

Waikēle, Village Park, Royal Kunia, Makakilo,
Kapolei, Kalaēloa, Honokai Hale,
and portions of Ko 'Olina & Waipahu

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Aloha,

I hope you and your family are enjoying the summer! Here are a few things I'd like to share with you.

Please contact me if I can help you in any way. My email is sengabbard@capitol.hawaii.gov and my phone number is 586-6830. Mahalo for the privilege of serving you!

Mike

Listen-Story

I'll be hosting my next "Listen-Story" meeting at the Waikēle Starbucks (next to Borders Books) at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 21st. I hope to see you there. If you can't make it, please call or email your ideas or concerns.



May 6, 2008 - Congratulations to Kapolei Middle's Annette Nishikawa, the Leeward District 2008 National Distinguished Principal!

Important Legislation Passes

Three important pieces of legislation that I authored passed the Legislature this session.

SB 1891 - gives the Department of Land and Natural Resources greater enforcement powers to protect our public lands and prevent ATVs and other vehicles from illegally driving on our beaches.



Senator Gabbard with Mr. Michael Lurvey, the CEO of Carbon Diversion, at their facility in Campbell Industrial Park. Carbon Diversion uses a technology called flash carbonization to convert green waste into useable charcoal and has the goal of reducing our need for a landfill.

SB 2373 - requires retailers to maintain an electronic log of pseudoephedrine sales (a primary ingredient in making "ice") and submit a monthly report to the Department of Public Safety.

SCR 70 - directs the Legislative Reference Bureau (LRB) to do a study on the feasibility of establishing a degree program for Sports and Entertainment Management at UH.

Both SB 1891 and SB 2373 would give law enforcement better tools to protect our community and environment. The bills are now on Governor Lingle's desk awaiting her signature. She has until July 8th to sign the bills into law, allow them to become law without her signature, or to veto them.

SCR 70 starts the conversation aimed at developing a program at UH to train future leaders in the sports and entertainment industries. SCR 70 doesn't need the Governor's approval, so the report is scheduled to be completed before the start of the 2009 Legislative Session next January.



Senate District 19 Benefits in a Big Way from State Construction Funding

Senate District 19 was fortunate to have received \$295,509,000 in construction funding in the 2007-2009 State Budget. Last year, the budget included funding for important projects, such as UH West Oahu, the North-South Road, East-West Road, and the Kapolei Court Complex. This year, we were able to secure an additional \$37,668,000. The projects include:



- \$20,000,000 - Ft. Barrette Road Widening
- \$9,255,000 - Kapolei Judiciary Complex
- \$6,600,000 - Kalaeloa Barbers Point Harbor Improvements
- \$850,000 - Kalaeloa Safety Improvements
- \$500,000 - Malama Learning Center (at Kapolei High School)
- \$200,000 - Makakilo Baptist Church Preschool
- \$163,000 - Waiahole Water System Improvements
- \$100,000 - Barbers Point Elementary Improvements



UH West Oahu Zone Change Almost a Reality

I submitted testimony in strong support of Bill 25, which is currently before the City Council. This bill would allow 500 acres of land to be rezoned so that the future campus of UH West Oahu can be built.

You may have heard that the first phase of the campus is scheduled to be completed by Fall 2010. Bill 25 passed the Zoning Committee on May 13th. The next vote will be on June 4th when the bill is considered by the full City Council. I encourage you to get involved and testify on this very important bill. For more information, please contact Gale Mejia at 454-4824.



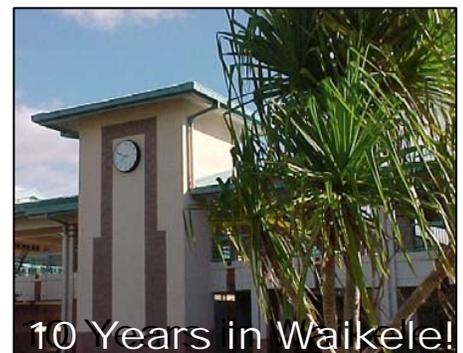
C.L.E.A.N Making Kapolei Safer

A big mahalo to Annie Lam of Tesoro and all the businesses that participated in Campbell Local Emergency Action Network's (C.L.E.A.N) "Emergency Preparedness 101" seminar at the Fil-Com Center on May 14th. I had the opportunity to offer some opening remarks at the event. If you're not familiar, C.L.E.A.N is a volunteer, non-profit organization made up of Kapolei businesses that are dedicated to raising awareness about emergency preparedness. As the recent tragic events in Myanmar and China illustrate, a natural disaster can strike at any moment and we need to have necessary safeguards in place.

Waikele Elementary Celebrates 10th Anniversary

It was a pleasure presenting an honorary commendation from the Senate at Waikele Elementary's 10th Anniversary celebration on May 16th. A big congratulations to Principal Carm Minami, Vice Principal Meryl Fujimoto, the teachers, librarians, counselors and all of the other dedicated workers that have been a part of the school's history.

Mahalo for your tireless efforts to value each and every child that has been on your campus. I wish you many more decades of success nurturing productivity and excellence.



Foodbank Drive a Big Success

My staff and I very much enjoyed coordinating the State Senate's efforts for the 2008 Hawaii Foodbank's 19th Annual Food Drive. We were able to hand over \$11,922 and 6,222 pounds of food to the Foodbank, which is the most the Senate has ever raised!

The Senate had a friendly competition among the different offices and various incentives along the way to earn points for helping in this year's food drive. The Senate Minority Research office finished first with 15,175 points, Senator Ron Menor's office placed 2nd with 10,510 points and Senator David Ige's office came in 3rd with 9,260 points. As part of the incentive to motivate the other Senate offices, I offered prizes to the winners: 2 tickets on board the Star of Honolulu whale watching and luncheon cruise ship, a gift basket of assorted goodies from the Gabbard ohana, and a private gourmet lunch prepared by my wife Carol and me.



IPA Tennis Player Wins ILH Title

I presented Matt Westmoreland with an honorary certificate from the State Senate at Island Pacific Academy's (IPA) Spring Sports Award Banquet on May 16th. Matt was recognized for winning the Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH) Boys Singles Tennis Championship at Patsy T. Mink Central Oahu Regional Park on April 23rd. IPA Principal James Nelligan was on hand to watch Matt defeat Punahou's Doug Ho, 6-2 6-2, in the title match. This marked IPA's first ILH title in school history.

As a former professional tennis player and coach, I know what kind of dedication it takes to excel on the tennis court. Matt's parents and the IPA ohana are rightly proud of this outstanding accomplishment.

Matt is a 16-year old IPA sophomore who lives in Pearl City with his parents, Homer and Helen. He started playing tennis at age 11. When he was in the 8th grade, he traveled around the mainland and attended an on-line school so he could one-pointedly focus on improving his tennis game. He was ranked as high as 31st in the nation.

Matt enrolled at IPA as a 9th grader last year. His long-time tennis instructor is David Chang, and his IPA tennis coach is Ty Aki. IPA's current Athletic Director is Ron Tsuchiya.



Kapolei High Students win Teen Video Award

Rep. Sharon Har and I presented honorary certificates from the State Legislature to Kapolei High students at a red-carpet award ceremony at the Ward Consolidated Theaters on May 15th. Patrick Guanzon, Shantelle Aglanao, Aizha-Lee Canne, Gianna Gabriel, Shenon Moore, and Travis Spencer won 3rd Place in the Social Health Category in the 2008 HMSA Teen Video Awards Contest. Teacher Daryl Madela was also recognized.

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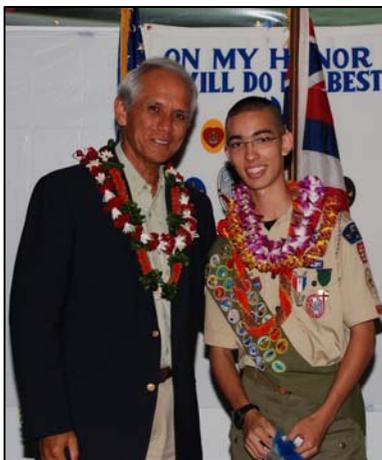
I was very impressed by the professional quality of the Public Service Announcement (PSA) the Kapolei High students produced. It's obvious that teachers like Daryl Madela and the Creative Media Academy are giving them the tools they need to succeed in life.

This year 185 videos were submitted by local students from public and private middle schools and high schools around the state. The HMSA video themes are fitness/nutrition, being drug and tobacco-free, and underage drinking prevention. Social health was a new category this year, created to cover issues such as teen pregnancy, internet safety, bullying, teen suicide, and date rape. In this category, Guanzon and the other Kapolei High School students submitted a 27-second commercial entitled *URSPACE.COM*. The piece was selected based on the original and compelling content, its excellent videography, as well as its effectiveness at getting the message across to viewers.



Sen. Gabbard, Sen. Espero, Rep. Har & Rep. Pine attended the Ground Blessing Ceremony for the Salvation Army's Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center & the East-West Road in Kapolei on May 12th. Also pictured are (L to R) Major David Hudson, Commissioner Philip Swyers, Speaker Calvin Say, Senate President Colleen Hanabusa & Rep. Magaoay.

Check out *URSPACE.COM* by going to this link: <http://www.hmsa.com/community/awards/teenvideo/winners.aspx>



Royal Kunia Resident Earns Eagle Scout Honor

I was honored to present Mark Ishizu with a certificate from the State Senate at a ceremony at King's Cathedral Oahu in Niu Valley on April 26th in recognition of him achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Mark was also chosen by the National Eagle Scout Association, Aloha Chapter to be the youth speaker at the Eagle Scout Recognition Banquet.

Mark is an exceptional young man whose positive attitude and trustworthiness set him apart from most other 17-year olds. I know his family is very proud of him and that he'll be a success in whatever path he chooses in life.

Mark was born in Sasebo, Japan, on December 5, 1990 and lived in Japan until 2005 when his family moved to Royal Kunia. Mark, his two older sisters, and younger brother have all been homeschooled by his mother Denise. His father, Wes, works for the U.S. Navy as the Mid-Pacific Planning Division Director for Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific.

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Sen. Gabbard & Rep. Har presented honorary certificates from the State Legislature to D.R. Horton Schuler Division at the Ground Blessing for their Mehana at Kapolei project on May 9th. Pictured (L to R) are Sen. Espero, Sen. Gabbard, Mike Jones, Bob Bruhl, Rep. Har, Councilman Apo & Neighborhood Board Chair Maeda Timson.