

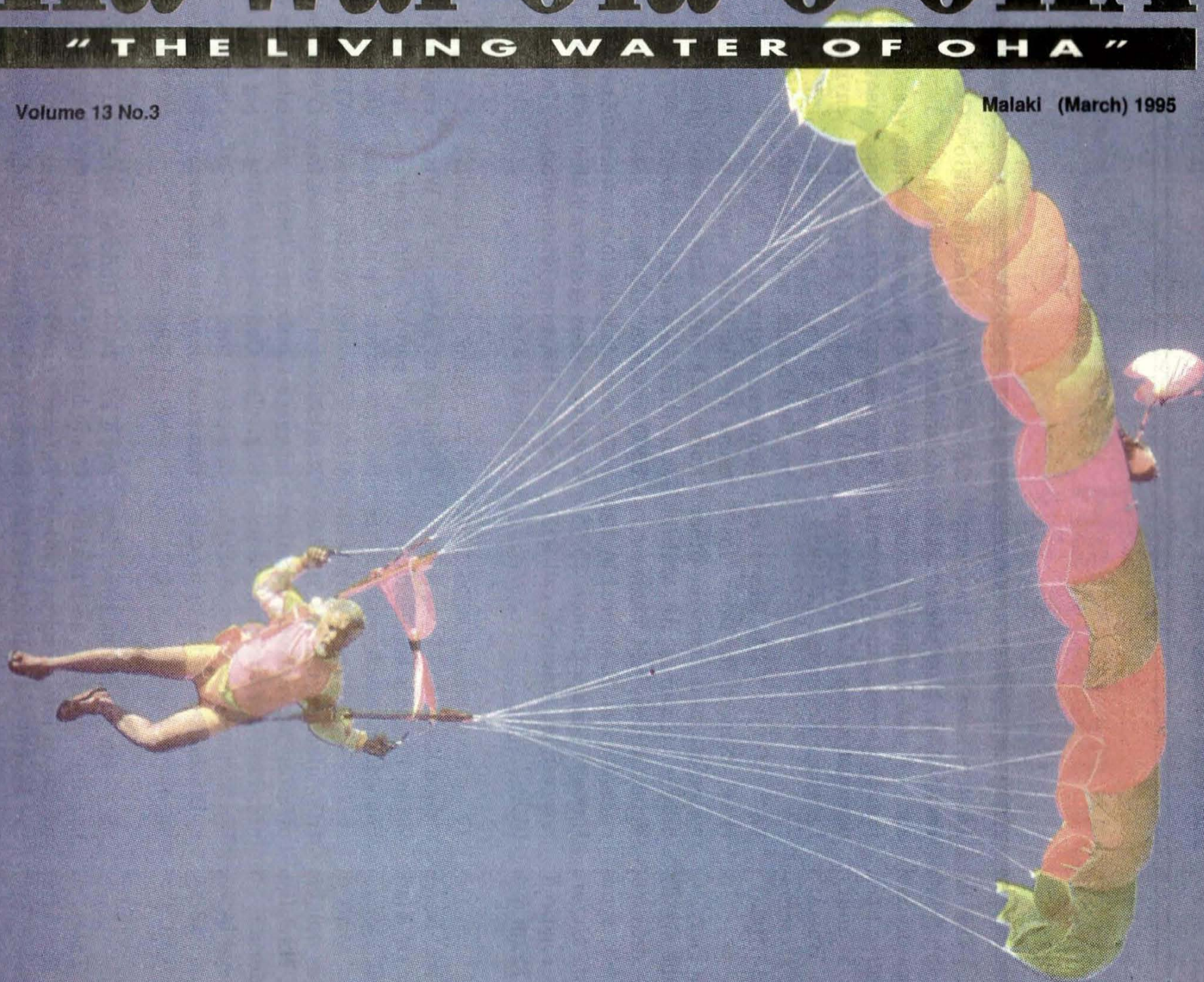
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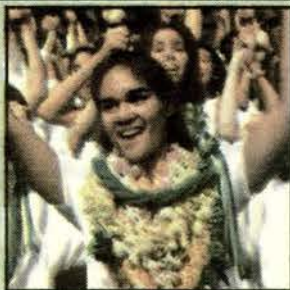


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OHA's trust share targeted at Legislature

by Patrick Johnston

The fight over the future of OHA's share of ceded lands revenue got underway last month with key legislators and the governor's office introducing bills to suspend, reduce, or redefine moneys received by the Hawaiian agency.

In February's *Ka Wai Ola* was a report on OHA's attempt to head off a legislative

battle by offering to loan the state OHA's share of ceded lands revenue for five years. House finance committee Chairman Calvin Say responded by introducing House Bill 2707, legislation that would amend section 10-1.5 of Hawai'i Revised Statutes to suspend OHA's 20 percent share of ceded lands revenue for five years beginning July 1.

When all losses — cuts in ceded lands

payments and reduction in investment gains — were factored in, the Say bill could have meant over a \$200 million reduction in the OHA trust over five years.

Say's bill was never heard and at this point is technically dead. However, shortly after the introduction of H.B. 2707, the governor's office introduced what is potentially even more damaging legislation. S.B. 2867 would redefine the income that is

presently coming to OHA and limit the revenue OHA receives from ceded lands that have benefitted from capital improvement projects. The bill opens up the possibility for the state to strike at the core of the revenues now reaching OHA.

Other legislation includes a bill to re-evaluate OHA's biennium budget, this despite the fact that OHA did not submit a supplemental budget for 1997. OHA trustees believe this may be an attempt to reduce the amount of general state funds OHA receives to levels below those already approved by the Legislature.

In an attempt to gather Hawaiian forces against the proposed legislation, OHA invited over 70 individuals from organizations across the state for a meeting in

Seeding new Hawaiian business and jobs

OHA economic division impacts bottom line

More than 250 Hawaiian-owned businesses probably wouldn't exist without it. Nor would over 800 jobs. In these or any other bottom-line economic terms, including the state taxes it pays, OHA's Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund (NHRLF) has been an unqualified success.

So has its sister program, community-based economic development (CBED).

The loan fund benefits individual Hawaiians; CBED is for whole communities. Both are administered by OHA's economic development division, one of the Hawaiian agency's five main areas of operation.

The division aims to create a range of economic opportunity that speaks to different interests in the Hawaiian community — from individual entrepreneurs to more collaborative and culturally sensitive community groups.

authorized in 1992, at which time OHA decided to match the federal funding dollar for dollar. From then on the loan fund grew at the rate of \$2 million a year.

Loans from the NHRLF can be made only to Hawaiian-owned businesses. The majority of these are start-up businesses that could not get financial help elsewhere. In fact, a requirement for NHRLF funding is a turnaround on loan requests from at least two commercial banks.

"The reason for that is that we want to help those Hawaiian businesses that need help the most," says Christine van Bergeijk, economic development division officer. "We decide each loan application on a case-by-case basis, but viability is the major consideration. If you can borrow money from a bank, there is probably somebody else who needs our help more."

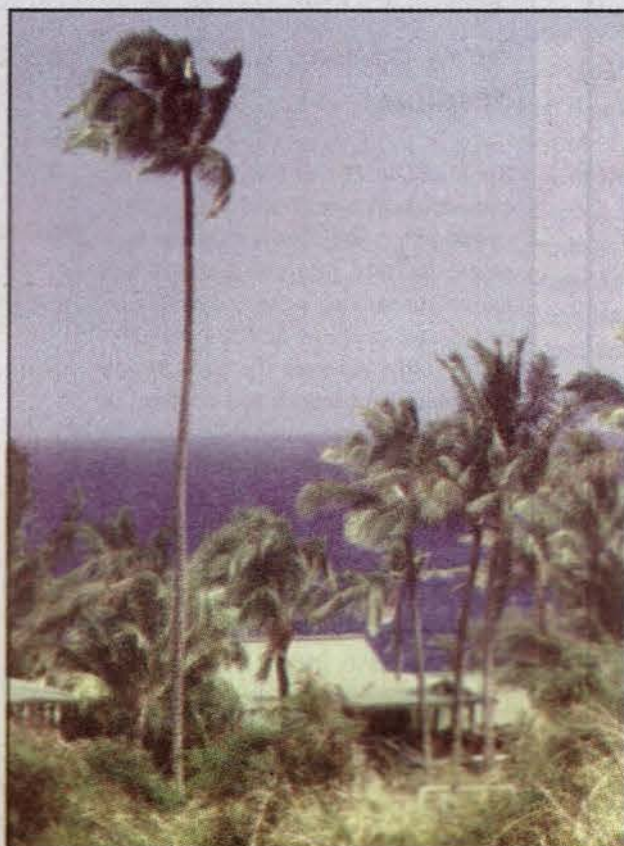
Annual funding from ANA and OHA has brought the total amount in the loan fund to \$12 million. Of that, \$7 million has come from the ANA and \$5 million has come from OHA. Almost all of the total is currently loaned out to qualifying businesses. In fact, 255 loans have been made since the 1989 start of the program. Chris van Bergeijk and staff have

calculated that NHRLF loans have created businesses that now employ some 818 workers.

"We keep in pretty close touch with our participants," says van Bergeijk. "We want to help them any way we can."

Most NHRLF loans run between \$15,000 and \$75,000, are for five-year durations, and are designed to help get a deserving business started. But lately the

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View from site of future Hāna CBED project: creating a range of economic opportunity.

Senate bill 2867 opens up the possibility for the state to strike at the core of the revenues now reaching OHA.

Honolulu February 13. At the meeting OHA staff and trustees spelled out the problem and asked those present to go out to their communities and gather support for the agency's efforts.

Trustees stressed that the state had an obligation based on its own laws — and on past injustices incurred by Hawaiians — to honor its fiduciary responsibility to OHA. If the revenue-cutting legislation passed, they pointed out, the real losers would be the Hawaiian people, the beneficiaries of the OHA trust.

Legislation is always changing so it is important to note that the bills mentioned may not be alive when beneficiaries receive the paper. However, they might be, and the language from dead bills may be resurrected in other legislation. It is critical that Hawaiians be aware of what is happening at the Legislature and urge legislators to defeat legislation that would hurt Hawaiian trust entitlements.

(Editor's note: See future issues of *Ka Wai Ola O OHA* for an update on legislation affecting OHA and Hawaiian programs.)

This is the first of five articles dealing with OHA's principal activities and their importance to Hawaiians. The remaining articles in the series will appear in subsequent issues of Ka Wai Ola O OHA.

The NHRLF

NHRLF got its start in 1989, as a result of a three-year commitment beginning that year from the federal Administration of Native Americans (ANA). ANA, funded by Congress, agreed to put up \$1 million a year for a loan fund to aid Hawaiian-owned businesses. The program was re-

Plebiscite changed to Hawaiian vote, HSEC gets funds

The Hawaiian Sovereignty Elections Council announced recently that it would replace the term plebiscite with the wording "Native Hawaiian Vote" in order to clarify the meaning of the event.

"The Native Hawaiian Vote is simply a vote of the Native Hawaiian people," explained HSEC chairman Sol Kaho'ohalahala. "Hawaiians will be asked to vote 'yes,' or 'no,' to this question: 'Shall the Hawaiian people elect delegates to propose a Native Hawaiian government?' This will be the first step in the process to determine the will of the indigenous Hawaiian people to restore a nation of their own choosing," Kaho'ohalahala said.

And now the funds are available for HSEC to carry out its plans for educating and registering Hawaiian voters in a massive move beginning this month. After a freeze of such funding, the governor released the remainder of its share of the \$2.5 million allocated to HSEC to carry out its mission with the state and OHA providing equal fund-

ing. The governor released \$353,000 in state funds to HSEC according to Act 359 which created the council in 1993. Consequently, the OHA Board of Trustees, Feb. 15, 1996, in a five-to-two vote also approved the release of previously appropriated matching funds.

"With the funding, we're ready to produce the educational materials and begin the media campaign that will inform Hawaiians and the public about the importance of their vote," said Debbie Lee Behm, HSEC voter education coordinator. "We've been ready since January 1995 to launch this thing, and now we can." We've had to operate on a limited basis, thus far."

"OHA has always backed the plebiscite," said OHA Trustee Kina'u Boyd Kamali'i, who is also an HSEC member. "We changed the name, in part, just to accommodate Ka Lāhui." Kamali'i sought out Ka Lāhui's input since it has so adamantly opposed the idea from the beginning. "Now we can move to having the Hawaiian vote in order to see if we will be forming a convention of delegates to seriously discuss sovereignty," she said. The vote had been postponed from 1995 to 1996 because of the freezing of the needed funding, she said.

In addition, a disclaimer will be added to the ballot that reads that this vote in no way infringes upon the rights and entitlements procured for Hawaiians and native

Hawaiians, she pointed out.

"The council feels this is the only valid, fair process to get our people involved, and the only way to give our people a fair chance at it, now. If the majority vote "no," there are other ways to pursue the sovereignty issue but with our own community funding," HSEC Director Tara Lulani McKenzie said.

It will be the first vote of its kind not based upon citizenship or residency, but on ancestry and age, Behm said. Presently HSEC has registrations from 32 states, Australia and Germany plus some 60,000 OHA registered voters. Those eligible to vote on this question are "any descendant of indigenous peo-

ple inhabiting the Hawaiian islands which exercised sovereignty and subsisted in the Hawaiian islands prior to 1778" and will be at least 18 years old by Sept. 2, 1996. Registered voters will then be mailed a ballot beginning July 1, 1996.

OHA registered voters will be receiving a card in the mail by April to confirm and update addresses. These will then automatically be mailed a ballot. Those who are not registered OHA voters may request that a registration form be mailed to them by calling HSEC at (808) 587-2834. "Send a list of names and addresses, we will mail them out," Behm says.

— by Pearl Page

Tutorial conference scheduled for March

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs education division has announced that its Second Annual Tutorial Conference is set for Thursday, March 14, 1996, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the Dole Ballrooms, 735 Iwilei Rd., in Honolulu. Cost for the conference packet and lunch is \$20. Limited scholarships and air transportation are available, but request this immediately.

The conference gives participating OHA tutorial programs an opportunity to discuss accomplishments, as well as mutual concerns. Those seeking to establish similar programs are welcome.

OHA tutorial programs assist Hawaiian children to complete grade level work, to be promoted, or to be graduated with a 2.0 grade point average or better, as well as, to improve test scores and attitudinal ratings. Any education institution or nonprofit education organization, parent group or Hawaiian organization, benefitting Native Hawaiian children, grades K-12 may submit proposals by June 3, 1996.

For more information, call the OHA education division at (808) 594-1912. Neighbor islanders may call 1-800-468-4644, ext. 41912.



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Our Readers Write

Prison conditions need improvement

I agree with Trustee Akaka's (Trustee's Views, Feb '96) desire to improve conditions in Hawai'i's prisons, not only for Hawaiian inmates, but for all inmates and staff. I would be happy to arrange for OHA members or any other citizen to visit our correctional facilities.

We do not tolerate violence in prison, and that is why any staff members responsible for mistreating inmate Ulysses Kim or any other inmate face disciplinary action as well as state and federal criminal investigations.

Yes, we do need more drug treatment for inmates. That is why Governor Cayetano is asking the Legislature for funds to expand the drug treatment program at the Waiawa correctional facility from its current 34-bed capacity to 200 beds.

More than 80 percent of our inmates have a history of serious substance abuse. Our community needs to do more to stop the drug epidemic before users wind up in prison. Community anti-drug programs like that of the Waimānalo homesteaders are an excellent start.

Sending Hawai'i inmates to Texas was a last resort for us because we simply ran out of prison bed space. These jails meet national corrections standards, and we are sending staff periodically to Texas to ensure the standards are maintained.

We encourage inmate artists and we regularly provide them art supplies. In fact, we recently held the first statewide inmate art exhibition. I invite OHA to join other groups in helping sponsor our 1996 exhibition by donating funds or art supplies.

George Iranon, Director
State Department of Public
Safety

No such thing as a strictly monitored casino

In your January 1996 issue of *Ka Wai Ola O OHA* the article titled in part, "Strictly monitored casinos could pay off ..." struck me with grave concern.

Trustee Moanikeala Akaka writes, "Only 10 percent of the isolated two million square foot casino is devoted to gambling." She continues to describe the non-gambling usage of the rest of the area. The casino needs the non-gambling businesses as

bait and promotion for gambling. Doesn't she realize that all the owners of the casino need is 10 percent to do damage to families and communities?

There is no such thing as a "strictly monitored casino" because the owners of the casino are not concerned about the welfare of individuals. Some legislators want casinos here because they feel the state will prosper financially. This is truly false!

Please do not let casinos into our beautiful islands. Undesirable individuals will come here and poverty, along with crime, will be on the increase. All you have to do is look at the history of such places as Atlantic City and Las Vegas. They speak for themselves. For a trustee to feel this way about casinos that are "strictly monitored" is a pity for our dear Hawai'i.

Leimomi Kamaooha
Honolulu

Anahola incident a rallying cry

Let the "Anahola incident" be a rallying cry. We express our condolences and deep sorrow to the Smith 'ohana for all they have suffered in the past, and suffer now for the tragic passing of one of their sons. We hope their suffering will not be perpetuated for eternity. Let the flames of their suffering ignite us into action.

The Hawaiian Sovereignty Elections Council's request to release of state tax dollars to fund a Hawaiian sovereignty plebiscite that asks, "Shall the Hawaiian people elect delegates to propose a native Hawaiian government?" is discriminatory and out of touch with the Hawaiian community.

The Fifteenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution states, "The right of citizens ... to vote shall not be denied ... by any state on account of race, color" On this constitutional basis, the state cannot conduct

a plebiscite giving only Hawaiians the right to vote and excluding the rest of the tax payers.

Since January 17, 1893, the indigenous Hawaiians have maintained our inherent sovereignty. It was never given up or lost, the "Apology Resolution" acknowledges this. Support a resolution releasing state funds to the 40 different sovereign Hawaiian organizations. They have been addressing the needs of Hawaiians and implementing programs in health, language, culture, housing, and education for the "betterment of native Hawaiians." Support this equitable distribution of state funds. As leaders and Hawaiians we can choose to alleviate despair and provide relief today.

Sharon Lum and Lale Ho
Berkeley, Anaheim, California

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Community hears, responds to Hālawā Valley proposals

by Patrick Johnston

The pre-contact Hawaiian communities that once lived in the Hālawā Valley and Luluku district are gone but they will not be forgotten.

A mitigation and enhancement draft plan developed by PBR Hawai'i, with consultation from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the Native Hawaiian Preservation Council has been completed and received public hearings last month. The draft lays out a comprehensive plan to preserve and protect archaeological and natural sites in the area and offers users an opportunity both to live the culture and learn about the societies that once lived there.

The document traces its roots to a 1987 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Federal Highways Administration and the Hawai'i State Department of Transportation that aimed to avoid and mitigate the adverse impact of the development of the H-3 highway. The agreement required that a study be undertaken to develop a plan to preserve the historical, cultural and natural heritage of the area.

The mitigation draft — which is just a proposal and open to revision — stresses improved access to the cultural legacy of the area. The proposal would preserve archaeological and cultural sites found on both sides of the Ko'olau mountains and provide two interpretive centers: one in North Hālawā and one in Luluku, complete with complementing trails, landscaping and interpretive signage.

Two mitigation measures are involved in the plan: a preservation plan, designed to "specify sites" and determine the ideal method of preserving them; and an "interpretive development plan," one that would address the questions of access, on-site interpretation, maintenance, appropriate treatment of structural components, acquisition of water rights, financial responsibility and interpretive concerns.

Plan developers hope that preserving these sites and providing interpretive centers will help perpetuate

the skills, knowledge, and appreciation of Hawaiian agricultural technology.

North Hālawā Valley

The North Hālawā Valley contains archaeological resources that are largely native Hawaiian habitation and dryland agricultural sites. The agricultural uses of the area were generally small plots farmed by residents for personal use.

Interpretive plan

Active preservation

The plan for the North Hālawā Valley includes what is termed "active preservation." This involves preserving cultural sites, repairing archaeological features, clearing non-native vegetation, and providing an accessible interpretive display for educational and cultural purposes. An example of a site targeted for active preservation would be "Site 85," an agricultural and habitation site which includes small religious structures.

Passive preservation

"Passive preservation" would leave sites untouched but would improve access by providing trails and clearing brush. Burials or other sensitive sights would be protected by keeping any improvements or signage from their vicinity.

Interpretive center

As part of the educational experience, an interpretive center would be built at an entry point in North Hālawā that would provide a variety of exhibits and educational materials about the valley.

Luluku (Kāne'ohe Interchange)

The Windward side contains important wetlands archaeological sites and a heiau.

Interpretive plan

Active preservation

The plan for the Luluku side would include the active preservation of sophisticated terraces found in the region. The suggestion is to clear the area, provide trails and interpretation.

Passive preservation

Like North Hālawā, some sites would be cleared of vegetation but generally left untouched.

Interpretive center

Signage would be provided

detailed the agricultural and cultural history of the area as well as an interpretive center to be located adjacent to Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden.

Management

Overall management responsibilities for the plan would be provided by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and supported by the state Department of Transportation.

Community response

A series of four public meetings were held in February to allow the community an opportunity to hear the proposal and offer comment.

Many at the meetings voiced concern about the interpretive centers, arguing that they did not want to see another state park grow out of the proposals, complete with daytripping sightseers. The point was to make a place for Hawaiians, not tourists. Some participants expressed concern about the interpretive signage, arguing that it should not be included. One suggestion was to have a house for a kahu who would provide some of the interpretation; another was to have signage that provided a variety of interpretation about an area.

The important thing many said was to create a distinctly Hawaiian area, run by Hawaiians for people with a sincere interest in the customs and traditions of the area. The focus would be the active preservation of a culture, not recreation.

The question of access was also a concern. Some mentioned the need for handicap access and access for religious purposes. There was concern that the proposed trail system would interrupt sites, bringing casual visitors into contact with those practicing traditional customs and religion.

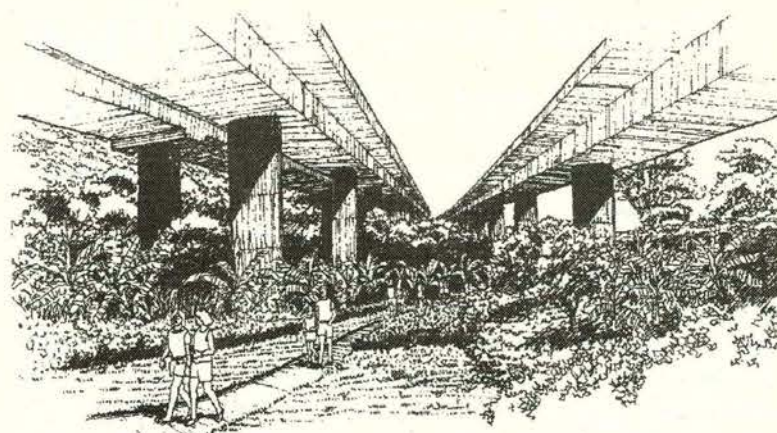
The issue of vegetation was also raised as was the respectful positioning of toilets.

Given the enormous controversy that surrounded the building of the H-3, some suggested that some of the interpretation include Hawaiian opposition to the highway.

Another point brought up was community participation in the process of preparing the draft. Some felt that they were not included enough in the development of the plan and wanted more participation in future revisions. And many wanted to make sure OHA followed up on the plan, creating a site that was well-managed and maintained.

In response to these concerns, OHA staff and trustees plan to work with the community and incorporate some of their ideas into revisions to the draft, said OHA Trustee Kina'u Boyd Kamali'i.

"We want to make something to help rebuild the Hawaiian people. ... to restore a place of serenity," she said.



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(signed) Donald A. Lewis, Trustee

(signed) David Keanu Sai, Trustee

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In the last two centuries, millions of acres of Hawaiian land have been taken from Hawaiians. The tragic history of abused Hawaiian ali'i property rights, customs and practices continues.

Again and again we find the government using its most extreme powers to satisfy a vocal minority, and achieve some short-term political goals.

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Now, at Kuapā Isle, the City is acting to seize the ancestral lands of Ke Ali'i Pauahi, and "redistribute" it to others. They call it "mandatory conversion." But it's all just a new chapter in an old history of stealing land from Hawaiians.

Stealing is a strong term. But if you consider the forced taking of property from its rightful owner an immoral, unjustifiable practice, then calling it stealing is all too accurate.

Isn't it time we stopped repeating our history, and started learning from it?

Stop the stealing. Stop mandatory conversion.



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Ko Kamehameha Ho'okūkū Himeni

na Manu'aikohana Boyd

E nā hoa heluhelu o *Ka Wai Ola O OHA*, mai ka lā hiki i ka hikina a ka la kau i ke komohana, aloha nui kākou. 'Oiai 'o ka makahiki kēia o ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i, i kūkala 'ia e ke Kia'āina, ua mana'o 'ia e ho'okomo i kekahi kōlamu 'ōlelo Hawai'i i kēia nūpepa nei e hō'ike ākea i ka nani a me ka waiwai o ka 'ōlelo 'ōiwi o kēia pae 'āina hanohano. Inā he mana'o kou e ho'ouna mai i kekahi mo'olelo i kākau 'ia ma ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i no ka pa'i 'ia 'ana ma 'ane'i, e ho'ouna i ia mea iā mākou, a na nā luna o kēia nūpepa e wae aku. A, na'u ke kuleana o ke kākau 'ana i mo'olelo no kēia mahina.

Ma ka mahina nei, ma e mālama ana ke Kula 'o Kamehameha i ka ho'okūkū himeni kūmakahiki, he ho'oilina no nā makahiki he nui. Aia ia papahana ma ka NBC ma Honolulu nei, a hō'ike 'ia ma ke kiwi pū kekahi. E ho'okūkū ana na haumāna a pau loa o nā papa 'ehā o ke kula ki'eki'e, a he koina ia no ka puka 'ana aku mai ia kula aku. Ke a'o 'ia nei he ho'okahi kaukani me 'ehiku haneli a 'oi mau haumāna e himeni me ka leo nahenahe, 'o ia hō'i ke 'ano o ka Hawai'i, 'eā? 'Eholu mau māhele o ka ho'okūkū: nā kāne (papa 10 - 12), nā wāhine (papa 10 - 12), a me nā kāne a me nā wāhine i hui pū 'ia (papa 9 - 12).

I kēlā makahiki aku nei, ua lilo ka lei o ka lanakila i ka papa 'eiwa! 'A'ole i' ike ike 'ia kēia 'ano ho'okūkū himeni ma ke ao nei 'eā.

Koho 'ia ke po'omana'o no ka ho'okūkū i kēlā makahiki kēia makahiki, a pili na mele i koho 'ia i ke po'omana'o. I kēia makahiki, ke ho'ohanohano 'ia nei 'o Dorothy Kahananui Gillett ma o ka himeni 'ia 'ana i nā mele ana i ho'onohono ai. He lokomaika'i 'o ia, a kaulana no ho'i i na mea i pili i ka himeni Hawai'i 'ana. 'Oiai, ua ho'omaha 'o Gillett Wahine mai kāna a'o 'ana ma ke Kulanui o Hawai'i ma Mānoa, he kumu maika'i 'o ia. Palena 'ole ka mahalo iā ia no kāna "hana nui" e ho'oholomua i ke 'ano o ka himeni Hawai'i 'ana.

'Ōlelo Hawai'i

Loa'a kekahi māhele hoihoi ma ia hana, 'o ia hō'i ka hō'ike hula ma waena o ka ho'okūkū himeni a me ka ho'olaha 'ana i nā lanakila. Ua kōho 'ia he kanaono a 'oi mau haumāna e hula ma ia hō'ike, akā ua ho'ā'o ma kahi o 'elua haneli me ke kanalima mau haumāna. Ua nui nā haumāna mākaukau i ka hula i kēia mau la, 'a'ole like me ka wā ma mua 'oiai ua pāpā 'ia nā 'ano mo'omeheu Hawai'i



1995 Kamehameha Schools Song Contest, senior women

like 'ole ma ia kula. Mahalo kākou, ka lāhui, no ka ikaika a me ke ola pono o ko kākou mo'omeheu i kēia mau lā! 'O "Ho'okupu" ke po'omana'o no ka hō'ike hula, e alaka'i 'ia ana e ka Papa 'Uniki 'A'ali'i o Hālau Nā Kamalei, nā kumu hula 'ehā i 'ūniki mai nei ma lalo o ke a'o 'ana o Robert Uluwehi Cazimero. Eia kekahi, 'o Uluwehi ka luna loilo kulanui o ia ho'okūkū himeni, a he kupono ho'i ma muli o kāna mau hana pili i ka himeni 'ana. 'A'ohe ona lua e like ai.

Aia ana ia ho'okūkū ma ka lā 22 o Malaki, he Pō'alima, a ma muli o ka piha'u o ia hale 'o ka NBC i nā 'ohana a me nā haumāna, hiki iā 'oukou ke nānā ma ke kanela 'ehā o ke kiwi hola 'ehiku o ke ahiahi. E hō'ike hou 'ia ana i ka Lāpule, lā 24 o Malaki, ma ia kanela nō i ka hola 'ekahi o ka

'auinalā. Aloha.

English Translation

To you, the readers of *Ka Wai Ola O OHA*, from the rising sun in the east to the setting sun in the west, greetings, one and all. As this is the "Year of the Hawaiian Language" as designated by the Governor, it was decided that a Hawaiian language column would be included in this paper to give greater visibility to the beauty and value of the native language of this glorious archipelago. If you wish to contribute a Hawaiian language story for printing consideration, send it to *Ka Wai Ola O OHA* who will review it. I am pleased, however, to contribute this month's writing.

This month, the Kamehameha Schools will hold its annual Song Contest, a legacy passed down through more than seven decades. The event, held at the NBC Arena in Honolulu, is also broadcast live statewide. The contest involves all Kamehameha high school students, grades 9 - 12, with participation counted as a graduation requirement. More than 1,700 students are presently preparing themselves to sing in the "nahenahe" way of our people. There are three divisions in the contest: boys (grades 10 - 12); girls (grades 10 - 12); and a co-ed competition (grades 9 - 12). Last year, the freshmen won the co-ed cup! Surely this kind of school-wide contest is held nowhere else in the world.

Each year, a contest theme is chosen, which is supported by the songs selected. This year, Kamehameha Schools graduate Mrs. Dorothy Kahananui Gillett is being honored with the performance of many of her musical arrangements. Mrs. Gillett is a gracious woman, who is a noted proponent of Hawaiian language and choral singing. While she retired several years ago from UH Mānoa's music department, she is regarded as an outstanding educator. We are grateful for the excellence she has fostered in the area of musical arranging, performance and education.

Another entertaining and educational facet of the Song Contest is the ho'ike or dance interlude which occurs between the contest and the presentation of the awards. More than 60 students have been selected to participate, although nearly 250 students auditioned for the program. Hundreds of students are involved in hula these days, unlike an earlier time when hula and other cultural expressions were disallowed at the school. How lucky our people are to know that our culture is alive and well today! The ho'ike theme is "Ho'okupu," and will be produced and directed by the Papa 'Uniki 'A'ali'i o Hālau Nā Kamalei, the four kumu hula graduates of Kumu Hula Robert Uluwehi Cazimero. He, incidentally, will serve as overall judge in the contest (music and language) because of his life-long dedication to music performance, education and excellence.

The Kamehameha Schools Song Contest will be held on Friday, March 22, 1996. As a full-house of family, friends and faculty is expected, you can catch the live broadcast on Channel 4 at 7 p.m. The Song Contest will be re-broadcast on Sunday, March 24, 1996 at 1 p.m. Aloha.

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Barney Isaacs
1924-1996

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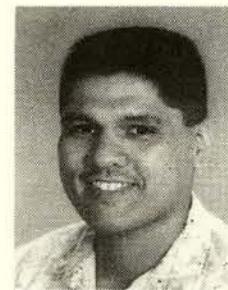
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Ownership of kuleana parcels in Honokōhau valley determined

In October 1980, Maui Land and Pineapple filed a complaint to quiet the title of approximately 30 kuleana parcels in the upper portion of Honokōhau Valley on West Maui. Maui Land and Pine had acquired interest in these kuleana but did not have complete ownership.

In 1982, the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, recognizing that there were many owners to these kuleana, and that very few persons having ownership interests had responded to Maui Land and Pine's quiet title complaint, petitioned the court to allow the case to proceed as a

class action.

NHLC's motion was granted in October that year and in April 1983, Maui Land and Pine and NHLC entered into an agreement, under which Maui Land and Pine and NHLC pledged to undertake the genealogical and record title research necessary to

determine the names and ownership interest of those persons, along with Maui Land and Pine, who had inherited title to the kuleana parcels.

This research took almost nine years to complete. Over the next few months we will be listing the names of individuals with an

interest in the land. This information was recorded at the Bureau of Conveyances on October 11, 1995.

If you are among the persons listed below, please contact Eunice Ishiki-Kalalehe at the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation (808) 521-2302.

Owners of undivided interests in kuleana located in Honokōhau Valley, West Maui.

Land Commission Award 3925D:3 (Exhibit "A"), Tax Key 4-1-02-59

Maui Land & Pineapple Company	1/2 interest
Heirs of Elizabeth Kaaihue	1/10 "
Heirs of Wilhemina Kaaihue	1/10 "
Pearl Kahaikupuna	1/10 "
Patricia Aliapo	1/60 "
Benjamin Kepaa	1/60 "
Minnie Kahaikupuna Soto	1/60 "
Jerry Jeremiah Kahaikupuna	1/60 "
Naomi Kahaikupuna	1/60 "
Henry Kahaikupuna	1/60 "
Violet Luana Kaahanui Hoopai	1/20 "
Samuel Waipuna Kaaihue	1/120 "
Wanda Kim	1/120 "
Alan Kalani Kaaihue	1/120 "
Vivian Kaaihue	1/120 "
Dominick Kaaihue	1/120 "
Jackie Napuaaloha Kaaihue	1/120 "

Land Commission Award 5593 (Exhibit "D"), a portion of Tax Key 4-1-3-27

Maui Land & Pineapple Company	3/4 interest
Joy Lindsey	1/4 "

Land Commission Award 5619:1 (Exhibit "E"), Tax Key 4-1-3-15

Maui Land & Pineapple Company	65/80 interest
Heirs of Charles Wong	3/64 "
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Frank Kalaluhu	15/512 "
Louis Kalaluhu	15/512 "
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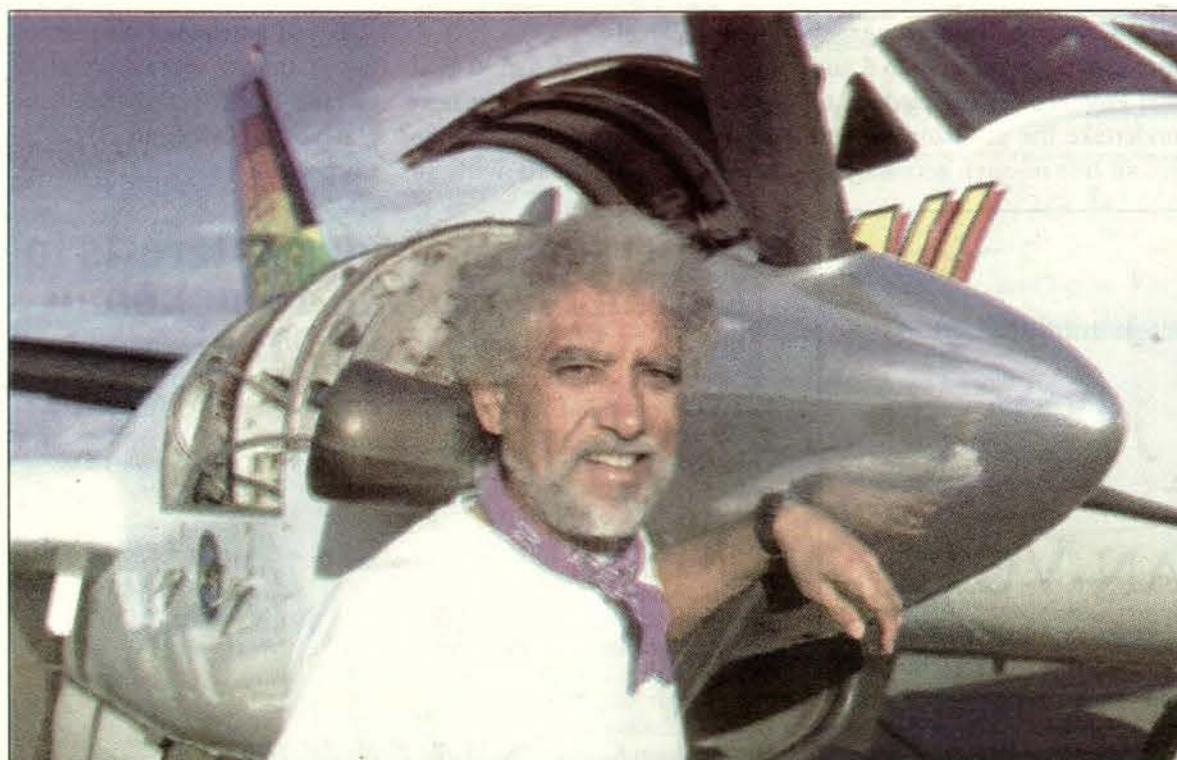


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Thrill seeker turns hobby into profitable business



Clarence Lopez beside his King Air jet at O'ahu's Dillingham airfield.

by Patrick Johnston

Clarence Lopez likes living life close to the edge. And plenty of times every day he goes over it. Lopez is a sky diver, a special breed of person that doesn't think twice about stepping out of a plane at 13,000 feet and free falling for 10,000. He has been doing it for nearly 30 years and probably spends more time in the air everyday than most people do standing up. He has jumped all across the country and set a number of state and national records in the process.

Lopez is also owner president of O'ahu North Shore Aviation, a plane-

leasing company located at Dillingham airfield. His company consists of only one plane, which he bought with the help of an OHA loan. He leases it to Sky Dive Hawaii where he is vice president and does most of

"In my first year I took in \$300,000 from my leasing business. For me, being an entrepreneur and having fun go hand in hand."

— Clarence Lopez

Photos by Gary Hofheimer

his work.

Why would a thrill-seeker like Lopez want to own and lease a plane?

Because he's a sky-diver. "I'd rather jump out of a plane with two engines," he says. "It can go higher and get their quicker."

The plane Lopez bought is a King Air, a twin engine craft that runs on jet fuel. Before he bought and leased the plane, he and Sky Dive customers were jumping out of smaller and slower Cessna airplanes. He says the King Air is more fun for jumpers and is good for business:

Now Sky Dive Hawaii can take more people into the air faster and come back quickly for the next round.

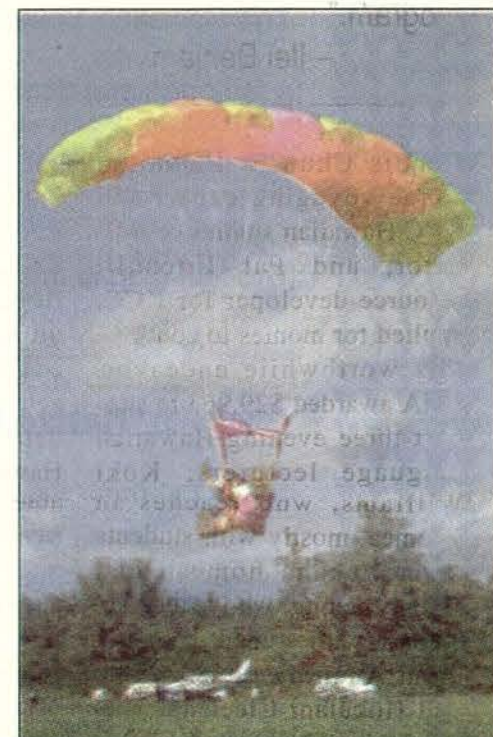
Lopez — part of a tight sky diving community that has been in the islands for years — is also the Hawai'i safety and training advisor for the United States Parachute Association. His work at Sky Dive Hawaii includes teaching skydive instructors and helping new jumpers get licensed. Anyone who wants to jump solo must be licensed.

However, if you ever get the urge to jump out of a plane don't feel you have to take a course. Lopez points out the past ten years have seen the

rise of tandem jumping, a leap of faith that involves a jumper piggybacking a professional diver as they plummet through space. The jump is more expensive than a licensed solo fall but it does allow those who "just want to do it once" a chance to experience the thrill of a free fall.

Not many of us get paid to do what we enjoy most but Lopez has no problem with it. "In my first year I took in \$300,000 from my leasing business. For me, being an entrepreneur and having fun go hand in hand."

O'ahu North Shore Aviation can be reached at 526-3020. For more information about the Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund call 594-1888.



Coming in for a North Shore landing.

Economic development from 1

OHA division has branched out its loan program and other services. It's now trying to reach even individual entrepreneurs — "the lower end of the loan spectrum," says van Bergeijk. "Most of our loans are over \$15,000," she says. "Now we want to do smaller loans as well."

And, importantly from the standpoint of expanding participation, the division wants to do joint loans with banks. That could cause the whole loan program to blossom.

A major reason that most loan applicants can't get bank financing now is that they don't have the minimum two-year

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— Trustee Moanike'ala Akaka

operating records most commercial lenders require to make business loans. "The big hangup usually isn't being unable to make the monthly loan payments," says van Bergeijk. "The problem for most of our applicants isn't so much the cost of capital, but access to capital."

The NHRLF is tied to the rules governing its federal ANA funds in its loan terms. Interest paid by borrowers, for

example, is pegged at 2 percentage points below the current 6-month Treasury Bill rate. That's currently 5.5 percent, which puts the NHRLF rate at 3.5 percent. It's a bargain rate in any loan market, but so low OHA has been unable to get local banks to participate in making loans. Their participation could also take the form of NHRLF guarantees of small business loans made by banks.

And the division is expanding in other ways. Recently started is an educational program aimed at teaching loan participants to better manage their businesses. "It's a sort of introductory accounting and bookkeeping class," says van Bergeijk. The class runs for three sessions on each major island and is taught by the economic development division staff. Completion is required of new loan participants before their funds are disbursed. The courses are free to those who qualify.

"This program helps them do their own financial statements," says van Bergeijk. "It's been very well received. I've had people tell me it's the most useful course they've ever taken. That now for the first time they really understand their business."

There is powerful incentive to expand the NHRLF. It currently can only begin to meet the demand for its assistance. Compared to the \$12 million in loans it has been able to make, there have been applications for \$88 million in loans — more than seven times the amount it was able to lend.

CBED

Community-based economic development is strictly a state program, matching OHA funding with money from the Legislature. Currently annual funding runs at \$250,000—

half from OHA and half from the state general fund. No federal money is involved.

CBED helps fund a number of economic projects benefiting Hawaiians, including the Hāna Village Marketplace — a commercial market place for many Hawaiian-owned businesses in Hāna, Maui—the Hui 'Ulu Mea Aī, a taro demonstration project in O'ahu's Waiāhole Valley; Huliāu O Ka'ū, a Hawaiian agricultural training center in the Big Island's Ka'ū district; and Haola, a community center for the Pana'ewa Hawaiian Home Lands development.

There are many more CBED projects reaching out into most parts of the statewide Hawaiian community.

To assist Hawaiian community organizations in developing economic projects, OHA co-sponsors an 8-month training program which is housed at Chaminade University. This year, 13 Hawaiian organizations (26 individuals) from across the state are participating in this training program.

"These two programs — NHRLF and CBED — are among the most effective of all OHA programs in helping Hawaiians where they need it most," says Trustee Moanike'ala Akaka, who chairs OHA's planning, economic development and housing committee.

"By enabling the creation and expansion of businesses and other economic activities where they didn't and couldn't exist before, these programs help Hawaiians help themselves," says Trustee Akaka. "And through the jobs they create, the families they feed, the products they make and distribute, the industries and communities they benefit, these enterprises multiply the money invested in them many times over. It may be the best economic investment anywhere in the state."

OHA grant money at work

Kaua'i Hawaiian language students get a boost

by Pearl Leialoha Page

About 90 evening students from Waimea, Anahola and Lihue on Kaua'i are learning Hawaiian this semester because of a grant from OHA, which pays for three superb lecturers.

The classes are provided through Kaua'i Community College (KCC) and its Hawaiian language program.

"Those classes are packed. It's crucial at this point in time to receive funding from OHA for this program."

- Ilei Beniamina

Dennis Chun, a Hawaiian canoe voyaging expert and KCC Hawaiian studies coordinator, and Pat Litchult, resource developer for KCC, applied for monies to continue this worthwhile endeavor. OHA awarded \$29,963 to support three evening Hawaiian language lecturers: Koki Williams, who teaches in Waimea, mostly with students from Kekaha homesteads; Keoni Inciong, who teaches in Kapa'a with students coming from Anahola homesteads; and Hōkūlani Cleeland, who conducts classes on the cam-

pus in Lihue. About 60 percent of the students in this outreach program are of 50 percent Hawaiian ancestry.

"It's bringing together the Hawaiians who feel they've been left out and it has brought them back into their culture and language," comments Chun. "Till now, language efforts have targeted children and college students, but it was the older Hawaiians who were more forcibly cut off from their language, when the speaking of Hawaiian in public schools was banned over the last 90 years. This program has enabled the adult Hawaiians to reverse the alienation from their language."

Ilei Beniamina, a tenured assistant professor, says many of the night students are parents of keiki enrolled in Pūnana Leo and Kula Kaiapuni who want to be able to keep up with their children's language abilities. In addition, the strength of these schools and programs are dependent on the quality of Hawaiian language that we are able to perpetuate, Beniamina says.

"Those classes are packed," she adds. "It's crucial at this point in time to receive funding from OHA for this program, because as far as education goes, it seems that

Hawaiian language courses are the first thing to be cut when the state feels the squeeze." Beniamina, a native speaker from Ni'ihau, added that strengthening Kaua'i's Hawaiian programs is a plus for everyone because it can most easily draw on the expertise of native speakers from Ni'ihau to enrich its program.

Litchult reports that the OHA grant allowed the college to leverage some additional federal funds. "The OHA grant gave us a boost with the feds who then awarded us a three-year grant of over \$300,000 to support the Hawaiian language learning center, Hale Ho'oula Na'auao, which pulls together both adults and kids," she says.

That's especially important as the enrollment of Hawaiian students has been on the rise since 1993, when the college experienced its highest enrollment in Hawaiian students in its 20-year history. In 1993, 18.3 percent (268 students) of the student body were Hawaiian. This represents a 10 percent increase in Hawaiian students since 1990, and the trend is continuing, said Beniamina. Only two other groups surpass that percentage: Filipinos (29.1 percent) and Caucasians (23.4 percent).



Hōkūlani Cleeland goes over a writing assignment with the Hawaiian "Composition class on Kaua'i"

Photo by Hōkūlani Cleeland

Beniamina feels that the smaller enrollment at KCC enables the school to maintain high-quality instruction.

However, the outreach Hawaiian language program is still in a precarious situation as far as funding is concerned. "Possibly some of the federal monies can go to the outreach program with a revision of the (federal) grant application," Chun says. "Hindsight is always clearer," he adds. "We are also working with Pūnana Leo to help secure funding for continuing the outreach program." The OHA grant is a one-time grant covering just the spring semester.

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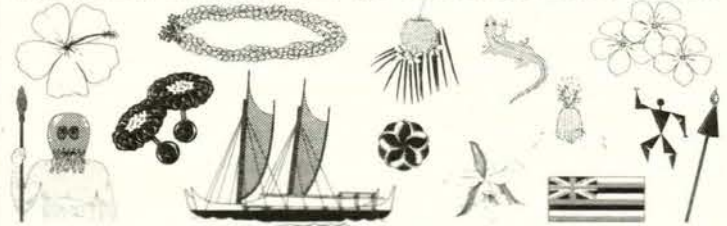
lege enrollment, Beniamina said it's important that Hawaiians see other Hawaiians when they walk through the door to inquire about classes. Identifying with other Hawaiians in higher education is very important to their self-esteem. "That's what happens during the evening Hawaiian language classes and when they see us," Beniamina said. "Some of these students have very big dreams when it comes to reviving the language. We're here to encourage their visions and empower their own ability to live their heritage."

April is "Caring for the Earth Month"

Earth-Friendly Schools Hawai'i International presents Caring for the Earth Month in April 1996. A month of environmental programs and activities will be highlighted, focusing on the youth of our islands. Already schools around the state are participating in community cleanups, recycling activities, tree planting, beautification projects and education programs. These efforts need your support. Businesses, schools and organizations who want to show that they care for the earth may get involved through co-sponsorships, or planning activities with young people. For more information and to register as a participant in this important endeavor, call Howard Shapiro at (808) 985-8725 or write to P.O. Box 1050, Volcano, Hawai'i 96785.

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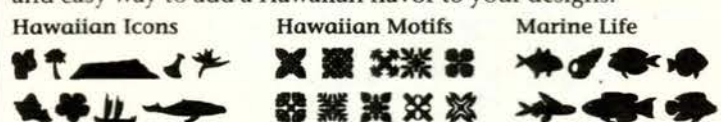


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OHA Board Business

Nā Kuleana a ka Papa Kahu Waiwai

By Deborah Ward
Acting Public Information Officer



February 1, 1996

The Board of Trustees met at OHA's Honolulu office. All trustees were present. After approval of the agenda as amended, receipt of the correspondence report from the Chairman and the Administrator's report, and hearing community concerns, the board considered the following business matters:

Pacific Northwest Treaty funding

The board unanimously voted to approve funding of \$2,500 from kuleana proceeds as OHA's contribution to the Pacific Northwest Treaty of International Indigenous Peoples Organization.

Cashman and Solomon family legal assistance

The board voted unanimously to approve up to \$10,000 from OHA Land Title Project recouped fees to provide legal services to the Cashman and Solomon family in a quiet title action related to land at Kaeliawai, Kanananui, Molokai.

'Ewa Marina caprock contested case

The board voted unanimously to approve up to \$82,500 from trust funds to pay for additional legal and professional services related to the 'Ewa Marina caprock contested case hearing. OHA is actively opposing the development of the proposed marina by Haseko Co., based on violations of ceded land trust purposes and duties, and other consequences adverse to the well-being of OHA beneficiaries.

Hawaiian Home Lands Individual Claims Panel Funding

The board voted 6 ayes, 3 abstentions, to approve up to \$90,500 to provide two additional investigators to the Hawaiian Claims Office to investigate individual claims for breach of the Hawaiian Home Lands trust. The board also voted, 6 ayes and 3 abstentions, to approve up to \$260,000 to provide legal representation to individuals appearing before the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust Individual Claims Review Panel.

Chief Financial Officer

The board voted, 8 ayes, Akana dissenting, to establish a chief financial officer's position, supervising all OHA accounting and fiscal management tasks, and to redesignate the current administrative services officer position as this position.

Funding for advertisements for allocated positions

The board voted, 8 ayes, Beamer dissenting, to approve up to \$20,264 to advertise OHA requests for proposals, and staff vacancies.

Ke Ola Mamo grant request

The board voted, 8 ayes, Kealoha dissenting, to approve a grant of \$50,000 from trust funds to Ke Ola Mamo for a pilot project in Ko'olauloa to address child abuse and other forms of family violence through a program stressing improved family functioning and parenting skills, child health and development, and preventing child abuse and neglect.

Use of Trustee allowance funds relating to communication with beneficiaries

The board voted, 6 ayes, 3 nos to recommend that the Board of Trustees include in any amendment to title 1, Chapter 3 of the OHA Administrative and Financial Manual of Guides, a statement specifying that, among other things, the annual trustee allowance shall be used to defray any mailing expense in excess of the \$250 allocation which will be provided to each trustee at the beginning of each calendar year from OHA's postage budget for the purpose of covering mailing expenses incurred for non-committee and/or non-agenda related official correspondence. The motion was amended to set February 1, 1996 as the effective date after which the cost of mailing over ten pieces which are substantially identical in content by an individual OHA trustee shall be paid for by the trustee allowance or by the trustee himself or herself.

Utilize video footage by Mountain Apple Co.

The board voted unanimously to authorize the Mountain Apple Co. to utilize a short segment of "Onipa'a" video footage to produce a promotional video for use in video stories worldwide to publicize the sale of Israel Kamakawiwo'ole's "E 'Ala" song and album.

Use of buttons and ribbons production funding

The board voted, 6 ayes, 2 nos, 1 excused, to clear an unpaid Professional Communications bill for production in 1993 of 'Onipa'a buttons and Hawaiian flag ribbons for the Queen Lili'uokalani Commemorative Committee.

Legislative strategy

The board voted, 7 ayes, Beamer dissenting, 1 excused, to adopt a proactive strategy for the 1996 legislative session. The strategy acknowledges OHA's awareness of the state's severe financial situation and expresses OHA's willingness to take a creative approach in working with the Legislature to address the state's fiscal crisis. The strategy also indicates that any specific proposals which may be discussed as OHA pursues this strategy during session is subject to approval of the Board of Trustees. It further clarifies that OHA is not submitting a Supplemental Budget Request this year to the Legislature because of the poor fiscal condition of the state.

Resolution to name the Edith Kanaka'ole Foundation and Hālau O Kekuhi Living Treasures

The board voted unanimously to approve a resolution naming Hālau O Kekuhi and the Edith Kanaka'ole Foundation as "Hawaiian Living Treasures" for the outstanding cultural integrity exhibited in the perfor-

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OHA Trustee's Views

Ka Mana'o o nā Kahu Waiwai Pākahi

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The truth about OHA's asset value

by Clayton Hee

OHA chairman, Trustee O'ahu

Mrs. Beamer is at it again. Now she is erroneously claiming that OHA's asset value is 300 million dollars. She is using her inaccurate conclusions to a DAGS report as the basis for her logic. She has not requested a response or clarification from the OHA administration or the OHA auditor, Deloitte and Touche. She has instead seized what she views as an opportunity to once again denigrate the organization she represents.

Deputy administrator Sesnita Moepono said,

OHA's December 31, 1995, asset balance was:

1. General Fund Appropriations \$2,192,122.00;
2. Hawaiian Projects Fund \$257,799.00;
3. Special and "Trust" Fund Appropriations \$6,638,752.00;
4. Native Hawaiian Rights Fund \$262,133.00;
5. Mauna 'Ala Repository \$412,742.00;
6. Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund \$3,773,918.00;
7. Housing for Kūpuna at Waimānalo Project \$7,817.00;
8. Downpayment Loan Program DHHL \$1,024.00;
9. Home Improvement Program DHHL \$16,592.00;
10. Loan Program Repayment DHHL \$152,713.00;
11. Fed Home Loan Bank Grant Program \$97,874.00;
12. Petty Cash Fund \$5,300.00.
13. OHA Portfolio at Market Value \$212,713,021.00.

**The total Market Value of OHA's cash assets
\$226,531,807.00.**

"Regardless of what Trustee Beamer says, the truth is Beamer's conclusions based on the numbers she has used from DAGS are incorrect. At OHA, the account balances we strictly rely on are from our auditor, Deloitte and Touche, and from the OHA custodian, First Hawaiian Bank; just as any reasonable person would rely on their auditor for their business asset status and their bank for their accurate financial statements."

Gary Nishikawa, partner in charge of auditing services for Deloitte and Touche said, "We have audited OHA for 15 years. As far as we are concerned no one knows OHA's asset value better than us. OHA's financial assets are correctly and accurately reported in the OHA financial statement every year. Regardless of what anyone else says, we stand by our audit report and its accu-

racy."

I am so confident of Deloitte and Touche and First Hawaiian Bank that at a Board meeting on February 1, 1996, I said that if Billie Beamer was correct that OHA had a portfolio value of 300 million dollars I would resign. I further asked Beamer publicly that, assuming she was as confident in her data, if she was wrong would she put her money where her mouth is and resign as well? She indignantly responded, "NO!" That tells me a lot about Beamer.

OHA stands by the

audited findings and conclusions of Deloitte and Touche. The fact is OHA is required by DAGS to report its figures according to a reporting format utilized exclusively by DAGS. Unfortunately, Beamer doesn't understand the format system and never bothered to check itemized reports

under the board heading "expenditures." Had Beamer checked with the OHA administrator or accountant for the truth she would have found that OHA's true expenditures for 1993-94 was \$11,910,124.00 and not \$274,260,226.00.

Interestingly enough, Billie Beamer should be familiar with audits - the financial audit of the loan funds of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands conducted by Main Lafrentz & Co., CPA, for the legislative auditor states on page 11: "Ordinarily, an auditor is able to attest to the reasonable accuracy of an organization's financial statements. However, in the audit of the department's loan funds, Main Lafrentz & Co. was unable to issue an audit opinion on the department's 1977-78 loan fund statements ... it became apparent that the department's accounting and internal control systems were seriously deficient and the financial records were inaccurate ... " On page 15 of the DHHL audit they said, "We believe the department has erred in the past by treating the accounting function as an item of low priority."

Guess who ran the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands during the period January 1, 1975 to July 31, 1978? Here's a hint ... her initials are BB!



The art of compromise - blessing or curse?

by the Rev. Moses Keale, Sr.
Trustee, Kauai and Ni'ihau

It was 103 years ago that Hawaiians lost a kingdom, their land, and their most valuable resource, their sovereignty. It was 96 years ago that Hawai'i was made a part of the United States of America through annexation. It was 37 years ago that Hawai'i became a state of the union of states called America. With statehood came public law which declared that Hawaiians



were to be beneficiaries of a land trust consisting of their stolen land base. It was 16 years ago that the state of Hawai'i created the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to address and pursue the problems facing its true indigenous peoples, na keiki o ka 'āina! But it was not until 1990, six years ago, that the state of Hawai'i acknowledged its fiduciary responsibility and AGREED upon a settlement and payment to the Hawaiians.

However, agreement and execution are two very, very different

actions. The state has not honored its agreement! It has defaulted year after year. OHA has never received its full entitlements each and every year. In fact, it would be very accurate to say that the state has been consistent in its failure to render a full accounting for and transmittal of the 20 percent entitlement from revenue generated from the public land trust. The state has failed to live up to its obligation to negotiate those areas of revenue yet in dispute and the state has failed to collect the full value of every lease for which it is bound by law to collect as land owners and trust fiduciary.

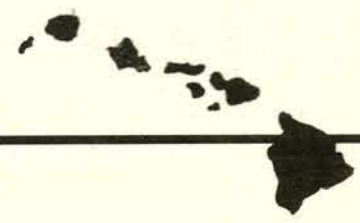
And now the state, while still in

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OHA Trustee's Views

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Destroying the trust

by Kina'u Boyd Kamali'i
Trustee-at-large

The Cayetano administration and the Department of the Attorney General are pursuing an unconscionable attempt to destroy the OHA trust. Dishonestly calling their effort a "clarification" of the revenues due the trust and her beneficiaries, AG Margery Bronster is offering amendments which violate the negotiated settlement of 1990.

The Office of the Governor and the

Office of Hawaiian Affairs negotiated for twenty eight months to reach the accords formalized in Act 304 (SLH, 1990).

Beyond clarifying what lands and what activities were subject to the 20 percent pro rata due OHA, this settlement described a fundamental distinction between "sovereign" and "proprietary" incomes. OHA would receive its entitlement from "proprietary incomes," but would not receive any income from revenues generated from the exercise of

sovereign powers by the state.

Simply, OHA would receive a 20 percent share of those revenues linked to the ownership and use of land. These revenues included rents, leases, licenses, and a share of the income from businesses operating on the land. However, those incomes generated from a sovereign exercise — taxation, police, or justice powers — would not be subject to the OHA trust.

dollars each year.

The other insidious provision of the AG's amendments is that OHA's trust would be calculated on the proprietary income available after a deduction of outstanding bond or other indebtedness payments.

At least a private business attempts to make a profit. It's a questionable assumption in Hawai'i that the state operates at a loss or, at best, a break-even proposition in its dealings. Thus, such a formula would be a negative outcome, and nothing would



The easier way to see this distinction is to ask

whether an individual private land owner could collect such revenues or not. Thus, it is obvious that a landowner can collect rent, but cannot impose an excise tax on businesses located on his land.

Such a private landowner can — as does Queen's Medical Center or Leahi Hospital — collect medical or patients fees. These incomes are not sovereign, but proprietary in nature. Yet the AG's bill would exclude these incomes.

The same is true of mooring fees at public or private marinas or landing fees at public or private airports. These incomes are directly attached to ownership of the land, not governmental exercise. Again, the AG's bill would exclude these incomes.

To exempt these incomes violates the settlement agreed upon and implemented in 1990. And would cost the trust millions of

be left to pay the rent.

We need to remind the governor and his AG of two points.

First, Hawaiians are taxpayers. We pay our share towards government improvements in the same manner and to the same degree that every other citizen in Hawai'i pays.

Second, and more significantly, Hawaiians have paid a disproportionate share, the so-called public lands transferred to the state by the Admission Act trace to the resolution of annexation, and rest on the illegal actions and thefts resulting from the overthrow of the Kingdom in 1893.

No one paid for the lands. They were stolen from the Hawaiian people.

If the Attorney General wishes to work on a clarification of the trust — let me strongly urge that our efforts and energies be directed at forging a comprehensive settlement of land claims which would benefit all Hawaiians, regardless of blood quantum.

Anything less is a betrayal.

Land issues — Debra and Goliath

by Trustee Moanike'ala Akaka
Trustee, Hawai'i

We all mourn the loss of Kahale Smith. This outcome was avoidable. Bureaucratic potholes on our road to sovereignty. Kahale's message: "MAKAALA (WAKE UP)! SERVE THE PEOPLE'S NEEDS!" Defective homes have been a trademark with DHHL throughout Hawai'i. The individual claims panel received 4,000 claims against DHHL. OHA allocated (2/1/96) \$350,000 for investigators and attorneys to facilitate and resolve DHHL claims. WE MUST WORK TOWARDS PREVENTING SUCH TRAGEDIES BY LEARNING TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS IN A TRULY HAWAIIAN WAY.

Meanwhile that same day, in Pu'u'anahulu between Waimea and Kailua-Kona, the Ka'iiliwai

'ohana was evicted from the home Debbie Kailiwa'i's grandfather lived in for over 50 years. Surrounded by family graves, six generations of her Ha'o-Kailiwa'i Family were cowboys at Pu'uwa'awa'a ranch.

Developer F.N. Bohnett, alleged owner of Pu'uwa'awa'a (now Pu'ulani Ranch) is developing "Gentleman Farmer" million dollar homes on one acre lots. He evicted the Kailiwa'i 'ohana of seven (Four keiki, husband, and 100 percent Hawaiian father), in order to settle a separate case he has with the 'ohana over the division of a 28-acre parcel. At the last minute, Bohnett offered an extension on the eviction - provided they sign over their interest in the separate 28-acres, becoming Bohnett's vassals on another plot! (NO WAY!) The Kailiwa'i undisputedly rejected the indignity. Today we find them and their possessions, piled in the middle of the vacant 28-acre tract with a rented portable toilet, living under tents and tarps, in an area cold, windy and wet with children and father asthmatic.

Bohnett built an illegal air-strip and several years ago zapped a koa forest on leased DLNR (ceded) lands destroying habitat of the endangered 'Alala (Hawaiian crow)! His attitude: "WHERE I COME FROM, WE SHOOT CROWS"! He does not want this Hawaiian family on THEIR own land, the 28-acre parcel which Bohnett subdivided for more mansions. Without Kailiwa'i permission, he even graded, paved and covered 'ohana graves with 4 feet of dirt.

To save "grandpa's house," Debbie and Mike Matsukawa, Kailiwa'i attorney, researched the parcel for several years, discovering a land dis-

pute and a clouded title on Grandpa's house and parcel, including three other parcels totaling 66 acres claimed by Bohnett.

1880s - Kingdom of Hawaii lands set aside specifically for Hawaiians to work and live on.

1893 - Overthrow of Queen Lili'uokalani.

1895 - Homestead Act of 1895 (999 Yr. Lease): Authorizing "The right to purchase lease", thus opening-up Puuanahulu public lands to homesteading. (Not to be confused with the Department of Hawaiian Homes Act, 1920).

1910 - Congress amended the Organic Act to place restrictions on transfer of these lands to large land owners without consent of the Governor.

Transfers were disqualified to corporations or persons already owning 80 acres of 'āina, to prevent land grabs. Some of these unrestricted homestead lands became consumed by powerful landowners

like Robert Hind (Haina), Puuanahulu and Pu'uwa'awa'a ranch, Eben Low (Hind's brother-in-law) and Sanford P. Dole, 1st Governor of the Provisional Government.

In 1937, the Aipia Parcel (Grandpa's House) was finally transferred to the Hind Limited Corporation. Robert Hind was territorial senator, controlling many acres at Puuanahulu and Pu'uwa'awa'a, (1/3 the size of O'ahu). Matsukawa contends that four parcels which Bohnett purchased from the corporation were subject to the 1910 prohibition by Congress. Since illegally transferred lands revert to the government, the four parcels revert back to public lands (ceded lands trust). Third Circuit Judge Ibarra ordered the DLNR and OHA to become participants in this land dispute. OHA's devoted attorney Sherry Broder is looking into this issue to see if these lands should revert back to the ceded lands trust.

This dispute leads to the long avoided issue: ILLEGAL TRANSFERS AND THOUSANDS OF UNACCOUNTED FOR ACRES OF CEDED LANDS. I hope this office has the courage to investigate the past for the sake of the future! Evicted, houseless, but not landless in windy Puuanahulu, the Kailiwa'i 'ohana stands in righteous defiance of Goliath: IT'S A DEBRA VS. GOLIATH DRAMA! "This Land is Ours" is a 20-minute videotape of the Kailiwa'i struggle showing on "Olelo and your local public access station.

Mālama pono, ua mau ke 'ea o ka 'āina i ka pono.



Fees rise at 'Iolani Palace

Admission fees for tours of 'Iolani Palace are going up beginning March 1, 1996 to \$8 for adults, \$2 for children 5 - 12 years of age and \$2 for students and teachers from Hawai'i schools studying Hawaiian history, language and/or culture.

The 45-minute guided tours are conducted by appointment Wednesdays through Saturdays, 9

a.m. to 2: 15 p.m., starting every 15 minutes. 'Iolani Palace is operated for the State of Hawai'i by the Friends of 'Iolani Palace, a non-profit organization, supported by the community to refurbish 'Iolani Palace to the late monarchy period and to provide an educational experience of that period for residents and visitors.

Ka 'Ohana Aloha for Tourism gathering at Kawaiaha'o Church

Tour driver/guides who are members of Ka 'Ohana Aloha for Tourism continue to gather at Kawaiaha'o Church's Likeke Hall for 'ohana sessions to share and exchange information on Hawai'i's cultural heritage. The 'Ohana administers an exam so that driver/guides can receive certification in an effort to ensure that visitors are provided correct information about our islands.

For information about Ka 'Ohana for Tourism call Grace Kupuka'a at 239-7084.

OHA Trustee's Views

Ka Mana'o o nā Kahu Waiwai Pākahi

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OHA's native Hawaiian trust fund

by Abraham Aiona
Trustee, Maui

In the past, the Board of Trustees of OHA has been criticized for our handling of our investment portfolio. We recently amended and approved our Investment Policy in keeping with the fiduciary requirement under existing laws. The purpose of the Investment Policy is two-fold:

1. That OHA and its investment managers have a clear and mutual understanding of the objectives and policies of the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund.
2. That the Board of Trustees of OHA have stated standards and guidelines to evaluate the performance of the investment managers in order to meet their fiduciary responsibility to monitor the investment and performance of the Funds.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for setting policy and determining the asset allocation through the formulation of the Investment Guidelines and to amend when the need arises. Amendments were necessary because the financial markets are constantly changing. An investment policy is a living document which reflects not only the history, structure and mission of OHA, but also the investment objectives and goals, investment guidelines, standards for performance and evaluation of investment managers, and communication guidelines which will help ensure the structural integrity of the Trust Fund.



Portfolio management is not a competitive sport between money managers. It is an individualized, well defined effort for each asset class and investment manager to achieve some predetermined financial goal. We are balancing OHA's risk tolerance level with the desire to grow the value of the Trust Fund. All too often, funds either have no policy statement or one so weak that it is confusing, contradictory, and meaningless, thus exposing the fund unnecessarily to the elements of financial market turbulence.

The purpose of OHA's investment policy is to ensure that OHA, its investment managers, and investment consultant have a clear and mutual understanding of the objectives and

performance basis, as they all play different parts within the Total Fund. OHA's expectations of total return for each manager are clearly detailed in the policy to ensure that the Fund receives the highest return for the level of risk the fund is taking. Experts in this area agree hiring and firing managers should be done according to specific standards and as infrequently as possible, as manager turnover can be expensive to the fund. Performance should be the third or fourth reason a manager is fired.

An additional purpose of the policy and equally as important as performance measurement is for the policy to specify the types of securities OHA permits the managers to purchase. After carefully reviewing investing in the financial markets, the Board of Trustees originally drafted and adopted a policy. Because of the changing nature of stocks and bonds in the market, an investment policy is called a "living document" where additions and constant updating to the original policy must be made to avoid investment catastrophes. It is a road map that guides market professionals down the investment path most suitable for OHA's moneys.

OHA's investment policy details the mix of stocks, bonds, real estate and cash for the Trust Fund. The percentage targeted for each area was determined by an asset allocation study, which attempts to match the goals and objectives of OHA with the optimum recommended amount to invest in each asset class. OHA factored in the advice of prudent experts in this area and the results are incorporated into the investment policy.

The investment policy is vital to maintaining a successful investment program. Not having an investment policy would be similar to the Hokule'a's crew setting sail in the ocean with no idea of where they were going and with no knowledge of the navigational skills of our ancestors. The result would be a voyaging canoe sailing aimlessly over the vast expansive Pacific Ocean, lost and doomed to failure. As we know, the Hōkūle'a has embarked on many successful voyages. The investment policy of the Native Hawaiian Trust Fund is designed to function in the same way.

Pele and Hi'iaka

by A. Frenchy DeSoto,
Trustee-at-large

The beauty, strength, and power of Halau Kukuhi's performance of "Holo Mai Pele" thrilled and — at a deeper level — inspired its audiences. Consciously showcasing examples of "good and bad" traditional behavior, the Kanaka'ole Foundation successfully aspired to present more than chant and dance and offered understanding and insight.

But ultimately "Pele and Hi'iaka" is a tragedy of enormous proportions.

Hi'iaka finds the courage to fight and kill the evil mo'o of each district. She navigates treacherous waters, mountain passes, and storms. She survives loneliness and spiritual isolation. She bring life where there was death. She overcomes even her own impulses to betray her quest.

Hi'iaka sustains and overcomes every barrier to completing her task but one — the destructive impatience and mistrust of Pele.

Their battle can have no "winner." The losses are devastating. The beauty of forest and friendship is destroyed by fire. Lohiau is killed. The family is forced to chose sides. And heaven, earth, and the underworld are in turmoil.

It's impossible not to see the modern parallels in this story.

As Hawaiians we are on a perilous quest to retrieve our land and sovereignty. We must travel among the islands and cross an ocean and a continent to breathe life back into justice. We have and will continue to face hardships and enemies. We are slowly overcoming those external obstacles.

Our greatest threat is our own destructive impatience and mistrust. Knowing that, I have kept a promise to you and to myself never to use this column in personal attacks on other Hawaiians, other trustees, or other points of view. I will keep that promise.

But I'm damned mad at the dishonesty and damage which now surrounds what could and should be honest disagreements. Let's focus on just two examples:

•Each trustee wants a full assurance and reporting of the accountability and integrity of the OHA trust. Clearly, improvements in reporting are needed. Getting detailed information requires too

much time and effort. Such delays are unacceptable. But it is only mistrust which transforms justifiable frustration and the need to improve reporting systems into implicit charges of wrong-doing.

It is our sworn duty and responsibility to protect the trust and its native Hawaiian beneficiaries. To be impatient and mistrustful of that common commitment only places the trust itself in jeopardy. I have witnessed and am fearful of the consequences of taking this unfounded mistrust to the state legislature. The mo'o who want to destroy the trust are the only ones gaining strength from such attacks.



•Each trustee wants to nurture and give full expression to the self-determination of the Hawaiian people.

We are not unanimous in our support for the voting process developed by the Hawaiian Sovereignty Elections Council (HSEC). But it is only unfounded mistrust which paints this honest disagreement as "lies" or some betrayal of the Hawaiian people.

As Hi'iaka learned, there will be a parting of ways and some companions who will not take each step of the journey. But the journey itself cannot be abandoned. Kina'u Boyd Kamali'i sits as the OHA representative on HSEC, she is personally honest and represents the majority view of the Board of Trustees. The mo'o who oppose sovereignty are the only ones strengthened by trying to destroy this process or the individuals committed to its success.

There are other examples. Too many. 'Eha pu'uwai.

But "Pele and Hi'iaka" also offers insight into the deepest distinction between these pains of the heart.

With poetic conviction it conveys the saddest human recognition that there is truly no way to please and pacify the gods. Regardless of the degree of sacrifice, rightness of ritual practice, or personal courage — death and harm occur. It is the central mystery and power of religious belief. There is no way to placate the gods.

But "Pele and Hi'iaka" also sings of hope at another level. We cannot control the gods, but we can control ourselves. We can offer joy, love, and solace to each other. That is the central power of being human and Hawaiian.

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default of our agreements (agreements entered into freely and willingly by the state through its executive branch and affirmed by the members of the state Legislature, representatives of the people through appropriate legislation) now suggests, through legislative initiatives, that OHA, representatives of the Hawaiian beneficiaries, be forced to agree to a breach of their agreements by offering not a settlement, but a retraction of their settlement. They are asking that OHA reduce its entitlements by 75 percent — that we accept 5 percent instead of 20 percent of the generated revenue. I THINK NOT!!!

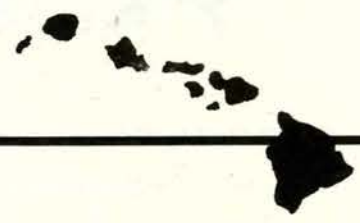
There can be no talk of reduction of entitlement, when full entitlements have never been paid. There can be no talk of further compromise until the original agreement has been honored. And there certainly can be no talk of transferring the state's legal responsibilities to fund statewide programs to OHA's Hawaiian beneficiaries.

Recently, several trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs suggested that we, you and I, "bankroll" the state of Hawai'i by loaning our money to the state! This idea is absurd, unthinkable, and is an exercise of poor judgment, and maybe even a demonstration of imprudent behavior. If the state cannot pay us our full entitlements, how are they ever going to pay us back for the money they propose to "borrow?" This is silly, ridiculous and demonstrates a lack of knowledge of who we, as trustees, are elected to serve.

OHA Trustee's Views

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Power drunk trustees keep us ignorant

by Billie Beamer
Trustee-at-large

WITHOUT CONSULTING ME, ON JANUARY 30TH THE ADMINISTRATOR PULLED 212 ENVELOPES I POSTED FOR BENEFICIARIES CONTAINING THE LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE PROMISED YOU. TWO DAYS LATER THE MUZZLE WAS CINCHED, AIONA, AKAKA, DESOTO, HEE, KAMALII, AND KEALOHA VOTED THAT BEAMER, AKANA, AND KEALE NON-COMMITTEE CHAIRS WOULD HAVE NO POSTING PRIVILEGES.



THEY CLAIMED, I WAS CIRCULATING LIES TO YOU AND MY EXPENDITURE OF \$781 FOR POSTAGE WAS PROHIBITIVE.

YET THEY EXPENDED \$300,000 TO HIRE A PR FIRM TO TELL YOU HOW GREAT 'HEE AND COMPANY ARE.'

POWER DRUNK TRUSTEES, ALLERGIC TO THE LIGHT, KEEP US IGNORANT WITH THEIR IMPOSED DARKNESS TO CONTINUE THEIR SPENDING HEY DAY.

KA WAI OLA O OHA is not a beneficiary news COURIER, it is an administrative BIASED TABLOID. TRUSTEES are kept as ignorant as you. In one year I have received only one financial statement.

IT IS SAD, but, the Office of Information and Complaints receives more

complaints from hostaged muzzled trustees who cannot get information from the very entity they were elected to manage than from the public.

When I keep saying OHA's revenues are near \$300 million, Chairman Hee's usual theatrics accuse me of lying. On February 1st he said he would resign if our cash valuation was over \$212 million. (in the minutes/ on video).

VIEW THE 'CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES FOR OHA'S LAND TRUST,' SUBMITTED BY DAGS' AUDITOR, Oct 25, 1995. (See graph at end of column.)

The numbers provided by HEE and COMPANY are DECEPTIVE. Public Land Trust Receipts and expenditures reported by the state, was \$274 million in 1993-94. So where is the balance? AND, WHEN DO YOU INTEND TO RESIGN MR. HEE?

who will?

I would be the first to defend OHA'S RIGHT TO RECEIVE THE 20% of land revenues, but, I do not view the influx of bills as a threat.

Rather I view the proposed LEGISLATIVE uses as a warning that if OHA cannot credibly account for the receipts for beneficiary programs then the state will do so.

Instead of calling Hawaiians to war in a retaliatory rally. We should be marching with arms to audit our mismanagement, to DECLARE WAR AGAINST OURSELVES IN A CLEAN UP MAKAHIKI.

WHY SHOULD MORE OF OUR MONEY BE ADDED TO THAT WHICH IS MISMANAGED?

THE WAR TACTIC OBSCURES OUR TRUSTEE ABUSE WITH THE ETERNAL TIRED COVERUP CLAIM OF VICTIMHOOD.

To excuse OHA'S inexperience as the reason for questionable management, is feeble. Accountability is determined by integrity and not age.

REPRESENTATIVE AMARAL'S BILL FOR RECALL IS NOT AFTER THE HAWAIIAN. RATHER, this Hawaiian lady is HOLDING THE TRUSTEES' FEET TO THE FIRE, DEMANDING INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY to remind us of the purposes for which we were elected.

THE UNSCRUPULOUS WILL NEVER SUBVERT THE TRUTH BUT, WHERE ARE YOUR VOICES BENEFICIARIES? DO YOU APPROVE OF CENSORSHIP OVER OPENNESS?

When 2/3's of \$275-300 million is invested, the Hawaiian is being taken. Remember the axiom, we have met the enemy and he is us? The LEGISLATORS HAVE THESE FIGURES, THEY ARE NOT DUPED.

Shouldn't we know to whom? and for what, 3 million in commission liabilities was paid in two months from an account of only \$25 million? If I don't ask these questions

	1991-1992	1992-1993
Balance forward	4.5 million	8.0 million
Receipts from State	13.8 million	152.2 million
Cash transfers	(4.3 million)	(3.9 Million)
EXPENDITURES	5.9 million	23.6 Million
Investments	11.6 million	23.2 million

Expenditures from all accounts land, special and federal	10.1 million	28.8 million
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	1993-1994*	1994-1995
Balance forward	132.8 million	19.9 million
Receipts from State	158.8 million	56.6 million
Cash transfers	(5.3 million)	(8.3 million)
EXPENDITURES	266.1 million	59.9 million
Investments	146.0 million	173.9 million

Expenditures from all accounts land, special and federal	274.2 million	71.0 million
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So, who is the liar? Where did the remainder go. if it is asserted that we only have 200 million?

Hawaiian entitlements on brink of extinction!

by Rowena Akana
Trustee-at-large

If some members of the 1996 Legislature get their way, native Hawaiians can all but kiss their entitlements good-bye. Current bills now before the Senate and House would cripple, if not eliminate, much needed programs for our Hawaiian constituents. If our legislators are successful in their attempts to chop funding of important OHA programs in a desperate attempt to replenish the state's coffers, Hawaiians, especially our children, will suffer for years. We mustn't forget that the leadership in the House and Senate is responsible for our state's current financial crises. We've worked too hard for too long to idly stand by and watch what little we have, get stripped away by the current proposed legislation:



SB 2867
INTRODUCED BY Sen. Norman Mizuguchi

PROPOSED ACTION
Limits revenues due OHA and Hawaiian beneficiaries.

HB 3874
INTRODUCED BY Rep. Calvin Say

PROPOSED ACTION
Requires 20 percent of ceded land revenues be given to Dept. of Health and Human Services and Hawaii Housing Authority.

SB 2867 is another attempt by the Legislature to decrease the revenues due OHA by supposedly "clarifying" the definition of "revenue" as used in chapter 10 of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes. What this bill will actually end up doing is severely limit and in some cases, exempt the state from having to pay the 20 percent share of all revenues derived from the public land trust. Sen. Mizuguchi's bill is a direct assault on the very survival of OHA and all Hawaiian entitlements! In testimony given before a joint meeting of the Hawaiian affairs and housing committee and the Senate ways and means committee, Hawai'i's Attorney General, Margery Bronster, presented SB 2867 as follows: 1) It reiterates that

only revenues actually generated and received are subject to 20 percent share requirement; 2) Excludes interest income earned by revenues prior to a quarterly payment to OHA; 3) Confirms that only revenues generated by ceded lands themselves are required to be paid; 4) Supposedly "sharpens" the distinction between revenues derived from proprietary activities on ceded lands (which are payable to OHA) and revenues derived from sovereign functions (which are not payable to OHA).

Attorney General Bronster challenged OHA's assertion that the 20 percent share should include receipts for hospital patient services, rents collected from public housing projects, money collected at the State's harbors and airports, retail vendor rents at airports and harbors, etc. She also testified that the bill "clarifies" that the 20 percent should not be calculated against money made from improvements to trust lands.

From the House, Rep. Calvin Say (Palolo/Kaimuki) introduced HB 3874. This reckless piece of legislation requires that 20 percent of ceded land revenues be given to the Department of Health and Human Services and the Hawaii Housing Authority to defray all costs incurred by native Hawaiians. This bill smacks of racism and outright discrimination, not to mention being unconstitutional! Rep. Say is singling out a specific group of people by demanding Hawaiians foot a portion of their bill for general assistance (a program that is supported by all of Hawai'i's taxpayers). Are any other ethnic groups being asked to "pay back" 20 percent of the money they receive as well? Why then, are native Hawaiians the only ones being targeted for this discriminatory legislation?

We all know about the financial woes of our state. But let's not forget who got us here. Instead of shoving the state's financial burdens onto the backs of our Hawaiian beneficiaries, our legislators should look at ways to cut their own spending. How many positions have Senator Norman Mizuguchi or Representative Calvin Say cut from their staffs? And what about Governor Cayetano? What has he done to downsize government? When asking the people to make hard choices and difficult sacrifices, our leaders should do the same. It's the least they can do.

Board business

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mances of the epic dance drama "Holo Mai Pele."

Nominees for the Native Hawaiian Historic Preservation Council

The board voted unanimously to appoint six individuals to the Native Hawaiian Historic Preservation Council. The appointees are: Solomon Kaopuiki, Graydon Keala, Charles Keau, Moana Lee, Lydia Namahana Maioho and Momilani Ventura, alternate.

OHA v. HFDC Civil No. 94-4207-11

OHA attorney Sherry Broder said that OHA and other plaintiffs are seeking a stay on the sale of ceded lands until the claims of native Hawaiians for the illegal overthrow are resolved. There will be a hearing on this suit on April 2 at 9 a.m. in Judge Daniel Heeley's courtroom.

Plebiscite...fate of Hawaiians Hangs in the Balance



land and no change for Hawaiians. Participation amounts to agreeing to the suicide of a self-determined Hawaiian nation.

Allowing the Hawaiian Sovereignty Elections Council (HSEC) to control the process is suicide.

HSEC does not represent self-determination for the Hawaiian people. HSEC represents a State-controlled process for achieving a State-controlled outcome—an outcome that protects State interests, not the interests of the Hawaiian people.

Jose Luis Morin, a Puerto Rican international human rights lawyer and former staff attorney at the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York City, asserts:

which illegally subjugated them.

That there are Kanaka Maoli members on the HSEC does not make the process any more valid. The HSEC was created by the state government; the one question on the ballot was decided by the state legislature; HSEC information, brochures and materials are all paid by the state; and HSEC board members receive per diem stipends paid by the state. HSEC is not independent of the state government. HSEC is a creation of the state government and must fulfill the state's mandate according to law. HSEC is accountable to the state legislature, not the Hawaiian people."

Regardless of how we vote—

They Call It Plebiscite, We Call It Suicide

Regardless of the outcome of the vote, the State Plebiscite is a lose-lose situation for the Hawaiian people. If Hawaiians vote YES: Hawaiians will be playing into the hands of the State, in effect endorsing the State's Plan for a Constitutional Convention—a process that was imposed on the Hawaiian people by the State Legislature in 1993. Furthermore, in this so-called "plebiscite," Hawaiians will be voting for a paper nation—there is no land provided for by the plebiscite. If Hawaiians vote NO: The State will say that Hawaiians are

satisfied with the status quo and do not want sovereignty. The State will claim that Hawaiians accept their wardship status, and that it should therefore maintain control over Hawaiian lands.

Once this plebiscite has been held, Hawaiians cannot negotiate for sovereignty. Negotiations for Hawaiians as equals in the sovereignty process will have been terminated by this State Plebiscite vote. Participation in the plebiscite process means you are agreeing to the parameters of House Bill 3630 where sovereignty is defined as no

"YES amounts to an endorsement of a state-run sovereignty model which places the state's interests above those of the Hawaiian people . . . NO amounts to a complete refusal of your rights to self determination."

"HSEC brochures state that 'when Hawaiians form their nation, they must negotiate with the state and federal governments to press their claims. The laws and constitution will then be amended, or changed, to reflect the results of these negotiations.' But under international law, a people's decision about their sovereignty must be respected by the government

we lose. Don't vote. Don't participate. Don't allow the State to subvert our right to reclaim our sovereignty.

Take a stand for yourself and the future of the Hawaiian people. Contact your State Representatives and Senators and urge them to support Senate Bills 3023 and 3101 which will repeal the laws which created HSEC and the plebiscite.

What Can I Do?

Call the OHA Trustees and tell them not to support funding for HSEC and the State's Plebiscite.

Abraham Aiona	594-1866
Moanike'ala Akaka	594-1855
Rowena Akana	594-1856
Billie M. Beamer	594-1860
Frenchy DeSoto	594-1857
Clayton H.W. Hee	594-1858
Kina'u B. Kamali'i	594-1859
Moses K. Keale	594-1861
Samuel L. Kealoha	594-1887

For neighbor islands call toll free: 1-800-468-4644, after connecting enter the last 5 digits of the trustee's phone number.

BOYCOTT THE PLEBISCITE!

DO NOT VOTE IN THE PLEBISCITE!

DO NOT RETURN YOUR BALLOTS!

Educate yourselves about what is happening in the sovereignty movement. Closely examine and question why the State of Hawai'i and its agent HSEC are rushing to hold a plebiscite.

For information on the plebiscite, call contact numbers below.

Hawai'i	885-7677
Maui	242-6923
O'ahu	947-7607
Moloka'i	553-5110
Kaua'i & Ni'ihau	822-5613
Lana'i (Hilo Office)	961-2888
San Francisco, CA	(510) 559-8811
Los Angeles, CA	(714) 761-1282
San Diego, CA	(619) 260-1188
Portland, OR	(503) 761-3534
Las Vegas, NV	(702) 222-0280
Salt Lake City, UT	(801) 467-3594
Seattle, WA	(206) 243-0306

Keep your options open . . .

No matter what the outcome of the State of Hawai'i Plebiscite, Hawaiians will lose the right to self determination.

(your State Representative or Senator)

am:

I urge you to support Senate Bills 3023 and 3101 which repeal the laws that created HSEC and the State's Plebiscite.

... stop the plebiscite!

Cut out and mail to: State Capital, Honolulu, HI 96813
Attention: (your State Representative's name)
To find out who your State Representative is call: 567-3478
For neighbor islands call toll free: 1-800-468-4644 ext. 70478

A HAWAIIAN POLITICAL PARTY IS FORMED

HUI KĀLĀ'AINA PROVIDES THE MEANS FOR HAWAIIANS TO BE HEARD

A STATEMENT FROM HUI KĀLĀ'AINA PRESIDENT ELI NAHULU



HUI KĀLĀ'AINA PRESIDENT ELI NAHULU EXPLAINED THE GOALS OF THE HAWAIIAN POLITICAL PARTY AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD AT IOLANI PALACE

HUI KĀLĀ'AINA HAS BEEN BROUGHT BACK INTO THE LIVES OF HAWAIIANS TODAY BECAUSE OF THE CRUCIAL TIMES AND ISSUES WE FACE. OHA, HAWAIIAN HOMES, SOVEREIGNTY AND OUR ALI'I TRUSTS ARE CONCERNS THAT REQUIRE A CLEAR VISION AND UNDERSTANDING, FOR EACH PLAYS A CRITICAL ROLE IN DETERMINING THE KIND OF FUTURE WE WANT FOR OUR KAMALI'I AND MO'OPUNA. MANY OF US WERE COMPELLED AT ONE TIME TO SHOUT AND DEMAND CHANGE IN OUR STATUS AS NATIVES OF THESE ISLANDS. TODAY WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO SEEK OUT OUR COMMON INTERESTS AND TO EMPHASIZE THOSE OBJECTIVES THAT MAKE PONO THE DILEMMA HAWAIIANS HAVE STRUGGLED WITH SINCE THE OVERTHROW OF THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM. AS A HAWAIIAN POLITICAL PARTY, HUI KĀLĀ'AINA WILL PURSUE THE PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTABILITY, RESPONSIBILITY AND CONSENSUS IN ALL THINGS THAT RELATE TO HAWAIIANS. BUT AS WE PURSUE THIS COURSE - IN THE NEXT OHA ELECTION, IN MEETINGS TO PREPARE US FOR A PARTY CONVENTION, IN DIALOGUE WITH THE BROADER COMMUNITY, IN KUKA WITH OUR FAMILIES AND CHURCHES, AND IN MEETINGS WITH THOSE WHO SEE A DIFFERENT SOLUTION - THE TRADITIONS, CUSTOMS AND VALUES OF OUR KUPUNA WILL GUIDE OUR ACTIONS. ALOHA, HA'AHAA, MAOPOPOONO, IKE PAPALUA, LOKOMAIKA'I AND HO'OPONOPONO WILL BE OUR PROTOCOL, AGENDA, PROFILE AND DEMEANOR.

THIS IS THE TRADITION THAT HUI KĀLĀ'AINA SOUGHT TO RESTORE IN 1888. IT IS OUR LEGACY TODAY.

A STATEMENT FROM HUI KĀLĀ'AINA VICE-PRESIDENT FRANCIS KAUHANE

WE ALL HAVE LISTENED TO AND READ ABOUT THE PILIKIA THAT PLAGUES THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS (OHA). AS A HAWAIIAN INSTITUTION LED BY AN ELECTED BOARD OF TRUSTEES, OHA INHERENTLY FACES CONTROVERSEY AND DIFFERENCES. THE NATURE OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS IS ADVERSARIAL, AND SO, TOO, IS THE GROWING PRESSURE TO RESOLVE SOME OF OHA'S LONGSTANDING ISSUES. IN THIS REGARD, THE TRUSTEES FACE THE DIFFICULTY OF BRIDGING DIFFERENCES AND GAINING THE CONSENSUS OF HAWAIIANS - A DIFFICULT, BUT NECESSARY, TASK. FOR MOST OF US, WHO CAN ONLY OBSERVE THE WORKING OF THE TRUSTEES, THE RESULTS AS OF LATE HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTING AND EMBARRASSING. UNFORTUNATELY, THE PERSONAL ATTACKS, COUNTER-ATTACKS AND ALLEGATIONS OF FINANCIAL MISCONDUCT PASSING BETWEEN THE OHA TRUSTEES HAVE BEEN EXTREME.

IF WE ALLOW THE OHA TRUSTEES TO CONTINUE ON THEIR PRESENT COURSE, OHA WILL SELF-DESTRUCT. SOME IN THE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY HAVE SOUGHT THE DISMANTLING OF OHA BECAUSE, FROM THEIR POINT OF VIEW, OHA HAS BECOME AN IMPEDIMENT. AS WE SEE, OHA IS ERODING FROM WITHIN.

FOR THE MAJORITY OF US, OHA REPRESENTS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HAWAIIANS TO BE RESPONSIBLE AND ACCOUNTABLE FOR OUR RESOURCES, ASPIRATIONS AND DEEDS. THIS FUNDAMENTALLY IS THE MISSION OF OHA AND LIKEWISE THE PURPOSE OF HUI KĀLĀ'AINA. HUI KĀLĀ'AINA IS A HAWAIIAN POLITICAL PARTY. WE BELIEVE THAT THOSE WHO SEEK TO BE ELECTED AS OHA TRUSTEES MUST RUN ON THE BASIS OF A GAMEPLAN OR PLATFORM. HUI KĀLĀ'AINA WILL SUPPORT CANDIDATES WHOSE OBJECTIVES PROMOTE COMMON INTERESTS, WHOSE VISIONS ARE PREMISED ON HAWAIIAN TRADITIONS, AND WHOSE OBJECTIVES PROMOTE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL WHO LOVE OUR ISLANDS. IF CANDIDATES OPPOSE A PLEBISCITE ON SOVEREIGNTY, WE NEED TO KNOW. IF THEY ARE LOOKING TO DISMANTLE OUR ALI'I TRUSTS, WE NEED TO KNOW. IF THEY ARE SEEKING TO BUILD A FUTURE FOR HAWAIIANS TO THE EXCLUSION AND DETRIMENT OF OTHER PEOPLE, WE NEED TO KNOW.

AS THE NOVEMBER ELECTION OF OHA TRUSTEES APPROACHES, HAWAIIANS MUST DEMAND THAT CANDIDATES HAVE A WRITTEN PLATFORM. THIS WILL BEGIN THE FIRST STEP OF MAKING OHA PONO. IT WILL BRING THE NECESSARY LEVEL OF ACCOUNTABILITY, RESPONSIBILITY AND CONSENSUS THAT OHA DESPERATELY NEEDS.

OHA MUST BE ALLOWED TO FULFILL ITS MISSION.



HUI KĀLĀ'AINA VICE-PRESIDENT FRANCIS KAUHANE EXPLAINED THE HAWAIIAN POLITICAL PARTY'S PLATFORM TO REPORTERS AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE

IT IS TIME FOR EVERY HAWAIIAN TO STEP FORWARD AND BE HEARD

TO SHARE YOUR MANA'O, AND TO TAKE PART IN THE SHAPING OF THE FUTURE SOVEREIGN HAWAIIAN NATION, CONTACT HUI KĀLĀ'AINA
 BY TELEPHONE (808) 969-9721
 BY MAIL PO Box 1916, HONOLULU, HI 96805

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News from Alu Like

Entrepreneurship training program - winter/spring schedule

For Hawaiians interested in starting up or expanding a business, the Alu Like Business Development Center's Entrepreneurship Training (ETP) class schedule is as follows.

March 2 - April 6 Kona 6-week course
 March 9 - April 13 Kailua 6-week course
 March 12 - April 25 Honolulu 7-week course
 April 20 - May 25 Honoka'a 6-week course
 April 20 - May 25 Kaua'i 6-week course
 May 14 - June 27 Honolulu 7-week course
 June 15 - July 27 Maui 6-week course
 June 15 - July 27 Lā'ie 6-week course

The Honolulu ETP classes are two hours each evening, three times a week for seven weeks and

are held at the Alu Like Business Development Center.

The other classes will be conducted over a period of six consecutive Saturdays. Each class runs for six hours. Locations for those classes are still pending.

Subjects covered are business attitudes, marketing, organization, financial management, business planning, and ongoing management.

A "Business Planning and Business Plans" workshop will be held on Saturday, April 27. An "Advertising Strategies: Getting the Most Bounce for Your Bucks" workshops will be held on Saturday, June 29. These workshops will be four hours long and will be held in Honolulu at the Alu Like Business Development Center in the Maunakea Marketplace.

Space is limited. On O'ahu, call 524-1225; on Hilo, 961-2625; and on Kaua'i, 245-8545 to receive further information and applications.

Training program targets leeward O'ahu teachers

UH Mānoa has begun a teacher training program designed to improve education on the Leeward coast by reducing teacher turnover.

The program, Ka Lama O Ke Kaiāulu, is targeting potential elementary teachers living on the Leeward coast, or those who have a commitment to the area. It will emphasize multicultural education and Hawaiian culture focusing on language, literacy, and the teacher's role in students' academic success. An emphasis will also be placed on teaching strategies that improve the academic achievement and self-esteem of students from lower income families. Participants will be given the opportunity to observe and teach in the classrooms of mentor teachers on the Leeward coast.

Program coordinator Dr. Kathy Au says a problem in Leeward coast schools is that many of the teachers don't live in the area; they teach for a short time then transfer to more central locations. She hopes Ka Lama O Ke Kaiāulu will encourage Leeward-based residents, or individuals with ties and a commitment to the community, to come and teach at Leeward schools, and stay.

Courses will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays and most will meet at Nānāikapono Elementary School in Nānākuli. There will also be some course work at UH Mānoa.

To be eligible applicants must have completed the courses required for the elementary education program in the College of Education. Applicants will also be required to write an essay on their ideas to improve education on the Leeward coast. In the essay they will be asked to write about the reasons for their commitment to teaching on that part of the island, and what they hope to learn by participating in the course.

The deadline for submitting applications is March 15, 1996. Applicants must be admitted as juniors to the College of Education and may request an application packet by calling the Students Services Office, College of Education, at 956-7915.

For more information and interview appointments call Dr. Kathy Au at 956-7877 or Dr. Margaret Maaka, at 956-4409.

Hawaiian Homes Commission Scholarship Fund accepting applications

Hawaiian Homes Commission Scholarship Fund is now accepting applications from qualified native Hawaiians of 50 percent or more Hawaiian ancestry, who are enrolled as a full-time students in post-high school insti-

tutions. Applicants must demonstrate financial need or academic achievement for consideration.

Applications for the 1996-1997 school year are available at the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands or any of its dis-

trict offices on the neighbor islands, or by calling 586-3836. On O'ahu, call 586-3840; Kaua'i, 241-3329; on Moloka'i, 567-6104; on Maui, 243-5248; East Hawai'i, 935-5575; and in West Hawai'i, 885-7091.

Ke ao nani

by Patrick Ching

"But can they swim?"

"Yah they're geese; but can they swim?" Someone once asked me this regarding Hawai'i's state bird the Nēnē.

My answer at the time was "I guess they could swim, but I don't think they like to." I continued in a know-it-all voice: "They have noticeably less

webbing in their feet than other types of geese. This makes it easier for them to walk across the lava slopes and harder for them to swim, therefore, they tend to avoid the water."

I had read this information many times in books and reports. I had no reason to doubt it.

Recently I did a painting of nēnē to be used on a wildlife stamp. My research took me to different places where nēnē gathered. To my surprise I found nēnē in wetland areas of Kaua'i and Hawai'i. They were in the water and loving it! They splashed and preened and chased each other about.

Even clutches of chicks followed their parents into the water without hesitation.

After reviewing fossil records I learned that nēnē once inhabited all the main Hawaiian islands from the mountains to sea level.

The fact that nēnē are ground nesters and are delicious to eat worked against the species as they were easily preyed upon by dogs, cats, mongoose and people. By the 1950's, the wild nēnē population had dwindled to

less than three dozen birds.

In 1957, captive breeding programs began in Hawai'i and in England. Since then, they have been raised in captivity and reintroduced into areas where they once flourished. Typically these release areas have been in the uplands where there are less predators and humans.

Slowly the birds are making their way back to the lowlands and back into the water.

The Hawaiian name "nēnē" may have been given to these birds because of a call they make while flying. On the ground they make a muffled "moo" sound, especially when disturbed.

Some of the nēnē's favorite foods are grasses, seeds and fruits.

The recovery of the nēnē from near extinction is an inspiring chapter of success in a book otherwise clouded with disappointments.



Nēnē: Hawai'i's state bird makes a comeback.

Drawing by Patrick Ching

Editor's Note: This month's article will be the last contributed to *Ka Wai Ola O OHA* by artist and environmentalist Patrick Ching. After 9 years as a volunteer contributor of many articles and drawings featuring Hawaiian wildlife, he is concentrating on his artistic career and plans to open a gallery and gift shop in Waimānalo. Mahalo piha, Patrick, on behalf of all *Ka Wai Ola O OHA* readers.

He mau hanana

A calendar of events

MARCH (Malaki)

1 - 3 — "There is a Season" Dance Extravaganza, presented by the Kamehameha Schools Bishop Estate, Kamehameha Performing Arts Company. Friday and Saturday, March 1-2 at 7:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, March 3 in the Princess Ruth Ke'elikōlani Auditorium. Admission is \$5. All proceeds go to Prevent Child Abuse Hawai'i. The dance concert uses contemporary tunes by Gloria Estefan, Elton John, Melissa Etheridge and others, and choreographed by Director Stacey Archer-Little, a Po'okela award winner. Call 842-8356 or 951-0200.

2 — No Nā Pua O Ka Hālau Hula (For the Flowers of the Hālau) — gathers kumu hula, biologists and lei makers to share with the hula community their knowledge on how to gather native flowers and plants in a way that respects and preserves native forests and habitats. This unique conference is held at Ke'elikōlani Auditorium, Kamehameha High School, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Call Karen 'Ululani Victor at 843-2231.

2 — Kealia Trail Hike. This little-traveled route in the South Wai'anae range crosses dry and moist habitats, past native trees. Moderate, 5 miles/5 hours. Sponsored by the Hawai'i Nature Center. \$3/\$5, reservations required, call 955-0100.

2 — O'ahu Taro Patch Party, 9 - 11 a.m. Learn about the significance of taro and the different ways it was cultivated, sponsored by the Hawai'i Nature Center. Reservations required, Fee: \$3 for members, \$5 for rest. Call 955-0100.

9 — Mānoa Cliffs Hike. Noted author and geographer Dr. Mark Merlin guides this trek along a favorite Tantalus route. Many of the native plants on this trail are featured in his book, Hawaiian Forest Plants. Moderate, 3 miles/4 hours. Sponsored by the Hawai'i Nature Center. \$3/\$5, reservations required, call 955-0100.

12 — "Nā Ali'i: Tales of Hawaiian Royalty" the After Dark in the Park series, at 7 p.m., Kilauea Visitor Center Auditorium. Woody Fern shares tales of his grandmother, descendant of Honolulu's first mayor.

16 — Hawaiian Language Family Day, Kapi'olani Park, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Language lessons, family games, entertainment, demonstrations. Call Hawaiian Language Resources, 528-5453.

16 — Makiki Falls Revisited Hike - Search for this "lost" waterfall, and discover other hidden features of Makiki Valley. Brushy and strenuous, 4 miles/4 hours. Sponsored by the Hawai'i Nature Center. \$3/\$5, reservations required, call 955-0100.

17 — Sixth annual AIDS Walk around Kapi'olani Park, Sunday, 9 a.m. Proceeds benefit the Life Foundation, which provides free services to those living with HIV infection and AIDS, while offering preventive education programs for the community. Registration forms are available at Blockbuster Video or by calling 521-2437.

23 — Ka'ena Point Hike. See nesting seabirds and maybe whales on this sunny trek along the Mokulē'ia side. Great for families, 4 miles/6 hours. Sponsored by the Hawai'i Nature Center. \$3/\$5, reservations required, call 955-0100.

23 — Prince Jonah Kūhio Kalaniana'ole Celebration sponsored by the Waimea Hawaiian Homesteaders' Association, Inc. will be held at Kēhio Hale Grounds 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., featuring food booths, arts and crafts demonstrations, quilt display, music by Big Island musicians, horseback rides and various activities. Waimea's famous BBQ chicken will be on sale with proceeds going to construct a children's bus shelter in Kūhio Village. For more information, call (808) 885-6153.

26 — 'Ōlelo No'cau: Hawaiian Thinking as Reflected in Wise Sayings" part of After Dark in the Park series, 7 p.m. Kilauea Visitor Center Auditorium. Kahikāhealani Wight Hawaiian language scholar and teacher at Kapi'olani Community College discusses the conveyance of Hawaiian thoughts and values through wise proverbs.

April 22 - 24 — Building Rural Communities: Models for the Future conference, Hyatt Regency, Lake Tahoe, Nevada. This premiere training and networking event for rural development and preservation professionals and local community organizers is sponsored by Rural

Community Assistance Corp. Topics include: cross-cultural partnerships, innovative mixed-use facilities, partnerships for environmental projects, leveraging Section 502 funding for self-help housing, and conflict resolution and negotiation. For more information call the conference voice mail box (916) 447-9832, ext. 197

April 19 - 26 — Kawaihae'o Church culminates its year-long 17th Anniversary with a spiritual tour of historic churches on O'ahu and two neighbor islands. Learn how island people embraced the faith and retrace some steps of the early missionaries, guided by Rev. Abraham Akaka. The tour begins on O'ahu and journeys to the Big Island for two days of sightseeing from Hilo to Kona. Several churches will host participants for special visits and meals. From there the group will go to Kaua'i for the last two days to experience how Christian and Hawaiian values blend to create a strong spiritual life in Hawai'i. Call Kawaihae'o Church at 522-1333, if you plan to attend.

May 16 - 19 — Hawaiian Kapa Making Retreat, Pu'ukahe, Hawai'i Baptist Convention Center, Wai'anae. Register by March 30 by calling Kawai Aona-Ueoka at (808) 237-7072.

May 18 — Sixth Annual Moloka'i Ka Hula Piko: Moloka'i Nui A Hina, (A Celebration of the Birth of Hula on Moloka'i: Great Moloka'i, Child of the Goddess Hina), Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Papohaku Beach Park, Kaluakoi. Free. A series of lectures on Moloka'i history accompanied by dance demonstrations will be presented by kumu hula John Ka'imikāua, at the Hoaloha Room, Colony Kaluakoi Hotel & Golf Club, May 14 - May 16, at 7 p.m. On-site lectures will be held at Father Damien's Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Church and at Kapuwahine Fish Pond at Kalua'aha, Tuesday, May 14, at 3 p.m. and Wed., May 15, at 10 a.m. Walking tours are at no charge. For more information, call (800) 553-0404.

'Ohana Reunions

Nā 'ohana e ho'ohui 'ia ana



Lau Afat-Apaka, Aholo, Na'e'a Kuluahine — A family meeting is set for mid March to plan the first-ever 'Apaka 'Ohana Reunion. Representatives from each family are asked to attend in order to secure a July 1996 reunion. Contact Jeffrey Aholo 'Apaka on O'ahu at 922-6965.

Nahinu and Auhea — A family reunion is set for July 4 - 6, 1996 for the descendants of Nahinu and Auhea, their children Napihe and Nakapa'ahu. These descendants include Kepalai and Kila Kapaekukui, Nakapa'ahu and Iki'ikapoleopele, Nakapa'ahu and Kalawaianuiokamehameha and Kai'o and Kahaionakolo. For more information, contact in the evenings, Sam Kekauoha at 293-9955, Luther Nakapa'ahu at 262-4801, or Arthur Koerte at 422-1835.

Poliahu — The grandchildren and great-grandchildren of William Poliahu and Kamaile Mokuale Keohuhu invite family members from Annie Poliahu and Edward Puhi Sr.; Lily Poliahu and Edwin Kekahua Sr.; Lucy Poliahu and John Tripp; George

Poliahu and Mary Kapeliela; and Elizabeth Poliahu and David Richards Sr. to a family reunion on Aug. 2 - 4, 1996 at Māhukona, Kohala, Hawai'i. Please contact Joyce Poliahu at (808) 889-6489 or write to P.O. Box 347, Hāwi, HI 96719.

Swift — The Swift 'Ohana has scheduled a reunion Aug. 2 - 4, 1996. Family includes the descendants of Joseph Swift and his three spouses: Hiona Makia, Naimu and Luka and their children John Kukuma, Apia, Lilikalani, Charles, Hannah, Jessie and Aipia. These descendants include, Lum, Kaaa, Akana, Dupont, Fernandez, Kuhaulua, Hardy, Laeha, Tam, Gora-Luke, Luhe, Nunes, Kinolau, Swain, McCabe & Sakamoto families. For more information, call Linda Ann Tam on O'ahu, 674-0512, or on Maui, Kathy Shimada 877-0839.

Kalua Kanawaliwali — Descendants of Kalua Kanawaliwali are holding their 2nd Annual Family Reunion on Maui, Friday, Aug. 16-17, 1996 at the Pā'ia Community Center.

For more information, contact Diana Amadeo on Maui (808) 579-9429 or write to P.O. Box 247 Pā'ia, HI 96779.

Poe — The descendants of Wallace Poe of Wai'anae, O'ahu are holding a family reunion August 17, 1996 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 'Ohikilolo Ranch, Makua, O'ahu. Family members are asked to contact Jay Landis (family historian) at (808) 668-1149, or Ah Ching G. Jr. (reunion chairperson) at (808) 696-8584. Neighbor island 'ohana may call toll-free 1 800-378-7703.

Kapua — The former wife of William K. Kapua is most anxious to contact members of the Kapua family in order that his son, also named William K. Kapua, may know of his father's family. William Kapua, Sr. left Hawai'i before he was 18 years old, joined the Navy and then lived in Chicago where he married and later died in 1939.

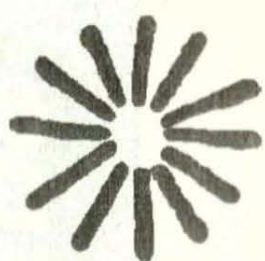
His widow, Lea Kapua Heine, is now 84 years-old and urges members of the Kapua family to get in touch with her at

608 Sawyer Terrace, #826, Madison, WI, 53705-3254.

Manuhua — The Manuhua Reunion Committee is seeking descendants of Manuhua aka Manuhua Kuakea, born Nov. 11, 1824 in Kohala. He married Makapiipii aka Kamakapiipii, born Aug. 9, 1826. Descendants and news of Manuhua's sisters are also being sought: they are Konanui Kuakea, born 1822 and married to Paipulewa; and Kekela Kuakea, born 1826 and married to Naea. Please call Shirley Keakealani Wilcox at (808) 325-0418 or 325-5581, or write to Betty Saiki, P.O. Box 2187, Kailua-Kona, HI 96745

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