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Moku Ka Pawa

a new day is here

Trustees-elect Apoliona, Stender, Ota, Cataluna, Hee, Waihe'e, Dela Cruz, Akana and Machado will lead the Office of Hawaiian Affairs into 2001, a new beginning in the course of modern Hawaiian history.

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Oath of office delayed for OHA trustees

A LAST-MINUTE filing on Nov. 27 to contest the Nov. 7 election results has delayed an official swearing-in ceremony for Office of Hawaiian Affairs trustees. Hawai'i Supreme Court Justice Ronald Moon was set to administer the oaths to all nine trustees-elect on Nov. 28.

The petition to contest the election results was filed by Kauai Jochanan Amsterdam with the Hawai'i Supreme Court at 4:16 p.m., Nov. 27, minutes before the 20-day election challenge period lapsed. The Hawai'i Supreme Court, according to Hawai'i Revised Statutes, has 10 days from the filing date to issue a summons to defendants Dwayne Yoshina, chief elections officer, and Gov. Ben Cayetano. No board meetings are scheduled until further notice.

Kauai Jochanan Amsterdam is one of 96 candidates who ran for an OHA seat in the 2000 elections. His petition to the Hawai'i Supreme Court asks for the election to be declared invalid and for a recount to separate Hawaiian votes from non-Hawaiian votes. Until the state Supreme Court rules on Amsterdam's challenge, the elected trustees' official swearing-in ceremony will be on hold. Check OHA's website at www.OHA.org for updates. ■

OHA trustees-elect



Rowena Akana
Two-year term,
At-large

OHA trustee since 1990. Previous board chair, former radio broadcaster and counselor.



Haunani Apoliona
Four-year term,
At-large

OHA trustee since 1996. Resigned her OHA trustee seat and was not reappointed by the governor. She is a former president/ CEO of Alu Like Inc., and a Hōkū award-winning musician.



Don Cataluna
Four-year term,
Kaua'i /Ni'ihau

Retired sugar company executive; Kaua'i Community College lecturer. Was appointed by Gov. Cayetano to OHA interim board, but resigned with other members and was not reappointed.



Linda Dela Cruz
Four-year term,
Hawai'i Island

Homemaker. Was a singer and musician for 40 years, and has also operated a hula school. Has been active in community organizations lobbying for Hawaiian and agricultural issues.



Clayton Hee
Two-year term,
O'ahu

Chairman, OHA interim Board of Trustees; has been an OHA trustee since 1990 and chairman for eight years. He was also a state senator, state representative and educator.



Colette Machado
Four-year term,
Moloka'i/Lāna'i

OHA trustee since 1996. Educator, businesswoman. Was reappointed to her OHA board seat as an interim trustee. Is a Kaho'olawe Island Reserve commissioner.



Charles Ota
Two-year term,
Maui

Governor-appointed interim trustee. First non-Hawaiian to serve on the OHA board. Family history counts five generations in Hawai'i. He is a businessman, former Maui County councilman University of Hawai'i regent.



Oswald K. Stender
Two-year term,
At-large

Real estate broker/consultant and vice president of American Land Co. He is well-known as a former Bishop Estate trustee and was chief executive officer of The Estate of James Campbell.



John Waihe'e IV
Two-year term,
At-large

Son of former Gov. John Waihe'e. Following in his father's foot steps, Waihe'e takes office for the first time representing a new generation of OHA trustees. ■

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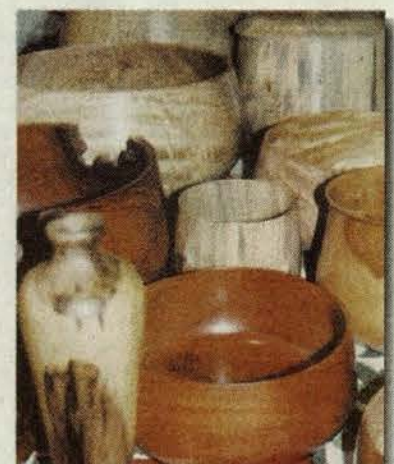
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KA LEO KAIĀULU

OHA pono?

One incumbent talked about commitment to fostering aloha, in the absence of agreement, understanding and joy, ironically affirming OHA as the wrong place for us. What is not pono cannot be the source of healing. We are the victims of the foremost world power. It has trampled over our inherent rights and lands. Its legacy is genocide.

Do you believe that OHA is going to lead Hawaiians to our optimal future? Washington, D.C., has made it clear: second-class self-determination for kanaka maoli. Most of you couldn't care less in the name of "trying to help."

There was a time for acquiescence. Resistance meant non-survival. Stop perpetuating the U.S. cover-up. The price is too high! The so-called "nation within" isn't really a nation. OHA's future is for Hees, Conklins and their like, under the thumb of their sovereign, Uncle Sam.

For true mo'olelo, read the Polynesian. Experience history in the making at December's World Court of Arbitration. Our honorable ancestors were in harmony with international law. Do you care? If we say "aloha 'oe" to the honorable past, we reap pono 'ole. God help our descendants. Much aloha.

Angeline "Pee-Wee" Hopkins-Locey and son, Michael Anahola

Healing nation

As we await the U.S. Senate's vote recognizing our franchise as an independent people, I would ask that Hawaiians consider this. Before us lay a number of important and historic decisions. The course we set to meet the promise of the federal legislation will ripple through the lives of our people for generations to come.

To this point in time, for generation upon generation, our families have felt the pain of a great social trauma - the tread of colonialism through the land. In order for us to gain some measure of reconciliation in the face of this widespread anguish, we must first acknowledge that this wounding is real, and then that this pain has come from forces both inside and outside our family groups. As we enter this next period of our history let us acknowledge that our need for healing is large.

The way through this difficult transition period can be guided by the skills and mana'o of our traditional healers. Asking our healers to lead in the birth of this new nation will allow us to be touched by the mana'o of our ancestors. With their leadership we will bring to fullness, for all people, the abundance once found in this land.

Bud Pōmaika'i Cook
Hilo

I am a transplanted Hawaiian of mixed heritage. Last month, a letter from Inoa'ole prompted this.

OHA is looking back and forward, but not far enough. If in the past is located the future, then OHA must

do this. Properties (lands and buildings) must be purchased and people trained to run these businesses for profit and the good of Hawai'i.

Inoa'ole is right, but I would go a step further. We don't need to buy everything in sight - a little at a time would help greatly. Money sitting in the bank does not generate enough income and does not provide jobs for people.

Just look at a resort owned and run by Hawaiians, generating profit for Hawaiians. The profits would be reinvested for a second and a third and so on. The initial venture would be a training ground for the next, and would create meaningful employment opportunities in construction, business management, accounting, food management, maintenance, etc.

The time for fighting among ourselves is over. We must pull together for the good of the whole.

Unlike the Native Americans, we can not have casinos but the concept is there if we want to work together.

Live long and prosper Hawai'i. Aloha.

Herb Lum
Via the Internet

Illegal meeting

We protest the validity of this meeting (OHA board, Nov. 13, 10 a.m.) as well as its necessity for these lawsuits are not critical; given the circumstances at OHA, any judge would permit a continuance.

According to HRS 17-7, "the person so appointed ... shall serve for the duration of the unexpired term and shall serve until the election of the person duly elected to fill such vacancy." HRS 13D-5 "Term of office; vacancies. The term of office of members of the board shall be four years beginning on the day of the special election held in conjunction with the general election of the year in which they are elected and ending on the day of the special election held in conjunction with the second general election after their election."

The term of office of the duly-elected OHA trustees began on Nov. 7. We ask that the interim trustees bow out gracefully which is the only pono thing to do. We suggest that the legitimately elected OHA trustees meet to organize themselves and become familiar with the critical issues.

We do not want to be disenfranchised by an ad hoc committee of gubernatorial appointees. We have put our votes and our trust in our new trustees.

Lela Malina Hubbard
'Aiea

Florea remembered

I am the daughter of Myrle Florea, an employee of OHA's Moloka'i office for more than 10 years. As you know, she left this world on Aug. 22. I would like to extend my utmost thanks and appreciation to each of you for your kind words and prayers. The outpouring of sympathy and

support for my family has been overwhelming.

My mother spoke of her friends at work often. She never mentioned anyone as a "co-worker." They were all friends. Most of them I have known for a better part of my life. So well, in fact, that they are a part of our family.

I am at a loss to explain the comfort that all of your words of sympathy have brought our family, I only wish that all of you can at one time in your lives feel the love and support that I have felt from each of you.

My mother was a very giving woman. She gave of her time, her experience and her support to any that would ask. In any unselfish deed, however small, and any random act of kindness, my mother's memory will live on, for this was the type of woman she was. Our love and aloha to you all.

Kala'e Florea Verdeja
Saint Paul, MN

Recount OHA

The ongoing recount situation in Florida has made me wonder whether Hawai'i should consider recounting the OHA votes cast. After all, how is it that we have a bartender from Keo's, a non-Native Hawaiian, and a former embroiled trustee from Bishop Estate, in charge of \$400 million dollars?

The media-engineered "name recognition contest" for OHA resulted in the election of trustees that are only slightly more qualified and deserving than a republican secretary of state in charge of certifying votes for Al Gore. You wouldn't wish this on your worst political enemy, yet the voters in Hawai'i subject Native Hawaiian beneficiaries to the decision of a bartender with a famous last name.

Good grief, are all the voters positive they filled in the right circle, or was their true intent lost in the machine count?

Amy Kantrawotz
Kailua

Family search

Will Margaret, nee Christian, daughter of Waldemar Christian of Kaua'i, please contact Betsy Christian, daughter of Hulbert Christian of Kaua'i, Waldemar's brother, at 2343-1596? I am looking for genealogy information. Mahalo for your help.

Betsy J. Christian
Kāne'ohe

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Discussion Forum

www.OHA.org

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs' discussion forum is at www.OHA.org. The purpose of the forum is to share different points of view on issues important to the Hawaiian community. In the few months since its inception, lively exchanges have begun on federal recognition, sovereignty and Forbes Cave. Divergent opinions have been posted by participants anonymously, using their real names or taking such online identities as Takspayr and Commoner.

The forum is open to all. Participants can access existing messages, post their own message or set up a new topic to be discussed. To enter the discussion, go to www.OHA.org.

Hawaiian bill, Me, 10-30

I am part Hawaiian, Asian, and European. I am at the same time the "oppressor" and the "oppressed." To despise one group or the other would be to despise myself. I have, therefore, learned to form opinions from a factual basis. Being a student at a very liberal arts school, my views are challenged daily. I have thus learned to revise them often by learning as much about the issue(s) at hand. Although I can never be in the same situations as my peers, I strive to learn as much about them as possible. I feel for all sides of the issues being discussed here, but, I encourage everyone to look at these from a historical, economical, factual, analytical perspective. As one of my professors who studies racism said yesterday: "this is a very emotional issue. To make a good thesis you must first present a factual study. Only after this is proven can you bring in the emotion." I encourage everyone, whomever he or she may be to take a step back, take a deep breath, study the issues at hand, and return to the discussion room. I know my tears will flow less freely if this happens. Mahalo nui.

Goemans new law suit Tane, 11-3

Since Cayetano is bent on destroying the Hawaiian community, I decided to vote for those running for OHA who were not reinstated or appointed by him. Also, is late filing to run for a seat in office a common practice? I thought if you missed the cut-off date...you snooze...you lose; and wait for the next elections. If they couldn't find time to register to run for election what makes us think they will have time for us and our issues! Cayetano

reinstated those that he could control and that's why I voted for Trask so she can be the biggest pain in his 'okole. Besides I find her very intelligent, knowledgeable, and not afraid to speak out. I know the media is out to get her just like they did with Fasi. They don't like s***- stirrers; only compliant "yes peopl." We need more people like Trask to speak out, well, maybe not with so much name-calling, but outspoken. I believe some things she said were taken out of context purposely to character assassinate her. She definitely gets my vote!

Form of government Sharon Forsythe, 11-16

The issue is, "Get the Hawaiians back on the land!" Period! No more welfare, food stamps, violence, poverty! There is money to assist the Hawaiians. My question is, why do we, the people, keep electing the same people into office, even after many years of non-productive merry-go-round type of politics! Hawaiians were raped of their heritage many years ago... Hawaiians were not allowed to speak their own mother tongue. They became slaves in their own land, working for pennies, so that others may prosper. They taught their children to think like the foreigners, because they were told that it was for the best. Everyone knows that already! So what can be done to heal the past? Must we continue to use smoke screens to evade the real issues? Who, in position, has the mentality, and divine intuitiveness to help the peoples to move on? Who will hear, listen, and help the Hawaiian people? Who in office, whether it be in DHHL, OHA, Bishop Estate...who, will help the people of Hawaiian ancestry?

Which one of you brave Hawaiian warriors, now elected to office, will follow the lead of your conscience?

Sovereignty Takspayr, 11-16

My priority is not "the land." My priority is God, family and country. Everything else is secondary. There have been hundreds of thousands of Americans who gave their lives in every war and conflict since our war for independence from Britain. It is the reason we are prosperous as a nation and people; it is the reason we have the liberty and freedom to disagree; it is the reason we can communicate in cyberspace; it is the reason you have the freedom to pursue your version of justice.

Sovereignty Ho'oponopono, 11-16

When it comes down to it land affects all of your priorities. Basic facts, Hawai'i is land and America is in control of it. Being that it is Hawai'i, and Hawaiians are indigenous to the land, they should be entitled to govern what becomes of them on their land, Hawai'i. The American government has not acknowledged the fact that Hawaiians are political entities that are entitled to be recognized as the indigenous people of Hawai'i.

Sovereignty, Tane, 11-17

The issue we are taking up in this discussion, though, is country. Where a lot of us are concerned is the fact that our kupuna's voice was ignored by the U.S. Their voice and desire should be acknowledged; they had that right. Their choice should have been respected. That legacy was passed down to us. We there-

fore have a right to express ourselves and our concerns. We have the right to make a cognizant right to choose the style of government; whether it's to continue as a state of the U.S., freely associated state, independent, nation within a nation, or whatever we choose. It's our prerogative. I think many of us, Hawaiians, locals and outsiders have a misconception of the Hawaiians' intent. It's an issue we all have to mull over and evaluate; but when we are attacked, we are compelled to defend our position or to keep things on track with facts for a better understanding. All governments have their downside, nothing's perfect. This is why we have to commit to be involved to make it better.

Sovereignty, Kaulana, 11-19

You have no source to prove that King Kamehameha's motives were influenced by the haoles. Although he did indeed interact with them we have no knowledge if they encouraged his take-over of the other islands. I find it interesting that you attack the character of the first man to unite the Hawaiian people. What you search for is the union of sovereignty groups; yet you attack the first man to unite the Hawaiians under one nation. These different sovereignty groups much like the separate island kingdoms that existed prior to Kamehameha's expedition do not have one leader. I agree with you in that the sovereignty groups must "unite as one." However, how is that to be done? Kamehameha was a man with vision. He understood the importance of a Hawaiian union. The real question is who will achieve that union today without bloodshed? And once created will uneducated people then criticize that leader? ■

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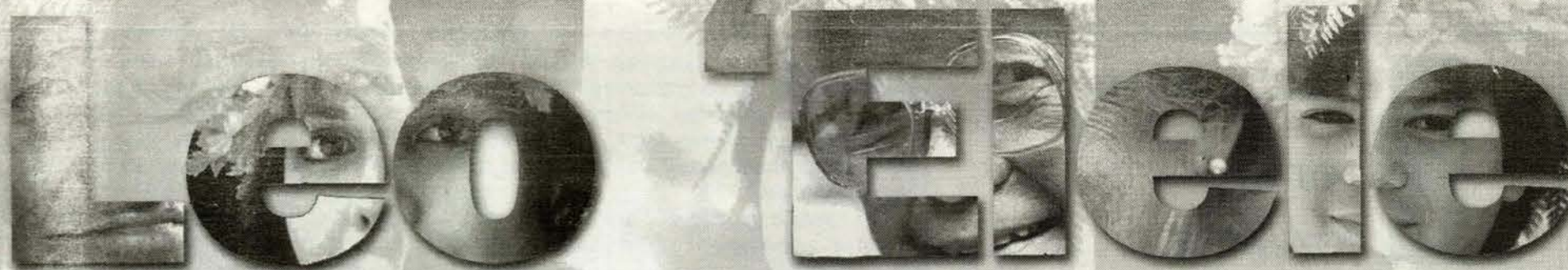
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Office of Hawaiian Affairs' future challenges

IT IS with a grateful heart that I say "mahalo piha" to the people of Hawai'i for their vote of confidence in me. I am greatly humbled by this honor to serve our Hawaiian people for the next two years. I promise to continue the hard work that I have started on behalf of the beneficiaries of this Hawaiian trust and will strive to implement much needed changes at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

As you are aware, Hawaiians are still reeling from the fallout of the *Rice vs. Cayetano* decision. This notorious case has caused a lot of challenges for OHA, among which is the apportionment. Currently, all voters cast ballots for all trustees on all islands, regardless of where they reside. This means that all candidates running in the Office of Hawaiian Affairs election essentially are vying for a race that is equal in stature to the gubernatorial election. No other candidates have to run a statewide campaign.

Why the Hawaiians? It makes more common sense to have the residents of the islands elect their respective representative.

OHA has tried many times in the past to urge the Legislature to reapportion the neighbor islands and O'ahu so that their representatives would be elected from their respective island. To date, OHA's efforts have not been successful. I propose that in the upcoming legislative session OHA once again ask that OHA elections be realigned to truly represent the voices of the voters who cast their ballots. As we have seen with the most recent election, it is important for us to have equal status as does the members of the state



ROWENA N. AKANA
TRUSTEE, AT-LARGE

House of Representatives and the state Senate. Their races are decided by district. It makes good sense to have the same methodology followed in the Office of Hawaiian Affairs elections.

I also plan to continue the fight to

implement a kupuna health initiative. When I was the chairman of the board, I established a task force that sought to look into various ways to implement this very sorely needed program for our elderly Hawaiian people. What this very important program sought to do was to supplement our kupuna's Medicare Part B. During neighbor island board meetings last year, many kupuna stepped forward to describe how hard it was for them to get by in terms of much-needed medication. Several kupuna described in detail how they had to split their medication between two people so that their medication prescription could last longer.

Last year, at the board level, this important program was voted down three separate times by several trustees. Thus, sadly, it could not be implemented at OHA. Nevertheless, these facts have not steered me off course. I will continue to fight for implementation of this impor-

tant program, hopefully with the help of the newly elected members of the Board of Trustees.

Finally, as of press time, we are still waiting with bated breath the outcome of the Akaka Bill in the United States Sen-

ate. Hawai'i's Senator, Daniel Akaka, is diligently working to assure successful passage in the Senate. As many of you are already aware, the bill passed the House on Sept. 22. On the Senate side, the bill has been placed on the Senate legislative calendar (#893). It may pass as a stand-alone bill, or attached to an omnibus appropriations bill. I remain hopeful of its passage, another step in a long journey

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toward federal recognition and self-determination for Hawaiians and for our future generations. Mahalo nui for your support and I wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season. ■

OHA's recent history, for the record

A LOHA NUI kākou, e nā 'ōiwi o Hawai'i. The following is the text of my trustee article # 45 of 46 that would have been published in the October *Ka Wai Ola*. It had been written to provide reason and explanation for trustees resignations on Sept. 8. Unfortunately, due to OHA administrative decisions, my article was eliminated and not published.

With the 60 days now behind us, we have successfully bridged the OHA 2000 election and stand ready to get back to work. Even though the "news" is old, I share the mana'o so that our readers 1) will understand what was in our minds on Sept. 8 during that time of turmoil; 2) will be reminded of the trials and tribulations imposed by both the system as well as political manipulation that we have overcome; and, 3) will stay closely tuned in to OHA as we move forward in 2001.

The following are excerpts from a joint statement to the press on Sept. 8 by Trustee Apoliona, Machado and Cataluna the day that all OHA trustees resigned.

"As Hawaiians and as a community, we are at a crossroads. We face potential loss of control of our resources and our ability to control our destinies.

"With sadness, but in unity with our fellow trustees, we are resigning from our office effective today. This decision has been a difficult one, and we do so with great

humility and compassion for the Native Hawaiian people and the trust we represent.

"While there are many uncertainties, what is certain is that in 50 days there will be an election of OHA Trustees. By the actions taken today our resignations, we are assuring that there will be a chance for voters to elect all nine trustees, and

for any appointment to last no longer than election day.

"It is unfortunate that we are forced to choose this path and resign. There was hope that OHA and the Governor could resolve these post-Rice

problems together. Sadly, that has not been the case.

"As Trustees, we feel a duty to resign to prevent prolonged legal wrangling and further opportunities for those who are intent on dismantling Native Hawaiian entitlements and trust assets.

"OHA Trustees have always stood firm in upholding the principle of choice by the people. Today, we must emphasize that the electoral process is the only way to

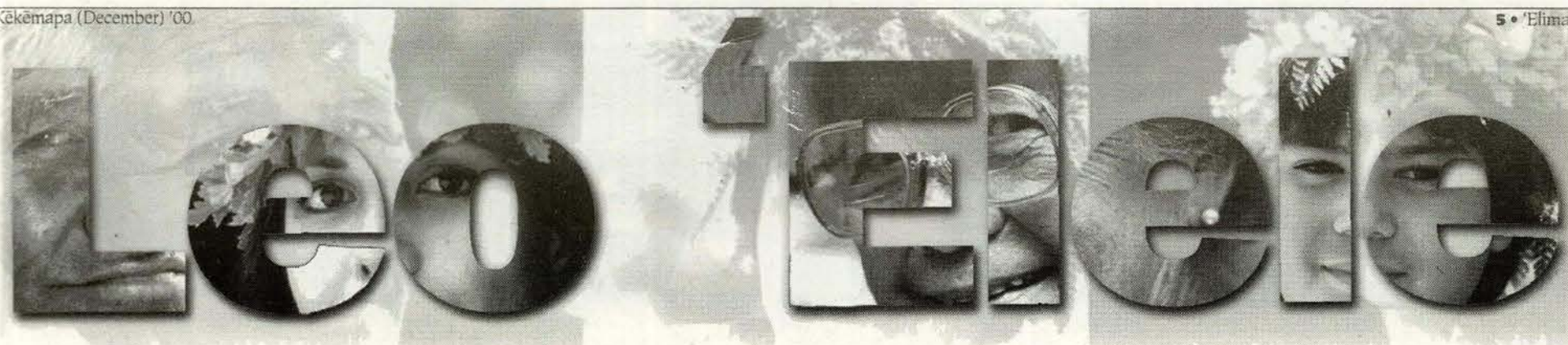
cure the pain and suffering. The issue of gubernatorial appointment should never overshadow the right of the people to choose representatives of this trust."

On Nov. 7, the people chose to give Machado and Apoliona our second four-year terms and Cataluna, a full four-year term. There are many important tasks that lay ahead for the OHA trustees that include BOT organization, OHA planning, collaborations for Native Hawaiian master plans, program development, investment portfolio oversight, Legislature 2001, pursuit of overdue ceded land revenue payments to the trust, and federal reconciliation to name a few. We are humbled and appreciative for the demonstrated support of our efforts by OHA voters and

will continue to be courageous and responsible in our leadership to place beneficiaries before politics. ■



HAUNANI APOLIONA
TRUSTEE, AT-LARGE



T R U S T E E M E S S A G E S

A trilogy of thoughts

"An individual alone is unthinkable" ... in the Hawaiian community, according to kupuna Mary Kawena Pūku'i. That statement is validated for all of us through 'ohana and community sharing and support. In addition, it is validated for me and fellow trustees-elect by the votes cast on Nov. 7, and the many calls, letters and email we received.

Mahalo nui loa to all who expressed their choices for OHA candidates and, thereby, declared their interest in our significant future deliberations. Mahalo nui loa, especially, to those whose votes support my efforts to represent you well in OHA decision-making. Let me assure

you of my commitment to serve all beneficiaries with integrity, openness, objectivity, dedication, sensitivity and aloha.

We should extend a mahalo nui loa to the interim trustees who discussed and decided on OHA issues within a compressed timeframe. Whether some of us agreed with some of their decisions and actions or not, the interim trustees deserve the appreciation of all OHA beneficiaries for stepping into a difficult and



DONALD CATALUNA
TRUSTEE, KAUAI & NIIHAU

OHA investment portfolio; OHA-initiated bills and resolutions which may be adverse to native Hawaiian interests;

uncomfortable political transition for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, prior to the recent election. Thank you.

II. In addressing the needs of the Hawaiian and Hawai'i community, the trustees-elect are faced with challenging decisions. Specifically:

- A state legislative session which will impact upon: the OHA biennial budget; overdue payments to OHA; attempts to dismantle OHA or to siphon off or redirect portions of the OHA investment portfolio; OHA-initiated bills and resolutions which may be adverse to native Hawaiian interests;

- Preparation for multiple scenarios in implementation of S2899 "Akaka Bill" at the national and community level;

- Preparation for current and impending legal challenges to Native Hawaiian entitlements, OHA and other Native Hawaiian trusts;

- Adoption of an OHA Master Plan and a Comprehensive Native Hawaiian Master Plan;

- Reorganization of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs consistent with the OHA Master Plan;

- Clarification of OHA's mission in relation to its new voting constituency.

III. In this season of the makahiki when we give thanks for the blessings of the year and give generously from our bounty, to assist those in need, may I add my best wishes to all for a blessed, bountiful, and beautiful holiday season and exciting and fulfilling New Year. ■

First impressions

WOW! MY election as trustee for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs on Nov. 7 was awesome. It came as a complete surprise, and I am still trying to get over the shock of being an OHA trustee. There are no words to express my heartfelt appreciation to all the people who voted for me. I feel truly blessed to have an opportunity to work for the betterment of conditions for us Hawaiians.

Remember — my first order of business is make us "one race of people." To do this, I need your help.

My first public appearance was on Nov. 10. I was invited to the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs convention at the Hawai'i Nanihoa Hotel in Hilo. Before going to the conference, many thoughts entered my mind. For example, what do I wear? Must I give a speech?

How many people would attend? Who are these people? I almost no go.

Well, I went and I'm awfully glad I did because when I entered the Crown Room, I was presented

with a beautiful maile lei. Looking around the room, I suddenly realized I was home. The people there were my family and friends, some I hadn't seen for years.

We had a very healthy lunch, lots of vegetables. Good for the senior citizens, so the doctor said. The entertainment brought back memories I kinda forgot. The children's hula and the gorgeous ladies in the beautiful holokū took me back to my younger years when I danced the hula and sang. This is part of our culture and I say mahalo nui to the kumu

hula for keeping up our traditions.

My next appearance was at the Keaukaha Pana'ewa Farmers' Association. I didn't have to be invited, because I am a member of this association, but President Jerry Mauhili, was so kind to invite me to the meeting.

I attended a Hawaiian meeting in Keaukaha this past week-

end. Everyone seemed well-informed, and a great discussion was going on.

Mālama pono (take care), a hui hou (until we meet again), and Aloha. ■



LINDA DELA CRUZ
TRUSTEE, HAWAII

Interim board accomplishments

EMAHALO iā kākou pākahi a pau. I wish to thank the interim board for their hard work over the past 60 days. This space does not allow for a complete list of their accomplishments; however, some of what they attained include:

- Constructing an OHA policy on defamation and slander. As unimportant as it may appear to the public, it is important and necessary given past conduct held in the boardroom.

- They prepared for OHA the groundwork for the updating and passage of an OHA Master Plan. The first order of business is strategic implementation of the master planning procedure throughout the community.

- The Board established a spending plan for OHA. That action provides a framework by which all future trustees will guide their spending behavior. They have ensured that the OHA trust will be a perpetual trust, a source of revenue for the new Hawaiian nation and a permanent source of income for all Hawaiians.

- They took action to formally advise the US Postal Service of OHA's intent to purchase the downtown Post Office site ma kai of 'Iolani Palace. They determined that the National Historic Site should be the future home for the new Hawaiian nation that upon its establishment can reclaim its place of prominence the Hawaiian Kingdom once had. They provided a home for all Hawaiian agencies such as the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Alu Like Inc., Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, Papa Ola Lōkahi, Queen Emma Foundation,

and Queen Lili'uokalani Childrens Center, nearly all of whom pay rent to others to operate their agencies. They have established a sense of place for Hawaiian people, not unlike what a marae represents in Aotearoa for the Māori. Their vision represents new life for our people.

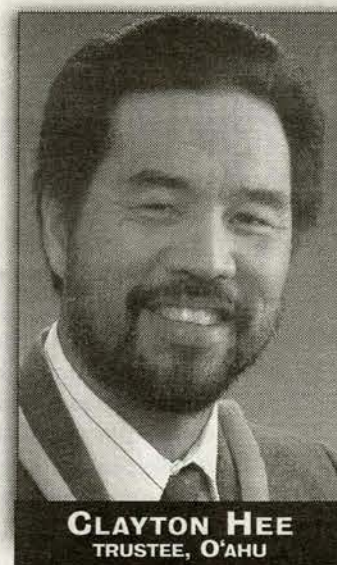
- They took formal action to acquire the Hina Malailena shopping center, a community based economic development project in Hāna. By doing so they transitioned OHA into a new era. OHA now becomes a mortgage holder to a "for-profit" economic endeavor whose mission it is to empower Hawaiians to become entrepreneurs, to navigate their own canoes powered by economic development engines.

- They provided for over \$200,000 in grants. They include the Hina Mauka Drug Rehabilitation Center, Hāna Cultural Center, transposing of Hawaiian writings by Edith

McKinzie through the auspices of the Hawai'i Maritime Center, counseling and drug treatment at the Waikiki Health Clinic and the completion of construction of the Moloka'i slaughterhouse.

Perhaps most importantly, the board has demonstrated that actions, achievements and accomplishments can be attained absent of derogatory remarks, absent of rancor, and absent of unnecessary statements and slander toward each other. And needless to say, we have not always agreed on every decision. We have disagreed, debated, and voted. In several instances we continue to agree to disagree. And

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CLAYTON HEE
TRUSTEE, O'AHU

LEO THELE

T R U S T E E M E S S A G E S

Guardians of the 'ōlelo

Editor's note: Trustee Colette Y. Machado publishes a letter by Keao NeSmith relating to the Ni'ihau School of Kekaha. Keao is the secretary of the Ni'ihau-based program. Recently, he represented the families of the Ni'ihau School in a contested hearing against the 'Aha Pūnana Leo. This is the Ni'ihau School's story.

THE PEOPLE of Ni'ihau are native speakers of Hawaiian from time immemorial until today. Not many of the Ni'ihau community are able to speak, read and write English. In recent years they have finally taken initiatives to take control of their own education after decades of hardship in the Hawai'i state public schools. Ironically, in its efforts to take control of its own form of education, the Ni'ihau community of Kaua'i has found itself embroiled in a bitter dispute with an unlikely entity – 'Aha Pūnana Leo Inc., a corporation formed to promulgate Hawaiian language education. APL's board consists of individuals, Hawaiian and non-Hawaiian, who learned Hawaiian in classrooms. At times APL draws on members of the Ni'ihau community for their wealth of knowledge in Hawaiian.

The dispute revolves around philosophical and administrative beliefs concerning the education program formed in 1993 by the Ni'ihau community of Kekaha,

Kaua'i, for their children. Through a dream received by the lead Ni'ihau teacher in January 1994, they named the program "Ke Kula Ni'ihau o Kekaha." Ni'ihau families feel their children must be educated in both Hawaiian and English from Kindergarten. APL feels all children must be educated in Hawaiian only and that the children will "pick up" English from their surroundings,

something the Ni'ihau community has already been doing with devastating results since English reached Kaua'i.

An administrative hearing recently ended in August within the Hawai'i State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs where representatives of the Ni'ihau community of Kaua'i tried to stop APL from "owning" the name "Ke Kula Ni'ihau o Kekaha," which APL registered as a trade name in August 1999. APL never informed the community of the registration, which was discovered only when the community group was denied use of the name when they tried to register their group with the state under that name.

Although Hearings Officer Craig Uye-hara of the DCCA agreed that the Ni'ihau community acted on its own to form its education program, and that APL "assisted" the program financially (APL obtained then used funding for the benefit of the program, such as paying the salaries of non-certified Ni'ihau teachers), he denied the Ni'ihau groups request due to APL having numerous

pieces of paper which showed that it had used the name repeatedly when seeking funding, showcasing the program, etc.

The Ni'ihau group, which represented itself at the hearing, argued that all APL did for the Ni'ihau program was perceived by the Ni'ihau community as an outside organization helping the Ni'ihau program. Despite APL's "assistance," it was a Ni'ihau program for Ni'ihau students. APL argued that it paid the salaries of Ni'ihau teachers and helped with operating costs for the program, and the Ni'ihau community accepted the money gladly, therefore APL rightly owns the entire program as well as its name.

Never did the Ni'ihau community "sign over to" or even "allow" APL to own "Ke Kula Ni'ihau o Kekaha," but according to APL, the fact that the Ni'ihau community did not object to APL's role in its relationship with the Ni'ihau program means the community "acquiesced" in favor of APL's outright ownership of the program.

Today, those of the community supporting the original intent of the Ni'ihau program operate a bilingual school with 34 registered students without external interference. On the other hand, due to general disappointment among the Ni'ihau community with many of APL's actions toward the community, including rejecting two attempts at ho'oponopono and terrible acts of bad faith during the course of the dispute, support for APL wanes and is decreasing further.



COLETTE MACHADO
TRUSTEE, MO'LOKA'I & LĀNA'I

Mahalo for your confidence

I WISH to express my great appreciation for the generous show of faith the voters have shown in electing me to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) as a trustee. I will work diligently to earn your trust as I assume my responsibilities as an OHA trustee.

I will apply my experience as a former public servant on various commissions, boards, and educational institutions to benefit OHA and our Hawaiian beneficiaries. I am particularly interested in fostering economic development activities to complement other efforts currently being undertaken in our community. I believe this is both a realistic and practical way to increase the well being of our beneficiaries and the communities in which they live.

I believe my financial experience can be an asset to OHA in developing programs to increase self-sufficiency of both our organization and our beneficiaries. Toward this end, I would like the board to consider developing a bank as a tangible way to achieve financial independence.

The availability of fresh water is crucial

to our survival and is also vital to the exercise of Hawaiian's traditional and customary gathering rights. I would like to see a more focused inquiry as to the condition of our water resources and the technological possibilities that can be used to meet our future fresh water needs while balancing and respecting Native Hawaiian's needs to practice their traditional and customary gathering ways.

Many OHA beneficiaries serve a crucial role in transmitting the Hawaiian culture to non-Hawaiians through the performing arts and by serving as hosts to visitors from around the world.

Unfortunately, many Hawaiians who labor in these fields are inadequately compensated for the services they provide. I

believe we must acknowledge the contributions of Hawaiians to the economy of this state and assure they are adequately and fairly compensated for the work they perform.

The Northwest Hawaiian Islands are a valuable, natural, one of a kind resource that should be protected from exploitation and over fishing. These islands, along with Johnston and Palmyra, are former kingdom lands for which a trust responsibility continues to be owed to native Hawaiians. I believe OHA should fully explore the benefits derived to the state and federal government from these lands and should advocate not only for protection of Hawaiian's traditional and customary fishing and gathering rights but also for a say in how these resources are managed.

I look forward to serving our Hawaiian beneficiaries and the community at large and welcome the opportunity to forge new relationships with all of the members of our newly elected OHA Board.



CHARLES OTA
TRUSTEE, MAUI

HEE

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throughout it all we could not have succeeded but for the commitment to openly and in a civil manner disagree with each other, make a decision and move on to the next challenge and opportunity. In that way, the interim board has set a standard for which all future trustees can aim. Unity and civility must be the bar for which we strive to attain.

In that vein, I am hopeful that unity will be the bar that all trustees reach for as OHA moves forward. As with all elections new members have been elected and hope springs eternal. Our mandate is clear. The voters have spoken. It is time to move on.

Each of us must strive to be flexible, tolerant and without judgment toward each other. And we must put our people before ourselves. Let us strive to reach that standard together.

LEO 'EHELE

T R U S T E E M E S S A G E S

Let's work to restore faith in OHA

A LOHA KĀKOU. I would like to introduce myself to you, as your newly elected trustee of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. I was born Oct. 8, 1931. My mother was Hawaiian and my father, Caucasian. My mother died when I was two-years-old. I was raised by my tūtū kāne and tūtū wahine in Hau'ula. I graduated from the Kamehameha School for Boys in 1950. I was an apprentice at Hawaiian Electric Company in 1949 while at Kamehameha, and worked there until 1951. I served in the United States Marine Corps from 1951-1954, and after being discharged, I attended the University of Hawai'i under the G.I. bill and graduated in 1958.

My work history is as follows: 1958-1972, property manager, The Estate of James Campbell; 1972-1974, vice president of development, Grosvenor International; 1974-1990, chief executive officer,

senior adviser to the trustees, The Estate of James Campbell; 1990-1999, trustee, Bernice Pauahi Bishop Estate (resigned 1999); 2000 - present, vice president, American Land Co.

Currently, I serve on several business boards such as Hawaiian Electric Industries, Hawai'i Tax Free Trust, Cash Assets Trust, Pacific Capital Funds and Grace Pacific.

I also serve on a number of non-profit boards which include Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum, Helping Hands Hawai'i, 'Iolani Palace, Hawai'i Tax foundation, Mutual Housing Association of Hawai'i, Pacific Housing Association, Sutter Health Pacific (Kahi Mōhala), 'Iolani School, SAC/US Civic Rights Commission, and others.

At the urging of many, I committed myself to seek

election to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and was elected Nov. 7.

You may ask why I would do this at this stage of my life after having gone through a very emotional and agonizing

experience with the reformation of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Estate. If there is one thing that I have learned from that experience, it is that the fate and future of our Hawaiian children, and our Hawaiian community in general, lies in the hands of organizations like the Bishop Estate, OHA and Alu Like, as well as other ali'i trusts. All of these organizations need to work together because they are now the only hope for the salvation of our Hawaiian people.

If there was ever a time that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs needs to focus on resolving the many issues facing our Hawaiian community, that time is now. With the ceded lands issue unresolved, with the confusion surrounding the *Rice vs. Cayetano* decision, with the continuous debates over sovereignty, with the current challenges to our Hawaiian entitlements, and more importantly, with the continuing neglect of the needs of our people, now is the time to focus on

the work that needs to be done. The course of OHA needs to be set so that we as Hawaiians, can again be a proud people.

The perception of the general public, as well as many Hawaiians, is that OHA is dysfunctional, and has not met the expectations of its mission. Many feel that something has to be done to restore the faith in OHA of all

Hawaiians and the larger community. Once that is accomplished, OHA will meet its purpose and mission.

I am not presumptuous in knowing the answer to these issues. I don't presume to know the "fix" either. But I am certainly willing to bring all the experience I have gained over these many years of my life to make every effort to restore the faith of

our Hawaiian community in the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

I want to thank all those who have placed their trust in me to serve as a trustee of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Me ke aloha pumehana. ■



OSWALD K. STENDER
TRUSTEE, AT-LARGE

If there was ever a time that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs needs to focus on resolving the many issues facing our Hawaiian community, that time is now.

May the trust and participation of beneficiaries keep us on our toes, keep us real

IT IS the holiday season. That time of the year, which arrives shortly after the general election. It is a time for hope and a time of gratitude. And while the election is over, I

would be remiss if I did not acknowledge all that this campaign has given to, and the hope that it inspires in, me.

I have seen the future in young ambitious candidates like Crayne Akina and Orrin Kupau. In this time when my generation is often criticized for not showing any interest in public service, it is encouraging to meet and have discussions with people like them, people who are willing to take an active role in it. I wish them, and every young person

with political aspirations, the best of luck. It is my hope that they stay involved, and my commitment to meet with the younger politicians to see what we can do to get more young people involved, as they are the future of Hawai'i.

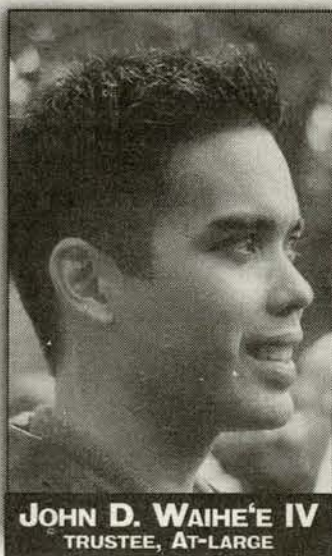
I have met with the current board of trustees that I will have the privilege to be working with, and am impressed with all that they have to offer. Having known and admired many of them growing up, I am honored to serve with them on this board. From sovereignty to despicable efforts to eradicate the office, we face many great challenges. The history of this great place, Hawai'i, is made up of chapters of common people, impassioned by their beliefs and united against seemingly insurmountable odds. I have no doubt that this board has the talent, passion and vision to meet these chal-

lenges. Unification, however, is essential to move us forward. This millennium, it is my hope that we all start off with a clean slate and on common ground. Let us forget the disagreements of the past and focus on the shared dreams for the future. We have always been on the same side, let's get on the same page.

In this time when my generation is often criticized for not showing any interest in public service, it is encouraging to meet and have discussions with people like them (Crayne Akina, Orrin Kupau), people who are willing to take an active role in it.

Finally, the most important thing this campaign has given me was the chance to meet on a large scale with the people I now serve. These past months you have opened your hearts to me and told me your concerns. By sharing your hopes and dreams you have touched my life more than you will ever know, and I could not thank you enough. Now that the election is over it is my hope that you will stand together with us trustees and support the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in the face of adversity. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs

must endure. Keep your dreams and concerns alive in our hearts and minds. Keep us on our toes. Keep us real. Mahalo nui loa. ■



JOHN D. WAIHE'E IV
TRUSTEE, AT-LARGE

KĒKĒMAPA

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Editor's note: Events of interest to the Hawaiian community are included in the calendar on a space-available basis, and do not constitute endorsement or validation of the events or the sponsors by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Dec. 1-28 —
Nā Mele o Maui.

Hawaiian language and heritage is showcased through the voices of Maui County students (K-12), at the Maui Marriott Resort & Ocean Club Ballroom, 9 a.m.-noon. \$2 donation benefits the Nā

Mele o Maui Scholarship Trust Fund. For information, call 808-661-3271.

All month - Jan. 6 —
"Two Families" at Native Books.

Artists Calvin Hoe of Waiāhole and Eric Enos of Wai'anae come together with their families in an exhibit at Native Books Kapālama warehouse and retail outlet at 124 North School St. Art includes work in stone, ink, mixed-media, gourds, as well as various hula instruments. Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat., 10 a.m. Native Books. Free. For information, call 845-8949.

Dec. 2 - Jan. 2 —
16th Annual Honolulu City Lights.

The gigantic Christmas tree fronting Honolulu Hale and hundreds-of-thousands of lights illuminate Downtown from Tamarind Park, down King St., past the Palace and City Hall to Skygate. Drive or walk by and enjoy colorful displays. 6 p.m. Daily. Free.

Dec. 5-7 —
Traditional Hawaiian Healing Workshop.

Useful native flora including 'awa, koali and lā'i will be discussed in a three-day forum. Speakers are Dr. Kekuni Blaisdell, Bulla Logan, Alapa'i Kahuenā and Martha Noyes. 9-11 a.m. each day. Outrigger Waikiki. Conference fee is \$100. Space is limited. For information, email mlfoley@gte.net.

Dec. 9 —
Pāhoa Christmas Parade and Ho'olaule'a.

Pāhoa's Annual Christmas Parade proceeds through the village, arriving at Pāhoa High School. See the Hawai'i County Band, celebrities, colorful floats and horse units. After the parade, visit a country ho'olaule'a. Parade: 9:30 a.m., ho'olaule'a, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Shopping, food booths, activities and more. For information, call 808-965-2160.

Kēkēmapa 2000

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Dec 10 —
Ali'i Sunday.

Kawaiaha'o Church honors the birth of King Kamehameha V in a worship service attended by royal societies, dignitaries, Hawaiian civic clubs and the general public. Kawaiaha'o Church, Honolulu. 10:30 a.m. For information, call 523-6310.

Dec 11-14 —
Hōkūle'a Statewide Sail.

The legendary voyaging canoe Hōkūle'a will tour the islands in celebration of 25 years of voyaging, bringing hands-on learning experiences to students, their families and communities. In Hāna, Maui, Hōkūle'a will be open for public visitation. Dates are subject to change due to weather. For information, call the Polynesian Voyaging Society at 536-8405.



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Throughout December, visit the spectacular "Honolulu City Lights" each evening from Bishop St. to the municipal building along King St. in Honolulu.

SPECIAL EVENTS FEATURE

OHA's trustee investiture important culturally, spiritually

By Manu Boyd

KAMANA'OLANA MILLS, OHA evaluations manager and former culture specialist, remembers a few investiture ceremonies of the board of trustees, the biennial event where the board publicly affirms its commitment to serve.

"It's a time for the new board to accept their kuleana in upholding the mission of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, which is to better the conditions of all Hawaiians," said Mills. "Unlike taking the oath of office, required of public officials, the investiture is more cultural and spiritual. Its Hawaianness reminds us of who we are as a people," he added.

Kawaiaha'o Church has been the event venue for many years, appropriate for its history of bringing leaders and the general public together in worship. Typically festooned for the holidays, the December event brings

trustees, their families, royal societies, government leaders, OHA staff and the public together. Oli (chants), pule (prayers), mele (songs) and ha'i'ōlelo (speeches) are a part of the service which blends Hawaiian and Christian beliefs into a celebration of life.



Lei hulu: OHA trustee symbol of office

Kinolau, symbolic plants including koa, 'ulu and kukui, are displayed for their "kaona" alluding to strength, growth and enlightenment.

"The cultural symbol of office for the

trustees is a lei hulu or feather lei which is specially made by master feather artists Mary Louise Kekuwa and her daughter, Paulette Kahalepuna," explained Mills. "Feather leis have their own kind of protocol, and are not worn together with fresh leis. The making of these leis takes hundreds of hours of hard, skillful work. Throughout their tenure, the trustees wear their leis at important occasions."

Investiture 2000 is scheduled for Dec. 20 at 10 a.m., and will be officiated by the newly named kahu of Kawaiaha'o, The Rev. Dr. James Fung. After, traditional foods will be served pūpū-style, another traditional facet incorporated.

This year's theme, "Moku ka Pawa," literally means that "the pre-dawn darkness is broken." And as with the dawning of a new day, we, as a community, embrace the opportunity to prevail.



Kupuna Mālia Craver speaks at a past OHA Board of Trustees Investiture at Kawaiaha'o Church.

RECENT RELEASES BY HAWAIIAN ARTISTS



VARIOUS ARTISTS

Skank through the season with "Irie Island Christmas" featuring the Ka'ala Boys, Justin, Norm, Reality, Side Salad, Tony Solis, Annette and Cully Drew. "Numbah One Day of Christmas" is really funny! Sure to become a reggae holiday favorite. Produced by Pati and Bob St. John.



VARIOUS ARTISTS

Another compilation album, "Christmas by the Sea" showcases such outstanding vocalists as DisGuyz, Forté, Glenn Medeiros, Angel Teves, Freshly Squeezed, Acoustic Soul, and the melodic and star-producing Honolulu Boy Choir. The selections are as varied as the artists, with mainland marketing potential. Produced by Afterthought Entertainment.



DARRELL LUPENUI

A real gem amidst a blizzard of holiday fare is "Hula Gems," a re-packaging of classics featuring the one-of-a-kind voice of the late Darrell Lupenui, kumu hula of Waimāpuna and Ke 'Ala o ka Laua'e. Lupenui and his "Aloha Pumehana Serenaders" create a sound lacking in today's industry. Produced by Tropical Music and Poki Records.

Dec 14-16 —

Christmas with the Brothers Cazimero.

Celebrate the holiday season with Robert, Roland, 'Ala and the Royal Dance Company in concert with the Honolulu Symphony. Special guests include the Kamehameha Schools Concert Glee Club. 7:30 p.m. Neal Blaisdell Concert Hall. For ticket information, call 591-2211.

Dec. 15 —

Kilo Hōkū at Haleakalā.

Join the staff of Haleakalā National Park for a special evening of stargazing and star lore. Be prepared for cold weather. Bring a beach mat or blanket, a red-filtered flashlight, binoculars and a hot beverage. Meet at House of the Sun Visitors Center near the summit no later than 6:30 p.m. Free, but park entrance fee may be charged. For information, call 808-572-4459.

Dec 16 —

Annual Waimānalo Christmas Parade.

The Waimānalo community shares the spirit of the holidays with their annual holiday parade. Marching units, floats and lots of fun for all ages. Join us on this family fun day. 10 a.m.-noon. Humuniki St. to Nākini St. For information, call 259-7342.

Dec 17 —

Ali'i Sunday.

Kawaiaha'o Church honors the birth of Princess Pauahi in a worship service attended by royal societies, dignitaries, Hawaiian civic clubs and the general public. Kawaiaha'o Church, Honolulu. 10:30 a.m. For information, call 523-6310.



"Home for the Holidays" with Ho'okena at Hawai'i Theatre Dec. 17 will highlight music from their new holiday CD and present special guests Zanuck Lindsey, Maelia Loebenstein Carter, and more.

Dec. 17 —

"Home for the Holidays" Concert.

The award-winning music group Ho'okena presents a holiday spectacular centering on their "Home for the Holidays" Christmas CD release. Performing also will be hula stylist Nani Dudoit; Zanuck Kāpala Lindsey and Gina of "Hula Joe and the Hutjumpers;" Kumu Hula Maelia Loebenstein Carter's Ka Pā Hula o Kaua'oe o Wa'ahila; Keali'i Ceballos; Nola Nāhulu and the Kawaio-laonāpūkanileo choral group; and more. 5 p.m. Hawai'i Theatre. For tickets, call 528-0506.

Dec 23 —

Mākaha Sons Christmas Show.

Spend "Christmas Eve Eve" with the Mākaha Sons, Brother Noland, Kumu Hula Chinky Māhoe and Hālau Hula o Kawaili'ulā and emcee Rodney Villanueva as they present their annual Christmas concert and dinner buffet. 5 p.m. 'Ilikai Waikiki. Reservations required. For ticket information and reservations, call 944-6372.

KWO CALENDAR

Ka Wai Ola o OHA accepts information on special events throughout the islands that are of interest to the Hawaiian community. Fund-raisers, benefit concerts, cultural activities, sports events and the like are what we'd like to help you promote. Send information and color photos to Ka Wai Ola o OHA, 711 Kapi'olani Blvd., Ste. 500, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813.

ISLAND MUSIC SCENE

Teresa Bright invites you to "A Christmas Season's Delight"

By Manu Boyd

Kāne'ohe songstress Teresa Naniali'i Bright is back in yuletide spirit with her second Christmas compilation, "A Christmas Season's Delight." With a Christmas Hōkū award already on the mantle for "A Bright Hawaiian Christmas" released in 1994, Bright's savvy for the season rings out loud and clear. She starts out with the traditional Ukrainian "Carol of the Bells," an intricate arrangement by co-producer pal Kit Ebersbach, himself an accomplished musician. Where Ebersbach and Bright blend best is jazz, sprinkled throughout, as in "What Child is This" and "I'll be Home for Christmas."

Stephen Earl's "Nothing But a Child" is a chicken-skin ballad recalling the profound simplicity of the Nativity and its lasting impact on the world. Harry



Koizumi joins in on slack-key, employing both a nickel-plated Rickenbacker as well as a German guitar.

"Christmas really brings out the best in people — people are more giving, and that brings joy to others, young and old," said Bright of her affinity with the season. "I also love Christmas for the beauty of the music. It's the gift I want to share with everyone."

Whether performing live or in-studio, Bright instills a sense of family. Two cousins come into the fold on: Dwight Kanae, for his original compositions of "It's that Time of the Year," and "Honolulu Christmas Lights," and Frank Hewett with the vocal debut of his daughter, 'Ula (Lei'ōhelo'ulaopele) in "Amazing Grace." The younger

Hewett is a vocal student of Bright's along with Waiola Burke and

Lilia Peltier who join in on the project. "For about a year now, I've been teaching these girls, and I thought they were ready for the studio experience," she explained. "You can't duplicate the sound of young voices."

"A Christmas Season's Delight" is a dreamy, wintery treasure that will endure through the years, as a nostalgic family ornament that takes on new luster each time you suspend it from a glittering branch of pine.



DECEMBER NEWSBRIEFS

OHA scholarships

Native Hawaiian post-secondary students seeking scholarships may apply to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for assistance. Administered by Kamehameha Schools, OHA scholarships are merit-based, and are awarded annually for the school year beginning with the fall semester. Applications will be available in late-December, and are due March 1. For information, call Kamehameha Schools at 842-8216, or the Office of Hawaiian Affairs 594-1930.

Educator awards

Nominations are being accepted from throughout the community for OHA's Ke Kukui Mālamalama Awards for outstanding individuals in the field of Hawaiian education. For more than a decade, the program has applauded Hawai'i's finest educators including those from formal institutions as well as culturally-based groups. Nominees need not be of Hawaiian ancestry, though the focus of their work must be Hawaiian. The awards ceremony is scheduled for March 29. For a nomination application, call OHA at 594-1930. Applications are due Feb. 2.

ASB Scholarships

American Savings Bank has four \$3,000 scholarships available to Hawai'i high school seniors planning to attend any UH campus, BYU-Hawai'i, Chaminade or Hawai'i Pacific University. Scholarships will be awarded based on a minimum 3.0 GPA, leadership ability, community involvement and financial need.

"American Savings Bank wants to encourage Hawai'i's best and brightest to continue their education at one of the four participating universities," said Wayne Minami, ASB president and chief executive officer. "It's our way of contributing to Hawai'i's future by keeping

our youth and their talent here in Hawai'i."

Applications must be submitted to school principals or counselors by Feb. 2. For information, call Lance Tomasu at 539-7224.

Museum management

Bishop Museum Education Chair Guy Kaulukukui, Ph.D., was named manager of collections and information resources programs. He will oversee the museum's 10 collections areas, as well as the library, archives and World Wide Web services. Aside from museum responsibilities, Dr. Kaulukukui is active in the community, conducting workshops on leadership and Hawaiian protocol.

Prior to joining the museum staff in 1997, Kaulukukui taught social studies at Kamehameha, was an adjunct instructor in the Department of Economics and Department of Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies at the University of Hawai'i, and an associate in the University of Hawai'i Center for Economic Education.

At press time, Bishop Museum president and director of 16 years, Dr. W. Donald Duckworth, announced his retirement, effective in June. Bishop Museum, designated "The State Museum of Natural and Cultural History," was founded by Charles Reed Bishop in 1887 in memory of his royal wife, Princess Pauahi, great-granddaughter of Kamehameha I.

Through Duckworth's tenure, he has been both praised and criticized – praised for his efforts to create a user-friendly environment by expanding public pro-

grams and accessibility. This, critics say, has compromised collections and the integrity of museum research. The ongoing Forbes Cave controversy is the latest issue which has heightened public outcry.

In a statement to the *Honolulu Advertiser*, Duckworth, 65, stated, "I know I am leaving a place vastly better than what it was when I came."

Native childcare kōkua

On Nov. 9, the Administration for Children and Families (AFC) announced the availability of competitive financial assistance for Native Hawaiian and Native American Indian Organizations child

care grants in the Federal Register, Vol. 65, No. 218, pages 67,377-85. The complete announcement is available online at www.gpo.gov, and www.firstgov.gov. For information, contact John Coakley, AFC program specialist, at 415-437-8554, or email jcoakley@acf.dhhs.gov.

Civic awards

At its 41st annual convention in Hilo last month, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs announced this year's awards recipients in the following categories.

- Prince Kūhiō Award (outstanding Hawaiian civic club): 'Āinahau o Kaleponi, Huntington Beach, CA
- Ka Po'okela o Kūhiō Award (outstanding Hawaiian civic club member for service to Hawaiian civic clubs): Lydia Ku'uleialoha Fahilga, 'Āinahau o Kaleponi
- Kalaniana'ole Award (outstanding Hawaiian civic club member for service to the community-at-large): Charles Rose, HCC of Honolulu, Kailua HCC and Laupāhoehoe HCC
- Kūlia i ka Nu'u Award (outstanding

Native Hawaiian non-civic club member): Lani Ma'a Lapilio

- Kāko'o o Kalaniana'ole Award (outstanding non-Hawaiian for service to the Hawaiian community): Dorothy "Dottie" Thompson, Merrie Monarch Festival
- Pualeilani Award (outstanding Hawaiian civic club family): Peters 'ohana, Prince Kūhiō HCC
- Nā Hana Lima No'eau Award (arts and crafts display): 'Āinahau o Kaleponi
- 'Aha Mele Award (choral singing competition): HCC of Honolulu, "Kaiolohiaomāmala"

World-wide music

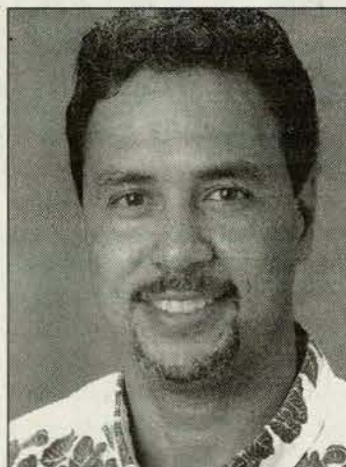
New West Broadcasting Corporation in Hilo announced the establishment of its new online venture. BuyHawaiianMusic.com at www.buyhawaiianmusic.com, is an online retail outlet for Hawaiian music and Hawai'i based music artists.

"We're starting online with approximately 500 compact disc titles and our inventory is growing," New West Broadcasting General Manager Chris Leonard said, "Our titles cover the entire spectrum of Hawaiian music, including Keali'i Reichel, Nā Leo, Gabby Pahinui, Willie K and Israel Kamakawiwo'ole."

New West Broadcasting owns and operates three radio stations in Hilo, as well as www.kwxx.com, which has been streaming Hawaiian music online for more than two years.

"We are presenting Hawaiian music to a loyal and enthusiastic worldwide audience with www.kwxx.com," Leonard said. "BuyHawaiianMusic.com allows us to further our goal of making Hawaiian music readily available to a world-wide market with a secure, user-friendly cyberstore."

Hawaiian music is rapidly gaining world-wide popularity. Several local acts have recently charted on the Billboard World Music chart, including Top Ten listings for Ten Feet, Three Plus, Iz and Nā Leo's latest release, "A Pocketful of Paradise."



Dr. Guy Kaulukukui named Bishop Museum collections manager.

Kupuna housing project breaks ground at Waimānalo

FOR THE first time in its 80-year history, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) is developing affordable rental units for native Hawaiian kupuna who meet income requirements and are at least 62 years of age. The \$11.5 million Waimānalo Kupuna Housing Project, funded, in part, by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, will provide 85 one-bedroom garden apartments for kupuna on a 5.6 acre parcel on Hawaiian home lands in Waimānalo off Kalaniana'ole Hwy. at Nākini St.

A ground-breaking ceremony on Oct. 30 attracted more than 100 people, including Congressional, state, county, DHHL and OHA representatives. In his remarks, given in Hawaiian and English, OHA Interim Board Chair Clayton Hee acknowledged the good work of former DHHL Chair Kali Watson, also present at the ceremony. "The journey has been a long one," said Hee of the development, "but it is a small price to pay for the wisdom of our kupuna."

"This project is made possible through the funding and assistance of several organization," said Hawaiian Homes Commission Chairman Ray Soon. Aside from

the \$3 million of long-term construction financing by DHHL, OHA has contributed \$250,000 for engineering and design, and pledged a \$3 million grant toward construction. The Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle committed a \$500,000 grant, and the developer, Pacific



Kahu Joseph Koanui officiates the ground-breaking of the Waimānalo Kupuna Housing project, a joint venture of OHA, DHHL and many community partners.

ic Housing O'ahu Corp. – Kupuna at Waimānalo, deferred over \$400,000 of its expenses. In addition, the board of the State Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawai'i approved the allocation of \$3.8 million in federal and state tax credits over 10 years, and a \$1 million Rental Housing Trust Fund loan.

In a statement to the press, Gov. Cayetano said, "The Waimānalo Kūpuna Housing Project will be a ground breaking achievement. Not only is it the first DHHL construction project tailored for the housing needs of elderly native Hawaiians, but it is also the first rental apartment complex to be built on Hawaiian home lands."

The project architect is Kauahikaua and Chun Architects, and the general contractor is Metcalf Construction Co., Inc. Construction should be completed by Spring 2002.

For project information, call Darrell Ing of DHHL's Temporary Development Assistance Group at 586-3888 or Audrey Yoshii of Pacific Housing Assistance Corp at 523-5681.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

Hawaiian Civic Clubs under new leadership

Long-time club member and leader Charles "Kale Loke" Rose elected president at convention in Hilo, Nov. 11.

By Manu Boyd

AT ITS 41st convention at the Hawai'i Naniloa Hotel last month, more than 500 members of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs made some big decisions, including the selection of its executive board for the next two years. The civic club movement, established by Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole in 1918, currently counts 48 clubs in Hawai'i and on the continent, with a total membership of 2,500.

Charles "Kale Loke" Rose, long-time member of the Kailua, Honolulu and Laupāhoehoe Hawaiian Civic Clubs, was voted into a two-year term as association president, succeeding Arthur Hoke of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Hilo, who has presided since 1996.

"I remember when the association had 5,000 members. Our conventions were big, and the 'mele' was really the highlight with as many as 15 clubs singing," Rose said, speaking of the 'Aha Mele, a inter-club Hawaiian choral singing competition. "The annual convention is a forum for us all to gather together, to discuss issues of mutual concern. It is also a time to participate in whatever you're interested in. If you want to sing, then sing. If you golf or bowl, we have those activities. It's become where the plenary sessions and resolution-crafting is the focus of the convention, but not everyone is interested in that," he said.

But resolutions adopted by the association in the past have packed a powerful punch, including the initiative

that would come to be known as the Pacific Access Shoreline Hawai'i (PASH) decision in 1995 affirming native gathering rights. Resolutions represent a wide range of community concerns from commendations of outstanding individuals to measures urging the legislature to take specific action, such as calling for construction of and program support for Ka Haka 'Ula o Ke'elikōlani, the Hawaiian language college at U.H. Hilo. Federal recognition, the preservation of Kūkaniloko and other cultural sites, health concerns,

of current club membership in good standing. Clubs range in size from several hundred to about a dozen.

"It is my belief that regardless of the size of the club, our work should be done from the bottom up, not from the association down. We are an association of entities that each have their own leaders, talent, interests and concerns. Some clubs, like Kona, Wahiawā and Kailua, are strong supporters of historic site preservation. Others do well in governmental affairs. Queen Emma has for years been known for Hawaiian arts and crafts.

Whatever your interest, there is a club for you," he explained, speaking to his goal in expanding membership.



Charles Rose, president, Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs

educational opportunities and public decorum were among topics discussed.

In preparation for the annual convention, clubs draft resolutions in late-summer that will be discussed in subject-matter committees, amended, and considered for adoption by voting delegates. The number of club delegates at the convention is based on a per capita formula

The civic club movement was established to foster leadership among Hawaiians, and to increase civic participation. At the time of its founding, 25 years after the overthrow and just a year after the passing of Queen Lili'uokalani, the socio-political climate for Hawaiians was less-than-equal with that of the growing non-native community. Prince Kūhiō sought to empower Hawaiians by instilling a sense of identity in a changing world. Two years later, as a delegate to Congress, Prince Kūhiō, a non-voting congressional representative, championed the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, designed to rehabilitate displaced Hawaiians with homestead plots.

Of Prince Kūhiō's legacy, Rose concluded, "The civic clubs and the homesteaders associations are cornerstones of the modern Hawaiian community. What the prince left behind is for the good of all Hawaiians." ■

Thinking big with koa, mango and Norfolk pine

By Caltriona Kearns

Work, play, school and woodwork are facets of life that Charles Mathieu learned while growing up. He is now owner of Big Island Woodworks, a family business he bought from his father, and works at the Post Office to supplement his family's lifestyle. One day, he plans to leave letters, stamps and parcels behind him and focus his energy solely on managing his wood shop, gallery and wholesale business. Until then, he employs his brother, nephew, sister and daughter. His three-year old has yet to learn the ropes of the business from his dad, but it is just a matter of time.

Mathieu's father leased the business to him for a year while he went to Saipan to do missionary work. He liked missionary work so much that he asked if Mathieu would buy him out of the woodworking business altogether. With a Native Hawaiian revolving loan from OHA, the buyout was possible — although Mathieu says it was difficult getting approval because he had no additional source of income at the time.

Today, Mathieu says he is thinking of applying for another loan from OHA for a gallery expansion into Prince Kūhiō Plaza. He already has a gallery on Kame-

hameha Ave. in downtown Hilo where he sells work from other artisans including the product lineup from Big Island Woodworks. The new gallery would focus on selling his own products. He is free to think of this new venture because his current loan from OHA is in its last four months of payments. "I have a lot of people ask me about the loans. They say it takes too long. I say, 'hey, the time will go by, six to seven months from now, you will be sitting in the same chair wondering if you would have got the loan or started the procedure, and I would have been finished'," Mathieu said in his "can-do" attitude.

Mathieu explained how he got his loan first time around. "OHA was a big help. They sent me to Alu Like, and Alu Like gave me pointers on the business plan. A requirement to get an OHA loan was to prepare a business plan and I had no clue whatsoever as to what a business plan was about, so Alu Like sent me to the university, and I got some literature there. When I had a rough draft, I took it back to Alu Like and they made it professional, checked spelling and punctuation, rephrased some of the sentences, and

gave it the whole nine yards. Finally, they sent it to O'ahu, and they totally formatted the plan into a booklet and mailed it back to me. I took it to OHA, and it wasn't that long before I got a check," said Mathieu.

There is a big difference between Mathieu's management style and his father's. His father liked to keep the business small. "At first my customer wholesale list was a half page. Now we have 48 accounts which means we are on page three," said Mathieu. He does not miss an opportunity to market his woodworks and will seek out new galleries for his wholesale list on every island trip he makes for business or pleasure. "If I get lots of new accounts, the only thing is my material list will go up. It is worked out, the material and everything, in the wholesale price. If I can make money wholesale, regardless whether I have a million accounts or five accounts, I still will profit," he said. "Expenses may be higher, sure, but I'll be selling more."

This week Big Island Woodworks launch their new e-commerce web site at



Charles Mathieu with daughter, Shentelle and Jeffrey Valente at the Blaisdell Christmas Craft Fair

www.bigislandwoodworks.com. Shentelle, Mathieu's 15-year-old daughter is credited for encouraging her father to take this step on the Internet. She will manage the packing of web orders, write their invoices, and get 40 percent above wholesale prices for her effort. "I know a Samoan guy in Kohala who makes more on his web site than in his retail store," Mathieu said. "She's excited. I hope we do good." Like her father, she will carve out her place in this family run business. ■

EDUCATION

New directions in Hawaiian education for the 21st century

By Dr. Liliikalā
Kame'eiehiwa

RECONCILIATION AND federal recognition, sovereignty and ceded lands are all important issues facing Native Hawaiians and residents of the State of Hawai'i. One crucial issue is Hawaiian access to land, and protecting the natural resources entrusted to us by our ancestors, to plan a better life for our families and for future generations.

As director of the Center for Hawaiian Studies (CHS) at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM), I am pleased to share new directions in Hawaiian education for the 21st century. By providing increased opportunities and access to higher education for more Hawaiians, we seek to train the future leaders of Hawai'i.

In adopting the vision of mālama 'āina, mālama Hawai'i (living in harmony with the earth) to guide the expansion of undergraduate courses, we unify Hawaiian tradition with Western hands-on science, capitalizing on UH Mānoa's outstanding expertise in scientific research, as well as our own intellectual resources in nā mea Hawai'i. Utilizing an interdisciplinary approach, we examine the ancestors' secret for creating prosperity while preserving the land and beauty of our island paradise.

New courses on mālama ahupua'a, Hawaiian fishpond management, cultiva-

tion of kalo, and the first-ever, two-semester class on traditional Hawaiian navigation and astronomy, written in conjunction with master navigator Nāino Thompson, are features of the mālama Hawai'i series.

Making partnerships with the departments of anthropology, geography, engineering, ethnobotany, marine science and political science to mentor Hawaiian graduate students in those fields, we

hope to develop a hui kono-hiki, a new generation of Hawaiian land stewards, who will know the 1,000 ahupua'a of Hawai'i as well as kupuna did in 1850.

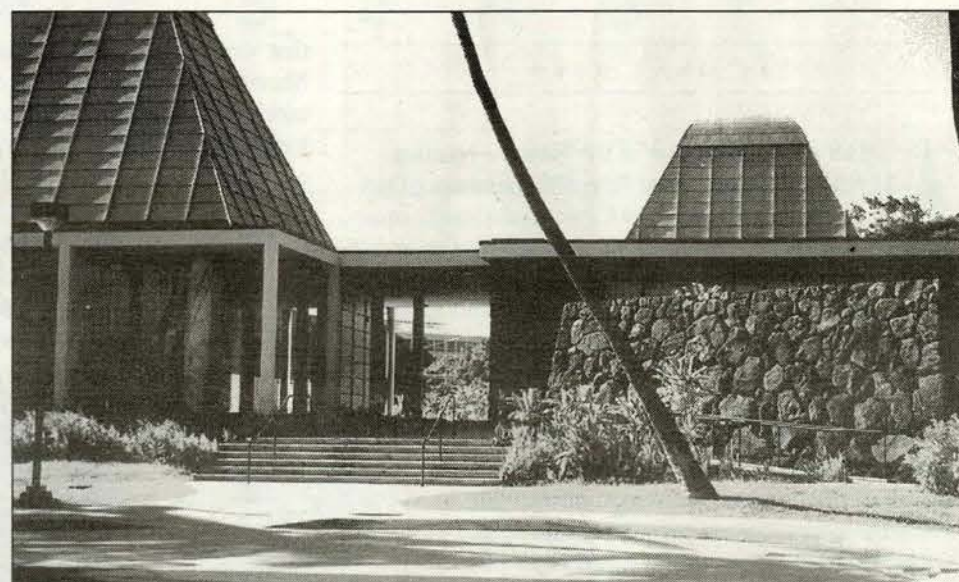
The current Ceded Lands Project, supported in part by the Native Hawaiian Leadership Project, allows students to identify ceded lands on tax maps, and to research sacred sites, water resources, toxic waste, and military use

on those lands. We expect this project to greatly aid Hawaiian communities in future negotiations.

Another exciting development is a long awaited M.A. in Hawaiian Studies in order to mōhala nā pua — to let a thousand flowers bloom — in the study of every aspect of things Hawaiian, and from the Hawaiian point of view. Recently approved in concept by the university administration, and supported by a resolution of the Hawai'i State Legislature (2000), CHS is working in conjunction with the UHM Hawaiian Language Department to plan graduate courses, and



Kame'eiehiwa



KAMAKAKŪOKALANI — The Center for Hawaiian Studies was named in honor of Gladys Kamakakūokalani 'Ainoa Brandt, Hawaiian educator, advocate, and former University Regent.

the master's degree, in both departments may begin as early as fall 2001.

Like indigenous studies worldwide, graduate-level work in Hawaiian Studies will inspire a deeper understanding of ancestral wisdom, enabling that wisdom to be utilized in a modern setting. Using video as a tool, graduate students can help create new curriculum, especially in English, for the 48,000 Hawaiian children in the State Department of Education not serviced by Hawaiian Immersion or Kamehameha Schools.

Fields of study being considered are kūkulu aupuni: building the nation; Polynesian, Native American and indigenous economic and political models, decolonization and indigenization, mālama Hawai'i: Native resource management,

nā kumu Kahiki: Comparative Polynesian and indigenous studies, and Hālau o Laka: Hawaiian visual and performing arts, including Hawaiian theatre.

Long an advocate for the academic excellence and the study of Hawaiian culture, history and politics, the Center for Hawaiian Studies at UHM offers a bachelor's degree in Hawaiian Studies, has 130 student majors, 5 professors, 13 junior faculty and 20 exciting courses never taught at any other university in the world.

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YOUR HEALTH



By Claire Hughes,
Department of Health

Pū ko'a kani 'āina — a hard rock of the land said of a strong fighter

LOHELOA TRAVELLED from Waipi'o to Keauau at Lē'ahi, where he could see a strange glow like a ball of fire. He asked some fishermen and was told that the light belonged to the cruel chief 'Ōlohe. The fishermen wanted Loheloa to leave because he was scaring the fish. Instead, Loheloa called upon Kū and Hina to bring a school of fish, which the fishermen welcomed with gratitude.

Loheloa pulled his huge canoe onto land, resting one end at Haula and the other at Nāmahana at Waikīkī. He indicated that he wanted to wrestle with the chief, who lived nearby at 'Āpuakēhau. He bet his bones and canoe, and the chief accepted the challenge. Loheloa suggested that they wrestle in the open field that is now Kapi'olani Park. 'Ōlohe punched his opponent and raised a gale that flattened the 'ilima bushes. Undeterred, Loheloa slapped the chief's ear so hard, 'Ōlohe flew up into the air. When he fell down, he made a depression in the ground which is still known as Ka Lua 'Ōlohe. Loheloa had won. The people shouted with joy over the death of their cruel chief.

Such feats indicated the great strength, vigor and fighting skill of our warrior ancestors. The characteristic stature of our ancestors was muscular with narrow hips. Their bones revealed the vigor and hard work required in their daily lives.

Kamehameha, to this day, is acclaimed as a great battle strategist and warrior. 20,000 men are said to have fought with Kamehameha and Kekūhaupi'o against Keawema'uhili in Hilo. Kamehameha himself led three

mano of warriors (12,000 men) on foot. His fleet of two lau of canoes (800) and 8,000 warriors sailed under the direction of Ke'eumoku. Keawema'uhili's army was triple that of Kamehameha's and was further strengthened by Maui warriors under Kahekili. 80,000 men clashed on that battleground in Hilo.

Kamehameha made sure his warriors were healthy and strong by encouraging farming in order to have ade-

quate food supplies. This was an essential part of being prepared for life and war.

Ali'i could easily be distinguished from maka'āinana by their larger stature and height. The ali'i physique was far superior to that of the first European visitors. One story relates that Captain Vancouver was very curious about the imposing stature of an ali'i wahine. He was given permission to stand next to the beautiful, high-ranking chiefess in Kamehameha's court, and merely came up to her chest. The court broke into laughter and teased the captain about his fascination with this stately ali'i wahine.



18th century depiction of boxing, one of many sports and physical feats documented by malihini of that era.

We know that our ancestors were spared the type of childhood illnesses that nowadays sap strength and detract from growth in height. Hawaiians ate only fresh food and much of the diet came from vegetables—nothing canned, prepared, preserved, highly sugared or salted. Agriculture was dominated by kalo and 'uala; banana was the prominent fruit. Fish and seafood were the major source of protein and there was an abundance of limu.

Undoubtedly, people got a lot of good rest, as there were few nighttime distractions. Sufficient and good quality sleep is an important ingredient for linear growth. In addition, the stresses of life were different from ours, and were handled promptly, in a very personal way.

Today, our health status is not good. We have stopped many of the health practices of our ancestors and lead in those that detract from health. We can honor our ancestors and restore health to our nation by following their example and adopting their basic, common-sense practices.

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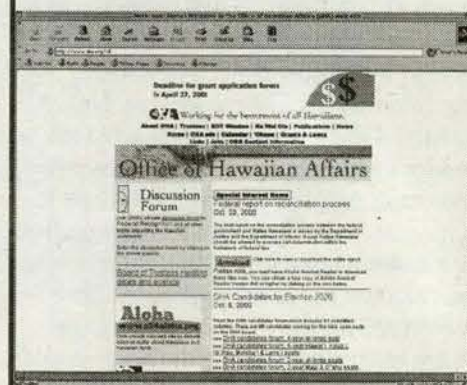
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OHA homestead loan benefits hundreds

By Patti Tancayo

OHA's \$20 Million Homesteader Loan Program made possible more than 500 loans for down payments, home improvement, interim construction and self-help housing for native Hawaiian families across the islands from Keaukaha to Anahola. Loans were based at an interest rate of 3 percent, amortized over a period of one-20 years.

In an effort to help ease the housing financing problems of native Hawaiians on Hawaiian home lands and to create a housing financial model, OHA entered into two unique and historic agreements during the latter part of 1993, which led to the creation of the OHA \$20 Million Homesteader Loan program. The two agreements were:

- a memorandum between OHA and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), whereby DHHL would guarantee loans made under this loan program; and,
- a loan origination and servicing agreement between OHA, DHHL and First Hawaiian Bank which established the loan fund within the bank and authorizes it as the servicing agent.

According to preliminary results of OHA's Evaluation Report of the Homesteader Loan Program, the loan program was effective in providing housing benefits to homesteaders, and the 3 percent to 4 percent delinquency rate suggested that borrowers were committed to economic improvement. The draft report also shows that the program provided positive impacts by assisting native Hawaiian beneficiaries to become homeowners instead of renters and improved their living conditions.

The OHA Homesteader Loan Program was not designed to be perpetual. One objective was for it to serve as a model for financial housing programs that could one day assist the broader Hawaiian community with less than 50-percent Hawaiian blood quantum and those who do not have an opportunity to live on Hawaiian Home Lands.

By October, the funds from the \$20 Million Homesteader Loan Program were committed based on loans closed and in process. To assist those families who were most in need of housing assistance, the interim board of trustees, on Nov. 3, voted to extend the program to the end of the year, and to revise the guidelines to assist those who have never held property; families with low to median income; those who did not have up front cash for a down-payment; and to reduce the maximum loan amount for down payment to the amount required for the FHA 247 mortgage.

If you are interested in using the homesteader loan program for interim construction, self-help housing, home improvement or down payments, call First Hawaiian Bank for an application at 808-643-5626. Subject to availability of funds, all completed applications must be received by Dec. 29.

Editor's note: Patti Tancayo is a program specialist in the area of housing in OHA's programs systems group.

'OHANA REUNIONS

Planning a reunion? Looking for family information? *Ka Wai Ola o OHA's 'Ohana Reunions* column welcomes submissions for publication. Send us your information including family name, event date, location and contact. Reunion announcements are run free-of-charge, on a space available basis, and may be sent by mail to *Ka Wai Ola*, 711 Kapi'olani Blvd., Ste. 500, Honolulu, HI 96813, by fax to 808-594-1865 or by email to oha@aloha.net.

Kahanaoi/Pomaikai — A Kahanaoi-Pomaikai reunion lū'au is tentatively scheduled for October 2001. For information, call Jeanne Kahanaoi at 668-7911.

Kaleo/Tilton — Descendants of James Makoleokalani Kaleo and Louisa Kau'a Tilton are having a reunion on Memorial Day weekend. Please contact us if you have pictures of ancestors to bring to the reunion. For information, contact Lorraine Adolpho at 808-244-0663; Douglas Sado at 808-244-5647; or Pedro Sado Jr. at 808-572-0185, email PMMPUKA@aol.com.

Kaupiko — A kaupiko 'ohana reunion is planned for Aug. 10-11 in Hilo. All Kaupiko family members are welcome. Those interested in helping plan and organize should call Alberta Kaupiko Nathaniel in Hilo at 808-959-9865 or Spencer (Buzzy) Yim in Honolulu at 395-2466, or email skyim@hawaii.rr.com.

Kawā'auhau — The descendants of the Kawā'auhau brothers — Daniel (wife: Ali'ikaheka Kaliuna, children: Pahio, Kahalepō, Keli'ikuli, Kahanapule, Kapeliela, Kaulahao and Paulo); Philip (wife: Kahele Ka'aiwaiū, children: Kaleikauea, Makia Kekumu, Kauka and Ha'aheo); and John (wife: Waiwai'ole, children: James and Henry K. Hart, Anna, Keli'ihelelā and Auliana); are having a family reunion June 28-31, at Miloli'i Park in South Kona.

Please contact us so we can update the mailing list and genealogy information. Bill Kahele, 144 Ka'ie'ei Pl., Hilo, HI 96720, 808-959-1607; Germaine Kila, 91-1363 Maliko St., Ewa, HI 96706, 681-3431; Lester and Roberta Delos Reyes, P.O. Box 1345, Kuanakakai, HI 96748, 808-553-3908; and Diane Rocha Carlos, 41-984 Waikupanalu St., Waimānalo, HI 96795, 259-6478.

Kelley — A Kelley reunion is being planned for July 27-29 by the grandchildren of Edward Albert and Maraea Nāmāhoe Kelley. Grandpa and Grandma Kelley had eight daughters and four sons. Daughters are Meali'i Richardson Kalama, Irene Raphael, Mary Kaohana, Adele Delmendo, Beatrice Miller, Bernice Chee, Ruby Kalama and Ellen Jane Hale. Sons are Lawrence, Walter, Ned and Clarence Kelley. We would like to update the family tree and mailing list. For information, call Hernetta "Sista" Clemons at 734-3834, Harriet Kelley at 533-2043, or Billy Kelley at 946-6110.

Kūhio/Pupuka — The 'ohana of Lui Kahele Kūhio and Margaretha Pupuka is planning a reunion July 7-8 at Hōnaunau Beach, South Kona, Hawai'i. Descendants include Mokuohai, Laninui, Palakiko, Kumulau, Kaaihue, Malia, Ahn, Lupua, Shin, Keliikinolua, Kina, Kelekolio, Kelepole, Kekuewa and Lahapa. For information, call George and Trina Cho on O'ahu at 488-1827, email

keokiokona@aol.com; or Henry and Bea Cho in Kona at 808-328-2367.

McKeague — We are in search of McKeague 'ohana descending from John "Tūtū Haole" McK-eague and his children Zachariah, Louis Mahiai, Daniel, Robert John, Caroline and Daisy. Family would like to update its mailing list, form a reunion planning committee and review genealogy information. Contact Laurie McKeague at 626-1901, 273-2952 (pgr), email mck-eague1001@hawaii.rr.com or write to 95-1032 Aoakua St., Mililani, HI 96789.

Meeau — I am trying to trace my great-great-grandmother, Meeau (origins unknown), wife of Eugene Bal of France. He became citizen of Kingdom of Hawai'i in 1858, and married her at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Wailuku that same year. They moved to Moloka'i and owned property in Pūko'o. There are six children that we know of, including Emma, who married Francis Skirving Dunn on Moloka'i, officiated by Father Damien. Bal arrived in Hawai'i with fellow passengers Dudoit and Duvauchelle. We believe that Meeau died in 1885, and wonder if her remains are on Moloka'i. To our knowledge, there are no existing government records. If you have information, contact Don Garcia by email at mailto:talyne@hgea.org, write to 2036 Kolo Pl., Wailuku, HI 96793, or call 808-244-3269.

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Descendants of Judge Archibald Scott Mahaulu gather at the Waialua Courthouse in Hale'iwa as they present a portrait of their kupuna to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, which holds the lease on the historic building. Judge Mahaulu was the first judge of the Waialua Courthouse, and served from 1900-1916.

Pawn — Descendants of the Pawn family, originating on Maui and now on Moloka'i, are planning a grand reunion this month, Dec. 29-31 in Lā'ie. For information, immediately contact Hyran or BJ at 293-5853, 478-7776 (cell), or write to P.O. Box 803, Hau'ula, HI 96717.

Tilton — A reunion is planned for the descendants of James Makoleokalani and Louisa Kauwa Tilton. Their offspring are Mary Kahinu Kaleo (Ahue), Isaac Kilinahe Kaleo, Charles Kanaina Kaleo, Bessie Kekaukapu Kaleo (Pedro), Thomas Kauloakeahi Kaleo, Florence Kuuleikaimana Kaleo (Ichinose) and Nancy Kaiminauao Kaleo (Sado). The event will be held on Maui next Memorial Day weekend, May 25-27. A family reunion is being planned on the island of Maui.

For information, call Lorraine Adolpho, 244-0663; Douglas Sado, 244-5647; Pedro Sado, 572-0185; or email PMMPUKA@aol.com.

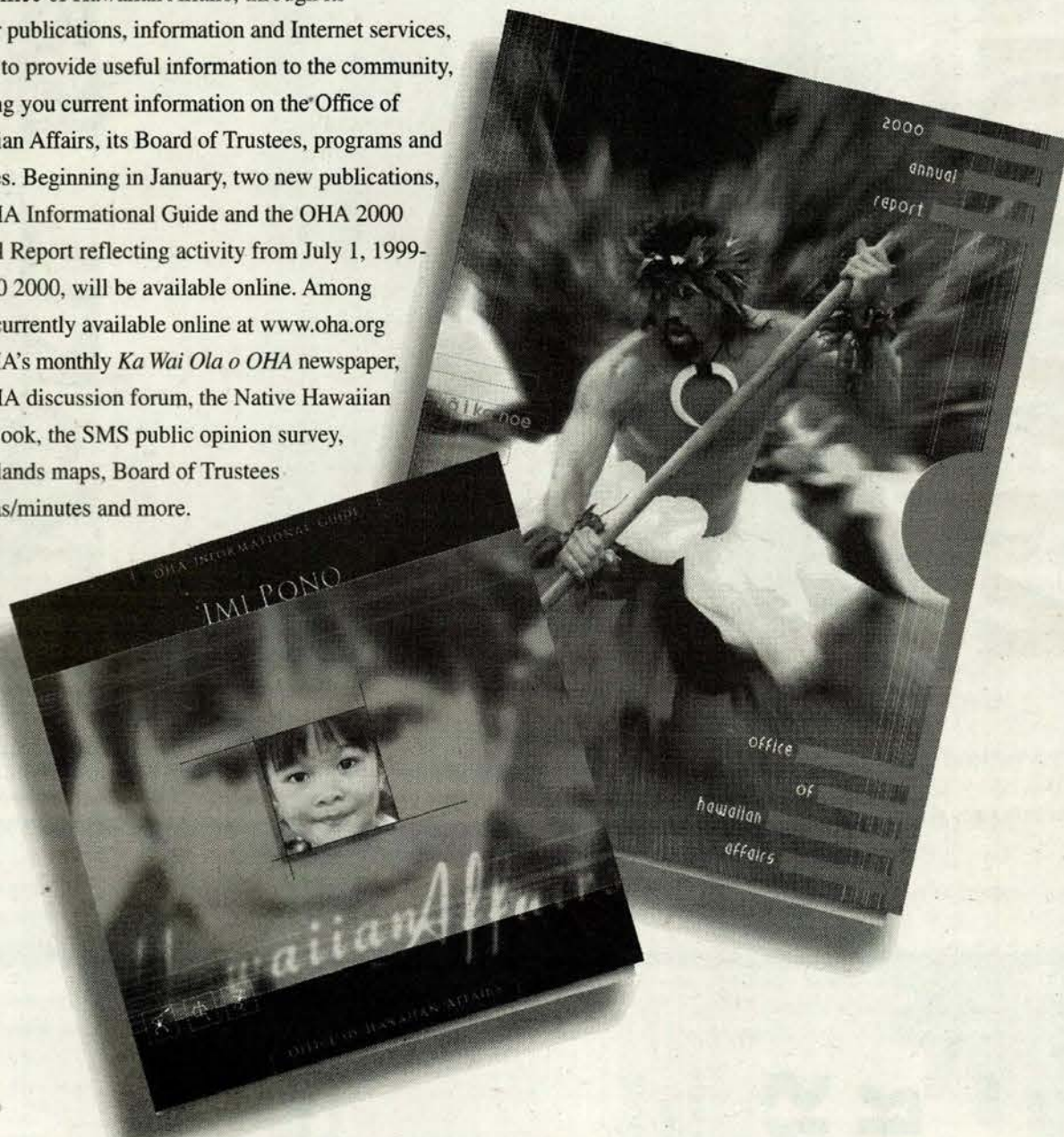
Wright - Kaaukai/Koo - Kapahunui — The descendants of William E. Wright and Emily Kaaukai and Henry Koo and Rebecca aka "Lipeka" or "Kailioha" Kapahunui are planning a WRIGHT 'ohana reunion July 27-29. William and Emily's son, Thomas Harris Wright and his wife, Kailani Koo, had many children, including William Ellis Wright Sr., Rosetta (Wright) Ha'o, George Fox Wright, Lucinda Kinia (Wright) Kaeo, Charlotte Wright, and Harris Ellis Wright. Also looking for descendants of other children of Thomas and Kailani who are unaccounted for. Henry Koo and Rebecca Kapahunui had five children; Henry Kahaawinui, Kailani Koo, John Au, Loka(k) and Kaeo(k). We are also looking for volunteers to help on various committees. For more information, next meeting date, location and time, contact, on O'ahu: Ethelynn at 808-845-1673 or send email to tine@iav.com; Alvin K. Wright, 808-845-4713, or send email to hereigo@gte.net; Alane Dalit, 808-845-0114 or send email to alane.dalit@gte.net; On Hawai'i island: Renee Carvalho 808-959-0353 or send email to reneec@hawaii.edu; On the mainland: Sherrilynn K. Flowerree (San Diego, CA), 619-264-4433 or send email to shksf@pac-bell.net.

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