

KCA always owes a lot of mahalo to a lot of people. Help us say "Thank You!"

The March Community Meeting was great. If you missed it, here's a recap, but come see for yourself what KCA is doing.

KCA President Jon Miller

Even though the subject of the March Community Meeting was changed rather late, we got the word out and people came—in fact, a lot of people came out. About 150 people arrived early for the March 18 meeting to enjoy complementary pupu from Stella Blues Café, bottled water from Menehune Water Company.



Jon Miller

When moderator Don Couch called the meeting to order, the count of people had grown even higher. After a few public issue announcements, he introduced

Maui County Parks Supervisor Sue Ki-ang to give an update on county plans and actions in the parks.

I spoke next, to stress the importance of the meeting's topic: Building the So. Maui portion of the Coastal Heritage Trail along our shoreline. Past KCA president and concerned area homeowner George Rixey also gave his perspective as well.

Our guests were from the State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources. DLNR Land Agent Daniel Ornellas introduced Administrator Morris Atta and several representatives of various branches of the DLNR, who used a PowerPoint presentation to outline the State's

planned effort to develop the South Maui Coastal Heritage Trail between Waipuilani Park and Kalama Park. The DLNR speakers said they expect work to commence this spring.

A rousing community-comment and question-and-answer session followed. If you weren't there, you can't begin to know how important these discussions can be. I hope you will come to the KCA Community Meeting on April 15. If it helps you decide, the refreshments will be provided by Hawaiian Moons and Safeway (Kihei) Supermarket.

Mahalo!

First, of course, mahalo to the men from the DLNR for a great meeting in March! See what DLNR is doing by going to <http://hawaii.gov/dlnr>.

I should have said this before, but let me take the opportunity now to give a big mahalo to James Silvani for the wonderful cartoons he is doing for **The Kihei Insider**. We know how busy he is and we really appreciate the time he takes to give of his artful commentary on important Kihei issues. The cartoon in on page 3 of this issue. Check out www.silvaniart.com.

Also, mahalo to the Kalama Park Action Team, Pump Don't Dump (see www.pumpedontdump.com), and the active volunteers doing the work of Hoaloha'aina (www.hoalohaaina.com) for coordinating with KCA! And, finally, thank **you** for **your** support.



KCA past president George Rixey lives on a quiet stretch of beach that is part of the planned South Maui Coastal Heritage Trail. So, he had a few words to say to KCA and the DLNR at the community meeting on March 18.



Kihei Community Association is giving away reusable shopping bags like the one held here by Board Member Mike Moran. The bags, supplied by Maui County Recycling Section, are free to those who will sign a solemn promise to use the bags when shopping.



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Tidbits the Editor Couldn't Resist

Not necessarily "something for everyone," but maybe something for you or someone in your 'ohana.

The Maui News, March 29:

Parks getting recycling boost

Mayor discusses plans for new bins, forecasts economic slowdown

By Chris Hamilton, Staff Writer

WAIKAPU — Toward the end of Mayor Charmaine Tavares' annual luncheon Friday with the Maui Chamber of Commerce to discuss her budget, plans to help small businesses and environmental sustainability issues, she said she couldn't contain herself about a bunch of new containers.

The mayor made a surprise announcement before about 150 people at the Maui Tropical Plantation: The Parks and Recreation Department has begun installing 1,500 heavy-duty recycling baskets across every public park in the county.

Maui County Press Release, March 17:

New Maui County Fire Chief Announced

Maui County Newsroom

WAILUKU — The County of Maui's Fire and Public Safety Commission announced today its selection of Fire Captain Jeffrey A. Murray as the county's new Fire Chief. The unanimous decision named Murray as the head of the 300-plus member department, filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Fire Chief Carl Kaupalolo. Deputy Fire Chief Neal

Bal has served as the interim fire chief since Kaupalolo's retirement in December.

Murray is an 18-year member of the county's fire department and is based out of the Kahului fire station. Murray serves as the team leader for the fire department's Urban Search and Rescue Team and was among rescue personnel sent to Kauai to assist in rescue and recovery efforts following the Kaloko Dam disaster incident in 2006. He counts an ocean rescue in 1991 where two individuals were saved after 36 hours in open sea as one of the most rewarding and defining moments of his career.

If you have news you want to share with your Kihei community neighbors, send it to the editor of **The Kihei Insider**.

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The South Maui Environment Will That Be Nature or Plastic

Very simple choices you (and people around the world) make every day affect the birds and animals in and around the ocean.

Mike Moran

How big a problem for our oceans are plastics? How about this: Twice as big as the mainland, and growing... and may double again in a decade... and probably kills a million seabirds and over 100,000 marine mammals every year... and that's right here in the Pacific, by our islands, a huge growing waste dump of plastic articles. Papahānaumokuākea, the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument, is being surrounded by this plastic mass hovering just below the surface, which can also end up being an explosive health problem for those who caused it (karma?). As seabirds and sea creatures ingest this debris, composed of plastics as varied as cigarette lighters, fishing nets, kayaks and plastic bags, which have absorbed chemicals and pesticides, the poisons enter the food chain.

Petroleum may be the single greatest root cause of the deterioration of our natural environment. The fewer petroleum products used, the better for nature. Plastic products, or their residue, which last for decades and often for centuries, cause these major problems for tiny coral, our endangered sea turtles and Hawaiian monk seals, and for other critters in the ocean as well as our native sea birds. When studies are done on fish, it is expected they too are ingesting plastics, and if you eat them, so are you.

While the four topically related state bills all died in committees this legislative session, the Maui County bill (Chapter 20.18) Plastic Bag Reduction, is still alive in the Public Works and Facilities (PWF) Committee. It will be heard later this spring, after budget deliberations. This can be one way to drastically reduce, if not eliminate, those dreaded plastic grocery bags from fouling our waters and landscape.



Mike Moran is a daily ocean swimmer, dog walker and frequent cyclist in Kihei. He is a cofounder of the *Pump Don't Dump* program, and serves on both the Services and Public Relations committees for KCA.

Going green, you switch to reusable cloth bags.

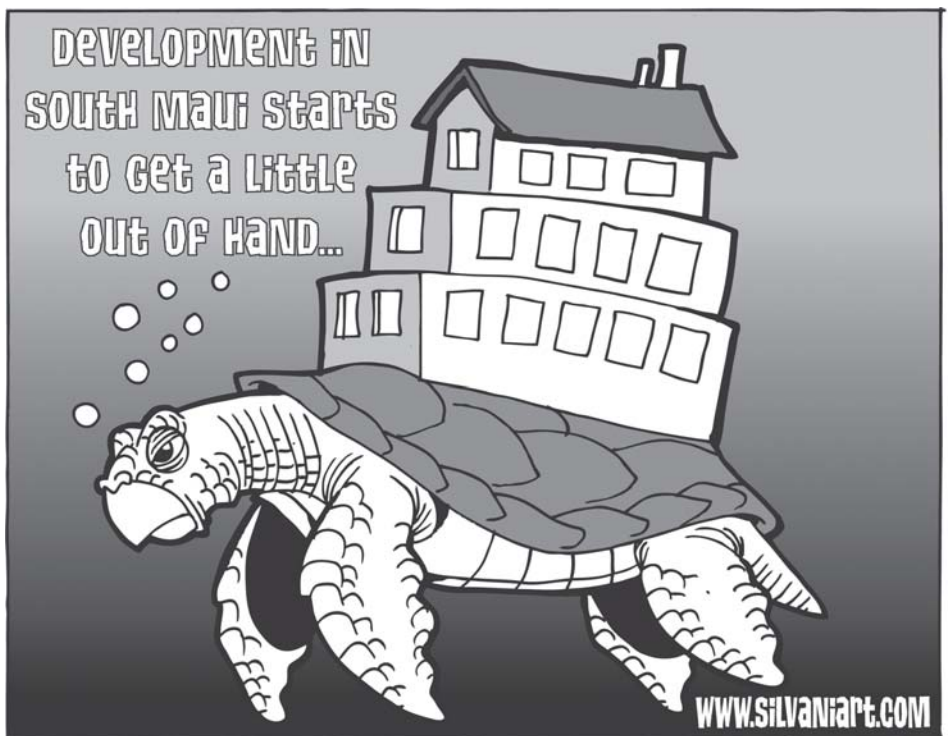
If you haven't received your free cloth grocery bag, furnished by the Maui County Recycling Section, see me at the next Community meeting on April 15, but be sure you've filed your income taxes first. **Mahalo.**

Photos at left

Above: Maybe it looks "cute" or "interesting" when researchers find sea birds like these white boobies gathering on a decaying rope in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI). It isn't cute at all when they rope fibers, cigarette lighters and other debris are fed to chicks who then starve for lack of real food.

Left: The wildlife in the NWHI don't need toothbrushes or any other plastic items, but they get plenty... and often die because of the "gifts."

(Both images: Courtesy of NOAA)



South Maui Volunteer Opportunities

Hoaloha'aina

You can personally take responsibility for making South Maui a better and more beautiful place. Here's one way. *Get involved.*

Bob Richardson

Hoaloha'aina is a grassroots organization of volunteers working in South Maui on most Monday mornings. The usual starting point for the group of 7-25 is the Kihei Boat Ramp. What began in 2001 as a small effort to clean up the mess that had developed on the unused lands surrounding the boat ramp has developed into a more complex group.

The volunteers still pick up litter, but now they do a lot more: Working on dune restoration, sea bird nurturing and habitat enhancement, invasive plant control, and on-site work with local school groups and organizations more accurately describes the current situation.

With all Hoaloha'aina efforts, partnerships and cooperation with the state and county agencies whose lands are impacted by volunteer efforts are key. A typical scenario involves someone from Hoaloha'aina contacting the Maui County Department of Parks

and Recreation or the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources about some issue on the state or county lands. Then, in discussion with the government agent, the volunteer coordinators consider what might solve the problem. If the agent agrees, a plan is settled upon that often involves both groups accepting responsibility for some of the necessary steps.

Frequently, volunteers are able to accomplish tasks that, often, are the most noticeable to the community, but also the most difficult for state or county agencies to perform. Graffiti removal, rubbish pick-up, weed control, beach dune planting—these are some of the labor intensive tasks that Hoaloha'aina volunteers take on every week.



Bob Richardson is an active South Maui volunteer with Kihei Community Association and other local organizations.

bers also working in some way towards the completion of a South Maui walking trail.

Hoaloha'aina is an excellent example



An underlying dream of the group is to join the South Maui communities together with a coastal walking trail. The concept of a South Maui Coastal Heritage Trail has long been on the books, but it has not become a reality on the ground because of those difficult-to-perform tasks mentioned above, like trail maintenance and rubbish pick-up.

You will now see many KCA mem-

of a group of volunteers working with the KCA to accomplish good things for our community. It is an example of what can be done in a small community neighborhood with volunteers willing to give back just a few hours per week.

If you have the time, please show up on a Monday. We commonly work from 7:30 to 9:30 at the Kiehi Boat Ramp. Or check for updates about what we're doing on the group's website at www.hoalohaaina.com.

The state and county are more than willing to work with other groups in other neighborhoods.

Makes you think. Doesn't it?

It's true that the people who show up to help with Hoaloha'aina projects often work very hard, but as these images prove, anyone can help, even keiki, and it is worthwhile work that you can truly be proud to have accomplished.

Insider Has Questions

Maury Asks About Affordable Housing

You can help make this column the most and best it can possibly be just by chatting with the columnist any time at all.

Maury King

Affordable Housing—two words you hear a lot around here.

I sat down with the person who might have as much influence on turning fantasy into reality on Maui as anyone. John Andersen is executive director of Nā Hale O Maui, or NHOM, a community land trust with the mission statement of: “To secure and preserve a permanent supply of affordable housing alternatives for low and moderate income households in Maui County.”

Isn't that ambitious and delicious at the same time? You go, John, you and your great board of directors.

One big problem with affordable housing is that after 'deed restrictions' (usually lasting up to 10 years) expire, the next sale of the property doesn't require that it remain affordably priced. So, inevitably it will end up 'market priced,' meaning no price guidelines—whatever the market will bear—just like all other properties for sale. That unit will be forever taken out of affordable housing stock. *Wahhhh!* Bad idea, huh?

One main tenet of community land trusts is that they use formulas to keep the properties under their control forever affordable. The formulas allow owners a 'reasonable' profit (assuming the market has appreciated), but they are held to guidelines that keep the property affordable to the next buyer.

NHOM currently has three projects in various stages of development, including one in Hana and one in Kihei, where they plan to partner with Dowling Company on a 232-unit complex that will be 100% affordable. NHOM will provide stewardship of the project including managing the sales and resales. Although there will be no housing stock available for at least a year, educational classes are being

offered to get potential buyers on the right financial track and to place them on a waiting list.

Visit www.nahaleomaui.org for more information.

I'm wondering... considering the boom we've already experienced and all the new high-end homes, condos and timeshares with their attendant landscaping, new dining places and all the other ancillary services... where will all the employees to service these needs come from and where will they live? I'm thinking that if we don't get really serious about affordable housing pretty quickly, people won't be able to get waited on or get their lawns mowed, and tourism will suffer just as much as if we kill the reefs. (Let's not do that either, K?)

NHOM is open for business and willing to be very creative about how they bring their mission statement to fruition. In fact, they are in talks with Maui County about deed restricted properties that owners are forced to sell. Currently the county has 90 days to act on buying these properties to

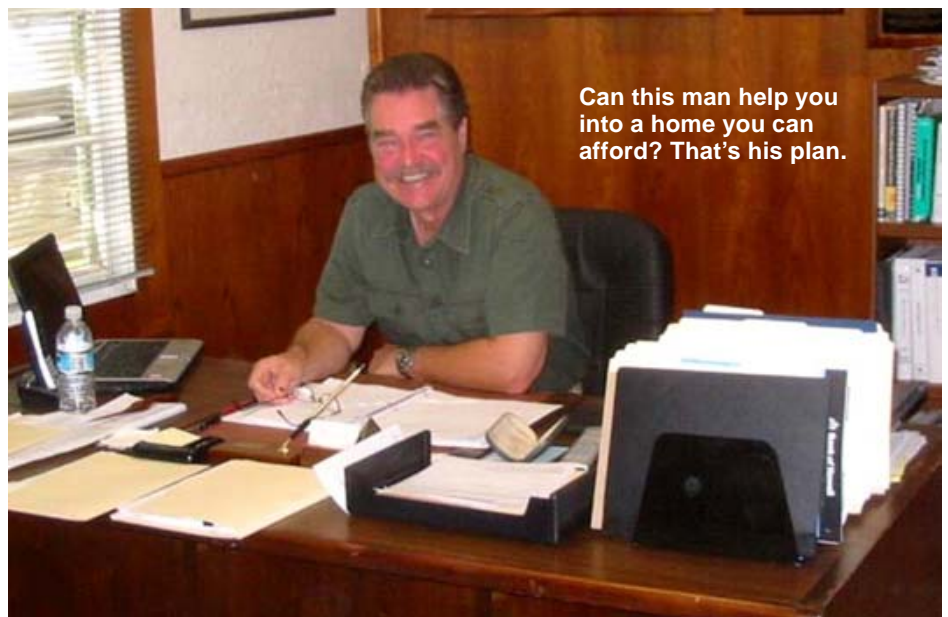


Maury King has become Maui's favorite malihini with his inquisitive letters to the editor, his obvious concern for the island home he has come to share with us and the causes he champions, like car pooling.

keep them affordable. If that doesn't happen, the properties can be sold at market price. The county isn't really equipped to be in the real estate business, so the potential exists for the 90 days to go by with no action. NHOM is proposing that they buy these properties and that way if they are held by NHOM, and stay affordable in perpetuity.

Apparently the county really likes the idea. Now, let's see how quickly such a good idea can be put in practice.

Unfortunately, the recently passed 'Show Me the Water' Bill for new construction included an exemption for '100% affordable' projects, which was taken out of the final bill, but the Water Resources Committee proposes a certain allocation be set aside for affordable housing, otherwise all affordable projects will have to wait in line behind all other projects to get a water permit and, if you've been paying attention, you know how long that can take on Maui.



The Least You Can Do for the Future - 3

Joseph W. Bean

I don't mean to put "the" burden on you, but the least you can do to ensure that we and the next generation live in a nice world is to be nice, every day to everyone. Recycle every smile you are given, and find one to give to anyone you meet who doesn't already have one. Say something pleasant when it comes to mind, and get in the habit of finding something nice to say.

Other things you can do to make this a nicer world:

1. ask the clerk's name and use it because everyone likes to be noticed and recognized,

2. give your name to strangers you happened to speak with—you'll both feel more human if you do,

3. ask pleasantly for assistance and always tell service people your appreciate their help,

4. tell someone, "You have been the bright spot in my day," and

5. tip as generously as you reasonably can, and still say "Thank you."

It's not a lot, but think how much happier you will be if you live this way. And... the happiness you take is equal to the happiness you make.

This is a SOLUTION. Challenge yourself on page six before reading the answer, which is upside down below.

Who said, "If a man walks in the woods for love of them half of each day, he is in danger of being regarded as a loafer. But if he spends his days as a speculator, shearing off those woods and making the earth bald before her time, he is deemed an industrious and enterprising citizen."

Henry David Thoreau in "Life without Principle"

Solution to the Kihei Kommunity Puzzle #3 (puzzle on page 8)

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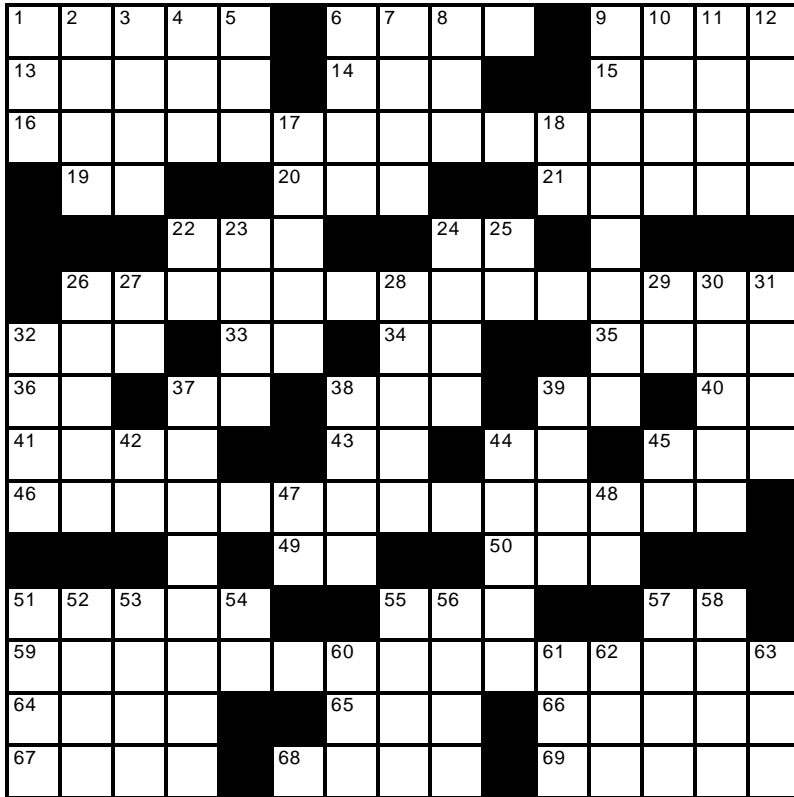
1. Daniel Ornellas, DLNR Land Agent at KCA.
2. State Police and Division of Aquatics at KCA
3. Large, interested and active crowd at KCA
4. DLNR Administrator Morris Atta at KCA.



This picture and bottom left: Hoaloha'aina at work. See page 4 to see how you can help.

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Kihei Kommunity Puzzle... #3



Please let us know if there is something incorrect, disturbing or uncomfortable about any clue or solution in this puzzle.

Across

- 1. Start to "welcome"
- 6. Hana _ and Napili
- 9. Sharp
- 13. Cymbal set
- 14. Untruth
- 15. Neither twice nor now
- 16. It happened to Hawaii in 1959
- 19. aka Schutzstaffel
- 20. Poetic honor
- 21. Soup dipper
- 22. Shiny maybe

- 24. Ma's mate
- 26. Kealia sights
- 32. Loaf-shaped vehicle
- 33. Tin elem.
- 34. "That is" Lat.
- 35. Vegas light
- 36. Are for one
- 37. Realtors' bus.
- 38. Not I, not he
- 39. TV spot
- 40. Blank filler on a form
- 41. God on Ni'ihau
- 43. Mr. Gore to pals
- 44. "One," Pidgin "___," English
- 45. Caviar dot
- 46. One meaning of aloha

- 49. Windows, e.g.
- 50. Poet's "above"
- 51. Counties in AL and GA
- 55. Flying prefix
- 57. That hurt!
- 59. Urgent Maui issue
- 64. The "vidi" of "veni, vidi, vici"
- 65. Hawaiian hill
- 66. Maui public TV
- 67. A bad thing in business
- 68. Crumbly cheese
- 69. Mami Van ___ Charles Van ___

Down

- 1. Hawaiian "four"
- 2. Children

- 3. Unit of impedance
- 4. End of 1 Across
- 5. Baseball's Mel ___
- 6. Lost fluid
- 7. Assistant
- 8. So far
- 9. Kihei storm bringer
- 10. Seat of Garfield County, OK
- 11. Sci. of nature
- 12. Big birds on Haleakala
- 17. What racers want
- 18. Electrical label abbreviation
- 22. ___ HI Islands
- 23. Give relief
- 24. Start for matic
- 25. ___ You Like It
- 26. Must
- 27. See 44 Across
- 28. Garlic sauce
- 29. "The," French
- 30. Picker-uppers
- 31. Little setback
- 32. Tiny bottle
- 37. Arcs in the sky
- 38. Tibetan beasts
- 39. Linbergh who died in 2001
- 42. Rays from space
- 44. Idolize
- 45. "Is," Spanish
- 47. Get out!
- 48. Hurried hosp. area
- 51. Jump out
- 52. Uncertainty phrase
- 53. 4-year arts degs.
- 54. Jr.'s dad
- 55. Be right next to
- 56. "Two" or "twice," Hawaiian
- 57. The tentmaker poet
- 58. Hawaiian goatfish
- 60. King Kong, e.g.
- 61. Used to own
- 62. To surpass or outshine in Hawaii
- 63. What Haleakala is the House Of

The solution to this puzzle and the "Who Said It?" question below are on page 6.

Who said it?

Who said, "If a man walks in the woods for love of them half of each day, he is in danger of being regarded as a loafer. But if he spends his days as a speculator, shearing off those woods and making the earth bald before her time, he is deemed an industrious and enterprising citizen."

Hint: He was a proud "loafer."