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Congratulations Kahuku High School 2014 Seniors!

It's done, the 2014 Kahuku High & Intermediate School Seniors have yet another memorable moment to reflect upon in their years to come. Remember the rewards of today, the promises of tomorrow, and never forget yesterday, the memories of our past. -Kahuku Class Motto. That moment was the 74th Commence-

ment Exercises which took place Thursday evening on May 22, 2014 at the Brigham Young University Cannon Activities Center in Laie.

Waialua High & Intermediate School Seniors celebrated an ending and a new beginning at their Commencement Exercises held on Saturday afternoon, May 24, 2014 at the Toshiyuki Nakasone Football Field. As Seniors, we all have our own ambitions, our own dreams to pursue; but wherever our separate pathways take us, we'll always be the Class of 2014 from Waialua High School.

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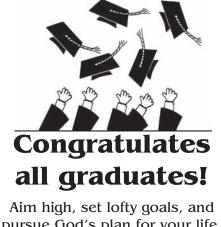


OFF da Island in Virginia Beach

Recently, Haleiwa resident Christopher Milburn got called away on a business trip to Virginia Beach. While taking a break from his business meeting, Christopher took a stroll down the Virginia Beach boardwalk where he ran into a 34 foot high bronze statue of King Neptune. On his downtime, Christopher can be seen reading the North Shore News to remind him of the good times back on Oahu's beautiful North Shore. For more information on the OFF da Island campaign turn to page 23.



Dr. Todd Okazaki and the staff at Hale'iwa Family Dental Center



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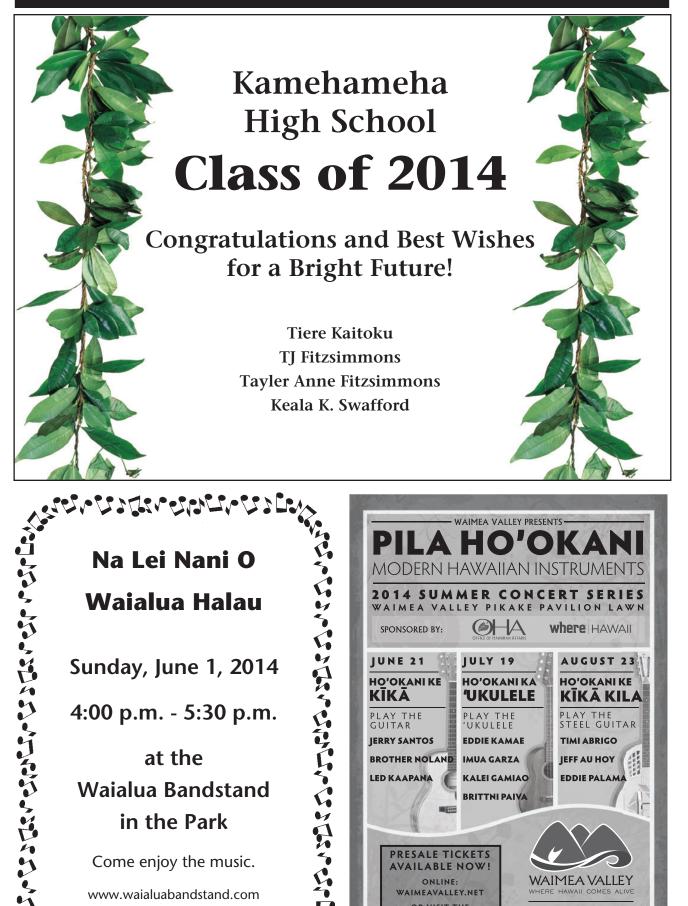
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My little nieces and nephews got a karaoke machine for Christmas this past holiday season. I got to listen to them sing some of their favorite songs over and over again. One song they really loved was "Brave," by Sara Bareilles. As I listened to the words of this big song coming out of these tiny 3, 5, 7 and 8 year-old bodies, I became really hopeful and excited for the future of Hawaii.

The song says, "Say what you want to say and the let the words fall out, honestly I want to see you be brave." While we learn the golden rule of "do unto others as you would have them do unto you" and are reminded not to say anything if we don't have anything nice to say, we also should remember not to be afraid to stand up for what you believe in, to have an idea or opinion and to be brave in sharing your thoughts, beliefs and ideas with others. Like a little stone in a pond that starts a ripple that spreads, your words can start something bigger than you expected. They can make a big impact in your school, workplace, community, island, or even the world.

With graduation season upon us and our young leaders from pre-school all the way to grade 12 and beyond who are moving on to a new classroom, college or other adventure, I want to tell the young people in our community to be bold and be brave. Speak up, share your thoughts, tell the world your good idea and be proud of who you are and where you come from.

As an elected official, I have learned how important it is to remember where I come from and who I represent. Sometimes, I have had to speak up for or against something and had pressure to change my mind or my vote. Sometimes I've been asked not to speak up. But I always think of our community and the amazing people and places that make it the



unique place it is. With that in mind, I try my best to speak for them and act on their behalf.

Congratulations to the class of 2014, enjoy this special time in your life! We wish you the best and cannot wait to see the places you will go. Remember to be brave and remember where you came from.



Rep. Fale with older brother, nieces and nephews



Mandatory Boater Education Requirement To Be Enforced In Less Than Six Months

With just less than six months to go before Hawaii's new mandatory education law for boaters is to be enforced, the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) would like to inform boaters that there is still ample time and multiple ways to become compliant.

Beginning Nov. 10, 2014, all individuals who operate a motorized vessel in Hawaii's state waters must have taken a boating safety course and be able to show proof of certification.

The rule applies to all boaters unless they and/or the vessels being used fall under one of the exemptions mentioned in the new rule.

The text of this Mandatory Boater Education Rule can be accessed online at: http://files.hawaii.gov/dlnr/dobor/rules/ amend/Amend-13-244-15-5.pdf

Any person violating this rule shall be fined not less than \$50 and not more than \$1,000 or sentenced to a term of imprisonment of not more than 30 days, or both, for each violation. The court may also prevent an individual from operating a vessel in state waters for up to 30 days.

DLNR has worked diligently to create multiple methods for complying with the requirement. There are three Internet courses that are fully approved, with one being offered free of charge. Classroom courses are being offered statewide by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. Two U.S. Power Squadrons are offering classes on Oahu.

In the next few months, numerous other course providers across the state will start to offer additional classes and DLNR will launch its own home study course. In addition, those who have already taken a course approved by the National Association of Boating Law Administrators can take abbrevi-

ated courses, free of charge, to become compliant.

A question and answer publication posted by DLNR Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) is available at http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/dobor/mandatory-boating-safetyeducation-qa/. Full details on all the compliance methods are posted at this site.

A study released in 2007 by the National Association of Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) showed that states with the longest history of mandatory education had the lowest boating fatality rates. For most of the boating safety community, this study was conclusive evidence that mandatory boating education saves lives. Hawaii ranked fifth on the list of highest fatality rates in the year the study was finalized. In 2011, Hawaii had a fatality rate of 44 per 100,000 vessels, second worse in the nation.

"A little bit of education and training can go a long way toward saving lives and preventing accidents. This is why the department initiated its Mandatory Education Rule," said DLNR Director William J. Aila, Jr. "We can be easily persuaded to think of the ocean as wide open space. But because of the increasing number of whales that visit our waters each year, the burgeoning sea turtle population, the explosion in free diving, the popularity of stand-up paddling and other emerging recreational and commercial uses of our waters, there is growing potential for interaction between boats, marine life and ocean users.

"A boating safety course raises your awareness of your responsibility as a boater. All vessel operators should keep a constant watch and, beyond that, post an additional lookout to help scan the horizon whenever possible."



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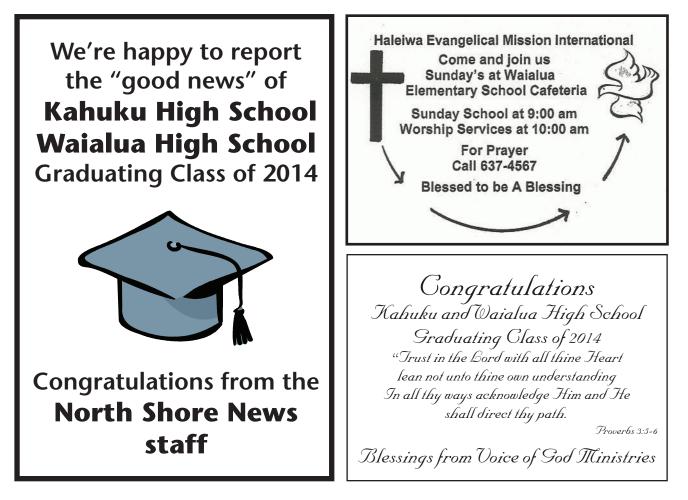
As you make your way through the next steps of your life, please remember to use your skills to help make your community a better place.

All the best,

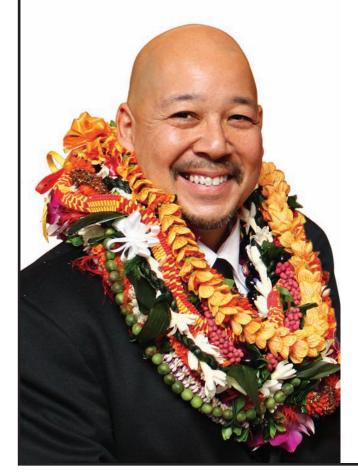
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There are no shortcuts to any place worth going."-Beverly Sills



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Congratulations To The Class Of 2014

May you always strive for success!

Aloha from City Council Chair

Ernie Martin



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In old Kahuku stands our Alma Mater Where the salt winds blow day after day With her doors flung wide for her sons and daughters true While the flag of freedom proudly waves above, Hail Kahuku. Hail our Alma Mater Flail to our colors red and white

We'll cherish, love, and honor thee All hail, Kahuku, hail!

Soil farming at Waimea Valley By Tim Hickey, Horticultural Specialist, Waimea Valley. North Shore of O`ahu.

A key to growing any plant well is to tailor the soil to its needs. Here at Waimea Valley we have over 5,000 types of different plants growing, from many various tropical and subtropical regions throughout the world as well as native Hawaiian plant species. As the garden age, plants lose their vigour and the soil its nutriment. For example, a few of our older native loulu (Pritchardia sp.) palms are showing nutrient deficiencies that can lead to death if untreated. To combat the problems inherent in an older red clay soil on Oahu we are using a few traditional methods coupled with modern machinery.

Composting

Over the last year the Valley has acquired a compact tractor and a backhoe, which provides us the ability to process green waste quickly in a hot compost pile. We do this by piling layers of soft plant waste, both fresh green and dried brown material, in stacks about twelve to sixteen feet high and wide. It is important to keep any thumb-sized or larger woody material out, as it will not compost and forever be in the way. For the next one to three months the pile is turned two to three times a week using one of the tractors, and will reach temperatures of 160-170 degrees between turnings, when mixed properly and if not too wet. This process allows us to kill 99% of live plant parts and weed seeds. The leftover compost, while not beautiful and not fully broken down, does contain small amounts of most nutrients, as well as many small biological organisms that are naturally found in healthy soils. We apply this soft compost to enhance nutrition and soil health, as well as soil structure. Organic matter loosens the clay and improves water and nutrient retention as it breaks down on the soil surface and is incorporated in by worms and rain. The compost is also used to regenerate gardens such as our recently fallowed taro patches.

Mulching

Another recent equipment addition, here in the Valley, is a 6" wood chipper, which is powered by the tractor. Waimea Valley is very much an arboretum with upwards of 20,000 trees in the gardens and its immediate surroundings. Wood waste is constantly being produced and this chipper allows us to produce a woody mulch. Mulch is a valuable commodity to a garden, a layer three or four inches thick can suppress a lot of weeds and reduce plant water needs significantly, sometimes for up to a year. After a year it can supply a small amount of nutrient to the soil as well as become a home for a wide variety of small soil-dwelling creatures. A new layer will then be put down, much like in a natural system. Woody mulch works best for perennials, shrubs and trees.

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Big Wave rider Dr. Ricky Grigg has passed on to the other side. Grigg was known for winning the 1966 Duke Kahanamoku surfing Invitational and was often referred to as the first big wave hot dogger. He earned an Oceanography degree at Scripps Institution in Claifornia and was a professor at the University of Hawaii in the Oceanography Department since 1970. He is internationally known for his research on the ecology and paleoceanography of reef building corals in Hawaii and the Pacific at large. Richard Grigg is also known as the leading authority in the world on precious coral ecology. He has published over 50 scientific papers on this subject alone and has been active in this field of research for over 40 years. Dr. Grigg was recently awarded the National Academy of Underwater Arts and Science's Lifetime Achievement Award for underwater Research and a local award. The Waterman Award, from the Duke Kahanamoku Foundation. He was a unbelievable surfer and a great contributor to education and to all surfers. He will be missed!

Team T&C Surf was victorious at the Hawaiian leg of the 2014 Oakley Surf Shop challenge surfing the world-class lefts of Ala Moana Bowls. Our local North Shore Hawaiian Island Creations shop took second place honors. This is a one day event that matches up our Hawaii surf shops with four man teams and a chance to go to the National Championship in

Central America. Next up Steamer Lane in California in July. Here are the results

- Final Results:
 - 1. T&C Surf
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 2. HIC- Haleiwa
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 3. Pipe Dreams Surf Co.
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To help keep your celebrations bright, remember these safety tips:

 Make sure the balloon's string or ribbon is securely tied to it.

 Add a heavy weight to the end of the string or ribbon.

• Never release balloons into the sky.

• Deflate balloons after your celebration.

If you see a metallic balloon caught in a power line, don't try to free it. Please report it by calling Hawaiian Electric's Trouble Line at 1-855-304-1212.



Olakino Maika'i (Good Health) by Naty Camit Hopewell

The Changing World of Medicine

I'd like to share some of the recent recommendations for the treatment goals for high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes. Remember, these are only guidelines. The final decisions are between you and your provider.

High blood pressure—the normal pressure is no more than 120/80. The smaller the person, the lower the normal pressure. To review: the top number is the highest pressure in the heart when it is about to pump blood out; the bottom number is the pressure when the heart is empty and the muscle is in relaxation. A reading of 140/90 or higher indicates high blood pressure. The standard of care has been to reduce blood pressure below 140/90. The recent change in blood pressure goal applies to those 60 years and older and that new goal is less than 150/90.

The second change is in the management of high cholesterol. Until recently, the goal for LDL (low density lipid or bad cholesterol) was less than 100, which is considered normal. Now, we take into consideration your risk factors, such as diabetes, high blood pressure, or a past heart attack. If you have any of these high risk factors, the recommendation is to put you on moderate to high doses of a strong cholesterol medicine, such as atorvastatin (Lipitor). For people who are of low risk for heart attacks or strokes, we don't recommend medications unless their LDL is 180. Of course, we're always recommending a healthy diet and exercise to lower LDL. The goal is now to see a drop in LDL, but not necessarily below 100. Many cardiologists disagree with this).

The third change concerns diabetes. The goal for diabetics has been an A1c of less than 7. A1c reflects your blood sugar in the last 2-3 months; normal is 5.8. Less than 7 is still the goal, but the acceptable goal for those 70 and older is now 8 or less. Recent studies show that lowering A1c too rigorously in the elderly causes more harm. So, have a discussion with your provider about the right goals for you.

Anyone or group interested in volunteering @ Kahuku Library for the summer reading program please contact 293-8935

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'Olelo Kahuku Kahea: Students Films Bring the Community Together



At Kahuku, modern technology was used by the youth to capture the voices and images of their community in a Film Festival that celebrated their Kupuna. Empowered by the leadership of 'Olelo Community Television, the event was a "calling" or "Kahea" at the on-campus Kahuku 'Olelo Media Center. The Kahea message was to show the power of film and television as educational tools for youth; and to connect the village and empower the voice of the community.

"The 'Olelo Kahuku Kahea was a huge success thanks to the team effort by the student Kahuku Film Club, 'Olelo Public Television, and many parents and teachers," said Angela Breene, 'Olelo Community Media Center Manager for Wahiawa & Kahuku. "I couldn't have been happier to see so many new and familiar faces from our community. And I'm so proud of the initiative and hard work by our youth who took charge of hosting the event."

Students of the Kahuku Film Club welcomed their guests with a traditional Hawaiian chant taught to them by Kupuna Dawn Wasson. Under the stars, students helped to serve a potluck dinner. The Kahuku Student Maori team, lead by Risha Alaiasa performed traditional songs and dance which ended with a Haka. And Samoan edu-tainer, Kap Te'o-Tafiti and his two sons, Lafai and Fatu both Kahuku Film Club students, performed traditional Fire-Knife.

Guests moved inside for the Film Festival. Students showed their most recent short videos "Hokule'a: a Boy's Journey to Hawaiian Pride" and an anti-bullying video, "Hug a Bully." Their main features were the interviews they did with some of their kupuna in Ko'olau Loa. The evening ended with songs per-

formed by film club president Kilianna Kaaialii and her younger brothers Tazman and Zane.

"The students made such beautiful films on their Kupuna that we all were able to see and connect to the beauty and wisdom of our Kupuna!" said Don Sand, Kahuku 'Olelo client service manager and mentor for the Kahuku Film Club. "I was amazed to see that it was our students that brought the village together! Most students I see are distracted by watching canned media but our film club kids use digital technology that connected their Kupuna back to the village."

City Council Chairman Ernie Martin and his wife, Melanie were among the many dignitaries who attended the Kahea. "My wife and I were so impressed by the films that were produced through the Kahuku Film Club," said Martin. "Being graduates of public high schools ourselves, we took great pride and admiration in the enthusiasm and maturity of the students and the dedication of the faculty in this program. We both look forward to further projects and continued success through this outstanding program. Imua Red Raiders!"

Special Awards were given out by the film club students: Alicia Esche, the manager of the Kahuku. org student store received the MVP award; Coach Reggie Torres received the Most Inspirational Interview Award; and Sunset Elementary teacher, Gail Pule received the Life Time Media Teacher Award.

After such a successful Film Festival, Breene hopes that even more of the Community will coming back and take advantage of the resources at their North Shore Olelo Media Center at Kahuku High School.

Students Test Solar Power on Earth Day



Laie Elementary teammates (l to r) Leina Carvalho and Keha Benson with fellow pair Cobi Ah Puck and Angelo Galeai display their light-weight solar-powered vehicles while waiting for their vehicles' Solar Sprint Exhibition performance runs, at sunny Kapolei High School.

Earth Day was a perfect day for students to test the power of the sun at the Solar Sprint Exhibition. Convened at Kapolei High School's sunny tennis courts, roughly 350 students from six elementary and middle schools tested the performance of their model solar-powered vehicles.

Applying math and science concepts learned at school, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders paired up with team mates to build light-weight, bare-frame vehicles designed to support a mini photovoltaic panel and a small electric motor. The vehicles were tested at the Solar Sprint in timed trials.

"The principles taught in science, technology, engineering, and math classes have helped the students with the construction and performance of their solarpowered vehicles," explained Barbara Jean Kahawaii, Laie Elementary School science teacher. "We see the results of STEM teaching through this activity."

To meet the basic performance requirements, the model vehicles needed to sprint down the 20-meter course (roughly 60 feet) within 20 seconds, which is about 3 feet per second. To exceed the standard, the students added 12 ounces of lead weights to their vehicles and attempted to run the same course within 30 seconds.

The Solar Sprint Exhibition is offered by the State of Hawai'i Department of Education and is sponsored

by Hawaiian Electric Company.

"We want to encourage students to learn how the sun's energy is converted into useful electrical energy," said Kimm Teruya, Hawaiian Electric's program administrator. "Our support of educational programs, such as Solar Sprint, demonstrates our commitment to the development of renewable energy."

Participating at this year's event were students from Kapolei Middle, L'ie Elementary, Niu Valley Middle, Wai'anae Elementary, Waipahu Intermediate, and Wheeler Middle schools.





After many years of grassroots' activism, residents are happy to see a part of the Turtle Bay Resort Expansion curtailed through conservation easement of 665 acres, including Kawela Bay. There could still be two new hotels and other commercial and resortresidential development.

The conservation easement deal totaled \$48.5 Million. The state's contribution of \$40 Million dollars is no small change. But at this juncture, almost everybody agreed it was the right thing to do.

Governor Abercrombie, at the very last minute, put much pressure on the Senate Ways and Means Committee Chair David Ige (who's running for Governor also) to produce the \$40M to seal the conservation deal. It was politically tempting for Abercrombie to corner his gubernatorial opponent by publicly asking Ige to show him the \$40M!

Senate Ways and Means Committee David Ige and House Finance Chair Sylvia Luke should be commended for their accomplishment to produce this \$40 Million at the eleventh hour.

Yes, Governor Abercrombie had put \$40 Million in his budget for this pending proposal. But as usual, Abercombie gave the legislators a bloated budget that had to be trimmed. The legislators cut \$250 Million from his budget proposal last year to balance the budget. Year 2014 was not different.

Then, there was the Abercrombie's rosy prediction of revenue surplus of \$844 Million at his January 2014 State of the State Address.

By the time March 2014 came along, the Council on Revenues changed its revenue forecasts to zero. Abercrombie responded by insisting the economy was "solid and sound".

It's interesting to see yo-yo predictions like these. One has to wonder how much is political posturing and how much is real.

Anyhow, at the very last minute, Senator Ige put together and delivered a viable \$40 Million solution through refinancing the existing debt attached to the Hawaii Convention Center.

This Ige solution did not require an upfront \$40 Million from the General Fund, which was already balanced by the last few days of the 2014 legislative session.

Although Abercrombie had not shared details about the Kawela Bay/agricultural conservation deal with House Finance Chair Luke, the House of Representatives supported the last-minute financing

solution.

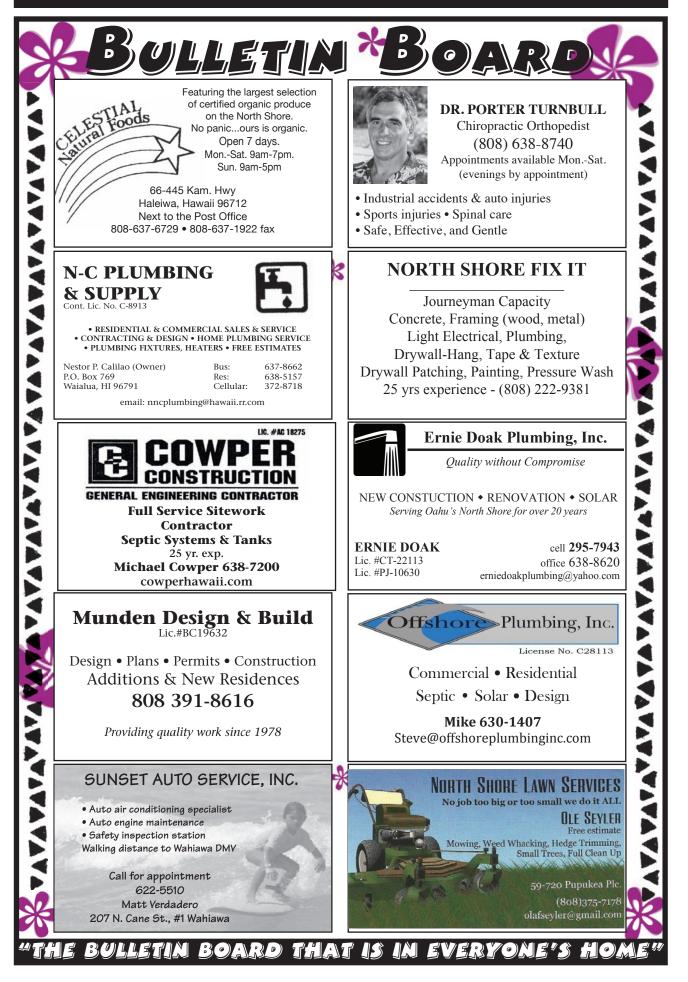
Relatively speaking, \$40 Million is pittance compared to the BILLIONS of dollars that the state will be forced to spend to mitigate the infrastructural impacts of massive developments on our 2-lane Kamehameha Highway from Kahalu'u to Haleiwa alone.

This was one instance where most legislators understood the public sentiment and the value of this conservation easement to Keep the Country Country. Kawela Bay is a state treasure that ought to be preserved for now and the future. Keep the Country Country is not just a slogan. It's about protecting Hawaii's sense of place, the tourism industry, natural resources, open space, food security, quality of life, sustainability and more.

Congratulations to thousands of residents, here and abroad who have contributed through the decades to this outcome. Pause and celebrate! Kudos go to all the helping hands. Don't go away. There is still a long road ahead to keep the country country for a sustainable Oahu. More info can be obtained at http://www.DefendOahuCoalition.org

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