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## LOCAL BRIEFS

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### PARKS TOPIC OF KIHEI ASSOCIATION MEETING

KIHEI - The Kihei Community Association will discuss parks at its monthly meeting Tuesday at the Kihei Community Center.

Maui County Community Resource Coordinator Sue Kaing and Goodfellow Bros. project foreman John Sparsari will provide an update on the new regional park, and Bob Richardson also will discuss parks.

The event will begin with refreshments at 6 p.m., followed by the meeting at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 879-5390 or visit [www.gokihei.org](http://www.gokihei.org).

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### EMMANUEL LUTHERAN TO HOLD OPEN HOUSES

KAHULUI - Emmanuel Lutheran School announced it will host two open houses for families seeking information about the 2010-11 school year.

The open houses will be from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. both days: Thursday, when the staff will focus on kindergarten, and Feb. 23, when the staff will discuss grades 1 to 8.

Emmanuel Lutheran is located at 520 W. One St. in Kahului.

Information packets and enrollment applications will be available at the open houses. To reserve a spot, call 873-6334.

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### HUI MALAMA CENTER WINS \$12,000 GRANT

WAILUKU - The Hawai'i Community Foundation has awarded a \$12,000 grant to the Hui Malama Learning Center.

The money from the foundation's Organizational Capacity Building Program will allow Hui Malama to work with Community Wealth Ventures. The latter firm specializes in helping nonprofits to implement strategies to strengthen internal operations, management and personnel.

A Hui Malama news release explained, "The multifaceted project will enhance internal management operations and practices, respond to the community's educational needs, assess the effectiveness of Hui Malama's programs, and create tools for evaluating personnel and curriculum delivery."

Hui Malama Learning Center provides educational alternatives and academic support services to students in grades 1 through 12. The nonprofit's goal is to empower students to realize academic and personal success.

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### AARP SCHOLARSHIPS AIMED TO AID WOMEN

The AARP Foundation seeks entries for its fourth annual Women's Scholarship Program for low-income women age 40 and older.

The scholarship provides funds to women seeking new job skills, training and educational opportunities to support themselves and their families.

Up to 100 scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 will be awarded. Last year, 108 women nationwide received more than \$345,000 in educational scholarships, including an Oahu woman, Rebecca Larsen, 43.

Interested applicants may submit their application online at [www.aarp.org/womensscholarship](http://www.aarp.org/womensscholarship). The application process closes March 31. Scholarships will be awarded in early summer.

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### MONSANTO TO AWARD SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

KIHEI - High school seniors interested in pursuing a science degree may apply for the Monsanto Hawaii Life Sciences Scholarship.

Ten scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded statewide to students in both public and private high schools.

Youths who qualify are those who will graduate in good standing and will attend an accredited college or university to pursue a postsecondary education in a discipline related to the life sciences. The latter include agriculture, agronomy, biology, botany, genetics, horticulture, plant physiology, chemistry, crop science and soil science.

For more information and to receive a scholarship application, contact Paul Koehler at Monsanto Hawaii at 891-8830, ext. 204, or check with a high school counselor.

Applications are also available at Web site [www.monsanto.com/hawaii](http://www.monsanto.com/hawaii). Completed applications must be received by May 1.

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#### MAUI ADULT DAY CARE TOPIC OF KIWANIS TALK

KAHULUI - The caregiver/program coordinator for Maui Adult Day Care Centers will speak at the Kiwanis Club of Kahului meeting Tuesday at Cary & Eddie's Hideaway at noon.

Kathy Couch will discuss the various programs offered to seniors and caregivers at Maui Adult Day Care, which has three centers in Central Maui and one in Hana.

Lunch is available for \$11 per person. For more information, call Jason Williams at 250-1836.

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#### 2ND ANNUAL PREEMIE REUNION SCHEDULED

KAHULUI - The second annual Premie Reunion will be held during the Pregnancy and Prematurity Awareness Health Fair from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the Queen Ka'ahumanu Center.

The March of Dimes, Maui Division, is sponsoring the event. Various nonprofits will set up informational tables.

Anyone born with less than 37 weeks' gestation will be honored.

Participants are asked to bring baby photos. For reservations, contact Shannon Robinson at 298-5000.

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#### CHURCH YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER AT RUBY'S

KAHULUI - A Mardi Gras dinner at Ruby's Diner on Tuesday will benefit St. John's Episcopal Church's youth group trip to the East Coast.

The restaurant will make a donation to the group for patrons presenting special restaurant fliers on Shrove Tuesday, or Fat Tuesday, from 5 to 9 p.m.

The money will help defray the costs of the youth group's June service trip. The group will travel to Maryland's Eastern Shore to learn home repair and perform other community service, and later will visit Washington, D.C.

To obtain a flier, call the church at 878-1485 or Marilyn Hirashima at 878-1866.

Those attending are encouraged to wear a festive mask or hat in the spirit of Mardi Gras, and a prize will be presented to the best one.

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#### HALE MAHAOLU WILL MARK MOCHI TSUKI

KAHULUI - Hale Mahaolu seniors will celebrate the 26th annual Mochi Tsuki on Wednesday at Hale Mahaolu Elua in Kahului.

The event, a combined Japanese and Chinese New Year's celebration, will begin at 10 a.m., although pounding of 80 pounds of mochi rice will have started at 6 a.m. Au's Shaolin Lion dance will perform at 10:30 a.m. with fireworks.

The mochi will be sold as a fundraiser for the Hale Mahaolu Elua Tenant Club.

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#### KENNEL CLUB MEETING TO DISCUSS DOG SHOW

WAILUKU - The Valley Isle Kennel Club will hold its monthly meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Maui Medical Group conference room in Wailuku.

Club members will discuss plans for the annual all-breed American Kennel Club dog show May 1 and 2.

The club is open to anyone interested in dog shows or training.

For more information, call 573-1192 or 572-0257.

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#### CHRONIC DISEASE WORKSHOPS SLATED

LAHAINA - The Ke Ola Pono chronic disease self-management program will offer a six-week workshop series beginning Tuesday at the Lahaina Senior Center.

The workshops will be held from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for six consecutive weeks.

Ke Ola Pono is an evidence-based program that teaches individuals with chronic diseases - such as high cholesterol, emphysema or heart disease - how to better manage their conditions to improve their health.

Registration is required in advance, and space is limited to a dozen participants per class.

Transportation may be arranged. Caregivers are also welcome and encouraged to attend. Each class costs \$10 for participants 60 or older and \$35 for those younger. Scholarships are available.

For more information or to register, call the sponsoring county Office on Aging, 281-0094.

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## PWF OFFICIAL TO TALK ON ECUADOR PROJECT

MAALAEA - Cristina Castro, Pacific Whale Foundation's Ecuador project director, will speak from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday at PWF's Discovery Center in Maalaea. She will discuss efforts to reduce marine mammal bycatch in Ecuador's Machalilla National Park.

Castro and the Ecuador team recently completed a study on the unintended catch of species by indiscriminate fishing methods by local fishers at the national park. The intent of the study was to find ways to reduce the impact of bycatch on dolphins and other cetaceans.

The discussion is part of PWF's monthly "Making Waves" lecture series. The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, call 249-8811.

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## BRAIN HEALTH TOPIC OF FREE WORKSHOP

WAILUKU - A free workshop on memory loss, symptoms of dementia and information on brain health will be hosted Wednesday by the Alzheimer's Association at the American Red Cross office in Wailuku.

Elaine Slavinsky will speak at the event from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at 1063 Lower Main St., Suite C207.

Although the workshop is free, donations are welcome.

For more information or to make reservations to attend, call 242-8636.

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## NUTRITION COALITION TO HOLD ITS MEETING

WAILUKU - The Nutrition and Physical Activity Coalition of Maui County will hold its annual meeting Feb. 22.

The free event will run from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Maui Beach Hotel's Elleair Ballroom. It will feature Jay Maddock of the University of Hawaii, who will speak on "Physical Activity, Nutrition, Obesity and the Changing Environment." Maddock was named Bank of Hawaii 2008 Community Leader of the Year.

The event also will feature award presentations and election of the board of directors.

Registration by Thursday is required. Call 264-7895 or e-mail [smcguinn@hawaii.edu](mailto:smcguinn@hawaii.edu).

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## MECO EARNS \$1.5K FOR MAUI UNITED WAY

KAHULUI - The Maui Electric Co. staff raised nearly \$1,500 in a rummage sale benefiting Maui United Way.

The event was held Jan. 30 in the MECO auditorium, where dozens of people lined up before the doors opened at 8 a.m.

The remaining unsold items were carted off to benefit another nonprofit, Big Brothers Big Sisters.

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## PWF EVENT TO HELP RAISE FUNDS SLATED

KIHEI - "Laugh @ da Park: Sustainable Dinner and Comedy Show" will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday at Kalama Park in Kihei.

The event is a fundraiser for the Pacific Whale Foundation. The evening will feature a comedy show by local radio celebrity and comedian Augie T; live jazz by the Fulton Tashombe Quartet; and a three-course meal featuring sustainable foods - such as Maui Cattle Co. prime rib, Kula strawberries, Tedeschi wines and Maui Brewing Co. beers.

Tickets are \$90 each, or \$75 for Pacific Whale Foundation members.

For more information and for reservations, call 249-8811, ext. 1.

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## 174 CATS SPAYED, NEUTERED AT CLINIC

MAKAWAO - A recent three-day cat spaying-and-neutering clinic resulted in surgeries for 174 cats, according to sponsor 9th Life Hawaii.

Veterinarian Tess Peavy of Neuter Scooter did the surgeries on cats that were transported from throughout Maui to 9th Life's no-kill cat rescue and sanctuary Upcountry.

Volunteers helped organize the effort, and transported and tattooed cats for the clinic Jan. 30 to Feb. 1.

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## FREE KEIKI ECO EVENT SET FRIDAY IN S. MAUI

KIHEI - The Pacific Whale Foundation will hold a free Keiki ECO (Educating Children Outdoors) Conference from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday at the Kalama Park in Kihei.

The conference is open to all Maui County classes from grades 2 to 5. Spots for grades kindergarten and 1st grade already are filled.

The conference will feature hands-on workshops led by PWF marine naturalists and by local nonprofits and government agencies involved in environmental management and protection. The event also will feature a lunchtime performance by the Banana Slug String Band.

Free bus transportation courtesy of the Kokua Foundation will be available to the first 25 Central and South Maui classes that sign up.

For more information and to register, call 249-8811 or see Web site [www.mauiwhalefestival.org](http://www.mauiwhalefestival.org).

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#### SEABURY PUPILS RAISE \$5K FOR HAITI RELIEF

OLINDA - Seabury Hall students have raised more than \$5,000 in three weeks in support of the relief effort for the victims of the Haiti earthquake.

Senior leaders embarked on the project by setting a fundraising goal and developing fundraising strategies. The \$5,600 raised was made through the sale of baked goods and shave ice, "pass the hat" experiences, recycling, car washes and personal challenges.

Students in grades 6 to 12 participated, and the money was sent to Doctors Without Borders.

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#### VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR AUWAHI PLANTING

ULUPALAKUA - The next planting trip at Auwahi on the southern flank of Haleakala will be Saturday.

Volunteers need to RSVP as soon as possible to reserve a seat. Hiking boots that cover the ankle are required along with layered clothing, rain gear, two liters of water, lunch, sunscreen and a hat.

Gear including backpacks and boots should be cleaned to prevent the spread of weeds in the restoration site.

High-clearance, four-wheeled drive vehicles also are needed.

For information or to reserve a spot, contact the co-sponsoring Leeward Haleakala Watershed Restoration Partnership at e-mail [auwahi@yahoo.com](mailto:auwahi@yahoo.com) or call 573-8989.

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