

## Recognizing...

In an extremely competitive nomination process, **Samantha Burns** of Aiea High School has been named by U.S. Congressman Neil Abercrombie for an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. This appointment provides what amounts to a full, four-year college scholarship and a commitment to serve in the Air Force.

**Kirstie Maeshiro-Takiguchi** is attending the 2008 National Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C. to further her knowledge and experience in becoming a leader in our community. The teachers at La Pietra-Hawaii School for Girls nominated her for the program which involves six days of interactions with people in all three branches of government, the media and members of the international community.

The chamber level of the Hawaii State Capitol is decorated with the artwork of students from Aiea High School.

**Jeff Chun Lum**     **Chelsie Moore**  
**Nicole Ikeda**     **Tracey Ma**  
**Isamu Jarman**     **Dawn Nakagawa**  
**Hanam Mun**       **Chriselle Toguchi**

The student artwork will be on display in the Senate chamber hallways of the State Capitol through March 15.

Do not miss this opportunity to witness the talent of our students first-hand!



## Capitol Artists on Display

## All in the Family

American Mothers, Incorporated has named **Margaret Marie "Nip" Ho** the 2008 Hawaii State Mother of the Year. She is Vice President of Area Services for Special Olympics Hawaii and contributes much to the organization's activities in addition to serving on the Bishop's Advisory Board for Disabilities for the Catholic Church and working to support her children's activities and projects. She believes that her children have helped her to become a better person because of the example she must set for them. She had no idea what a life changing experience it would be for her to strive to be a "good parent."

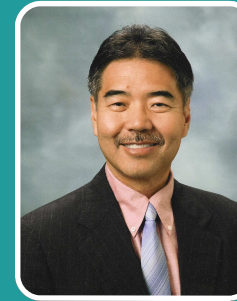
**Jacqueline Ho**, daughter of mother of the year, **Margaret Ho**, of Pearl City has been named one of the top two youth volunteers in Hawaii for 2008 in the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Prudential Spirit of community Awards. As a state honoree, Jacqueline will receive a \$1000 award, an engraved silver medallion, and a trip to Washington, D.C. in May. A senior at Kamehameha Schools, Kapalama campus, Jacqueline has been an active volunteer for Special Olympics since she was only 10 years old, serving as a bowling partner, soccer referee, event organizer, and coach. She has also recruited her class/teammates to also volunteer for the Special Olympics events.

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Welcome to the second issue of the **Community Connection** newsletter!

Dear Friends and Family,

2008 has already proven to be an exciting year within our community. Our schools and athletic teams have won numerous titles and distinctions while representing the Aiea and Pearl City district proudly. Congratulations to the teachers, student athletes, and schools ... You've made us all proud!

My fellow lawmakers and I have kicked off our series of town meetings in the community. Last month our town meeting attracted parents who were concerned about protecting their children from cyber criminals.

If you would like to see any issues covered or any community events or members recognized, please feel free to contact me at [sendige@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:sendige@capitol.hawaii.gov). Mahalo,

To view information that was discussed and pamphlets that were handed out at the cyber crime town meeting, visit:

[www.davidige.org](http://www.davidige.org)

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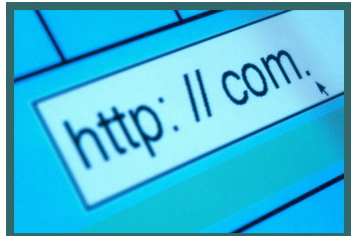
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## Protecting our Children *Aiea/Pearl City town meeting addresses concerns over cyber crimes*

Through advancements in technology, people are able to connect with one another instantly, despite being thousands of miles apart. The internet has become a conduit for social, economic and recreational interchange between people of various cultures around the globe. It enables families to stay in touch with those serving in Afghanistan and Iraq and with children attending schools in other states and also provides a wealth of information for research and study.

However, this modern technology has also become a tool for those who use it to prey on the innocent, especially children and the elderly. Cyber bullying and cyber threats (see below) have become so prevalent that the State Attorney General established the Hawaii Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force, which is part of a nationwide network dedicated to protecting children in the cyberspace environment.

On February 20, the Aiea/Pearl City legislators held an informational town meeting to help parents learn more about this growing concern. Robert Jahier of the Hawaii ICAC provided many thought-provoking examples of how children are enticed into cyber-relationships by persons who disguise their identities and intentions. Those in attendance learned not only of the dangers that exist in cyberspace, but also were given valuable hints of how to help their children learn to use the internet safely, as listed below.



### Cyber Bullying:

- Cyber bullying consists of sending or posting cruel messages, photos, or videos on the Internet or other electronic media with the intent of damaging the reputation of the target.

### Cyber Threats:

- A cyber threat is a message that creates concern about the writer using violence against others or him or herself including suicide. Messages can be either explicit threats or clues to the emotional stress of the individual.

### Tip on how to protect your Children

- Educate yourself and your family on the opportunities for education and for danger on the Internet
- Contact your internet service provider (ISP) about parental controls to monitor and protect your children
- Keep your computer in your family room
- Create clear and simple rules for internet usage
- Teach your children to remain as anonymous as possible, never giving out any personal information, such as name, address, phone number, school, etc.

For more information visit: [www.hicac.com](http://www.hicac.com)

## Town Meeting on Transportation

**Aiea and Pearl City Town Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 12, 2008**  
**7:00 – 8:30 pm.**  
**Waimalu Elementary School Cafeteria**

The town meeting is sponsored by Senators Ige, Mercado Kim, Nishihara and Sakamoto as well as State Representatives Oshiro, Takai, and Takumi. Officials from the State Department of Transportation and the City Department of Transportation Services will present updates on plans to make traffic and safety improvements along Kamehameha Highway from Center Drive to Waihona Street, as well as other on-going and upcoming City and State projects in the community. For additional information, please call the Office of Representative Mark Takai at 586-8455.

## The Neighborhood Connection

### Pearl Ridge Elementary

#### 2008 Cans for Cash Challenge

Pearl Ridge Elementary, in sponsorship with Reynolds Recycling is hosting the 2008 Cans for Cash Challenge. The collection will be on Tuesday, March 4 through Wednesday March 12 from 7:30 am to 7:55 am in front of the Administration Building. The school is requesting that those intending on participating separate cans and plastic containers in separate bags.

#### Distinguished Achievement Award

On Friday, February 1 2008, Pearl Ridge Elementary was honored with the Distinguished Achievement Award at the 2008 Hawaii Distinguished Schools luncheon held at the Hilton Hawaii Village. This is the fourth consecutive year that Pearl Ridge Elementary School has achieved this prestigious honor. Congratulations goes out to Pearl Ridge Elementary school Principal Lauren Dunn and the entire staff for being outstanding representatives of the community.

### Capitol Scrapbook



*Sen. Ige speaks to students from Aiea Intermediate School*



*Students from Aiea Adult School visit the State Capitol*



*Sen. Ige and the Senate honor Aiea High Graduate Andrew Sato.*

*Sen. Ige presents a certificate to the students from the Hawaiian Immersion program.*



*Sen. Ige and Fukunaga pose with the first teacher astronaut Barbara Radding Morgan as well as Claud Onizuka and Art Kimura.*

### Outstanding Teachers in our Community

#### 2008 Teacher Appreciation Winners

For the last 18 years, the Central District chapter of the Hawaii State Teachers Association has honored outstanding teachers of the schools in their district. We would like to congratulate the following teachers who were chosen by their peers for the 2008 Teacher Appreciation ceremony being held on April 13:

Vanessa Hong	Aiea Elementary
Wendell Say	Aiea High
Michelle Toyama	Aiea Intermediate
Joy Arakaki-Tsutsui	Pearl Ridge Elementary
Alena Wong	Alvah Scott Elementary

#### Ola Pono Award

Congratulations to **John Honjo**, sixth grade teacher at Aiea Elementary School, on being chosen to receive an Ola Pono award for promoting safe, healthy and drug-free lifestyles. The award is sponsored primarily by the coalition for a Drug-Free Hawaii and includes a \$1,000 donation to a charitable organization or school of his choice.

### Congratulations to the Aiea High School Boys Basketball Team

The Aiea Boys Basketball team captured the OIA title and finished the season with an undefeated record. Na Ali'i entered the state tournament as the number one seed and coasted through the tournament with convincing victories over Kaiser and Hawaii Baptist before meeting up with Farrington High School in the title match of the HHSAA division II basketball championship game. After a hard fought battle and buzzer beating shot, Aiea fell just two points short of a state title. Congratulations goes out to head coach Wyatt Tau and the entire Aiea High School boys basketball team for an incredible season!

