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**Waipahu Don Quixote**  
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*Aloha,*

Let me begin by expressing my condolences to the families of HPD officers Tiffany Enriquez and Kaulike Kalama. They were courageous and dedicated officers who gave their lives for all of us. All our prayers and thoughts of support go out to their families and their fellow officers.

I know the issues of gun control, mental health services and calls by the public to do more to prevent the senseless violence that seems to be affecting our communities will be at the forefront this session. We passed a number of important public safety laws last session. One was the "Red Flag" law that allows the police to confiscate weapons from individuals who are declared to present a threat to others in the community. Another law would allow the mental examination of people who meet the criteria but refuse treatment. We hope that these laws will ensure greater safety for our communities.

Please feel free to contact my office if you wish to discuss any issues. My door is always open to you.

*Mahalo,*

*Clarence K Nishihara*

### Homeless Outreach and Navigation for Unsheltered Persons (HONU) Pilot Project

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Three large inflatable tents at Waipahu Cultural Garden Park make up the first mobile homeless center on Oahu. The pilot program is called the Homeless Outreach and Navigation for Unsheltered Persons project, or HONU. At the site, social service agencies will work with homeless individuals and families to try to quickly move them into more permanent housing. The 3-year HONU project



Above: Sen. Nishihara with Honolulu Police Department's Sgt. Joseph "Dan" O'Neal at the Waipahu Cultural Garden Park HONU project site.

is budgeted to cost \$6 million and will come from the \$30 million in Ohana Zone funding previously approved by state legislators. Most of the money (\$5 million) will be spent on staffing, including an increased HPD presence in the HONU. The other \$1 million will be spent on hardware, including the inflatable, water-resistant, wind-resistant structures. After the 90-day period ends in Waipahu, the goal is to set up a second HONU in the spring in another city park somewhere in the urban core.

## Ukulele Lending Program



Ukulele virtuoso Jake Shimabukuro performed at the Wai-pahu Public Library to introduce the new ukulele lending program at the library. Library patrons can now borrow a ukulele for 3 weeks with a library card. The 'ukulele are provided by the Music for Life Foundation and Jake Shimabukuro, co-director of the 'ukulele sponsorship, with the goal of making 'ukulele and 'ukulele playing opportunities accessible to all by allowing them to be checked out as easily as books. We are lucky to have this program in our community.

## Major General Arthur "Joe" Logan Retires after 41 years of service



After 41 years of service with the Hawaii Army National Guard, Major General Arthur "Joe" Logan's retirement ceremony was held at the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team Readiness Center in Kapolei last weekend. General Logan most recently served as the Adjutant General of the Hawaii National Guard and Director of the State of Hawaii's Department of Defense, which oversees the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, Office Homeland Security, and the Youth Challenge Academy. We would like to thank him for his service to our state and to our country, and wish him nothing but the best in retirement. Mahalo General Logan.

## 100th Anniversary of the Plumbers and Fitters Union Local 675

The Plumbers & Fitters Union Local 675 celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel. Founded in 1919 with 50 members, the Plumbers & Fitters Local 675 received its charter from the United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry of the United States and Canada. Presenting Business Manager Valentino Ceria with a certificate from the Legislature were Senator Clarence Nishihara, Representative James Tokioka, Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran and Senator Michelle Kidani.



## Upcoming Coffee Hours

Please refer to the Voice section in the Midweek for the upcoming time and date of the next coffee hour in the community.  
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