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Hawaii's Ian Walsh Receives Vans Scholarship at the Vans World Cup of Surfing

Hawaii's Ian Walsh (Maui) received a \$5,000 Vans Scholarship at the Vans World Cup of Surfing, for being the highest non-Championship Tour rated surfer in Hawaii at year end. Leading into the Triple Crown, Walsh won the

QS3,000 HIC Pro at Sunset Beach, which greatly helped his cause. In 2016, WSL Hawaii is working with companies like Vans and Reef to offer a number of financial scholarship awards to Hawaii surfers to help them travel to events around

the world in pursuit of their professional surfing careers. There will also be a series of career-readiness workshops for WSL Junior surfers (18&U) to sharpen their skills and better prepare them for a career in surfing - whether that be on the waves, or in the global surf industry.

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OFF da Island in Lake Placid, Florida

North Shore News surf reporter Betty Depolito is sending us her "Banzai North Shore Wireless" article from Lake Placid, Florida. Betty took a trip to the Murals of Lake Placid, one of the most interesting cities in Florida. She is pictured here in front of "Istokpoga". Lake Istokpoga is a shallow lake that is 26,692 acres and the name means "many men dies here." Betty brought along a copy of the North Shore News to remind her of the good times back on Oahu's beautiful North Shore. For more information on the OFF da Island campaign turn to page 23.

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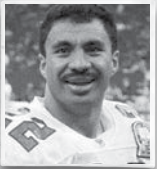
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Polynesian Football Legends to be Inducted in Hall of Fame at the Polynesian Cultural Center, January 30

What: Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Ceremony

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Contributor inductee:

- Albert "Al" Lolotai (Samoan ancestry)

Polynesian College Football Player of the Year:

- Ronnie Stanley (Tongan ancestry), University of Notre Dame Offensive Lineman

When: Saturday, January 30

- 10:30 a.m. – Class of 2016 Hall of Fame Gallery Dedication
- 11:00 a.m. – Enshrinement Ceremony Reception
- 12:00 p.m. – Enshrinement Ceremony
- 1:30 p.m. – Autograph Session
- 2:00 p.m. – Inductee Canoe Parade

Where: Polynesian Cultural Center
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Tickets: Cost is \$25 per person and includes admission to the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Ceremony Reception, Enshrinement Ceremony and Autograph Session. Refreshments and pupus will be offered during the reception. Tickets also include general admission to the Polynesian Cultural Center's island villages.

To purchase tickets or sponsorships, visit www.PolynesianFootballHOF.org.

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About the Polynesian Cultural Center

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By now, everyone on Oahu knows about the tremendous spike in illegal fireworks this past New Year's Eve. In fact, illegally setting off illegal fireworks began long before the Christmas shopping season officially started.

As an elected official, one who supported some of the most restrictive fireworks ordinances around, this is a troubling situation. But the solution might be even more troublesome.

It is worth spending some time analyzing why so many people have so little fear of flaunting the law:

- It is very difficult to enforce. A law enforcement officer must witness fireworks being illegally used or possessed or a witness must be willing to come forward and make a statement.
- There simply aren't enough police to enforce effectively. This past season, Honolulu Police issued 151 citations and made five arrests. These numbers are way over 2014, but in the face of the thousands of people setting off illegal fireworks, the odds of getting caught and prosecuted appear slim.
- Some people just want to play with fireworks. Watching a professional display is spectacular, but it is a vicarious experience for the spectators.

There may be a host of friends and family gathered for a New Year's Eve party where illegal fireworks are being set off. But by the time police arrive, the likelihood of them finding a smoking gun is zero. As for statements from family, friends and neighbors? In the Land of Aloha, probably another zero.

Would the City be willing to invest millions to put hundreds more police officers on the job for this? Perhaps, but it may mean no more free trash pickup and higher taxes and fees. And before you ask, the money for the rail project cannot be used for any other purpose.

Which brings us to individual choices. There are some who hold by our longtime tradition and custom of playing with fireworks at home. The City has a limited permit system to honor that. But we are talking about a much vaster number of people who do it for the thrill and care little about the consequences.

Until they find a way to make the individual responsible for his or her choices and to first consider those with respiratory problems, scared pets, and general public safety issues, we will probably have to enforce the laws as best we can with our limited resources.

Fortunately, this only comes around once a year. Happy New Year everyone.

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2016 Legislative Preview Town Hall Meetings

The Hawaii State Legislature convenes each regular session on the third Wednesday of January at 10 a.m. This January 20th will mark the start of the second regular session of the 28th Hawaii State Legislature. Thousands of new bills will be introduced in the House and Senate, some of which are revised versions of bills that did not pass in the first session. Residents might be surprised to learn that the bills failing to pass up to the Governor last year did not die, but are carried over for possible action this year. Few bills are ever revived in the second regular session, but it does occasionally happen. Sometimes additional work is done during the intersession and the bill is ready to move forward with amendments. Sometimes an old bill is dusted off for the infamous "gut and replace."

Gut and replace is the practice of removing all content, except the title, from a bill, and inserting language that is completely unrelated to the intent of the original bill. This practice is usually ridiculed as an abuse of process, but it can come in handy when an emergency arises and legislative deadlines for passing new legislation have passed.

One notorious use of gut and replace occurred with SB755 in 2011 and 2012. The original bill passed out of the Senate as a tax credit to incentivize back to school purchases. The House amended the bill to legalize gambling and the bill stalled in 2011. Midway through the 2012 Session, SB755 was again gutted and replaced to exempt certain government projects from environmental review. The authors each argued that their proposed legislation met the intent of the title, "Relating to Economic Development." The twice gutted and replaced bill moved back to the Senate, but was not accepted and finally died as the Legislature adjourned.

A useful gut and replace, in my opinion, saved the Turtle Bay Conservation deal last year. SB284, Relating to Transient Accommodation Tax, was severely modified and approved by the Senate before passing over to the House, where additional refinements were made. Finally, the bill passed both chambers through agreement in Conference, and the Governor signed it into law on June 6, 2015. Without this bill, the Turtle Bay deal would not have been completed in time and would probably have fallen apart.

To help inform residents in our district about what to expect this year, I am hosting a series of Town Hall Meetings to 1) Preview this year's pro-

posed legislation; 2) Show how residents can effectively participate in the legislative process, and: 3) Provide a forum to discuss district issues. I hope you can join us from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at any or all of these meetings:

- January 25, at Ahuimanu Elementary School
- January 27, at Hauula Elementary School
- January 28, at Waialua Elementary School

As always, my staff and I welcome your comments, questions and suggestions. Please visit us in Room 217 at the Capitol, call us at 586-7330, or email us at SenRiviere@capitol.hawaii.gov. Mahalo.

North Shore Neighborhood Board #25 Tuesday, January 26, 2016 7 p.m. at Waialua Elementary School

The next meeting of the North Shore Neighborhood Board will feature an update on the Waialua Bike Path Extension along with updates from the City and County, HPD, HFD, and other elected officials. Sign up for minutes and agenda of the meetings at <http://www.honolulu.gov/esub/email-subscribe-nc> or call Kathleen at 637-8545 for more information or any questions.

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Welcome to 2016! A new year brings new changes, challenges, and opportunities. The second year of the biennium of the 28th Legislature (2015-2016) has begun, and soon things will be in full-swing! This is an exciting time as elected State officials and stakeholders from all over Hawai'i begin to discuss the issues in our communities and seek solutions through legislation. Remember, your government works best for you when you participate, and it's easy to get involved with all the information at your fingertips! To stay informed about a topic that is important to you:

- Register to automatically receive information from the Hawaii State Legislature website, Capitol.Hawaii.gov.
- If you're already registered, all you need to do is sign in and update your preferences!
- The 'Sign In' and 'Register' links are in the upper right-hand corner next to the 'Home' button.
- Follow the prompts to create your own customized dashboard to automatically receive the information you want.

Another way to get involved is by submitting testimony on legislation you care about. It's a direct way to tell your legislators why you want them to vote on specific issues. To submit testimony, you can follow these steps:

- Visit Capitol.Hawaii.gov on the web.
- On the top right of the welcome page, click Sign In or Register (if you haven't done so before).
- Once logged in, click on the Submit Testimony button (it's orange).
- Next, enter the name of the measure (ex: HB5 for House Bill 5) and search for it. Note: The hearing information (committee name, room, date, etc.) will display only for measures that are scheduled for a hearing.
- Fill out the form. Indicate whether you're testifying as an individual or on behalf of an organization. Indicate whether you support or oppose the bill and if you plan to attend the hearing and offer oral testimony. Explain the reasons for your position. It's best to support your viewpoint with facts and experiences in a brief and concise manner.
- Add your testimony. You can enter it in the 'additional comments' box, or, if you've created a document (i.e., MS Word or PDF) you can upload your file using the 'Choose file' button.
- Review the information on the summary page.

Make sure you agree to the privacy terms before you click the 'Submit Testimony' button to send your testimony on its way! You'll get an email confirmation that it has been received.

You play a vital role in helping us meet the challenges ahead. Citizen participation and public input at the local level are the foundation of our way of life. Make 2016 the year that you and your family participate in your government. Best wishes for a healthy and happy 2016! Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns about happenings in our community. Call me at (808) 586-9490, email RepMatsumoto@Capitol.Hawaii.gov, or visit RepMatsumoto.com.

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North Shore Chamber of Commerce News

Meet Your Farmer: Milton Agader & Al Medrano, Twin Bridge Farms

By North Shore Chamber of Commerce
Agricultural Committee

At the Business After Hours event in November 2015, the North Shore Chamber of Commerce honored Milton Agader of Twin Bridge Farms for his important contributions to agriculture on the North Shore. Attendees were excited to learn about Milton's agricultural roots in our community and were treated to tours of his new produce stand at the corner of Paalaa Field and Kamehameha Highway. Here, Twin Bridge plans to offer a bounty of fresh local produce grown right here on the North Shore.

Twin Bridge Farms, Inc. was formed in 1998 by partners Milton Agader and Al Medrano. Both are former sugar plantation employees who have worked in various field operations for a combined total of 45 years of agricultural experience.

Born and raised on Kauai, Milton moved to Waialua in 1970 to work for Waialua Sugar Company after serving in the military, including a year in Vietnam. He married a local North Shore public school teacher, Lavina, and together they have two children, both Kamehameha Schools graduates. Milton's son Derek, himself an Afghanistan War veteran, now works alongside his father on the farm.

Twin Bridge's second partner, Al Medrano, has spent most of his life on the North Shore and began his career in agriculture with the Waialua Sugar Company after graduating from Waialua High. He and his wife, Jovie, have four daughters, the two eldest seeking college degrees on the mainland and the two younger attending Sacred Hearts.

When Waialua Sugar Company announced its closing, Milton and Al continued working with Dole Food Company and began part time farming on their own. Acquiring a lease of 40 acres in Haleiwa from Kamehameha Schools, they worked after their regular work hours and weekends until in 2001 they became full time farmers with Twin Bridge Farms, Inc., harvesting asparagus on a commercial scale.

So why asparagus? In the mid 90's Milton was asked to participate in a test to study various varieties of asparagus. At the time, asparagus was only available in Hawaii during a short window from late spring to summer, so Milton and Al saw an opportunity to provide local markets with a fresh product outside that short window. Although Hawaii now

imports asparagus all year round, Twin Bridge Farms is still able to compete by providing a fresh, high quality product. Twin Bridge Farms' asparagus and other produce are retailed at Foodland and Whole Foods Markets and supplied directly to select restaurants including Mama's Fish House on Maui, Alan Wongs, MW Restaurant and Top of Waikiki.

Another important crop for Twin Bridge Farms are potatoes. About 10 years ago, they began planting for the potato seed industry. As the vegetable with the highest consumption per pound at 117 lbs/capita in the US, crop states with the highest seed acreage require a winter grow-out to see if harmful viruses or other diseases are present in the seed crop. Twin Bridge Farms in Waialua is single handedly the largest winter grow-out in the United States, growing seed from Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Minnesota, Nebraska, Michigan, and Wisconsin as well as some Canadian Provinces. Because of their exceptional quality and service, 70% of all seed potato acreage in the US is being tested at Twin Bridge Farms, ensuring that consumers in North America are being fed the best potatoes in the world.

Today, Twin Bridge Farms has 22 full time employees and leases land from Kamehameha Schools and Dole/Castle & Cooke. Along with the potato grow-outs, fresh asparagus and other produce, Twin Bridge works with DuPont Pioneer as a contract grower for corn and sunflower, which they do once a year. For the last six years Twin Bridge Farms has been food safe certified and their packing plant is a certified commercial kitchen.

Committed to understanding the importance and need for all types of agriculture, they have designated part of their farm as organic certified and in 2016 will increase their organic production. Produce from Twin Bridge Farms can be purchased at the Saturday Waialua Open Market and at the Brown Bottle. Now, with the opening of their new produce stand, we will have another outlet to get some of the freshest, high quality produce available on the North Shore.

Note: The Chamber's Ag Committee meets once a month. It is comprised of member farmers, but guests are welcome to learn what issues farmers deal with. In an effort to educate the public about some of these issues, the Committee will write periodic articles for the North Shore News. For more information, contact the Chamber at 637-4558 or info@GoNorthShore.org





**Civic Engagement and
Community Building
By
Blake McElheny**

Who decides what happens on the North Shore? Who decides what the future holds for this community? It will be the voices of you and your neighbors when more of us choose to participate in civic life.

Residents have different perspectives on the many issues facing North Shore families. Some may feel overwhelmed by the scale and scope of the issues or may feel there are no avenues for them to get involved in community issues. Still others may feel the “powerful” have more influence over everyone else or that the “authorities” get in the way of the community’s ability to direct resources toward challenges. Others may not yet feel a responsibility to get involved.

However, we are blessed to have great examples of community leadership in North Shore life demonstrating that North Shore residents can make a difference in people’s lives and are capable of doing work that needs to be done. Take a look at the outstanding work of organizations like the Waialua Community Association (www.waialuacommunityassociation.org), Malama Loko Ea Foundation (www.lokoea.org), Friends of Kaena (www.friendsofkaena.org), Kokua Hawaii Foundation (www.kokuahawaiifoundation.org), Manu O Ke Kai Canoe Club, Koolau Health Center (<http://www.koolauloachc.org>) and the many others that are improving the quality of life for North Shore families.

Civic engagement means acting on the sense of personal responsibility that many individuals feel to uphold their obligations to the rest of the community.

We have many shared values in this region and therefore we have a good foundation to work from. We can improve our community’s shared understanding of the government and civic systems that help shape our quality of life. We also have opportunities to increase the number of residents that have the set of skills that can help get things done in the community for the benefit of the public.

There are different levels of civic engagement available depending on people’s individual situations and interests - from making calls to local officials when a community issue like a pothole is spotted, to individual volunteerism with youth sports teams or faith-based groups, to in-depth organizational involvement with Parent-Teacher Associations, to attending community meetings, or simply voting.

One accessible way to get involved is to attend Neighborhood Board meetings. These Boards help to assure and increase community participation in the decision-making processes of government. The North Shore and Koolau Loa Neighborhood Boards are the two neighborhood boards serving the area from Kaena Point to Kaaawa. Members of the public have the right

to submit testimony on any and all agenda items.

You can find out more information about the North Shore Neighborhood Board (“NSNB”) at <http://goo.gl/SI8UIY>. The NSNB holds its meetings on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Waialua Elementary School Cafeteria. You can find out more information about the Koolau Loa Neighborhood Board at <http://goo.gl/QFl9Yp>. They hold their meetings on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6 pm at the Kahuku Community Center.

There are also multiple community associations you can get involved in along this coastline that meet regularly to discuss and make recommendations on community issues including: Mokuleia Community Association, Waialua Community Association, Sunset Beach Community Association (contact Jeannie Martinson, President, pupukeajm@hotmail.com), Kahuku Community Association (find on Facebook), and Laie Community Association (<http://laiecommunityassociation.org/>).

For residents interested in participating in State wide issues at the State Legislature this session (opening day is Wednesday, January 20th), there is also an upcoming opportunity to obtain civics training. “In-Person Training: Civics IS Sexy: Forming a Community Voice at the Hawaii State Legislature.” The free event offers speakers and a free lunch on Saturday, January 23rd, 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM in the Hawaii Capitol Room 325. You can preregister at this link <https://goo.gl/sGfnRd>.

Reaffirming concerns that are being discussed State wide, Honolulu City Council Chair Ernest Y. Martin recently stated that one issue North Shore residents should weigh in on in 2016 is housing. “We need to develop community-based solutions to combat our growing homeless population and the severe shortage of affordable and workforce housing on Oahu. Every one of our neighborhoods is dealing with people living on the street and families struggling to keep a home. We all have to work together: businesses; government; and the community to identify properties and parcels of land in each council district where we can build homeless shelters and housing. The programs we offer to the homeless and those at-risk of becoming homeless must make sense within the context of that community. It is a daunting task that demands collaboration and compassion,” said Chair Martin.

One piece of additional guidance Chair Martin offered is to become familiar with the public database of City documents produced by the City Council and the Administration at <http://goo.gl/iqjBqm>. Other websites that provide useful guidance include the City Administration’s website <http://www.honolulu.gov/> and the State of Hawaii website <https://portal.ehawaii.gov/>.

Please email me at blakemcelheny@yahoo.com if you have community resources to highlight that will help increase civic engagement and build our community’s abilities to address the wide-ranging set of challenges our region is facing. Working with our neighbors and increasing civic participation will give us the confidence, knowledge, skills, and relationships we need to shape the future of the North Shore.



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Mahalo

From WSL & Vans

The World Surf League and Vans wish to thank the North Shore community for helping us host the world's best surfers on the world's best waves during the 2015 Vans Triple Crown of Surfing.

The 2016 WSL Hawaii season has just begun and we would like to wish our surfers all the very best. We are proud to offer more than \$1.35M in prize money and special awards through 12 Hawaii events - Junior through Championship level, men's and women's - this year.

We are also pleased to share a few key highlights of the 2015 Vans Triple Crown of Surfing:

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- Presented cultural ocean days for underserved youth of the North Shore and West Side, made possible by Na Kama Kai and Stoke-O-Rama, and funded by Vans, Reef, and the WSL.
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We acknowledge there is always room for improvement, so we are actively working with members of our North Shore community now on future sustainability & partnership efforts.

We thank you for your support.

Aloha,

Jodi Wilmott, Bert Ishimaru, Faith Wenzl, Sean Wingate, Marty Thomas, Bob North, Lauren Rolland, Don Dubie and the 300+ staff and athletes of the 2015 Vans Triple Crown of Surfing.



Pioneer Plants of the Pacific

By Parker Powell, Conservation Land Specialist, Waimea Valley, North Shore of O`ahu.

Over millions of years pioneer plant species have had to travel over thousands of miles of water to establish and colonize in the isolated environment of Hawai'i. Hawai'i is the most geographically isolated archipelago in the world. It is located 2,390 miles from its nearest land mass of North America; roughly 3,850 miles from Japan on the other side of the Pacific ocean; 4,900 miles from China; and 5,280 miles from the Philippines. These plants drifted to the islands on the ocean currents, in the wind, or on the feathers of migrating sea birds where they adapted, survived, and evolved to hundreds of unique native species.

The building block for a native forest ecosystem is made up of these pioneer plants that first settled in Hawai'i. These include the more common natives such as koa (*Acacia koa*), 'a'ali'i (*Dodonea viscosa*), and 'ohi'a lehua (*Metrosiderous polymorpha*). Ko'oko'olau (*Bidens torta*) an endemic herb that colonizes poor soils with ease (as long as they can endure the long phase of growth as a seedling), is also used medicinally as a tea to treat general debility. *Carex* (*Carex wahuensis*) is an awesome shade of green that holds the soil together as a low lying sedge. Native ferns such as 'uluhe (*Dicranopteris linearis*) and pala'a (*Sphenomeris chinensis*) establish in areas that other plants cannot, hence providing nutrients through organic matter for other plants to survive. There are a handful of endemic Hibiscus species that are widely versatile (for restoration and landscape use) and primarily adapted to drier climates. By applying admixtures of these various native species, the foundation for a solid native ecosystem can be built.

Nearly 90% of native flowering plants in Hawai'i are endemic, meaning they can only be found in Hawai'i and no place else on the planet. Many of these native plant species have gone extinct, and many others are threatened primarily due to the conversion of land for agriculture, introductions of invasive plant species and feral ungulates, as well as loss of habitat from development. Conventional agriculture and development leave much of the available land in Hawai'i with disturbed or altered soils resulting in low production, erosion, and opportunities for weedy plant species to invade. Over 25% of the Federal Endangered Species List are Hawaiian endemic species, thus the islands have earned a reputation as "the endangered species capital of the world". It is vital to help preserve the native forest ecosystems as many of these rare and slow growing species are at the brink of extinction.



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AT JEEP WORLD JUNIOR EVENT

The 2015 Junior Women World Champion Mahina Maeda just missed out on two consecutive titles and placed second to Australian Isabella Nichols in Portugal at the WSL World Junior Championship. Nichols surfed very solidly in the final and Maeda picked the lesser quality waves but 2nd is not bad for the 17 year old. Maeda hopes to go on the world tour in 2017.

EL NINO NAMED "DARTH NINO"

It's the strongest el nino since 1997-98, this one's been dubbed "Darth Nino" by some meteorologists. The El Niño system has brought more than \$22 billion in damages worldwide in the form of drought and wildfires and generally disrupted many, many lives, so it could be viewed as ruthless and evil. Just like that mean Darth guy from Star Wars. According to NOAA this El Niño will continue through the Northern Hemisphere winter 2015-16, peaking about now. NOAA said forecaster consensus remains with the expectation that this El Niño will rank among the three strongest episodes. Seasonal outlooks indicate an increased likelihood of above-median precipitation across the southern tier of the United States, and below-median precipitation over the northern tier of the United States. Above-average temperatures are favored in the West with below-average favored in the southern plains. And yes the surf has been pretty big, thanks Darth Nino!

BODYBOARDING AT PIPELINE

The Mike Stewart Pipe Invitational is a go at Pipeline February 16 through March 4th. Men and Women Bodyboarders will have a go at the prestigious surf spot. The first stage of the 2016 APB World Tour will run between February 21st and March 4th, in Hawaii. After a one-year hiatus, the world's best bodyboarders will return to Banzai Pipeline to kick off the season. Stewart has also confirmed that the Trials will take place at Sandy Beach, or Keaau, between February 16th-19th. The main event will feature all bodyboarding divisions: Open, Women, Drop-Knee and Pro Junior.

TODD SELLS WINS DA HUI BODYSURFING EVENT

There were good conditions for the bodysurfing event at the Hui Backdoor Shootout. It was Todd

Sells taking too honors in the 30 minute heat. The professional model, water polo coach and surf water polo team member beat out Mark Cunningham for the win. In third was Mel Keawe and Duane DeSoto was fourth.

BODYBOARDERS BACK AT PIPELINE

The Mike Stewart Pipeline Invitational has been confirmed. The first stage of the 2016 APB World Tour will run between February 21st and March 4th, in Hawaii. The invitees will be decided and announced soon after. Stewart has also confirmed that the Trials will take place at Sandy Beach, or Keaau, between February 16th-19th. The main event will feature all bodyboarding divisions: Open, Women, Drop-Knee and Pro Junior. The Mike Stewart Pipeline Invitational will showcase 68 bodyboarders and Open, Women, Drop-Knee and Pro Junior.

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Humpback whale season is upon us and to ensure the well being of both ocean users and whales it is necessary to observe safe boating practices. Thousands of humpbacks come to Hawai'i each year, primarily between November and May, and unfortunately, vessel-whale collisions happen every year. As an ocean user, we want to remind you to remain vigilant and:

- Keep a Sharp Lookout - Look for whales and other hazards.
- Watch Your Speed - Research shows that speeds of 10 knots or less reduce injuries if collisions occur.
- Stay at the Helm - Always keep your hands on the wheel and the throttle.
- Keep your Distance - Once you've sighted a whale, stay at least 100 yards away.

Humpback whales are protected by state and federal laws. Please note it is illegal to approach a humpback whale closer than 100 yards by sea and 1,000 feet by air.

Ocean users provide an invaluable role as our eyes and ears on the water. Please help by:

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For more information you will find the "Boating and Ocean Use Guide", which provides detailed information on safe boating and ocean use practices around humpback whales on our web site. Please share this information with your staff, customers, volunteers, and others. This information is available from the sanctuary web site at <http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov/documents/resprot.html>

You may also request a presentation by sanctuary staff for your organization. To find out more, please call Shannon Lyday at (808) 725-5905 or shannon.lyday@noaa.gov. Thank you for helping to ensure the continued protection of Hawaii's humpback whales.

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He dared to have a dream...

Jan. 18 Holiday Honors Civil Rights Leader

Fifteen years after Dr. King's death in 1983, Congress voted to create a national holiday to honor Martin Luther King, Jr. With President Ronald Reagan's signature, Martin Luther King Day was first recognized as a federal holiday in 1986. Dr. King's birthday is January 15 and the holiday is scheduled for the third Monday of every January.

After the U.S. congress ratified Martin Luther King day as a federal holiday, it was still up to each state's legislature to declare an official state holiday.

In 1989 Hawaii State Legislature confirmed the passing of the law after a visit from Dr. King's widow earlier. So, beginning in 1990, it has become an official state and federal holiday.

Dr. King's main goal was equal civil rights for all races and social groups; a message needed in Hawaii today. Even in the "aloha state" cries of prejudice call out at times regarding housing, employment, and social opportunities. King's dream was to see all people and races working together. He dreamed of fairness, peace, and justice no matter what color our skin is. He dreamed of racial equality in America and around the world.

As our state and nation enjoyed another three day weekend, let us do more than enjoy rest or recreation. Let us consider one man's great contribution in changing the world into a better place. He dared to dream and do.

One person's contribution to better a society and community can make a difference. You and I can make a difference, if we'll only try. Racial equality is a goal each of us can strive for. It's within all of our reach with daily opportunities. Take this time to be thankful that one courageous man like Dr. Martin Luther King dared to do what he dreamed.

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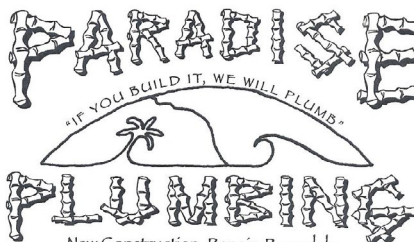
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