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MESSAGE FROM KALANI

With the concerns about the potential return of Dengue fever to our community, this is a good time to educate yourself about the disease and make a plan to regularly check on loved ones and neighbors who may be at risk. You could save a life.

Over the last few weeks, I have signed the official book of condolences for Japan, along with various other federal, state and county government officials to express our sincerest condolences to our brothers and sisters in that region. We have honored those who have lost their lives defending our country, values and families with the Hawai'i State Medal of Honor.

Let us count our many blessings even in these difficult times of disaster and take a moment to reflect on all that we have as we look towards an uncertain future.

J. Kalani English

SENATOR J. KALANI ENGLISH

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DENGUE FEVER ALERT FOR HAWAI'I SIXTH DISTRICT

According to information from Dr. Lorrin Pang of the Maui District Health Office, three individuals from Keanae were tested for Dengue fever on April 4th, 2011 with one testing positive using a local test. The State Department of Health cannot confirm this until test results from the federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Honolulu return positive as well. The CDC results may take up to a week and a half to obtain. In the mean time, Dr. Pang is testing individuals in Keanae and the surrounding areas to determine the extent of infection as no one can know if this is the first case or the hundredth case until more testing is done.

The symptoms of dengue fever include sudden onset of fever, severe headaches, eye, joint, and muscle pain, and rash. The rash typically appears on the hands, arms, legs and feet 3 to 4 days after the fever begins. Minor bleeding problems can also occur. Should you have any 2 of these symptoms, immediately contact your doctor and get tested.

The Maui District Health Office strongly suggests starting mosquito control measures by: 1) Eliminate breeding sites for mosquitoes, namely getting rid of all little water collections and 2) remove vegetation around your home

for roughly 30 to 40 feet out.

In 2001-2002 the Emergency Environmental Workforce was established with \$1.5 million directed toward to eliminate mosquito-breeding areas. The project was effective at irradiating Dengue Fever in East Maui.

The Maui District Health Office is scheduling meetings in our communities regarding the potential Dengue Fever outbreak and mitigating measures that can be taken.

Nahiku Community - Saturday, April 9, at 1:00 pm at the Nahiku Church Pavilion.

Keanae - Saturday, April 9, 3:00 pm at Keanae Church.

Hana Community - Tuesday, April 12, at 6:00 pm at Helene Hall.

Sen. English was among the first who contracted this debilitating virus when he returned to Hana after the death of his Grandmother in 2001. Sen. English recalls, "They call it the 'bone-crushing disease' because it literally feels like your bones are disintegrating within you."

The eradication program remains in state law. "If the suspected dengue cases are confirmed and there's an outbreak, then the program would need to get funding to restart eradication," said Sen. English.

Resource links:

Centers For Disease Control and Prevention
<http://198.246.98.21/Dengue/>

Hawai'i State Dept. Of Health - FAQ's
<http://hawaii.gov/health/about/dengue/DENGUE%20FAQ%203-26-11.pdf>

THE HAWAII MEDAL OF HONOR



The Hawai'i State Senate and Hawai'i State House of Representatives convened in a special joint session on March 29, 2011 in the Senate Chambers to recognize military service members who have made the ultimate sacrifice.



The families of these fallen service members will all receive the Hawaii Medal of Honor on behalf of their loved ones.

In 2005, the Legislature passed House Bill 8, which created the Hawaii Medal of Honor (HMOH). Hawai'i was the first state to create this special medal which is awarded on behalf of the people of the State of Hawai'i to

individuals killed in action while serving our country.

Recipients of the medal include members of the United Armed Forces, the United States Military Reserves, and the Hawaii National Guard, who were residents of the State of Hawaii, attended an educational institution in Hawaii, or were stationed in Hawaii by order of the United States Department of Defense.

HAWAII MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

- ▶ *United States Army Specialist Toby R. Olsen*
- ▶ *United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Timothy J. Poole Jr.*
- ▶ *United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Noah M. Pier*
- ▶ *United States Army Private First Class R Salvacion*
- ▶ *United States Army Private First Class Raymond N. Pacleb*
- ▶ *United States Marine Corps Lance Corporal Curtis M. Swenson*
- ▶ *United States Marine Corps Private First Class Jake W. Suter*
- ▶ *United States Marine Corps Corporal Joe L. Wrightsman*
- ▶ *United States Army First Lieutenant Michael L. Runyan*
- ▶ *United States Army Sergeant Jamal M. Rhett*
- ▶ *United States Army Staff Sergeant Philip C. Jenkins*
- ▶ *United States Army Private First Class James F. McClamrock*
- ▶ *United States Marine Corps First Lieutenant Scott J. Fleming*
- ▶ *United States Army Sergeant Aracely Gonzalez O'Malley*
- ▶ *United States Army Sergeant David J. Luff Jr.*
- ▶ *United States Marine Corps Sergeant Matthew T. Abbate*
- ▶ *United States Army Corporal Sean M. Collins*



CIVIL DEFENSE TUNE UP

Sen. English recently met with Ed Teixeira from Hawai'i State Civil Defense to discuss disaster preparedness in Hana and throughout the surrounding districts. Questions concerning siren and evacuation center placement arose following the March 12 tsunami.

In a follow up meeting, Sen. English met with State and Civil Defense employees as well as members of the Haneo'o and Hamoa communities to put in a new siren in the area. Sen. English is also looking at placing new sirens within the Kipahulu and Kaupo areas.



Will Kane, Capitol Improvement Projects Analyst; Senator J. Kalani English; George Burnett, Hawaii State Civil Defense Telecommunications Branch Chief and Fay Alailima-Rose, Hawaii State Civil Defense Assistant Telecommunications Officer meet at the capitol to discuss current emergency siren locations throughout Hana and the surrounding areas. March 22, 2011.



George Burnett, Hawaii State Civil Defense Telecommunications Branch Chief; Senator J. Kalani English and Darlene Lai, Maui County Civil Defense Technician surveying possible locations for a new emergency siren placement in Hamoa. April 1, 2011.

JAPANESE CONDOLENCE BOOK



*Senator J. Kalani English recently visited the Consulate General of Japan in Honolulu to sign the official condolence book to express his sympathy for the Japanese people. Senator English was accompanied by **District 1 State Senator Malama Solomon** to include their signatures with those of federal, state and city and county government officials to relay their sympathies following the aftermath of the devastating earthquake and subsequent tsunami on March 11.*

Damien Elefante, Deputy Attorney General; Eloise Kuniyoshi, Office manager for Representative Robert Herkes; Former Senator Avery B. Chumbley and Senator J. Kalani English at an impromptu reunion with Senator Chumbley's former staff at the capitol. Senator Chumbley served in the Legislature from 1993 to 2002. March 21, 2011.



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MAUI SENATORS SHARE MANAO



Senators J. Kalani English, Roz Baker and Senate President Shan Tsutsui began another season of Maui Manao. During this episode the Senators discussed various issues including working under a new Democratic administration, Senate Confirmations of gubernatorial nominations, disaster preparation, 2011 legislation and improvement projects throughout the County of Maui.

Maui Manao will air on Akaku Channel 53 beginning April 2nd at 8:30pm and continue on April 8th at 7pm, April 10th at 7:30pm and April 13 at 8:30pm. 'Olelo Community Television on Oahu will be broadcasting the show on Channel 54 on April 3rd at 11:30am, April 4th at 9:30pm and April 7th at 10pm.

View on Senator English Youtube <http://www.youtube.com/kalaniEnglish>
'Olelo website <http://olelo.org/index.htm>

For Akaku program schedules visit: <http://www.akaku.org/channel-53-listings/>

UP DATE ~ CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ~ 2011

The Abercrombie administration has approved the release of Capitol Improvement Project funding in an effort to accelerate economic recovery throughout the State. These projects are intended to improve public facilities while putting Hawaii residents back on the job.

The Hana Public and School Library will receive \$185,000 for the design, construction and works of art funds for the replacement of their air conditioning system. The current system is over 15 years old and is in need of replacement to avoid damage to the library, library materials and to protect the health and safety of library patrons and staff. This project is the first of 2 priorities in the Hawaii State Public Libraries 2011 Capitol Improvement Project implementation plan.

\$550,000 will be released to the Moloka'i Community Health Center to renovate, retrofit and provide other improvements for an expanded facility on the property in Kaunakakai, formerly known as Pau Hana Inn. The funding is intended to improve facilities to provide healthcare for the indigent, uninsured and underinsured residents on the island of Moloka'i. The United States Department of Health and Human Services has officially designated Moloka'i as both a "Medically underserved Area" and "Health Professional Shortage Area." Moloka'i Community Health Center will become a holistic and comprehensive health care facility that would provide most of their clients' needs in a central location.