



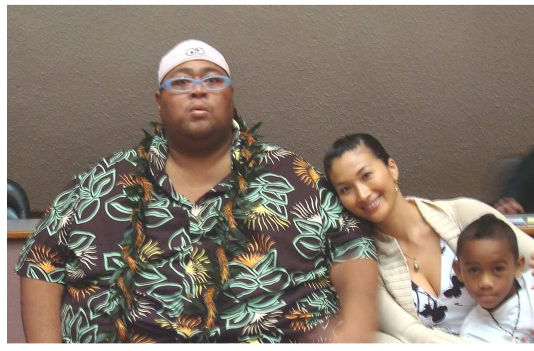
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NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD REPORT MARCH - APRIL 2008

LEGISLATIVE ISSUES



Saleva'a Atisano'e aka Konishiki (shown with his wife & niece) was honored by the House for his sumo career & support of the people along the Leeward Coast.

Marumoto Calls for Action on Kahala Beach Overgrowth

Rep. Marumoto introduced resolutions (HR 219/HCR 258) that request the Office of State Planning to coordinate various agencies and entities to clear excess vegetation that blocks Kahala Beach,

especially at high tide. In November of 2007 Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board No. 3 member Lucinda Pyles organized a tour of various state and county agencies, district legislators, and community leaders to observe the overgrowth in public areas.

The Planning Office then convened a meeting of these parties – the City Department of Planning and Permitting, the DLNR Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands, the DBED & T Office of Coastal Zone Management Branch, Senator Sam Slom, Rep. Marumoto, Rep. Lila Berg, Councilman Charles Djou, the Kahala Community Association, and Neighborhood Board No. 3 to discuss how best to deal with what Marumoto calls "our incredibly-shrinking beach".

The Office of Coastal Zone Management presented a draft plan of research and action. Marumoto's resolution asks the Planning Office to continue its leadership role in convening the departments that have jurisdiction in this area plus interested parties to work towards a solution.

A Few Bills of Interest

The House passed all House Bills to the Senate on March 4th. If a bill did not "cross over", its fate is in doubt. This is how some issues fared in the House:

- Medical Malpractice Tort Reform is dead despite efforts to resuscitate it
- Design professionals of highways 100% liable only if they are over 30% at fault
- Ignition locking device required on cars of those convicted of driving under the influence
- Stalled – providing helmets to minor when driving all-terrain vehicles
- Ceded Land Settlement to give OHA a portion of Hilo, Kakaako & Barbers Point passed the House
- After a fix-up, give Aloha Stadium to UH to have a public corporation market and operate it
- Authorize the State to conduct unannounced visits in cases of child abuse or neglect
- Allow conservation enforcement officers to use Taser electroshock guns
- Failed: Ban on high caliber rifles that use 50 mm ammunition
- Phase out of incandescent light use by the State and switch to CFL/LED lights moving to the Senate
- \$50 M fund for UH Repair & Maintenance established
- Recommended –a bill to cap corporate contributions to non-candidate committees to a total of \$1000.

Community Groups Congregate at Capitol – The Kidney Foundation provided Capitol employees with health assessments. Agricultural interests as well as the Building Industry Association invited legislators to food tasting events. Hosting information tables in the halls of the Capitol on different days were historic preservation groups, civil rights organizations, technology ventures, environmental entities, the Cancer Society with related groups, and the AARP with many senior citizen and caregiver associations. Soroptomists invited legislators to view a movie on human trafficking.



L. to r. Jon deMello of Mountain Apple Co., Peter Kim of Yummy Restaurant Group, Joseph Ferraro of Ferraro Choi Asso., Architects & Richard Ha of Hamakua Springs Country Farms were honored as Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame recipients for 2008. Rep. Marumoto honored them & Junior Achievement on its 65th Anniversary.

DISTRICT ISSUES

Budget District Highlights – \$80,000 for Leahi Hospital Master Plan; \$250,000 for Kalani High School security gates at bottom of stairs. To support these measures, contact the Chair & Members of the House Finance and Senate Ways & Means Committees.

In addition, 250 Grants-In-Aid applications were filed requesting a total of \$256 million. District organizations include Diamond Head Theater and Red Cross.

Diamond Head Health Center – The Governor has released funds to repair the leaky roof of the Kilauea Ave. facility next to Leahi Hospital. The building houses the DOH Adolescent and Adult Mental Health divisions, AIDS/SDS Prevention,

Developmental Disabilities Branch and Public Health Nursing. When the rest of the funds are released the \$798,000 project is expected to start construction in November.

Kapahulu Center Grant-in-Aid – The Governor also released \$67,338 for the center, which offers a variety of programs for over 400 senior citizens. It is currently undergoing renovations to improve accessibility to comply with ADA standards.

District Schools

Repairs at Neighborhood Schools

The Department of Education will perform the following repair and maintenance (R & M) projects in the 19th House District. Health and safety projects take high priority.

Kaimuki Middle

- Q Replace Boys/Girls shower
- B Re-roof
- I Replace Stove Exhaust

Kalani High

- D Re-roof
- H Replace Library Light Fixture
- L Kitchen Replace Louvers
- M Replace Louvers
- M Repair/Replace Exhaust Fans
- Trailer, Replace A/C Units

Liholiho Elementary

- J & F Install Ceiling Fans
- J Re-roof

Liliu'okalani Elementary

- Replace Water Line

Waialae Charter.

- Replace Fire Alarm System

Wilson Elementary

- C Renovate 2nd Floor Restrooms

Also the A Building will be re-roofed at Kahala Elementary, 18th House District.



Kaimuki Lions booth at the Lili'uokalani Health & Safety Fair

School Activities – Liholiho Elementary put on a splendid production of the opera Barber of Seville. The Kaimuki Lions, HPD, Rep. Calvin Say, local businesses sponsored booths at the Lili'uokalani Health and Safety Fair. Rep. Marumoto's table featured traffic safety bills and laws. Eighty-five Wilson School 5th graders visited the Capitol, the Judicial History Center and the Mission House Museum. Kudos to Kaimuki High Playhouse production of West Side Story featuring dozens of public school students.

Sacred Hearts Academy ~ Recognized for Character Education – Principal Betty White travelled to Washington D.C. to accept a \$20,000 grant recognizing Sacred Hearts as a National School of Character. The Academy has always stressed character education – good citizenship, honesty, integrity and unselfishness. A portion of the grant will be used to hold a Character Education Institute on April 5 for public schools within the Kaimuki-Palolo area.

Robotics Team Excels – Named the “Rookie of the Year” Sacred Hearts robotics team placed in the top half of the Milwaukee Regional Tournament & will compete in the National Championships in April. Go Girls!

MARUMOTO ACTIVITIES

Rep Marumoto has been elected one of the Vice President of the **Hawaii Imin Shiryo Hozon Kai**, a group dedicated to the preservation and display of historic documents pertaining to the first Japanese immigrants to Hawaii. Mahalo to **Nordstroms** for including **HUGS** as one of the three beneficiary organizations for its grand opening.



Honouliuli Internment Camp Revisited

Signposts We lost many community leaders recently: Golf Course resident **Vi Dolman**, dynamic realtor extraordinaire; **Maychanh Sivonxsay**, patriotic Laotian secret army member during the Vietnam Conflict; **Nancy Bannick** of Diamond Head, enthusiastic historic preservationist; Kahala Nui resident, **Dr. Rodney West**, author, veteran, Rotarian; and **Frank Chong**, Waikiki Health Center leader and humanitarian.



Congratulations to Kapahulu resident **Sabrina Hall** of Ch 9 News (shown above interviewing a Honouliuli internee) as she moves to Corpus Christi to be an anchorperson. Many knew her father Jim Hall.

Page 4 is an excerpt from *The Companies We Keep* by Bob Sigall. Can you answer these “East Honolulu” questions?

Friends of Waialae School
Fun Fair
Saturday April 19th
9:00am to 2:00pm