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BLANCHE POPE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY MAKEOVER BY TARGET

On Monday, May 23rd Senator Ryan attended the very special unveiling and grand opening of the newly renovated school library at Blanche Pope Elementary School in Waimanalo. Target and Heart of America partnered to do a complete renovation of the library, including books, Mac computers, furnishings and much more, as a part of their commitment to education and focus on helping students read proficiently by the end of third grade.

Upon arrival, Senator Ryan was surprised and heartened to see so many parents on site to join in a special campus service day. Everyone was provided with a red Target volunteer shirt, and they got right to work revitalizing the garden by weeding and planting native ferns, touch-up painting and playground equipment clean-up.

Volunteers also gathered in the cafeteria to fill Target canvas bags with books and other donated goodies for distribution to every Pope Elementary student. Others assembled Food Bank care packages for families in need. This event fostered so much school pride and the keiki are now well equipped for all their reading needs.



Info on Target & Heart of America partnership in the READesign® Library Makeover

The READesign® Library Makeover revitalizes elementary school libraries into warm, friendly places that engage children in learning, creating a love of reading. The READesign® Library Makeover includes vibrant paint, murals, new furniture, and 1,000-2,000 new, high-quality library books.

The READesign® Library Makeover program engages volunteers, especially local youth, as well as corporate team members and other members of the community, in service and community involvement through library beautification and improvement activities, book distributions and one-on-one reading activities with children. The project provides tangible results in the form of a revitalized library, as well as the intangible results of engaging people in caring, compassionate community service to children in need.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS IN BRIEF

Here's a more in depth look at a few of the bills passed during the 2011 Legislature

SB 1520 ~ NATIVE HAWAIIAN RECOGNITION

Summary:

This measure, which became a law on May 3, 2011, recognizes Hawaiians as “the only indigenous, aboriginal, maoli people of Hawaii.” The intention of this, as denoted in the measure is to facilitate “self-governance.” The measure establishes a Native Hawaiian roll commission under the Office of Hawaiian Affairs which will consist of five qualified Native Hawaiian members. The Native Hawaiian roll commission will be responsible for maintaining a roll of qualified Native Hawaiians. The term “Native Hawaiian” refers to all those who are descendent from the aboriginal peoples who “occupied and exercised sovereignty in Hawaii” prior to 1778.

The text of this measure can be found at:

http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2011/bills/SB1520_CD1_.pdf

Did you know?

Hawaii has a biennial legislature, meaning it consists of 2 years. All the bills that did not pass this session (first year of the biennial) will be rolled over to the 2012 Session.

2011 Regular Session
by the numbers:

BILLS INTRODUCED

By Senate: 1,559

By House: 1,665

Total: 3,224

BILLS PASSED 252

VETO MESSAGES

As of the end of May, the Governor has vetoed two measures and disclosed his intent to veto of one more:

HB382 - Re: Auditor

SB1416 - Re: Highway Safety

SB590 - Re: Fed Stimulus Program

For more information please look up these bills at

www.capitol.hawaii.gov

He has until June 27th to give a 10 day notice to the Legislature about what bills he plans to return with objections.

All bills passed by the Legislature shall become law on the 45th day after adjournment if the Governor does not provide notice of veto.

SB651 ~ MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE HELP

The Legislature passed Senate Bill 651, a landmark measure intended to help homeowners at risk of losing their homes (owner/occupant). This bill implements a comprehensive strategy to reform the mortgage foreclosure process to protect homeowners who are in foreclosure or at risk of foreclosure.

The primary component established under this measure, the Mortgage Foreclosure Dispute Resolution Program, seeks to provide the owner-occupants of residential property in Hawai'i who are facing foreclosure the opportunity to meet face-to-face with the mortgagees (bank/lender) to attempt reaching resolution such as modification. There is also an option of converting a non-judicial to a judicial foreclosure which may be a good option for many families.

The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs will administer the program, which will begin no later than October 1, 2011 and continue until September 30, 2014.

For more information please call DCCA at 586-7582

**HAWAII ENTERPRISE ZONES
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
DOING BUSINESS WITH THE MILITARY
COMMISSARIES & EXCHANGES
FREE BUSINESS WORKSHOP!**

**Mark your calendars
and save the date! Windward, Oahu
Tuesday, June 28, 2011**

**9:00 a.m.—Noon
Koolau Ballrooms, Koolau Golf Course
Mauka Meeting Room
45-550 Kionaole Road**

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**WINDWARD
GREEN BUILDING
EXPO**

COMING SOON THIS SUMMER!

**EXHIBITORS, BUILDERS,
VENDORS, BUYERS ALL
ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE!**

**TOURS OF GREEN BUILT HOMES
ALSO BEING PLANNED.**

**Send email to :
senryan@capitol.hawaii.gov
to receive information.**

SENATOR RYAN ON THE MOVE!

- SUN, MAY 1 Lei Day at Windward Mall, hosted by Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Kaneohe
WED, MAY 4 Keiki Day, selling the Honolulu Star Advertiser to benefit PACT near Castle, Kailua
FRI, MAY 6 Blanche Pope Elementary School Ho'ike, Waimanalo
Kamiloiki Elementary School Luau, Hawaii Kai
SAT, MAY 7 DOE Honolulu District Elementary Speech Festival, judge of oral communication (28 schools participating),
McKinley HS, Honolulu
Kaiser High School Athletic Foundation Annual Luau, Sea Life Park, Waimanalo
MON, MAY 9 Kailua Elementary School Role Model Luncheon, Kailua
Waimanalo Neighborhood Board, Waimanalo School Library
TUE, MAY 10 Waimanalo Elementary & Intermediate English Language Learners, K-8 grade, hosted at the State Capitol
Hawaii Kai Legislators Town Hall Meeting with Sen. Slom and Reps. Ward and Hashem,
Hahaione Elementary, Hawaii Kai
WED, MAY 11 Kailua Urban Design Task Force Meeting, Kailua
THU, MAY 12 Kahua Ko'olau Ho'ike DOE Windward District Induction Program (cultural training) Celebration, Benjamin Parker
Elementary, Kaneohe
Waimanalo Agriculture Association meeting with Dept. of Agriculture Chair Kokubun and DLNR Deputy
Director Tam, Waimanalo
FRI, MAY 13 Waimanalo Elementary & Intermediate Ho'ike Festival, Waimanalo
SAT, MAY 14 Windward Community College Graduation Ceremony, Kaneohe
WED, MAY 18 Kailua Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting, Kailua
THU, MAY 19 Marine Corps League Scholarship Ceremony, MCBH, Kaneohe
FRI, MAY 20 Enchanted Lake Elementary, May Day Celebration, Kailua
Hawaii B Cycle program launch, Kailua
Kaiser High School Graduation Ceremony, Hawaii Kai
SAT, MAY 21 Kekula 'o Samuel Manaiakalani Kamakau Graduation Ceremony, Kaneohe
Kailua High School Graduation Ceremony, Kailua
MON, MAY 23 Blanche Pope Elementary Library Renovation Celebration, Waimanalo

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SENATOR RYAN ON THE JOB!



State Sheriff honorees



Site visit to West Side housing



R) Kailua Elementary Legislative Leadership Luncheon
Below) Kainalu Elementary School impromptu visit to the Capitol



Senator speaking at Luncheon



Major Crouch and Sen Ryan at Renewable Energy Meeting



Windward Seventh Day Adventist Academy Visit to the office

Below) Kalaheo HS Exchange student Olha Schestakova of the Ukraine R) Senators Espero, Ryan, Nishihara, Tokuda and Kidani take time to pose for a photo with Asst. Sec. Tammy Duckworth



Art in the Capitol night 2011



Senator poses with Judicial appointee Lanson Kupau



Senator Ryan does a site visit to the Slaughterhouse in Ewa



Senator concentrating in WAM conference committee



Senator sharing information with CM Anderson



Peck on the cheek with "Hawaii 5-0's" Alex O'Loughlin better known as Steve McGarrett.

Judicial appointees, 2011 Session



Senator Ryan and LG Schatz on Opening Day



Senator visiting with an exhibitor on Worlds Wetlands Day-Kawainui Marsh

Our Community Schools

The keiki are our most precious resource. I have been honored to attend events and spend time with each of the area schools students, teachers and administrators.



*Blanche Pope Ho'ike
Friday, May 5th, 2011*



*Waimanalo Elem & Intermediate
ESL students visit the State Capitol
Tuesday, May 10th, 2011*



*Kailua Elementary
Role Model Luncheon
Friday, May 5th, 2011*



*Enchanted Lake Elementary
May Day Celebration
Friday, May 20th, 2011*

Senator on the Move continued...

- TUE, MAY 24 Green Workforce Development Conference, Hawaii Convention Center, Honolulu
Community Cultural Marketplace, Kaka'ako Makai, Honolulu
- WED, MAY 25 Kainalu Elementary 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony, Kailua
Waimanalo Elementary & Intermediate 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony, Waimanalo
Hui Malama O Ke Kai 13th Annual Ho'ike, Waimanalo
- THU, MAY 26 Blanche Pope Elementary 6th Grade Promotion Ceremony, Waimanalo
Waena Apartments Affordable Housing Open House, Honolulu
- FRI, MAY 27 Conflict Resolution Seminar, Honolulu
- MON, MAY 30 Memorial Day Commemoration Ceremonies—morning at Punchbowl National Cemetery; afternoon
at Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery

EVENTS

JUNE 4 (Sat) 8:30am - 12:30pm-
Maunawili Archaeology & Historic Sites Tour—Come enjoy a site tour from Ulupo Heiau to the Liliuokalani Retreat and Kukapoki Heiau in upper Maunawili Valley. Learn how early Hawaiians managed the natural resources of Kailua ahupuaa. \$10 donation requested. Please make reservations by calling 263-8008 or emailing email@ahahui.net

JUNE 17 (Fri) 6-9pm
Malama ia Kawainui - Collaborative show and fundraiser to build awareness of the work of Ahahui Malama I ka Lokahi, Hawaiians for the Conservation of Native Ecosystems. Nohea Island Arts (Nohea Gallery) 676 Kailua Rd. For information contact nohea@lava.net, 596-0074 or 262-2727

JUNE 18 (Sat) 8am—2pm at Kailua Intermediate School
Aloha Aina Earth Day sponsored by Schnitzer Steel. All proceeds to benefit Windward Boys and Girls Club. Items that are typically collected include: scrap metal, appliances, newspaper and cardboard, beverage containers, cellular phones, car batteries, old computers, and much more. Contact: Rene Mansho 306-1876 or rmansho@schn.com

JUNE 22 (Wed) 8:30am—12:00 at Hawaii State Capitol room 325
Seniors Legislative Review 2011, Sponsored by Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans and Kokua Council. Continental breakfast and light lunch provided FREE. Legislators will offer perspective of the session and ideas for next session. Audience members will have an opportunity to suggest issues of concern for consideration next session.. Contact: Laura Manis at 597-8838 or manis@lava.net

JUNE (LAST WEEK) DBEDT EVENT...more info to come

ALOHA `AINA EARTH DAY



Recycling Community Clean-Up/Fundraiser benefiting

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB of HAWAII - Windward

SATURDAY, June 18, 2011—8:00 AM—2:00 PM
Kailua Intermediate School - 145 S. KAINALU DR.

Please bring your recyclable waste, help our environment, and turn trash into cash for our community programs.

The following will be accepted at the site:

- Plastic bags
 - Bottle caps
 - Scrap metal
 - Beverage containers
 - Used cooking oil
 - Cell phones
 - Printer Cartridges
 - Newspaper
 - Cardboard
 - Telephone books
 - Magazines
 - Cardboard egg cartons
 - Cardboard drink trays
 - Used eye glasses, hearing aids
 - Batteries – all kinds
 - Computers, unlimited
 - Printers, scanners
 - Usable clothing & household items
- Unwanted cars – free towing - call Rene -306-1876
 - FREE roll-off bin service for scrap metal – call for info- 306-1876.
 - 2 incandescent light bulb exchange for 2 CFLs (2 per person)

NOT ACCEPTED: Tires, Motor Oil, TVs, Paints, Hazard Fluids, Microwave Ovens, Gas Tanks, Green Waste

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Volunteer Opportunities

SINGLE DAY EVENT OPPORTUNITIES: ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES:

6/11 - Ulupo Heiau and its lo'i kalo need volunteers to help Aha-hui Malama i ka Lokahi & Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club make repairs and clean the area. What to bring: backpack, lunch, water, rain gear, mosquito repellent, gloves. Tools: Sickles, pruners, handsaws, hand cultivators. Saturday, June 11, 8:30am – 12:30pm, Meeting at the Windward YMCA parking area, contact email@ahahui.net, 808-263-8008

6/18 - Na Pohaku o Hauwahine needs volunteers for wetland cleanup. What to bring: backpack, lunch, water, rain gear, mosquito repellent, gloves. Tools: Sickles, pruners, handsaws, hand cultivators.

Saturday, June 18, 8:30am – 12:30pm, meeting place located on the makai side of Kapaa Quarry Road about one mile from the Kalaniana'ole Highway stoplight, contact email@ahahui.net, 808-263-8008

Waimanalo's Hawaii Food Bank needs volunteers to pack bags of food and make other arrangements for those in need. Volunteer opportunities are every Wednesday at 4:00 pm. St. Matthew's Episcopal, Waimanalo. Please call aunty Nickie Hines to help at 259-8406.

Seagull Pre-School has many volunteer opportunities for those who enjoy helping young keiki ages 2-5. There are many choices ranging from reading to the kids to taking them on field trips. Contact: Jayne Arasaki, 674-1444

Community Helping Schools is dedicated to improve the quality of education in Hawaii's public schools. Many public schools turn to Community Helping Schools with requests for various volunteer services. You can see what the schools need help with on Community Helping School's website at <http://communityhelpingschools.org/wishes/volunteer>, Contact: Kathie Wells, 225-2621

Sea Life Park has various volunteer opportunities to help both the animals and the community. If you enjoy working with animals you can help rehabilitate sick and injured seabirds, or if you want to educate the community you can assist with student outreach programs. More information and applications are on their website www.sealifeparkhawaii.com/educintern_volunteer.asp. Contact: Brianna Saylor, 259-2513.

**Community Information Meeting
Ku'ulei Road Project
Safe Streets to School Grant Application
Tuesday, June 7, 2011
6:30pm-8pm
Kailua Elementary School Cafeteria

Hosted by Senator Pohai Ryan**



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2011!

**Kaiser High School
Kailua High School
Kalaheo High School**

**We wish you all the best for a bright and successful future!
In addition, 6th grade, and 8th grade graduates!**

I also congratulate all honor roll students from SD25 schools. Keep up the great work!