The sounds of searching — pages turning, pens scribbling, microfilm machine whirring — dominate the hushed Bureau of Conveyances research room.

Two young men with a laptop confer over a book full of maps. Donovan Preza, a Poli Sci major at the University of Hawai‘i, taps on his laptop muttering, “What happened? It looks like this parcel got larger.”

Nearby, a young woman wearing a white hoodie, Kalei Lum Ho, pores over mammoth leather bound volumes filled with yellowed pages of flowery script. Preza and Lum Ho are among a small group of college students who have spent countless hours examining documents more than 150 years old. The students are locating all ceded land parcels in Hawai‘i, following the palapala (paper) trail across many generations from the Māhele to the present.

Lum Ho, a University of Hawai‘i at Hilo anthropology and geography graduate student calls the laborious process “exciting, kinda like being a detective.”

College students are on a mission to map, guard ancestral lands

The Kia‘i ‘Aina (guardians of the land) Ceded Lands Inventory Project seeks to create a definitive culture-based inventory of ceded lands, says Kamakakuokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies Director Lilikala Kame‘eleihiwa, principal investigator for the project.

The center, Ka Lahui Hawai‘i and Pono Kaulike organized the project in response to the state and federal governments’ failure to comprehensively identify ceded lands.

Project Director April Drexel, assistant professor with the center, says the project also emerged from concern that a land claims settlement would be negotiated between the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the state “without knowing exactly what we have and what it’s worth” — and without involving the Native Hawaiian community.

“We need to find a way to live in peace and harmony, and we can’t have that until we have justice. And we can’t have that until we know where the lands are,” Kame‘eleihiwa says.

The project is funded with grants from OHA, the Administration for Native Americans and University of Hawai‘i.

Legislators kill ceded lands revenue bill

By Sterling Kini Wong

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs will receive ceded land revenues from the state, but exactly how much money OHA should be paid, and from what sources, remains unclear. On April 23, Gov. Linda Lingle signed into law Act 23 that will transfer $9.5 million to OHA from certain state funds for unpaid ceded land revenue.

February between the state and OHA for $12.3 million the state acknowledged it owed OHA from July 1, 2001. At the same time, the state provided OHA with $2.6 million of that settled amount of back revenue, with the remainder to be appropriated through legislation.

However, legislators on April 2 killed another bill (SB 1151) proposed by OHA that sought to see BILL on page 6

Kia‘i ‘Aina Ceded Land Inventory Project:

‘Watchdogs’ of the ‘āina

By Naomi Sodetani

Land ‘detectives’ Donovan Preza (on laptop) and Kalei Lum Ho investigate Nu‘uanu land parcels and input the Information, creating a GIS geographic Information system. Nearby, fellow researcher Mary Correa pages through the Bulle Māhele that recorded private land transactions from 1848.

Last April, OHA trustees approved a substantial $1.525 million in funding over five years to the center to staff the ceded lands inventory effort and to increase cultural courses at the center.

Since last February, under Drexel’s guidance, 12 student researchers, plus students enrolled in her Māhele and Ceded Lands courses, have been investigating existing state, federal and county

At this moment in history, the faith of a queen and the future of the Hawaiian people hang in the balance.

110 years ago, the Hawaiian monarchy was illegally overthrown. Yet Queen Liliʻuokalani believed that the power of pono would prevail, and that one day her people would restore the Hawaiian nation.

That day is now. The challenge is ours. Self-determination is a process that no individual or group can shoulder alone. We must all work together to raise the beloved nation.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs offers an ambitious action plan to marshal the determination and collective will of the Hawaiian people to determine their future.

The one-year process (May 2003 - May 2004) includes:

- Sharing information to generate discussion among the community and media in Hawai'i and the continental United States;
- Surveying the community to determine who will be eligible to run as delegates to the 'aha and who may vote for these representatives;
- Electing alaka'i (delegates) to represent Hawaiians at an 'aha (discussion) to form a governing entity;
- Convening an 'aha in Spring 2004. There, delegates will debate the various models of governance and draft organic documents for the governing entity;
- Ratification of the organic documents by the people. The ultimate decision to ratify, reject or revise the plan drafted at the 'aha will be up to the Hawaiian people.

Let us chart our course together, and cherish a legacy that must never be lost.
Takamine unfair
Nearly 200 Hawaiians pleaded, in oral and written testimony late into the evening on April 2 on behalf of legislation which originally sought no more than clarification of OHA’s funding formula.

The testifiers, including many elders and youth, were justifiably upset when an unexpected amendment proposed to reduce OHA’s revenues to a fraction by basing it on raw, unimproved land. Over and over again, Hawaiians asked Finance Committee members to support the original bill. House Finance Chair Dwight Takamine killed it instead.

Sen. Bill 1511, which survived two Senate and two House committee hearings, no easy feat, and this decision was made over the objections of many Finance Committee members.

The Democratic House leadership’s unfairness to Hawaiians continues.

Mahealani Kamau'u
Pu'unui

Cultural disrespect
I am an inmate serving time at the Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF), and I am writing on behalf of all HCF inmates.

We are very disappointed with the operators of our prison (Department of Public Safety, HCF administration, et al.). Although they remembered Prince Jonah Kūhiō’s birthday, they disrespected the Hawaiian culture by not accommodating the inmates in celebrating Prince Kūhiō’s birthday to its fullest.

Lunch - the inmates were served a small serving of kūlua pork, mac salad and rice — no poi, lomi salmon, chicken liʻau, long rice, raw fish or crab, haupia, ‘opīhi etc.

Prince Kūhiō’s birthday to its “fullest.

The operators of our prison should be ashamed of themselves. They are a disgrace.

Lael Samonte

OHA not neutral

Is OHA authorized under the law to control or direct the Hawaiian sovereignty and self determination movement?

OHA trustees should seek an opinion from the state attorney general on this question.

It is my understanding that in the exercise of self determination, the people have the right to choose what form of government they desire, without influence by any other government entity.

OHA jeopardizes the legitimacy of the process if it continues to take the position of controlling or directing the Hawaiian sovereignty movement. OHA is a state entity, or state instrumentality (as cited in the Rice case) and thus cannot interfere with the self determination process.

OHA trustees must recognize that it must remain neutral. At this point, OHA trustees have pre-determined the choice reserved to the people by supporting integration (in the form of the Akaka Bill).

However, OHA’s proper role is to empower the community to make the decision on its own. The people have the right to choose. OHA trustees must marshal its resources to inform the community of its choices: independence, free association and integration. To do otherwise jeopardizes the legitimacy of what they are trying to accomplish.

Keoni Agard, Esq.
Kailua

Education focus

It’s time for us Hawaiians to get over the overthrow of the monarchy and get on with making our great country a better place to live in. The overthrowers were wrong, but so was Kamehameha I when he caused the demise of many Hawaiians taking over the Islands.

Like other Americans, we are of diverse ethnicities. No one forced our ancestors to marry those of other cultures, and no one forced Western religions on them. They chose change, believing that doing so would give them and their children an opportunity for a better life. And they were right, especially for the commoners.

If the concern is about improving the lives of Hawaiians, then begin with asking the kids why they’re dropping out of school, cutting classes, not earning a graduation diploma; then come up with solutions.

Ask the superintendent and Board of Education if our kids are being afforded the same quality of education as schools in other areas.

Since OHA is always vocal on the plight of Hawaiians, it should take the lead and fund programs to get our kids back in school, motivate them to succeed and equip the classrooms so that they are places kids want to go to.

Folks, the root cause of our people’s problems is the lack of success in learning by our young'sters in school.

Bill Prescott
Nānakuli

Kā Leo Kānaiulu

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ka Lāhui: end of a nation

K o l H i (KLI), a Native Hawaiian initiative for self-governance since 1987, finally held its elections in February for leadership positions as mandated by its constitution to be held every four years.

The questionable way these elections were handled is the last straw for the swelling number of disgruntled citizens who have been exodus since the most recent KLH leaders, namely Treasurer Lehua Kinilau and Lt. Gov. Kealii Gora, took office in 1999.

Many citizens are speculating that the election process and results were manipulated by KLH leadership in order to hold on to power over a “nation” that has a long and reputable Native Hawaiian advocacy record in state, federal and international arenas due to the hard work of predecessors like former KLH Governor Mihilani Trask. With KLH grant monies to pay for an extensive negotiation for federal recognition underway, present KLH leadership has no intention of ever letting go of the reins of power over an ever-diminishing constituency.

The tactics used to manipulate the recent elections are the true character of the new “leaders.” Before the election, Ms. Kinilau told KLH citizens that she would not run for KLH office again because she foresaw being in Washington, D.C., with her employer, a state legislator then running for the late Rep. Patsy Mink’s seat in Congress.

When Ms. Kinilau’s legislator lost after the KLH candidate deadline, elections head Mr. Gora extended the election deadline citing the small number of applicants. More questions arose when citizens received ballots very late in the actual elections period or not at all, a candidate’s name omitted and the ballot counting held without candidates and O‘ahu caucus members present. Despite being a candidate Ms. Kinilau controlled the KLH database and mailed out ballots herself.

Mr. Gora was hard to reach, during the processing period and did not show up at O‘ahu caucus meetings to announce any results. After many requests, they were obtained in mid-April. Unsurprisingly, Lehua Kimilau has “won” KLH’s highest office, Governor, while her colleague, Sam Kealoha, was “won” for Lt. Governor.

Over the past four years under the current leadership, the once strong grassroots voice of KLH has been silenced. After the electoral escapades, KLH has now lost its integrity.

Remembering those KLH (right on) citizens that came before we feel both sad and angry that they gave so much for a “nation” that has been destroyed for self-gain of a few. And, the once great “nation” of Ka Lāhui Hawai‘i that stood for being pono (righteous) has ended.

O‘ahu:
Sweets Matthews
Hawai‘i McCafferty
Olanii von Oelhoffen
Healani Sonoda
Clara Kaliula
Vienna Nahinu

Good works recognized — Native Hawaiians Maring Gacusana, and Francine Mookoconoona Dudut-Logapo, R.N. (D), here with Lt. Gov. James Duke Aiona, were honored by the State Legislature for their stellar community service. Dudut-Logapo was commended for integrating traditional Hawaiian and Western healing methods. Gacusana was applauded for her selfless, compassionate dedication to the children of the Puna District.

Photo: Keani Toomey

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Małoka’i:
Gladiys Dyachelle Joao
Tanya Pu‘u‘ala Pule
F. Millilani Kong
Billie-Jo Ah Yee
Gov. Lingle signs new law authorizing $9.5 million in ceded lands revenue back payments owed to OHA

By Naomi Sodetani

Governor Linda Lingle signed into law a bill authorizing $9.5 million in undisputed ceded lands revenue back payments to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA). The April 23 signing ceremony represented the fruition of two years of effort by the OHA to release the flow of income stream that had been blocked since 2001.

"It was a long time coming," OHA Chairperson Haunani Apoliona said. "We have affirmed the existence of a sacred trust, and identified the need to strengthen democracy in the U.S. by sustaining the indigenous peoples of this island state. A national forum will address efforts in reclaiming the Hawaiian heritage and his ability to participate in discussions in an accurate and responsible manner."

At left, Governor Linda Lingle signs Act 34 authorizing payment of $9.5 million in undisputed ceded lands back payments to OHA. Governors Undo Lingle and trustees John Waheno, Boyd Momentum, Rowena Akana, OZ Stender, Collete Machado, Dante Carpenter and Linda Dela Cruz.

Photo: Naomi Sodetani

Small business conference helps Hawaiians succeed

At left, Governor Linda Lingle signs Act 34 authorizing payment of $9.5 million in undisputed ceded lands back payments to OHA. She is joined by OHA Chair Haunani Apoliona and trustees John Waheno, Boyd Momentum, Rowena Akana, OZ Stender, Collete Machado, Dante Carpenter and Linda Dela Cruz.

Photo: Naomi Sodetani

James Bartels passed away on April 20 at age 57. He was a caring, gentle person, an incredible historian of Hawaii’s hers, and a member of the Daughters and Sons of Hawaiian Warriors, “Māmākakākā.”

He successfully fought the original contents of ‘Iolani Palace, which had been auctioned off in 1900. He was detail-driven in his documentation of old Hawai‘i. His knowledge, depth of commitment to accurate documentation of Hawaiian heritage and his ability to plan, locate, and coordinate the restoration of ‘Iolani Palace and Washington Place, are testimony to the depth of his love and commitment to Hawai‘i.

Only a handful of people approach Mr. Bartel’s level of scholarship and commitment to the restoration of Hawai‘i’s historical record. His untimely passing leaves us with a major loss of a “curator of Hawai‘i’s cultural wealth.”

Hawai‘i nei is richer for his time and efforts in reclaiming the historic treasures of ‘Iolani Palace and the Queen’s Home and in teaching many about our rich history and preserving it for future generations.

Indigenous forum

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continued dialogue between policymakers and America's indigenous peoples.

The forum will be held on May 13-14 at the Smithsonian Institution, Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. Native participants from Hawai'i, Alaska, the 48 continental states and U.S. territories will come together to discuss their goals and aspirations with members of the Bush Administration, as well as other policymakers from the White House and native organizations.

The forum, called "Strengthening U.S. Democracy: The Future of Self-Determination," will focus on advancing native self-determination through the development of economic, education and health initiatives within each community.

The forum will explore successful and innovative projects and programs that improve the quality of education, economics and healthcare within native communities and that could be duplicated elsewhere.

The forum is sponsored by OHA, the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, the National Congress of American Indians, the National Indian Gaming Association and the Alaska Inter-Tribal Council.

International law supports the right to self-determination of the over 300 million indigenous peoples around the world.

Cultural conference

From the summit of Mauna Kea to the depths of the calm seas of Kona, what types of changes are impacting Native Hawaiians?

The OHA Native Hawaiian Historic Preservation Council will be hosting a forum, "Pili i ka Piko, Pili i ke Kuleana" (Connected through our Piko, Connected through our Kuleana), addressing endangered Hawaiian cultural traditions, practices, rights, and sites May 16-18 in Kona, Hawai'i.

Sessions will examine endangered cultural traditions, practices, and rights through presentations and special site visits in South and North Kona. Participants will network and strategize on how to protect our waihina and traditions.

There are no forum fees and meals are being provided for participants who pre-register by submitting a completed registration form before May 8. Overnight accommodations and ground transportation are being provided on a first-come, first-served basis for those who pre-register. A very limited amount of scholarships (i.e. airline coupons) will be awarded to those needing financial assistance to attend this forum. Scholarships will be distributed to ensure broad geographical and organizational representation and will be provided in the form of one-way or round-trip air coupons.

For information or to register, call Lora Contreras at 284-1238 for more information or email contrera001@hawaii.rr.com.

Summit to Sea

Ocean awareness and stewardship will be the guiding theme of the inaugural "Hawai'i Summit-to-Sea: Global Strategies for Integrated Ocean and Coastal Resources Management" conference. It will be held Oct. 26-29 at the Sheraton Waikiki.

Cultural practitioners and Native Hawaiian organizations are invited to submit abstracts presenting solutions on a range of ocean and coastal resource management issues within the following themes: traditional and cultural wisdom, ecosystem and resource management, research and education, and ocean industry and technology.

Electronic submissions are due July 31. Submit your paper as an email attachment to hibstracts@dcedt.hawaii.gov with "Hawai'i Summit-to-Sea 2003 Final Paper" in the subject header. For information, go online to www.hawaiiomp.com.

Pu'a Foundation

The Pu'a Foundation is accepting grant applications through June 2 for projects that cultivate understanding of Hawai'i's unique history, politics and culture, and which promote human rights, especially self-determination among native Hawaiians. Grant award amounts range from $500 to $5000.

The foundation seeks to assist projects and organizations that: nurture understanding of the historical, cultural, spiritual, economic and political environment of Hawai'i, especially as they impact native Hawaiians; promote human rights with special emphasis on the right of self-determination among the Native Hawaiian people; assist local and global society in becoming aware of Hawaiian sovereignty.

The non-profit foundation was established in May 1996 as part of the apology and redress process between the United Church of Christ and Native Hawaiian people.

To request an application packet or for more information call Toni Bissen at 945-3570. Applications must be postmarked by June 2 and sent to the Pu'a Foundation, 2331 Seaview Ave., Honolulu, HI 96822.

Pele painting sought

Hawai'i Volcanoes plans to purchase a painting of Pele to be exhibited in the Kilena Visitor Center. The park is issuing a call to all artists to submit their paintings of Pele for consideration.

$8,000 will be paid to the artist whose artwork is selected. The painting will be displayed near the visitor center fireplace, so paintings must be sized between 36 to 53 inches in width, and height from 36 to 61 inches. It will become park property but the artist retains the right to reproduce the image.

Artists may submit more than one painting in any paint medium (oil, acrylic, watercolor, etc.). A brief artist's statement about the art should accompany the submission. Submissions must be delivered to the park on Aug. 11.

Selection will be based on the recommendations of the park's kupuna committee, a cultural advisory group, judging the cultural meaning and appropriateness of the work. All of the submissions will be displayed in a Volcano Art Center Gallery show called "Visions of Pele, the Volcano Deity of Hawai'i," to run Aug. 23 through Sept. 28.

For submission guidelines information, go to www.nps.gov/havo or call Lori Mac Maukaaua-Jarrell at 808-985-6013.

Scholarship deadline

Students can apply for scholarships from the Heyom Endowment Fund, which assists Pacific Islanders to receive education and training in Hawai'i. Qualified individuals can apply for scholarships in the amount of $3,000 for the 2003-2004 academic year. Applicants must be indigenous to Melanesia, Micronesia or Polynesia, enrolled as graduate or undergraduate students at a University of Hawai'i campus or in a non-credit education or training program. Selection will be made on the basis of the applicant's academic performance, potential to make a contribution to their country of origin, and financial need.

Applications are due by May 15 for the fall semester 2003. Applicants must submit a letter of...
clarify the formula for this payment process and would specify which ceded lands OHA can receive revenue from.

"I am frustrated by the legislature's unwillingness to deal with this issue," said OHA Administrator Clyde Nāmā'o. "But I am pleased at the way the governor has reacted to reinstating a process by which OHA would continue to receive payments."

According to the Statehood Admissions Act, ceded lands were to be held in public trust for five purposes, one of which is for the betterment of the conditions of Native Hawaiians. In 1980 the legislature decided that 20 percent of all funds derived from the public land trust would be given to OHA. Act 304, passed in 1990, clarified this legislation by stating what ceded land revenue OHA would receive 20 percent of. The Hawai'i Supreme Court nullified the act in Sept. 2001 because a provision that provided OHA with revenue derived from the Honolulu International Airport, a third of which sits on ceded land, conflicted with federal legislation.

Although the Supreme Court did not dispute that the state is obligated to pay OHA non-airport derived revenue, former Gov. Ben Cayetano halted all ceded land revenue payments to OHA from July 1, 2001. SB1151 was OHA's attempt to enact Act 304. The same bill had been submitted last session but lawmakers did not act. At the 11th hour, House leaders, including Speaker Calvin Say, amended the bill (SB1151/HD2) to include a caveat that all ceded lands would be valued as raw, undeveloped land— even if there were build­ings and improvements to the land which raised its real property value.

"It wouldn't be fair for OHA to receive 20 percent of revenues from improvements that it made no contributions to," explained Water, Land Use and Hawaiian Affairs Chairman Ezra Kanobo (D-Waialua Homesteads, Līhu'e). The amended bill was met with strong opposition in the form of over 200 testimonials from the Hawaiian community.

Vicky Holt Takamine, president of "Ilio-uloukalani Coalition, said the bill was an insult to the Hawaiian people and a breach of the state's fiduciary duties as the trustee of ceded lands.

"Maybe it is time that we take all these ceded lands back and we manage our own lands and we decide what the state of Hawai‘i deserves," Takamine said.

First Hawaiian Bank Vice President Corbett Kalama said in real estate development transactions the landowner factors in the future revenue based on improvements to the land.

"It would be extremely awkward to expect a landowner to limit the revenue determinant to the value of the raw land," Kalama said. Kanobo said the testimonies were based on emotion and a bill must be based on what is fair. "This is not a game of popular vote," he said. Because the governor has already reinstated a payment process to OHA, Kanobo said that "there is no reason to rush into something and demand it later."

The finance committee unanimously voted down the bill "because the state does not have the funds to pay the full 20 percent to OHA," said member Maile Shimabuku (D-Wai‘anae-Māhāna-Mākua). Nāmā'o said the payment process Gov. Lingle reinstated would pay OHA between $8.5-9.3 million annually. "It is a good start but our position is that there is a lot more owed to OHA that cannot be paid until Act 304 is reinstated," he said. Nāmā'o said in 1998 OHA was collecting about $8 million annually just from airport revenues.

A bill to establish a Public Lands Resolution Task Force to seek resolution of issues related to OHA's ceded lands revenue entitlements was killed in conference committee. OHA opposed the measure.

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application that includes a statement describing academic interests and a plan for study for the 2003-2004 academic year; relevant transcripts of prior academic work; and three letters of recommendation.

Reference letters should be mailed directly to the Director, Center for Pacific Islands Studies. Send applications to Terence Wesley-Smith, Heyum Committee Chair, Center for Pacific Islands Studies, 1890 East-West Road, Moore 215, Honolulu, HI 96822.

**Mele hula**

Amy Ka‘uleiaole Stillman speaks on late 19th century mele hula as part of the "A Celebration of Kupuna" series presented by The Bishop Museum. Performers will animate some of the mele. The presentation will be held May 20, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Hale Kea.

Stillman, the director of Asian and Pacific Islander American Studies and associate professor of musicology at the University of Michigan, has conducted extensive archival research on mele and performance traditions during the post-contact Hawai‘i. A featured presenter at the Smithsonian Museum last August, Stillman revealed that Queen Lili‘uokalani had written songs that were published in 1895 under a pseudonym. For information, call 847-8243.

**Mākua accesses**

The next cultural accesses into Mākua valley will be Saturday, May 10 and Sunday, May 18. Meet at 7 a.m. at the gates of Mākua. Wear covered shoes and sun protection. Bring ID, water and snacks. Call Fred 696-4677, Leandra 696-2823, or Melva 696-9921 at least three days prior to the access.

**Lauhala workshop**

The 8th annual Lauhala Workshop offers the public the opportunity to learn the art of lauhala weaving. "Ka Ulu Lauhala o Kona," to be held at Kona Village on Hawai‘i island May 15-18, will offer beginner, intermediate and two advanced weaving classes. Beginning, intermediate and advanced participants will work to create bracelets, photo albums, baskets, purses, lamp shades and lauhala hats. There will be a 'a'ina, a fashion show and a silent auction on Saturday night.

The workshop is $115 and includes some meals. For information on the workshop and housing arrangements, call Harriet K. Song at (808) 325-7715 or ka‘upō K. Morales at (808) 326-4912.

**Kamehameha parade**

The King Kamehameha Celebration Commission announces its 87th Annual King Kamehameha Celebration Floral Parade set for Sat., June 7. Volunteers are being sought to assist with parade organization and monitoring, parking control, line-up and starting point. Also seeking lei stringers, plumeria donations for the statue decoration, monitors, parking supervisors, food vendors, arts and crafts vendors, entertainers for the Folklife Festival in Queen Kapi‘olani Park following the parade.

The King Kamehameha holiday is the only all-Hawai‘i holiday to be continuously observed since its inception. 2003 marks the 150th anniversary of the holiday. For information and applications contact the King Kamehameha Celebration Commission at 586-0333, fax 586-0335 or email kkcc@state.hi.us.


"It's like solving a puzzle when the pieces are all scattered."

— Kaulana Lum Ho

State auditor report says ceded lands inventory needed, overdue

On-going disputes fueled by lack of will, poor accounting

T hough times past, kiai's konohiki knew exactly where all 1,000 acres of "ali'ina" were, says Center for Hawaiian Studies Director Kame'eleihiwa. A 2001 report issued by the state auditor's office had red-flagged the mishap-hazard account, discrepancies between existing records of ceded lands, and non-digitized databases.

"We're seeing transfers of lands from state to county, and the hiding of lands in other agencies like the Board of Water Supply, Department of Transportation," Kame'eleihiwa says.

"These young people are the next generation of warriors guarding our lands," Lum Ho says.

In presentations held statewide February through April, findings from the first year were shared throughout the islands. Project staff also translated the "Buke Māhele from Hawaiian into English. Kiai's "Aina is disseminating CD-ROMs free to make the information more accessible to all.

Lehua Kinilau, says the project's goal is to train and empower students and the Hawaiian community so that they will be ready to manage natural resources of their nation. Not just to identify where lands are, but to make sure that the knowledge never gets lost again.

"People keep throwing up dollar figures to the land," Kinilau says. "But to us Hawaiians, these places hold cultural values that money can't ever buy." Despite the tug of myriad obligations — coursework, other jobs — the students embrace the project as a critical step in self-determination.

"Right now, we don't know where our "aina is," Preza says. "First, we have to know where our lands are. What is a nation without land?"

To help organize future presentations, share research, obtain a free CD-ROM of an English-translated "Buke Māhele, or to make a donation, call "Kiai's "Aina at 945-1403, email kiaiaina@hawaii.rr.com or go to www.kiaiaina.org.

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**Hilton Waikolōa resort developer balks at paying for illegal use of submerged ceded lands**

By Sterling Kini Wong

The Hilton Waikolōa Village resort owes the state $2 million in back rent and $190,000 in annual rent for the ceded land that a section of the resort sits on according to an independent appraisal done for the state in April.

Negotiations are in process between OHA, the Native Hawaiian Legal Corp., the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Lanpar/HTL, the owner of the resort, to settle the resort’s utilization of the ceded lands for the past 15 years.

Alan Murakami, litigation director of the Native Hawaiian Legal Corp., said the state’s failure to collect on rent from the ceded lands at Waikolōa not only affects OHA’s bottom line but it also affects the rest of the state.

“This loss of income stream does not only affect OHA, the general public is missing out on 80 percent of the revenue derived from this particular piece of land,” Murakami said.

According to the state’s Admission Act, ceded lands are held in trust by the state for five purposes, one of which is for the betterment of the conditions of Native Hawaiians. OHA receives 20 percent of revenue derived from the use of ceded lands. In 1986 developer Chris Hemmeter filled in submerged lands and several anchialine ponds at Waialua Bay while building the 62-acre resort.

In response to the development, Native Hawaiian fishermen Merco Nape‘ahi and the Native Hawaiian Legal Corp. filed a complaint in a U.S. District Court stating that the state breached its fiduciary responsibilities by not protecting public lands.

The state’s appraisal was completed in accordance with the 1997 decision of federal judge David Ezra in the Nape‘ahi case ordering the state to seek fair compensation for the improper development of ceded lands.

The Board of Land and Natural Resources approved, in concept, a land exchange for the filled land, a perpetual, non-exclusive, easement for the submerged lands and the payment of back rent for the filled lands from 1986.

The 1.8 acres of ceded lands that a part of the Hilton Waikolōa Village resort rests on has been valued at $2.7 million according to the recent appraisal, which is based on market value. Three years ago the Department of Land and Natural Resources appraised the land at $406,636.

The property includes the Waters Edge Ballroom, which is one of the hotel’s seven restaurants, portions of the dolphin lagoon and sections of the boat and tram systems.

Lanpar refused a possible land swap in settlement with the state for the land appraised at $2.7 million and has indicated that it would prefer to litigate than to lease the land.

In 2000 OHA and the Native Hawaiian Legal Corp. said they would sue DLNR if a land swap was agreed to as settlement.

“Our position is that the ceded lands are always ceded lands,” Murakami said. “We would oppose any land exchange.”

The DLNR threatened to evict the resort three years ago when settlement negotiations stalled.

Murakami said the state should go ahead and evict the resort.

“The hotel is squattening on that land,” Murakami said. “What would happen if that was a Hawaiian on property?”

Murakami questioned how many other cases are there in which the state is not fulfilling its fiduciary responsibilities in collecting rent on ceded lands.

“This is just one case, a 1.8 acre piece of land in 1.8 million acres of ceded lands,” Murakami said. “You do the math.”

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**Fishpond documentary**

_He‘ia: Where Two Waters Meet_ relates the rich history of a 500-year-old traditional fishpond on O‘ahu. The 40-minute documentary by Lahilahi and Michael Powell focuses on the spirited determination of Windward residents to restore it.

Mahina Paishon and her group Paepae o He‘ia have developed an educational/work program which allows community members the opportunity to access and care for the loko i‘a on weekends — and to experience the cultural and spiritual harmony arising from malama ‘aina.

The film, which debuted in the 2000 Hawai‘i International Film Festival, features Paishon, Mary Brooks, Kawaiakuokalani Hewett, and Lilikai Kimie ‘Elehiwi. It airs on ‘Olelo Channel 53 on May 15 at 7 p.m. and May 28 at 9:30 p.m.

**Fishpond workshops**

Project Kāhea Loko is offering professional development workshops to educators interested in learning how Hawaiian fishponds can be used to teach science, social studies and language arts.

The upcoming workshops are: Kāna‘i’s May 17, Kona: June 13; Hilo; and June 21, O‘ahu.

Each participant will receive a complete set of curricula and a 30-minute video designed for students in grades 4-12. Lessons meet the academic and performance standards of the Hawai‘i State Department of Education.

Project Kāhea Loko began in October 2000 as a three-year project funded by the U.S. Department of Education and administered by the Pacific American Foundation. To register, refer to PAP’s website at www.thepaf.org or contact Project Coordinator Bob Kahihiko at 533-2836.

**Charter school awarded**

Kamehameha Schools presented its first Ho‘okoloko Like award of $153,603 to Kumu o Ka‘ina New Century Public Charter School on April 28.

Kumu o Ka‘ina New Century Public Charter School, founded by Dr. Ku Kahakalau, serves 157 students, 92% of which are native Hawaiian, in grades K-12 in the West Hawai‘i District.

The school’s Hawaiian culture-based curricula serves as an educational model. Students are taught through project-based, multi-age learning that utilizes the environment, the community and the latest in multimedia technology.

Ho‘okoloko Like was formed by the Kamehameha Schools Board of Trustees in February 2003 to provide financial support to start-up charter schools in Hawai‘i that primarily serve native Hawaiian students.

The initiative supports several of the Kamehameha School’s strategic goals of serving more people of Hawaiian ancestry through education in hope of perpetuating Hawaiian culture, language, history and values.

**Palace volunteers**

The Friends of ‘Iolani Palace seeks volunteers to work in one of Hawai‘i’s most precious resources. Volunteer positions include guardian (docent aide), lanai greeter, and video center aide. Shifts available Tues., through Sat. The next volunteer training will be held Sat., May 10, 8-11 a.m. Contact 522-0821 for information.

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**NEWS**

**Nā Hulu**
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Cancer studies focus on women and 'ohana

By Naomi Sodetani

Ola na 'ilima wa'ole i ke ao 'opua
The hardy 'ilima of waterless places is healed by the rain cloud.

— Mary Kawena Puku'i

Cancer is not a distant issue to health educators. Nor is the research of Noreen Mokuau and Lana Ka'opua. Too many women in their own homes have lived with, and been taken by, the disease. Mokuau's aunt died from cancer and her mother, after battling breast cancer years ago, is now undergoing treatment for ovarian cancer. After this interview, Mokuau sped off to relieve her sister, and begin her "shift" of caregiving.

Both women have had their own close scares with lumps later diagnosed as benign. And both had unpleasant dealings with a Western-based health care system that doesn't know how to care for Hawaiian women, Mokuau says. Propelled by their concerns, the two friends, both social researchers with the University of Hawai'i School of Social Work, decided to initiate two studies to find ways to promote the wellbeing of families of other Native Hawaiian women with cancer.

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Are you a Native Hawaiian woman who has been recently diagnosed with cancer?

• Have you been diagnosed with cancer in the last 12 months?
• Is this the first time you have been diagnosed with cancer?
• Are you a member of your 'ohana who will be willing to kākau and participate with you in this study?

If you or a woman you love has cancer, call for more information on Na Lei Pālama or your intervention studies. Participation will help develop future culture-based services that will benefit Hawaiian families.

For more information, contact the studies "warmline," 564-5858. Or call: Dr. Noreen Mokuau, 956-6243 or Coordinator Paula Higuchi, 564-5923; or Dr. Lana Ka'opua, 564-5823.
Bishop Museum presents 'Hula: Dance of Poetry' exhibit

By Manu Boyd

Since Bishop Museum’s establishment as a memorial to Princess Pauahi in 1898, the spirit of the hula has lingered there at Kawai‘ula, inspiring curators, performers, kama‘aina and malihini alike. Volumes of chants and priceless “pono hula” or items associated with Hawai‘i’s indigenous dance form including pahu, ipu, various other implements, le‘i, kapa and much more have been collected over the years. So the museum’s latest exhibition, “Hula: Dance of Poetry” has literally been a “work in progress” for more than a century.

In the 1930s, the museum gained a living treasure in Mary Kawena Pukui, first a volunteer, then an employee, whose work in Hawaiian ethology unlocked myriad information and insight into our then-frail native culture. As a hula practitioner, notably as a student of Keku‘i‘ula, Luahine, Kapua and ‘Ilia‘i‘ole, Mrs. Pukui’s legacy of hula is an important part of the museum’s latest project. Her usefulness as a resource to hula practitioners, musicians and any one interested in the culture she held with high esteem was priceless. Featured also are legacies of hula legends ‘Iolani Luahine, Harriet Ne of Moloka‘i and Kau‘i Zutteremeister whose line’s latest project. Her usefulness as a resource to hula practitioners, musicians and any one interested in the culture she held with high esteem was priceless. Featured also are legacies of hula legends ‘Iolani Luahine, Harriet Ne of Moloka‘i and Kau‘i Zutteremeister whose line’s latest project. Her usefulness as a resource to hula practitioners, musicians and any one interested in the culture she held with high esteem was priceless.

Auditory/visual snippets of films and voice recordings add an important dimension to the exhibit, housed in the Harold Kainalu Long Castle Building on the museum campus. A hula garden has been planted with lush examples of kiiolau or physical manifestations of Laka, a hula deity. Among them are two principal forms, ‘ohi‘a lehua and maile, generally occurring in forest regions. Requiring great care in cultivation are such utilitarian plants as the ipu (gourd) whose product is employed by both the ho‘opa‘a (chanter/drummer) and ‘slapa (dancer).”

“Hula: Dance of Poetry” opened April 5 and

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Mark Ho'omalu’s chanting: ‘Call It What You Like’

By Manu Boyd

In his second time up to bat, Mark Keali‘i Ho‘omalu hits it out of the ball park with "Call It What You Like." The controversial kumu hula from Oakland has been criticized in the past for a number of issues including unusual chant phrasing, drum beats and playing the ipu heke on the head instead of the body. In his own words, he is very comfortable with what he does and suggests that when you hear his chant renditions and don't know quite what to make of Lili‘uokalani, King and don't know quite what to make of Lili‘uokalani, King.

A Memorial Day celebration in memory of Maiki Aiu, famed kumu hula and "mother of the Hawaiian renaissance" at the memorial garden "Kahikolu" planted in her honor at St. Francis School. Entertainers include Lei Hula, Diana Aki "Pa‘ohonua," Hālau Hula O Maiki plus Richard Ho‘opi‘i. Bring mat or lawn chair. Refreshments and lunch sold: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets $20. St. Francis School. For information, call 955-0050.

Wed., May 28 –
25th Annual Nā Hōkū Hanohano

The Hawai‘i Academy of Recording Arts presents the Nā Hōkū Hanohano Awards, Hawai‘i’s version of the Grammy Music Awards. Most Promising Artist of the Year, Lifetime Achievement Award, Popular Hawaiian Album of the Year, are some of the major Hōkū awards presented. No-host 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 300 Honolulu, HI 96813-5249. kwo@oha.org.

Performance

See traditional hula performed outdoors in a natural setting overlooking Kīlauea Crater in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. For information, call 808-967-8222.
By Blossom Feiteira

Blossom Feiteira is a member of the OHA Advisory Committee for Housing.

So, you want to buy a house but you don’t know how. The who’s and what’s and where’s can be intimidating, confusing and discouraging.

For most people in Hawai‘i, buying a home is an impossible dream, or so you may think. For instance, have you ever said to yourself: “I don’t make enough money” or “I have too much debt” or “my credit is so bad, I will never be able to get a loan,” or how about “I don’t have the money for a down payment?”

Take heart: there is a way for even you to become a homeowner.

Tackle ‘obstacles’ one by one

Let’s take a step back and look at all of these “obstacles” to homeownership. For instance, “Not enough money.”

For first time homebuyers, there are loan products available now that you can qualify for regardless of how much money you make. The federal government has several programs which, depending on your income, can get you into a home with little or no money down.

Various organizations and government agencies have down payment assistance programs that can help you get the funds you need for your down payment and closing costs.

Got bad credit? There are steps you can take to clean up your credit to the point where you can qualify for a loan. Various organizations in your community can help you develop a strategy that will get you back on track to repair your credit.

Too much debt? Well, there are steps you can take to reduce your debt and qualify for a loan. With the help of a credit counseling or housing organization, you can develop a strategy that will help you reduce your debts and help you meet the criteria for a successful loan application.

A reality check: one of the steps that a lender will use to determine your ability to qualify for a mortgage loan is what they call the “debt to income ratio,” also known as the “back end ratio.” The lender will take all of your monthly payments for debt, add in your monthly housing payment, and compare the total to your gross monthly income.

In most government guarantee programs, the ratios for your housing payment should not exceed 29%. In other words, for every $1,000 of gross monthly income you earn, your monthly housing payment should be no more than $290.

Typically, for a first-time homebuyer program, your debt ratio (including your housing payment) should not exceed 41 percent. What this means is that, for every $1,000 of gross monthly income, your monthly housing and debt payment should equal no more than $410.

Now, if your debts add up to more than that, this does not mean you will be disqualified for a loan. It does mean that your ability to get a loan with better terms and interest rates will be compromised. Decreasing the amount of monthly debt that you carry will go a long way to helping you get great terms and an interest rate you can be happy with.

Imua - do whatever it takes

Taking those first steps to owning your own home is not as complicated a matter as you may think.

There is only one question you need to ask yourself, and that is: “What am I willing to do to become a homeowner?” If your answer is “Whatever it takes,” then you just need make one phone call to get all the help you need.

OHA and several homebuyer training workshops in your community can answer your questions and provide you with the tools you need to qualify for a loan. (See OHA homeownership workshops below)

If you are serious about becoming a homeowner, then give one of them a call — and it could be the best thing you can ever do for yourself and your family.

OHA-sponsored workshops key to homeownership

What is the Pathway to Homeownership Workshop?

The Pathway to Homeownership Workshop is a 16-hour course that prepares individuals and families for homeownership. Each workshop provides an array of topics that will help families gain confidence in pursuing homeownership.

Workshops are offered statewide and are free. (See accompanying schedule) Topics covered include:

• Setting homeownership goals
• Developing a budget
• Credit
• Obtaining a mortgage
• Homebuyer assistance programs
• Shopping for a home
• Keeping your home and managing your money

Who should attend?

Individuals who want to construct or purchase their own home; improve money management skills; gain insights on how to improve creditworthiness; obtain financing; find a lender; or learn how to protect your home.

OHA underwrits the Pathway to Homeownership program to empower Native Hawaiians in achieving homeownership.

Community partners conducting the workshops are the Waimanalo Community Development Corporation, Aloha Credit Counseling Services and Hawaiian Community Assets.

For more information or to request an application, call your nearest OHA office (see pg. 18) or OHA Honolulu office at 594-1926. Enrollment is based on a first-come-first-served basis.

Pre-registration is required.
January 12-17 marked commemorations of significant events in Hawai‘i’s history, from the invasion of U.S. marines on Jan. 16, 1893 to the ‘Onipa‘a march and rally 100 years later. On Jan. 12, Hawaiian leaders participated in a gathering at Mauna‘ala to discuss unification and acknowledged Hawai‘i’s status as an independent nation-state. The dialogue continued Jan. 13-17 with marches, music, a mass demonstration at the State Capitol, speeches, prayers, an awa ceremony and general kūkākākā. Hawaiians from neighbor islands joined in the efforts to recover our nation.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs deserves recognition for providing funds to cover basic costs of putting together the events: sound system, tents, refreshments for volunteers, airfare for neighbor islanders to participate, website, program copies, etc. We would have been hard-pressed to pull off the week’s events without that support.

The Friends of ‘Iolani Palace, a co-sponsor, stepped forward to allow us access to the palace for ceremony, use of the Coronation Pavilion, and regular access to the Kāna‘ina Building for planning the week’s events as well as ongoing activities under the Living Nation umbrella.

Finally, the members of the Living Nation working group, including the organizations “Of Sacred Times and Sacred Places” and Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, wish to recognize volunteers from the Queen Emma Hawaiian Civic Club, the Royal Hawaiian Band, the Koani Foundation, the musical groups Sudden Rush and Big Island Conspiracy, and many others who were instrumental in making the events special. We were especially pleased with the participation of the youth from Hānaa Lokahi, who reminded us all that mākuʻa and kūpuna have the responsibility to train others to take up the banner of nationhood.

The Living Nation has clearly articulated its focus on history as the basis for unification, reminding us why our ancestors signed the Kū‘e petitions. For the Living Nation, history is a directional, pointing the way to the future.

A legacy was left to us in the words and actions of the queen, members of Hui Aloha ‘Āina and Hui Kū‘ī‘ī‘īnai‘a: stand firm and defend the lū‘au! At the time there was no doubt about what needed to be done, and they did it. At the time there was no doubt about what needed to be done, and they did it. How can we do less? Our respect and our aloha for their work lives on. ‘E ‘onipa‘a kākō! ... let us stand firm for the nation that still lives.

A procession winding from Mauna‘aloa through downtown to ‘Iolani Palace on Jan. 17 included the work of many activities organized during a week-long celebration of the Living Hawaiian notion. Hawaiians of all kinds and all ages gathered together to celebrate their history and to express their self-determination.

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Each family has unique needs and strengths taxed to the limits when cancer strikes. “And although many of us are hardy and have loving family relations, there are still these challenges,” Ka‘opua says. The two studies are among seven pilot studies focused on creating better ways to address cancer through awareness, prevention and research in the Hawaiian community underway as part of the ‘Imi Hale Native Hawaiian health initiative, which is a five-year project of Papa Ola Lokahi, funded by the National Cancer Institute of the National Institute of Health.

Even with ‘alternative medicine’ on the rise, the Western-oriented health care system still largely focuses on the physical symptoms of the disease, ignoring its cultural and spiritual aspects. But for Hawaiians, Mukaua says, spirituality "undergirds everything" as an essential component in one’s daily well-being and healing.

The ‘Ohana Intervention study looks at the importance of the involvement of family members, Mukaua explains. The ‘Ohana Intervention study teaches families to use ho‘oponopono, as taught by the late revered Hawaiian Band, the Koani Foundation, the musical groups Sudden Rush and Big Island Conspiracy, and many others who were instrumental in planning the events. We were especially pleased with the participation of the youth from Hānau Lokahi, who reminded us all that mākuʻa and kūpuna have the responsibility to train others to take up the banner of nationhood.

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Aloha nui e nā ‘ōiwi ‘olino. Between Feb. 11 and April 23, 2003, OHA beneficiaries and all of Hawai‘i witnessed two examples of governmental actions best characterized as "good faith" and "bad faith" efforts impacting Hawaiians. Example of 2003 "good faith" action: the Feb. 11 Executive Order 03-03 that restored the transfer of ceded land revenue payments to OHA, payments which had been abruptly terminated by former Gov. Cayetano from July 2001. On Feb. 12, Governor Lingle transferred $2,800,417 of the total "undisputed" $12,353,391 due from the state to OHA. For the period July 1, 2001 to December 2002, and requested by letter to Senate and House leadership the passage of House Bill 1307 to provide for payment of the remaining $9,552,974. The 2003 Legislature, by unanimous final floor votes of the full Senate and the full House, on April 11, 2003, approved HB 1307 HD1 SD1 with its required amounts and on for the Governor’s signature Wed., April 23, 2003. The joint effort of our Executive Branch and Legislative Branch of government, working collaboratively in "good faith" for the betterment of OHA beneficiaries, has made "pone” the “pono 'ole” act by one man.

Example of 2003 "bad faith” action: Act 304, enacted in 1990 implemented a partial settlement of disputes between OHA and the State of Hawai‘i concerning revenues derived from the Public Land Trust. On Sept. 12, 2001, the Supreme Court found that provisions of Act 304 by its own terms conflicted with federal law and was effectively repealed. The Court provided guidance to OHA and the State Legislature concerning the issue of Public Land Trust revenue by stating, "given the disposition of this case, and the context of its complexity, we would do a disservice to all parties involved if we did not acknowledge that the state’s obligation to native Hawaiians is firmly established in our constitution. How the state satisfies that constitutional obligation requires policy decisions that are primarily within the authority and expertise of the legislative branch. As such, it is incumbent upon the legislature to enact legislation that gives effect to the right of native Hawaiians to benefit from the ceded lands trust” ... as we continue to struggle with the Governor's office, and community actions best characterized as "good government” to that enactment, we members across the state ... of HRS 10-13.5 and Public Land Trust proceeds away restored the transfer of ceded land State of Hawai‘i concerning rev- enue payments to OHA, passage failed. In 2003, OHA again introduced measures to aid enactment of the elements of former Act 304, absent of the previously conflicting language of Section 16. Senate Bill 1151, passed Senate Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs Committee and the Senate Ways and Means Committee, and the full Senate, UNAMENDED. The House Committee on Water, Land and Hawaiian Affairs, amended SB 1151 with an HD1 intending to send the measure to Conference. However, an HD2 was introduced and heard by House Finance on April 2, 2003. Hundreds of testi- monies, presented in person and by fax, joined with OHA trustees, the Governor’s office, and community members across the state in opposition to HD2. OHA said, “HD2 would permit the state to divert unfairly a substantial portion of the Public Land Trust proceeds away from one of the Trust’s intended beneficiaries. It amounts to a breach of the trust relationship between the state and Native Hawaiians.” Passage of SB 1151 was the objective sought by OHA. April 2, 2003, 9 p.m., House Finance voted to “HOLD” the Bill thereby in “bad faith” killing OHA's second successive year's effort to aid the Legislature “to clarify what lands comprise the Public Land Trust under Chapter 10, Hawai‘i Revised Constitution; and to clarify those revenues derived from the Public Land Trust which shall be transferred to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for the purpose of the betterment of conditions of native Hawaiians, as defined in Chapter 10,” HRS Aub! 30/48.

Let's set the record straight

‘Ano‘ai everyone. In her April article, the current chairman of the board listed all of OHA’s accomplishments in the last 12 months in an obvious attempt to lend OHA’s progress under her leadership. Unfortunately, by failing to recognize the trustees who initiated many of these accomplishments, she gave false impressions that she was responsible for it all, and takes credit for issues she had nothing to do with, and in some cases, vehemently opposed. For example, our partnership with Pannie Mae, the Bank of Hawai‘i and First Hawaiian Bank for OHA’s homeownership program is an issue that I nurtured for years. I found it strange that she would include it on her list of accomplishments, especially since she didn’t vote to support it.

Trustee Catalana and former Trustee Ota initiated OHA’s lawsuit against NASA. The Hawaiian Registry Program came out of a program committee I chaired in 2001. The Moloka‘i water case has been ongoing for more than 3 years. All of the education programs were initiated by Trustee Waihe‘e. I have worked on many of the housing and Federal recognition issues for several years. The majority of the remaining programs listed were actually initiated by former Trustee and Board Chair Hee. (I)

The Chairman seems to have wanted to put down anything she could think of that OHA has accomplished in the last year to make the list seem more substantial. Why write that we amended our by-laws relating to Accommodations for Persons with Disabilities when we were required to do so by law? (I)

The Chairman leads OHA as "operationally efficient.” However, it has come at the high cost of excluding trustees from the decision-making process. There used to be five committees — Land, Policy & Planning, Program Management, Legislative & Government Affairs and Budget & Finance — however, the chair- man consolidated the five committees into two all-powerful committees. This is the most ineffective committee structure I have served under. Trustee Stender oversees all of OHA’s fiscal, policy, economic development and administrative matters. Trustee Machado has responsibility over all federal and state legislation, on-going programs in health, housing, education, land, the Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund, and then some.

These two committees were not created to foster efficiency, but to concentrate control under a few trustees. Disassist trustees cannot get their issues on the agenda. Committee chairs simply refuse requests. Consequently, no NEW initiatives have been proposed.

None of OHA’s on-going programs have progressed since the start of the two committee structure. After making several requests to both chairs for program updates, Trustee Machado granted my request. Unfortunately, many of the updates stated that no actions have been taken since last year. One action item passed by the Board in July of 2002 has made so progress whatsoever. In October of 2002, the board asked the administration to hire a consultant to do a review on a proposal. As of three weeks ago, nothing had occurred.

The Chairman mentions that we hired Goldman Sachs & Co. to manage OHA’s Native Hawaiian Trust Fund. What most people do not know is that Goldman Sachs was considered despite missing the bidding deadline. Trustee Stender put Goldman Sachs onto the list in the October 2002 agenda. It should surprise no one that Goldman Sachs was eventually selected as one of the Trust Fund managers, despite concerns brought to the table.

The two committee structure fails to involve ALL trustees in any meaningful way. The current leadership needs to shift their focus to serving OHA’s beneficiaries. They should also forgo their micro-man- agement of administrative staff and Trustees. Perhaps then, our morale will improve and the recent mass exodus of administrative staff will end. Mālama pono.

Check out Trustee Akana’s website at www.rowenaakana.org.
Nation building in whatever form Hawaiians choose is an urgent, serious matter

Aloha mai Kākou. In conjunction with the goal of Nationhood, my previous article was entitled “Creation of a Nation needs Acceleration.” My fellow Hawaiians, let’s get serious! Let’s discuss the business of the Nation, the Native Hawaiian Nation, that is! So, which one will it be? (1) the Independent Nation of Hawai‘i, (2) the Independent Nation of Hawai‘i in a Compact of Free Association, or (3) the Integration model of the Nation of Hawai‘i within the federal context nation-to-nation status?

An Independent Nation status can only be pursued through International efforts such as the World Court and/or the United Nations. Moreover, certain praise-worthy individual efforts are presently under way for the reinstatement or recognition of the former Hawaiian Nation in both World Court Proceedings and through various processes regarding colonialism and rights of indigenous peoples. While there is ample evidence in the history of Hawai‘i to justify these efforts, they may not come to fruition in the foreseeable future. Therefore, a necessary first step is the Office of Hawaiian Affairs’ commitment to Federal Recognition of Native Hawaiians to create parity between Native Hawaiians, Native Americans (Indian Tribes) and Alaska Natives.

The Akaka Bill, S. 344, relates to the notion of nation-to-nation status within the Federal context (“Integration”). However, S. 344, in its present format or language, does not create a Native Hawaiian governing entity, but rather leaves that job to the Hawaiian people to determine. OHA’s effort thus have become two-pronged: First, to pursue Federal Recognition for Native Hawaiians and second, (concurrently) to advocate, educate and facilitate the development of a Native Hawaiian governing entity. Obviously, time is of the essence. Not only to meet the goals but, because legal attempts to diminish Hawaiian Rights and Native Rights in general threaten to undermine the very existence of OHA and DHHL.

Furthermore, the current unfriendly atmosphere of the United States Supreme Court relating to native rights exacerbates the quest for nationhood. Therefore, an immediate effort must be undertaken to establish a Native Hawaiian government entity.

OHA’s strategic plan notes that “Native Hawaiian leaders must work together to unify Native Hawaiians by providing clear, concise information on all models of sovereignty in a moderated discussion within a safe environment. A well funded, well planned and fairly managed project will enlighten and educate the Hawaiian community and motivate the kind of interest that leads to involvement in the processes of decision-making on questions of sovereignty, self-government and self-determination.”

While the purpose of OHA includes “the betterment of conditions of native Hawaiians and Hawaiians,” it is the only officially recognized and elected body representing the Native Hawaiian people. Individuals or groups of Hawaiians who oppose the Akaka Bill are encouraged to seek their own remedies to sovereignty issues. OHA wishes them well and will, in the interest of fairness, allow their voices (often dissenting) to be expressed through the print media “Ka Ua Ola o OHA” in upcoming issues.

Meanwhile, OHA will continue its efforts in support of activities related to the federal political process of S. 344, the Akaka Bill. OHA invites all Hawaiian civic, cultural, professional and athletic organizations and all interested parties to participate in discussions related to federal recognition and nationhood. OHA will continue to participate as a facilitator, enabling and coordinating support in nation building.

Finally, as always, my staff and I invite your advice and counsel on the above or any other concerns within our purview. My OHA access numbers are: phone 594-1854, fax 594-0210 and email – dante@oha.org.

A hui hou, aloha pumehana.

Practicing our culture in confinement

Last year my office received a call from Mr. Euel Kamau‘u, who currently resides in a correctional facility in Florence, AZ. He initiated contact to find out how he and others in the mainland prison system could begin to reconnect with their Hawaiian heritage. I want to share with you his words and concerns about their Hawaiian studies program. The following was written by Mr. Kamau‘u.

The purpose of our program is to perpetuate and sustain the Hawaiian culture as best we can, with our limited resources. We began in Minnesota in 1999 with other pa‘a‘aho (inmates) transferred from Texas, and formed our first hālau hula. It began more as a Polynesian thing, and was more for entertainment, than finding closeness with our roots. Soon, several of us started a Hawaiian studies program, “Ko Kāka‘ō Pa‘u‘ahu‘a” (our place of refuge and healing) that involved lessons in ‘olelo Hawai‘i, mo‘omehu (culture), chants, prayers and song. We began to organize cultural functions and observe Hawaiian holidays, Kamehameha Day, Kūhīō Day, Lili‘uokalani Day and Kalākaua Day. It is our ‘i‘ini (desire) to keep these things alive no matter where we are shipped.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays we have ‘ōlelo. On Wednesday and Sundays we have hula which includes some chants and ‘ai‘a‘a. On Saturdays we practice prayers, chants, kīkākīkā and ho‘oponopono. We try to reconnect with our roots and promote Hawaiian values so that when we leave we can take them back to our family and community. At our last graduation everyone, as a prerequisite for graduation, had to recite all the prayers, the chants and their ho‘olauna (introduction) which they work on themselves. This includes who they are, who their family is, where their family is from, what ala‘au, and what ahoana. At our last graduation, one of the boys was able to get us cinnamon rolls, milk and coffee.

There are many groups of Hawaiian inmates who struggle with the dilemma of maintaining connection with our ‘ohana. The prison atmosphere is one of racism, misunderstanding, and little cultural sensitivity. We have had our ups and downs, at one time we had a ‘shut down’ because we refused to sign a document that stated that our prayers and chants and hula are non-religious. We refused to sign, and were punished. Inside it is hard staying pa‘a in our culture, but our program provides us with a positive alternative, our program offers extra-curricular activities that are also beneficial to others who are not Hawaiian. We will be sponsoring a ho‘olaule‘a this November to coincide with the beginning of the Makahiki. We plan to have an art exhibit and sale, and aloha shirt fashion show, and Hawaiian games in the yard. We hope that Hawaiians from outside will come in and join us. The offspring of Hālōa (born) into the day Came forth –

Translation by Martha Beckwith

Dante Keala Carpenter
Trustee, O‘ahu

Colette Machado
Trustee, Moloka‘i and Lāna‘i
Penny cash $10,000.00
Cash in state treasury 8,806,285.37
Cash held outside of state treasury 13,466,789.02
Interfund assets 0.00
Accounts receivable 513,000.00
Interest and dividends receivable 2,237,445.27
Notes receivable 18,441,342.51
Allowance for doubtful accounts (5,470,082.22)
Prepaid expenses 353,260.00
Security deposit 47,201.07
NHITF investments (market value) 249,905,900.04
NHITF premium (discount) carrying 1,035,985.47
NHRLF investments (market value) 17,580,728.56
NHRLF premium (discount) carrying 173,070.01
Accrued interest paid - bond purchase 234,224.20

TOTAL LIABILITIES $2,011,356.17 $1,871,098.37

Fund Balance:
Investments in fixed assets $5,726,619.30 $3,644,328.38
Reserve for encumbrances 766,765.71
Reserve for prepaid exp & sec deposit 555,977.66
Reserve for notes receivable 543,355.00
Unreserved fund balance 284,742,782.95

Total Fund Balance $304,970,925.33 $3,644,328.38

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE $306,982,281.50 $5,515,426.75

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**PUBLIC NOTICE: NHPA Section 106**

All persons having information concerning unmarked burials on a portion of roughly 62-acre property (TMK: 3-5-7-10:85) in Wai’ahu 2nd Ahupua’a, North Kona District, Island of Hawai‘i are invited to contact K’aila KiwiMcKeage, Group 70 International 523-5866, 925 Bethel St., Fifth Floor, Honolulu, HI 96813, Dr. Bob Rechtman, Rechtman Consulting, LLC 808-966-7636, HCl Box 4149, Kea’au, HI 96748, and/or Kamana’o Museums, Burial Sites Program 587-0010, 555 Kukukihewa Blvd., 601 Kamokila Blvd., Kapolei, HI 96707.

The following historical individuals have been identified as Land Commission records as having a connection to the Wai’ahu 2nd Ahupua’a: K’anake, Kanahale, Kanai, Lehnhainhe, and Leono.

Appropriate treatment of remains will occur in accordance with HRS, Chap. 61, respective to unmarked burial sites. The property owner intends to preserve all burials in place, following the preparation of a burial treatment plan in consultation with any identified descendants and with approval of the Hawai’i Island Burial Council. All interested parties should respond within 30 days of this notice and provide information to DLNR- SHPD adequately demonstrating linear descent from these specific Native Hawaiian remains, or cultural descent from ancestors buried in the same ahupua’a.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE: NHPA Section 106**

Notification of draft programmatic agreement covering treatment of historic properties that may be affected by conversion of Second Brigade, Twenty-fifth Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army Hawai‘i to Stryker Brigade Combat Team

The 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army Hawai‘i (Army) announces the completion of the draft programmatic agreement covering its responsibilities under sections 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, for the treatment of historic properties that may be affected by the conversion of the Second Brigade to a Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT). This conversion includes development of 28 projects on the islands of O‘ahu and Hawai‘i. It also potentially include the purchase of additional lands for training purposes. It is anticipated that numerous revisions will be made to this draft as the result of public review and comment. The programmatic agreement covers all survey, evaluation, and protection/mitigation of historic properties that may be affected by the SBCT. Separate Section 106 consultation letters are being sent out to individuals, families and groups that may have an interest in this project and its effects.

Deadline for public comments is May 9. For a copy of the draft programmatic agreement for review contact Laurie Lucking at 656-2878 ext. 1052, e-mail luckingl@schofield.army.mil or Christi Shaw at 438-0470, or email christi.a.shaw@usace.army.mil. Review copies of the draft agreement can also be accessed at various libraries on O‘ahu and island of Hawai‘i.
Akuna/Piliana — We are looking for descents and planning a family reunion in October for descendants of Goo Shin Akuna and Kaliikoi Piliana. Their children were Abram H. Mano at 89 State St., Hilo, and would like to attend and/or participate in the planning of this large family reunion, we will be meeting on May 10 at 11:00 a.m. to see if there is enough interest and help to plan this important event. Surnames include: Auld, Black, Bright, Cornette, Cruz, Davis, Hanohano, Harvest, Kalekili, Kaholo, Kamia, Kamau, Kanaana, Kealaola, Kealani, Kim, Kuni, Laue, Makani, Morgado, Nakia, Piliana, Seto, Tassill. Please contact: File Kielia at 869-609-0396, File@Kielia.com; Edie Hanohano at 808-341-1199, hano@hawaiiana.com; Redden at 808-556-9125, redwen@pacific.net; Danny Black at 808-754-0120, HawaiiPhotoNut@hawaii.rr.com.

Choe — The descendants of Sin Kun Cho and Aeela Kekelikolo have a reunion planned for Saturday and Sunday, July 5-6, at Hilo Recreation Center, Kona, for the first time, contact George Cho at 488-1827, keokooliakona@aol.com or Henry Cho, at 808-328-2367, Honouma, Kona.

Enoka — A reunion is being planned for the family of William Hall Enoka at 89 State St., Hilo, Aug.- Sep. - 1, Labor Day weekend, on Moloka'i. For more information, contact James Buchar Enoka at 808-429-6433 or e-mail to tokogak@hotmail.com or Cheryl K. Enoka at 808-391-9651 or echokomoka@hawaii.rr.com.

Halemana/Nanowie — A reunion is being planned for the family of Susan Wohlers, in August 1872 by the niihe of Susan Wohlers. She was a carpenter at Lihu'e and Hijnamaulu Plantations. In recognition of this important event, we will be meeting on May 10 to see if there is enough interest and help to plan this important event. Surnames include: Abdul, Black, Bright, Cornette, Cruz, Davis, Hanohano, Harvest, Kalekili, Kaholo, Kamia, Kamau, Kealaola, Kealani, Kim, Kuni, Laue, Makani, Morgado, Nakia, Piliana, Seto, Tassill.

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Hanohano/Kahunahuna — A family reunion is planned in Hilo on Aug. 22-24. We are looking forward to gathering with ‘ohana members to share our family information. If you have any pictures or genealogy information, we would appreciate if you would contact us or join us at the reunion. Contact Betty Martin at 5507 Lehu'uila St., Kihei, HI 96744, or Kay Pires, 737-2916.

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INVENTORY from page 7: the ceded lands is responsible for ensuring a full accurate accounting as part of its fiduciary duty.

The state's project has been shelved. Kame'eleihiwa points out that a full inventory would not just help Hawaiians but also benefit the general public, in determining what lands and will eventually benefit the Hawaiian Home funds, in determining what lands and won't even provide to Hawaiians their 20 percent pro rata share of revenues. “Give them back to Hawaiians the funds they contributed,” Kame'eleihiwa says if the state can't properly manage trust lands and won't even provide to Hawaiians their 20 percent pro rata share of revenues, “give them back to us and we'll do the job.”

The state has treated trust lands like a "slush fund," says. "Oh, we can do anything we want, let's put beach parks on it, park fields, leave it to golf courses, hotels, schools, airports, harbors, military for low or no rent. And what do Hawaiians get out of it? Well it's not a good thing, they're dying, they'll be gone one day.'

"Well, there's 400,000 of us now; we're back," Kame'eleihiwa smiles. "We are the landlords come to collect the rent. Hawaiians are perfectly capable of judiciously controlling and caring for their lands, Kame'eleihiwa asserts. "Given the state's kingpulp (slumy) mismanagement up to now, we certainly couldn't do worse."
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Under the provisions of the Hawaii Procurement Code, Chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) invites interested persons or firms to submit current statements of qualifications and expressions of interest to OHA for the following services that OHA anticipates needing in the remainder of the current fiscal year (from July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003) and for the upcoming fiscal year (July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004). Persons and firms who previously submitted statements of qualifications and expressions of interest since February 1, 2003, for fiscal year 2002-2003 need only submit a written statement expressing continued interest in being considered for inclusion on the list of qualified vendors for fiscal year 2003-2004:

Public Relations and Media Coordination

Plan, develop and conduct public information campaigns, including the use of mass media, informational workshops, conferences, symposia and forums relating to topics of importance to Native Hawaiians; Develop and produce persuasive and informational audio, video, and print materials for use by a wide range of presenters and for consumption by a broad-based audience; Review and assess the effectiveness of OHA's public information campaigns and revise, as necessary.

PARTY'S INTEREST IN BEING RETAINED TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE CATEGORY LISTED ABOVE SHOULD SUBMIT A LETTER OF INTEREST CLEARLY IDENTIFYING THEIR INTEREST AND WHICH INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. The name of the firm or person, the principal place of business, and location of all its offices;
2. The age of the firm and its average number of employees over the past five (5) years;
3. The education, training and qualifications of key members of the firm;
4. The names and phone numbers of up to five (5) clients whom may be contacted, including at least two (2) for whom services were rendered during the preceding year;
5. Any promotional or descriptive literature which the firm desires to submit; and
6. Any other information touching upon the firm's qualifications for selection.

Letters of interest and proposals should be sent to the Administrator, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, 711 Kapilolani Boulevard, Suite 500, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813.

All letters of interest and proposals must be received by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, May 23. Facsimiles will not be accepted. All inquiries regarding this notice should be directed to Peter L. Yee, Director, Hawaiian Governance & Native Rights, 594-1831.
NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR
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Recipients of the Order of Ke Ali'i Pauahi Award will be recognized at a special ceremony on November 5, 2003 at the Hawai'i Theatre.

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Nominees will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Qualities of character and leadership consistent with the spirit of Ke Ali'i Pauahi.
- Contributions or service to the Hawaiian community.
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