant land use approvals when there is a good chance that the development might not progress, but the county still be required to provide services implied by such approvals?" Warshauer described a situation in Puna, where he says "over 50,000 house lots were approved over a short period of time, but the county has not kept up with expected public improvements in the area."

Nani Kahuku 'Āina resort planner Dean Minakami responded, "Please be aware that all our infrastructure associated with Kahuku Village, including roadways, sewer, water, and drainage systems, will be privately constructed and maintained at no cost to the county."

Minakami claims that the development would have a net fiscal benefit for the county by bringing in increased tax revenues.

Rick Bennett, chairman of the Kona chapter of the Surfrider Foundation, outlined what he says should be covered by the EIS, including the impact on ground water, marine water, anchialine ponds, and agriculture potential. Bennett also recommended that the statement include considerations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance carbon sequestration.

PBR Hawai'i planner Dean Minakami replied to the letter, saying, "An agricultural feasibility study has not been prepared as the property is not suitable for most agricultural pursuits." He described the majority of the property as "barren lava fields with pockets of vegetation in shallow topsoil. The property's limited agricultural potential is reflected in its Land Study Bureau agricultural productivity rating of an "E" (the lowest rating), and its unclassified status on the Agricultural Lands of Importance to the State of Hawai'i (ALISH) map."

Rob Shallenberger wrote a letter about the project when he was a director of The Nature Conservancy Hawai'i Island. He asked for more detail on a proposed ahupua'a stewardship program. "I hope that the DEIS will provide substantially more data regarding agricultural uses of the property, including the opportunity for bioenergy projects."

Minakami replied that planners consid-

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The SS Pallada works with University of Hawai'i to find debris headed this way from the Japan tsunami.

Tall Ship Finds Tsunami Debris Headed this Way

The crew of one of the fastest tall ships in the world found debris from the Japan tsunami near Midway. The debris is headed this way. The 356-foot, three-masted, steel-hulled SS Pallada from Vladivostok, Russia, found the debris that includes a 20-foot-long fishing vessel, clearly marked as a boat from Fukushima. The crew was able to hoist it onto the Pallada, along with other flotsam from the tsunami, and haul it to its homeport in Russia.

The Pallada crew, from Far Eastern State Technical Fisheries University, is working with University of Hawai'i researchers at the International Pacific Research Center using an animated model to predict the path of the tsunami debris. The ship's crew tested the debris for radiation and found none coming from the items they hauled on board. This is good news for the Hawai'i Wildlife Fund volunteers who clean up the Ka'ū Coast and are likely to come across debris from Japan over the next several years.

One of the University of Hawai'i researchers, Nicolai A. Maximenko, recently wrote that the Pallada's location of the tsunami debris "confirmed the worst predictions of our model. The debris is now only 200 to 250 miles from Midway Islands, and we expect its first landfall this winter."

With more rubbish expected to wash up on Ka'ū beaches, Hawai'i Wildlife Fund invites more people to volunteer. Organizer Megan Lamson said "Hawai'i Wildlife Fund is committed in our efforts to remove marine debris from along our majestic shorelines from Kaulana boat ramp to Kamilo Point, whether that debris may be from Japan tsunami in March, local 'opala, derelict fishing gear from decades past, or other land and ocean-based sources from around the Pacific."

The next cleanup dates are Saturdays, Nov. 12 and Jan. 14. Call Lamson at 769-7629, see Hawai'i Wildlife Fund on Facebook or email kahakai.cleanups@gmail.com. The organization has been cleaning up the Ka'ū coast since 2005.



This photo from the STS Pallada shows a Japanese fishing boat found near Midway.

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Water Spigot Bill is Withdrawn

A bill limiting free water from county spigots to 55-gallons per visit was withdrawn in October from County Council consideration by Mayor Billy Kenoi and Department of Public Works director Warren Lee. The bill would have imposed a maximum \$500 fine on violators. Lee said he wants community input on how much water is needed by families before resubmitting the bill. The county recently installed a new spigot system for the public in Wai'ōhinu, and the Ocean View public water system with spigots is scheduled to open soon.

Superintendent Asks Flexibility for No Child Left Behind Rule

Ka'ū High, Pāhala Intermediate & Pāhala and Nā'ālehu Elementary Schools may get a reprieve from strict federal school restructuring requirements. The state Department of Education has notified the U.S. Department of Education that it will apply for ESEA Flexibility for spring 2012.

"Hawai'i is taking another bold step forward to accelerate education reform, raise accountability, and ensure all students graduate college- and career-ready," superintendent Kathryn Matayoshi said. "ESEA Flexibility will provide states with a rigorous alternative to the current No Child Left Behind one-size-fits-all approach and the responsibility to redefine academic success beyond Adequate Yearly Progress."

The DOE promises to engage and solicit input "from diverse stakeholders and communities in the development of its request," says its press release.

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				7p-10p "Friday Night Cruise", with Uncle Harry Evangelista	7p-8p "Native Communities", from indigenous people (Amer. Ind.)	7p-8p "Native Communities", from indigenous people (Alaskan)
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Akebono Ka'ū wins Chamber Directory Cover Contest

Akebono Ka'ū is the name of the art that won the cover contest for the next Ka'ū *Directory*, the community and resource guide and phone book for the district. The winning artist is Kathleen Kam, who recently taught art at Nā'ālehu School and painted the murals at Punalu'u Bake Shop in Nā'ālehu, Kīlauea General Store in Volcano, the Keauhou Bird Sanctuary in Volcano, KTA in Hilo and Kamehameha Schools on O'ahu. She has provided artwork for signage and displays at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park and is currently completing murals at Ka'ū Coffee Mill.



Peter Anderson's *Sunset at Punalu'u* takes second.

The selection of *The Directory 2012* artwork from 21 entries was made through 211 votes by the public the Ka'ū Federal Credit Union. Entries included photography, painting, pen-and-ink drawing, hand-made paper, mirror etching, Ni'ihau-method gourd decoration and wood carving.

Peter Anderson, of Nā'ālehu, won second place with his photo on canvas entitled *Sunset at Punalu'u*.

Lorilee Lorenzo, of Pāhala, won third place with her photograph entitled *Paniolo Pride*. Lorenzo is in the fifth grade at an Internet-based charter school. The photo is of her four-year-old quarter-horse mare named Ualani and her rare Hawaiian tree saddle made in 1973. Lorenzo took the photo at Phil and Merle Becker's Aikane Plantation, where Ualani is boarded.

While the first place *Akebono Ka'ū* will grace the cover of *The Directory*, the second and third place finishers will also be included in the publication.

Wanda Aus, organizer of the event and End of Show Celebration, thanked everyone who participated, including the 211 people who voted. Others who helped Aus include Gary Golding and Bill Kinney, who set up and took down displays; Deedee Bodine, who helped hang art; Peter Anderson, Bill Doar, Allan Stafford, Lee McIntosh and Deedee Bodine, who greeted the public during show hours.



Artist Kathleen Kam stands with her winning painting for the Ka'ū *Directory* cover.



Lorilee Lorenzo takes third in cover contest with a photo of her horse.

New Use for Old Pāhala Mill Site?

A new macadamia nut drying facility may be developed on the old Ka'ū Sugar Company mill site in Pāhala. Drilling rigs taking core

samples of the soil on the mill site were operating last month, and workers said the plan may involve building concrete slabs and "pods" for drying macadamia nuts. Nearby macadamia orchards and a husking plant are operated by ML Macadamia, with nuts shipped to Mauna Loa Macadamia Nut Corp. in Kea'au.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Farms, Ranches in Drought

The U.S. drought monitor released by U.S. Department of Agriculture in October shows conditions in Ka'ū ranging from extreme to abnormally dry. The most extreme drought is in the South Point area coming up the coast toward Honu'apo. Severe drought affects land inland from South Point, and moderate drought covers the rest of Ka'ū with the exception of an abnormally dry area toward Volcano. North Kohala and the South Point areas are the only places in the state with severe drought conditions.

Energy Could Go by Cable

Hawaiian Electric Co. has submitted a Request for Proposals to the Public Utilities Commission. It asks for proposals to make energy for O'ahu, and some of it could be delivered by cable from Neighbor Islands. The electricity running by cable would likely be generated by wind and/or geothermal. The RFP, which must be approved by the PUC, also calls for proposals to build interisland cables.

Life of the Land applauded the RFP, saying its members appreciate an "open and transparent process geared towards maximizing renewable energy penetration in Hawai'i."

HECO Explains Rate Hikes

Hawaiian Electric Co. is blaming the cost of fossil fuel for the record-breaking increase in electric bills during the last quarter. HECO executive vice president Robbie Alm said, "This situation again highlights how important it is to get off oil as completely and quickly as we can. It is exactly for this reason that we are pursuing renewables on all fronts with a new push for geothermal, a nationally ranked solar program, more wind farms and biofuels."

Chamber Meeting Nov. 18

The Ka'ū Chamber of Commerce's next scheduled meeting is Friday, Nov. 18 at 4 p.m. at Punalu'u Bake Shop.

Styles by Elise at Kama'āina Kuts

Elise Russell has joined the team at Kama'āina Kuts. Russell has been a hairstylist for over 20 years, working at Harrah's in Lake Tahoe, the Mauna Lani Hotel and her own salon on Maui.

Russell offers haircutting, color work and styling, using Joico professional products for all services offered. She is at the salon Thursday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, and Russell always offers a 10 percent senior discount. Appointments are available by calling 938-7525.

OV Salon Welcomes Cosmetologist

Ocean View Salon recently welcomed Ashley Kolb to their crew. A fully licensed cosmetologist for over six years, Kolb moved from Missouri to Ocean View with her husband and two small children, leaving behind family and jobs to pursue their dream of living in Hawai'i. Salon owner Christie Gibson said that although the salon has been very busy and needed help for a while, they had not hired in five years. "Living in a fairly remote community, our salon crew is like a second family, so we were kind of waiting for the right person. One day Ashley just walked in, and we all knew immediately that she was the one! Even head stylist Godfrey Galigo approves," said Gibson. Call Ocean View Salon at 929-7411.



Godfrey Galigo and Ashley Kolb

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Ocean View residents told planner Ron Whitmore they object to planning for people to move to a town core. Photo by Julia Neal

Ocean View Residents Fear Planning for Centralized Housing

Ocean View residents came out in force to the Ka'ū Community Development Plan Steering Committee meeting in October, saying they feared that government could force people to move from the highlands to a proposed town center near Hwy 11. Numerous Ocean View dwellers emerged from their remote habitats to proclaim their choice to live away from amenities and other people. A metal company owner said he likes to live at the top of Ocean View because government leaves him alone. An astronomer said he and two other residents with big telescopes live high in Ocean View to study the stars and wouldn't want lights from a town below blurring their view.

County planner Ron Whitmore showed a photo of Paradise Park in Puna, which has grown rapidly in the last decade, and said Ocean View could experience such growth without adequate infrastructure if planning

steps are not taken. Whitmore repeatedly stated that incentivizing people to live in a more centralized Ocean View neighborhood with more centralized infrastructure is only a planning tool being offered to the community and not a mandate. He said that if growth is not managed, residents may end up with an Ocean View that is different than the place in which they chose to live. He noted that Paradise Park has significant transportation challenges.

The metal worker said he would like a plan that would reduce the likelihood of his house acquiring neighbors, but most people speaking at the meeting opposed the county tinkering with the future of Ocean View.

Planning director Bobby Jean Leithead-Todd described the idea of planning for Ocean View people to live in a more concentrated neighborhood: "Frankly, I think it is dead on arrival."

Ka'ū Community Development Plan Steering Committee member Loren Heck said in an interview that it is his personal view that the county should be wary of seeming heavy-handed about where people should live. He said any idea that the county could condemn land and force people to move into a more concentrated housing area would bring on "a sizeable class action suit." He said the CDP process should be careful not to "treat people like cattle. The idea that, 'Here you strayed up too far on the hill so we need to bring you back into the herd so we can take

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New Ka'ū VP Invites Public to Visit Campus & Classrooms

by Nālani Parlin

New Ka'ū High & Pāhala Elementary vice principal Stacey Bello hosts the community on a guided walking tour of the school on Thursday, Nov. 10 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. When Bello took her new position as vice principal, principal Sharon Beck asked her to implement the community walk-through, an initiative Ka'ū's Complex-Area superintendent Mary Correa encourages.

"We are so excited to open our campus and give members of our community a chance to witness the wonderful things happening at our school. I'm hoping more and more community members take advantage of this opportunity," said Bello.

Although on campus just a few months, Bello, former VP at Mountain View Elementary, is already infusing new energy into the school. To kick off the Homecoming week school assembly last month, Bello led and choreographed a teacher and staff dance performance, complete with cowboy and cowgirl costumes, to *Cotton-Eyed Joe*. She came up with the idea after realizing Ka'ū High lacked a cheerleading team. "We should be the cheerleaders. We should be the ones to get the kids excited about Homecoming," said Bello. Teachers, clerks, educational assistants and custodial staff bonded at practice, she added.

Bello said she is really excited to be working in Ka'ū. Working as a VP at only an elementary school, "you don't get to see the end product of your work. You don't see what happens to them after they leave your school," she said. Since Ka'ū offers Kindergarten through high school, she added, "Here you get to see the kids grow up right in front of your eyes."

Even when students are visiting Bello's office for discipline, she encourages them to dream. On a table in her office sits the wooden cutout spelling the word DREAM. "There are so many opportunities out there for them. If they have dreams, they are less likely to get off path. They will be more driven and more than likely to be self-directed learners and make good decisions during the day," she said. Bello also harbors a dream to continue her education and receive her doctorate in education. She currently has her masters

in special education and worked as a special education classroom teacher and as a district special education resource teacher.

Although Bello lives in Hilo, she said she wanted to come to Ka'ū after hearing good things about the tight-knit community and staff. She said she also found a great administrative team in principal Sharon Beck and athletic director Kalei Namohala, both whom she knew prior.

Beck was "my resource teacher when I was in the classroom," said Bello, and Namohala attended Waiakea High with her. Between the three of them they try to attend every Trojan athletic event, away or at home. She added that Namohala is also helping to make academics a priority by enforcing the tie between sports and the classroom. "You can't see it as a separate entity," Bello said.

Being an administrator is very demanding, but rewarding said Bello, explaining that she pursued administration in hopes of having a broader impact on a larger number of students. Bello arrives at 7 a.m. and is there with security advisor Mark Pocock to greet the students each morning as their buses arrive and say aloha as they leave each afternoon. Often, she doesn't leave until 5:30 p.m. "I could not do it without the support of my family," she said. Bello has a daughter attending college this year and a son in intermediate. She said she uses the hour-long ride home to "process the day. It gives me a good reflective time, so I can plan my steps for the next day and be proactive rather than reactive."

Bello has a goal to learn all of the names of the 566 Ka'ū High and Pāhala Elementary students by the end of the semester. A huge task ahead of her, she studies the yearbook diligently and tries to greet students by name.

Now that the entire student body is required to wear uniform shirts, Bello said



Stacey Bello

the faculty and staff have commented how calm the campus is this year. "There is a really nice sense of community. The kids look sharp," she said. "Everyone has been so welcoming. I work closely with the office, custodial, cafeteria and security staff, and everyone has made the transition very smooth. Parents have been supportive and wonderful. The kids are great."

"Having Stacey on campus is like a breath of fresh air. She has the ability to put people at ease,"

said Namohala. Bello implemented "a discipline system that focuses on compassion and learning rather than just punishment that allows our students to be accountable for their actions. I hope she will be able to stay in Ka'ū for years to come to help build stability in our community," she added.

Pāhala Public Library Closed Until Nov. 18

Pāhala Public & School Library is closed through Thursday, Nov. 17. According to a release from the state Department of Education, closure is due to staffing shortages. The book drop is available all the time it is closed, and the library will re-open Friday, Nov. 18. While the library is closed, patrons may use Nā'ālehu Public Library on Hwy 11. Call 939-2442. The statewide library website, where there are many services, is librarieshawaii.org.



Rooflines and locations are being discussed for the design of the shelter gym in Pāhala.

Photo by Julia Neal

Shelter/Gym, cont. from pg. 1
ties for years.

The gym and shelter will be built on the grounds of Ka'ū High School or adjacent county land. It will complement the existing gym that was built in the 1930s and has been too small in re-

Lines Tested in Pāhala through Mid-November

The County Environmental Management Department will be testing the sewage lines along Pikake Street in Pāhala through mid-November. Wastewater maintenance crews will lower cameras into the sewage lines to look for problems. They will also install cleanouts wherever they can in preparation for any emergencies. The work area will be between Huapala and Pakalana Streets.

The county took over management of the lines several years ago from former sugar plantation owner C. Brewer Corp., which sold the houses along the line to former employees and other buyers. The county plans to replace the gang cesspool on Maile Street with a new sewage treatment plant and eventually install new sewage lines in the public right of way. Residents along the sewage lines are being charged a monthly fee for maintenance by the county.

Walk-throughs are held every second Thursday of the month. To reserve a spot, call 928-2088.

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Police Encourage Public to Call, Public Encourages More Patrolling

Police Chief Harry Kubojiri encourages the public to involve the Police Department whenever they feel the need. At a public meeting in Nā'ālehu in October, Chief Kubojiri said he wants to know "what can we do to improve our services to you" and "what is broken."



Police Chief Harry Kubojiri

Captain Andrew Burian said that if residents are concerned about retribution, they are welcome to report anonymously.

One issue of concern is drag racing along Hwy 11 and other streets.

A resident asked if dummy police cars could be used to help control the situation. Kubojiri said he would look into it. He also said more patrolling would help. "We'll definitely take measures," he said.

One resident said she thought patrols through neighborhoods would also help with issues of noise and drugs.

Dennis Riordan, a county Parks Department employee, said he appreciates patrols

Washtime Opens Daily in Nā'ālehu

Washtime, next to Island Market in Nā'ālehu, has opened its doors to the public daily from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Under new ownership and newly renovated, it now offers plenty of hot water, indoor-outdoor carpeting, marble folding tables, a flat-screen TV, security cameras and new top-of-the-line ma-



Wash Time is open every day. Photo by Genevieve Fyvie

chines, 10 washers and six dryers.

Sandie Llanes has been hired as a full time attendant. Realtor Robin Baglow, who operates Grandma's Closet and her real estate office in the same shopping center, said, "It really has to be the nicest laundromat on the island."

The Hurricane Blows into Ka'ū

Ka'ū Main Street presents its third annual Murder Mystery Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Nā'ālehu Methodist Church social hall. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the play starts at 6 p.m. *The Hurricane* takes place at a bed and breakfast in Ka'ū during a hurricane. Producer Marge Elwell said, "This is a typical whodunit, with some twists during the three acts. A group of people is trapped by the storm, and perhaps united by a murder that took place recently. And there could be more murders..." Aloha wear is suggested, to blend in with the characters.

The prize for the best answer is a gift certificate from Kīlauea Lodge for two. Proceeds benefit the Methodist Church and the fund for an ADA ramp at Na'ohulelua Historical Garden. Tickets, \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door, are on sale at the Ka'ū Farmers Market or at 929-7236.

NEED A HELPING HAND?

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

If the market and your mortgage have tossed you a curve, you're not alone. Millions of homeowners are at a crossroads right now. In the midst of a massive economic downturn, the most significant financial asset that many Americans assumed they could always fall back on has turned into a financial liability for a large percentage of the population. Add to that an astronomical unemployment rate, coupled with widespread underemployment, and you have a situation where millions of homeowners are drowning in debt.

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Kukui Road — Naalehu

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Traditional plantation house is located near the highway in Naalehu Village. There's 816 square feet of interior living area with 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom. The corner lot is an extra-large 14,500 square feet. A 500 square foot 2-car detached carport has extra storage space. Louvered windows throughout the house invite the tropical breezes in. New roof 2 years ago, rockwalls.



Second plantation house is located at the upper edge of Naalehu and has 970 square feet of interior living area with 3 bedrooms and 1 bathroom, as well as a storage/pantry area by the kitchen. Roomy kitchen is open to the living room with a pass-through between. The attached carport is 320 square feet, with another small storage/laundry room behind. Relax on the rear deck and enjoy cooking out on the stone barbecue in the backyard.

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Two Adventurous Hikes Offered at Hawai'i Volcanoes Kahuku

Two adventurous programs offered by Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park will introduce the compelling landscape, biodiversity and history of the park's southernmost section to intrepid hikers.

People and Land of Kahuku is a two-mile, three-hour expedition through pastures, a quarry, an airstrip and the 1868 lava fields of Kahuku. Rangers will explain how people lived on the vast Kahuku lands, from the earliest Hawaiians through today. Walk in emerging native forest, hear about Kahuku's history of violent earthquakes and eruptions and the residents who survived them, and find out how Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park plans to restore the native ecosystem and protect Kahuku's cultural sites.

The hike is offered Saturday, Nov. 13, Sunday, Nov. 19, Sunday, Dec. 4 Saturday Dec. 10, Sunday, Jan. 15 and Sunday, Jan.



A hike called People and the Land is scheduled on weekends into next year.

22 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Kīpuka'akihi is a challenging 1.5 mile, five-hour adventure to see some of the rare

plants and wildlife that inhabit this treasured kīpuka. Participants must be prepared to scramble over fallen trees, lava rock,

and slippery, wet terrain. Wear sturdy hiking shoes, long pants, sunscreen and a hat. Bring raingear, garden gloves, a day pack, insect repellent, lunch and water. There will be opportunities to help protect this rainforest by pulling up invasive kahili ginger and other invasive non-native plants throughout the kīpuka. Due to the fragile nature of the region, the program is limited to 15 people and pre-registration is required. To sign up, call 985-6011.

This expedition into Kahuku's isolated refuge of rare plants is offered

Sunday, Nov. 20, Saturday, Dec. 1 and Sunday, Jan. 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For both hikes, meet near the Kahuku Unit gate, mauka of Hwy 11 between mile markers 70 and 71. Park and meet inside the gate near the ranch buildings. Boots, raingear and long pants are recommended. No advance registration is required.

Nani Kahuku, cont. from pg. 3

ered agriculture and growth of feedstock on the land for a bio-energy facility, but that the agricultural potential there is "very limited." The PBR Hawai'i planner said the potential impact of development on archaeological sites, ground and marine water, shoreline, air quality, and other issues raised by Bennett, Shallenberger, and in other letters are covered by the DEIS.

The previously omitted letters and responses are attached at the end of the DEIS, which can be read under the state Department of Health website under Of-

fice of Environmental Quality Control. http://oeqc.doh.hawaii.gov/Shared%20Documents/EA_and_EIS_Online_Library/Hawaii/2010s/2011-09-23-DEIS-Kahuku-Village-Vol1.pdf.

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 Districts; 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 improvements on Mamalahoa Highway (a state highway facility); amendment of the County of Hawai'i 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.

Ocean View Well Pau, Testing

Hawaiian Electric Light Co. turned on the power for the new Ocean View water distribution system in October, and water samples were taken to send off to a lab and with results reported to the state Department of Health. Sen. Gil Kahele gave the update at his community forum in Ocean View. He said it will take several months for the well water to be certified as potable and the new spigots to be turned on for residents and businesses.

During the HOVE Road Maintenance Corp. meeting in October, Mike Million said that contractors were removing their equipment, and that the county's next step is to run tests on the water. He said he expects water to be available for pick up from the spigots in two or three months.



Fireweed is taking over good pasture in Ka'ū. Photo from hawaiianinvasivespecies.org

Fountain Grass Volunteers Could Help with Fireweed

Fireweed that looks like beautiful fields of daisies are taking over good pasture land in Ka'ū, according to ranchers who attended Sen. Gil Kahele's forum in Ocean View in October. Fireweed started in Waimea and is spreading around the island, according to rancher David Ka'awa. Volunteers who work on the fountain grass problem in Ocean View said that they could possibly help with fireweed control as well.

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Embracing ‘Ōhi‘a, daily through Sun, Nov 6, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. This group exhibit of the Pacific Island Printmakers features artists Andrea Pro, Mag Barnaby, Nora Yamanoha, Lisa Louise Adams, Kathy Molina and John McCaskill. Free; park entrance fees apply. 967-7565

Grievin’ & Groovin’, Tue/Wed, Nov 1/2, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center’s Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. This exhibit presents art work, writing, movement and rituals based on the subject of Dia de los Muertos, death, loss, mortality and the passage of time. 967-8222

Bay Clinic Mobile Dental Van, Tue, Nov 1 – Fri, Nov 4, Bay Clinic in Nā‘ālehu. Call for hours. 965-3073

Dia de los Muertos: Grievin’ & Groovin’ Fiesta and Reception, Wed, Nov 2, 5 – 9 p.m., Volcano Art Center’s Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. Themed masks/attire strongly encouraged. Fine art, special entertainment, a blessing, dancing, complimentary pupus 5 – 6 p.m., fresh Mexican food \$8 - \$10. Guests vote for the most impactful, inspirational and festive art; awards at 8:30 p.m. \$12 advance; \$15 at the door (first come, first served). 967-8222 or community@volcanoartcenter.org

Friends of Na‘ohulelua Garden Gathering, Thu, Nov 3 and 24, 8 – 10 a.m. (weather permitting). Educational classes, garden exchange, horticultural exercises and free breakfast at Hana Hou. Dennis, 929-7236

Wilderness First Responder Certification Course, Thu – Sat, Nov 3 – 12, 9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Volcano Art Center’s Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. This intensive 80-hour course from the Wilderness Medicine Institute of NOLS is required for many outdoor professional jobs. Wound management, realigning fractures and dislocations, splinting techniques, CPR, spinal trauma, improvisation with things available on an outdoor expedition, triage situations, night-time search and rescue mission. This course gives students the tools to make correct decisions in critical wilderness situations. \$750 <http://hawaiiwilderness.org/courses/wfr/>

Ocean View Neighborhood Watch meeting, Thu, Nov 3, 7 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

Kahumoku ‘Ohana Hawaiian Music & Lifestyle Workshop, Sat – Sat, Nov 5 – 12, Pāhala Plantation House. Free; proceeds from the sale of plate lunches go to the Ka‘ū High School Ensemble. keokikahumoku@mac.com or 938-6582

Fall Fling Arts & Crafts Fair, Sat, Nov 5, 9 a.m., Punalu‘u Bake Shop. Local artists offer their arts for holiday shopping. Entertainment throughout the day. Sponsored by Ka‘ū School of the Arts. 929-8694 or mingokau@gmail.com

Na Mea Hawai‘i Hula Kahiko performance, Sat, Nov 5, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. on the hula platform overlooking Kīlauea Crater in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Halau Hula Ka No‘eau with na kumu hula Keikilani Curman and Liana Aviero. Cultural demonstrations 9:30a.m. to 1:30 p.m., VAC Gallery. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Ham Radio Operators Potluck Picnic, Sun, Nov 6, 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

Thanksgiving Craft, grades K – 8 register Nov 7 – 10 for program Wed, Nov 16, 3 – 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Nona, 928-3102

Sumi-e Japanese Brushstroke Painting, Tue, Nov 8, 1 – 3 p.m., Nā‘ālehu Hongwanji.

Ka‘ū CDP Steering Committee meeting, Tue, Nov 8, 5:30 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 961-8137 or rwhtmore@co.hawaii.hi.us

After Dark in the Park – Hawai‘i’s First Volcano House: A Tale of Survival, Tue, Nov 8, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. William R. Chapman, director of the Graduate Certificate Program in Historic Preservation at the University of Hawai‘i at Manoa, discusses the history of Volcano House. \$2 supports park programs; park entrance fees apply. 985-6011

‘Ukulele for Life, Wednesdays, Nov 9 - Dec 14, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Volcano Art Center’s Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. At each lesson, Patrick Inouye teaches a new song. Adult students learn technique, proper handling, picking and improvisation. \$50/\$45 for members plus materials with partial financial aid available. 967-8222

Art Afterschool Program: Introduction to Performance, Wednesdays, Nov 9 - Dec 7, 3 – 5 p.m. Tanya Aynessazian introduces young performers to the art of using their voice, body, soul and stage. Students actively participate in creating the class each week, building quick-thinking skills, characterization, comedy, movement and expressiveness. \$65/\$58.50 VAC members. Volcano Art Center’s Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. Funded in part by the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

HOVE Road Maintenance board or directors meeting, Wed, Nov 9, 4 p.m., St. Jude’s Church. 929-9910

Ka‘ū High & Pāhala Elementary Schools Walkthrough, Thu, Nov 10. To reserve, call 928-2088.

Adventures in Drawing, Thursdays, Nov 10, 17, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 3 – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center’s Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. Ken Charon guides students through drawing from nature, portraiture and still-life studies. Young artists will be engaged through artistic training and activities that encouraging regular practice through traditional subjects. Ages 10-17. \$65/\$58.50 VAC members with partial financial aid available; applications due Nov.1. Funded in part by the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts. 967-8222 community@volcanoartcenter.org

Red Cross Volunteer meeting, Thu, Nov 10, 7 p.m., H.O.V.E. Road Maintenance Corp. office. For volunteers and those interested in becoming volunteers. Hannah Uribes, 929-9953

KMC Open House, Fri, Nov 11. In conjunction with Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park’s Fee Free Day, Kīlauea Military Camp invites all park



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Dennis Kamakahi



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Hawaiian Masters Offer Workshop & Concert

Keoki Kahumoku holds his fifth annual Hawaiian Music and Lifestyle Workshop on the grounds of Pāhala Plantation House from Nov. 5 through Nov. 12. Teachers include Kahumoku; Dennis Kamakahi; George Kahumoku, Jr.; Sonny Lim; John Keawe; James Hill; Herb Ohta, Jr.; David Kamakahi; Brittini Paiva; Konabob Stoffer; Kanani Enos; Darci Baker; Brad Bordessa; Peter De Aquino and Ka‘iwi Perkins.

On Veterans Day, Friday, Nov. 11, a free concert takes place at Pāhala Plantation House from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Performers include the workshop teachers plus Kimo Hussey; Moses Kahumoku; Hope Keawe; the Ka‘ū High School Ensemble and One Journey. Proceeds from the sale of plate lunches go to the Ka‘ū High School Ensemble.

Immersed in the culture of Hawai‘i, the workshop is a weeklong opportunity to learn ki ho‘alu (slack key guitar), ‘ukulele, steel guitar, song writing, music theory and hula from today’s masters. Other cultural activities include lei making, chant, Hawaiian song and choir, pahu drum carving, lauhala and coconut palm weaving, food preparation and traditional crafts. Tuition for the event includes all music and cultural

classes, private one-on-one lessons from all instructors, three meals a day prepared by Kahumoku and staff featuring local farmers and ranchers, nightly kani ka pila, imu ceremony, food demonstrations and more.

Students will learn some of the history, culture and legends of Hawai‘i’s past, and music techniques of the past and present. Masters of their craft, the award-winning artists/teachers will share their talent, legacy, and love of the islands. Proceeds from the workshop benefit the Center for Hawaiian Music Studies, a nonprofit organization founded by Kahumoku. The organization provides instruments, ‘ukulele building workshops, music and cultural education year-round to island children from ages four to 18. Scholarships for twenty or more children are awarded every year for this annual workshop through private-party donations and corporate funding. “It is my life-long passion and mission to perpetuate the teachings to our younger generations, to donate instruments and bring music and Hawaiian education to as many island children as possible,” Kahumoku said.

For more information, email keokikahumoku@mac.com or call 938-6582.



Students gather round for lessons at the Kahumoku workshop.

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Ka‘ū Multicultural Society Veterans Day Celebration, Fri, Nov 11, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Ceremony 9 – 10 a.m. with Rev. Troy Gacayan and Council member Brittany Smart. Photos, mementos, band, concessions, games, entertainment. Darlyne, 640-8740; Liz 990-9327; Tiare, 333-1792; Lindsay, 333-0321

Ho‘oulu 1 Ka Lani: A Day of Healing, Fri, Nov 11, 9 a.m. – sunset. Ho‘oli Farm in Honomalo presents a day of Hawaiian spirituality and sustainable aloha. \$35 kama‘āina; \$50 non-kamaaina; \$10 lunch. 936-8594 or hooliestate.com

Zentangle, Fri, Nov 11, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Zentangle, an easy-to-learn method of creating beautiful images from repetitive patterns, increases focus and creativity. Lois and Earl Stokes who have taught Hawaiian

String Figures (Hei) for over 11 years. Ages 10-100. \$40 includes supplies. Julie, 967-8222

Hawaiian Music Concert, Fri, Nov 11, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Pāhala Plantation House. Masters and students at the Kahumoku ‘Ohana Hawaiian Music & Lifestyle Workshop perform. 928-9811

KMC Veterans Day Ceremony, Fri, Nov 11, 3 p.m. Kīlauea Military Camp Front Lawn in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Keynote speaker is the Honorable Edward Kubo, Circuit Court Judge of the First Circuit Court and founder of Hawai‘i Wounded Warrior Community Support Program. Guest Speaker is LTC Joseph D’Angelo, Army National Guard, and Hilo physician. Buffet follows at 4:30 p.m., Crater Rim Café. Prime rib, pork tenderloin, salad bar and more. \$23.95 adults, \$12.50 children 6 - 11. Veterans attending the ceremony are invited to the buffet for free; pre-register at 967-8371.

Ka‘ū Beach Cleanup, Sat, Nov 12, 7:45 a.m., meet at Wai‘ōhinu Park to carpool to Ka‘alu‘alu Bay/Kamilo Point. Megan, 769-7629 or kahakai.cleanups@gmail.com

Atlas Recycling at South Point U-Cart, Sat, Nov 12, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

People and Land of Kahuku, Sun, Nov 13 & Sat, Nov 19, 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, Nov 13, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Nick Shema leads this three-hour, 2.6-mile round-trip walk on the Palm Trail in the park’s Kahuku Unit. Free to Friends members. 985-7373 or admin@fhvnp.org.

Silk Painting, Sun, Nov 13, 12 – 4 p.m., Volcano Art Center’s Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. Patti Pease Johnson teaches how to create vibrant textiles. Preparation of materials, color mixing and experimentation achieve a range of visual effects. \$60/\$54 for members includes all supplies. 967-8222 to register. or community@volcanoartcenter.org

Fred Soriano, Kalai Ki‘i Pohaku, Carver of Stone, Sun, Nov 13, 3 - 4:30 p.m. Charlene Asato and Soriano talk story about the development of the book and the process of carving stone and landscaping. Book is \$25. Cards and prints of Soriano’s work will be available also. Volcano Art Center’s Nialani Campus in Volcano Village. 967-8222

Thanksgiving Craft, ages 5 – 12 register Nov 14 – 18 for program Tue, Nov 22, Nā‘ālehu Community Center. Richard, 939-2510 also for program Nov 21 – 23, Kahuku Park. Marc, 929-9113

Pāhala Quilting Group, Thu, Nov 17, 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, Nov 17, 929-9731 or 936-7262

Kick Ice sign waving, Fri, Nov 18, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. in front of Nā‘ālehu School gym.

Homeschoolers of Ka‘ū Gathering, Fri, Nov 18, 3:30 – 6 p.m., Wai‘ōhinu Park. Talk, plan field trips, potluck, BBQ. Theresa Passarelli, 443-9100

VAC Members’ Appreciation Holiday Event, Fri, Nov 18, 5:30 – 8 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. This Volcano Art Center Members Only event kicks off the holiday season with a preview of VAC’s 12th Annual Invitational Wreath Exhibit. Live music by Maggie Herron, complimentary gourmet pupus, mulled cider and champagne, book signings, prize drawings... and an extra 10% during this special event just for our members. Join at volcanoartcenter.org or purchase a one-day membership at the venue for \$15. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Ocean View Community Association Pancake Breakfast, Sat, Nov 19, 7:30 – 10:30 a.m., Ocean View Community Center.

St. Jude’s Annual Holiday Bazaar and Plant Sale, Sat, Nov 19, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., St. Jude’s on Paradise Circle in Ocean View. Soup and bread, homemade baked goods, cakes, pies, jams, jellies, candies, plants, crafts, books and gift items. From Hwy 11, turn mauka on Donola Drive to Paradise Pkwy.

Volunteer Forest Restoration Project, Sat, Nov 19, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Volunteers collect and process mamane seed on the Mauna Loa strip of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Pre-registration required. 985-7373 or forest@fhvnp.org

Kauaha’ao Congregational Church Fundraising Bazaar, Sat, Nov 19, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Wai‘ōhinu. Flea market, food, entertainment. \$10 spaces available; call 928-8039 after 7 p.m.; deadline Nov 5. 929-9997

Recycling at Nā‘ālehu School, Sat, Nov 19, 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

Christmas in the Country, Sat/Sun, Nov 19/20 and Fri – Sun, Nov 25 – 27, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Special holiday celebrations include art demonstrations and print and book signings by gallery artists, plus a fine selection of quality handcrafted decorations and gifts offered only during the holiday season. Free; park entrance fees apply. 967- 7565 or volcanoart-center.org

12th Annual Invitational Wreath Exhibit, Sat, Nov 19 - Mon, Jan 2, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Gallery artists present their concepts of wreath. Free; park entrance fees apply. 967-7565 or volcanoartcenter.org.

Ka‘ū ‘Ohana Day, Sat, Nov 19, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Nā‘ālehu Ball Field. Competition in free Makahiki games is open to children in grades 6 to 12, but the entire ‘ohana is welcome. Sign up by Nov 10. Sponsored by University of Hawai‘i Center for Gifted and Talented Native Hawaiian Children, Na Pua No‘eau, Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Queen Lili‘uokalani Children’s Center. 985-6019

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The Art & Traditions of Hula at Kīlauea, Sat, Nov 19 & Wed, Nov 30, 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Kumu Maile Yamanaka offers 45-minute 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. Open to all ages and levels. Free (donations welcome); park entrance fees apply.

Christmas in the Country Book and Print Signing, Sat, Nov 19, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., and Fri, Nov 25, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Dietrich Varez signs books he has written and/or illustrated, including the new release of Pele and Hi‘iaka, as well as his Hawaiiana prints. Free; park entrance fees apply. 967-7565 volcanoartcenter.org.

Society of Creative Anachronism, Sat, Nov 19, 2 – 3 p.m. Medieval recreation group talks, plans events, does handicrafts and more. Call for location. Michael, 895-8013

The Hurricane, Sat, Nov 19, 6 p.m., Nā‘ālehu Methodist Church social hall. Ka‘ū Main Street presents its third annual Murder Mystery Dinner, a three-act play that is set during a hurricane in Ka‘ū. \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door. Tickets available at Ka‘ū Farmers Market and 929-7236

Perpetuating Native Species, Sun, Nov 20, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Dr. Rhonda Loh, chief of Resources Management, leads this Hawai‘i Volcanoes Institute seminar about native species and park efforts to perpetuate them. \$50 members; \$70 non-members; students half-price. Park entrance fees apply. 985-7373 or fhvp.org

Kipuka‘akihi Hike, Sun, Nov 20, 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

Cookbook Signing, Sun, Nov 20, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Volcano resident and chef Audrey Wilson signs copies of her cookbook Big Island Eats. Free; park entrance fees apply. 967-7565 or volcanoartcenter.org

Plant and Seed Exchange, Sun, Nov 20, noon – 3 p.m. at Na‘ohulelua Historical Church on Kama‘oa Road. Parking along road. 929-7236

Pearl Harbor Day Craft, ages 5 – 12 register Nov 21 – 30 for program Mon – Wed, Dec 5 – 7, 3 – 4 p.m., Kahuku Park. Marc, 929-9113

Annual Christmas Coloring Contest, grades K – 8 register Nov 21 – Dec 1 for program Wed, Dec 5, 5 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. Nona, 928-3102

After Dark in the Park – Hawai‘i’s Energy: Past, Present and Future, Tue, Nov 22, 7 p.m., Kīlauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Kenyan Beals, Hawaii Electric Light Company’s Educational Services Coordinator discusses how HELCO got its start, where we are today and plans for a greener, more sustainable future. \$2 supports park programs; park entrance fees apply. 985-6011

Annual Rubberband Turkey Shoot, Wed, Nov 23, 3 – 5 p.m. Pāhala Community Center. Nona, 928-3102

Thanksgiving Dinner, Thu, Nov 24, 1 – 3 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

KMC Thanksgiving Day Buffet, Thu, Nov 24, 2:30 - 7:30 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp’s Crater Rim Café in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Roast turkey, spinach and mushroom fettuccine, fresh salads, desserts and more. \$18.95 adults; \$9.50 children 6 - 11. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply.

Ocean View Community Development Corp. meeting, Thu, Nov 24, 5:30 p.m. at Ocean View Community Center.

Volcano Artists Hui 25th Annual Art Studio Tour & Sale, Fri - Sun, Nov 25 - 27, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., seven artists’ Studios in Volcano Village. Visitors meet the artists and see artworks in many media on display and available for purchase. Maps available at local businesses and www.VolcanoVillageArtistsHui.com. Free. 987-3472

AARP Driver Safety Training, Fri, Nov 25. This four-hour class is open to everyone. No driving, no tests, no exams. \$12 current members, \$14 non-members. Mike Last, 929-8422.

Festive Wreath Making Demo, Sat, Nov 26, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Fiber artist Jelena Clay demonstrates wreath making using a variety of native and non-native foliage. Free; park entrance fees apply. 967-7565 or volcanoartcenter.org

Hawaiian Rainforest Naturals Sampling, Sat, Nov 26, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Malia explains common uses and benefits of scents and flowers. Free; park entrance fees apply. For more information, call (808) 967-7565 or visit www.volcanoartcenter.org.

KMC Fall Special Pre-Concert Buffet, Sat, Nov 26, 4:30 - 8 p.m. Kīlauea Military Camp’s Crater Rim Café in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Prime rib, cornish game hen, tomato basil fettuccini and more. \$21.95 adults; \$12.50 children 6 - 11 years old. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply.

Kīlauea Wings Buffet & Red Hot Lava Wings Challenge, Sat, Nov 26, 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

A Christmas Celebration with the Brothers Cazimero, Sat, Nov 26, 7 – 9 p.m., Kīlauea Theater in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. \$30. 967-8222, volcanoartcenter.org or concerts@volcanoartcenter.org.

Bookbinding Demonstration by Charlene Asato, Sun, Nov 27, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Free; park entrance fees apply. 967-7565 or volcanoartcenter.org

Christmas Craft Make it & Take It, all ages register Nov 28 – Dec 1 for program Wed, Dec 7, Pāhala Community Center. Nona, 928-3102

Ocean View Food Basket, Tue, Nov 29, noon - 2:30 p.m. at Ocean View Community Center. 939-7000

EXERCISE AND MEDITATION

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 – 4 p.m., Wed/Thu 12:30 – 5:30 p.m. and 4 – 5:30 p.m., Fri 1 – 4 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. Closed Nov 11 and 24. 928-8177 or www.hawaii-county.com/parks/aquatics

Basketball, ages 11 – 14 register Nov 1 – 9 for program Tue/Thu, Nov 15 – Feb 28, Pāhala Community Center. Nona, 928-3102

T-Ball/Pitch Ball, ages 5 – 8 register through Nov for program Mon – Fri, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., dates TBA. Richard, 939-2510

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

Basketball, Mon, 3 – 4 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 6 and older. Marc, 929-9113

Elementary & Intermediate Volleyball, Mon/Wed, 5 – 8 p.m. Pāhala Community Center. Nona, 928-3102 and Mon/Wed, 6 – 8 p.m., Nā‘ālehu Community Center. Richard, 939-2510

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

Volleyball, Tue/Thu, 3 – 4 p.m., Kahuku Park. Ages 6 and older. Marc, 929-9113

Zumba, Tue/Sat, 9 a.m., Tue/Thu, 5:30 p.m., Kīlauea Military Camp’s Recreation Lodge in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. \$5. 967-8352. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply.

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

Volleyball, Tue/Thu, 6 – 8 p.m., Pāhala Community Center. For ages 5 – 8. Nona, 928-3102

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

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

Beginner 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

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

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

KMC Happy Hour, daily, 4 – 5:30 p.m. Kīlauea Military Camp’s Lava Lounge in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Special Happy Hour Pupu Menu Mon – Fri. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply.

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.

Niaulani 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 Niaulani 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

Na‘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 dNovor appointments, grocery shopping and to pick up prescriptions. Program closed on Tue. Dick Hershberger, 989-4140

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

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. 967-8222 or community@volcanoartcenter.org

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

Thirsty Thursdays, Ocean View Salon and Christie’s Nails. Clients can enjoy a free drink with monthly-themed pedicures every Thursday.

November is mango mojito pedicures. 929-7411.

Friends Feeding Friends, Thu, 4 – 6 p.m. at Cooper Center on Wright Road in Volcano Village. www.volcanocommunity.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, Pohue Plaza

Veterans Day Celebration at Nā‘ālehu Park

The Ka‘ū Multicultural Society is sponsoring a Veterans Day celebration at the Veterans monument in Nā‘ālehu Park on Friday, Nov. 11. At 9 a.m., Pastor Troy Gacayan, of River of Life Assembly of God in Pāhala offers a pule, after which Council member Brittany Smart will speak.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., displays will feature veterans’ photos and war mementos. A Vietnam Veterans motorcycle club will participate, as well as a veterans’ band and other entertainers. Booths will offer concessions and games.

“We welcome everyone to join in and celebrate with our veterans of Ka‘ū, and with all the different organizations from the communities of Ka‘ū,” said organizer Darlyne Vierra.

For more information, call Vierra at 640-8740.



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Trojan VB Wahine Win BIIF 3rd Place & Berth to States

The Ka'ū High Varsity volleyball girls are making history for a second time in two years. The Trojans muscled past the Kohala Cowgirls to claim the BIIF's third place and the last berth to the State competition. At press time, the Trojans were heading to O'ahu for states which was to be held Oct. 26-28. Last year the Ka'ū High Varsity team advanced to the states for the first time in recent memory, said Head Coach Elijah Navarro.

The Trojans entered the first round of the BIIF tour-

ney as the Div. II number three seed. The girls beat the Pāhoa Daggers on home court in three quick sets. Set scores were 25-14, 25-7 and 25-18. Junior Marley Strand-Nicolaisen led with 16 kills and sophomore Kamalani Fujikawa followed with 9 kills.

In the semi-finals, the Trojans faced the Konawaena Wildcats, who they came close to defeating during the season. The Trojans rallied after
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Ka'ū Kids Say 'Surf's Up' to New HHSAA Sport

Kāwā Beach in Ka'ū could become the home of a new sport for the Trojans, as surfing became an official high school sport in October. The announcement was made at the Duke Kahanamoku statue in Honolulu, and state Department of Education officials said that competition could begin as early as spring 2013. The DOE plans to collaborate with county officials, surfing organizations and the community. "Hawai'i is the birthplace of surfing. From Duke Kahanamoku to the thousands of residents and visitors who surf both recreationally and competitively, the sport is rooted in our culture and way of life," said Gov. Neil Abercrombie, who attended the announcement ceremony. "Bringing surfing to our students is another step in our collective goal to transform public education and provide our children with rich and diverse educational opportunities," said the governor.

DOE Superintendent Kathryn Matayoshi said that "surfing will be an exciting addition for our students as we continue to expand and improve educational programs to increase student achievement. School sports teach critical life lessons such as teamwork and goal-setting while helping students stay active and healthy."

Ka'ū High has found competitive success in other

individual sports such as track and field and in small team sports such as volleyball. The state Board of Education in May 2004 approved surfing – the official individual sport of the state of Hawai'i – as a high school sport. Despite overwhelming support from parents and students, funding and other challenges have kept surfing from becoming a full-fledged school sport.

State Board of Education member Keith Amemiya, a former executive director of the Hawai'i High School Athletic Association, said surfing will allow students to learn about their environment and themselves. He said it also will engage the community by fostering relationships and partnerships with a new group of individuals and groups. "Surfing is a unique sport that often attracts athletes that may not necessarily be interested in more traditional sports such as football, basketball, baseball, and soccer. Therefore, we're confident that surfing will increase athletics participation numbers," Amemiya said. "In our view, the more students that engage in athletics and other after school activities, the higher our student achievement rates will become."

Ka'ū Cross-Country Trojans Top Personal Bests

Ka'ū High cross-country wrapped their season at the BIIF Championship on Oct. 22. Fourteen Trojans qualified to compete. At BIIFs, junior Cash Sheppard improved his best time by two minutes, even though the sole of his shoe was hanging on by a rubberband. "We worked so hard our shoes are falling apart," quipped Coach Angie Miyashiro, who is now training for the Honolulu Marathon in December.

Juniors Mariah Chingee and Jemy-Ray Palancia led this season as Ka'ū's top male and female runners. "We trained so hard for this," said Palancia, who had

high hopes of breaking his own personal best at BIIFs. Over the course of the last four season meets Palancia steadily improved, shaving four minutes off of his time. His first year as a runner -last year he joined the team as manager- he started his first meet with 26.46 minutes and by October was down to 22.54 minutes.

Chingee, who returned to the sport after a year off, also lopped three minutes off her best time. Starting the season running the course in 28.35 minutes, she ended with a personal best of 25:08 minutes. "Mariah and I tried our best to be the top runners from Ka'ū," said Palancia.

"Cross Country can be really hard, and we really



Mariah Chingee and Leah Mello-Waiwai, fourth and fifth from left, compete for Ka'ū High at a cross-country meet.
Photo by Jemy-Ray Palancia

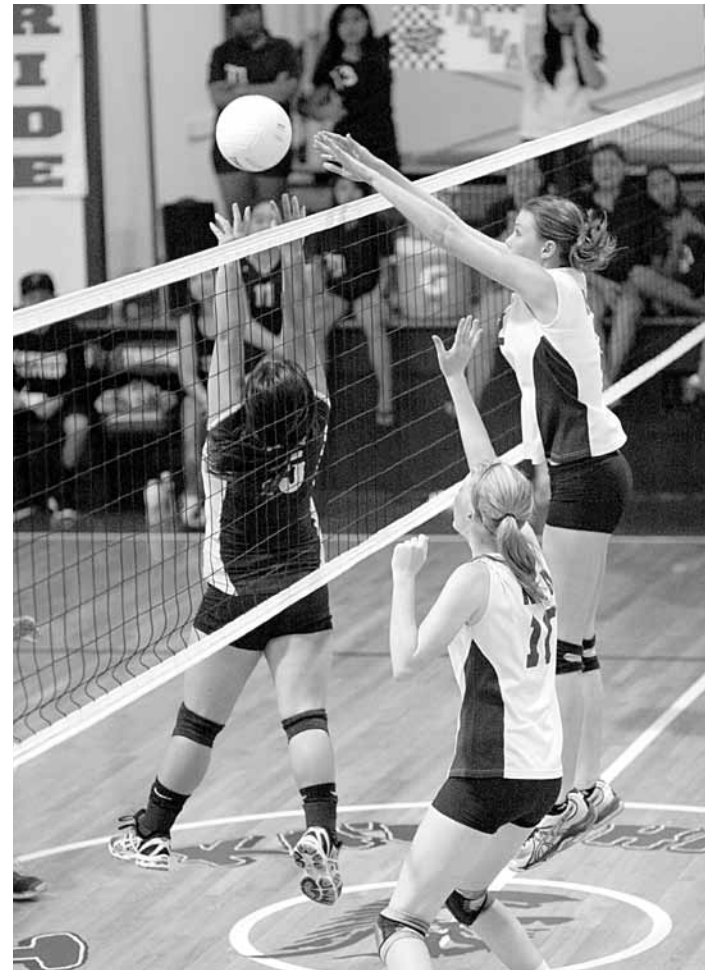
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Kyra Malepe, Rowena Sembran, Mariah Chingee, Julia Espaniola and Shaylin Navarro.

Photos courtesy of Jemy-Ray Palancia

push ourselves to finish the three-mile course. We're happy to finish the course because we tried to do our best and we never gave up," said Palancia. He added that all of the Ka'ū runners improved during the season.
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Junior Marley Strand-Nicolaisen, sophomore Toni Beck and the Ka'ū High Varsity volleyball team were set to represent the Trojans at States in late October. *Photo by Nālani Parlin*

Sophomore Jamba Juice Fundraiser Set for Nov. 19

The Ka'ū High class of 2014 will host a fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Ka'ū Federal Credit Union in Nā'ālehu. The class will sell Jamba Juice drinks for \$4 and be giving car washes with prices starting at \$5. Students will also sell baked goods.

Ka'ū High class advisor Sheilah Okimoto welcomed everyone to show their support by attending the sophomores' fundraising event. For more information, contact Okimoto at 928-2088.



David Phillips, Petronilo Espaniola, Andrew Garcia, Douglas Phillips, Patrick Garcia, Cash Sheppard and Jemy-Ray Palancia.

"Mostly everyone on the team is new to the sport and does not have a lot of experience, but that didn't bother us because we practice hard, and we want to see good results." Miyashiro added that anyone wanting to make a donation of money or equipment to the team can call 928-2088 and leave her a message.

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• Sat, Nov. 5, Last game @ Kohala, 2 p.m.

Try Out for Winter Sports

- Sun, Oct. 30, girls soccer tryouts, Head Coach Crystalee Mandaguit
 - Sun, Nov. 6, girls basketball tryouts, Head Coach Mark Pocock
 - Sun, Nov. 6, girls & boys wrestling tryouts, coach TBA
 - Mon, Nov. 14, boys soccer, Head Coaches Aaron Preble
 - Sun, Nov. 20, boys basketball tryouts, Head Coach Ravel Kaupu
- Second quarter academic grade checks for all student-athletes on academic probation are due on the following dates: Nov. 7, Nov. 21, Dec. 5 and Dec. 16.

Trojan Football Looks Forward to Repeat Win Versus Cowboys Nov. 5

At press time, the Ka'ū High Varsity Football team were focused on one thing: beating Kohala for a second time, said Head Coach Greg Rush. The Trojans will travel to to Kohala on Saturday, Nov. 5 to play the Cowboys.

In October, the Trojans defeated Kohala 28-22 to bring home their first homecoming win in several years and also the first win of the season. Senior Mark Cuison scored on a interception return, and junior Bill Lorange also made a touchdown in the first quarter, getting the Trojans off to a good start. The Cowboys countered by scoring all of their 22 points in the second quarter. Senior Alikea Kaopua retaliated, scoring another touch down with less than three minutes left in the half.

Charging down the field in the fourth quarter, the Trojans made it to the second-yard line where quarterback Nalu Kai threw a short pass to Evan Vanderpool for a touchdown to take the lead. Kaopua caught the ball in the endzone to earn a two-point conversion. As the clock ticked down, the Cowboys valiantly searched for the endzone, but Trojan Makoa Kekahuna-Keliikoa intercepted the ball on the last play, ending the Cowboys' hopes for tying the score. Kaopua made six carries for 106 yards.

With two games to go at press time, Cuison had already racked up 1203 all-purpose yards thus far in the season. Cuison also led the team with 77 tackles. Nalu Kai completed 61 passes, and James Dacalio, along with Cuison and Kaopua were in the double-digits for receptions," said Rush.

Ka'ū High Athletic Director Kalei Namohala reported the Trojans hosted a successful Family/Senior Night on Oct. 22 during their last home game versus Konawaena. "We will continue to use colored bands instead of hand stamps for all future football games," she said.



Left to right, Christopher Mark-Hinojosa, Alikea Kaopua, Billy Lorence, Evan Vanderpool, Grant Galimba, Dimitri Castaneda, Mark Cuison, Chance Emmsley and Hercules Soder celebrate their Homecoming win over Kohala. Below, Evan Vanderpool makes a touchdown.



Left, James Dacalio blocks Kohala, as Mark Cuison carries the ball; Bottom Left, Alikea Kaopua skirts a Kohala defender; a Right, Vincent Vanderpool, injured this season, dressed as the Trojan mascot. Photos by Nālani Parlin; Below, Ka'ū students cheer from the senior class float. Front: Ciara Ortega and Elysa Abellera. Back: Layla Abellera, Meghann Chow, Courtney Louis-Okinishi, Deanise Andrade, Kimo Tyson, Leslie Arce, Shai Lopez, Kiki Pascubillo and Shylo Saragosa. Photo by Maile Abellera

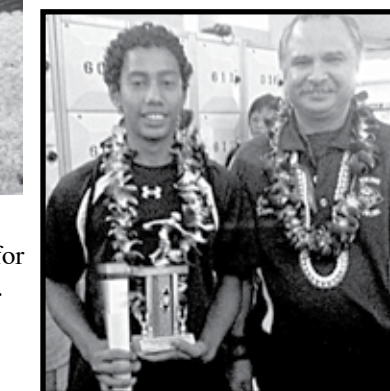


Photo courtesy of Hi'ilani Lapera

Javar Wins Bowling Excellence Award

First-year Ka'ū High bowler Greg Javar a junior, received a Strive for Excellence Award this season, sponsored by Hilo Coach Damen Chow. "Greg's highest score was an amazing 217 game," said Coach Hi'ilani Lapera. Ka'ū and Laupahoehoe athletic directors also hosted the State tourney for the first time at Hilo Lanes. Lapera said Ka'ū A.D. Kalei Namohala, is doing a great job as the new BIIF bowling coordinator. Pictured, at left, Coach Chow recognizes Javar's bowling efforts.



Ka'ū High Boys Bowling team: Asst. Coach Shanice Oleyte, Tiger Watson, Donald Garo, Jr., Irwin Martin, Franklin Orcino, Greg Javar and Head Coach Hi'ilani Lapera. Team photos courtesy of Ka'ū High yearbook class



Ka'ū High Bowling Girls team (above): Asst. Coach Shanice Oleyte, Siena Okimoto, Kamrie Koi, and Head Coach Hi'ilani Lapera.

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Ka'ū Finance Academy Visits NYSE; Students Seek \$7500 in Donations

Ka'ū High student officers of the newly instituted AKAMAI Finance Academy (AFA) journeyed to New York City with other Hawai'i students to participate in a Wall Street Field Study. Participants visited Morgan Stanley, JP Morgan, Bloomberg, New York Stock Exchange, Museum of American Financial History, Standard and Poors, New York State Insurance Fund, and NYC sights.

"I was amazed to see these professionals - vice presidents, executive directors, analysts and so on - welcome our students. Many had ties to Hawai'i and provided valuable advice, which encompassed a similar message about discovering one's passion and pursuing dreams that may or not be in finance," said academy advisor and Ka'ū High business teacher Sheila Okimoto, who started the academy at Ka'ū mere months ago. Ka'ū has 12 members and is one of two participating Big Island schools.

AFA describes its program as providing "free instruction and training to students

including experience with tools actually used on the job in the Investment Banking, Private Equity, and Asset Management industries. The AFA provides a fun and challenging catalyst for student motivation by utilizing an advanced computer workstation set-up and Bloomberg Professional® data feed and connecting educational content of various courses to live action in global markets and economies."

Each student was selected for the trip based on essays they submitted. Representing the Ka'ū High Chapter were president Aprille Cariaga, secretary Rochelle Koi and treasurer Jemy-Ray Palancia.

"For me, it was a dream come true. They provided us with lots of knowledge, and we learned about different types of careers we might be interested in. We got to see cool and historical places, visit big companies and learn a lot. They gave us new ideas," said Palancia.

"It was inspiring to hear how each person

got their jobs and the paths they took to get to where they are today," said Cariaga. She said she enjoyed experiencing the "big-city...At Times Square the view of all the lights was breathtaking."

Palancia said visiting the New York Stock Exchange "was a great experience because I always watch it on the TV news or read about it in the newspaper."

Okimoto especially enjoyed "meeting Jim Maguire also known as the 'chief' on the New York Stock Exchange Floor, who had a charismatic personality, with over 62 years of stock experience."

Joining the officers' team is senior Melvin Rosqueta as Ka'ū's AFA vice president.

The Ka'ū AFA needs to raise \$7500 by the end of the school year. The funds operate



Ka'ū High Akamai Finance Academy advisor Sheila Okimoto, president Aprille Cariaga, secretary Rochelle Koi and treasurer Jemy-Ray Palancia visit the NYSE.

the AFA financial program, covering program and chapter fees such as Bloomberg terminal maintenance, technical support, field trips and much more. Businesses or individuals can call 928-2088 to donate.

Trojan Fans Honor Ka'ū High Homecoming Traditions

Trojan pride filled the air as Ka'ū students and community came out in droves to support the Ka'ū High Homecoming parade and game. Homecoming Queen Eunice Longakit and King Mark Cuison reigned over the festivities in early October, which included spirit week, coronation ceremony and a parade through Pāhala. Also joining the court were Senior Princess Rochelle Koi and escort Alikā Kaopua; Junior Princess Janessa Jara and escort

Evan Vanderpool; Sophomore Princess Jena Ha'alilio and escort Tala'i Ke; and Freshman Princess Shyann Flores-Carvalho and escort Tyren Fukunaga-Camba. Following the Trojans' triumph over Kohala, the court, which included football players still in uniform, took the field to perform their coronation dance.



Alikā Kaopua and Rochelle Koi
Photo courtesy of Rochelle Koi



Jena Ha'alilio and Tala'i Ke
Photo by Maile Abellera



Mark Cuison, Evan Vanderpool and Tyren Fukunaga-Camba croon to the crowd.



Homecoming Queen Eunice Longakit



Tyren Fukunaga-Camba and Shyann Flores-Carvalho



Above, Ka'ū Fans gather on the field to congratulate the Trojan football team. Left, Alikā Kaopua and Rochelle Koi perform. Photos by Nālani Parlin; Below, UPLINKS kids march. Photo courtesy of Rochelle Koi



Erika Abellera, Leah Cariaga, Shannen Paniganiban and Kristina Padrigio show school pride on the junior class float. Photo by Maile Abellera



Homecoming court members Jena Ha'alilio, Tala'i Ke, Alikā Kaopua, Rochelle Koi, Mark Cuison, Eunice Longakit, Janessa Jara, Shyann Flores-Carvalho and Tyren Fukunaga-Camba
Photo courtesy of Rochelle Koi



Evan Vanderpool and Janessa Jara
Photo by Maile Abellera

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losing the first two sets (25-17, 25-18). Strand-Nicolaisen helped the Trojans to blaze ahead in the next two sets with a game-high of 21 kills. The Trojans won the third and fourth sets 25-23 and 25-14. Sophomore Toni Beck added seven kills. Junior Janessa Jara came up with 21 digs on defense. Unfortunately, the Wildcats pulled ahead in the final set to win 15-9.

The following day, the Trojans stayed positive, setting their sights on the last berth to states. Ka'ū defeated Kohala during the BIIF finals in three sets to claim third. Set scores were 25-14, 25-18 and 25-17. Strand-Nicolaisen put away 17 kills, while Jara helped with 15 digs. Junior Kaila Olson added five kills and senior Pili Kailiawa made four kills with no errors.

Brothers Cazimero Come to Volcano for Thanksgiving Weekend

The fall concert season at Volcano Art Center continues on Saturday, Nov. 26 at 7 p.m. at Kilauea Theater in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park when the Brothers Cazimero host a special night of *Holiday Magic in Volcano*. The night will feature Grammy Award winners Robert and Roland Cazimero and their dancers Jackie Kaniaulono Booth and Danielle M.K. De Fries. "It is an honor to have these Hawaiian legends who for over 30 years have brought joy and happiness to the people of Hawai'i and abroad. We are so happy they are part of our Volcano Christmas in the Country Celebration," said concert coordinator David Wallerstein.

"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, un-

Centralized Housing, cont. from pg. 5 care of you,' will not fly," said Heck.

Heck said upper Ocean View "has a lot to offer. Keep it agriculture. Put money into the unique growing conditions there. It is one of the coldest areas where farmers can grow fruit trees, grapes and produce you can't grow in other parts of the island," he said.

Fish and game officer Gulam Lincoln, considering the possibility of a plan to move people makai in Ocean View, asked, "How do you deal with people who put considerable effort into their communities?" Whit-



The Brothers Cazimero perform at the Kilauea Theater on Saturday, Nov 26.

touched by any other performer in the history of Hawaiian music," Wallerstein said. "The early 1970s were a remarkable time as the Hawaiian culture and music began a re-

more said, "Nobody is going to force anyone to move." A number of people questioned the balance of the knowledge and skills of consultants brought in to help with the planning and the knowledge of the local people who live here. Dino Rivera warned of "jumping over what the community is about, the culture of the community. The people who know best are the ones who live in the community."

Keoni Dancel said the Community Development Plan should be about "We the

people, for the people, by the people." Maggie McGurky said "transparency equals trust" and warned of consultants cherry picking community input to meet their own ideas.

Stephanie McDonald questioned the planning firm PBR being hired for the CDP when it also works for the hui planning the resort development at Nani Kahuku 'Āina, makai of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Ralph Roland also talked about transparency and questioned the CDP team communicating with select people without

public involvement. He said there are many issues that the public wants to discuss. Aaron Morgan asked whether the county could make some public use of some of the empty lots it owns as the result of owners not paying their taxes.

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View of Eruptions from Honu'apo Lookout.
Photo by Julia Neal

Conservation International Offers Funds to Improve Fish Populations

Conservation International has announced that it will fund projects to improve fish populations in nearshore waters and availability of fish for the diet of local residents. It presented the opportunity to area residents gathered at Miloli'i in October. Miloli'i has long been considered a part of Ka'ū, and residents of Nā'ālehu and Pāhala have a tradition of trading taro and locally grown beef for fresh fish from Miloli'i.

Stephanie Tabadda asked whether the program would force local fishermen to give up any of their practices. Melissa Bos, director of Conservation International's Hawai'i Fish Trust Program, stressed that the effort would be designed and implemented by the local community. The nonprofit would provide funding rather than drive the program.

Fishermen, gathered at the meeting sponsored by Pa'a Pono Miloli'i at the Miloli'i Hālau, acknowledged that the fishery has diminished in Miloli'i and all along the Ka'ū coast. Conservation International states on its website that for Hawai'i, "fishing has been a backbone of the economy, the foundation of the culture, and a globally important hotspot for ocean biodiversity."

Conservation International has programs



Ka'ū and Miloli'i coast projects funded by Conservation International's Hawai'i Fish Trust Program would be designed and implemented by the local community. Photo by Julia Neal

around the world with more than a thousand employees. The only place where it operates in the U.S., however, is Hawai'i, and these are some of the reasons given:

The asset value of Hawai'i's coral reefs is \$10 billion, and the annual value is \$364 million.

Hawai'i has over 1,250 unique marine species, making it a global hotspot for biodiversity. One in every four marine species that

you see in Hawai'i's waters is found nowhere else on earth.

Fishing and other ocean recreation activities are essential to the Hawaiian way of life. Sixty-eight percent of Hawai'i households participate regularly in ocean recreation, including 26 percent of households that regularly pole-and-line fish.

Commercial fisheries in Hawai'i bring in \$85 million annually, employ 3,000 commercial fishers, and supply seafood to people throughout the U.S. mainland and Asia.

According to Conservation International, threats to marine habitat and resources in the inhabited Hawaiian Islands are enormous and expanding:

Overdevelopment and urbanization of small coastal watersheds has had devastating impacts on natural ecosystems and fish habitat.

Forty-one percent, or 219, of the state's coastal areas are considered "impaired"

by poor water quality. Raw sewage spills into coastal waters 200 to 300 times per year.

Hawai'i has an estimated 100,000 cesspools, more than any other state in the U.S. in both relative and absolute terms.

Sediment runoff from coastal construction smothers and kills reef habitat.

Invasive fish and algae compete with native species for space and food.

Warming water temperatures, ocean acidification, and coral bleaching are impairing marine ecosystem resilience.

Fishing pressure is very high from recreational, subsistence, and commercial fishing:

Seventy-four percent of fish stocks are depleted or in critical condition.

Non-commercial fishers catch 22 million pounds of fish per year.

Commercial fishers catch 33 million pounds of fish per year.

Ninety-six percent of fishers believe that overfishing is a problem, and surveys show that the more you fish, the more of a problem you believe overfishing to be.

Fish biomass is 260 percent higher in the unpopulated Northwestern Hawaiian Islands than in the populated main Hawaiian Islands.

According to Conservation International, success in managing fisheries "has been limited by the lack of substantial participation by a key group of stakeholders: the fishing communities" themselves.

Anyone wanting to offer ideas for a program on the Ka'ū Coast to Miloli'i can contact Melissa@HawaiiFishTrust.org or see hawaiiifish.org.



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A meeting on improving fisheries was held at the Miloli'i Hālau in October.

Fish Collecting Ban for Aquariums Proposed

Banning aquarium fish collecting is the goal of the County Council, which passed a resolution 6-2 calling for shutting down the industry statewide. Kaimi Kaupiko, of Miloli'i, was one of many who testified, saying that fish collecting was hampering the life of the fishing village. The resolution

lacks the authority of law but sends a message to the state Legislature, which could pass the ban into law. The Legislature has been considering phasing out or limiting the collecting. Miloli'i residents have been meeting to discuss programs that would restore the fishery in the area.

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Ka'ū Kupuna Hula for Health, Church & Community

by Nālani Parlin

Last month Ka'ū kupuna kept healthy and active performing as part of hula groups.



Nā Kupuna O Ka'ū's Shirley Denton, of Ocean View

Hannah Uribes' Makana 'Ohana, of Ocean View and Discovery Harbour, performed for the Hawaiian Civic Club, while Lori Lei Shirakawa's Nā Kupuna O Ka'ū per-

formed along with the rest of Shirakawa's Wai'ōhinu Hula Studio at the a festival celebrating Queen Lili'uokalani's birthday. On Saturday, Nov. 19, catch Hannah's Makana 'Ohana performing at the Kauaha'ao Congregational Church fundraiser or Lori Lei's Wai'ōhinu Hula Studio dancing at E Mau Ana Ka Hula festival at the Keauhou Beach Resort. Shirakawa's halau will also share a Christmas performance on Dec. 17 at the Lanikai Center.

"Hula is really good exercise," said Mary Ramsdell, a dancer with Uribes. "We really work up a sweat. Plus, learning the songs and the moves that go with it keeps your mind active."

Both kumu hula Shirakawa's and Uribes' dancers represented Ka'ū in the annual Hawai'i Kupuna Hula Festival in September, which saw 23 hālau from across the state and Japan celebrating the festival theme "Ola I Ka Wai A Ka 'Ōpua," or, "There is life in the water from the clouds."

Hannah's Makana 'Ohana wahine performed their interpretation of Pua 'Olena, while the men shared Hilo Hanakahi. The hālau danced to *Ka Beauty A'o Mānoa* as their mixed group offering. "It does not matter if you win or lose, you go out there to entertain.

So many kupuna look forward to coming to this event and enjoy-

ing the hula," said Uribes.

Kumu hula Keoni Jenny, of Ka Lae, also entered his kupuna of Kawaimaluhia Hula Studio for the first time. Although currently operating his studio in Kealahou, Jenny hopes to offer hula in Ka'ū again. Bucky Leslie, of Kawaimaluhia, won the title of Tūtū Kane. Kawaimaluhia also won third place in the mixed group competition, dancing to *Kaneohe*. The Kawaimaluhia men also interpreted *Hali'ihua*, and the women performed *Nani Ko'olau*.

Jenny entered his dancers in the Hula Pālūa competition, which features couple's duets, the same week and won first place. Leslie and Momi Sheehan won the solo competition. The duo competed with Chris Ramos and Keli'i Aukai Dalire to also win the group competition.



Nā Kupuna O Ka'ū members Pearly Pa, Shirley Denton, Kaniolokalani Neizmen, Charlyn Yamamoto, Diana Fujikawa, Beth Waller, Bob Smith, Sue Smith, Pua Hirayama, Yolanda Nakamura and Kumu Hula Lori Lei Shirakawa. Photo courtesy of Beth Waller



Kumu Hula Hannah Uribes and Hannah's Makana 'Ohana dancers Mary Ramsdell, Terri Darr, Sandy Honnold, Dianna Stone, Phyllis Laymon, Carolyn Cooley, Marla Hubbard, Ginger Sizemore, Cyndi Napper, Sandy Ooka, Sandra Yocum.



Cyndi Napper, Mary Ramsdell and Sandy Ooka, of Hannah's Makana 'Ohana.

Ho'oli Farm Presents *Ho'oulu I Ka Lani* – A Day of Healing

Ho'oli Farm in Honomalino invites the public to a day of Hawaiian Spirituality and Sustainable Aloha on Friday, Nov. 11. Topics are Hawaiian spirituality, spiritual foods, Lomilomi, ho'oponopono, Hawaiian blessings, an awa ceremony, Hawaiian astrology, a labyrinth meditation walk and aloha from

our ancestors.

Guests speakers include kumu hula Larry Kahekili Ursua, kumu elele o na kupuna Mahealani Kuamo'o-Henry, kumu lomilomi Sheila Kehau O'Malley, kumu kilolani Kaleolani and mahi'ai and cultural practitioner Nani Kapoi.

Tickets are \$35 for kama'āina and \$50 for non-kama'āina. Lunch is available for \$10; participants are also welcome to bring their own. Purchase tickets online at hooli-estate.com or call 936-8594.



Thom Hannah's Makana 'Ohana kane dancers White, Fred Ramsdell, Doug Castro and Rick Stone perform. Photos by Nālani Parlin

Ocean View and Wai'ōhinu Churches Hold Bazaars

St. Jude's Episcopal Church on Paradise Circle in Ocean View holds its annual Holiday Bazaar and Plant Sale on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Food items include soup and bread, homemade baked goods, cakes, pies, jams, jellies, and candies. In addition to plants, there will also

be crafts, books, and gift items. From Hwy 11, turn mauka on Donola Drive to Paradise Parkway.

Kauaha'ao Congregational Church in Wai'ōhinu will have a fundraising bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 19, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The bazaar will include a flea market, laulau

sale, kulolo sale, BBQ beef and laulau plate lunches, marinated BBQ beef, keiki kōner (bouncers and face painting) and more. There will be live entertainment throughout the day.

The flea market is open to any club, church, athletics organization or individual that wants to make some extra money for the upcoming holidays or needs funds for special events or programs. The charge is \$10 for each 10-foot by 10-foot space. Vendors need to bring their own tent, tables and chairs. For more information or to reserve a space, call Walter Wong Yuen at 928-8039 after 7 p.m. The deadline is Nov. 5. Tickets for plate lunches are now being sold by Kauaha'ao Congregational Church members. For more information, call the church at 929-9997 or 928-8039.



Kawaimaluhia's Tūtū Kane winner Bucky Leslie, Kumu Keoni Jenny and Keli'i Aukai Dalire.



Keli'i Aukai Dalire, left, and Kawaimaluhia dancers perform Kaneohe.

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• Church of Christ	928-0027
• Back to the Bible! 9 am, Bible class studying Romans. Worship 10AM. Expository lessons from N.T. Books	

Stars Over Ka‘ū November 2011

by Lew Cook

Jupiter dominates the sky during the evening, beginning high up at the time of our chart. This is timed for 8 p.m. mid-month, an hour later at the start of the month, and an hour earlier at the end of the month.

Pegasus, the winged horse, is overhead on the meridian, closely followed by Andromeda. It was adopted by British paratroopers, and their emblem was proudly worn on their shoulders with Pegasus ridden by Bellerophon, the mythical warrior.

In this part of the sky, there is a supernova candidate, IK Pegasi. It will become a supernova, a white dwarf which has grown over the limit of 1.44 times the mass of the sun and then explodes. How, you may ask can a star grow in mass? By accepting spill-over from its companion. IK Peg is a binary star with a close subgiant companion. When larger star swells further, the excess matter will be lost, some landing on the white dwarf. Chandrasekhar determined there is a maximum mass for white dwarfs of 1.44 solar masses. After that the star cannot support its own atmosphere, collapses in on itself and blows some of its atmosphere off into space, brightening tremendously.

North of Pegasus is Cassiopeia, the Queen. It is shaped like a “W.” In it, we find a supernova candidate, rho Cassiopeiae. It is about 500,000 times as luminous as the sun, but is near the limit of visibility due to its distance. It will soon become a different type of supernova. It has a mass 40 times the mass of the sun, but it has been burning its fuel at a prodigious rate. It will soon exhaust

all of the burnable fuel and will soon collapse onto itself. How soon is “soon?” It is hard to predict, but probably within 20,000 years. That may not fit your definition of “soon.” It is just to the right of the rightmost star on the “W.”

Look at the south of the star map. You will notice a star named Achernar (Alpha Eridani). According to Wikipedia, it is the brightest star in the constellation Eridanus and the ninth-brightest star in the night sky. Of the top ten apparent brightest stars (excluding our Sun) – Sirius, Canopus, Alpha Centauri, Arcturus, Vega, Capella, Rigel, Procyon, Achernar and Betelgeuse – Achernar is the hottest and bluest. It lies at the southern tip of the constellation Eridanus. Achernar is a bright, blue star of six to eight solar masses lying approximately 144 light-years away. It is about 3,000 times more luminous than the Sun. Achernar is in the deep southern sky and never rises above 33 degrees north, roughly the latitude of Dallas, Texas.

Achernar is the least spherical star in the Milky Way studied to date. It spins so rapidly that its equatorial diameter is 56 percent greater than its polar diameter. It looks like a light blue grapefruit that has been lightly stepped upon!

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
Nov. 4	6:24	17:47
Nov. 11	6:27	17:44
Nov. 18	6:31	17:43
Nov. 25	6:35	17:42



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

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Moon Phases			
First Quarter	Nov. 2	Last Quarter	Nov. 18
Full Moon	Nov. 10	New Moon	Nov. 24

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or more in hikes to ratepayers over the life of the contract. The PUC said the contract price is “excessive, not cost-effective and, thus, is unreasonable and inconsistent with the public interest.”

PBN editors said, “The PUC’s responsibility is to decide how much money our state’s regulated utilities should be allowed to make, while keeping costs for consumers under control. And, to that end, we cannot fault the PUC for its decision to ‘just say no.’ While we unequivocally support our state’s push for renewable energy, we also happen to think the transfer can happen in a way that should allow businesses and households alike to balance their budgets.” Said PBN, “The ‘Āina Koa Pono agreement did not, in our opinion, do enough to show an appreciation for the competing interests of energy independence and energy affordability. We don’t think Hawai‘i businesses and households have an extra \$100 million — or more — to spend on biofuels during the next two decades.”

HECO Response

In its response to the PUC denial of the contract, HECO asked for an extension of time to file a motion for “reconsideration and/or clarification.” The PUC has given HECO until Nov. 10 to make the request. The state Consumer Advocate has already asked the PUC for a clarification of its decision to deny the ‘Āina Koa Pono contract.

‘Āina Koa Pono Response

‘Āina Koa Pono has posted a response to the PUC decision on its website at ainakoaponocom. ‘Āina Koa Pono notes that the Consumer Advocate did not object to the PUC approval of the ‘Āina Koa Pono project and pointed to new laws passed by the state Legislature that would have allowed the cost of the biofuel to be higher than fossil fuel in order to help meet the state’s goals of becoming more independent from fossil fuel.

‘Āina Koa Pono says that the PUC must consider “long-term benefits in this situation and may find that short-term increased costs are reasonable, and not excessive or inconsistent with the state’s energy policies, and thus find a basis for approving the AKP contract.”

AKP predicts that without its large-scale biofuel production, HECO could be forced to import biofuel at an even higher cost than AKP is proposing. “This would be a substantial undermining of the State of Hawai‘i Clean Energy Initiative and goals,” states ‘Āina Koa Pono.

‘Āina Koa Pono partner Kenton Eldridge wrote that “the rejection of this agreement is short sighted and contrary to the legislative mandate to develop a robust domestic biofuels industry, in order to reduce our state’s dependency on foreign oil,” and that “the PUC has ignored both the benefits of domestic production, which

will produce hundreds of local jobs and will infuse millions of dollars into our economy and the realities of the global market for high quality biofuels.”

‘Āina Koa Pono is also promising 200 permanent jobs and 400 construction jobs.

PUC Decision

The PUC stated that it does not oppose locally produced biofuels and is considering other projects, including those using algae as the source for biofuel. In their explanation for their unanimous decision, the three PUC commissioners said the 20-year contract could deter the use of other more affordable alternative energies.

The PUC ruling states: “The degree to which utility customers should be required to provide financial assurances for indigenous biofuel development, and under what terms and conditions, is a critical policy issue that has not been fully vetted from a regulatory perspective.”

The PUC called the proposed ‘Āina Koa Pono biofuel pricing a “a mystery to all but a select few,” as it remained confidential to all but the electric company, ‘Āina Koa Pono, the PUC and the Consumer Advocate. The PUC stated in its decision the price would have been an estimated eight-figure amount (at least 10 million dollars) in 2015, the first year in which the sixteen million gallons of biofuel could have been produced. “Over the course of the twenty-year contract period, the total estimated cost impact of using

AKP-produced biodiesel instead of petroleum fuel will be a nine-figure amount,” (a minimum of 100 million dollars), the PUC wrote.

Life of the Land

Life of the Land executive director Henry Curtis put it another way: “‘Āina Koa Pono proposed that HELCO buy biodiesel at about \$170 a barrel and that HECO ratepayers subsidize the price.”

Regarding the funding of alternative energies, *Stephens Media* reported that PUC chair Mina Morita said, “There’s a huge policy issue that really needs to be discussed and vetted. Typically when new technology comes through ... it’s the investors who take the risk, or taxpayers if it has broad societal benefits, then taxpayers fund it through research and development.”

Biofuel for Transportation

In addition to biofuel for electricity, ‘Āina Koa Pono also planned to manufacture biofuel for transportation. Biofuel could be used to help the military and the public to wean itself from importing fossil fuel to Hawai‘i. A new law that passed the 2012 state Legislature calls for transportation in Hawai‘i to increasingly rely on biofuel.

Federal funding for biofuel has also become available in the last year. Should federal funding be used for the ‘Āina Koa Pono project, however, a full Environmental Impact Statement would be required.

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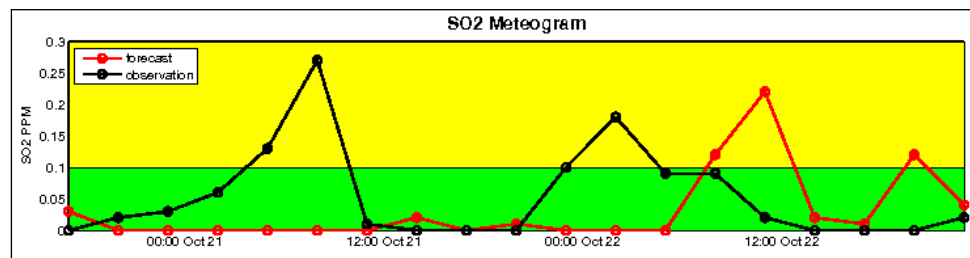
Scientists Learning to Protect Health by Predicting Vog

Models that predict time, location and intensity of vog in Ka'ū are available on the Internet everyday. The models are produced in connection with a study supported by the University of Hawai'i's Department of Meteorology, School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology, USGS Hawaiian Volcano Observatory and NOAA's Air Resources Laboratory. The study has been going for more than a year, and many adjustments have been made to increase its accuracy.

Collaborators of the Vog Measurement and Prediction project ask whether it is possible or practical to forecast vog. Their VMAP is a feasibility study in which scientists evaluate whether vog forecasts are

not only achievable but useful. While the study is live, on the Internet and available to the public, it is presented as an ongoing investigation and "provides limited service and reliability," the website says. "Users should have no expectation of accuracy or timeliness, and project data should not be used for decision making purposes at this time." However, comments and inquiries can be directed to the investigators through the website.

The site explains: "Vog is primarily a mixture of sulfur dioxide (SO₂) gas and sulfate (SO₄) aerosol. SO₂ (invisible) reacts with oxygen and moisture in the air to produce SO₄ aerosol (visible). SO₂ is expected to be the main problem in areas near



The meteogram shows the prediction of vog and the actual observation.

Kaiser Available to Individuals in Ka'ū

Kaiser Permanente health insurance is now available not only to businesses in Ka'ū but also to individual residents looking for coverage. Kaiser has clinics in Hilo and Kona, as well as on Maui and O'ahu. Certain approved emergency room services are covered at Ka'ū Hospital. Kaiser maintains its own hospital on O'ahu, where it sends its patients when necessary.

Food Drive Brings Donations, More Needed

Organizers of the Ka'ū Community Food Drive, held last month, reported that food items were collected from each drop-off site. The food will support the Ka'ū Family Center Emergency Food Pantry. "Every little bit counts," said Teresa Alderdyce,

Ka'ū Family Center coordinator. Alderdyce said that many families use the service after the holidays when funds may be running low.

The Ka'ū Community Partnership, which sponsored the drive, thanked everyone who donated and the participating collection sites: Island Market, Kahuku Country Market, Pāhala Community Center, Discovery Harbour Community Center

and the Ka'ū Community Development Plan Steering Committee, who collected food at their last meeting. She noted a \$1,000 donation from 'O Ka'ū Kākou and the efforts of the Discovery Harbour exercise group, which collects food for the pantry year round as admission to the class.

"Anyone can donate to the food pantry at any time," said Alderdyce. She encouraged folks to drop off donations to the Ka'ū Family Center in Nā'ālehu or to call her at 929-9611, ext. 10 to arrange pick-up.

In October, it was reported that this summer \$7,500 was raised for the food pantry by selling orchids. The total was approximately \$700.

Medical Van On the Road in December

The new medical van for Ka'ū and South Kona will be on the road by early December, Rep. Bob Herkes announced at Sen. Gil Kaha'e's community forum in Ocean View in October. Herkes said it will be operated by Kona Hospital and likely make its home during the week at Nā'ālehu School. It will be used extensively in the schools and will travel to remote communities. Telemedicine will be on board. "Down in the village of Miloli'i," said Herkes, the staff "can be in contact with doctors at Straub or Queens." Medications will also be distributed from the van.



Halema'uma'u vent produces much of the vog in Ka'ū. Photo by M. Poland USGS/HVO

only for SO₂, the sensor map shows. Much like a weather bureau, the VMAP staff provides vog forecast discussions and current conditions with the parts per million of SO₂, the air quality and the trend.

The website for VMAP is <http://mkwc.ifa.hawaii.edu/vmap/index.cgi>. Pāhala and Ocean View have sensors for both SO₂ and SO₄, while Kīlauea Visitor Center and Jaggar Museum have sensors

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buildings. The new gym will likely be the largest building in the town and will be viewed from many homes and the streets. It will be the most expensive building ever constructed in Pāhala.

During a County Council meeting in October, Bradley Westervelt, who worked on the gym proposal as a member of former County Councilman Guy Enrique's staff, urged the county to consider placing the gym in "the center of the school campus, adjacent the county sports fields, in between all the existing school facilities. This location would put it adjacent to all the other athletic departments, and not a satellite on the perimeter," he stated.

Westervelt said he was concerned about another possible site, next to the tennis courts in Pāhala, which he described as the Village Green, "an open space, general pur-

pose field in front of the schools. This plot is used for event parking, kite flying, track and field practices and many other kinds of activities. It is in the very center of the village. Building anything there would be an aesthetic catastrophe," said Westervelt.

He also addressed ventilation for the gym and disaster shelter. "For maximum efficiency as an emergency shelter, a ventilation tower/hvac system need only be modest, primarily servicing the smaller parts of the facility; the majority of the gym space should be naturally vented but have weather resistant shutters to be closed only during bad dust, fire and vog events," recommended Westervelt.

For more information about the project, contact legislative assistant Nelson Ho at 961-8026 or email district6@co.hawaii.hi.us.

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Volcano Village Artists Hui 25th Annual Art Studio Tour & Sale

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Volcano Village Artists Hui Art Studio Tour & Sale. Held over Thanksgiving weekend, Friday, Nov. 25 through Sunday, Nov. 27, this annual event offers the Island community and visitors the opportunity to meet local artists in their studios, all of which are located in the heart of Volcano Village. Studio hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

This year seven studios will be open with artworks on display and available for purchase. Artworks include finely crafted pieces as well as more moderately priced items from wood block prints and photo-

graphs to hand blown art glass, fiber works, jewelry and ceramics. "The influence of Volcano's rain forest surroundings can be seen in much of the work," said organizer Emily Herb.

Artists Hui members participating in this year's tour are Lisa Louise



I'iwi teapot by Emily Herb



Raku wall vase by Randal Sutton

Wold. Guest artists include photographers Christina Heliker and Ken Goodrich and ceramic artist Randal Sutton.

A special drawing on the last day of the tour gives everyone an opportunity to win a piece of original artwork. The hui will be making its annual donation to the Volcano Health Collaborative to support their projects in the community.

Maps for the tour are available at local businesses on Old Volcano Road and at www.Volcano-VillageArtistsHui.com. For more information, call 987-3472 or 985-7487.



Koa Forest, Mauna Loa Strip Road by Mary Goodrich



Bracelet by Zeke Israel



Perpetuating Native Species such as ho'awa is the topic of Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute's program on Sunday, Nov. 20.

Field Seminar Benefits National Park's Hawaiian Plant Nursery

On Sunday, Nov. 20, Dr. Rhonda Loh, chief of Natural Resources Management at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, presents Perpetuating Native Species from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants visit the park's unique habitats to learn about the native species and park efforts to perpetuate them. To help further forest conservation efforts, 50 percent of all tuition collected will be donated to the park's native plant nursery.

From the coast to the alpine summit of Mauna Loa, Hawai'i Volcanoes National

Park protects a wide diversity of ecosystems and habitat for native Hawaiian plants and animals. "Despite their protected status, native species face numerous threats from invasive plants, bird malaria, wildfires, and introduced goats, sheep, pigs, and rats inside the park—as well as habitat loss outside park boundaries," Loh said.

Loh currently leads the Natural Resources Division in the protection and recovery of native Hawaiian ecosystems, flora and fauna in the park. She also serves as a certified faculty member in the tropical conservation and environmental science graduate program at the UH-Hilo. In 2004, she received the Regional Director's Resources Management Award in recognition of excellence, achievements and contributions to the National Park Service.

This event is presented by the Hawai'i Volcanoes Institute, a program of the Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, a non-profit organization. Program cost is \$50 for Friends members and \$70 for non-members. Students (K-12 and college with valid student ID) are half-price. Non-members are welcome to join the Friends in order to get the member discount. To register, call 985-7373 or visit fhvnp.org.

Should Volcano Go with Puna or Ka'ū County Council Member?

by Geneveve Fyvie

Should Volcano be part of Ka'ū or Puna? Two views emerged in October at the County Council Reapportionment hearing in Nā'ālehu on where to draw voter lines for each County Council district.

Linda-Jane Irwin, of Volcano, recommended that "Volcano Village should be a part of Ka'ū," saying she and many of her friends relate more to the people of Ka'ū. She noted that "Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park is an International Biosphere Preserve, and it's very likely that buffer zones in the surrounding communities will be designated soon to further protect native wildlife." With park borders on both sides of Ka'ū, Irwin said Volcano would be more suited to be aligned with the rest of the likely buffer zone communities in Ka'ū.

Rick Warshauer, of Volcano, testified that "Volcano belongs in Puna." He said he worked on the Puna Community Development Plan and noted that the plan extends from Puna to Volcano Golf Course and asks for more consistency in county planning. Commissioner Jeff Melrose responded, saying Puna has grown too much in the last ten years, which is why adjustments must be made to the boundaries of County Council districts.

Each district may contain

no more than 21,483 people (not including students and non-resident military personnel) and no fewer than 19,441. Warshauer contended that Volcano is not the only area for adjustments to be made. He asked that Volcano stay part of Puna and that Kea'au and other areas closer to Hilo be used for adjusting. "Don't split it up. Don't split up Volcano and Puna," he said.

Since few people attended the meeting, commissioner Dru Mamo Kanuha said "people in Nā'ālehu don't seem to be that concerned about the redistricting."

Proposed redistricting maps are available at <http://www.co.hawaii.hi.us/council/reapp/index.htm>. For more information, call Commission secretary Karen Eoff at 323-4264.



County Redistricting Commissioner vice chair Dru Mamo Kanuha wondered why so few people attended the meeting.

Photo by Geneveve Fyvie

Deadline Extended on National Park Alternative Plans

The National Park Service has extended the deadline for public comment on four preliminary alternatives that detail a future vision for Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. As part of an ongoing effort to develop a General Management Plan and a Wilderness Study and Environmental Impact Statement, written and online comments will be received through the fall. Federal law requires formal publication of a notice in the Federal Register detailing the park's intent to expand the scope of the project to include the Wilderness Study. Once this notice is pub-

lished, the public will be notified on park and project websites of the exact deadline for the end of the comment period, said a statement from NPS.

The GMP/Wilderness Study will document a management vision for the entire park, including Kahuku, and serve as a guidebook for the future. NPS-managed lands within the park could be recommended for inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System. As part of this added scope of the project, additional public input

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The Ka'ū Calendar

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La Réunion representatives Alain Gerente, Marie Gerente, La Réunion film commissioner Edy Payet, vice president Jean-Francois Sita, La Réunion President Robert Didier meet with Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park chief of interpretation Jim Gale, along with La Réunion public information officer Corrine Peyron-Beaulieu. *Photo from NPS/Stephen Geiger*

Sister Park Relationship Builds with La Réunion

Sister park status is being considered for La Réunion in the Indian Ocean and Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. Similarities between La Réunion and the Big Island were celebrated by La Réunion President Robert Didier during his visit to the park in October.

Didier was accompanied by La Réunion's vice president Jean-Francois Sita, film commissioner Edy Payet and public information officer Corinne Peyron-Beaulieu. They explored the park as part of a four-day mission to "build a bridge" between La Réunion and Hawai'i Island. Both national parks are UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and both are home to active volcanoes.

Both are located in the middle of vast oceans over volcanic hot spots. La Réunion's active volcano, Piton de la Fournaise ("Peak of the Furnace"), like Kīlauea, is listed among the earth's most active volcanoes and last erupted in 2010. It stands 8,632 feet above sea level, and is also a shield volcano. La Réunion's national park comprises 40 percent of the 970-square-mile island. By comparison, the Island of Hawai'i is 4,028 square miles.

The La Réunion president said, "Tourism is key to our economic success. We want to have tourism but also environmental respect. Our ecology, our biodiversity, is unique." In 2010, approximately 400,000

tourists visited La Réunion. Didier said the goal is to increase the number of visitors to 600,000 by 2015.

Other similarities between the two islands include a multicultural population. La Réunion has a mix of people from European, African, Malagasy, Indian and Chinese ancestry. Both islands have dense rainforests, a high level of endemism, and are home to white-tailed tropic birds – an important national symbol in La Réunion. La Réunion also has olivine creating green sand beaches.

Part-time Volcano residents and La Réunion citizens and filmmakers Marie and Alain Gerente were instrumental in planning the La Réunion visit to Hawai'i and accompanied the delegation as liaisons and translators. The Gerentes have presented their work at After Dark in the Park and at many other venues around the world.

Ferracane Chief Media Contact for the Park

Jessica Ferracane has been appointed as chief media contact for Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park. The lifelong resident of Hawai'i and public relations specialist has served as president of Irondog Communications, primary PR contact for the Big Island Visitors Bureau and PR director for the Fairmont Orchid.



Jessica Ferracane

Ferracane is a former print journalist and is pursuing a master's degree in public relations from Webster University.

Park Superintendent Cindy Orlando

said that Ferracane's "diverse background in public relations, the visitor industry and in journalism will serve the park, its visitors and the media who cover park news very effectively."

Ferracane is responsible for creating and distributing press releases, reviewing and processing filming and photography permit requests, co-

ordinating VIP visits and assisting in crisis communications. Ferracane can be reached via email at jessica_ferracane@nps.gov and by phone at 985-6018.

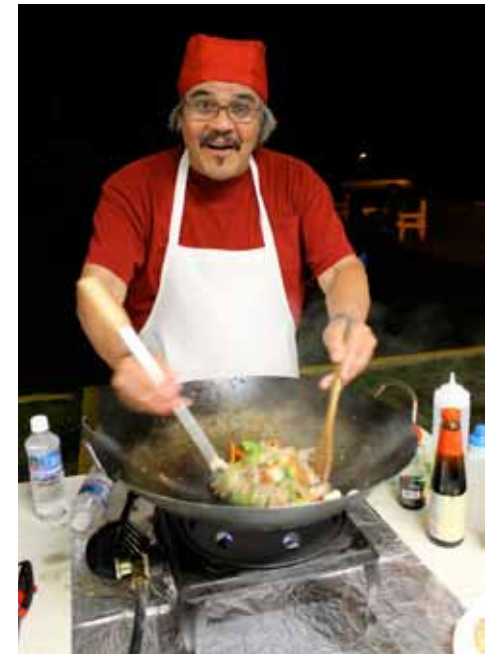
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related to wilderness is being requested during review of the preliminary alternatives.

Alternatives developed by the park planning team are based on previous public comments, federal law and NPS policy, as well as the professional knowledge of park staff. The alternatives detail a menu of topics including conservation of the park's natural resources and cultural significance, location of visitor and operations facilities, new or connecting trails, sustainable and climate-friendly operations, education, research, and visitor access and services at the Kahuku Unit. Wilderness-eligible lands in Kahuku are also discussed.

A newsletter describing the preliminary alternatives and wilderness study is available on at nps.gov/havo/parkmgmt/gmp.htm or at Hawai'i Island libraries.

There are several ways to submit comments including filling out a comment form available in the newsletter; submitting comments online through a link on the National Park Service Planning, Environment and Public Comment site, <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/havo>; or by mailing comments to Superintendent Cindy Orlando, Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, PO Box 52, Hawai'i National Park, HI 96718-0052.



Volunteer Chefs Raise Money

The Mongolian BBQ at Cooper Center in Volcano brought together many chefs to cook for each person who made a donation to the fundraiser last month in Volcano. The twice-a-year event raised more than \$1,000 for Cooper Center and will be held again next April, said Linda Ugalde, of Cooper Center. It was the 43rd Mongolian BBQ for Cooper Center. Wok master Ron Serrao was one of more than a dozen chefs who volunteered.

Photo by Julia Neal



PERPETUATING NATIVE SPECIES

A field seminar in HI Volcanoes National Park

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To help further conservation efforts, 50% of all tuition will be donated to the park's native plant nursery. To get the member discount, you're invited to join the non-profit Friends of Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.


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Will Hunted Axis Deer Become Venison or Left Outdoors?

Don't let the venison go to waste, several constituents told Sen. Gil Kahele at his Ocean View forum in October. Shooting invasive axis deer from helicopters and leaving them to rot in the wilderness is not the way to manage the elimination of the deer, said Donnamarie Pabre. She suggested that local hunters be allowed to harvest the deer and take home the venison, or that professional hunters bring the venison to a central place to be distributed. She also said that the lives of the deer should be considered, as these animals are not responsible for their introduction here. "Don't mow them down," she said.



Axis deer photo from The Nature Conservancy.

Axis deer, which were recently reported in Ka'ū, have damaged agriculture on Lāna'i, Moloka'i and Maui, said Kahele. The County Council is creating penalties for anyone moving them here, and the governor and Legislature are also looking into additional measures, said the senator.

The axis deer are the subject of a proposed official ban by the County Council. The council's Environmental Management Committee took up a bill last month proposed by County Council member Dominic Yagong, which would make importation of the deer a misdemeanor pun-

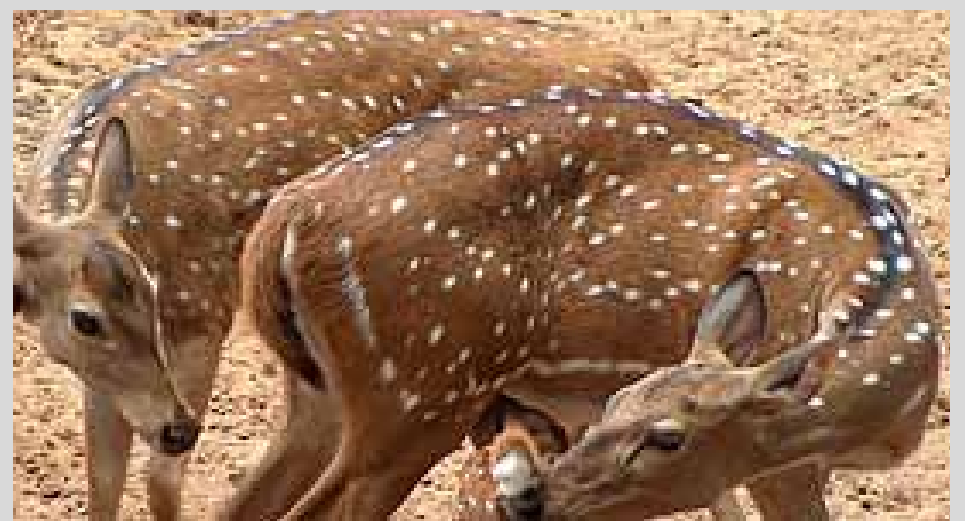
ishable by a fine of up to \$2,000 and up to a year in jail.

Yagong said he had hoped to make the fine \$50,000 but was limited by the Council's inability to establish laws that result in felony convictions. He said, however, he wants the proposed legislation to also prohibit the harboring or storing of the deer as well as transporting them.

The Nature Conservancy's John Replogle testified before the council, calling for the penalty to be a Class C felony with a \$200,000 fine. He pointed to the failure in

controlling coqui frogs and said there should be "good teeth in this legislation." He also said that whoever brought the axis deer to this island did so "for selfish reasons."

The problem to farmers, cattlemen and conservationists on Maui was discussed in length, including the extra cost of building fences much higher than needed for keeping out goats and pigs. Some locals believe that someone may have brought in the deer by helicopter in order to build up more options for game hunting.



Old flume rises above new pipes for irrigation and hydro plant.

Photo by Julia Neal

Rising Sea Levels, Global Warming

Miss South Pacific: Beauty & The Sea is the name of a new award-winning film produced by part-time Pāhala resident Teresa Tico. The film was introduced by actor Pierce Brosnan and Keely Shaye Brosnan at the Malibu Film Festival, followed by more screenings in California, Florida and Grand Bahama. It was shown at the 2011 Hawai'i International Film Festival on Oct. 19 in Honolulu. The film has already won eight awards in LA,



Teresa Tico

New York, Massachusetts and Colorado.

The film explores the worry and the mission of intelligent and beautiful young women from Miss Tonga to Miss Fiji who are seeing sea levels rise and their islands sinking into the Pacific as the result of the melting of polar ice, carbon emissions and global warming. "One day you are playing in your playground, and the next day it's gone," said Miss Tonga Paea Williams.

"Our failure to act aggressively on climate change generates within me a fear for the security of my island home and the island homes of my Pacific brothers and sisters," said Miss Fiji Merewalesi Nailatikau.

The film is directed by Mary Lambert, who also directed *Pet Cemetery* and other notable films.

Hydro to Take Coffee, Mac Plants Off Grid

Hydroelectric energy, using abandoned sugar plantation water resources and Keaiwa Reservoir, is on tap for the farms along Wood Valley Road. Olson Trust workers recently laid pipe, drained the reservoir to repair it and set a course down the hillside to give the water the drop it needs to make electricity.

Olson land manager John Cross said the goal is to make the new Ka'ū Coffee Mill and macadamia husking plant totally "green and using only renewable energy." Cross said that Olson also plans to use the excess water for additional agricultural projects such as growing watercress and a loi system to grow kalo – taro – and perhaps make poi. The irrigation water is already used for coffee trees, taro, and truck crops grown by farmers leasing the Olson Trust land.

County Reviews Tax Deductions for Real Agronomists & Fake Farms

Fake farms, where people take advantage of tax incentives that are supposed to encourage farmers to grow food and other crops are under study by the county. Some 11,000 property owners claim ag property tax exemptions in Hawai'i County. How

many of these are real farmers is unknown, said planning consultant Jeff Melrose, who made a report to the Hawai'i County Agriculture Advisory Commission in October.

Farmers who can prove at least \$2,000 in gross income per year from agriculture can receive substantial property tax reductions

if they commit to farming for at least ten years. A separate "non-dedicated" program allows lesser tax breaks from year to year. The tax breaks are given by devaluing the property sometimes to almost nothing, making taxes just a few dollars per year.

County ag commissioner Mike Robinson, who is also a Hawaiian Home Lands natural resource manager, was reported in a *Stephens Media* story saying, "We want to provide incentives for people to be part of the legitimate agriculture industry and not just part of the reduce-your-taxes industry."

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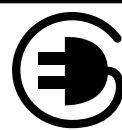
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PUC Deadline, cont. from pg. 18

During a community meeting in September, 'Āina Koa Pono promised an Environmental Assessment.

Community Input

The PUC also listed community support and opposition in its written decision.

The PUC decision said that "reasons advanced by the public in support of the HECO Companies' Application include:

"Energy independence, self-sufficiency, and security; long-term investment that should lead to stabilizing electric utility rates; the use of a renewable energy resource which further

reduces the State's dependence on petroleum-based fossil fuels; the use of biofuel for existing fossil fuel facilities, thereby reducing capital investments for new generation capacity." The PUC also listed testimony supporting the use of TekGar, LLCs catalytic MWDP (Microwave Depolymerization) technology, described as having "several compelling competitive advantages, including "high-efficiency biodiesel production; clean 'green' output; existing commercial operating history; and modular and flexible output." It also said there was testimony contending the process would have "minimal greenhouse gas emissions, economic benefits, including jobs (construction and permanent) for Ka'ū and other Big Island residents.

Other supportive submissions listed in the PUC decision:

"The proposed biofuel surcharge is necessary to enable the AKP Project to succeed. Most of the renewable energy sites are located on the neighbor islands, even though O'ahu creates the largest demand against which the statewide renewable energy mandates must be measured;

"The proposed biofuel surcharge is cheap when compared to the long-term costs of relying solely on fossil fuels for the generation of electricity;

"Allowing the commission the discretion to allocate the costs of renewable energy projects among the aggregated customer base of the HECO Companies will encourage more renewable energy project developments on the neighbor island and assist the State in transitioning to a clean energy economy;

"The use of the biochar by-product as a productive soil amendment for agriculture; and that

"Carbon sequestration through biochar is a carbon-negative process."

Community concern, noted by the PUC included:

"The lack of an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement for the AKP Project; emissions generated from burning biofuel, which is not a clean renewable energy resource; health, safety, and ground transport (i.e., trucking) concerns

related to the AKP Project;

"Inadequate water supply for the source crops; utilizing the land for food crops, and not as source crops for biofuel. Utilizing other renewable energy resources, which are 'clean' and lower in cost, in lieu of biofuel;

"The AKP Project will increase, and



Old sugar lands could be used for biofuel along the old cane haul road between Pāhala and Nā'ālehu.

Photo by Julia Neal

not decrease, electric utility rates;

"Based on the HECO Companies' estimated amount of the proposed monthly biofuel surcharge, the cost of AKP-produced biofuel (which is filed under confidential seal) is not economical;

"The proposed biofuel surcharge is unfair and unnecessary;

"Arbitrary, preferential treatment for the biofuel industry;

"The MWDP (microwave) technology is unproven on a commercial scale (i.e., the AKP Project is not technically or economically feasible);

"Net zero displacement of petroleum diesel, when one energy unit of petroleum diesel is used to produce one energy unit of biofuel;

"Lack of ratepayer benefits."

Cheaper Energy

State Board of Agriculture member Richard Ha warned policy makers in October of a downside when accepting energy solutions that fail to reduce the cost of electricity. In a series of articles for Civil Beat, he contended that higher electricity costs threaten food security, as many agricultural operations require electricity. Ha is working with a hui to buy Hawaiian Electric in order to develop more geothermal and other alternatives that he says could make Hawai'i a growing economy that uses cheap energy.

Writes Ha: "Expensive electricity throttles Hawai'i's food self-sufficiency, too. People may not immediately think of maintaining the cold chain – a temperature-controlled supply chain – as a place where a significant cost of getting food to their plate occurs. The cooling costs on a farm, at a wholesaler, at a retailer and in the home refrigerator are all affected by electricity costs.

"The higher electricity rates become, the higher the costs of growing food in Hawai'i become. These costs must be paid by Hawai'i's farmers and in many cases cannot be passed on to the consumer.

"As fossil or biofuel oil costs rise, and our farmers' cost of production also rises, farmers are unable to pass on the increased costs," Ha writes at civilbeat.com.

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The Odyssey launch is a re-fitted oil rig platform and was unmanned during the blast off. It was accompanied by a command ship where launch control was managed.

Ka'ū was previously proposed for a spaceport, with one of the prospective sites between Hwy 11 and the ocean just below Pāhala. The site would have required Hwy

11 to be shut down during launches.

Sea Launch officials say their ocean platform is more affordable than most land sites and, on the equator, provides a more direct route to orbit.

The Odyssey launch platform made news

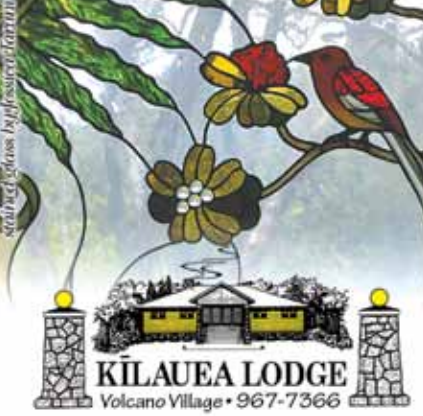
statewide last month when it pulled into port in Honolulu, en route to its homeport in Long Beach. Sea Launch is owned by Russian and other European investors.



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- Support building a healthy, vibrant, and successful community.

Contact Us
If you have any questions or would like more information about 'Āina Koa Pono and its aim toward an energy independent future based on non-fossil fuels, feel free to contact Aina Koa Pono's Operations Manager, Audrey Jewell, at 808-675-5636 or ajewell@ainakoapono.com.

The Principals of AINA KOA PONO, as long time residents of Hawaii, are sensitive to the needs and concerns of local people. We want to help communities evolve into happy and joyous places to live in harmony with the environment while providing sustainable opportunities for education, and employment in a safe and secure atmosphere.

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