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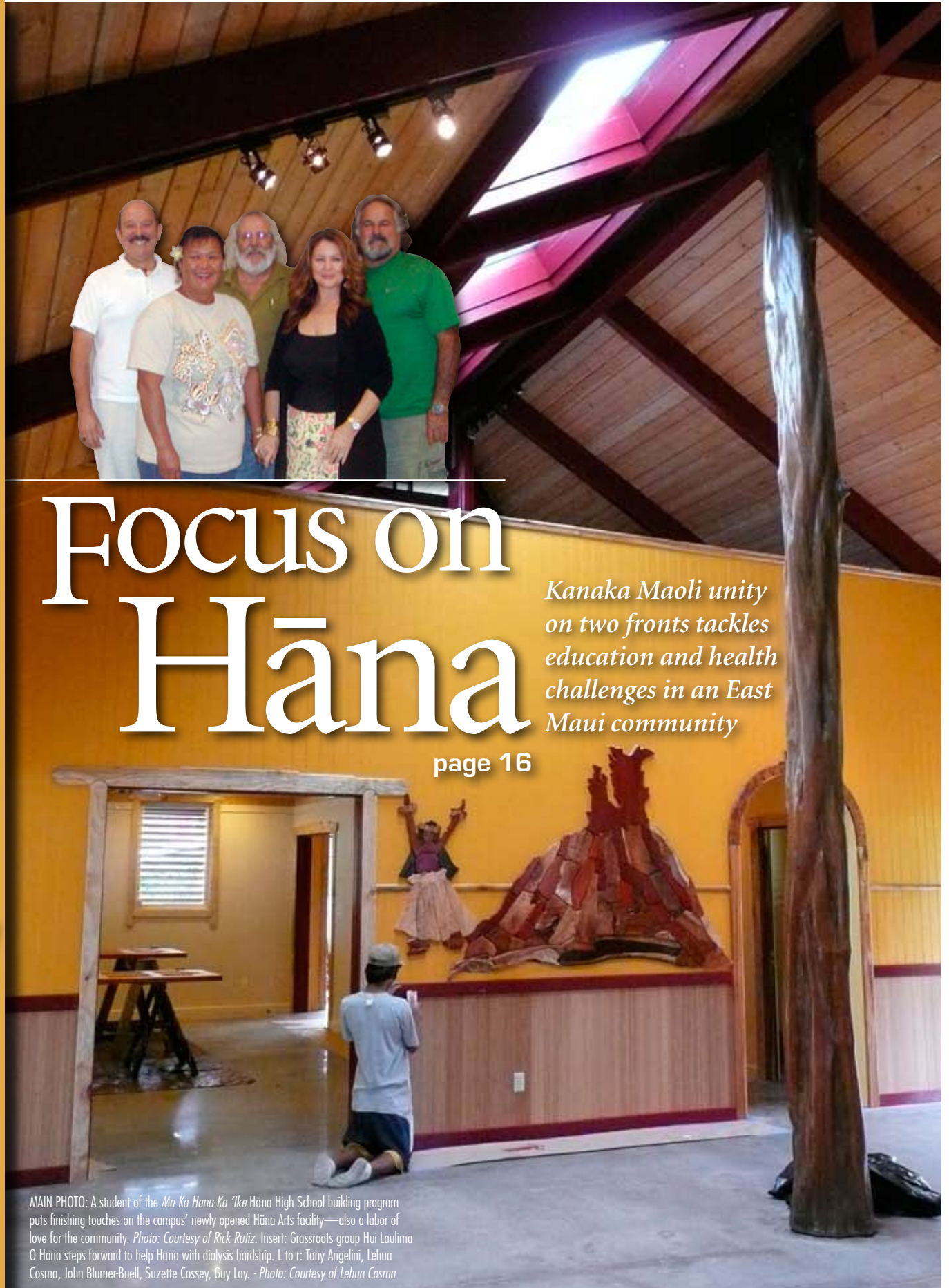
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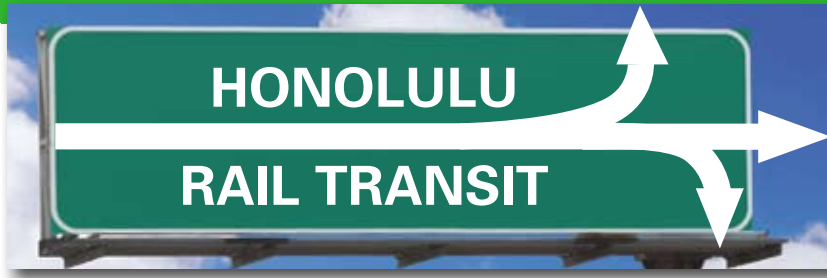


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MAIN PHOTO: A student of the *Ma Ka Hana Ka 'Ike* Hāna High School building program puts finishing touches on the campus' newly opened Hāna Arts facility—also a labor of love for the community. Photo: Courtesy of Rick Ruiz. Insert: Grassroots group Hui Lāulima O Hāna steps forward to help Hāna with dialysis hardship. L to r: Tony Angelini, Lehua Cosma, John Blumer-Buell, Suzette Cossey, Guy Lay. - Photo: Courtesy of Lehua Cosma



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Where can I get a copy of the Draft EIS in English?

The Draft EIS is available at all state libraries; the City library; all universities; and the Department of Transportation Services (650 South King Street, 3rd floor); and online at www.honolulutrainsit.org.

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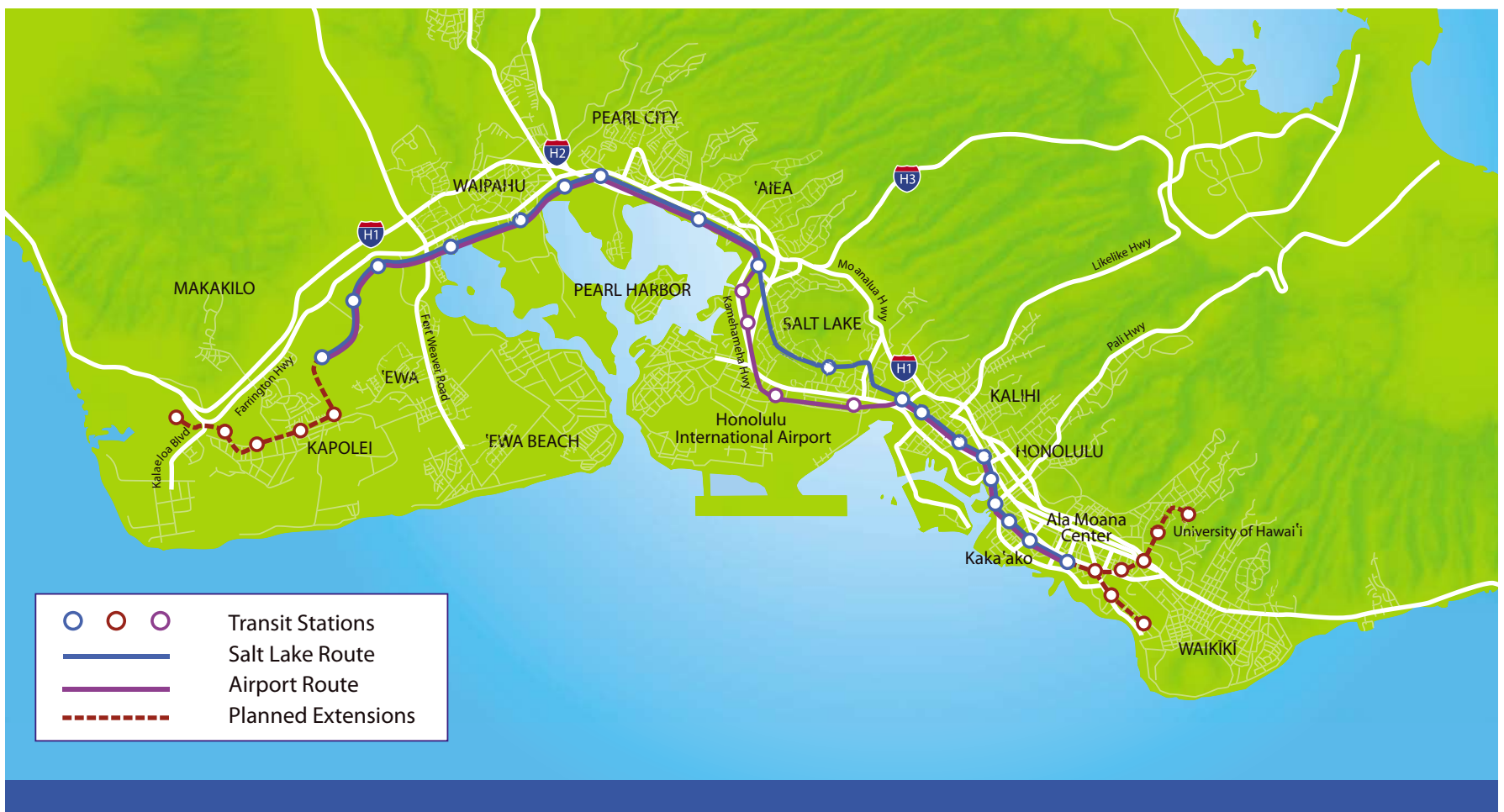
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OHA Stryker lawsuit settled

By KWD Staff

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs will be able to survey for cultural sites on Stryker Brigade Combat Team training areas as part of an agreement reached with the Army to resolve OHA's 2006 federal lawsuit.

OHA's suit, filed on Nov. 14, 2006, alleged that the Army violated the National Historic Preservation Act and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act by failing to comply with a 2004 Programmatic Agreement between the Army, the State Historic Preservation Office and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation stemming from the Army's Stryker transformation activities in Līhu'e (the traditional name for the Schofield Barracks region) and other parts of Hawai'i.

The lawsuit came about after cultural monitors who were working under the Programmatic Agreement assisted in the discov-



OHA and the Army have reached an agreement to resolve OHA's lawsuit over the \$1.5 billion preparations to base the 8-wheeled, 19-ton Stryker assault vehicle in Hawai'i. - Photo: Courtesy of Tech. Sgt. Mike Buytas, U.S. Air Force

ery of numerous culturally and historically significant sites and burial grounds in the area that were overlooked by the military's archaeologists. Among the instances of reported cultural resource impacts were substantial damage to Hale'au'au heiau by bulldozers; displacement and damage of ki'i pōhaku (petroglyphs); the filling of a stream bed known to contain Native Hawaiian cultural sites; and the building of a road over burial grounds.

The \$1.5 billion plan to base about 300 of the 8-wheeled, 19-ton

Stryker assault vehicles in Hawai'i involves extensive redevelopment of existing training areas.

The agreement to resolve the lawsuit will allow OHA representatives, together with a neutral archaeologist and accompanied by Army representatives, to survey Army training areas at Līhu'e and Kahuku on O'ahu and Pōhakuloa on Hawai'i Island.

Through these and past surveys, OHA and Army representatives ensure the appropriate identification and treatment of cultural and historic resources in these locations.

"This agreement will afford OHA the opportunity to have a first-hand look at important cultural resources that would not otherwise be accessible to the general public, and to determine whether they were fully addressed in the Army's prior surveys of areas affected by Stryker activities," said OHA Chairperson Haunani Apoliona.

Also as part of the agreement, both parties have agreed to negotiate potential revisions to the 2004 Programmatic Agreement, which detailed processes to ensure compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act with regard to the identification, evaluation, treatment and management of historic properties.

"We believe this agreement will build upon our existing robust programs to identify and care for these cultural and historical resources, while balancing the need for soldier training which is so vital to ensuring that America's sons and daughters in our military are prepared for combat," said Col. Matthew T. Margotta, commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Hawai'i.

Maui biz conferees gather at Wailea

By Blaine Fergerstrom
Ka Wai Ola staff

The Maui Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce opened its second annual Business Fest on Nov. 19 at the Grand Wailea Resort on Maui's southeastern coast. The business consortium gathered its members to discuss the state of business in Maui County and among its members, largely composed of Native Hawaiian business operators.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs partnered with the MNHCC to present the conference, which attracted over 500 attendees for the two days. Maui OHA Trustee Boyd Mossman, one of the founders and a past-president of the MNHCC, played an active role in the conference.

The OHA Nā 'Ōiwi 'Ōlino radio show took to the road to broadcast live from the Business Fest. Regular hosts (newly-elected state Sen.) Brickwood Galuteria and

Kimo Kaho'āno welcomed guest host Alaka'i Paleka, who added her unique Maui perspective to the show. The show broadcasts live, Monday through Friday on AM 940 in Honolulu and on radio stations on Maui and Hawai'i Island. On Maui the show is simulcast on KNUJ AM 900. The show is also webcast worldwide, live, at am940hawaii.com.

Mossman made an appearance on the radio with MNHCC Conference Chair Mercer "Chubby" Vicens, as did OHA Chairperson Haunani Apoliona. Other show guests over two days included Sandy Baz, CEO of Maui Economic Opportunity Inc.; OHA Economic Development Hale Director Mark Glick; Andy Poepoe of the U.S. Small Business Administration; Maka'ala Yates, D.C. and Kumu Charles Kauluwehi Maxwell talking about Native Hawaiian health and healing; Keli'i Taua and David Kauahikaua

talking about their recent music and DVD collaboration; Sam Ka'ai and Shane Tegarden discussed their collaboration on a video collage featuring images of Hawai'i as it might have looked when all endemic flora and fauna was undisturbed by introduced species; Bill Frampton of Olowalu Town Ahupua'a; and Garret Marrero of the Maui Brewing Company.

Apoliona also joined Vicens in delivering welcoming remarks. OHA Trustee and Broken Trust essay co-author Walter Heen sat on a panel, along with fellow Broken Trust co-author Beadie Dawson, and Kamehameha Schools CEO Dee Jay Mailer, in a session moderated by Mossman titled, "Don't Get Your Feet Stuck In The Lo'i." The four discussed ways Hawaiians can move forward in the modern business world without losing their traditional culture and values.

OHA Economic Development Hale Director Mark Glick sat on a

panel with Andy Poepoe and state Rep. Mele Carrol (D-E. Maui, Moloka'i, Lāna'i) in a post-election discussion titled "What Now for Native Hawaiians In Business?"

OHA Economic Development staff was on hand to talk about their new Hawai'i Procurement Training and Assistance Center, or HI-PTAC. In October, OHA received a grant from the U.S. Defense Logistics Agency to establish the center. The assistance center aims to prepare Hawai'i businesses to bid on and win government contract work. Clarita Barretto Hironaka of OHA's ECO Hale sat on a panel discussion entitled, "Government Contracting + HI-PTAC." OHA is actively seeking additional supporters for the HI-PTAC.

Maui native and Native Hawaiian Shane Victorino, outfielder for the World Series champion Philadelphia Phillies baseball team and 2008 Rawlings Gold Glove Award winner made a special appearance during lunch.



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Water to return to East Maui lo'i kalo

By T. Ilihia Gionson
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Lyn Scott is a full-time farmer of some very dry lo'i kalo in what should be one of the wettest parts of Maui. "One day get water. Next day, auē! No mo' water," Scott said. "This past summer was really dry. Nothing was coming down the stream to replenish our springs. No water, no taro."

The stream that should feed her lo'i in the ahupua'a of Honopou is one of many that are diverted to feed the irrigation and municipal water needs of central Maui, at the expense of Native Hawaiian farmers growing traditional crops, such



as Scott.

Thanks to tireless advocacy by farmers and legal help from the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, some relief may be coming soon to Scott's dry, cracked lo'i. A partial victory came in September to a seven-year battle by East Maui kalo farmers to have sufficient water flow restored to the streams that feed their lo'i.

Although water use decisions should be made for the "maximum beneficial use" of water under the state water code, the code also requires that provisions must be made for the protection of traditional and customary Hawaiian

rights, an objective declared to be in the public interest.

But the water code was not being followed, and when it came down to diverting about 160 million gallons of water a day for use in Central Maui or letting streams flow naturally down the Hāmākua coast to the sea, kalo farmers in East Maui were left with the dry end of the stick, argued a group of kalo farmers.

The Native Hawaiian Legal

Corporation is representing Nā Moku Aupuni O Ko'olau Hui, the group of kalo farmers from East Maui, in two proceedings with the goal of increasing the amount of water flowing in the streams that feed the lo'i kalo of these farmers; the first petitioning the state's Commission on Water Resources Management to amend the flow standards by which water use decisions are made, and the second challenging the Board of Land

Resources' (BLNR) permitting the removal and transport of water from these streams.

September's partial victory came in the first proceeding at a meeting of the water commission.

In 2001, NHLC filed petitions with the commission on behalf of East Maui kalo farmers to amend flow standards for 27 East Maui streams. Petitions are allowed under the state's water code to

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Part of an extensive system that diverts water from streaming is inspected. - Photo: Courtesy NHLC
Beatrice Kekahuna, left, and her niece Lyn Scott, both kalo farmers in Honopou, Maui. - Photo: Blaine Fergerstrom

NŪHOU ■ NEWS

Maui's sole Boys and Girls Club on homestead land averts closure

Pledged funds will give it six more months

By Lisa Asato
Public Information Specialist

It's a Tuesday afternoon at the Boys and Girls Club in Paukūkalo near Wailuku, Maui, and students are passing the afterschool hours in various pursuits – from the cerebral (homework), to creative (arts and crafts) to laid-back fun (movie-watching) to physical fitness (flag football).

The club – which is Maui's sole Boys and Girls Club on homestead land – was facing closure this month due to a lack of funds, but was granted a reprieve when the state Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Protection and the club's nation-

al organization pledged enough funds that would keep the club open through June 2009.

"I would be so sad if the club were to close," said Uluwehi Ornellas, a freshman at the Hawaiian immersion school Kula Kaiapuni 'o Kekaulike in Pukalani. "I know it changed me a lot," she said, adding that the program has taught her discipline. "Now I'm more mature, I get good grades, and I stay out of trouble – all thanks to Auntie Heidi guys, especially Ululani over there," she said, referring to Heidi Kalehuawehe, who runs the site, and Zerwas "Ulu" Tolentino, a part-time staffer whose four children attend the afterschool program.

"My kids love it here," said Tolentino, who was overseeing a game of Monopoly among elementary school children. She too, praises Kalehuawehe, but from the parents' point of view. "If a parent is late, we'll

stay and wait till the last kid leaves," she said. "Heidi is really good."

For her part, Kalehuawehe said her main goal is "making sure the kids have a safe place to be, and making sure that they want to be here and don't feel forced to be here." At Paukūkalo, she helped build enrollment to between 75 and 90 students a day, from 20 students several years ago, by visiting schools and organizations, through radio announcements and membership signups at Queen Ka'ahumanu Center. Students come from Wailuku, Kihei, Pukalani, Makawao, Kula, and Pāi'a. "So basically all over except Hāna and Lahaina," she said.

Kelly Pearson, operations director for Boys and Girls Clubs of Maui, said the nonprofit runs six sites and several outreach programs for youths age 6 to 17, charging \$5 annually per person. Ten dollars will cover families of two or more children. It



Children at Paukūkalo Boys and Girls Clubs gather with staffers Heidi Kalehuawehe, second from left in back row, Zerwas "Ulu" Tolentino, wearing glasses, and Nancy Ciullo, in orange. - Photo: Blaine Fergerstrom

costs \$150,000 per year to run the Paukūkalo program, she said, adding "The goal is to get enough funding to sustain the program and not have to worry about it year to year."

Boys and Girls Clubs offer opportunities for youths that they otherwise might not get, she said, like attending the Cal Ripken baseball camp in Maryland, which eight youths from the BGC of Maui attended in August, including Paukūkalo's Po'okela Moniz, an 11-year-old second baseman who

attends Waihe'e Elementary. The eight were selected on "participation in club activities, how they're doing on their schoolwork, if they help around the club," said Pearson. "The kids had to earn it – there was a reason they were sent."

For 8-year-old Leeanna Murray, whose cousin and sister also attend the Paukūkalo afterschool program, the site holds a tastier kind of promise. Asked what her favorite part is, the fourth grader said, "Snack packs!"

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A FAVORITE SON RETURNS HOME

Shane Victorino hails Hawaiian values as part of his success

Shane Victorino hailed his Native Hawaiian upbringing with teaching him the values of family and keeping grounded, at the Maui Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce's Business Fest in November.

By Lisa Asato
Public Information Specialist

World Series champion Shane Victorino was welcomed with open arms by fans on O'ahu and Maui, just weeks after helping the Philadelphia Phillies clinch its first championship since 1980 and after being named a Gold Glove recipient for being one of the top defensive players in the National League.

At Les Murakami Stadium at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Victorino threw out the ceremonial opening pitch at a Hawai'i Winter Baseball game

to 2008 Little League World Champion Pikai Winchester and admitted later to reporters he was worried about his pitch reaching home plate. "No questions asked," said Victorino, who also tossed signed baseballs to the crowd. "You always dream of coming back to a place where you watched baseball as a kid growing up. And to be honored, I definitely was nervous."

But Victorino saved his first official autograph session in the Islands' for his home island, Maui, where about 400 gathered for the opening of a Hawaiian Island Creations store in Lahaina Cannery Mall to meet the baseball standout and take home a keepsake. "I'm a switch hitter like (Victorino)," said 13-year-old Noah Camara, who, like his younger brother Isaiah, got his baseball autographed. "We're from Maui too," Noah said, "so I'm proud of him and thanking him for being the first Maui boy to play in the World Series, and I hope I can go too."

Howard Ka'ai, who came with his son Matini Makana Perlas-Ka'ai, said seeing a

Native Hawaiian excel on the world stage gives young Native Hawaiians something to aim for. "Not to many Hawaiians get the chance to play in the big leagues, so that's good for the local kids, they can look at him ... (and see) it is possible, anything is possible."

That's the message Victorino had for the kids in Lāhaina. "Work hard in school, work hard on the field," he told them. "In fact, you never know what can happen. I used to come to this mall when I was a kid. Hopefully 20, 30 years from now I can come back and watch you guys give a speech."

Earlier that day, Victorino recalled his Native Hawaiian upbringing, which taught him lessons of staying grounded. "That's the one thing I always think (about)," he told a roomful of business folks gathering at the annual Maui Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce Business Fest at the Grand Wailea. "You always stay grounded, you always stay close to home, you always remember your family – that's what I always say about the state of Hawai'i, all the islands ... is that we're 'ohana and no matter what we have to stay together."

THIRD ANNUAL WEST O'AHU BASEBALL CLINIC

Shane Victorino headlines island baseball clinics Dec. 10, 13 and 14. Other local pros participating in the clinics include Tyler Yates, (Kaua'i High, of the Pittsburgh Pirates) and Kila Ka'aihue ('Iolani, of the Kansas City Royals).

>> Dec. 10, Patsy T. Mink
Central O'ahu Regional Park,
2-6 p.m., for ages 8 to 18.

>> Dec. 13 and 14, Vidinha Baseball
Stadium on Kaua'i. The clinic for
8- to 12-year-olds will run from
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; ages 13 to
18 will be from 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Cost is \$55 per person for the O'ahu clinic and \$70 for Kaua'i, includes a T-shirt, snack and a chance to receive baseball memorabilia.

For more information, call 262-4538, visit kamaainakids.com, or email elitesports@kamaainakids.com.

Other pros scheduled to appear are: Jeff Bailey of the Boston Red Sox, and Justin Germano, Colt Morton, Drew Macias and Shawn Wooten, all of the San Diego Padres.



Above inset: Fans, with Hawaiian Island Creations CEO Leigh Tonai, in red, enjoy a laugh with the world champ.

Right inset: Brothers Noah, left, and Isaiah Camara, got their baseballs signed by Victorino at Lahaina Cannery Mall. Noah, a switch-hitter like Victorino, says he wants to play in the majors too. - Photos: Blaine Fergstrom



Kā'anapali Beach Hotel continues its 30-year love affair with cultural tourism

By Liza Simon
Public Affairs Specialist

Long known as the real turbine of the state's tourism-driven economy, Maui now ties with Hawai'i Island in seeing the state's steepest decline in hotel occupancy and visitor arrivals, according to state figures for the third-quarter of 2008 ending in September. Hotels are responding by furloughing workers, trimming employees' shifts or cutting jobs. Thirty-four hotel workers last month allege they were laid off without advance notice from the Kā'anapali Beach Club; they've filed a grievance with their union, Local 5. This is one more indication of lean times ahead for local households, no thanks to the Hawai'i tourism industry's perfect storm of misery: rising fuel prices, grounded airlines and the meltdown of financial markets worldwide.

But at least one resort property, the Kā'anapali Beach Hotel, is bucking the tide and pledging that lay-offs are not an option. To retain its market share, the 432-room resort is banking largely on its reputation as the state's piko of cultural tourism – the effort to instill cultural values in the hospitality industry.

Native Hawaiian scholar and educator George Kanahele is credited with bringing cultural tourism to life at Kā'anapali Beach Hotel nearly 30 years ago. That's when tourism had become the state's predominant employer, surpassing the military for the first time. But tourism's commercialization of culture and plethora of service jobs were perceived then – as they frequently still are – as stifling to Native Hawaiian identity and economic progress. Kanahele reasoned that travel was an enduring and enriching pursuit and he believed Hawaiians had a special contribution to make.

"Dr. Kanahele said we as Hawaiians do this by being our true ourselves, connecting with guests and sharing the spirit of



The cultural tourism-savvy staff from Kā'anapali Beach Hotel pictured here are (l. to r.) employee training executive Dee Coyle, cultural resource specialist Makalapua Kanuha and Po'okela Project director Lori Sablas. - Photos: Blaine Fergstrom

ho'okipa. This is who we are and it comes to us naturally," said Lori Sablas, who directs the Po'okela Project, the flagship award-winning cultural tourism program, through which Kanahele first put principles into action at Kā'anapali Beach Hotel.

As part of employee training on company time, Po'okela immerses workers in a creative array of workshops related to Hawaiian heritage. The list of topics spreads in as many directions as a banyan tree's roots: kalo, ahupua'a, Hawaiian monarchy, Lahaina legends – you name it. The resort's corporate headquarters once called Sablas, asking about the program's relevance to its strategic plan. She laughed at the memory. "We don't

always do things in that Western way," she said. "Sometimes we are moved by ke Akua to pick a certain topic. Po'okela is not for commercial promotion, it's truly for employees."

But what about that Western way of the bottom line? Can Po'okela toe that line and help bring in revenue when personal travel budgets have been subsumed by rising expenses of daily living?

The question gets a hearty laugh from Makalapua Kanuha, one of seven full-time kumu on the Po'okela staff and also the sister of O'ahu hula master Frank Hewitt. "You can only drink so many mai tais and get sunburned in so many places before you want something real. People who come here want

to learn our culture," she said. "So we empower employees to accomplish this together."

One sign of Kā'anapali Beach Hotel's vested interest in cultural tourism is that the hotel has financed Kanuha's professional development by sending her to the new Native Hawaiian leadership program, known as Ola Hawai'i, at the School of Travel Industry

good business sense to embrace Hawaiian culture, he said. In the economic slump after 9-11, other resort properties cut staff; Kā'anapali Beach Hotel kept a pledge to keep staff and sustain the Po'okela Project. The hotel managed to rebound more quickly than its neighboring properties. "The best marketing is always that guest who has felt good about Hawai'i just by everyday conversations with employees, so that he goes home and tells everyone about the great experience," said White. One added perk of the Po'okela

"You can only drink so many mai tais and get sunburned in so many places before you want something real. People who come here want to learn our culture."

— Makalapua Kanuha and Po'okela project kumu

Management at the University of Hawai'i Mānoa. The 18-month certificate course has a curriculum designed by Peter Apo and other leaders of the Native Hawaiian Hospitality Association, the lead organization named by the state's Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) to implement a cultural initiative for sustainable and responsible tourism in Hawai'i, another move credited to the legacy of George Kanahele.

But in this grim economy, HTA recently announced it is trimming its budget for Hawaiian-themed events such as festivals, originally components of the initiative. A decline in the Transient Accommodations Tax, or TAT, used to fund the HTA, led to the decision, said Marsha Wienert, state tourism liaison. HTA's top budget priority now is marketing to visitors to get them back into hotel rooms to once again raise revenues generated by the hotel-room tax, which can then be applied to more cultural events.

It may look logical on a balance sheet, but Kā'anapali Beach Hotel manager Mike White said he is wary of luring visitors and not giving them the culture that will bring them back because culture is what distinguishes Hawai'i. Kā'anapali Beach Hotel has proven it makes

training, he believes, is a contribution to employee retention, which increased by 24 percent following the establishment of the project.

Then again, the current economic slide is more severe than what came after 9-11. Visitor arrivals are hampered by fewer airlines servicing Hawai'i. Meanwhile, hotel costs – notably resort electric bills – are soaring. Occupancy rates for all Kā'anapali properties have declined. Those that depend on large bookings of conventions are in the worst shape. Kā'anapali Beach Hotel, which has neither timeshare nor convention accommodations, is struggling to retain market share of individual travelers.

White said his property's revenue is down and, yes, he worries. "But when you're a hotel manager, you cannot walk around looking gloomy. You have to set a positive example," he said.

Certainly, this is the pono way. White, who knew Kanahele and was inspired by his ideas for cultural tourism, said regardless of financial news in reports for the next fiscal quarter, he and others at KBH have something to look forward to, namely the end of makahiki season. As part of a Po'okela workshop on the traditional Hawaiian season, every employee is preparing a related activity. 🌺

Kamehameha Schools on Maui opens new venue for the arts

By Lisa Asato
Public Information Specialist

At Kamehameha Schools' Maui campus, the class of 2009 will have the distinction of being the first to have its graduation ceremony in the new

"He Makana Aloha" Christmas Concert

Kamehameha Schools Maui showcases its finest talent in high school theater, choir, Hawaiian Ensemble and strings along with the elementary school Nā Mele Choir in two free shows on Sat. Dec. 6, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; 5:30 p.m. stew and rice bowls, \$5, includes a drink. Kamehameha Schools Maui, Keōpūolani Hale. For RSVP and meal ticket information, call Mrs. Hughes at 808-572-4204.

Keōpūolani Hale, a 600-seat multipurpose facility that also provides a new home for chapel services for faculty and students grades K-12.

Since its Sept. 12 blessing, Keōpūolani Hale has shown its wide potential, hosting the drama club's production of Seussical, the semiannual Native Hawaiian film festival Ho'oluana, and the debut of a photography exhibit portraying pre-contact Hawai'i by Shane Tegarden, called Ho'omana'o I Nā Wā I Huliau. The exhibit was shown to students before being opened to the public that night, reflecting the school's plans to use the facility to educate both students and the community.

"(Kamehameha Schools Trustee) Admiral Kihune, who came for the blessing, put it nicely saying, that with this theater we're able to showcase the talents of our students but also showcase our culture and language on that stage as well," according to Luana Kawa'a, Hawaiian

protocol facilitator for KS Maui.

Kawa'a said that because the \$18.5 million facility is named after Keōpūolani, a chiefess of nī'aupi'o status – the highest rank of an ali'i – the school would be careful to respect her name. "There is a review process before an event is scheduled in Keōpūolani, and that goes back to cultural protocol," said Kawa'a. "When we do things in that building we want to do things that honor who she was as a Hawaiian chiefess as well as a strong Christian."

The venue's interior reflects both of those qualities. A solid koa cross hangs on a wall opposite a lei hulu done in Ka Mō'i style for Keōpūolani, and hand-held kahili honor her children, while two standing kahili are done in red, symbolizing her sacred status, Kawa'a said. The contemporary pieces were created specifically for the building, with the help of groups like Hālau Kekuaokalā'au'ala'iliahi, which




Luana Kawa'a, Hawaiian protocol facilitator for Kamehameha Schools Maui, and Chad Lovell of KS communications, outside the 600-seat Keōpūolani Hale, which serves as the symbolic piko of the schools' Maui campus. - Photo: Lisa Asato

created the featherwork.

Kahu Kalani Wong, who can now hold chapel service in Keōpūolani Hale instead of in the gym, called the new 16,000-square-foot facility the "spiritual and cultural center" of the campus. That the hale offers a view facing Keōpūolani's birthplace at Pihana Heiau, or Haleki'i, in Wailuku is "serendipity," he said.

Campus Headmaster Lee Ann DeLima said the completion of the building ends one phase of construction at the Pukalani campus, which serves about 1,100 stu-

dents in grades K through 12. The building, she said, has the latest technology. "If we wanted to do an assembly across the (three) campuses, we could. If we wanted to have a guest speaker come on via Polycom, we can do that," she said. "We no longer have to incur expenses of flying people over."

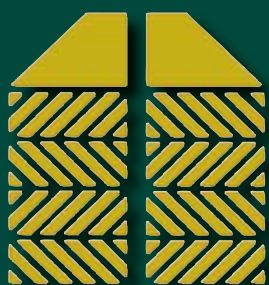
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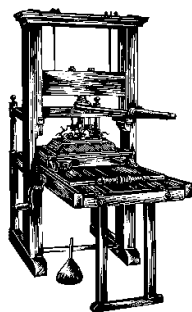
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Kēlā Mea Kēia Mea

Within the dozens of Hawaiian-language newspapers published during the 19th and early 20th centuries were often found engaging columns entitled Kēlā Mea Kēia Mea. These features carried small tidbits of news and interesting happenings from places throughout the islands. With that same mana'o, this modern-day column is published with the idea of bringing to the readers brief bits of interesting and sometimes lesser-known histories. These "news bites" have been collected during the course of research in newspaper, manuscript, correspondence and other archival collections around Hawai'i. The sources are both Hawaiian language and English. It is hoped that, like its many predecessors, this column might inform, entertain and perhaps even spark discussion. Me ka ha'aha'a no.

■ Honolulu. April 26, 1862.

A letter of petition was recieved yesterday by His Majesty Alexander Liholiho from eight Hawaiian residents of the island's prison. The plea is addressed "I ka Moi Lokomaikai Nui Kamehameha." The fretful detainees humbly lay out their case for review by their benevolent King. The men have been convicted of selling rum without a license. Being unable to pay the severe fine of \$500 apiece, they have been sentenced by the court to enter prison and work at hard labor for six years. They have toiled there for eight months already and now modestly petition His Gracious Majesty to decrease the amount of time that they serve as he sees fit.

■ Honolulu. Jan. 17, 1894. Her Gracious Majesty Queen Lili'uokalani recieved an exceedingly valiant letter last Thursday through her Captain of the Royal Guard, Sam Nowlein. The five-page letter details to "ka makua o ka lehulehu" how the 26 undersigned police officers have remained loyal to Her by refusing to serve under the



By
Ronald
Williams Jr.

Provisional Government and are giving up their livelihoods because of "ke aloha i ka aina a ko kakou kupuna." These brave and patriotic men, led by 1st Lt. William Kalakai, have assured Her Majesty that at the sound of Her voice, they will do as She says.

■ Honolulu. Oct. 5, 1894. We noticed in yesterday's Advertiser an announcement for a new book purporting to be an account of the "Hawaiian Revolution" written by our local historian W.D. Alexander. The ad is framed with the words "ACCURATE" and "IMPARTIAL." Now isn't this the same Mr. Alexander who, soon after the overthrow, was appointed by the Provisional Government to be an annexation commissioner to the United States? We have also found out that in his work to sell Americans on this grossly unjust idea, he has laid out some of the P.G.'s plans. In a letter to J.J. Morgan of Georgetown, Texas, Alexander writes, "The leaders of the Provisional Government desire to use the Crown lands and government lands in such a way as to provide for industrious and thrifty settlers from the United States. As soon as the Stars and Stripes are raised, a tide of immigration will blow in from the Pacific states..." Alexander then counters questions about whether Native Hawaiians should have a say in the matter by writing the Texas resident, "Again, you know what it is to have a majority of ignorant and degraded colored voters, if not in your own state, at least in neighboring states."

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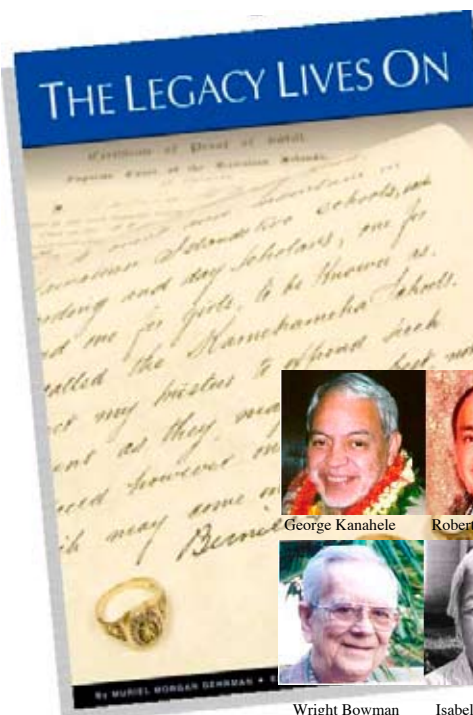
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Kahana Valley

'The most challenging decision I've faced as Chair'



By Laura H. Thielen

Ka Wai Ola recently wrote about the Ahupua'a 'o Kahana State Park. Mahalo to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for this opportunity to share my thoughts and experiences in this significant and emotional matter.

Some history of Kahana – the proposal for a “living park” and how that idea has worked in practice – is important to understanding past decisions and how best to move forward today.

After the Great Mahele, the Ahupua'a of Kahana was divided into 33 small parcels to the maka'āinana and the majority to Keohokalole, mother of King Kalākaua and Queen Lili'uokalani.

Overtime, Mary Foster purchased Kahana. Foster leased to Native Hawaiians, Chinese, Japanese and Filipinos. The ahupua'a became a multicultural mix of people who lived a rural lifestyle.

In 1965, the state condemned Kahana for the purpose of creating a public park.

Between 1970 and 1985, the state, Kahana residents and community discussed ideas for a “living park” that allowed Kahana residents to remain in the ahupua'a in exchange for delivering interpretive services for visitors to the public park.

In 1988, the Legislature authorized the state Department of Land and Natural Resources, or DLNR, to issue 65-year leases to the 31 families of Kahana. The Legislature noted that the residential area was limited to the original number of leases. Families could pass their home to one successor. This meant young adults had to leave the ahupua'a if they wanted their own home.

By 1993, the 31 families were issued leases and committed to 25 hours a month of interpretive services. Over time, many children of

the original families moved out of the ahupua'a. Six relatives stayed in abandoned structures at the park entrance without leases, applying for a “replacement” lease.

DLNR thought it could issue

munication problems. However, due to no agreement among residents – a 2001 legislative report noted there were “at least” three different competing groups among the 31 families – there's no preferred approach.

This report noted that some families didn't provide any interpretive services. Residents complained that “the failure of state parks to take decisive action has

permit any “replacement” leases.

By summer 2008, we knew DLNR couldn't issue any more leases, needed to work more collaboratively with the 31 families on the interpretive programs, and together bring the families who were not participating into the programs. We also had to address the six families who remained at the park entrance without leases.

We notified the six families they

not their own relatives who had followed the law. Some were concerned that favoring the six would send the wrong message to families refusing to participate in the interpretive programs.

People outside Kahana complained that the living park was not meeting the vision and the state had an obligation to open the park entrance to make it a place welcoming residents and visitors alike.

This was the most challenging decision I've faced as Chair of DLNR. I struggled with finding a solution that gave the Legislature time to address new leases but to also be fair to the families providing interpretive programs, to the 22 children who had followed the law and that would open the entrance of the park.

I offered to relocate the six families to the residential area of the park in temporary shelters while the Legislature revisited the issue of new leases. That would open the park entrance, provide the six no permanent rights over the other applicants, support the active residents and encourage all families to participate in the interpretive programs.

I arranged two meetings with the six families to share these ideas and listen to theirs, since mine can always be improved upon. Unfortunately the families chose not to meet, and have indicated they are seeking leases to remain at the entrance of the park.

Now the matter rests in the hands of the Legislature. There is no easy solution for Kahana, and I wish them the best in their deliberations. If the area remains a state park, I trust the Legislature will continue to respect the basic foundation of the public's right to access state parks, keep residential areas separated from the public areas and make Ahupua'a 'o Kahana State Park a public park that welcomes and enriches all residents and visitors of Hawai'i.

For more information on the legislative report referenced here, see Kahana: *what was, what is, what can be*, Legislative Reference Bureau, 2001.

Laura H. Thielen is the chairperson of the state Department of Land and Natural Resources.



Pictured in foreground, Dr. Jon Osorio, state Sen. Clayton Hee, Kahana resident Lena Soliven and Dr. Lilikala Kame'eleihewa held a press conference Oct. 30 protesting Kahana Valley evictions. - Photo: Blaine Fergstrom

KAHANA VALLEY UPDATE

Kahana Valley evictions stayed

The fate of six families who are living in Kahana Valley without leases from the state is now in the hands of the state Legislature. The state Department of Land and Natural Resources stayed the evictions of the families last month, saying it would give lawmakers time to address the issue in the 2009 session,

which starts in January.

Residents who have leases to live at Ahupua'a 'o Kahana State Park under a “living park” concept are not affected by the eviction. But the six families who are seeking leases have filed a temporary restraining order in court, and the public has rallied in their support. Among the supporters is state Sen. Clayton Hee, who has said he would reintroduce a bill this session to allow the state to negotiate new leases for the Windward O'ahu valley even though he doesn't believe the state has cause to evict. According to a March 2008 opinion by the state Attorney General's office, the state's ability to grant new leases expired in 1993. — Lisa Asato

“replacement” leases if any of the 31 lessees defaulted. Twenty-eight people applied for replacement leases – 22 children of lessees who followed the law and moved out of the ahupua'a but wanted to return, and the six who remained in the abandoned structures at the park entrance.

Meanwhile, DLNR and the residents wrestled with the interpretive program. Clearly DLNR is responsible for much of the com-

a negative impact on the other residents, who see these [few] as ‘getting away’ with continual non-compliance, and for those other Kahana-related families, including grown children of residents, who want to be active participants in the park.”

In 2005, 2007 and 2008, the state Legislature refused to amend the law to allow new leases. In 2008, the Attorney General notified DLNR that the law did not

had to move and worked with OHA and Alu Like to offer transitional services. Several months later we posted eviction notices and brought back Alu Like and Catholic Charities and began searching for transitional housing.

Area legislators asked if we would let the six stay in place for one more session while they tried to change the law to give them leases.

Some of the 31 families asked why I would favor the six and

Hawai'i County Council: No can grow GMO

At a specially convened meeting that stretched into the wee hours of November 13, the Hawai'i County Council voted to reverse Mayor Harry Kim's veto of Bill 361, banning the genetic engineering of kalo and coffee in Hawai'i County. The bill is now an ordinance, and violators will be fined \$1,000.

Bill 361 was introduced by Native Hawaiian councilman Angel Pilago to help protect kalo, a staple crop considered the eldest Hawaiian and thus sacred to Hawaiians, and Kona coffee, a unique economic resource for the island.

Proponents of the ban fear that engineered varieties of kalo and coffee could contaminate organic and other specialty varieties of the plants, something that has happened with other engineered crops. Opponents of the ban say scientific engineering is needed to protect important crops from disease and pests, and some farmers fear that the GMO ban could be extended to their crops.

The bill was initially passed 9-0 by the council in early October.

Sonar restrictions lifted in California, remain in Hawai'i

In a defeat for environmental groups, the U.S. Supreme Court last month lifted restrictions on the Navy's use of sonar in training exercises off the California coast.

Under a previous lower court decision, the Navy's submarine-hunting exercises were required to use precautions whenever their ships came within a set distance of whales, including several protected species. Environmentalists, citing evidence of whales' susceptibility to serious and fatal injury caused by the effects of sonar testing, filed suit to keep limits on the Navy practice exercises in place.

The majority opinion did not address the merits of the claims put forward by the environmental groups. It said, rather, that the overall public interest tips "strongly in favor of the Navy," and the need to adequately train a U.S. anti-submarine force.

Meanwhile, limits on Navy sonar

testing in Hawaiian waters remain in place under an injunction imposed last February by U.S. District Court Judge David Ezra. This marked a court victory for Earthjustice Hawai'i. A lawsuit brought by Earthjustice against the Navy, mirrored the one by environmental groups in California in citing research that whales suffer life-threatening physical harm from sonar. Sonar testing continues to take place in Hawaiian waters but must follow the court-imposed requirement to stay at a safe distance from whales.

DHHL chooses Target, Safeway for Pana'ewa

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has selected a partnership between Safeway, Inc. and Target Brands, Inc. to lease a 15.5-acre commercial property in Pana'ewa, Hilo, Hawai'i Island that will generate \$18.1 million over the next 25 years to build more affordable housing for native Hawaiians.

"We welcome the opportunity to support the economy and improve the quality of life for residents by providing job opportunities and expanded services," said Micah Kāne, director of DHHL. "The revenue we generate also goes back into our existing communities and helps develop new affordable homeownership opportunities for native Hawaiians."

The site is behind Wal-Mart, across the street from Home Depot, and kitty corner to Prince Kūhiō Plaza. Wal-Mart was considering building a Supercenter on the site in 2007. The proposal drew community opposition, culminating in an unsuccessful move on the Hawai'i County Council to ban stores like the Supercenter. Wal-Mart later cancelled the plans, citing a new strategy of slower growth.

Target operates over 1,600 stores in 47 states. Target's first Hawai'i stores, in Kapolei and Āliapa'akai, O'ahu and Kona, Hawai'i are scheduled to open next year. Safeway operates over 1,700 stores under five names across the U.S. and Canada, including 19 Safeway stores in Hawai'i. One Safeway is located in the nearby Prince Kūhiō Plaza.

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Aloha 'Āina



By Claire Ku'uleilani
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A belief at the core of Hawaiian existence is their relationship to the land, the 'āina. Traditions tell us the 'āina, Hawai'i, was created from the union of Papa and Wākea, "earth mother" and "sky father," and the first mortal was Wākea's son, Hāloa, from whom all Hawaiians have descended. Our kūpuna taught us that everything in the universe possesses a life force called mana. And that the mana of the 'āina provides life to kanaka maoli, through kalo, crops and foliage that sprout from the 'āina, the fresh water that flows through it and the pure oxygen produced by its foliage. And history tells us that our ancestors, each day, experienced, witnessed and appreciated

the gifts of Papa and Wākea. Daily prayers in the halemua were filled with appreciation for all gifts in the Hawaiian universe. In his book *Kū Kanaka*, George Kanahele explains, "the idea that the 'āina is sacred is a powerful belief that persists among contemporary Hawaiians."

The connection to their birthplace strengthened the sense of belonging within kanaka maoli. In old Hawai'i, this feeling was enhanced by being surrounded by blood relatives in communities. Families became part of the history and productivity of that birthplace. Family accomplishments were made possible by their environment, the ocean, streams, mountains and land where they lived. Families wove the physical characteristics and virtues of their birthplace into family genealogies. The connectedness to the land, a "sense of place," is

an important component of the Hawaiian psychological well-being. This connection is expressed frequently in song, by the words "ku'u one hānau" (the sands of my birth) or "one hānau o ke kūpuna" (homeland of the ancestors). Until recently, upon meeting someone new, Hawaiians immediately asked about birthplaces and relatives in the process of identifying the newcomer. This is an acknowledgement of one's connection to the 'āina.

Kanaka maoli embrace the 'āina and the kuleana to protect it. Kanaka maoli continue to exhibit concern for preserving the beauty of the 'āina and for the honored and sacred sites. Examples of aloha 'āina and enduring stewardship are demonstrated by the care that Dr. Chuck Burrows and the Kailua Hawaiian Civic Club provide for Ulupō heiau in Kailua. Hālau i Ka Wēkiu, the Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce and the Uluhaimalama Cemetery Association provide care and

watch over Uluhaimalama, the Royal Garden. An example of youthful kuleana, is seen in students of Farrington High School's Hawaiian Academy, Hālau Kupa Hawai'i, who provide manpower for rebuilding the hale pili for the Bishop Museum. And true to the tradition of aloha 'āina, these examples demonstrate the long-term commitment of kuleana. Our ancestors beam with pride upon these individuals and organizations that take care of the 'āina.

Today, the history and beauty of our 'āina are constantly challenged. It is heart wrenching to visit historic sites and to see how man has marred, scarred or obliterated them. Of course, change is expected. However, losses of special places appear to be escalating without challenge, in spite of laws to protect them. Communities are littered with old furniture, abandoned cars and 'ōpala. Huge and ugly grey, blue and green rubbish bins now litter roadsides and block front entrances to homes

even in the best neighborhoods. More and more huge hotels and apartment buildings line O'ahu's waterfront, obscuring and cheating us of beautiful vistas of the ocean and shores that belong to us all. Formerly, quiet valleys and towns on the kona side of O'ahu are now subjected to the rumbling, roaring, whining and screaming noises of airplane engines directly overhead, at all hours of the day and night, as airlines save fuel and money by flying and taking off at lower altitudes.

Teaching our keiki to accept kuleana, be diligent with "aloha 'āina" and to take pride in the kauhale and 'āina is critical. But is it possible when adults, businesses and government turn blind eyes and deaf ears to problems? The lyrics to Iz's song *Hawai'i '78*, speak volumes to irreparable losses to Hawai'i.

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WATER

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correct imbalances in the ecology of the stream and to respect water rights; in this case, for growing kalo. The law required the commission to act on those petitions within 180 days.

The purpose of the commission's flow standard is to ensure that any diversions of the stream do not have a negative effect on stream life or the water rights of downstream users, such as these kalo farmers. The problem with the existing flow standards for these streams was that they were established in 1988, many decades after water had been diverted by the East Maui Irrigation Co. The 1988 standards were established without regard for the water rights of the downstream users, allowing the diversion of water to continue, according to Alan Murakami, the NHLC attorney handling the proceedings.

In September, the commission decided to act upon the petitions



Water has begun to flow to Ke'ānae kalo farmers since their agreement. - Photo: Blaine Fergstrom

in eight of the 27 streams petitioned. But the changes haven't yet been put into place, because the current levels of the streams are still being measured so that the restored flow can be compared to the current flow. Once the measurements are complete, the flow should be restored. 🌿

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Fruit cake C-ration can. - Photo: Courtesy of georgia-outfitters.com

Christmas 1970, in Vietnam

It was a very wet and cold Christmas Eve in Vietnam.

Being on a reconnaissance-sniper mission that day, we had been in the field for more than three straight weeks, living on C-rations and dehydrated foods.

The choppers could hardly be expected to show, since the density of the rain and the fog grew thick as we went deeper into the mountains.

Childhood memories of my broth-

ers and sisters came back to me, and each time we rested, I was drawn into a deep silence. The leeches were all over us, sucking what life we were trying desperately to preserve, but we were much too tired to do anything about them.

Vines and thorns pierced into our necks. Colonies of red ants bundled into balls of leaves swarmed over us at the slightest touch. Our skin was turning into crusts and flaked when scratched. The ringworm on my face and the burning itch between my thighs had taken its toll, and I began to cry.

I could hardly believe that I celebrated my 19th birthday in this God-forsaken country with a pound cake from a C-ration can, and that I was about to celebrate Christmas in the same way, this time having a fruitcake from another C-ration can.

So disgusted with hate, so damned disgusted with fear, so damned disgusted with this stinking life and where it had put me! "God," I prayed, "when is all of this going to end? Why me, and why not someone else?" As I lay with my poncho wrapped around me in the mud, with my head resting on my rucksack, I looked over to see my buddies huddled in their own ways, as if they were being snuggled in their mothers' arms. I could see the same tears of heaven fall on their heads, hiding their own tears.

And as I whispered myself to sleep, I cried, "Mama, mama, I miss you so ... Where's all my brothers and sisters? ... Dad, dad, I love you too ... Don't worry, I'm all right, I'll be strong ... Grandma? Hi, Grandpa, boy I sure miss you guys ... Let's go fishing soon, okay?"

Suddenly, a noise — like machinegun bursts — drew quickly toward me. I couldn't think, my mind was blank from being so tired, so cold. I could only think, and feel, fear.

I grabbed my rifle and tried to scream as the noise got louder,



By Jimmy F. "Jeno" Enocencio

echoing and bouncing back and forth in my head. Then I opened my eyes as if a bolt of lightning had pierced my body. To my amazement the rain had stopped and only beads of sweat covered my forehead as I began to look about.

Then I looked up and saw a chopper hovering above us, dropping cannisters attached to ropes. I dropped my rifle in my excitement to see what we had. We carried the cannisters and began to open them. To my astonishment and delight we found steaming hot turkey smothered in gravy, mashed potatoes and yams, peas and carrots, bread and butter, and beer. A new change of clothing, too, and some hot cocoa to relax over.

I just couldn't believe it, I just couldn't, as I cried for joy, and we all gave thanks in our own way. Christmas was never forgotten, even as deep into the mountains as we were, we hadn't been forgotten. The good Lord heard our cries and touched the hearts of our commanders, who knew what it was like here.

Editor's note: This story was originally published in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin in December 1981 after winning second place and \$50 in a writing contest. By republishing it here, the author hopes to share his experience of a Christmas spent in Vietnam as a tribute to the service men and women, past and present, who serve our country, as well as to offer a message of hope to family members of service members deployed abroad. For his service in Vietnam, the author was awarded the Bronze Star with valor, the Army Commendation Medal, the Air Medal, the Combat Infantry Man's Badge and the Good Conduct Medal, which is his favorite. Enocencio served as a Pointman in the Reconnaissance/Sniper Team with the Americal Division from 1970-1971.

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Island rose

Princess Ka'iulani is the subject of a play to debut in '09

By Lisa Asato
Public Information Specialist

Mauī writer and actress Jennifer Fahrni has devoted six years of her life to learning the facts about Princess Ka'iulani for a new play she's co-writing, and sometimes it seems like she's just getting started.

"The script is written, but as I learn new things, knowing me I'll be doing line changes on opening night," says Fahrni, who is writing the play *Ka'iulani – The Island Rose* with Carol Harvie-Yamaguchi, which is planned for a 2009 debut on Maui.

"I'm always looking for more truth and the whole goal is to

really bring Ka'iulani to life and her true spirit up on the stage," she says of her effort to "give the Hawaiians back their heroine."

"There's no need to Hollywood-ize this story," adds Fahrni, a native of Vancouver, British Columbia. "The truth is very compelling and I haven't had a need to change anything."

Ever since a friend introduced her to Ka'iulani through a book, Fahrni has been on a quest to let others know that the 19th century part-Hawaiian, part-Scottish royal who was being groomed to inherit the throne from Queen Lili'uokalani was more than just a beautiful princess who died young, at 24.

"I think when people think of Ka'iulani they think she had a tragic life," says Fahrni, who has retraced the princess' steps from Waikīkī, where she lived at 'Āinahau, to "a little place" outside the Irish capital of Dublin. "But in fact her life was full of wonderful things as well. Her personality was very vibrant and she was beautiful and sought after by many men.

She was brilliant. She spoke four languages. She was highly educated and spoke clearly and to the point when it mattered."


By speaking to the press in London and New York City, she says, a 17-year-old Ka'iulani changed history, at least for a time, by helping to convince President Cleveland to reject annexation of the Hawaiian Islands after the kingdom had been illegally overthrown. "It was not an easy fight," Fahrni says. "There were a lot of things standing in the way, and that's what people will find out in the show. It took a lot of courage to do what she did. She was going against all the American people – she was going against what had been printed in all the newspapers." So impressed was Cleveland, Fahrni says, that he invited the young princess to the White House.

Since April, Fahrni and others members of The Ka'iulani Project, like Kathy Collins, Wilmont Kahaialii and Hamish Burgess have performed at readings of the play, which when completed, will



Left: Princess Ka'iulani. - Photo: Courtesy of Bishop Museum. Right: Jennifer Fahrni is co-writing a fact-based play on Princess Ka'iulani and is seeking actors of all ages for various roles. - Photo: Blaine Fergerstrom

feature music, hula and a small amount of Hawaiian language (kept at a minimum in order to be accessible to audiences worldwide – that's Fahrni's vision). And putting historical accuracy before ego, Fahrni says she welcomes input from anyone who can shed light on Ka'iulani, even if they may have reservations about Fahrni's malihini roots. "Give the criticism now before it hits the stage. I've been an actor all my life, and as an actor you learn how to take criticism well," she says with a laugh.

Fahrni is seeking actors of all ages to portray members of the royal family, including Ka'iulani, King Kalākaua, Princess Ruth Ke'elikōlani and about 20 other main roles, including nonroyals. Presence and personality are crucial, she says, so even those without acting training would be considered. She's also looking to cast Hawaiians in Hawaiian roles. For information, visit thekaiulaniproject.com or mauiceltic.com. Resumes and photos may be emailed to islandroseplay@aol.com. 

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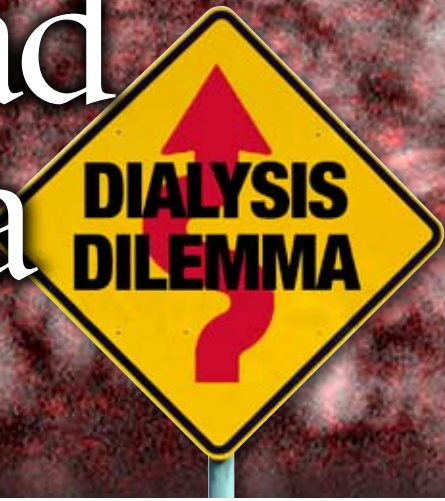
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Hāna follows its own road in solving a

By Liza Simon
Public Affairs Specialist



Below: Hāna resident Uncle Francis Blue Lono (background) was receiving dialysis in Wailuku, when he convinced a visiting Medicare official to take the Hāna Highway—a move that helped raise understanding of Hāna’s dialysis plight.

tiny Hāna, the epicenter of a diabetes crisis, will soon be hailed for its model treatment of the disease when the isolated East Maui region becomes the site of the nation’s first-ever communal home for dialysis. Some logistical hurdles need to be cleared by Maui County before the home begins operations, which will likely be in early spring, according to a spokesperson for the Maui mayor’s office.

Once the maile lei blessing takes place in front of the doors of the new home, Hāna dialysis patients will no longer be making the grueling three hour, 54-mile trek down the Hāna Highway to Liberty Dialysis’ Maui Lani Clinic in Wailuku, the nearest facility providing lifesaving dialysis for serious kidney failure commonly caused by adult-onset diabetes.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid in October gave approval for the Hāna communal home. Officials marked the milestone announcement with a ceremony in Hāna, where they gave praise to a group of concerned Hāna residents who have worked hard to resolve the longstanding dialysis dilemma, which mirrors similar healthcare access problems faced by other rural and minority populations nationwide.

One of those residents getting the nod from officials is Lehua Cosma—a Hāna High School custodian, who never expected to become a foot soldier in the battle to end her community’s dialysis ordeal. “Oh, if I only knew then what I know now,” said Cosma, referring back to the day four years ago when her Mother Cecilia Park was diagnosed with type 2 diabetes, the most common form of the disease. “My mom had mild symptoms at first, so we went to special diabetes workshops on how to control the condition with diet and exercise,” Cosma adds.

But after a heart attack in 2003, Cosma’s mother needed dialysis three times a week in order to survive. “We were so unprepared for the huge change we suddenly faced,” she said. Cosma’s dad took early retirement so he could drive her mom down the winding Hāna road to Wailuku. They rise at 2 a.m. and leave in the pre-dawn hours in order to make the appointments on time.

Kidney failure can be caused by diabetes, hypertension, and other renal diseases. Dialysis replicates the function of the kidneys by removing blood from the body, filtering out the toxins and returning the blood to the body. The process can extend a patient’s life by years, in some patients decades, but it leaves young and old alike feeling weak, often exacerbating other conditions like anemia, a common side effect of diabetes. Cosma’s mom recuperates from dialysis by over-nighting in Wailuku at the home of relatives before returning to Hāna and then gearing up for the next day’s arduous trip back to dialysis.

Cosma said the monthly cost of gas to and from Wailuku can easily top \$1,000 a month. But she said the worst part of the long road-trip is that it cuts into the enjoyment of customary ‘ohana gatherings. Her mom has 7 children and 18 grandchildren. Cosma believes their time spent together is important to the healing process. “But now we break up early and go our separate ways so that Mom will have time to rest up.”

Cosma discovered early on that her Native Hawaiian family was hardly alone in coping with the impacts of the disease requiring dialysis. Type 2 diabetes hits Hawaiians harder than any other ethnic group in the state. A 2004 Hawai‘i Department of Health study shows that the condition progresses faster in Native Hawaiians, who are also more likely than any other group to die of potentially fatal diabetes-related complications, including stroke and heart attack.

There was no doubt in Cosma’s mind that in Hāna, which is 67% Native Hawaiian, the difficulties of diabetes are compounded by the geographic barrier to treatment. Her mother’s spirits have remained high, but she knows of some who felt alone and ashamed of their ailing health. Not wanting to burden others, they simply gave up. “Everyone is Hāna has been affected by the death of a neighbor or friend or family member who went through the suffering of diabetes. In a community this close, we all suffer from this disease.”

Health care providers customarily give rural residents the option of home dialysis machines designed to use without medical assistance in the privacy of a bedroom. “But in our multi-generational homes we don’t have that kind of privacy nor the storage room to handle these machines,” said Cosma. Also, many older homes in Hāna’s rainy climate with weather-worn infrastructure can’t safely handle the machines’ electrical, water, and drainage needs. Some residents have proposed that Hāna have its own out-patient clinic like the one in Wailuku with hemo-dialysis machines- requiring full-time medical staff, but cost is a barrier. Dialysis providers, which depend largely on Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement, would not be able to line up enough patients to support such a clinic in this rural enclave of no more than 1,800 full-time residents.

This seemed to leave the difficult road trip as the only path to dialysis treatment for Hāna residents. “But as individuals, we decided to take the problem head-on, even though plenty agencies told us so many times, ‘No way’,” said Guy Lay, a Hāna farmer, who helped Cosma in founding the dialysis patient support group and non-profit—Hui Laulima O Hana. “Call us hard-head, but we wouldn’t give up. We realized that it was not for us but for others — we were doing this. It’s especially for the kūpuna and all the

things they deserve in the twilight of their lives,” said Lay.

Lay took the Hui’s concerns two years ago to health officials from OHA and the Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems and found them eager to help. The federal government has tracked a marked increase in diabetes 2 and the need for dialysis in all indigenous groups in the U.S., including Native Americans, Native Alaskans, Sāmoans and the Chamorro peoples of Guam. The picture that is beginning to emerge from research is that genetic factors or family history may play a role in putting these populations at risk; but there are also issues of lifestyle—obesity, poor diet and lack of exercise, that play into the grim statistics for native rates of diabetes. According to research by Mele Look of the John A. Burns School of Medicine, low income status—a common denominator in Hāna’s Native Hawaiian population,

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To be screened for diabetes or for further information on dialysis treatment, Native Hawaiians may contact one of the following Native Hawaiian Healthcare Systems:

Ho‘ola Lāhui Hawai‘i
(Kaua‘i and Ni‘ihau) 246-3511
www.hoolalahui.org

Ke Ola Mamo
(O‘ahu) 845-3388
www.keolamamo.org

Na Pu‘uwai
(Moloka‘i and Lāna‘i) 560-3388
www.napuuwai.com

Hui No Ke Ola Pono
(Maui) 244-4647
www.huinomaui.org

Hui Mālama Ola Nā ‘Ōiwi
(Hawai‘i) 969-9220
www.huimala
maolanaoiwi.org

Papa Ola Lōkahi
www.papaolalokahi.org



Hāna building program constructs a better future for community

By Liza Simon
Public Affairs Specialist

Just when it seemed the emerald-hued countryside of Hāna couldn’t get much greener, Hāna High School students in the Ma Ka Hana Ka ‘Ike hands-on learning program are using cutting-edge “green” technologies to build structures that aren’t only sustainable; they are also monuments to community pride.

Last year, for example, the teen workers of Ma Ka Hana Ka ‘Ike, or “In Working, One Learns,” put the final touches on an alternative energy lab with an off-the-grid system that provides all the power for Hāna High School’s industrial arts wing. Hāna residents accepted an invitation to inspect the results and were so enthusiastic about what they saw that the program added a component for teaching students to install photovoltaic, or solar, systems in low-income housing.

Typical of Ma Ka Hana Ka ‘Ike’s efforts, this project has resulted in delivering free and much-needed construction services to an isolated and largely Native Hawaiian population, burdened with rising fuel costs, which have hiked home utility bills and the price of transportation for building materials.

Other benefits of Ma Ka Hana Ka ‘Ike are hard to put a price tag on, such as improvement in student self-esteem derived from the program’s collaboration with the Hāna Senior Center, which coordinates students’ construction of cottages for the elderly whose residences have become weather-worn in Hāna’s notoriously wet climate.

“It’s amazing how much the kids want to be involved in helping their kūpuna. This gives them a chance to be valued in a positive way, while the kūpuna get the satisfaction of seeing the kids, strong and productive, like they were at that age,” said the program’s executive director, Rick Rutiz, noting that many of his students are mo‘opuna of the kūpuna clients—no surprise in tight-knit Hāna, where many Hawaiians families have roots that extend back over several centuries.



The new Hāna Arts Facility—biggest project to date for the students of the Ma Ka Hana Ka ‘Ike program, features native ‘ohi‘a posts from Hawai‘i Island and radiata pine recovered from the Polipoli forest fire on Maui. Students also gathered local lava rock and learned how to apply it for the building’s exterior facing and worked with recycled plastic lumber for decking. *Photo: Courtesy of Rick Rutiz*

The program also paves a career path for students at Hāna High School, which, like many small rural schools in the state, has sparse resources and must prioritize meeting the requirements of the federally mandated No Child Left Behind Program.

Ma Ka Hana Ka ‘Ike’s mounting success goes beyond the hopes that Rutiz had in mind when created the nonprofit program nine years ago by tapping grants, including OHA funding and eventually formed board of directors and built an annual operating budget of \$200,000.

Rutiz, a kama‘āina contractor whose children attended Hāna schools, believed that many at-risk youths felt left behind by a one-size-fits-all approach to education out of sync with Hāna’s rural and family-centered lifestyle. His original plan was to supplement vocational “shop” classes with more culturally appropriate collaborative learning experiences while paying students for their labor done during afterschool hours.

Rutiz said one of the program’s greatest accomplishments is that teachers have reported participants’ math grades have improved as a result of learning “applied math” with tape measures and other tools of construction trades. But Rutiz gives credit for the program’s success to the community: “The uncles will be in a nearby garage fixing fishing net. Then they’ll get to talking story with neighbors about how good (the project) looks. Then a truck pulls up and offers food for everyone. This is how Hāna works,” he said, “through the community.”

{ in memoriam: }

Pictured here are Hāna residents, young and old, who succumbed to fatal complications of diabetes requiring dialysis. Their photos are from a website tribute to the late Dr. Steven Moser, a beloved renal specialist, who supported the Hāna grassroots effort to bring dialysis to the rural community. L to r: Harry Mitchell Jr., Henry Rost Jr., Aunty Lei Mama Lee, Evangeline “Honey Girl” Koina, Louis Pua, Bruce Villarimo. - Photos: Courtesy of Jonathan and Dr. Robert Moser, webmasters for www.dialysisforhana.com



—{ happy about home-setting: }

Three Hāna community members who will benefit from communal home setting for dialysis are (l. to r.): Rebakka Setereo, Francis Blue Lono, Cecilia Park. Hāna’s non-Hui Laulima O Hana welcomes donations in support of the new home. For info: www.dialysisforhana.com



REVIEW

Live Aloha, It's Made In Hawai'i

By Francine Murray
Broadcast/Media Coordinator

This joyous holiday season, when dinning, shopping or looking for entertainment show your aloha and be akamai by supporting the local economy; patronize neighborhood eateries, give island made gifts, and support Hawai'i's art and entertainment industry.

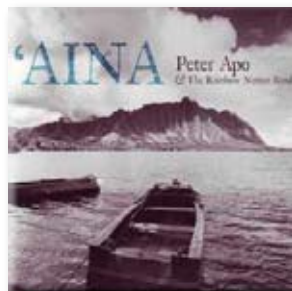


'Tis the season to support local arts and entertainment.
- Photo: Blaine Fergstrom



'Aumakua
Amy Hanaiali'i with
the Matt Catingub
Orchestra of Hawai'i
Ua Records

Amy Hanaiali'i has mesmerized audiences around the world with her rich voice and enchanting persona, but when coupled with the multi-talented musician Matt Catingub's distinguished arrangements as in the CD 'Aumakua, it's magic. Get the magic in music stores statewide.



'Aina
Peter Apo & The
Rainbow Nation Band
Mamo Records & The
Peter Apo Company

Peter said 'aina (without the kahako) means that which feeds, or a source of nourishment and sustenance. That describes the compilation of songs in 'Aina with its rich and meaningful lyrics. It features "E Ola Hawai'i" with Kaina Daines and Hi'ilani Shibata, and "Hawaiian Soul" by Jon Osorio. Available in stores and at Mele.com.



Kohala Christmas
Kohala
Produced by Charles
Michael Brotman on
Palm Records

"Merry Christmas", "Home for the Holidays" and "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" are a few of the classics featured in this collection of Christmas-time favorites performed by Hawai'i's acoustic guitar trio, in Kohala Christmas. This CD is all instrumental. Available at Borders and MountainAppleCompany.com.



Honehono i ka poli
Kawaikapuokalani Hewett
Daniel Ho Creations

Kumu hula, composer, and Hawaiian cultural leader Kawaikapuokalani Hewett's new CD *Honehono i ka poli* consists of a dozen original compositions; beautiful poems, memories and a prayer in 'ōlelo Hawai'i. Hewett is accompanied by his daughter's lovely vocals in every mele, and on guitar and 'ukulele by Grammy Award winner, Daniel Ho. Available at DanielHo.com or Mele.com



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Everybody loves Bob Marley, and here in Hawai'i we love Guava Jelly. Hawai'i's American Idol, Camile Velasco kicks it up, adding some spice to Bob Marley's reggae classic "Guava Jelly" in her hot new single, produced by and featuring, the legend's son, multi Grammy Award winning Stephen Marley.

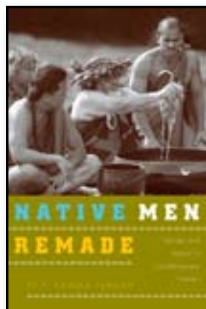
Camile flew to Kingston, Jamaica earlier this year and recorded with the Marley brothers. She said, "It was like a blessing, a dream come true, definitely a chance of a lifetime...It was the best experience of my life." This rendition of the classic is the debut single from Camile's upcoming debut solo album *Koy*, to be released by Up Above Records in 2009. Guava Jelly is available on iTunes. — Francine Murray

Books for all seasons

By Liza Simon
Public Affairs Specialist

Time was when the Hawaiiana section of bookstores was filled with cookbooks and kid books mostly penned and published somewhere on the U.S. continent. A look back at this year's *Ka Wai Ola* book reviews – beginning with the provocative and timely release of University of Hawai'i law school professor Jon Van Dyke's *Who Owns the Crown Lands of Hawai'i* – indicates that a healthy pipeline of insider writing by Hawaiians and Hawaiians-at-heart is flowing straight from contemporary native experiences into every conceivable published genre, including the previously skimpy category of scholarly research with Kanaka Maoli perspective. Below is a quick look at the flurry of year-end releases indicating that even if keiki and cookery remain core categories, the range of Hawai'i writers has become wide enough to merit dropping the quasi-corny Hawaiiana label in favor of something that reflects a probing native intelligence committed to pepa.

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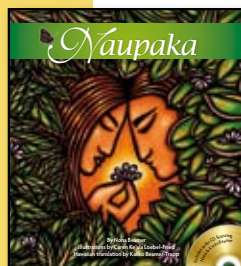
Native Men Remade: Gender and Nation in Contemporary Hawai'i
By Ty P. Kāwika Tengan
Duke University Press, \$22.95 (paperback) \$79.95 (hardback)

The journey of Native Hawaiian men in a post-colonial world is an important but little-known dimension of the Hawaiian cultural renaissance dating back to the 1970s.

This insider report from Ty P. Kāwika

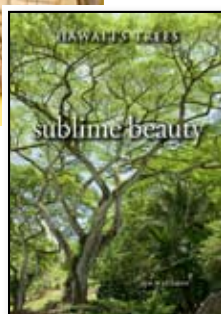
Tengan – a Maui-born Native Hawaiian professor of ethnic studies at UH Mānoa, documents the soul-searching efforts to integrate ancestral warrior ethics with contemporary leadership qualities. As part of this, Tengan highlights his eyewitness accounts of milestones in reinvigorating many male-dominated traditions such as 'awa ceremonies and lua. While he veers to academic analysis, he doesn't shy away from sharing compelling mo'olelo about native men's struggles to overcome alcoholism and abuse, which he contextualizes as programmed self-destruction taking place under the yoke of cultural loss and colonialist oppression. The book concludes with neither a sad nor happy ending but the expressed hope that this struggle-in-progress will bring healing to the Hawaiian community.

Naupaka
By Nona Beamer; illustration by Caren Loebel-Fried; Hawaiian translation by Kaliko Beamer-Trapp
Bishop Museum Press
\$14.95. Proceeds benefit Bishop Museum



The Naupaka story can be likened to Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, except the star-crossed lovers in the Hawaiian legend are fated to be memorialized as perfect

halves of island blossoms that flower in the mountains and by the sea. The late Hawaiian cultural leader Nona Beamer has gifted us her version of this poetic tale in both English and 'ōlelo Hawai'i in a beautifully illustrated volume and an accompanying CD featuring music by Keola Beamer. Written for keiki but full of appeal for "children of all ages," this is a pleasurable sampling of Auntie Nona's beloved Hawaiian artistry.



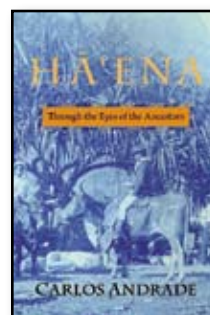
Sublime Beauty: Hawai'i's Trees
By Jim Wageman, with foreword by Chipper Wichman
Bishop Museum Press
\$49.95

In *Sublime Beauty: Hawai'i's Trees*,

photo images of trees speak volumes about human presence (or the lack thereof) in the Hawaiian Islands. Jim Wageman's stunning photographs are arranged chronologically, beginning with descendents of the hardy species that hitchhiked here in a previous geologic era via wind or ocean currents. Then come portraits of trees of spiritual and physical sustenance – notably breadfruit and banana, introduced by the first Polynesian voyagers to make landfall in the Hawaiian archipelago. Next, the book depicts Hawai'i's explosion in botanical diversity – also the cause of the

disappearance of some earlier endemic species, resulting from in-migration of Europeans. The book underlines a call for more conservation by including 'ōlelo no'eau and a forward written by Chipper Wichmann, director of the National Tropical Botanical Garden, on Kaua'i and Maui. Too heavy a tome to be a field guide, the book nonetheless presents a glorious rendering of each root and leaf, perhaps intended to get us to climb aboard the conservation bandwagon the easy way – via passion for the sublime but fragile beauty that surrounds us.

Hā'ena: Through the Eyes of the Ancestors



By Carlos Andrade
University of Hawai'i Press
\$30

Carlos Andrade, an accomplished slack-key artist and college professor,

zooms in the ahupua'a of Hā'ena on his home island of Kaua'i, but his overarching theme – relevant to all Hawai'i, is the powerful sway that the 'āina holds for every element of native life, from kinship to mental and physical health to political activity. While land is the book's focus, Andrade includes plenty of little-known stories about Hā'ena's Kanaka Maoli. An especially resonate chapter chronicles the hopes and struggles of the Hā'ena hui that resisted land privatization and exercised cooperative rights in the district all the way until the 1950s.

Hawaiian Blood: Colonialism and the Politics of Sovereignty and Indigeneity
By J. Kēhaulani Kauanui
Duke University Press
\$22.95

The 50-percent Hawaiian blood quantum classification gets a drubbing in this scholarly book by a Kanaka Maoli author who discloses her own pain of getting pigeon-holed as "being

less than half" – a label at odds with her embrace of Hawaiian identity. As with the personal so goes the political, as J. Kēhaulani Kauanui sets out to prove that the



U.S. legal system's equating of Hawaiian cultural identity with blood (starting with the 1921

Homes Commission Act) has subverted the Hawaiian sovereignty movement and perpetuated colonialism's politically painful stranglehold in Hawai'i. A heavy read but a timely and important resource, given ongoing court challenges to native entitlement programs labeled as race-based by opponents who apparently haven't a clue about indigenous identity.

Between the Deep Blue Sea and Me
By Lurline Wailana McGregor
Kamehameha Publishing
\$15

This is the tale of a high-powered museum curator drawn back to her Hawaiian roots by the death of her father and ultimately into a journey of self-realization and expanded cultural consciousness. Author McGregor, who has written documentaries that



wrestle with the theme of native identity, told an interviewer that she wanted to try her hand at fiction after seeing how the Maori-made film *Whale Rider* resonated with native peoples around the globe. Fiction it is, but this debut novel covers a lot of real life ground-land, culture and spiritual guardianship, perhaps giving credence to the old adage of literature fans, which says if you really want to know the facts, read a good piece of fiction.

KĒKĒMAPA CALENDAR

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Brandy Nālani McDougall shares poetry from her new collection *The Salt-Wind, Ka*



Native Hawaiian poet Brandy Nālani McDougall will share selections from her new book *The Salt-Wind, Ka Makani Pa'akai* at a UH night of local literati. - Courtesy photo

Makani Pa'akai, published by Kuleana 'Ōiwi Press. Other poets presenting their work include: Haunani-Kay Trask, Māhealani Perez-Wendt, Robert Sullivan, Richard Hamasaki, Ku'ualoha Ho'omanawanui and Kai Gaspar. Free. UH Mānoa Art Auditorium. oiwi@hawaii.edu or 956-3031.

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Sun., Dec. 7, gates open at 7 a.m. Retreat to the wahi pana of Waimea Valley Park for a tribute to the accomplishments of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu and founder Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole. Kanikapila by Hau'oli Akaka and others. Keynote speaker Celine Pi'ilani Nelsen will present Ancient Connections. Cultural specialist Butch Heleman will lead the way to the restored heiau. \$10, adults; \$5, children; keiki 12 and younger are free. Entrance fee includes continental breakfast and pa'ina, cultural games, swimming and full day of entertainment. Contact Maylene Enoka at 426-1073 or email: maenoka@hawaii.rr.com or Kaina Yasuhara at 594-0245 or email: alohakaina@yahoo.com.



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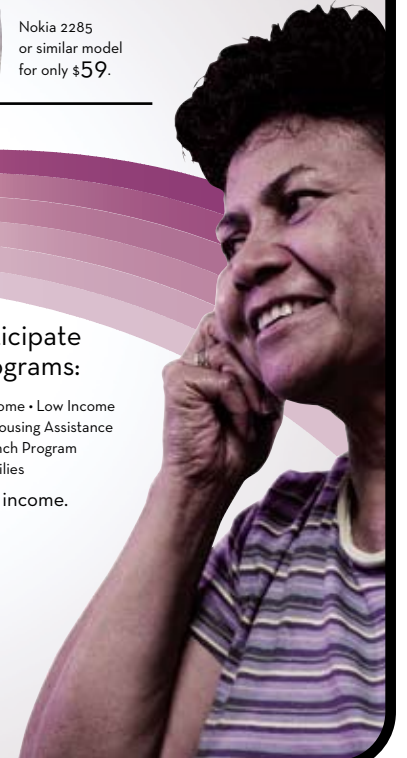
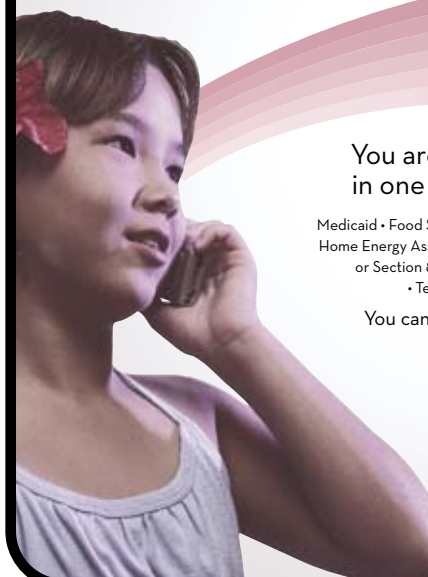
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Tyranny and iwi exposed

An open letter to President-elect Barack Obama

By Alike Poe Silva
Kahu Kulaiwi, Koa Mana,
Kupukaaina o Wai'anae Wahipana,
O'ahu, Hawaiian National

Aloha nō President-elect Barack Obama, remember what tūtū Queen Lili'uokalani visualized, practiced and taught us that 10 sharp paddles cannot match one sharp pencil to create the people's message. Our hopes, dreams and strength are in lōkahi (harmony) and in pono kaulike (equality and justice for all)! These are the values imbued in "Aloha, love for each other and Aloha 'āina, love for our land." Mana kēia, congratulations! We have watched your campaign with pride, respect and great hope.

We are aware from various news reports that you favor the Akaka Bill.

We ask that you reconsider your position on this bill. There's considerable opposition among Hawaiians to the Akaka Bill. We want to provide you with a list of kūpuna and other leaders for you to talk to. We want to provide a bibliography of pertinent and vital material. We would like to invite you to learn more about this issue of vital importance to Hawai'i and the world.

It must be made clear that the majority of American-Hawaiians cannot remove the rights of the minority Hawaiian Nationals. We ask for ethics and equality to save the Hawaiian culture, tradition, religion and national treasures. Making sure that all the people of Hawai'i understand the diversity of Hawai'i. It's important that the people recognize that it is a rich culture of knowledge and

diversities. There are regional and genealogical differences between Hawaiians that continue today. The Kāne religion must be understood to be a part of world heritage, and its traditions and sacred places must be preserved. You cannot get the information from one book or one organization such as the State of Hawai'i's Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) or the U.S. Army's cultural resources manager. Obviously, many Hawaiians feel international self-determination applies to them. And you cannot get a fair point of view only from the state or federal government. You have to get it from the opposing Hawaiian organizations' representatives. It is obvious that the Hawaiian people are the minority people in their own land today. And that the minority includes the Hawaiian Nationals and their point of view! Including these minority groups outside of the OHA or the U.S. military helps guarantee their civil and international law rights! The Hawaiian people, culture and



The piko stone of Kūkaniloko and Mākua is as valuable, and symbolically important, as the Ark of the Covenant and other well-known religious objects throughout the world. - Photo: Courtesy by Chris Monahan

histories are as complex as those of any other nations. To follow the party line of any one element of a nation in Hawai'i is to risk ignoring or even the loss of critical parts of world heritage and treasures!

On a short note, the U.S. Army issues are still very shameful. They are determined to practice insensitivity and desecration of our sacred sites at Mākua Valley and Līhu'e, in Wai'anae and Wahiawā. The Army is destroying our Hawaiian war memorials in Mākua Valley and Līhu'e. These memorials in Mākua represent Kamehameha's two famous battle launches from Mākua, Wai'anae, for Kaua'i to unite the Hawaiian Kingdom and islands. Kamehameha was well aware that Mākua Valley is the sacred land of the god Kāne, called "Kane-huna-moku" (the garden of Eden for our first parents Ki'i and La'ila'i). And before Kamehameha went back to Waikīkī, Honolulu, he ordered his Army and people to protect the Kāne religion, temples, sites and his war memorials. The U.S. Army has been notified and educated on these sacred sites and their cultural values as world and national treasures. Yet, the Army chose to practice war games on and around them, which tells you a lot about their insensitivity and lack of good faith. Numerous objections to the U.S. Army were made. Their response is to allow, participate in and establish an alien religion in the Army-controlled Mākua Valley. Also, the desecrations to our sacred sits in Līhu'e,

Wahiawā, are very stressful and unfortunate. We will always remain hopeful that this abuse will stop, and healing, redress and good faith between our nations succeeds. Recent agreements (8/10/06, Col. Killian) were made between the Army and our 'ohana's representatives to perform Section 106 Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) Model Studies. This has not been done for adversely affected areas, and many great Hawaiian treasures have been damaged and/or destroyed. The American people clearly voted or change, and for real hope in American's conduct in the world today. We as Hawaiian Nationals share in the American hope for a bright future and a just relationship and just world.

Remember, our kūpuna taught us how important it is in this land of Aloha not to discriminate, and the failure to do so is a serious leadership and ethical matter. Consequently, Hawaiian Nationals object to the Akaka Bill's present language. 'Ike maka, see more information at hawaiiankingdom.org and learn more about the continually existing Hawaiian nation. Aloha and mahalo nō, I'o lako Obama 'ohana (God provide for your family) and always keep your spirit of Aloha in your course of good work. The world has long prayed and waited for you to come. Kōkua and call upon us to assist in these matters, and "yes we can" and yes we must for the keiki yet to come. Ua mau ke ea o ka 'āina i ka pono.

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KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS

BRIEFS

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Blaisdell, Young awarded Pa'a Mo'olelo

Dr. Kekuni Blaisdell and Dr. Benjamin Young are recipients of the 2008 Pa'a Mo'olelo award from the Hawaiian Historical Society. The honor recognizes individuals for a lifetime of significant contributions to the preservation and perpetuation



Dr. Benjamin Young

of Hawai'i's history. In addition to their years of service to the community as Native Hawaiian medical doctors, both Young and Blaisdell have demonstrated enduring commitment to the cultural traditions and history of the healing arts in the Hawaiian Islands. Young has conducted extensive research in documenting the life and times of Native Hawaiians in the field of medicine, dating back to the late 19th century. Blaisdell has studied the history of lā'au lapa'au and its relevance to contemporary issues of Native Hawaiian health. The Pa'a Mo'olelo award presentation was set to take place during a special program Oct. 30 at the University of Hawai'i Kamakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies.

Another military first for Kenue

In 2005, Elizabeth Kapua Kenue of Nānākuli became only the second woman to achieve the rank of sergeant major in the Hawai'i Army National Guard. And this November, Kenue made another mark in the history books with her promotion to command sergeant major. The first

female in Hawai'i to ever achieve the rank, Kenue is now the senior enlisted leader and second in command of the Hawai'i Army National Guard. The Kailua High School graduate has served in the guard for 27 years.


"I am honored that the Commander (of the Hawai'i Army National Guard) has the confidence in me to do the job. I am ready to relinquish my old duties and start taking better care of our soldiers," Kenue said.

Her primary responsibility is to take care of the Hawai'i Army National Guard's over 2,700 soldiers and families, a kuleana that comes in many forms. "You take care of whatever issues your soldiers have, and you try to take care of the problems before they arise. You never know," she said.

Hawai'i Army National Guard Brigadier General Joseph Chaves, Kenue's commanding officer, offered lots of praise. "[Kenue] is a role model soldier. She is definitely an inspiration for many of our young female soldiers, and throughout her career she has always exceeded expectations and the Army standards for performance," Chaves said.

Papahānaumokuākea workshop nominees sought

The stewards of the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument are seeking educators and conservation leaders to participate in a workshop designed to foster a more intimate understanding of Papahānaumokuākea's wildlife and cultural resources. The program, called Papahānaumokuākea 'Ahahui Alaka'i (PA'A) will be held from June 13 through 23, 2009.

Nominations are being accepted through January 2 from educators, community leaders, and people in positions that support community change and stewardship. Up to 12 people will be chosen to participate. More information is available at papahānaumokuākea.gov. Forms are available from Ann Bell at fw1pie_paa@fws.gov or (808) 792-9532. Nominations must be postmarked by January 2, 2009. Questions about the PA'A workshop can be addressed by contacting Linda Schubert at (808) 933-8181. 

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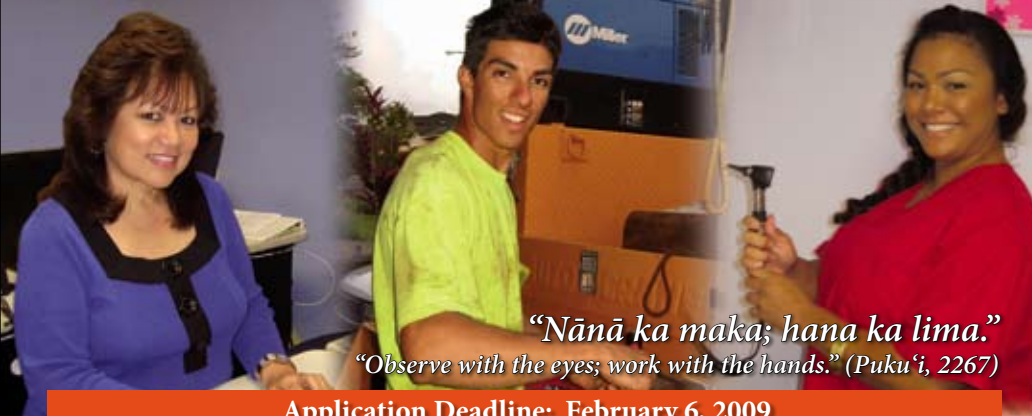
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- Be a resident of the state of Hawai'i
- Be enrolled in a vocational degree or certification program (AS or AAS — Associates Degree) for the Spring 2009 term in one of the educational institutions in Hawai'i listed on our application.

If you have any questions, please contact:
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'Tyranny' response

Here are a few questions for the writers of November's *Tyranny and iwi exposed* column referencing Hawaiian religion in Mākua: Was King Kamehameha II's order in 1819, abolishing the Hawaiian religion, its gods, the kapu system that supported it and heiau on all the islands be demolished, ever rescinded? Didn't the Kahuna fully support the order, even to the extent that Chief Kahuna Hewahewa destroyed his own heiau? And were not all of our Hawaiian monarchs from King Kamehameha II to Queen Lili'uokalani, Christians?

If it was not rescinded, then the religious activities mentioned aren't legitimate Hawaiian cultural practices and have no right to access Piliā'au Mākua Military Reservation.

What many are unaware of is that while sins in the Christian

faith may be forgiven, breaking a sacred kapu (a sin) of a Hawaiian god usually results in death.

And what's worth noting is that many of us Hawaiian and local veterans trained in Mākua. Further, it's not just haoles being denied training, but those of our families, friends and neighbors, whose bones and lives are far more sacred than anything in Mākua.

Bill Punini Prescott
Commander, Veterans of Foreign
Wars Post 849
Wai'anae, O'ahu

Moloka'i voters

As demonstrated in two consecutive elections, the residents of Moloka'i have clearly stated that they do not support the leadership abilities of OHA Trustee Colette Machado. The recent general election demonstrated widespread

community support for OHA trustee candidate Waipa Purdy, who won the Moloka'i vote by more than a 2-to-1 ratio against Machado. Despite this landslide victory, it was Purdy who was determined the loser of this race. The problem lies in the process itself – which allows for statewide voting by nonresident voters who have little or no knowledge of Moloka'i issues. Colette Machado's partnership with the Singaporean-based giant Guoco Leisure Ltd. has proven to be entirely destructive to our island, leaving a wake of abandoned projects and the threat of discontinued water service for half of the island's population. Furthermore it was Machado who gave blindsided support of development at Lā'au Point, a project that would have destroyed over 5 miles of pristine undeveloped coast line, invaded one of the most secure habitats

for monk seals, and seriously threatened the water supply of her own constituents within the Hawaiian homesteads of Ho'olehua. The fact remains that the clear voice of Moloka'i has been ignored!

Steve Morgan
Maunaloa, Moloka'i

Parenting helps

When it comes to drugs, alcohol and criminal behavior, all of our children one day will have to make a choice. That choice can have life-destroying consequences.

Situational and peer pressure often mitigate good sense. It is important that the parent has given his or her children the protection factor they will need to make the right choices. Protection factors are learned, promoted by good parenting skills.

Children must be taught the difference between external and internal "self-esteem."

Tolerance promotes self-control. Children become aware of cause, effect and consequence through experience, discipline and parental role models.

Resilience is the result of self-esteem, tolerance and a healthy, nurturing environment. Although it is a risk factor, poverty alone does not make a criminal. Other risk factors are abuse, neglect and bad role models. Families that have regular outings and promote individual responsibility, cultural awareness and moral values give their children resilience.

Michael Spiker
Inmate advocate

E KALA MAI

The state shares in the ownerships of Kānewai pond; and the aquifer at Kalauhaehae fishpond was blocked, not destroyed in a highway-widening project, as written in the November issue.

In the Kahana Valley article, the location of the rally was on Kamehameha Highway, not Kalaniana'ole Highway, as reported.

In the November issue, meetings on the Mauna Kea Comprehensive Management Plan were detailed. The plan's name was incorrect in the story. *KWO* regrets the errors.

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2009: Hele pololei me ka mahalo

Haunani Apoliona, MSW
Chairperson, Trustee, At-large



Aloha e nā 'ōiwi 'ōlino, nā pulapula a Hāloa mai Hawai'i a Ni'ihau puni ke ao mālamalama. Post-election 2008 highlights inspiring political results both nationally and locally.

In Hawai'i, the Con Con vote is NO, the 2008 electorate has spoken; all OHA incumbents return to serve 2008-2012, overwhelming the competition by outstanding vote margins.

The Hawai'i electorate message to OHA is decisive and encouraging, "keep current leadership stable at OHA," "OHA's work is appreciated by people of Hawai'i," "stay the course, keep moving forward," the expansive and expensive negative strategy opposition rejected.

Former OHA deputy administrator, staff and former trustees hard at work to undermine OHA sullied the campaign period.

Trustee Rowena Akana worked overtly, politically endorsing a former OHA deputy director for trusteeship by misinforming and misleading the voting public, and exposing herself by stooping to remove Apoliona and Machado campaign signs along Likelike Highway.

Personal media testimonies by recognizable community figures supported their erroneous and reckless statements in the media.

Among this collection of people, we find common patterns. Several did not do their homework to find out the facts; some, even armed with facts, chose to manipulate them to fit their preferred political message; others just went along because they have personal issues with OHA, the remaining were pawns in the negative campaign scheme.

We can only hope that in the aftermath of this election cycle honest assessment of personal actions will prevail. One of our Trustees noted, "this election also demonstrates a very important lesson in civics and that is, a campaign based on lies and hate does not work, no matter how much money

you throw at it. The people in this community and the Nation are more discriminating between good and bad, what is true and what is false and what is hateful." Such actions were irresponsible, reckless and undermined community trust.

The next four years will bring great challenges along with stellar opportunities for Native Hawaiians and Hawai'i. Through its past experiences OHA will be prepared for the challenges.

For nearly a year Trustee Rowena Akana has lodged attacks against OHA Administrator Nāmu'ō, administrative and line staff, other sitting OHA Trustees, including me, in *KWO*. As OHA Trustee, she accesses substantial and substantive factual information but chooses to manipulate such details to fit her preferred political message. Only she knows what underlies her mean-spirited actions.

I have been silently observant, choosing not to be drawn into Akana's contentious exchanges in *Ka Wai Ola*. However, this time, the untruths in Akana's November 2008 *Ka Wai Ola* column, Apoliona sells out the Hawaiians, will not go unchallenged. Akana's "alleged facts" are erroneous statements designed to misinform and mislead.

2008 CEDED LAND AGREEMENT

Contrary to Akana's effort to misinform *KWO* readers, the Settlement Agreement (terms and conditions) between OHA and the State of Hawai'i was approved by the vote of the OHA Board of Trustees. I affixed my signature to the Settlement Agreement as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees only after the OHA Board of Trustees approved the Settlement document. Settlement discussions between OHA and the State of Hawai'i took more than three-and-a-half years. Over 34 OHA Board of Trustees meetings were held to deliberate these matters each step of the way. As with other negotiations by unions and contractors, our meetings were confidential. Akana chose to be absent from many Board meetings.

The OHA-State 2008 Agreement to resolve payment on "disputed" income and proceeds from the Public Land Trust, owing to OHA since 1978, addressed items remaining since

OHA's earlier partial settlement.

The 2008 House Bill provided codification of the \$15.1 million annual payments establishing \$15.1m as the "floor" payment and exposing the State to litigation if diminished. The Bill provided language for biennial review of such income and proceeds in consideration of increased payments to OHA. Although income and proceeds payments to OHA were restored in 2003 and increased in 2006, currently, any future increase in payments must be legislated anyway.

On April 16, 1999, OHA Chair Rowena Akana signed a letter during negotiation with the Cayetano administration on these same matters in which OHA agreed to repeal Act 304 and Chapter 10 in exchange for a successful Settlement. No OHA Board vote was taken to approve that agreement, as I recall. In fact, on April 27, 1999, to Chair Akana's dismay, a majority of the OHA Board voted to terminate unsatisfactory Settlement Negotiations with the State.

AKANA'S TRAVEL

While demanding transparency of OHA financial reports on the one hand, Rowena Akana was infuriated when travel costs for Trustees were displayed on the OHA web site and the media asked her to explain why her expenses as a Board member exceeded that of BOT Chairperson Apoliona and the two BOT Committee Chairs. Akana attempted to deflect inquiries about her travel expenditures by pointing fingers and misrepresenting travel expenditures of the Chair.

The OHA Bylaws advise that "official business" means an activity authorized by the Chair for members of the Board, or the Administrator for employees, and performed or conducted pursuant to the duties of the Board, committee or Office."

COOK ISLANDS

As OHA Chairperson, I did not authorize Rowena Akana's travel to the Cook Islands as "official business."

In a letter dated Oct. 30, 2007, and faxed to OHA administration, the Executive Advisor in the Minister's Office refers to Trustee Akana as Ad Hoc Committee Chair for Health. In 2007 no such Ad Hoc Committee on Health existed under the OHA Standing Committee for Beneficiary

Advocacy and Empowerment, nor under OHA's Asset Resource Management Committee, nor under the Board of Trustees.

Akana was once Chair of a BAE Advisory Health Committee, which went defunct in 2004. In 2007 no such OHA Ad Hoc Committee on Health existed. Knowing that as fact, Akana apparently misled the Cook Island government.

GOVERNOR'S INTERSTATE INDIAN COUNCIL (GIIC)

On Sept. 3, 2008, Akana sought approval from the OHA Administrator for travel to the Governor's Interstate Indian Council meeting (GIIC) in South Dakota. As noted above, designation of "official business" for Trustees is authorized by the Chairperson.

GIIC Bylaws in Section 1.03 Delegate states that: "Delegates must have a letter of appointment from the Office of the Governor of their respective state or in the case of Hawai'i a letter from the Governor and/or Chair of the Trustees of the

Office of Hawaiian Affairs..."

I have not appointed Rowena Akana to the GIIC in my tenure as Chair. Akana was asked to provide a copy of her appointment letter presumably signed by the Governor of Hawai'i. Akana did not produce any documentation. Her 2008 November *KWO* column admits participation as the Hawai'i representative for five years. By whose authority?

On Sept. 26, 2008, for lack of required documentation for travel as "official business," her travel request was denied.

With this column I hope to leave this 'ōpala in 2008. For the future, check out "setting the record straight" and other information on the OHA web site, attend OHA community and Board meetings, contact your island Trustee or OHA's administrator, listen to OHA's daily radio program.

Mahalo to all who support OHA in its mission to improve conditions for Native Hawaiians through which all of Hawai'i benefits. I continue to serve, honorably. Have a blessed New Year! 1/48

Calling Kuleana Land Holders

The Kuleana Land Tax Ordinance on O'ahu and Hawai'i island allows eligible owners to pay a maximum of \$100 a year in property taxes. OHA would like to hear from you to gather statistics that could assist in developing laws to exempt Kuleana Lands from land taxes, similar to that which passed for the City and County of Honolulu and Hawai'i County.

If you have Kuleana Lands and would like to assist in the creation of such a tax exemption in your county, please contact the Kuleana Land Survey Call Center at 594-0247. Email: kuleanasurvey@oha.org. Mailing address: Kuleana Land Survey, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, 711 Kapi'olani Blvd. Ste. 500, Honolulu, HI 96813.

All personal data, such as names, locations and descriptions of Kuleana Lands will be kept secure and used solely for the purposes of this attempt to perpetuate Kuleana rights and possession.

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What does it mean?

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On Nov. 5, 2008, Hawai'i, the rest of the country, and the world experienced a euphoric state of amazement and hope. There was amazement that a person of color, Barack Obama, could be elected president of the most influential country in the world. And there was hope that this new leader could bring new perspectives to the many issues and concerns that people everywhere are experiencing, either as part of a larger community or an isolated one.

Hawai'i had particular cause to celebrate that momentous event. After all, the President-elect was born and spent most of his early formative years in Honolulu. Those early experiences, here, undoubtedly contributed to the whole man and, I believe, instilled in him a keen awareness of how people of diverse cultural, ethnic and economic backgrounds can live together in a kind of harmony not often experienced in other parts of the world, or

in many parts of the United States. Did you see that news clip of him walking along Young Street in "slippahs?" That said a lot to me. But those early experiences are, obviously enough, only a small part of this new world leader's makeup.

Barack Obama's further experiences at the country's most prestigious law school (that's a major concession from a Georgetown Law graduate) and as a community organizer in Chicago contributed more greatly to the formation of the man, than his youth. He not only got a great education but he experienced the rigors of competing with some of the brightest minds in the country. His community-organizing experiences were assisted greatly, I'm sure, by his vision of people living in harmony, such as in Hawai'i, yet striving for recognition and a "place in the world." I can only believe that he is still driven by that vision, and will evidence that in his policies and decisions as president.

But, in my mind, Barack Obama's humanitarian world view was forged by his visits to Kenya, his father's birthplace, as brief as those visits might have been. It was during those visits, in my opinion, that he was exposed to the dire effects of western colonialism on that country. He saw, firsthand, the effects of the colonialists' exploitation of the physical resources of Kenya and also learned from his relatives of the difficulties they experienced.

Indeed, he saw for himself the long-lasting effects of colonialism on his family and the people of Kenya. He can lead in altering the industrialized world's treatment of the less-developed countries.

All of Obama's experiences have molded a leader who has the capacity to bring people together in neighborhoods, in cities, in states and as a country in such a way that will produce the most good for the most people. And this can only mean good things for Native Hawaiians.

Obama takes with him to Washington strong Democratic majorities in both houses of Congress. We can expect that his policies and proposals will be well received. At least they will not be rejected out of hand. He has pledged to sign the Akaka Bill if passed by Congress, and with Sen. Inouye as chair of the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee, we can expect that that will happen. The strong Democratic majority and Inouye's position will also protect other entitlements for Native Hawaiians in appropriations for health, education and housing. In the present session of Congress there was still a move on the part of the Senate Republican Steering Committee to remove specific benefits for Native Hawaiians in housing assistance and small-business contracting with federal agencies. These efforts can be forestalled with the Democratic majority and Obama's more benevolent view of minority rights. 🌺

Hawai'i, the melting pot of the world

Donald B. Cataluna
Trustee, Kaua'i and Niihau



Diversity – the quality of being made of many different elements, forms, kinds or individuals.

The Aloha Spirit – Akamai, kindness; Lōkahi, unity; 'Olu'olu, agreeable; Ha'aha'a, humility; Ahonui, patience.

Like brothers and sisters, Hawaiians have many different views and do not see eye to eye on how, when and what to do to achieve our justifiable goals. But the elections are over and it is now time to unite as a nation and support the tasks ahead of us. Let us embrace the words of President-elect Barack Obama, "I know that we will succeed if we put aside partisanship and work together as one nation."

Five things that I want to see accomplished during this transition are:

- OHA be pono
- Akaka Bill is passed and signed by President Obama
- OHA helps rebuild the Hawaiian Nation
- OHA aids more Hawaiians in education, single mothers with children and our kūpuna
- OHA resolves the ceded lands issue

We can freely choose to continue acting independently or we can stand together and accomplish the tasks ahead. "Yes, we can." Hawai'i, the melting pot of the world.

May your holiday season be filled with all things that make the season bright. May laughter fill your homes and joy fill your hearts. May your table abound with good food and your family embrace each other in thankfulness for being together not only in this holiday season but throughout the year. Embrace the love of your family and the wisdom of your kūpuna. Pray for the healing of our Hawaiian people that God will heal our hearts and land and surround us with His peace. God Bless you all! Mele Kalikimaka me ka Hauoli Makahiki Hou! 🌺

Continuing our commitment to beneficiaries in 2009

Oz Stender
Trustee, At-large



Congratulations to our re-elected Trustees Haunani Apoliona, Don Cataluna, Bob Lindsey and Colette Machado! This election demonstrated that the good work we do is appreciated by the voters of this state. This election also demonstrated a very important lesson in civics; and that is, a campaign based on lies and hate does not work, no matter how much money you throw at it. The people of this community (as well as the Nation) are discriminating more between good and bad, what is true and false, what is pono, and what is

just plain hateful.

Now that the dust has settled and our leaders have been chosen in all races, it is time for the trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) to roll up our sleeves and continue our work for the betterment of our Hawaiian people.

As I reflect on the work that I have been involved with here at OHA since I was elected in 2000, I have again set personal goals that I would like to see accomplished during the remainder of my tenure:

1. Passage of the Akaka Bill by the U.S. Congress and signed by President Barack Obama.
2. Passage of the Ceded Lands Legislation by our state House and Senate leaders and signed by Gov. Linda Lingle.
3. Increasing our Grants Programs

with primary focus on the education of our beneficiaries (infants through adulthood).

4. Improving the lives of our beneficiaries in the areas of housing, health care, employment and strengthening of families.

5. Beginning the formation of a system government (chosen by the broader Hawaiian community) in order to improve the lives of our beneficiaries as well as the communities we live in.

I ask my OHA 'ohana to join me in the work that lies ahead with the commitment, diligence and passion that you have exhibited thus far to better the lives of our beneficiaries.

May we always remember the blessings, whether big or small, we each receive every day. May we always remember those in need and reach out to them. And as each of us remembers Him at Christmas, let us acknowledge His hand in all things and be thankful.

From my family to yours ... God bless and may you enjoy the spirit of the season. 🌺

'Ke au hou'

Robert K. Lindsey, Jr.
Trustee, Hawai'i



Aloha ke Akua. My last column was titled *Reflections*. It is not "aloha 'oe" but "ke au hou," a new beginning for us. We are back to do your work and we want to thank all 151,217 of you across Hawai'i nei for making it possible for us to be back. These are my HOPES for OHA for the next year. I know how the process works in order to get things done. You don't accomplish anything in a vacuum or by "beating on a drum." It takes majority support of Trustees, "buy in" by Administrator Nāmu'o and his staff, the support and aloha of our Hawaiian people.

Going forward, the following topics will be of focus, interest, passion and emphasis for us:

OHA's STRATEGIC PLAN. When I walked through OHA's Budget Door in April 2007, I suggested OHA's Strategic Plan be operationalized. We needed to bring "the pie (Strategic Plan) in the sky" down to earth so we could "touch, feel, knead and chew on it (make it real)." We needed to steer our canoe toward a "harbor which does exist."

The Bible says it this way. "People without a Vision will perish." The news is good. OHA's Strategic Plan is being operationalized, tweaked, updated by Administrator Nāmu'o, Lt. Col. Tracy Saiki, whose primary focus is OHA's Strategic Plan, and our Hale (Division) Directors and appropriate staff. Priorities have been identified and achievable targets established. Hale (Division) Plans are now linked to budgets. And I hope a formal Performance Mechanism to track progress (or non-progress) and a Feedback System (Report to beneficiaries on our progress or non-progress) will be put in place soon. I know from experience Change does not come quickly or readily but "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step (Chinese proverb)." The journey has begun. We need to Ho'olohe and gently nudge things along to move from a state of "Envision Pu'uhonua" to "Being a Pu'uhonua." We are on a Road to transparency, accountability and credibility.

EDUCATION. OHA must support Education and encourage our keiki to "walk, learn and travel" in the best of as many worlds as possible. Our Hawaiian world, the western world, worlds beyond. Take the "best of the best" of these worlds; use it for good and to "better conditions for our people," for our neighbors, all who call Hawai'i home. Education is our passport to a better future, personal sovereignty and achieving inner spirit. At OHA, we should (AND WE ARE) be cheering on the great efforts of Kamehameha Schools, Pūnana Leo, our Native Hawaiian-focused charter schools (all 11), Nāwahīkalanī'ōpu'u, UH-Mānoa's

School of Hawaiian Knowledge and our Department of Education. All who contribute to advancing Hawaiian education. Where there are flaws in the educational system, we should step up, demand these flaws be fixed and be there to help with the fixing. And I will compliment OHA's education efforts externally through my volunteer work with The Kohala Center.

HOUSING. The support OHA is giving DHHL to pay down its debt service on a \$90 million general obligation bond so that DHHL will be able to chip away at its residential waiting list, take a name off that list and give a family a key to a house at 24222 Kaneohale Ave. in Kealahou, Kona, is one way OHA is contributing to providing shelter for our people. I will also contribute externally to OHA's effort through my work with Habitat for Humanity-West Hawai'i.

HEALTH. Our health needs are many. We have a Department of Native Hawaiian Health, Papa Ola Lōkahi (home based on O'ahu) and attached to it are systems on each of our islands from Lihue to Kahului, Kaunakakai to Hilo, Wai'anae to Waimānalo. Hui Mālama Ola Nā 'Ōiwi is our Hawai'i Island system. Our executive director, Michelle Teuber, is doing a wonderful job (along with all the other ED's across the state) framing a plan to tackle the health challenges of kanaka on Moku O Keawe. Unfortunately, our systems are under resourced. Yes, Papa Ola Lōkahi gets an annual federal allocation but it is only enough to offer basic services. OHA has helped with crafting a Strategic Plan for Health. It will take an immense amount of

resources to move from where we are to where we need to be. A healthy nation needs healthy citizens. That's the bottom line. I will be a Champion for our Health Systems at OHA and I know my eight colleagues will be Champions for Health as well.

AKAKA BILL. We need a federal/legal nexus to pili Hawai'i to the USA if we are to protect what few Hawaiian assets we have left from (Kamehameha Schools, DHHL, Alu Like, Queen Lili'uokalani Trust and OHA). We must have a buffer to shield resources coming to Hawai'i from the U.S. Capitol in the next few years. The Akaka Bill is the only viable option (my perspective) on the menu of choices available to us (and there aren't many). With President-elect Obama poised to move into the Oval Office in January 2009 and a Democratic majority in the Congress, "get chance now" for us to move from where we are to where we want to be on several opportunity fronts (education, housing, health, small-business development).

CEDED LANDS SETTLEMENT. It did not happen in 2008. It can happen in 2009 with lōkahi, ho'olohe, laulima and aloha.

In closing, I have a favor to ask. Please know we are here to serve you and thus I want to encourage you to stay in touch with us. Call me anytime at 808-936-6795 (best way), 808-594-1882 or 808-594-1884 (Honolulu Office) or email me at robertl@oha.org or boblindsey808@hawaii.rr.com. We need your help and mana'o and we want to hear from you. "Always with Aloha." 🌺

'Tis the season for reflection

Boyd P. Mossman
Trustee, Maui



The holiday season is well underway and 'tis the time to remember the reason for the season. The birth of the Savior, the most perfect man to be born on earth, is commemorated worldwide and is celebrated by Christians and non-Christians alike. It is a time to give more and a time to care more and a time to appreciate more. I love this season and the spirit it brings with it. My sincere wish is to all of you that your families and your friends will be blessed through

your continued efforts to choose the right, to be civil with others, and to remember Him in all your decisions. With that kind of power, steeped in humility, surely no adversary will be able to prevail. And so, God bless you all this sacred time of the year.

Thanksgiving is pau now and I know we all ate enough for 2008, so let me say mahalo nui to you folks who work in the trenches out there, you who are the backbone of our economy and community, to you who donate time and money to worthy causes, to you who feed the hungry and clothe the naked, to you who just take the time to listen, to you who sacrifice for the benefit of others, to you who comfort the sick and assist the needy, to you who are patient, humble, caring, respectful, kind, diligent, giving, virtuous, and who stand firm in your faith; may you be rewarded richly whether in this life or the next.

Also in November we elected a new president of the United States and defeated the Con Con. Both decisions have signifi-

cant benefits to Hawaiians and may result in historic changes for the betterment of our people. The trust is protected until another day, absent a U.S. Supreme Court ruling otherwise. The Akaka Bill has a much better chance of succeeding, thus allowing Hawaiians to finally have some say in their own future and a focus on our own problems as well as secure our ceded lands. Any governing entity that is created will be as close as we can get to full self-determination and still remain Americans. Any other government creation would not allow us to have all of the benefits, opportunities, freedoms and protection provided by the United States. To the opponents of federal recognition, from whichever side you may come, remember that our uniqueness as a people and our bond to the land of our ancestors are important matters that can continue to exist with recognition and will not be abolished by any court. Why risk legal extermination to preserve pride and anger? No make sense.

Finally, mahalo to all of you who chose wisely and voted for Trustees Apoliona, Machado, Lindsey and Cataluna to return to this board which has worked better together than any other OHA board before and which, but for perhaps one trustee, stands united in seeking to preserve, protect and secure the trust and to fulfill our fiduciary duty to you, the beneficiaries of the trust and all of the people of Hawai'i. The campaign rhetoric and misleading statements did not blind you from the bottom line: OHA is now respected and has done more for Native Hawaiians in the past few years than all the years prior combined. But for one, there is little or no internal strife and OHA is run as a first-class operation by first-class leaders and staffs. Hawaiians need this stability and expertise to guide and assist them as we sail toward a new horizon while the sun begins to slowly set on OHA. Again, thank you for your votes, thank you for your support, thank you for your trust. 🌺

Looking forward to the New Year

Rowena Akana
Trustee, At-large



Congratulations to all of the public servants elected in 2008. Campaigning can be a grueling process. I look forward to working with all of you in what is certain to be a historic year for Native Hawaiians. During this holiday season we can finally look forward to the passage of the Akaka Bill in 2009.

The time has come for all of us to come together in spirit and give the Akaka Bill the final push it needs to become law. The bill will provide powerful protection from the constant threat of lawsuits to all of our Hawaiian trust assets. This is the reason why I have always supported the bill.

The Akaka Bill has never been in a better position for passage, although it must be reintroduced in the 2009 Congress. The nation has elected Sen. Barack Obama to be our next president and he is on record as supporting the Akaka Bill. The Democrats have also increased their majorities in both the U.S. House and Senate. We nearly got the Akaka Bill passed in the Senate just a few years ago with significantly less Democrats in office.

This time around it should be relatively easier – so much so that we could probably do without the “help” from our high-paid lobbyists. I believe we can get the bill passed on our own. Given the current state of the economy, we should seriously consider saving our beneficiary dollars wherever we can. Our congressional delegation certainly doesn’t need our current lobbyists just to count votes.

What we face today as Hawaiians is no different than what occurred over the past 100 years. We are still fighting off assaults on our culture, the deterioration of our rights to our

lands, and attacks from racist organizations.

Let us begin to work together for the cause of recognition. Let us begin to agree on the things that we can agree to and set aside the things we differ on and move forward together for the future generations of Hawaiians yet to come.

As many of you already know, the U.S. Supreme Court recently decided to consider the State of Hawai‘i’s appeal of a lower-court injunction against the sale or transfer of ceded lands until our claims have been settled. This inexplicable action by the Lingle administration highlights the fact that the future of OHA, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and all of the Hawaiian Trusts continue to be perilously at risk.

The state’s appeal can be traced all the way back to 1994, when OHA and four Native Hawaiians sued the state to prevent it from selling or transferring any portions of ceded lands. We argued that the state must first settle Native Hawaiian claims to the ceded lands.

In 2002, a circuit judge ruled in favor of the state, but a 2008 ruling by the Hawai‘i Supreme Court, which cited the 1993 Apology Bill, ruled in our favor. Now, with the latest appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, the state is once again trying to sell ceded lands without resolving Native Hawaiian ceded land claims. A U.S. Supreme Court ruling in favor of the state could lead to the transfer or sale of ceded lands without any oversight by Native Hawaiians.

Therefore, we must work together and combine our influence so that we can do what is necessary to finally pass the Akaka Bill. The fate of 1.2 million acres of ceded lands, the legacy of our once great kingdom, hangs in the balance.

May I wish each and every one of you a very blessed Christmas and a sincere wish of good health and best wishes for a wonderful New Year.

Aloha Ke Akua.

For more information on important Hawaiian issues, check out Trustee Akana’s web site at rowenaakana.org.

DIALYSIS

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is also a factor, since “People with lower income have a tendency to eat cheap fast food that’s very high in fat.”

Lehua Cosma and others in the Hui touted the bad news in public meeting after meeting armed with resolve to help their loved ones. “I told our story so many times at the Maui County Council that I got to the point where I no longer needed the piece of paper with all the facts written down. I knew it all by heart,” said Cosma, who credits East Maui County Councilman Bill Medeiros for his support. Madge Schafer of the Governor’s Advisory Council also became interested in helping the Hui Laulima O Hāna.

At last there came a tipping point – not from a seat of political power, but rather from the quiet voice of 67-year old Uncle Francis “Blue” Lono, a Hāna fisherman and employee of the National Tropical Botanical Garden who catches the Maui Economic Opportunity bus to Wailuku for dialysis treatment. “Go drive the Hāna Highway and see for yourself what it’s like,” he suggested to visiting Medicare official, who happened to be making a site visit to Wailuku.

“(The official) took the ride on a terrible stormy day—and he got it. He sent out an e-mail the next day saying no one should have to endure what our dialysis patients go through,” said Cosma.

“The people of Hāna were steadfast in their grassroots effort. They helped federal officials to really experience their circumstances and government then agreed to serve their special need,” said Kim Birnie of the Native Hawaiian health organization Papa Ola Lokahi.

In the last few months, Medicare and government parties have moved concertedly with service provider Liberty Dialysis to implement an innovative plan first hatched by Madge Schafer of the Governor’s office in discussions with the Hui Laulima O Hāna. Under this arrangement, patients will come to the communal home, where they will have individualized dialysis machines and a private bedroom for the duration of their treatment; at the same time, professional caregivers and health educators will be on hand to assist when needed.

As Cosma has always hoped, ‘ohana will be welcome to be part healing process. “From the beginning, we envisioned a place of nurture so that people in dialysis would never have to feel forgotten and alone,” she said.

A county-controlled-home in the Waiuku

area of Hāna has been selected as a location for the communal home. The roomy vintage structure—a familiar landmark to Hāna residents, poses some technical problems, though. An executive order stipulates use of the structure be limited to a physician’s residence for the Hāna Community Health Center. Maui Mayor Charmaine Tavares has sent a letter of request to the Board of Land and Natural Resources to lift the order and has also given notice to the home’s current tenants to vacate the premises by the year’s end. A spokesperson for the Mayor said she expects the site issues will be resolved by late January. The County is also providing \$105,000 in funding to make needed infrastructure improvements to the home to ensure compliance with various regulations.

Three patients, including Lehua Cosma’s mom, are ready to use the home as soon as it opens. Meanwhile, there is widespread agreement in the medical community—which is seeing an explosion of diabetes cases statewide – that the Hāna residents have accomplished something important for all Hawai‘i. Suzette Kaho‘ohanohano, a dialysis nurse for Hui No Ke Ola Pono, Maui’s Native Hawaiian Health Care System, said Hāna’s high profile advocacy has drawn attention to the silent dangers of a disease that often creeps up on people without producing any symptoms in the early stages. The lack of awareness of type 2 diabetes has particularly hurt Native Hawaiians in geographically isolated areas with less access to diabetes screenings. “They don’t know they have the disease until it progresses to the point where dialysis is necessary to survive,” said Kaho‘ohanohano.

“Hāna people have gotten diabetes into the headlines and sent the lifesaving message to know your numbers,” said Kaho‘ohanohano. Translation: get the simple blood sugar test, which will tell you if you are developing a diabetic condition (see insert).

Guy Lay said that getting the communal home for dialysis in Hāna is just part of a bigger plan for Hawaiians to return to the healthy Hawaiian traditions of “working their own land and satisfying their sweet tooth by eating mangoes from the trees—not junk from a fast-food restaurant.” He says he feels the entire Hāna community has been empowered by their success in keeping dialysis patients not only in their hearts but physically in their homes. “We were used to feeling we were off the radar. Now we know, reach out and make a difference.”



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Brown – In preparation for the 2009 reunion of the John and Benjamin Brown 'Ohana of Hilo, Hawai'i, the 'ohana is asking for all family members to update their contact information, births, deaths or marriages and/or share contact information about other family members. The family will be holding its reunion in Hilo, Hawai'i from July 3 - 5, 2009. The 'ohana includes the descendants of William Christopher Brown, Enoch Brown, Violet Nathaniel, Mealoa Anakalea, Benjamin "Tuna" Brown, Keala Kuamo'o, Valentine Brown, Manoa Brown, Maria Hendershot, John Thomas Brown, Irene I'i Brown, Emmaline Brown Lyman, James Harbottle Brown, Harry Kaina Brown, Frances Mililani Ludloff, and Helen Kanoelohua Brown Kawai. Preliminary information regarding the reunion will be sent out by the middle of September 2008. All interested parties are invited to attend monthly planning meetings held in Pearl City. Please call Ku'uipo McFadden Shimizu at 864-1185 or email brownohana2009@yahoo.com.

Kanakaole/Aipoalani/Poikauahi – The descendants of John Keali'i Kanakaole Aipoalani will hold a reunion on May 22-24, 2009 in Kekaha, Kaua'i at the Kekaha Community Recreation Center. For more information, updates & how you can help in this reunion, please contact Mike Aipoalani @808.342.0308 (c); 808.668.1298 (h); kaimana1956@hawaiiintel.net (O'ahu) / Gwenette (NAKAHIKI) CARDEJON @808.337.9241 (h); 808.651.4749 (c); gwenethcardejon@yahoo.com (Kaua'i) / Joy Aipoalani @808.630.8453; jaipoalani@htbyb.com (O'ahu).

Kinimaka – This is a follow up and final notice for the 2009 'Ohana Reunion. The site and dates are confirmed: July 29-31, inclusive, Lydgate Pavilion, Kapa'a, Kaua'i. The previous Nov. 2008 notice is revised and upgraded to include ALL descendants of our kupuna Colonel David Lele Kinimaka and his wife Hannah Keolaokala'au Allen Kinimaka. They will be honored at our reunion. This brings together all the descendants of David and Hannah Kinimaka's children: Mary Ha'aeo Kinimaka-Atcherley, Alice Kehaulani Kinimaka-Spencer, Rebecca Kekiohohi Kinimaka-Apana and Matthias Percival Ho'olulu Kinimaka. If you carry the Kinimaka name or bloodline, or are married to a Kinimaka, or no longer are married to a Kinimaka but still carry the name, please feel free to join the 'ohana event for the purpose of sharing our union and our common genealogy. This is an opportunity to meet face to face, 1st, 2nd and 3rd cousins, all assembled under the same roof for the first time. The 'ohana is pleased to welcome all Kinimaka descendants. For further reunion information please visit kinimaka.com for updates on hotel rates and car rental, fees, activities, etc. For in depth questions, suggestions or general messages, e-mail info@kinimaka.com. The Planning Committee is seeking attendance "round" numbers and would appreciate they be notified as soon as possible. A Registration Form will be posted on the website.

Manuwa/Manuwai/Manu'a – The family of Harry "Keli'i" Manuwa/Manuwai/Manu'a and Hattie Pa'ele will be hosting a family reunion on Maui from April 23-26, 2009 @ Hale Nanea. Children of Harry & Hattie include Helen (Castillo), Henrietta (Fernandez), Lillian (Rabe/Edrozo), Edmund Manuwai, Emma (Balcita), Mabel (Maynes), and Florence (Neves). The family would also like to invite the extended 'ohana which include descendants of Harry Manuwa's brothers. They include Gabriel Haiakalani/Heaukulani, Sam Manuwa, and Kealohainea. Parents of the Manuwa brothers are Lokua a Manu'a & Hulimai. We would also like to invite the extended 'ohana of Hattie Pa'ele of Kahakuloa, Maui. E kala mai, we do not have any genealogy information to list names of specific ancestors. We are trying to make contact with this side of the family and graciously ask you folks to join us. Please join us for a fun filled weekend surrounded by aloha and 'ohana. For more information, please e-mail Manuwaohana@yahoo.com.

Napoleon – The descendants of Pamahoa and Temanihi Napoleon are planning a family reunion July 10-12, 2009. They had fifteen children, six of whom produced descendants: Emma Kauikeolani Napoleon MD AS Wilcox; Hattie Kelihelekaupuni Napoleon MD Joseph Kawainui (their granddaughter was Elizabeth Emma Pakuai); Uaia Napoleon MD Elizabeth Kaehukai Baker; Elizabeth Puuki Napoleon MD Ebenezer Parker Low; Jack Kelihoalamai Napoleon MD (1) Norah Kamaipili, (2) Becky Timoteo; and, Titus Kelihooululuauopuana Napoleon MD Minnie Brown. Other 'ohana include Papalimu, Abraham, Baji, Ehu, Lydia Mahuna Napoleon, Claude & May Kakalia, Ruddie, and the Wilcox family of Kona, O'ahu & Kaua'i. Contact Dianne Castro at (808) 638-2248 or e-mail dcastro@hawaii.rr.com

Paule – My father is Albert Mahi Paule, his father is Mitchell Kameaie Paule, married to Gertrude Harvey; and his father is John Papoko Paule, married to Pahuone and a second marriage to Kalua Kukahiko Nakaula. The Paule reunion is planned for June 27, 2009, on O'ahu. The location and time will be provided at a later time. For information, call Althea "KuiLan" Paule Watanabe on O'ahu at 668-2548.

Torres – The children of Arcillio Alfred Torres Jr. are planning a family reunion for all family members in July of 2009. They are: Julia, Dovie, Louise, Flora, Katherine, Cheryleilani (Nakila), Elisia (Valentine), Alfred & Andrew (Kemfort), & Malo, Albert Torres. They are the grandchildren of Arcillio Torres Sr. and Julia Maldonado. Please send all information or questions to Momilani Kemfort, PO Box 790534, Pa'ia, HI 96779. All information is greatly appreciated!

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Kalehuawehe – The descendants of Napoka Kalehuawehe and Ke'elehiwa Ulukua (1853), son & daughter-in-law of John Nalaniewalu Kalehuawehe Napoka and Haupū Ukukua (1829-1893), all of Honua'ula, Palaeua Uka, 'Ulupalakua, Maui are planning their

5th reunion at the Hale Nanea Clubhouse in Kahului on September 4-6, 2009. They had 6 (c) 1-John Nalaniewalu Kalehuawehe II m Aulani Dart 1872-1923, their siblings - Lillian K. Medeiros, Eliza K. Seabury (1st) marriage, (2nd) H.K. Chun-ling, and William J. Keone Kalehuawehe. 2-John I. Kalehuawehe 1873-1941 m Mary Aliona a.k.a. Aleong Kanahale a widow, their siblings - John I. Kalehuawehe Jr., Jacob Kalehua Kalehuawehe, Mary Malia K. Feliciano, Eva K. Kuloloia, Elizabeth K. Kekahuna, Lillian M.K. Domingo, Agnes K. Kahekapu, Edith K. Gomes (hanai siblings) Leialoha Kanahale, 1st marriage S. Sakamoto, 2nd H.S. Huckso, and Mary Kanahale Gomes. 3- Malia Kalehuawehe 1883-1944 m Joseph Achong Akanako, their siblings - Mary K. Harvest, and A'ana A. Tavares. 4- Lillian Kalehuawehe 1885 m Arthur Allen, their sibling Arthur Allen Jr. 5- David Kane 1867 m Emma Walsh N/I. 6- John Kalehuawehe 1878 m Kaina Pio N/I. For more information regarding the reunion call Allan Gordon (808) 244-9513 or Bettylou (808) 244-7557.

Ma Hope • Later

Kaholokula – Descendants of Kupalaha and Kealiamoiili Kaholokula of Maui are planning a family reunion in 2010. They had eleven children: 1. Kuhaupio, 2. Keauli, 3. Kuhaupio, 4. Ulunui, 5. Puakailima, 6. Kaleikapu, 7. Kalaina, 8. Mala, 10. Alapai, and 11. Kaiminaauao. Please contact Gordon K. Apo (808) 244-3500 (evenings) or (808) 269-0440 (daytime); Clifford N. Kaholokula Jr. (808) 250-1733 or (808) 876-1447; or Haulani Kamaka (808) 268-9249.

'Imi 'Ohana • Family Search

Alapai – My name is Edward Keikiokalani Alapai, Jr. born April 27, 1982 at Wilcox Hospital on Kaua'i. I am searching for information on my 'ohana and looking for relatives. I am in prison at the moment and have no resources to help me locate any of my 'ohana. I would like to ask anyone with information, or who knows if a genealogy has ever been done on the Alapai 'ohana to please write to me at SCC, 1252 East Arica Road, Eloy, Arizona 85231. I am eager to learn about my roots and where I come from. Mahalo!

Aweau – I'm Larry Franquez and I am researching the Aweau genealogy. I was told that the Aweau heritage comes from Alapa'inui, chief of Hawai'i Island in the early 1700's. I wish to make contact with anyone having information of this connection, any descendant of Alapa'inui or any member of the Aweau family. Other families that share the Alapa'inui heritage are the Saffery's of Maui and the Lim family from Kohala. You can view our attempt at genealogy at aweaufamily.tripod.com. Other major surnames in the family tree besides Aweau are Aipia, Tong, Watson, Padeken, Nalaelua, Ku, Kawai, Ashley, Kahooio, Kahoiwai. You can contact me at (808) 295-3543 or pikonipottery@hawaiiintel.net.

Kahulamu – We are seeking Kahulamu descendants of Kahalu'u, N. Kona, Hawai'i to fill the

missing gaps in our genealogies. We descend from: Gen. 1: Mokuhiwalani and Lonokahikini (w). Gen. 2: Mahoe & Kapolohiwa (w). Gen. 3: Kahikuonamoku & Pa'e (w). Gen. 4: Mahoe II & Kihauanu (w). Gen. 5: Kaloakukahilulua & Kanoena (w). Gen. 6: Kahakanauaaka Kuaalu (k), Kauhenuiuhonokawailani (w), Kauwe (k), Kahikuonamoku II (k), Kauhilioli (w), Kapuahelani (k), Keliuhulamu & Kahulamu & Haliaka Hana. Gen. 7: Keliimoeawakea Kahulamu, John Robert Kahulamu & Namakaohalou Kahikimakaokeawe, Keliimoeonua Kahulamu (k), Keliikeikiole / Keikiole Kahulamu & Hina, Kawahineaea Kahulamu (k), Kauauani Kahulamu (k), Kanoena II Kahulamu (w), Ben Kahulamu & Julia N. Kahinu, and Kalaukala Kahulamu (k). E kahea au, 808-329-7274.

Kaohi – My name is Howard S. Kaohi from Hanapepe, Kaua'i. I am trying to locate genealogical information about my grandfather, Joseph Kalua Kaohi's siblings. Joseph Kalua Kaohi was born in 1894 in Niuli'i, N. Kohala. He married Rachael Kaneheokalani Hanohano Makea. They lived in Honolulu for a while, then moved to Kaua'i. My grandfather had several brothers and sisters born in N. Kohala: William, Emmaline, Harriet, Emily Kapunohuakala, Amelia, and Benjamin. If you have any information on the Kaohi 'ohana from N. Kohala, please contact me at kao-his001@hawaii.rr.com or write P.O. Box 1094, Kōloa, HI 96756.

Kauakahi/Keanui/Keaunui – My name is Phyllis Kauakahi Specht. I am searching for long lost relatives that may still be living on the north shore of O'ahu that belonged to Anna Keanui Kauakahi 'ohana. My Tūtū Kauakahi was said to have been born on Ni'ihau in the late 1800s. She and her 'ohana lived in Nānākuli for a time before her death in 1940. If anyone knows of or is part of this 'ohana, please contact me at spechthaus@yahoo.com. Mahalo!

Nailima – I am searching for children born to Hoaeae and Emma Kai Kahaikupuna Nailima, residents of Kalawao, Moloka'i at the Leper Settlement. There were 8 children born to this marriage by the names of Napeliela Kaanaana born 1911, Mary Joseph Whineaukai born 1913, Joseph Kealialo born 1914 who died at 9 months old, Alice Kaakau born 1915 and died at age 1, Lui Alois born 1916, Alice Kaakau Hoolapa born 1917, Philomena Kaimilani born 1918 and Malie Kaeha born 1919. If you know any of these children please call Pamela Nakagawa. I would like to share stories and pictures. Please call 808-587-4392 during the day and 808-520-8800 during the evening. You may email me at pnakagawa71@yahoo.com.

Na'ipo – Searching for the heirs of my grandfather's brother, Alan Na'ipo. He had two daughters. I am Kala Bernard, son of Samuel Keawe Bernard Sr. and Lilly Naiheali'i Keali'i Mahi'aimoku Na'ipo; my grandparents were Benjamin Keawe'ahelu Na'ipo of Kohala and Lilly Ho'opale of Kona. Any information, please contact Kala Bernard at (808) 843-1116 home, or (808) 954-2976 cell. 📞

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