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### LOCAL BRIEFS

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#### 'LIKEABILITY GUY' TO SPEAK TO ROTARY CLUB

KAHULUI - Bob Sommers, the "Likeability Guy," will speak to the noon meeting of the Rotary Club of Kahului on Monday. He will discuss the Internet Marketing Association of Hawaii.

Before becoming the Likeability Guy, Sommers formed the largest customer service training company in the country, Sommers Communications Inc. He has lived on Maui since 1996. For more about his concept, visit [www.bobsommers.com](http://www.bobsommers.com).

The club meets weekly at the second-floor Class Act restaurant in the Pa'ina Building at Maui Community College. The cost of lunch is \$20.

To reserve a place, call President Rita Barreras at 264-0491 or send e-mail to [rbarreras@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:rbarreras@hawaiiantel.net).

The club's Web site is [www.kahuluirotary.com](http://www.kahuluirotary.com).

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#### FREE LECTURE ON CORAL REEFS SET MONDAY

KIHEI - A free lecture on coral reefs will be held Monday and continue regularly on that day at the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary headquarters at 726 S. Kihei Road.

The lectures run from 2 to 3 p.m.

Participants will learn about Hawaii's coral reefs, reef fish and other facts about reef ecosystems.

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#### KALAUPAPA TOPIC OF SPEAKER AT GATHERING

KIHEI - The secretary of Ka 'Ohana 'O Kalaupapa board of directors will speak during a meeting this month of the Italian American Social Club.

Valerie Monson will present "The Community Side of Kalaupapa" during a PowerPoint talk at 7 p.m. Wednesday at St. Theresa Church in Kihei.

The evening will begin with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public.

For event information, call Don Tedesco at 214-6366. For more information on Kalaupapa, see Web site [kalaupapaohana.org](http://kalaupapaohana.org).

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#### CULTURE OF TONGA DESCRIBED AT MEETING

WAILEA - Ana Malafu, originally from Tonga, will discuss the culture of Tonga and its people during a Rotary Club Kihei-Wailea meeting from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hotel Wailea, the former Diamond Resort.

Malafu serves as a victim witness counselor for the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney. She will cover Tongan cultural topics, such as religion, school, marriage and family kinship, and gender roles and statuses.

The meeting costs \$5, and lunch is \$15. Go online to [RCKW.org](http://RCKW.org) or call 344-3141 for reservations.

For more information, contact Susan Bradford at 283-7947.

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#### MANDATORY MEETING FOR MHS CLASS OF '11

KAHULUI - Maui High School has scheduled mandatory meetings for parents and students of the Class of 2011. They must attend at least one of two meetings: 6 p.m. Thursday or 9 a.m. Saturday, both in the school cafeteria.

Meeting topics include graduation requirements, including a senior project, personal transition plan, junior prom, outstanding obligations and Project Graduation. Informational packets and permission forms will be distributed to parents.

For more information, call Shane Okamoto, 873-3000, ext. 2305.

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#### HMSA SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO ATHLETES

HONOLULU - The Hawaii Medical Service Association reminds high school student athletes and coaches that scholarship applications are still available for the HMSA Kaimana Awards and Scholarship Program.

Deadline is Feb. 19. Applications are available on the HMSA Web site at [hmsa.com](http://hmsa.com) and the Hawaii High School Athletic Association Web site at [www.sportshigh.com](http://www.sportshigh.com).

Each scholarship is worth \$2,000, and three students will receive an additional \$1,000. Winners will be selected based on athletic and academic achievement, community involvement, sportsmanship and letters of recommendation.

Scholarship recipients will be notified in writing in May and will be recognized at the HMSA Kaimana Awards & Scholarship Program luncheon June 12 at the Hawaii Prince Hotel.

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#### HEALTH PROGRAM DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY

WAILUKU - Wednesday is the deadline to sign up for a community health agency's 16-week health-and-fitness program for individuals and families.

Hui No Ke Ola Pono health-care center again offers its Mea 'Ai Pono program. It will meet twice weekly Wednesdays for participants to exercise, enjoy dinners and get health and nutrition information from Feb. 8 to May 26.

Program fees are \$12.50 for individuals and \$25 per family, with meals costing \$104 for adults and \$48 for children 12 and younger - or \$6.50 and \$3 per meal, respectively.

For more information, go online to [huinomaui.org](http://huinomaui.org) and click on "Services," or call 244-4647.

Participants may fill out financial-verification forms to qualify for a sliding scale for meal costs. Deadline for all paperwork is Feb. 5.

Hui No Ke Ola Pono is at the Cameron Center, Suite 21, in Wailuku.

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#### 9TH LIFE NO-KILL CAT SHELTER COULD USE HELP

MAKAWAO - High school students will build structures to be used as shelter and feeding stations for cats at 9th Life Hawaii's no-kill cat shelter Upcountry in an agreement with Maui Community College Construction Academy.

The program teaches construction technology in Maui County high schools, providing practical experience for students working on projects that benefit the community. The building project was set to begin this month.

Phyllis Tavares, executive director of the nonprofit 9th Life Hawaii, said the organization will be able to provide shelter for more homeless and abandoned cats with the new buildings.

The organization seeks donations of lumber, paint, roofing and construction materials for the feeding stations.

People who want to donate can call 572-3499.

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#### MANA FOODS HOSTS EVENT FOR HANA SCHOOL

PAIA - Mana Foods is hosting a barbecue fundraiser to benefit Kula 'Ike Community School in Hana.

The event will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. Jan. 29, when the store will sell food plates for \$10 each. All of the money raised will be donated to the nonprofit, private school and used for tuition scholarships, teacher salaries, equipment, school supplies and other items.

For more information about the school that says it integrates Montessori and Waldorf philosophies to develop self-motivated, lifelong learners, contact Siobhan Halstead at 579-8078, ext. 54, or [manaohanamaui@gmail.com](mailto:manaohanamaui@gmail.com).

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#### 'ALL THINGS HAWAIIAN' TO BE DISCUSSED

KAHULUI - Kumu hula Carolee "Aunty Doll" Aricayos will discuss "all things Hawaiian" as guest speaker at a American Association of University Women's luncheon meeting Saturday at Bistro Casanova in Kahului.

The business meeting will start at 10 a.m., followed by Aricayos' presentation, with lunch served at noon. The cost is \$20 for AAUW members and \$25 for guests.

Aricayos - who was born in Maui's Honokahua region, now known as Kapalua - is kumu hula of halau Pohai Ke Aloha. She also dances with her son, Kepa's, Tahitian troupe and teaches dances of Polynesia and ukulele through Kaunoa Senior Center. She also has taught a Hawaiian language class at Kalama Heights Retirement Residence in Kihei.

For reservations, call Ruth Deichman at 891-7227.

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#### FIVE \$2,000 SCHOLARSHIPS BEING OFFERED

WAILUKU - The Maui Association for Family & Community Education will offer \$2,000 scholarships to five qualifying graduating high school seniors on Maui.

To be eligible, candidates should have lived on Maui for the last five years; maintain a 3.0 grade-point average; demonstrate financial need, and exhibit good character in community and school.

Deadline for applications is April 10. Application packets are available at high school counselors offices.

For more information, call 572-6508 or e-mail [mauifcescholarship@gmail.com](mailto:mauifcescholarship@gmail.com).

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HUI MALAMA GRANT GOES TO TUITION HELP

WAILUKU - Hui Malama Learning Center has received \$500 from Hawaiian Tug and Barge/Young Brothers Ltd. for the center's tuition-assistance program

The grant will help provide educational opportunities to Maui youths and families who are experiencing financial hardships.

Hui Malama's expanded programming includes intermediate and high school classes for students who excel in smaller, hands-on classroom settings designed to help students prepare for the high school equivalency exam.

For more information, call 244-5911 or go online to [www.mauihui.org](http://www.mauihui.org).

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