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SERVING THE COMMUNITY



**Senator English and
Judith Kliban-Bixby
Enjoy the Festivities at the
Fur Ball**

Kliban Cat Helps Furry Orphans

The Maui Humane Society's First Annual FurBall fundraiser event, held at the Renaissance Wailea Beach Resort in late February of this year, was organized in the hopes of putting a roof over every orphaned animal. Senator English joined Judith Kliban, Honorary Chairperson for the night and current illustrator and author of the Kliban Cat cartoon series, for a night of food, games and entertainment - all dedicated to helping house orphaned animals on Maui. Judith continues the Kliban Cat tradition, started by her late husband, from her home in Hana and continues to bring smiles to faces around the globe.

The innovative fundraiser brings a new approach to the long-standing problem of orphaned animals on Maui. "The Maui Humane Society has taken great strides to address orphaned animal populations on Maui and I hope this annual event will prove to be the catalyst in helping house these forgotten beings," said Senator English.

Consent To Gubernatorial Nominations

Every year the Governor must submit for consideration and confirmation her nominations to various councils and boards to the State Senate. All those nominations are then referred to different subject matter Committees in the Senate which hold public hearings on the nominations. These hearings are an opportunity for the public to have input in the process of selecting the people who help shape our communities and government.

Based on testimony in the hearing, the resumes of the nominees, and letters of recommendation, the Committee decides if it should recommend approval to the Senate body, which then votes on the nomination. Most of us only hear about this process when a nomination is controversial and attracts major media attention. However, most nominations move through the Senate without much fanfare or drama.

So far this legislative session, thirteen nominations have been referred to the Committee on Energy and Environment (ENE), which Senator English Chair's. Senator English plans to recommend that all thirteen be approved.

The following is a list of the nominations that have been referred to the Committee on ENE this session.

Nominations to the Environmental Council:

Michael A. Faye	D'Arcy Kerrigan
Victor T. Kimura	Chester Saito
Brant T. Tanaka	Shad S. Kane

Nominations to the Board of Certification of Operating Personnel in Wastewater Treatment Plant:

Mansfield Dacay	Marshall Lum
Eassie Miller	Victor D. Moreland (for two terms)
Daniel K. Masuno	Wayne A. Salas

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Legislative Update

At this point in the legislative session, the Senate is considering bills that the House has passed out, and vice versa. People often call this period "crossover" because the two sides of the Legislature are deciding on bills that have crossed over from the opposite side. If you would like to track any legislation, the current status and text of bills and resolutions can be accessed in the Bill Status & Docs section of the Capitol website at www.capitol.hawaii.gov. Additional information on and assistance with the legislative process is available from the Public Access Room toll free at 984-2400 ext. 70478. From Moloka'i and Lana'i dial 1-800-468-4644

Senator English Addresses United Nations Seminar

Senator English delivered the opening remarks at the United Nations University Global Seminar on March 19 at the University of Hawai'i. The Global Seminar series is a program to increase understanding and increase international awareness among the student population and young professional in the Asia Pacific region. The series began in 1985; this was the first time it was held in the United States.

Senator English, whose involvement with the United Nations began in 1991 when he took part in the preparatory committees for the UN Conference on Environment and Development - the Earth Summit - in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil the following year. He spoke of the lasting importance of the Rio Summit in his address to the U.N. seminar: "In Rio, governments recognized the need to redirect international and national plans and policies to ensure that all economic decisions fully took into account any environmental impact. And the message has produced results, making eco-efficiency a guiding principle for business and governments alike."

The Senator further noted that a 10-year review of the Barbados Program of Action will be conducted at an international meeting to be held in Mauritius in August of this year. The seminar was held at the law school at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, O'ahu.



Sol and Myra Aikau, Senator English and Cyde Aikau

Aikau Family Honored

Originally from Maui, the Aikau Family is known for revolving their lives around the ocean. Senator English was proud to meet with the family on March 17, 2004, a day recognized as Eddie Aikau Day in honor of his legacy as one of Hawai'i's Beachboys. "It is important to the future of our ocean activities for both kama'aina and malihini alike to learn from the Aikau family the respect and aloha for the ocean that Eddie demonstrated in his life. Through the Eddie Aikau Foundation, his family members continue this aloha today," said Senator English.

New Circuit Court Judge Named for Maui County

"Maui County is in need of judges," said Senator English. He went on to observe that he thought that nominee Simone Polak could understand that different regions, such as Lana'i, Moloka'i and Hana, have different norms. Ms. Polak's nomination passed the Judiciary Committee and was confirmed by the Senate on March 29, 2004. She has worked on Maui for the last 15 years in the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney.

Bye-Bye Bypass Blues

Assuming all necessary approvals and authorizations are obtained, the new Pa'ia mini bypass road is scheduled for construction in the fall of 2004, and will help to mitigate much of the traffic congestion caused by vehicles turning upcountry at the Hana Highway and Baldwin Avenue intersection in Pa'ia town. The construction period is anticipated to be three months in length. A shoulder lane spanning the distance from Baldwin Beach Park to the municipal parking lot in Pa'ia will connect to the one-lane, one-way mini bypass road, which will terminate just below the

Patsy Mink Post Office in upper Pa'ia town. The mini bypass will be open from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. during the weekdays, excluding holidays, and will be gated at both the municipal parking lot and Baldwin Avenue entrances during non-peak hours. Left and right turning lanes at its Baldwin Avenue exit will provide access to Pa'ia town and the upcountry area. The estimated construction cost for the entire project is \$650,000, a price tag which Senator English views as reasonable considering the service it will provide. "The Pa'ia Bypass road has long been a priority of mine, and

I am pleased that the Administration and Department of Transportation are finally taking steps towards making this a reality," said Senator English. "Residents of upcountry and east Maui, myself included, have waited for relief from traffic congestion in Pa'ia for a long time. While this mini bypass will provide temporary relief, I am attempting to provide \$37.5 million in the State budget for the construction of the full Pa'ia bypass road, a decision which ultimately rests with the entire State Legislature."

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