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A MESSAGE FROM KALANI

As much as I enjoy serving our district in the State Legislature, the end of session means that I can spend more time at home. Honolulu is closer to the action; Hana is closer to the earth.

In this issue, we get close to the earth. Kalo feeds both our people and our culture. Archeology reconnects our past. And, I get a look at the future in a sporty electric car.

Remember that my office will be open during the interim and I will continue working hard for you as I tour the district. Stay in touch.

Aloha,

SENATOR J. KALANI ENGLISH ENJOYS A CELEBRATED ANNUAL SPRING EVENT ~ EAST MAUI TARO FESTIVAL



Sen. English and Scott Crawford discuss taro at the the 18th **East Maui Taro Festival**. Learn more about the East Maui Taro Festival here: <http://www.tarofestival.org/>



Norman Mizuno and Alan Davidson of **Ha'iku Maui Orchids** show Helen Nielsen and Sen. English their display at the 18th Annual East Maui Taro Festival.



Sen. English and Maria Orr, two of the founders of the East Maui Taro Festival, at this years festival in Hana. April 24, 2010.

MAUI'S KA IPU KUKUI FELLOWS MEET LEADERS



Ka Ipu Kukui Fellows, a year-long program designed to train community-identified future leaders for Maui Nui were recognized in the Senate gallery by Senator J. Kalani English. Maui Legislators met with the Fellows in the Senate Majority Caucus room to give an overview of the Legislative process and to answer questions. April 7, 2010. To learn more about Ka Ipu Kukui Fellows visit <http://maui.hawaii.edu/inside/kaipukukui/index.html>

“TALK STORY” IN PAIA WITH MAUI SENATORS

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Last month State Senators J. Kalani English and Shan S. Tsutsui met with constituents from the 5th and 6th Senatorial Districts to update the public and address community concerns. Attendee's questions ranged from State department cuts, furlough days, tax increases and possible Hawai'i State Constitutional amendments. March 24, 2010.

The “talk story” session with Senator Tsutsui and Senator English was taped by AKAKU Community television and the program will air on **AKAKU** on Wednesday, April 28 at 9:39pm. If you miss that airing you can utilize AKAKU online channel 54 to schedule another viewing at: <http://www.akaku.org/program-54/>

ARCHEOLOGICAL DIG BEGINS AT MOKU'ULA IN LAHAINA

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Senator J. Kalani English, along with over 75 individuals from across the island of Maui, gathered at the site of Moku'ula for the opening ceremony of the Friends of Moku'ula's (FOM) *Ka 'Iimi 'Ike*, (Seeker of Knowledge) Program. The *Ka 'Iimi 'Ike* program's primary focus is the proper use of archeology and education as a means to inform and guide any future reconstruction of the site.

Arguably, one of the most important Hawaiian archeological sites on Maui, the sacred and political center of Moku'ula was home to ali'i for over 400 years beginning with the Pi'ilani chiefly line and ending as the royal residence of Kauikeaouli (Kamehameha III). “This is perhaps one of the most sacred places in all of Hawai'i,” said Senator English, “Yet only over the last 15 years have we begun to fully explore this site.”

In 1993, archeological investigations conducted by Bishop Museum confirmed the existence of Moku'ula and Mokuhinia, a large spring fed natural wetland containing lo'i kalo (*taro fields*) and loko 'ia (*fishponds*), both intact beneath layers of historic fill. During Hawai'i's industrial plantation era, waters were diverted from Lahaina in the service of sugar production and the Mokuhinia ponds and wetlands became a stagnant breeding ground for newly introduced mosquitoes. In 1914, plantation managers had the site drained and filled and turned it into a baseball diamond for plantation workers.

On March 20, 2010, University of Hawai'i-Maui College (UHMC) students began mapping in excavation units on the eastern side of Moku'ula. “I want to congratulate the Friends of Moku'ula and Dr. Janet Six on this project,” noted Senator English in his address at the ceremony, “Yellow, ochre, saffron and gold are the colors of the Mo'o, Kihawahine, who resides here. Today we acknowledge her and in doing so remember our own history.” Project participants will be joined by students and faculty from across the nation to continue the work started this spring and progress where the 1993 excavation by Bishop Museum left off.



(standing) *Jessie Weisman Thompson, Anabelle Paet, and Sen. English.* (seated) *Akoni Akana and Shirley Kaha'i.* March 13, 2010. Track the history and progress of this project at <http://www.mokuula.com/blog/>



PROTECTING KUPUNA CARE



Senator English addressed AARP members at the State Capitol Rotunda to reassure Hawai'i's seniors that they are a priority within the State Budget, HB 2200. March 24, 2010.

MAUI STUDENTS VISIT CAPITOL



Maui Senators J. Kalani English, Roz Baker and Shan Tsutsui took time from their busy session schedules to congratulate students of the 51st Annual Maui Schools Science & Engineering Fair held on January 28, 2010 at the Velma McWayne Santos Community Center in Wailuku. Several students from Maui County schools received various awards for their innovative science projects.

The division winners were eligible to compete in the Hawai'i State Science & Engineering Fair on Oahu at the Hawai'i Convention Center from April 5th to April 7th.

"I look forward to this event every year," said Sen. English, "they are the innovators we will rely upon in the very near future."

SMART RIDE



One of only 500 prototype models produced, Senator English had the opportunity to test Mini of Hawai'i's, "Mini E" electric vehicle. A vehicle powered entirely by electricity, the "Mini E" is Mini Cooper's sustainable option to renewable energy. April 20, 2010. For more info. visit: <http://www.miniusa.com/learn-mini-e.html?#/learn/minimalism/MINIE-m>



Senator English presents Richard Yust, Executive Director of the Maui Food Bank, with a check. Senator English's Putting Challenge generated \$1,100.00 for the Maui Food Bank in just four hours. "No Putting Around" was a record breaking fundraising event held on the State Capitol Rotunda on April 16, 2010. Learn more about the Maui Food Bank here: <http://www.mauifoodbank.org/>

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Cannabis legislation introduced by Senator J. Kalani English this session received national attention in G4 Television's "Attack of the Show" series: In The Loop, 420 special when the Senator was interviewed at his home in Hana recently. This series takes an in-depth look at the topics that are in today's headlines, featuring a roundtable discussion with experts in their respective fields.

In the interview, SB 2213 enabling compassion centers or marijuana dispensaries and SB 2450 which would decriminalize possession of small amounts of marijuana were discussed in detail as more states are considering such legislation.

Since 2000, medical marijuana has been legal in Hawai'i but patients are required to grow their own plants. Senate Bill 2213 would allow patients to obtain their marijuana prescriptions from a sanctioned compassion center, while generating about \$60 million in revenues for both the State and counties.

Senate Bill 2450 would save the State roughly \$8 million dollars a year in court costs prosecuting individuals on marijuana possession. "It seems excessive for young adults to carry a Class C felony conviction around for the rest of their life when caught experimenting in high school," said Senator English, "Not to mention saving money and space in our overburdened court and prison systems."

These bills were held in the House Judiciary Committee by Chair Rep. Jon Riki Karamatsu who refused to schedule a public hearing on these measures. Thus, they are dead for this session. "With the Senate passing these measures out with such an overwhelming majority," said Senator English, "I am considering reintroducing the bills again next session."



Sen. English welcomes Kevin Pereira and the film crew of G4 TV as they prepare for an interview in Hana. March 25, 2010. The interview can be viewed on G4TV webcast at: http://g4tv.com/attack-oftheshow/exclusives/70555/HI-Senator-J-Kalani-English-on-Marijuana-Legalization.html

