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## State House of Representative District 4, Puna

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**IS POHAKULOA OPEN THIS WEEKEND TO HUNT?** This hunting season, Pohakuloa Training Academy (PTA), has been posting open hunting dates on a weekly bases. If you want to know whether this weekend is open, please contact PTA Hunter's hotline: 969-3474. Bow-hunting is allowed July 3-5 between 5a.m. and 7p.m. at training site 1-6 ,9, 12-16. Call PTA Hunter's hotline for details.



**Hawaii State has a new court system:** Beginning, Wednesday, July 1, 2015 Hawaii will become the second state in the nation to have a court dedicated exclusively to "environmental" issues. Environmental cases will be heard in the Big Island's District Courts.

Rep San Buenaventura with India's Chief Justice. India has a green tribunal for environmental issues.

### HAPPY 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION!!!

Below is a list of some of the events around the island.

**HILO BAY BLAST** - family activities around Hilo Bayfront including games, cook-offs, music and more. Hawai'i County Band concert at Mo'ohau Bandstand at 7pm, followed by fireworks at 8pm over Hilo Bay. For more info, call 961-8706.

**A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS:** Hilo Bay 5K Run/Walk, begins at 7:00 a.m. at Liliuokalani Gardens. When registering, indicate your special veteran because this year a special tribute will be made to all veterans honored. For more information visit <http://asalutetoourveterans.org/>

### FOURTH OF JULY PARADE & CELEBRATION - VOLCANO VILLAGE

- The parade will begin at 9 a.m. at the Volcano Post Office and proceed for one half mile along Old Volcano Road to Cooper Community Center. Music, games, food booths, dunking pond, craft fair and prizes to follow. For more info, call (808) 967-7800.

**4th of JULY SILENT AUCTION BENEFIT - VOLCANO VILLAGE:** This annual fundraiser is a much anticipated part of Volcano's popular 4th of July parade and festival. The auction will be held at the Cooper Center on Wright Road in Volcano Village, tax deductible donations welcome through July 3. For more info, (808) 985-7373, email [admin@fhvnp.org](mailto:admin@fhvnp.org), or visit [www.fhvnp.org](http://www.fhvnp.org).



**WHERE DID IT GO?** Have you wondered what happened to this sign? It was removed on June 3, 2015, yes Keonepoko students will return to their school for the 2015-2016



**HAWAII THE THIRD-WORST STATE FOR RURAL PAVEMENT CONDITIONS:** In a report released by TRIP, a national transportation research group, when it comes to rural transportation system, Hawaii was ranked the third-worst state.

31 percent of Hawaii's rural pavement is in poor condition; only Rhode Island and Michigan are worse off. For more information visit <http://www.civilbeat.com/2015/05/hawaii-is-third-worst-state-for-rural-pavement-conditions-report-says/>

## 2015 HAWAII NATIONAL GUARD VIGILANT GUARD/MAKANI PAHILI:

Representative San Buenaventura at the Hawaii National Guard, 2015 Vigilant Guard, a national disaster preparedness exercise held for the first time in Hawaii in conjunction with Makani Pahili, Hawaii's annual hurricane preparedness exercise. Military personnel from the Philippines, Cambodia and Thailand came to participate. Photo was taken at Diamond Head's Civil Defense site with Representatives Ryan Yamane, Joy San Buenaventura, and Richard Onishi.



## **Rat Lungworm Disease – (click on link to get more information) Be aware. Make sure you wash your fresh produce:**

Over the past 5 years, cases of eosinophilic meningitis caused by the rat lungworm parasite have risen sharply in Hawaii. Since 2007 there have been 42 statewide reported cases of 'rat lungworm', with 38 cases from the Big Island. Slugs, snails and flatworms are hosts of the rat lungworm parasite.

The parasite travels through the blood stream and can affect the brain and spinal cord. Symptoms may include flu-like conditions, severe headache, stiffness of the neck and back, skin tingling and sensitivity, sensitivity to light, hallucinations, paralysis, vision problems and visual impairment, short-tem memory loss, nausea and vomiting, debilitating nerve pain, even death.

An infected rat passes the worms in its droppings. Snails, slugs, freshwater prawns, crabs and frogs can become infected by ingesting the worms. Infection is generally a result from accidental consumption of a slug, snail or their slime on unwashed or poorly washed, raw produce or insufficiently cooked freshwater prawns, crabs and frogs. Chemical wash solutions have not shown to be effective in removing slugs and snails from produce and some victims believe that consumption of unfiltered catchment water may have been the cause of their infection.

Prevention is the best way to reduce your risk of infection. Control the rodents, slugs and snails and carefully (if you wear glasses, put them on) examine and wash your fresh produce, pay special attention to the curly leafy vegetables. Snails and slugs chew irregular holes with smooth edges so discard any vegetable leaves showing this type of damage or have slime trails. Do not leave your pet's food dishes outside at night as slugs, snails, and rats are attracted to the food. If you use rainwater catchment be sure to have the tank properly covered, check for slime trails and change your filters regularly. It is also important to regularly clean your tank and any gutters feeding into the tank.

For more information, visit Dr. Susan Jarvi's webpage at the UHH Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy <http://pharmacy.uhh.hawaii.edu/rlw/>, email [rlw411@hawaii.edu](mailto:rlw411@hawaii.edu) or visit the Rat Lungworm working Group on Facebook. You may also call the Hawaii district Health Office Disease Investigations office at 933-0912

## **HURRICANE SEASON:** (click on link to get more information) June 1 — November 30 is Hurricane Season

**what can we do to be prepared?** Now that hurricane season is here, below are some tips when a hurricane or tropical storm threatens:

- Tune in to your local radio/television station to find out if there is an evacuation order and for shelter locations nearest you.
- Review your Emergency Plan- escape routes in your home, meeting location, emergency phone numbers, and your Emergency Kit (items in your kit should include 7 days of food, water and medications, battery or solar powered radio, flashlight and extra batteries, plastic bags and ties for waste, whistle, matches, blankets and tarps, personal hygiene items, and a first aid kit).
- Keep important documents such as your passport or driver's license, banking and credit card information, insurance information, healthcare directives, copy of property titles/deeds, prescriptions and dosages, list of family and important numbers, etc. in a sealed plastic bag.
- Store and secure outdoor lawn furniture and other loose, lightweight objects, such as garbage cans and garden tools that might be blown away by high winds, and become flying debris.
- Boats should be moored securely, or moved to a designated safe area well before the storm arrives.
- Windows should be boarded up. .
- Make sure you have gas in your car and some cash on hand.

## **LAWMAKERS LISTEN:**

**Are you wondering what's coming up next session? Would you like to become more involved, but are unsure as to how to go about it? Are you wondering what you can do to get a bill passed? Do you have any suggestions/input?**

**Then you'll want to meet the State House of Representative Leadership at the upcoming Lawmakers Listen in Pahoā. The specifics are still being worked on but we intend to have it in January 2016, right before the 2016 session.**

**More information will be provided in future newsletters.**

If you wish to stay up on all of the legislation, events, and news happening in the Hawaii State House of Representatives then check out the Hawaii House Blog! It has news and updates along with photos from the House!

Check it out at: <http://hawaiihouseblog.blogspot.com/>

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