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Restraining order sought by comic Barr

Comedian Roseanne Barr is seeking a temporary restraining order against a neighbor who filed a complaint about unauthorized grading being done on Barr's Big Island macadamia nut farm.

The Hawaii Tribune-Herald reported Barr's request is due to be heard next Thursday before Judge Melvin Fujino in Waimea. Fujino granted Barr a preliminary restraining order until the hearing.

Barr filed a petition Monday against Roree and Richard Oehlman, saying the couple "began a campaign of harassment against me from the time I purchased my property."

She also accused the Oehlman's of trespassing on her 46-acre farm in Honokaa and trying to libel and defame her in area stores.

Roree Oehlman says most of those allegations aren't true, but declined to comment on the specifics, citing the preliminary restraining order.

Dehydrated tourist saved by helicopter

Kauai County fire officials airlifted a 50-year-old male visitor from Washington state out of Hanakoa Valley on Tuesday because he was suffering from dehydration.

The man had been camping in Kalalau Valley and was hiking

A LEI FOR A PEACEMAKER



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Arun Gandhi, grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, joined Ray Kumar yesterday at the Gandhi statue in front of the Honolulu Zoo for a Hawaiian blessing organized by the Gandhi International Institute for Peace and the We Are One Foundation. Arun Gandhi brought the lei that Johnny Kakanui Lucero placed on the statue.

Bill takes step toward elected attorney general

A measure to propose amending the state Constitution will be heard in the Senate

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A bill calling for a proposed state constitutional amendment that would allow voters to select the attorney general is scheduled

to be heard in the Senate. The measure would be more independent from the governor.

Opponents contend the attorney general works closely with the governor and that elected attorneys general might be influenced by special interests donating to their campaigns.

In testimony submitted to the committee, Kenneth Conklin supported the measure.

"We need an attorney gen-

Guilty plea offered in fireworks violations

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A 26-year-old Honolulu man pleaded guilty in federal court yesterday to importing 278 cases of aerial fireworks without a license.

Brandon C. Haleamau also pleaded guilty to lying on shipping documents to try to import a container-load of more fireworks from China, and depositing thousands of dollars in cash into several bank accounts in increments less than \$10,000 to evade IRS reporting requirements.

Haleamau faces up to 10 years in prison for each of three illegal importation charges, two years for lying on shipping documents and five years for evading cash transaction reporting requirements when he is sentenced in June.

He also may have to forfeit to the government \$345,421 it seized from his Hawaii State Federal Credit Union account and three cars.

The government says Haleamau deposited \$1,110,809 in 283 transactions in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$9,500 into his, his wife's and his mother-in-law's accounts from June 10, 2008, to Dec. 28, 2009. The prosecutor said Haleamau obtained the money from illegal fireworks sales and illegal gambling.

Federal prosecutor Darren W.K. Ching said Haleamau knew about the cash transaction reporting requirement from his previous employment as a teller at