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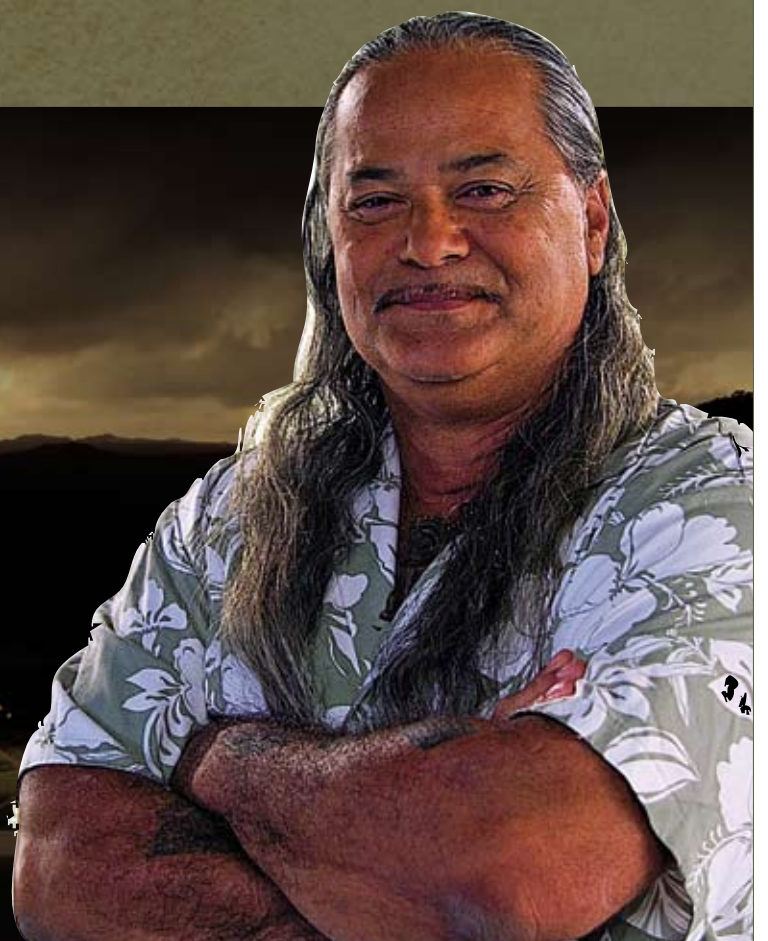
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OHA airs 2 TV shows on Akaka Bill



On the air at the KITV4 studio, OHA's CEO Clyde Nāmu'o, host for a discussion on the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act, is flanked by Professor Lilikala Kame'eleihiwa from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's Kamakakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies and Robin Puanani Danner, President and CEO of the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement. - Photo: Liza Simon

By T. Ilihia Gionson
Publications Editor

The Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act, widely known as the Akaka Bill for its sponsor, U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Akaka, means many things to many people. To help inform Hawaiians and non-Hawaiians about the legislation and its potential impacts, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs produced two live television shows with discussion panels, which aired in January and may be viewed

online at oha.org.

"The Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act reaffirms and expresses the policy of the United States regarding its political relationship with Native Hawaiians by authorizing a process to federally recognize a reorganized Native Hawaiian governing entity," said OHA Chief Executive Officer Clyde Nāmu'o, who served as moderator for the two hourlong call-in shows.

"This is a complicated bill," he said. "We want to help both Hawaiians and non-Hawaiians alike to understand what this bill means, answer people's questions and

help everyone prepare for what we believe will be successful passage of this landmark legislation."

The 1893 illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy makes it necessary to pass the legislation, Akaka said during a U.S. Senate Indian Affairs Committee hearing on the bill. "The overthrow resulted in generations of Native Hawaiians being disenfranchised from their government, culture, land and their way of life," Akaka said. He added that the legislation "provides a structured process to reorganize a

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Abercrombie links self-determination, energy independence

By Liza Simon
Public Affairs Specialist

U.S. Congressman Neil Abercrombie urged Native Hawaiians to support energy independence as part of the movement toward political self-determination, which he characterized as being at the core of OHA's efforts and the Akaka Bill, pending in Congress.

His remarks came during his keynote address at OHA's Hawaiian Business Conference and Economic Expo on Jan. 13, a day devoted to energy issues.

Abercrombie said that once "questions of ceded lands and Hawaiian homelands are settled," Hawaiians will have more opportunity to invest in natural resources and infrastructure, including the use of clean energy. He said Native Hawaiian prosperity is key to economic progress for all Hawai'i residents. "Once Hawaiians become masters of their own economic destiny, everyone (in Hawai'i) also rises, because we will have a more stable society that everyone benefits from," said Abercrombie (D-Hawai'i).

Abercrombie also commended Hawai'i's leaders from opposing political parties for uniting on the issue of energy independence but said more action is needed to cut the state's heavy

reliance on costly foreign oil imports for its energy needs. "We need to have a government commitment that says we are not going to turn Hawai'i's land over to investment speculators in the 21st century, but instead use it to grow renewable energy sources," he said, referring to recent efforts to start up bioenergy enterprise, or the making of fuel from plant products.

Earlier in the day, a panel of experts discussed alternatives to Hawai'i's oil dependence, including the Hawai'i Clean Energy Initiative, a partnership between the U.S. Department of Energy and the Lingle administration aimed at using Hawai'i's natural resources – wind, sun, biomass and geothermal power, to transition the state's energy economy by 2030 into a model of clean energy efficiency unprecedented in the nation.

Abercrombie, who is running for governor, quipped that he surprised Lingle by recently complimenting her for "putting meat on the policy bone" related to energy. "There is universal acceptance across the state that energy independence is where we want to go," he said, adding that economic recovery in Hawai'i is impossible without a concerted commitment to change, including halting the state's practice of spending bil-

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Hiki Nō!



Trustees from the Clarence T.C. Ching Foundation present a \$100,000 check to PBS Hawai'i to support the new Hiki Nō (Can Do) student news network. Students from Wai'anae High School, Maui High School, Moanalua High School, Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle School and Ke Kula Ni'ihau O Kekaha attended the Jan. 11 presentation. Middle and high school students in public, private, charter and home schools across Hawai'i are invited to participate in the country's first statewide student news network, which will begin airing on PBS Hawai'i in early 2011. Thirty-three schools have expressed interest in the venture, including Kanu O Ka 'Aina on Hawai'i, Ke Kula Ni'ihau O Kekaha on Kaua'i and Kamehameha Schools. "Hiki Nō will create a network of student storytellers to take us into their communities and humanize the issues that concern them," said veteran journalist Susan Yim, managing editor of the project. PBS Hawai'i will provide resources, funding, professional guidance and infrastructure. The federal Corporation for Public Broadcasting has contributed \$200,000. Using a web-based virtual newsroom, the students will collaborate on a weekly newscast, which will expand to multiple newscasts each week as the project establishes itself. "We can each tell our own different stories to the people on the outside," said Kuulei Beniamina, a student at Ke Kula Ni'ihau O Kekaha. "That will be a great opportunity for everyone." For information, visit pbshawaii.org. - Photo: Courtesy of PBS Hawai'i



U.S. Rep. Neil Abercrombie highlights energy issues at OHA's Hawaiian Business Conference and Economic Expo. - Photo: Liza Simon

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Capital campaign to kick off for La'i'ōpua community center

By T. Iliha Gionson
Publications Editor

A capital campaign will launch in mid-February to raise money to build the La'i'ōpua Community Center, envisioned as a pu'uhonua, a place of safety and peace for Kona homesteaders and their neighbors in the booming region. "So many communities are fractured, but here we have the opportunity to build a net to protect a growing community," said Bo Kahui, a homesteader in La'i'ōpua in Kona, Hawai'i, who is heading the campaign.

"The center is essential for the survival of a modern-day, urban community that provides services and programs to keep the community safe and healthy: early childhood education, social services and recreational opportunities. It's a combination of services that ensure the viability, health and safety of the community as it begins to grow." The center's planned 130,000 square feet of community facilities will be built on about 27 acres of land owned by the state Department of Hawaiian Home Lands – a huge

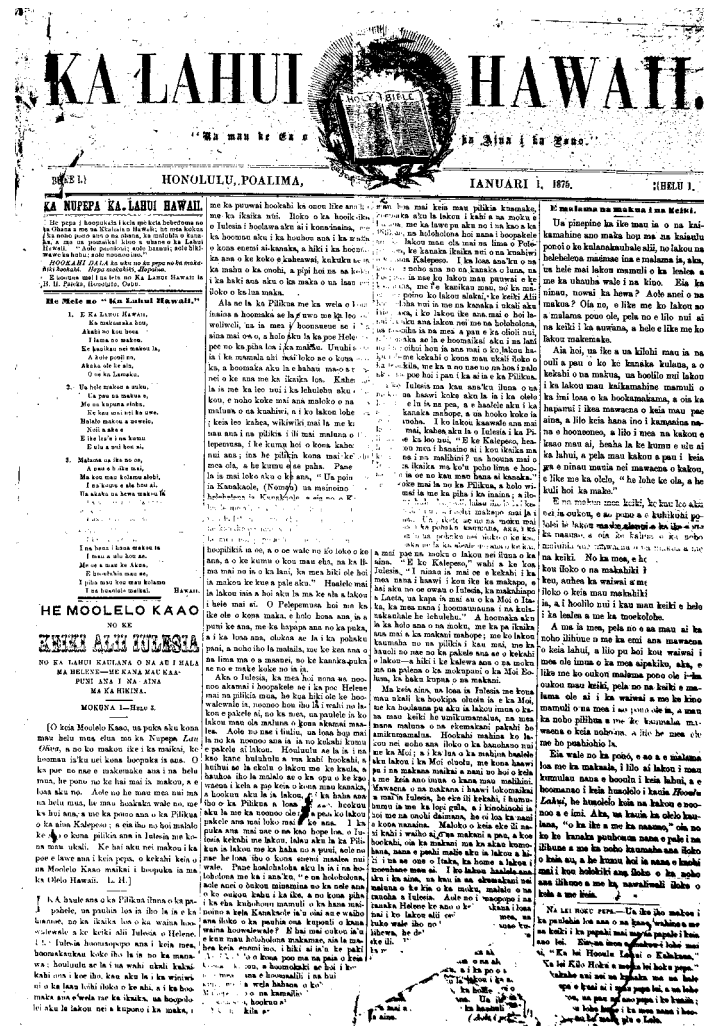


A conceptual rendering of the La'i'ōpua Community Center shows the medical wellness center at left, a Hale for community gatherings at center and the Community Center Complex, at right, which will be home to La'i'ōpua 2020 and the Neighborhood Place of Kona. - *Courtesy of La'i'ōpua 2020*

upgrade from the community's current gathering place, a one-bedroom hale with a 400 square-foot lānai. Plans are underway for Kamehameha Schools to construct a preschool on the site. The West Hawai'i Community Health Center proposes operating a clinic on the site. The Neighborhood Place of Kona will offer culturally sensitive services to at-risk families, including services to prevent child abuse and neglect. Other organizations that will be represented at the center

include the Legal Aid Society, Kona Adult Day Care, Alu Like, Inc., and Family Support Services. And the heart of the center will be an open hale where the community can gather for celebrations and events.

The regulatory approval process is underway, and some federal funds have been committed for planning and design. To get involved, contact the La'i'ōpua 2020 office at 808-327-1221, drop by at 74-5599 Luhia St. E-5 in Kailua-Kona, or email Bo Kahui at bokahui@yahoo.com. ■



Among the bygone Hawaiian language newspapers set to come online this month at nupepa.org are *Ka Lahui Hawaii*, a 19th-century weekly that focused on religion; *Kuu Hae Hawaii*, which highlighted legislative, local and foreign news; and *Home Rula Republica*, a bilingual newspaper owned by the wife of Robert Wilcox, who was then Hawai'i's delegate to Congress. - *Photo: Courtesy of Ho'olaupa'i*

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OHA grant helps digitize Hawaiian newspapers

By Kau'i Sai-Dudoit

Most everyone is familiar by now with the existence of the Hawaiian language newspaper repository that illuminates every facet of Hawaiian life from the 1800s through the middle of the 20th century. Today students, scholars, researchers, genealogists or anyone with an interest in Hawai'i are able to scour at the click of a mouse through the 76,000 pages of the collection at nupepa.org to glean a unique perspective of Hawaiian life written by the people who lived it. (It's all in Hawaiian, and a challenge to track through, but making it easier to find allows speakers and nonspeakers to locate important information; translation or interpretation can follow once it's found.)

More than 10,000 of those pages have been converted from page images to searchable text files by Ho'olaupa'i: Hawaiian Language Newspaper Resource during the last seven years for nupepa.org. It's a wonderful new resource, changing what we know about the past. Much remains to be done, but the project team has committed to completing this immense endeavor. Although funding opportunities are extremely limited at present and the project has transitioned from a full-time project at the Bishop Museum to a collaborative effort of the Bishop Museum and the Awaiaulu Literacy Project, the team remains optimistic.

Through the generous support of an Office of Hawaiian Affairs Education Hale grant under Hau'oli Akaka, Ho'olaupa'i has completed text files for 1,800 pages of Hawaiian language newspapers. Additionally, Kamehameha Publishing under Kēhau Abad has provided ongoing funding opportunities for the project, and the team has completed an additional 1,400 pages through their generosity.

The Bishop Museum, Awaiaulu Inc. and Ho'olaupa'i are proud to announce that the additional 3,200 pages will be uploaded to the World Wide Web in February 2010. A doorway into the past will be made 30 percent larger just in time for second semester research papers. ■

Kau'i Sai-Dudoit is the manager of Ho'olaupa'i: Hawaiian Language Newspaper Resource Project.

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SEEKING SOLUTIONS



State House Speaker Calvin Say addresses the Legislature at a toned-down opening day. The Jan. 20 proceedings broke with the tradition of entertainment and pomp to reflect the economic times. - Photo: Liza Simon

By Liza Simon
Public Affairs Specialist

After a year of cuts in public sector jobs and a reduction in public services to fill a \$2.1 billion state budget shortfall, warnings of more tough times ahead filled the opening day speeches of the 2010 state Legislature.

In his speech, House Speaker Calvin Say (D-St. Louis Heights, Pālolo Valley) said more projected job losses combined with a drop in personal income, a decline in state revenue collections and another looming state budget deficit of \$1.2 billion through 2011 make it necessary for lawmakers to “sacrifice and subordinate ourselves ... to achieve meaningful legislation.” Say also said the public must prioritize between paying more taxes and fees or receiving less public services and facilities.

Senate President Colleen Hanabusa (D-Nānākuli, Mākahe) noted that this year’s customary opening day ceremonies at the Capitol were cancelled in light of the ongoing economic crisis. Hanabusa finished her prepared remarks in less than three minutes and declared, “Let’s get to work.”

Those listening to the lawmakers’ bleak pronouncements included many who have concerns about any further dismantling of core services that provide for the state’s neediest populations, including a disproportionately large number of Hawaiians. Former state Sen. Alex Santiago said that last year’s reductions to child abuse prevention, mental health, elder care and other programs will eventually cost taxpayers more, because “if left untreated, social problems escalate” and require more public assistance to fix. “If we try to cut our way out of the deficit, we are just kicking the can down the road to a worsening budget problem,” said Santiago, now with the human services advocacy group Phocused, whose 50 member organizations serve a

mostly Native Hawaiian clientele. Santiago said lawmakers should stop slicing budget appropriations for state departments and look for additional revenue from the state’s rainy day fund. He also wants legislators to clarify which state services are considered essential, before further moving to cut more public services and jobs.

While Say called on advocacy groups to “be aware of the need for balance among competing interests during these extraordinary times,” several people at the Capitol for the Jan. 20 opening cited the perils of doing more with less. “We are not here to fight with other agencies but to help lawmakers understand that any further reductions would endanger health and safety,” said Deborah Arendale from the Maui County Division of Elderly Affairs. On the mostly Hawaiian island of Molokai, Arendale said, traditional ‘ohana care for kūpuna is vanishing as younger people leave the island to look for work or take on multiple jobs to make ends meet. “So we are here to educate lawmakers that we are not asking for an increase in funding, but we need to maintain the current level of services, such as assistance with chores or three baths per week per each elder. This is nothing extravagant.”

Hanabusa’s appeal to her Democratic majority colleagues to put aside partisan differences and “to engage” with Republican Gov. Linda Lingle was echoed by minority leaders in both houses. This is in contrast to several Democratic lawmakers who at the start of this year criticized the governor for ordering across-the-board cuts in most state departments. GOP leaders Sen. Sam Slom (R-Hawai‘i Kai, ‘Āina Haina) and Rep. Lynn Finnegan (R-‘Āiea, Hālawā) emphasized that they would prefer to balance the budget by promoting business development as a means to increase tax revenue collections instead of hiking taxes.

State Department of Health Director Dr. Chiyome Fukino, whose healthcare budget for

low-income adults last year was slashed by \$42 million, said that a revised Council of Revenue projections due in March may lead to more cuts. “This is going to be a difficult year for everyone,” she said. But she said the health department this year is sticking to a “lean legislative package, looking to strengthen department efficiencies, and gaining federal funds” to maintain public health infrastructure. Fukino also said she believed that Hawaiian traditions of sharing and self-reliance come in handy in hard times. “Dependence on government has made us forget those inherent strengths that we need to find again,” said Fukino, the first Native Hawaiian to head the department.

Laura Thielen, chairwoman of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, said her department’s core functions, including the protection of natural and Hawaiian cultural resources, are being maintained despite budget cuts, through partnerships outside of government. DLNR’s plan to raise revenue for capital improvements through fee hikes and sources other than taxes failed to pass in the 2009 Legislature.

Both Say and Hanabusa made an effort to inject some optimism in their opening day remarks by highlighting Hawaiian values, which they said are potential building blocks for economic recovery.

Top tourism official Mike McCartney agreed. “Our job in the tourism industry is to grow the state’s economy and this means we respect the values of the host culture,” he said. “In marketing terms, this gives us the competitive advantage. No other place has the aloha spirit.” The Hawai‘i Tourism Authority has implemented the administration’s orders for furloughs and budget cuts but is committed to funding five Native Hawaiian cultural events, including the Merrie Monarch Hula Festival, he said, noting that visitor arrivals in Hawai‘i are slightly up in recent months relative to other travel destinations. ■



State capitol. - Photo: KWO Archives

OHA submits modified bill to resolve past-due revenue claims

By T. Ilihia Gionson
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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs will submit a bill for introduction this legislative session that will again seek payment of \$200 million in past-due Public Land Trust revenues. OHA is the agency constitutionally mandated to utilize 20 percent of revenues from the use of Public Land Trust lands to better the conditions of Native Hawaiians. The \$200 million has accumulated from 1978 to the present.

While some Public Land Trust revenues are disputed, if enacted, the bill would establish the debt at \$200 million and provide for annual payments of at least \$30 million beginning July 1, 2015, until the debt is paid. The bill would also require the state to pay interest to OHA beginning July 1, 2010.

The delay in payment of the debt is OHA’s recognition of the state’s financial crunch. However, the OHA Board of Trustees believes that the state’s economy will be on its way to recovery within three to five years and the state will be well able to begin retiring the debt.

OHA also notes that by 2015 the state’s obligation to pay \$30 million annually into the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust Fund under Act 14 will end.

“We recognize these aren’t the best of times for the state budget, but if OHA and the state can strike an agreement that would allow the state to make good on its obligation when the economy improves, we believe this would work toward the benefit of Native Hawaiians and all of Hawai‘i,” said OHA Chief Executive Officer Clyde Nāmu‘o, speaking on behalf of the board. ■

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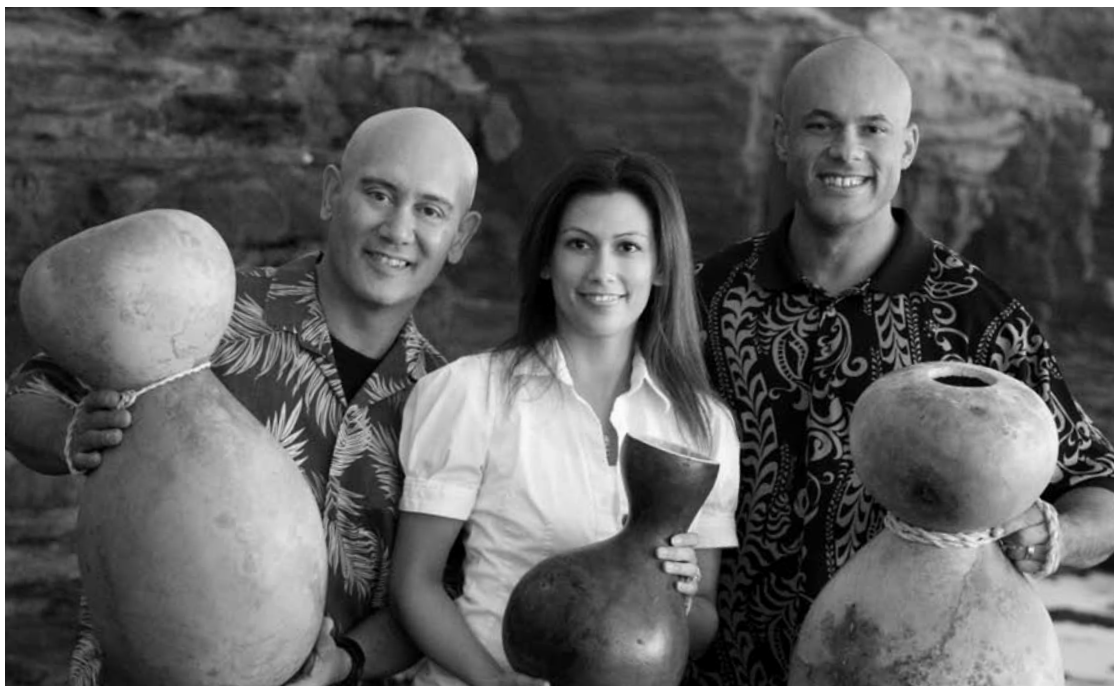
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Native ipu makers — soon to be featured at the Merrie Monarch Festival arts exhibition — display their product near a San Diego beach. From left, Wayne Hopkins, Landa Ku'uleialoha Smith and husband Kalim Smith. - *Courtesy photo by Gary Ballard*

Growing native gourds nets new enterprise

By Liza Simon
Public Affairs Specialist

Ask anyone in the hula community about where they get the raw material for their ipu drums and many will say they now turn to California suppliers for the gourds they fashion into the rhythmic and resonant percussion instruments of Hawaiian dance.

Landa and Kalim Smith recently learned of the Hawai'i gourd gap — caused by insect invasions, wetter than normal weather and Hawai'i's loss of agricultural land to increased development — while visiting Landa's Auntie Donna Jensen, a kumu hula, in Hawai'i Island. They decided they wanted to help by cultivating a gourd crop at their home in the Viejas Indian Reservation in San Diego County, where they work as teachers at a tribal school and also have three acres of fertile land. "Auntie Donna thought it was a good idea to grow the gourds on native soil, because she says you can feel the mana of the place that the

ipu comes from," said Kalim, who is of Cree Indian descent and who has also farmed gourds for making rattles used in Native American ceremonial singing. Though Landa grew up mainly in California, she traces her interest in ipu heke to her Native Hawaiian 'ohana, including many who are talented in hula and traditional Hawaiian music.

So began the couple's unique enterprise — an indigenous family-owned mahi ipu — a farm for organically grown ipu heke gourds.

After harvesting a successful crop for Auntie Donna, the Smiths moved quickly to e-commerce. Orders have come in from hālau in Hawai'i, California, Japan and, surprise of surprises, from Russia — with love, no doubt, for hula.

The couple's web site promotes the propagation of ipu heke gourds "from native lands to your hands," a tag line they take to heart. "It's a unifying force for natives of different backgrounds to come together and revitalize something that might otherwise be lost," said Landa, drawing a rough parallel between the perpetuation of ipu heke farming with the ongoing revival of

indigenous languages.

The Smiths recently got word that they've been accepted as vendors at the upcoming arts exhibition held alongside the Merrie Monarch Festival this April in Hilo. They are excited to meet customers face to face, enabling them to better customize gourds to individual tastes. "An amazing attention in cultivating and cleaning the gourd sets the sound of the instrument," Kalim said, adding that the "native way" he learned from his elders was to care for the gourds as if they were his children.

In the San Diego County climate, the planting-to-harvest cycle lasts one year. "To grow gourds basically requires a few good seeds and a lot of patience," Kalim said. After harvest, the task of scooping the pith from the gourds and shining the hard shell surface into an attractive ipu drum can be grueling, said Landa. "But I also have a very good feeling that I've begun a new chapter in my life with respect to contributing to a native tradition," she said. Landa's father, Wayne Hopkins, a welder by trade, joins the "assembly line" for cleaning and varnishing the gourds.

They have also taken steps to grow the business beyond a family enterprise and build a mahi ipu cooperative with several nearby Indian reservations in San Diego County. "This is a way to give other natives a chance to stay home and make a living," said Kalim, explaining that the lack of jobs on reservations forces an exodus of Native Americans into big cities with all its accompanying woes of urban poverty. Even though they count it a blessing that they have plenty of land, some of the farm areas in the new cooperative were plagued by drought last year. Despite this, Native American interest in growing Native Hawaiian ipu heke gourds runs high, Kalim reports. "I feel this joy every time I make an ipu from something that I have grown. This connection to the soil is in my blood. This is just one example of how much native peoples share. As we discover more about each other, I think we will find many more commonalities that we enjoy." ■

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To know you is to love you ... and oh, how tweet it is

By Francine Murray
Broadcast/Media Coordinator

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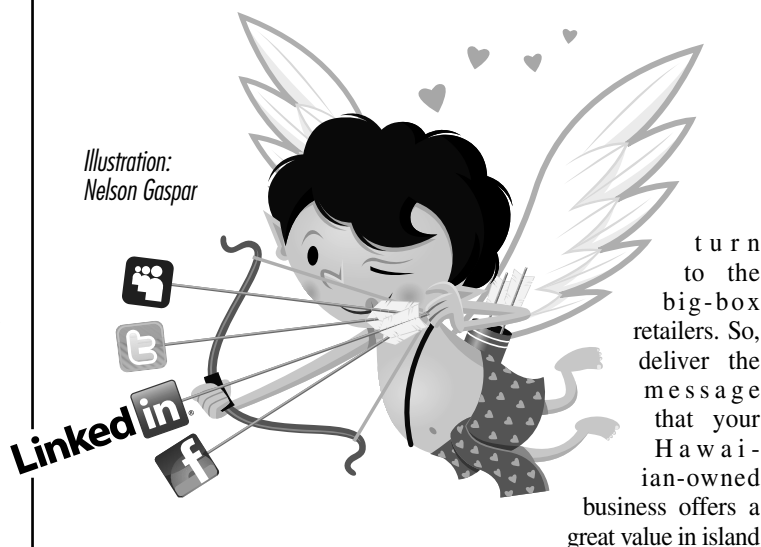


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lions of dollars out of state on energy sources. "If we (continue this), the working middle class, white and blue collar are going to be driven to the margins — and disappear," he said.

The conference also held a legislative panel with state lawmakers, who gave a glimpse of

their agenda this session. House Hawaiian Affairs Chairwoman Mele Carroll (D-Lāna'i, Moloka'i, E. Maui) said she would be introducing a bill that would allow DHHL, if it so desired, to "create economic development" through gambling. The bill, which would allow DHHL to establish a gambling commission, is based on a model of a Native American tribe she visited in Tulalip in Washington state in January as a member of the Native American State Legislators Caucus. ■

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OHA CEO Clyde Nāmu'o, right, with panelists from the Jan. 7 broadcast. From left are Bruss Keppeler, Michael Kahikina, Lilikalā Kame'eiehiwa and Robin Danner. - Photo: Lisa Asato

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Native Hawaiian governing entity to exercise self-government and self-determination." (A video clip of the hearing aired as part of the shows.)

During OHA's live Jan. 7 broadcast on KITV4, panelist Lilikalā Kame'eiehiwa, professor at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Kamakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies, said the measure will provide a land base where Native Hawaiians would be able to perpetuate traditional culture. In addition, Kame'eiehiwa, who supported the recent United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, said the Akaka Bill is aligned with the U.N. effort requiring signatory nations to guarantee political and civil rights for their indigenous populations.

In response to a viewer's question on taxpayer costs associated with the bill, panelist Michael Kahikina, legislative chair with the Sovereign Councils of Hawaiian Homelands Assembly, said that he was more concerned about what would happen to state coffers if the Akaka Bill does not pass.

"This would jeopardize at least \$70 million in federal government funding for Native Hawaiians that the state currently receives," said Kahikina, a former state lawmaker. Later in the show, he added that democracy "depends on participation and the Akaka Bill gives Native Hawaiians a greater chance to participate."

Two versions of the bill are before the U.S. Congress. The two significant differences between the House and Senate versions relate to inherent governmental powers and authorities and claims against the United States and State of Hawai'i.

During OHA's second TV broadcast on Jan. 14, Hawai'i Attorney General Mark Bennett clarified his concerns with the Senate version, primarily that the bill would immediately give the Native Hawaiian Governing Entity the "inherent powers and privileges" of a native government—a concept that Bennett says is murky and hard to define.

"As far as I can tell, that term doesn't exist anywhere in existing law," he said. "We have to guess at

what that means. We don't know what these powers and authorities are that the entity is going to have immediately. I think that we have to know what (the powers) are, and we have to know, 'Is this bill saying that if the entity has property it's not subject to state regulation? Is this bill saying it's not subject to environmental regulation?' We need to know precisely what these powers are if they're going to come into effect immediately, instead of after negotiations."

Bennett also made clear that he and the Lingle administration support the drive for Native Hawaiian independence. "Governor Lingle and I support the House version of the bill, and we support self-government for Native Hawaiians," Bennett said. "The House version of the bill set up a sensible process where the governing entity would organize, it would have a Constitution, it would decide what powers it would like to exercise, and then it would sit down with the state and the United States to negotiate over its assets, its jurisdiction, what in fact its model would be.

"I think that if the powers (of the Native Hawaiian Governing Entity) to start with were those of organization over those who voluntarily decide to be members of the entity ... and left state and county jurisdiction over land and property and taxing power the same until there was further legislation and further negotiations, I don't think there would be any real disputes over this bill at all."

Nāmu'o laid out the urgency of reconciling differences in the bill in an expedient fashion to give the bill its best chance for passage. "The Hawai'i Congressional delegation, State of Hawai'i and OHA are working to find common ground that is most inclusive and fair for Native Hawaiians and addresses concerns raised by the state, before floor votes are scheduled in the Senate and House of Representatives," he said. ■

Liza Simon contributed to this report

Answers to viewers' questions not addressed during either of the two programs will be posted at oha.org. For information on the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2009, visit nativehawaiians.com.

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The Abrigo 'Ohana is comprised of siblings Emily, 11, on vocals and 'ukulele, 7-year-old Quinn on the Pākini bass, and Timi, 14, on steel guitar. Quinn's Pākini bass, made of a wooden mop handle and string, has a pick up for amplification. - *Courtesy photo*

ONGOING

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PŌ'AONO, LĀ 13 O PEPELUALI

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PŌ'AONO, LĀ 20 O PEPELUALI

Laupāhoehoe Music Festival

Laupāhoehoe Beach Park, Laupāhoehoe, Hawai'i. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Presented by Mālama Hawai'i Nei, proceeds from this annual event provide scholarships for area students and fund community projects. Lineup features The Lim Family, Darlene Ahuna, 'Eko Mea Nui, Lorna Lim & Polinahe, Bruddah Smitty and Friends, Liko Martin, Hula Hālau O Maile-laulani and more. Food vendors will offer a wide variety of tastes and vegetarian grinds alongside local crafters. Hosted by Skylark and Kahikina. \$10 at the door, \$5 presale from the 50's Highway Cafe, Sakado Store, Hilo Guitars and 'Ukuleles, Taro Patch, Mr. Ed's or Music Exchange in Hilo, Waimea and Kona.

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LĀPULE, LĀ 21 O PEPELUALI

Waimea Valley Kanikapila

Waimea Valley, O'ahu. 1 p.m.

On the third Sunday of every month, the Abrigo 'Ohana – 14-year-old Timi, 11-year-old Emily, and 7-year-old Quinn – invites you to join in or kick back and enjoy the kanikapila. Food is available for purchase, and valley admission applies. myspace.com/abrigooohana, waimeavalley.net.

PŌ'ALUA, LĀ 23 O PEPELUALI

Talking Hawai'i's Story

Kīlauea Visitor Center, Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, Hawai'i. 7 p.m.

Oral histories reflect the common identity, shared values and survival of Hawai'i's unique cultures. Culled from oral histories collected in the 2009 book *Talking Hawai'i's Story* (see book review on following page), this program focuses on Hawai'i Island residents – a Kona coffee farmer, a former sugar plantation worker, a Kona rancher and Native Hawaiians. Park admission applies, \$1 donation welcome. 808-985-6011, nps.gov/havo.

PŌ'AONO, LĀ 27 O PEPELUALI

80th Kamehameha Schools Ho'olaule'a

Kamehameha Schools, Kapālama, O'ahu. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

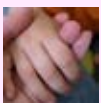
Bring your 'ohana to Kōnia Field for a day of Hawaiian entertainment, food, silent auction, keiki crafts, games and rides, health and education booths, and more. Proceeds help to pay for enrichment programs and experiences for all the students of Kamehameha Schools. Manuahi. Free shuttle provided to and from designated sites. ksbe.edu, 842-8680.

Vivace!

Wai'alae Country Club,

Wai'alae, O'ahu. 5:30 p.m.

The O'ahu Choral Society will honor former Royal Hawaiian Band conductor Aaron Mahi for his contributions to the arts at its annual fundraiser. "Vivace!" will feature the Honolulu Chamber Choir under the direction of Esther Yoo and the Kawaiolanāpūkanileo acappella ensemble. \$80, and premium tables are available. Choral Society 524-0815, ext. 257, or oahuchoral@gmail.com. ■



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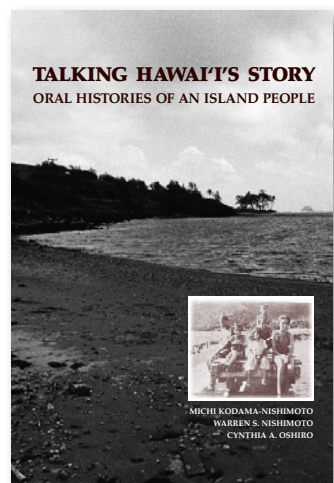
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Memories of a bygone Hawai'i offer lessons for the present

By Liza Simon
Public Affairs Specialist

It is commonly known that kūpuna are wise. Now comes a new book that reveals their wisdom — in their own words. *Talking Hawai'i's Story: Oral Histories of an Island People* presents us with interviews of 29 people who came of age in Hawai'i before World War II. Though they hail from diverse ethnicities, they all depict the hard-scrabble nature of Island life back



Talking Hawai'i's Story: Oral Histories of an Island People
Editors: Michi Kodama-Nishimoto, Warren S. Nishimoto, Cynthia A. Oshiro
University of Hawai'i Press
328 pages, \$19

then. But don't expect their voices to be bitter or full of blame. On the contrary, they speak of the past with unselfconscious ardor for the fellowship of family and neighbors and the bounty of food they worked hard every day to harvest from Hawai'i's land and ocean.

Sample, for instance, these lines from the book spoken by Henry K. Duvauchelle about Moloka'i in the 1930s: "The younger children, well, maybe we took care of the garden. ... If you wanted vegetables, you had to raise your own. And if you had a friend who had vegetables that you didn't have, and you had something he didn't have, then you made exchanges." This type of common-sense comment about the routines of daily life recur in the book, suggesting that the interviewees played the hand they were dealt in life with gratitude and grace.

At the same time, these kūpuna avoid casting Hawai'i's past as the good old days. From Japanese and non-Japanese come painful accounts of struggling to cope with the U.S. government's internment of

Japanese Americans at the dawn of World War II. From Native Hawaiians come the wrenching stories of the territorial government's repression of Hawaiian culture, language and land rights.

Still, they did more than survive all these challenges; they got through with their dignity intact, as exemplified by this account by Emma Kaawakauo about growing up in Waikiki. To begin with there is her charming description of a favorite childhood pastime: playing for hours with makeshift stilts assembled from large coconut cans smeared with the tamarind fruit's sticky sap that glued bare feet to tin-can surfaces. As a teen, Kaawakauo worked at the Lanani Hawaiian Village on Kalākaua Avenue, where she performed hula and Hawaiian music, pursuits she says were frowned upon by Kamehameha Schools, where she was a student. By the late 1950s, she found herself alienated by the rapid urban growth of Honolulu. She recounts how her father — like many in Waikiki, had been duped by an unscrupulous developer into giving up the family's land without receiving proper compensation. On a recent bus ride into Waikiki, she confesses to feeling resentment at seeing the high rise-armored beachfront. "Generally, I don't feel this way. ... I don't mind change all that much really. In a sense, it's just like, 'Oh, I remember Waikiki when, and it's part of me. It's too bad that's not part of you.'"

Frugality, adaptation, generosity of spirit — these are just some of the traits that Kaawakauo and other members of Hawai'i's Great Depression Generation honed by necessity. Yes, they made mistakes and handed down a world, at times, fraught with limitations and loss — such as the loss of land as described by Kaawakauo. If they only knew then what we know now. But isn't it time we listen to their compelling 20/20 hindsight? Here, it has been preserved and just in time to offer hard-to-ignore wisdom to all of us in the Great Recession Generation.

Credit for this important and timely act of historical preservation goes to Hawai'i's Center for Oral History. The book is based on the center's archives of transcripts of interviews with dozens of Hawai'i residents born in the first three decades of the 20th century. This is but one of the center's many projects that may help us avoid the all too common mistake of embracing outsiders' versions of Hawai'i's unique history. For the true history buff who wants to really know the past's influence on the present, the book's original voices may be more powerful — and certainly less deniable — than a tome of historical fact. ■

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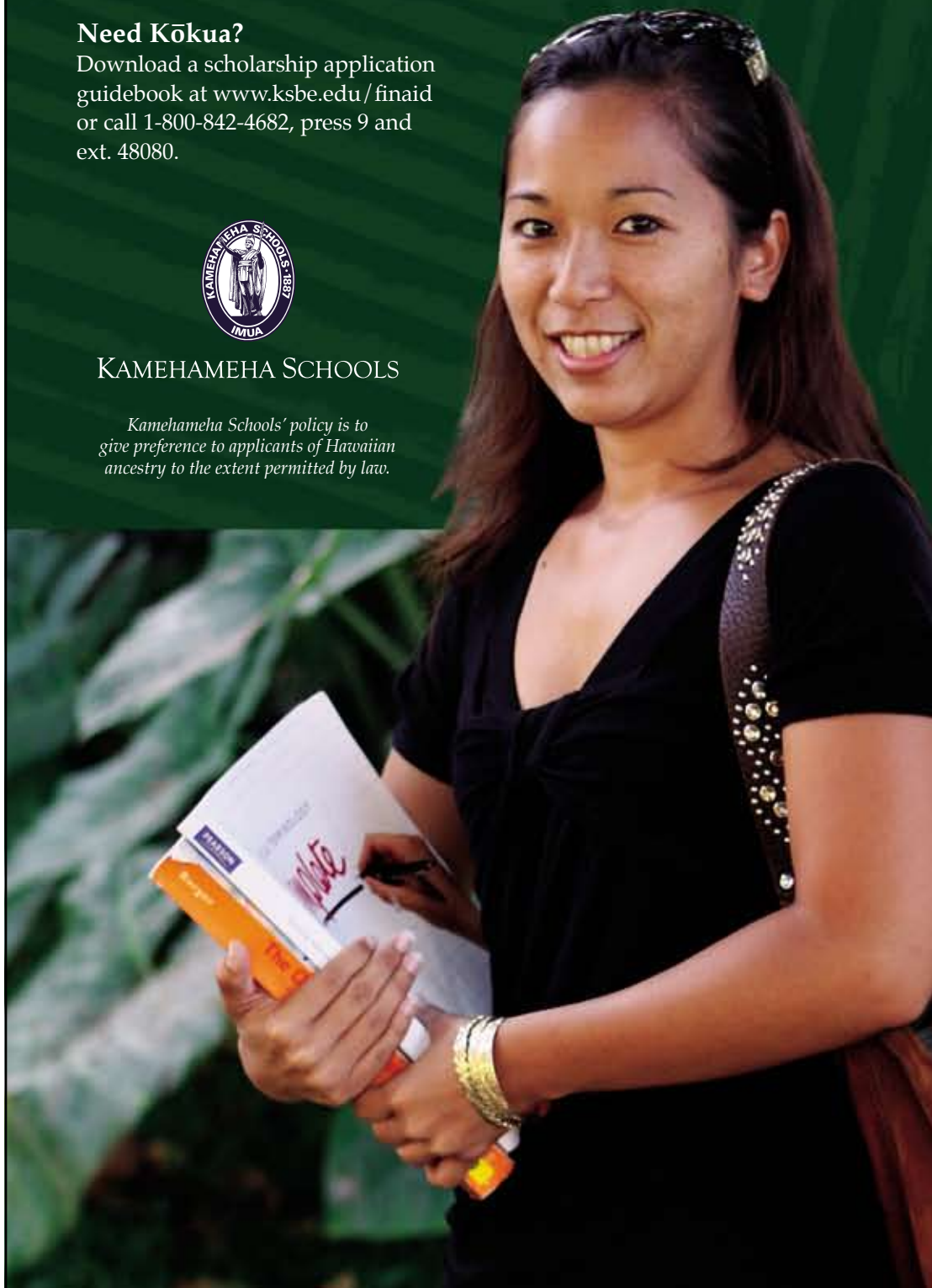
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Nāu Ke Kuleana

It's our responsibility

By Lisa Asato
Public Information Specialist

Census 2010 is around the corner, and Momi Fernandez, Hawai'i's only Census Information Center director, based at Papa Ola Lōkahi, has been working since summer to spread the word for Native Hawaiians to participate.

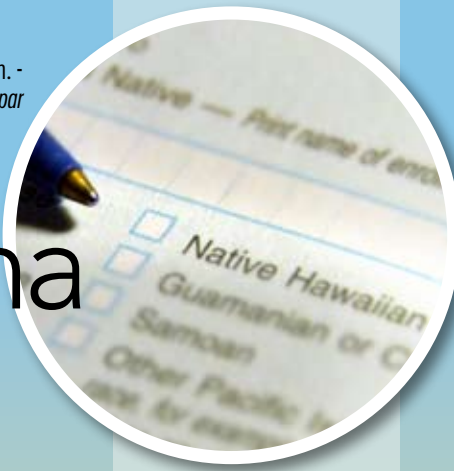
The census "is all about power and leverage. As soon as we can count 1 million Hawaiians, we're going to have a lot more leverage politically, economically and everything," she said, as she manned a booth plastered with Census 2010 posters, water bottles and flyers at OHA's Hawaiian Business Conference and Economic Expo.

When four young women stop for a closer look, she says: "Please help yourself. How old are you girls? 'Nineteen.' 'Twenty,' they reply.

Two of the women live in college dorms, and she tells them census workers will be visiting college campuses to make sure census surveys are completed by students, especially those who dorm.

"So make sure you guys get a head's up on when they'll be there. And fill out the Census form. That's what it's going to look like," she says, pointing to a set of blue-colored samples. "Ten quick questions."

The women pepper her with questions. "Do we mail that in?" Yes, unless somebody is there to take it. "Can we fill it out now?" No, but the census surveys will be mailed to households

2010 Census form. -
Photo: Nelson Gaspar

in mid-March.

In preparation for Census Day on April 1, activity surrounding the Census here ramped up in January, with announcements of more than 3,000 job openings statewide – and a Jan. 7 open house at the census office in downtown Honolulu, where Lt. Gov. Duke Aiona told the crowd that because Hawai'i was undercounted in the last census – with a 60 percent response rate, among the lowest in the nation – the state lost about \$30 million a year. "If you add that up that's over \$300 million we lost out on simply because we didn't have a complete and accurate count. ... We (now) have this opportunity to remain whole in regards to what's going on with the rest of the country." About \$430 billion is distributed by the federal government each year. The return rate of the census surveys set the level



U.S. Census Bureau regional director James Christy at OHA's business conference on Jan. 11, where he gave a presentation on how the census affects Native Hawaiians. - Photo: Nelson Gaspar

of funding for the next 10 years.

That day, speaker after speaker drove the same message home: Be Counted.

That message was echoed by James Christy, U.S. Census regional director, who spoke at OHA's business conference on Jan. 11, underscoring the need for Hawaiians to participate in the census, which takes a count of the nation's population every 10 years.

He said that since Native Hawaiians were added as a racial category in the 2000 Census, it "changed not just the way we report the numbers but what we do with the numbers, which



Momi Fernandez describes the census to four college students, from left, Noe Perry, Hōkū Ka'aekuaiahiwa, Haylee Rezendes and Hawee Ka'iama at the Hawaiian Business Conference and Economic Expo. - Photo: Lisa Asato

is a pretty significant thing."

"Endangered species conservation allocates money based on the population of Native Hawaiians. There's a Native Hawaiian library services program that allocates funding exclusively for libraries to focus on supporting the Native Hawaiian community. There's drug-free schools. There's programs for the aging that target funds and resources to Native Hawaiians. These are things that were not available prior to 2000 because the data wasn't there." He said if anyone has reservations about participating, he wants them to know that the census is important, easy and confidential, so information is not shared with other federal departments, and workers are sworn to secrecy or face fines or imprisonment. "It's so secure that the president can't even see that information," he said.

John Ho'omanawanui, who works for the Census as a partnership specialist, has been establishing partnerships with OHA, Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center, Alu Like Inc. and other Hawaiian organizations to "get the Hawaiians mobilized to participate in Census 2010."

Ho'omanawanui, who has a staff of five on Hawai'i Island and Maui, with more to be added on other islands, said the two main things that come out of the census is funding and influence. "Influence in the way of political representation, as we all know, the higher the count, there's a possibility of getting another seat in Congress," he said. "The data that's collected also reflect how much funding will come to the area, whether it's Hawai'i or Kansas."

He said one factor that had contributed to Hawai'i's low participation rate in 2000, the last time the census was held, is anti-government sentiment, including from immigrants and Hawaiian groups. His message to the Hawaiian groups is that taking money from the federal government doesn't affect their beliefs. But what really resonates with the groups is when he tells them: "Hawaiians are here. We're here to stay. We should be counted," he said. "Anti-government groups think it's powerful."

On Jan. 8, the Local Census Office in Wai'anae celebrated its grand opening at Wai'anae Mall Shopping Center with shave ice, entertainment and a luncheon. The Wai'anae office will be hiring as many as 1,200 people as office workers and field workers, who will go door to door, said Malissa Kaawa, assistant manager for recruiting at the Wai'anae office, which oversees the Neighbor Islands and about half of O'ahu from the Leeward Coast to the North Shore and Central O'ahu.

"We want to hire people who live in Mākaha to work in Mākaha because those people are familiar with the communities," she said, highlighting the need to hire field workers from within the communities they'll serve. "Like on the island of Moloka'i, for instance, we don't want to send someone from Honolulu to go and work on Moloka'i. They're going to look at you like, 'What are you doing here?' versus if one of their neighbors is working for us and going up and down the street. They're recognizable. They'll be more accepted when they go knocking on that door."

Native Hawaiians in the crowd at the Wai'anae opening reflected a range of attitudes toward the census. "It's nosy" and "a way for the government to keep track of you," said Michael Billaber, a 54-year-old retiree. Billaber, who has never participated in the census, said he didn't know much about it except that people "go door to door and ask questions." But he said he'll be filling out his form this year because it was "something new for me (to do)." Wai'anae High seniors Jonina Abell and Lyssa Manner said they didn't know much about it but wanted to participate, especially after hearing state Rep. Maile Shimabukuro (D-Wai'anae, Mākaha, Mākua) say that the Wai'anae community sometimes feels "like we're not counted, like we're a stepchild" and that having a census office in their backyard is to their advantage.

Asked if she would have a message for her family about the Census, Abell said: "Get involved. I want to be counted too, and if my parents don't get involved then I won't be involved either. And I want to be involved." ■

Census in Hawai'i

Setting the record straight

By Momi Imaikalani Fernandez

After working in the community, especially behind the Census 2010 table, there have been many questions regarding the security, confidentiality and necessity of a decennial census. Let's set the record straight!

The decennial census in the U.S. began in 1790 after it was required by the Constitution to count every resident every 10 years (refer to Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution). Since it became law, the census format and method of survey completion has changed. Formal census taking in Hawai'i started in 1900 and has continued throughout the 49 continental states and Puerto Rico. This year's census will be mailed out with a prepaid stamped envelope by mid-March with instructions to complete and return by mail by April 1. Follow-up visits will begin in April if your survey has not been returned by mail.

Census data is used to determine how many seats in

grants. The percentage of participation determines the level of funding for the next 10 years – a total of at least \$3 trillion dollars are available for distribution over that time period. Three trillion dollars is an astonishing number, but so is \$35 million. For every 5 percent of the population that is missed or does not participate, \$35 million is not distributed. Think of what \$35 million could do for Hawai'i's people!

So here is the process you can expect. A census survey will be mailed to your residence. If you have a post office box or private mailbox, you will receive a door hanger with a phone number to call for information. There are only 10 questions for each household member. Census surveys are available in English, Spanish, Chinese (simplified), Korean, Russian and Vietnamese. Language assistance guides are available in 59 languages to help people fill out the English version of the census form. Question Assistant Centers will be available, especially in the hard-to-count areas and at community events. Starting in February, The Road Tour mobile census van will bring special emphasis to hard-to-count areas, visible homeless populations and will be scheduled to visit community events when possible. Care homes, shelters, soup kitchens and treatment centers will all have census workers assigned to assist as many as possible to complete their census surveys.

Decennial census information is confidential for a 72-year period; it does not ask for social security numbers, financial information, passport numbers or green card identification. There is no question on the survey that refers to citizenship. Therefore, illegal residents can feel confident that the information provided will not be shared with the Justice Department or Immigration, Homeland Security, Internal Revenue Service, Law Enforcement, state Tax Office, or used for jury selection. There is a serious penalty of \$250,000 and/or imprisonment if a census worker violates any confidential information.

A census worker will have identification with additional photo identification upon request. A census worker may visit your home three times in order to complete a survey but will not ask to enter your home. The census survey may be completed at your door and not within your home. Be aware of imposters!

The Census Bureau has expanded media campaigns and has included social networks to increase the Census 2010 message by informing the maximum number of residents possible. The survey cannot be completed online; however census workers are available for assistance. The success of the 2010 Census depends on every resident to complete their survey. It's our responsibility! Nāu ke kuleana! ■

Momi Imaikalani Fernandez is the director of the Data and Information/Census Information Center at Papa Ola Lōkahi, a Native Hawaiian Health nonprofit. Shannon K. K. Lincoln, MBA, Hawai'i Island, contributed editing. This is the fourth in a series on the history of census in Hawai'i, leading up to Census 2010.

COUNT US!



2010 Census timeline

Source: James Christy, U.S. Census Bureau regional director, and Kathleen Papa, local census office manager for Wai'anae

Spring 2009

Census employees go door-to-door to update address list nationwide.

November 2009

Recruitment begins for census takers needed for peak workload in 2010.

March 2010

Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households.

March 8-10

Advance letter mailed to inform residents that the questionnaire will be coming.

Mid-March (roughly)

Deadline to apply for census jobs. Call toll-free 1-866-861-2010 or visit 2010censusjobs.com

March 15-17

Questionnaire mailed to all housing units.

March 22-24

Reminder postcard to thank resident for mailing in the completed questionnaire, or to take the time to do so.

April 1, 2010

Census Day

April 1-10

Replacement or extra questionnaires made available at sign-up centers and in stands at various sites in the community, including 7-11. (The Local Census Office in Wai'anae will offer sign-up centers starting in mid-February.)

April to July 2010

Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.

December 2010

By law, the U.S. Census Bureau delivers population counts to the president.

March 2011

By law, the Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.

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'Aha Hīpu'u ... 21st century leaders

Aloha e nā 'ōiwi 'ōlino, nā pulapula a Hāloa, mai Hawai'i a Ni'ihau a puni ke ao mālamalama. Aloha e nā kūpuna kahiko, nāna e ho'ōlū mai nei, iā kākou e holopono, a loa'a e ka lei lanakila.

In a 2006 publication registered with the U.S. Library of Congress is recorded the first and historic convention joining the four Hawaiian Royal Societies together, the 'Aha Hīpu'u. The significance of this name is enlightened by author Hailama Farden, who recounts mo'olelo shared by Jim Bartels with members of Māmakakaua (the Hawaiian Royal Society, Daughters and Sons of Hawaiian Warriors) regarding the term 'aha. Bartels is noted to have said, "If you were to look through the jewels of Kalākaua and the monarchs of the late 1800s, you might be surprised to find, among the rubies, emeralds and other precious jewels, a spool of 'aha. One might wonder why the King would have a spool of cordage? Well that spool was just as precious as any precious gem. At the birth of an ali'i, a cordage of olonā or coconut sennit was woven. Into this cordage, or 'aha, words were chanted as if the words themselves helped to bind the 'aha. As the ali'i child grew, so too did his 'aha. When the ali'i became the custodian of an area or even district the 'aha was strung to surround his compound. Two other pieces of 'aha were strung across the doorway of the ali'i's house. It is said that when an ali'i of higher rank entered the area of the ali'i's compound, the 'aha would mysteriously drop to the ground signifying that a higher ali'i was present. At the death of the ali'i, the same 'aha was used to wrap the bleached bones of the said ali'i creating his kā'ai or woven casket."

Hailama attributes this story as the significant building block for the historic gathering ('Aha), the first convention of



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the Hawaiian Royal Societies held in 2006. Hailama notes, "The word 'aha means 'gathering.' Hīpu'u refers to the clasp of a necklace, holding it securely, thus 'Aha Hīpu'u means 'the clasped gathering' or the 'secure cordage.'" And holds the spirit of the name 'Aha Hīpu'u to be the call for unified effort, productivity and leadership into the future for Hawaiians by members of the Hawaiian Royal Societies, The Royal Order of Kamehameha I, The 'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu, The Hale O Nā Ali'i O Hawai'i and the Daughters and Sons of Hawaiian Warriors – MĀMAKAKAUA.

Even prior to the 2006 convention, the spirit of the 'Aha Hīpu'u established itself and began to grow. In his recorded account, Hailama Farden attributes much of the credit for the formation of the 'Aha Hīpu'u, in 2003, to Edward Akana, who at that time served as the Ali'i 'Ai Moku of the Hawai'i Chapter of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I. For it was he who called leaders of each of the Royal Societies to caution and to be alert to the challenges Hawaiians were facing politically and in the courts, referring to published accounts that the U.S. Senate was trying to remove Hawaiians as recipients of funding from Congress.

Leaders of Royal Order of Kamehameha I, The 'Ahahui Ka'ahumanu, The Hale O Nā Ali'i O Hawai'i and the Daughters and Sons of Hawaiian Warriors – MĀMAKAKAUA sought out the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, met with me and Administrator Nāmu'o to raise the concerns about the tone of the Congressional challenge to Native Hawaiians and expressed their desire to join in the effort to defend Hawaiian interests. As we say, the rest is history, as that timely meeting launched active participation of the 'Aha Hīpu'u in matters at the nation's Capitol (... to be continued). 14/48 ■

We need to act now on the Akaka Bill

Aloha mai kākou, As we approach another legislative session in Hawai'i and the resuming of Congress in D.C., we can anticipate that Hawaiians will be faced with ongoing challenges in seeking passage of the Akaka Bill, resolution of the 30-plus-year ceded lands debt owed to OHA by the state and other issues affecting Hawaiians.

After 10 years the Akaka Bill is on the verge of finally getting there, but until the State Attorney General approves of the recent changes, it is uncertain whether Hawaiians as a people can achieve the degree of self-determination promised by the bill. OHA, not having been a player in the last iteration of the bill, nevertheless has sought to secure its passage within the parameters of endorsement by all the players.

Of course we don't expect those who oppose the bill to change their positions and arguments of race-based legislation, blood quantum for selective Hawaiians and independence from the United States. We have been challenged in court, in Congress, in our own Legislature and in all public forums; nevertheless, we continue to seek that which will be of most benefit to our people and we have prepared for the time that Hawaiians can lift themselves up and gain control of their own destinies. The Akaka Bill, Kau Inoa, ceded lands initiatives and all of OHA's programs have set the framework for this to happen. And it can happen soon.

As we enter 2010, the political environment is fragile as U.S. Representative Abercrombie leaves the House, as the Congressional democratic majority is threatened and as the Governor and Attorney General seek to modify last-minute changes which could affect passage of the Akaka Bill especially if Congressional Republicans who now support the bill change their minds. Hawaiians need their support. To demand the Akaka amended



Boyd P. Mossman

Trustee, Maui

bill as is, with no state input, will place it in serious jeopardy. OHA continues to work for us all in seeking a resolution that will accommodate the concerns of all sides but foremost will pass Congress.

And so it is important that we all stand together and support that which will help us as a people. Independents can continue to argue their case in the United Nations and in the courts, but they stain their integrity by collaborating with those who seek to eliminate us

as the indigenous people of our own land as they stand hand in hand against a bill that seeks our legal recognition and preservation of us as a people.

With recognition we will be able to expand our opportunities through a concentrated effort to educate our people and to prepare them to be economically self-sufficient and to benefit from the resources and culture we are seeking to preserve and utilize for our future and 'ohana. The OHA Economic Conference, recently held and co-sponsored by the Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce, demonstrated that Hawaiians have many opportunities to succeed in life given an education and direction in the business arena. The federal government is willing to partner and assist in so many ways and increasingly with renewable energy. All we need to do is secure federal recognition to protect against lawsuits and then provide the information and education necessary to qualify for decent jobs that will sustain our families.

OHA will continue to persist with patience. We will harness our passion with preparation. And we will advocate for power not to a government but to its people through participation by them in its creation and implementation. The time is now for the Akaka Bill to pass. Let's not delay any more. We must take what we can now for the political winds are shifting and we need to act without delay. ■

Traitorous portraits still hang in a place of prominence

As difficult as it is to believe that in this day and age, and with all of the history that has been revealed regarding the unjust nature of the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom, large, framed portraits of Provisional Government officials are still being displayed in the rotunda of Ali'iolani, the headquarters of the State's Judiciary. Specifically, the portraits include Albert Francis Judd, who was Associate Justice from 1874-1881 and Chief Justice from 1881-1900, and Walter F. Frear, who was Associate Justice from 1893-1900 and Chief Justice from 1900-1907.

The display of such portraits is an affront to many Native Hawaiians and gives the appearance that the State of Hawaii approves of the overthrow. The portraits also perversely give legitimacy to the Provisional Government, which has



Rowena Akana

Trustee, At-large

clearly caused great harm to Native Hawaiian people, culture and self-determination.

History has proven unequivocally that the Provisional Government of Hawaii was established illegally, immorally and unjustly in 1893 following the treacherous overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii.

The Provisional Government ruled Hawaii during the period between the overthrow and when they declared themselves the Republic of Hawaii on July 4, 1894. Anyone who accepted an official

position within the illegal Provisional Government were traitors to the Kingdom and, by remaining in office, perpetuated the great harm brought upon Native Hawaiians by the overthrow.

Soon after the overthrow, President Cleveland appointed U.S. Commissioner James H. Blount to investigate the events surrounding the overthrow. The "Blount Report," as it is now commonly known, was part of the 1893 United States House of Representatives Foreign Relations Committee Report. It provided the first official evidence that the United States was complicit in the illegal overthrow. The Blount Report concluded that the U.S. diplomatic and military representatives in Hawaii had abused their authority and were responsible for the change in government.

President Grover Cleveland himself described the acts leading up to the overthrow as an "act of war" and acknowledged that the government of the Kingdom of Hawaii, with its peaceful and friendly people, had been overthrown. On Dec. 18, 1893, President Cleveland sent a message

to Congress calling for the restoration of the monarchy.

The Provisional Government protested President Cleveland's efforts to restore the monarchy and continued to hold on to power and pursued annexation to the United States. They even successfully lobbied the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations to conduct a new investigation into the events leading to the overthrow in order to challenge the Blount Report's findings.

The policies of the Provisional Government were far more restrictive than those of the Kingdom of Hawaii, including denying citizenship to Chinese immigrants. They also restricted voting to only 4,000 people, which

was down from the 14,000 people under the Bayonet Constitution. This led to the Blount Report's conclusion that if the question of annexation were put to a popular vote, it would be "defeated."

I encourage everyone to support OHA's Concurrent Resolution in this legislative session that urges the State to remove the portraits of any Provisional Government official which are being displayed in a position of honor in state buildings.

Aloha pumehana. ■

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

The Trust for Public Land Hawaiian Islands Program Seeks Native Lands Project Manager



One Year Position (continuation of position, contingent on program success). The Hawai'i Native Lands Project Manager supports the Hawaiian Island Program Director in developing, planning, and implementing the goals and objectives of the Hawaiian Islands Program Long Range Strategic Plan, and specifically, the voluntary conservation of land important to Hawaiian communities. The position is based in TPL's Honolulu, Hawai'i office. This position will coordinate a wide variety of activities from administrative details to project implementation. In general, this position's time is allocated as follows: 20% outreach and communications, 20% program and project development, 50% program and project implementation (focusing on conservation real estate transactions), and 10% general administration/fundraising/strategy. Full job description and instructions for applying at www.tpl.org (click jobs). Salary range: dependent on experience.

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Restoring family ties at Kalaupapa

This month's article is written by Valerie Monson, staunch advocate and board member of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa. A close friend of many of the residents of Kalaupapa, her article speaks of the 'Ohana's efforts to reach out to descendants.

Since Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa officially organized in 2003, one of the goals has been to reach out to family members with ancestors who were sent to the Kalaupapa peninsula because they were thought to have had leprosy. Many of those descendants who have contacted us come with only a name.

Because some of these ancestors have been dead for 100 years or more, we wondered if we could possibly piece their lives together again and return them to their rightful place in history.

Ku'ulei Bell, the first President of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa, always believed we could. "They are not lost. They are just waiting," said Auntie Ku'ulei. "They are waiting for us to find them."

The reunions of those waiting to be found and those trying to find them have been awe inspiring, heartbreaking and life changing.

• Emma Kamahana Dickerson, who was born at Kalaupapa, had never seen a photograph of her mother until late 2008 when 'Ohana historian Anwei Law provided her with one. Emma was 84. She and her family have since returned to Kalaupapa to visit the home and the graves of her parents.

• The descendants of Ambrose Hutchison, who was at Kalaupapa from 1879 to 1932 and who worked alongside Saint Damien, were able to eat oranges from trees that he had grown on the property he tended.

• Anne Apo learned that her great-grandfather, John T. Unea, was the schoolteacher at Kalaupapa, signed the anti-annexation petition in 1897 and conducted the first census in 1900.

• Trustee Colette Machado was shown pictures of her 'ohana, Rose Nailau, with other girls at Bishop Home in Kalaupapa.

While Ka 'Ohana was able to help family members bring their ancestors back into the



Colette Y. Machado

Trustee, Moloka'i and Lāna'i

history of Kalaupapa, the family members have been adding to the history of Kalaupapa as well.

• David and Chris Mahelona started out with only a photograph of David's grandfather, Stephen Napela. Using that one portrait, the Mahelonas have scoured through group photographs of life at Kalaupapa and have found Stephen in three of them, including a picture of him as a member of the Kalaupapa Police Force.

• Because Anne Apo had a photograph of her great-grandfather, Anwei Law was able to identify him in a photograph as the teacher standing with his students in the Kalaupapa School in 1904. Before Anne's picture came to light, the teacher had been unidentified.

Ka 'Ohana has been developing various resources to help families find more information about their ancestors. Using public records, Anwei Law has compiled the names of the first 5,600 people who were sent to Kalaupapa into a database that will eventually include all the estimated 8,000 individuals who were isolated on the peninsula. Ka 'Ohana has also initiated a project where college students on O'ahu help translate and organize letters written by early Kalaupapa residents. As a result, the lives of the people of Kalaupapa who we once thought to be forever "lost" are coming to light.

Last year alone, the 'Ohana received requests from nearly 100 family members asking for help in learning more about their ancestors. Anyone seeking information can now simply visit the web site kalauapaohana.org and send an e-mail to info@kalauapaohana.org. You can also write to Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa, P.O. Box 1111, Kalaupapa, Hawai'i, 96742 or call Ka 'Ohana Coordinator Valerie Monson at 573-2746.

Ka 'Ohana has not yet been able to help everyone because our research is ongoing, but we ask those people still looking for answers to not give up on us. We have hopes that one day we will know something about every person who was sent to Kalaupapa.

We know they are just waiting for us to find them. ■

The real world

The great buzz in the Native Hawaiian community, indeed in the entire island community, is the looming passage of the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Bill. The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs approved an amended form of the original bill for movement to the floor. Representative Abercrombie was unable to get committee approval of the amendment in the U.S. House of Representatives, and was constrained to send the unamended version to the floor. The respective committee of the two bodies will be required to meet to iron out differences in the two bills. Meanwhile, OHA's attorneys are in deep discussion with the State Attorney General regarding his concerns and objections to the amended bill. We can expect that the State's objections will be addressed and satisfied.

OHA, and others, have gone to great lengths to explain the amendments and their differences with the terms of the original bill. The amended bill is really simpler and a more easily understood approach to the long-standing issues emanating from the overthrow of the Native Hawaiian monarchy in 1893 and the conspirators' complete usurpation of Native Hawaiian autonomy and self-governance.

This article is simply my observation, my "take" on what the amended bill says and does.

First of all, section 2 (23) (B) recognizes that "Native Hawaiians have never relinquished their claims to sovereignty or their sovereign lands." And section 2 (23) (C) recognizes that the United States extends services to Native Hawaiian "because of their unique status as the native people of a prior-sovereign nation ..." (emphasis added).

Thereafter, in a rather complex process, the bill provides for establishing who is eligible to participate in the reorganization proceedings and how those proceedings will lead to the establishment of the governing entity. Essentially, there will be an election of members of a council of eligible Native Hawaiians who will conduct a referendum



Walter M. Heen

Trustee, O'ahu

to determine the proposed powers of the new governing entity, and develop proposed organic governing documents and eventually hold an election for the purpose of ratifying those documents. Thereafter, assuming everything has been conducted in accordance with the bill, the Secretary of the Interior will certify the governing documents. After the process is completed, the Secretary so certifies, and the officers of the new governing entity have been installed, the United States will

extend "Federal recognition to the Native Hawaiian governing entity as the representative sovereign governing body of the Native Hawaiian people ..."

The kicker comes, in my view, in section 9, "Reaffirmation of Delegation of Federal Authority to State of Hawaii; Negotiations; Claims." Generally, the section provides that, when the governing entity has been recognized it may enter into negotiations with the State of Hawai'i regarding such matters as transfer of State lands and other resources and rights in those lands and resources to the new entity; exercise of government authority over those lands and resources; the exercise of civil and criminal jurisdiction; and "the exercise of other powers and authorities that are recognized by the United States as powers and authorities typically exercised by governments representing indigenous, native people of the United States."

My problem with the bill is that it transfers the same kind of powers that have been historically and traditionally deemed inherent in Indian tribes within the borders of the United States. But those Indian tribes did not have organized central governments that determined the rights and obligations of the government and the governed. So, under the bill we are not really starting out with a "full plate" of inherent sovereign rights.

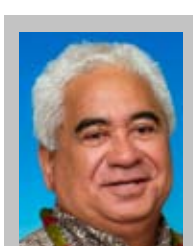
But, as my friend Dr. John Craven said to me recently, "We need to live in the real world as the real world is." And the real world is: We don't have the hammer. We can only hope to improve our lot further in the future. ■

Governor, stand behind the Akaka Bill

This letter was sent to Gov. Linda Lingle from Robin Puanani Danner, president of the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement. Dated Dec. 30, 2009, the letter asks Lingle to support the Akaka Bill with its amendments, which is pending in Congress.

Dear Governor Lingle:

It has been a full decade since five working groups established by Senator Akaka convened to dialogue on the next century of relationship with Native Hawaiians. The result of that dialogue was the basic principles and values that have guided the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act over the past 10 years. As



Robert K. Lindsey, Jr.

Trustee, Hawai'i

2010 begins, Native Hawaiians still envision a time when our people will play a more active role in shaping our future by taking responsibility for and determining how best to manage our trust assets to serve and nourish our identity and culture – a host culture that is very much a part of every aspect of life in Hawai'i.

Governor Lingle, in the 200-year history of the United States, there have been policy-makers that stand out above all others in addressing the unique history with Native peoples – policy-makers who have understood and appreciated the sacrifice of Native peoples in the building of our great nation. These leaders did not view Native peoples as wards

who are incapable of greatness or incapable of becoming valuable partners in the well-being of local governments, state governments or our federal government. These leaders were guided by the principles of democracy, of a humanity that did not hide its face from injustice and who embraced a path forward that placed Native peoples at the table to be full and equal partners in reconciling a destruction of one to build something great for the many.

There are Native governments in 35 states of the 50 states in our nation. Each with a government-to-government relationship, each autonomous and each focused on rebuilding Native communities and lifting Native peoples from a destruction that nearly extinguished them and all that they have ever been. Native Hawaiians are at a crossroads, one that requires policy-makers with courage, who see us not as a community to fear,

but as a partner that can help to reconcile the long-standing issues resulting from our tragic history and help us as a state to move forward to create a bright future for the keiki of Hawai'i.

While there are many policy-makers to be reminded of, a recent example comes to mind that can be instructive for us today. Stewart Udall, a young policy-maker in his day, was appointed as the Secretary of the Interior by President John F. Kennedy in 1961, and also served President Lyndon Johnson until 1969. Today, he has a son serving in the United States Senate representing New Mexico and a nephew representing the state of Colorado. While in his position in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, Stewart Udall showed vision and courage to create a level playing field for the voices of a Native population decimated by the progress of a nation, by the appetite for gold, and the fish and wildlife in their ancestral homelands of Alaska. Secretary Udall called for the halting of

land transfers to the newly formed state of Alaska until state and federal governments had come to terms with Alaska's original citizens. You can imagine the political, legal and public reactions to Secretary Udall's position. Opponents and news headlines in the media raised fears of an impending doom for the state.

Secretary Udall did so, because it was right. He did so because he did not fear Native peoples; he saw them as equal partners, as vital stakeholders to the past and future of the state of Alaska, and to the nation. He understood that a paper tiger would not do, and that the Native people of those lands, inhabited for 10,000 years, required a way forward that had room for their perspectives, to make decisions for themselves, lest the future repeat a difficult past.

Forty-four years after Secretary Udall's decision, which was met with ferocious legal battling by the Attorney General and Governor of Alaska, we now know that

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Friends help restore Kalalau Trail



A dozen volunteers and workers picked up shovels, picks and hoes on Jan. 10 to help restore Kalalau Trail, which provides the only land access to Nā Pali Coast State Wilderness Park on Kauaʻi. Six volunteers from the Friends of Kalalau Trail joined another crew of six led by Charlie Cobb-Adams of the Native Hawaiian Conservation and Hiking Expeditions. Working about 1.5 miles in from the trail head at Keʻe Beach, the crew restored paths that had been degraded by erosion, cleared natural drainage sites and set drainage dips. By day's end the group had restored more than 1,000 square feet of trail, said Thomas Noyes, project manager with Kauaʻi Planning and Action Alliance, or KPAA. The new grading will divert water off the pathway so it stays firm and helps to prevent slipping, he said. The state Parks Division's Kalalau Trail Restoration and Reconstruction Project is funded by the state under a program managed by KPAA and Pono Pacific Land Management LLC. From left are: Charlie Cobb-Adams, Nicolai Barca, April Ordaz, Avery Welkin, Mark Hubbard, Tanya Cobb-Adams flashing a shaka, Pohaku Kapua, Thomas Noyes, Chris Nightingale, Nalu Kapua, Kaimakani Arnold and David Spier. Upcoming volunteer days are: Feb. 20, March 6 and 20, April 3 and 17, May 8 and 22, and June 5 and 19. Work days start at 8 a.m. at the trail head at Keʻe Beach Park and end around 2 p.m. Tools and equipment are provided. Volunteers will need gloves, working boots, pants are encouraged, water and lunch for the day. For information or to register, email kalalautrail@ponopacific.com or visit ponopacific.com/kalalau/html. Before registering, volunteers must complete a questionnaire (a link is provided on the web site) and return it to Pono Pacific. - *Courtesy photo by Thomas Noyes, KPAA*

Planning commission OKs construction on iwi grounds

The Kauaʻi Planning Commission dismissed a petition filed by island residents seeking a formal acknowledgement that a North Shore landowner's home construction project atop known iwi grounds in Wainiha violates state permitting conditions.

For the second time in two months, the commission agreed with property owner Joseph Brescia's motion to reject a request filed by the Native Hawaiian Legal Corp. on behalf of Jeff Chandler and Nani Rogers. The request sought a declaratory order that could have revoked Brescia's permits, challenging Brescia to prove compliance with requirements of the State Historic Preservation Division and the Kauaʻi-Niʻihau Island Burial Council.

SHPD is considering the 15th version of a burial treatment plan for the Wainiha property, where Brescia's single-family home is close to completion. The last burial plan was thrown into question after 5th Circuit Judge Kathleen Watanabe ruled in September 2008 that SHPD had failed to properly consult with the burial council in approving the placement of cement jackets above an estimated 30 sets of iwi kūpuna discovered on the property in 2007.

Watanabe ruled that SHPD's failure had violated state law, but she also said that building permits issued to Brescia would not be revoked, provided that he cause no irreparable damage to the burials and continued to allow access to the gravesites. Brescia's legal team argued before the planning commission that Watanabe's ruling means Brescia has obtained a permit that allows him to finish his home. Opposing attorneys reiterated concerns that the issue was Brescia's noncompliance with permitting conditions that rest on having an approved burial plan.

Native Hawaiian groups and supporters, including the plaintiffs seeking the declaratory order, have characterized as unlawful Brescia's burial protection measures, including the construction of the cement jackets and recently announced plans to place landscaping and other buffer structures close to the Native Hawaiian gravesites, believed to be more than five centuries old. The burial council supports the idea to preserve the burials in place. In 2008, protestors twice shut

down construction on the Brescia property. Brescia's attorneys have said that revoking Brescia's building permit would amount to an illegal taking of land by the county and would expose the county to liability.

OHA's Chang earns national fellowship

Kevin Chang of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is among the 40 recipients nationwide of an environmental fellowship designed to advance the work of individuals with outstanding leadership potential.



Chang

As a 2009 TogetherGreen Fellow, Chang will receive specialized training in conservation planning and execution, a chance to work and share best practices with gifted conservation professionals, and help with project outreach and evaluation. He also receives

\$10,000 toward a community-focused project to encourage local residents to conserve land, water and energy and contribute to a healthier environment.

Chang's project aims to revive the significance of Puhua Heiau, which is owned by OHA and was built in Hawaiʻi Kai at least four centuries ago to worship the gods of agriculture or fishing. Chang, who serves as OHA's Oʻahu Conservation Land Manager, said the site will help reconnect people to the land, promote dialogue about Native Hawaiians and agricultural history, and generate understanding about Hawaiʻi's overall role in addressing climate change and energy dependency through agriculture.

"In Hawaiʻi, natural and cultural resources are one and the same. People have always been a part of the Islands' ecosystems," he said. "For an island society, dialogue on our values, relationship with ʻāina and food and energy self-sufficiency are a necessary part of addressing climate change. My role at OHA allows me to take part in our community's way-finding process. The TogetherGreen Fellowship has blessed me with resources and connections to help adapt and renew our island communities relationship with the ʻāina."

Chang, who earned a law degree from

the University of Oregon, has previously worked for the Trust for Public Land and is a founding member of the Coalition Against Environmental Racism. He has been actively engaged in Hawaiʻi's cultural and land conservation issues since the early 1990s.

"Kevin is the kind of person who can make a real difference in the health of our environment and the quality of our future," said Audubon President John Flicker. "Each of our TogetherGreen Fellows demonstrates exceptional environmental understanding and commitment, combined with tremendous potential to inspire and lead others. Together, they represent the talented and diverse leadership that the environmental community will need to tackle the huge challenges and opportunities confronting us now and in the years to come."

In 2008 Audubon and Toyota launched TogetherGreen, a five-year initiative to build the promise of a greener, healthier future through innovation, leadership and volunteerism. Half of the fellows come from within Audubon's far-reaching national network; half channel their environmental efforts through other organizations. For a complete list of the 2009 TogetherGreen Fellows, visit TogetherGreen.org/fellows.

Paid conservation internships available

The University of Hawaiʻi at Hilo Pacific Internship Programs for Exploring Science, or PIPES, is accepting applications through Feb. 12 for its 2010 summer program. Those eligible for the paid environmental internships statewide are Native Hawaiian undergraduates, other kamaʻāina, under-represented minorities and first-generation college students.

The summer program kicks off in June with a four-day orientation at UH-Hilo, after which interns will work on projects with mentors at host agencies. Interns will also attend the Hawaiʻi Conservation Conference on Oʻahu to hear presentations and network with researchers, land managers and other Hawaiʻi-based conservation and environmental professionals.

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Courtesy photo by Rocki Petersen

Aunty Margaret Machado

Aug. 21, 1916 - Dec. 28, 2009

Master lomilomi practitioner Aunty Margaret Machado let the sincerity of her heart flow through the body of her patients, says her daughter Nerita Machado.

"She helped people by treating them with love and compassion, but she did not want to be called a healer because she believed that God did the healing and she was merely an instrument for His power," said Nerita, who carries on her mother's work as a practitioner and teacher.

Margaret Kalehuamakanoeluʻuluʻuonā pali Machado died Dec. 28, 2009, surrounded by ʻohana in Nāpoʻopoʻo, Hawaiʻi Island. She was 93.

Affectionately known as Aunty Margaret, she is widely credited with bringing global prominence to lomilomi, the Hawaiian tradition of therapeutic massage. Machado treated more than 1,000 patients and taught lomilomi workshops for more than four decades.

Machado's teachings would continue after class, recalls Babette Gulang, a former student. "Aunty Margaret would bring out her ʻukulele and talk story with you on a personal basis," said Gulang, complementary health officer with the health organization Papa Ola Lōkahi. "She had this aura of unconditional love. She made me see how important it is to be kind and patient and understand that every person is unique."

Born in 1916 on Oʻahu to C. Solomon and Elizabeth Au Solomon, Machado was orphaned young. She was given the gift of lomilomi by her maternal grandfather, John Au, an eminent practitioner of traditional Native Hawaiian medicine.

Machado also trained at St. Francis Hospital to become a licensed practical nurse. She eventually returned to Nāpoʻopoʻo, married Daniel Machado Sr. and together they raised a family. In 1965 she became the first lomilomi practitioner and teacher to be certified by the state.

In 1998 kūpuna masters, including Machado, met in Keauhou, Hawaiʻi Island, to address state lawmakers' efforts to regulate Native Hawaiian healing arts. The resulting landmark kahuna statement provided the basis for a future law exempting from licensure requirements any cultural practitioner certified by special kūpuna councils.

Machado's many awards include the Living Treasure of Hawaiʻi (1986), the Kaʻonohi Award for Hawaiian Health (1994) and He Kuleana Aloha Award for lifetime achievement (2007).

She is survived by daughters Nerita, Lana and Alohalani, and son Daniel Jr.

Services will be held on Oʻahu March 4 at 6:30 p.m. at Honolulu Central Seventh-day Adventist Church on Nuʻuanu Avenue. 5:30 p.m. visitation. Services will also be held on Hawaiʻi Island at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 7 at Kona Seventh-day Adventist Church in Captain Cook. 10 a.m. visitation. Burial to follow on March 8 at 10 a.m. at Christ Episcopal Church in Kealahou. Those unable to attend may send condolences to: The Family of Margaret Machado, P.O. Box 221, Captain Cook, HI 96704. ■



ka leo kaiāulu letters to the editor

OHA reserves the right to edit all letters for length, defamatory and libelous material, and other objectionable content, and reserves the right not to print any submission. All letters must be typed, signed and not exceed 200 words. Letters cannot be published unless they include a telephone contact for verification. Send letters to Ka Wai Ola, 711 Kapi'olani Blvd., Ste. 500, Honolulu, HI 96813, or email kwo@oha.org.

A future without oil?

So many of us in Hawai'i are working on transitioning to lifestyles that will work well in the coming, post-oil economy.

Nancy Redfeather has her Hawai'i Island School Garden Network, which supports teachers and students who plant gardens. Jerry Konanui speaks on growing kalo. Our E Mālama 'Āina festival, the Thirty Meter Telescope, Geothermal Energy – all will help our people as oil prices continue to rise and everything gets even more expensive.

Regarding geothermal – it's cheap, the price will not go up and it is a revenue source for the state and OHA. It will help low-income folks keep their lights on, and we won't have to turn off air conditioning in our keiki's classrooms because the price of electricity has become prohibitive.

Puna Geothermal Venture already pays the state around \$3.5 million annually. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs currently receives \$700,000 a year from geothermal. No other renewable energy sources return money to either the state or to OHA.

We need to do what's in our best interest. If we don't choose geothermal, we're going to get the much more expensive option foisted on us – biofuels – and we'll have to pay the costly bills.

This should not be determined by special interest groups. Let's all speak up.

*Richard Ha
President, Hāmākua
Springs Country Farms
Pepe'ekeo, Hawai'i Island*

Befriend the Royal Hawaiian Band

We want to invite and encourage our local community, in particular our Hawaiian community and visitors alike, to join the Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band and to be a part of preserving the musical history of the Royal Hawaiian Band.

Further, the Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band is dedicated to maintaining the band's unique tradition as Hawai'i's official musical representative and ensuring that the band's rich Hawaiian sound will continue to be enjoyed throughout

Hawai'i and the world by generations to come. For example, the Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band recently premiered a commissioned work for the Royal Hawaiian Band called "Nani Waimea" and a "Hawaiian Hit Medley" arranged by composer Matt Catingub. The debut performance took place at a Royal Hawaiian Band Concert at Kapi'olani Park on Jan. 31.

Current officers of the Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band are: myself, Ms. Toni Lee, president; Ms. Jean Serikawa, vice president; Dr. Niklaus Schweizer, chair; Mr. John Hassler, secretary; and Dr. Richard Trimillos, treasurer.

As members of the "Friends," you are entitled to a 10 percent discount on band recordings and memorabilia purchases from the friends, as well as other benefits.

To join the Friends of the Royal Hawaiian Band, visit royalhawaiianband.com. A monthly band schedule and audio excerpts are posted on the site.

*Antoinette "Toni" Lee
President, The Friends of the Royal
Hawaiian Band*

Pehea kou mana'o? (Any thoughts?)

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trajectory of a heartbreaking history and treatment of the Native peoples of that state, and indeed, a new future was forged by all. President Nixon and his administration further strengthened and solidified a federal policy of Native self-determination and self-governance across the country. Today, Alaska Natives, like American Indians, are fully part of the success of their respective states, and with every decade that passes, take on more and more of the responsibilities to implement solutions needed to address their unique cultures and history, as partners with state and federal governments.

Governor Lingle, we have long thought that you would be the Stewart Udall of the Pacific. We still believe you can be the Governor with the courage and vision to see the Native people of Hawai'i as full and equal partners, and to open the door for a new beginning, with a new hope and future for our state. Hawai'i needs its indigenous peoples, Native Hawaiians, to have a seat at the table, to take responsibility for our own future, and to be accountable for the steps that need to be taken for us to reconcile the past. The State of Hawai'i needs to turn a new page that embraces Native Hawaiians as Hawai'i's indigenous peoples in form and substance rather than just in words and marketing. If we continue the past, we will reap its result. The substitute amendment to S. 1011, the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2009, passed by the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on Dec. 17, 2009, creates a chance for a new future, a path forward that is long overdue.

Governor Lingle, the substitute amendment does not create anything new in government relationships. Rather, it accomplishes that which you have testified in support of throughout your seven-year tenure as Governor: parity for Native Hawaiians with other Native Americans in federal policies. We ask that you stand with us, to not turn away now, and to be among the policy-makers we have waited for – that

Secretary Udall did exactly the right thing. He set the stage for the opportunity to change the

Hawai'i needs right now at this critical crossroads.

If politics is the art of the possible, then for the first time in a decade, what is possible in 2010 is the passage of legislation that gives parity to Native Hawaiians under federal policy, and sets Native Hawaiians, Hawai'i and the federal government on a true path of reconciliation. While our community has been at a disadvantage with state government in control of every aspect of our lands and resources for the past five decades, this bill does not disadvantage state government. What is right for Native Hawaiians and for our state has become possible, but we need a Governor with the courage and vision to seize this moment of opportunity. We ask that you be that Governor.

We accept that Attorney General Bennett is doing his job as the state's attorney, but we elected you to govern our great state. We ask that you consider the hindsight available to you – the history of all Native peoples when they are given their rightful place at the table. We ask that you consider the opinion of Attorney General Bennett, as well as the opinions of other attorneys and legal scholars that have entirely different views, and we ask that you consider what is right and possible for the people of Hawai'i including its original citizens, the Native Hawaiian people. No state government has fallen from the recognition of a Native peoples and their inherent sovereignty under federal law.

Undoubtedly, there will be rough waters in our collective future as a state. There may be legal wrangling and great debates ahead, but we must not fear these things, nor can we ignore a Native population that has waited for a legitimate voice and the opportunity to once again be responsible for ourselves. Secretary Udall understood this, Senator Akaka understands this, and we ask you to show the people of Hawai'i that you understand this as well.

Governor Lingle, we ask that you support the substitute amendment – it is a tremendous piece of legislation that remedies constitutional issues, addresses Native Hawaiian advocacy organization concerns, advances parity under federal policy, and does not affect the sovereign immunity or rights of state government.

Thank you for your consideration. ■

no ka ilina burial notices

WAIKĪKĪ AHUPUA'A

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an unmarked burial site containing an individual set of human skeletal remains was discovered during inventory survey by Cultural Surveys Hawai'i for Kyo-ya Hotels & Resorts LP (applicant). The site is located at the Princess Ka'iulani Hotel in the Waikīkī ahupua'a, Kona District, Island of O'ahu, TMK: (1) 2-6-022: 001 and 041. There are five Land Commission Awards that may be associated with the burial site or property where the burial site is located; LCA 1506 to Waikīkī Wahine; LCA 2006 to Male; LCA 2082 to Kuene; LCA 2084 to Keohokahina; and LCA 8559B to W.C. Lunailo; Nailipelapela, A.S. Cleghorn and Kapaealii or Kapoealii.

The remains were determined to be over 50 years old and proper treatment shall occur in accordance with Chapter 6E, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Section 43.5 regarding unmarked burial sites. An evaluation of ethnicity has been made by the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) and the remains are believed to be Native Hawaiian (mixed or part-Hawaiian ancestry). A State Inventory of Historic Properties number of 50-80-14-7067 has been assigned to identify this burial. The O'ahu Island Burial Council (OIBC) has jurisdiction in this matter and the disposition of this burial will be determined by the OIBC, in consultation with any recognized lineal and/or cultural descendant parties.

All persons having information about this burial site or wishing to submit a descent claim are requested to contact (1) Ms. Coochie Cayan, SHPD History & Culture Branch, Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), 601 Kamokila Blvd., Room 555, Kapolei, HI 96707, or tel. (808) 692-8015 and/or (2) Ms. Lani Ma'a Lapilio (rep. for the applicant), Aukahi, 1003 Bishop St., Pauahi Tower, Suite 2700, Honolulu, HI 96813, tel. (808) 540-5741. All interested persons who may have knowledge of families possibly affiliated with this burial shall respond within 30 days of this notice and provide information to SHPD/DLNR adequately demonstrating descent from the remains, or descent from ancestors buried in the same ahupua'a or district where the remains are buried.

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ho'ohui 'ohana

family reunions

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PEPELUALI • FEB. 2010

PE'ELUAKOLOIA'AO – The descendants of Kailiohe, Kailimeau, Kamaiwahine and Lae who are the children of Pe'eluakoloia'ao are planning a reunion Feb. 12-14, 2010. For information, please go to the web site at kameekua.blogspot.com, which also contains links to web sites that have our 'ohana genealogy, where you may find out if you are in the genealogy or where you belong. Contact Sanford Kameekua for any corrections or additions needed. Anyone interested in joining our reunion, contact Sanford Kameekua, 808-262-1447, SKameekua@aol.com or SKameekua@hawaii.rr.com; or Emma M. Saroni, 253-475-8381 or 253-227-0557.

KAUWELA • MAY-SEPT. 2010

AFOA-LUTU/KAWAAKOA – The descendants of Simanu Afoa (Fagatogo, American Samoa) and Annie Kawaakoa (Kipahulu-Kaupō, Maui) are planning their second annual Afoa-Lutu 'Ohana Reunion on the weekend of July 24, 2010, in Nānākuli, O'ahu. Simanu and Annie had eight children: Simanu (m: Margaret Rodrigues); Wilson; Herman (m: Arviella Waialea); Paul (m: Marlene Kaahaiana); Nelson (m: Ilse Edelmann); Dixie (m: John Kalamau); Stanley; Elliot (m: Emily Hoopii). We would like to invite our Sāmoan 'ohana to this reunion, which are the siblings and descendants of our Tūtūman Simanu: Ana (m: Coen & Ulugaono); Faasuka; Suesue; Atapui; Tafisi; Faatamalii; Leata'ie (m: Asuega); Tafaigau; Iofi; Sofa and Sautia. For reunion information, contact Kimo Kelii at kimokelii@aol.com, Luamauga Savini at luamauga06@yahoo.com, or Iopu Fale at jrfale@hotmail.com.

AH LEONG/KALAMA/MOKU LEHUA/KAUAI – The descendants of John Ah Leong (b: Feb. 1838) and Kalama (b: 1840 in South Kona) are planning an 'Ohana Reunion for 2010. The marriage of Ah Leong and Kalama produced two daughters: Juliana Kaihikapu Kanani Ah Leong (m: Kepano Victor Mokulehua in 1872) and Josephine Kealohilani Ah Leong (m: Joseph Kealaulaokamalalalama Kauahi in 1887). Juliana and Kepano Mokulehua had 11 children: Thomas (m: Mary Napua); Victor (m: Harriet); Elizabeth (m: Hoolopa Keano); Julia (m: George Waialea); Moses (m: Catherine); John (m: K. Kaopuiki); Ella (m: Nicholas Zablau); Sabina; Juliano (m: Myrtle Smith); Annie; and Victor (m: Victoria Kamalii). Josephine and Joseph Kauahi had three sons: Peter (m: Hattie Apana); Frank and Joseph. For reunion information, contact Kimo Kelii at kimokelii@aol.com.

KAHOLOKULA – Sorry for the inconvenience: the dates for the reunion have changed to July 9-10, 2010. The 'ohana of Kūhālimāiohuli and Keāliāmāiohuli Kaholokula of Maui are planning a family reunion. They had 11 children: 1) Kūhaupio 2) Kūhaupio & Kaniāla, Apitaila (w) 3) Keauli & Wahauku (h) 4) Ulunui & Lee, Akaloka (h) 5) Puakailima & Akuna, GooTong (h) 6) Kaleikapu & Napeha, Emily (w) 7) Kalaina & Mackee, Emma (w) 8) Maia 9) Keoni 10) Alapai & Sniffen, Deborah (w) 11) Kaiminauauo & Hema, Maryann (w). The Kaholokula Family reunion will be held at Hale Nanea Hall in Kahului, Maui. We are looking for all who are related to attend. Contact Haulani

Kamaka, 808-268-9249; Gordon Apo, 808-269-0440; or Clifford Kaholokula Jr., 808-250-1733. Or e-mail us at kaholokulareunion2010@yahoo.com.

KAONOH/AWAAWA – The descendants of JAMES KAOHIAI KAONOH and MINNIE AWAAWA and their children Alexander KAONOH and Julia FEATHREN, Ida KAONOH and Herbert LESLIE, James KAONOH and Nancy VICTOR, Minnie KAONOH and Ernest NAHOOLEWA, Solomon KAONOH and Lillian KOGA, and Gideon KAONOH and Rita LUM HO are planning a reunion July 2-10, 2010. If you would like to be included and for information, contact: Paulette Keopuhiwa at 808-259-7252 or ala koo808@yahoo.com; Godfrey Kaonohi at 808-239-8684 or CandG@hawaii.rr.com; or Kimo Kaonohi at 808-259-7153 or kkaonohi3@yahoo.com.

KAUAUA – The descendants of Kelii O Nahuawai Kauaua and Kaua'i O Kalani Kanae and the descendants of their children Papai, Kamaka, Puupu, Apukahehi and Moelua will be holding a reunion on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 4 and 5, 2010, on O'ahu. More information to follow in the coming months. Please save the dates! "E Hāpai O Kō Kākou 'Ohana Aloha" (Hold high our beloved 'Ohana).

KAWAAUHAU/PAAUHAU – The descendants of DANIEL Kawaauhau (Aliikapeka Kaliuna), PHILLIP Kawaauhau (Kahele Kaaiwaiu), JOHN Kawaauhau (Waiwaiole) and KAHIONA Kawaauhau (Simeon Milikaa Pauhau) are having a family reunion July 2-5, 2010, on O'ahu in Mākaha. This event will be hosted by HANNAH KAAHAAINA KAWAAUHAU, the granddaughter of KEKUMU Kawaauhau and great-granddaughter of DANIEL Kawaauhau. DANIEL, PHILLIP and JOHN are brothers and they had one sister, KAHIONA. DANIEL had 13 children: WAHINENUI, PAHIO, KAHALEPO, KELIHKULI, KAHANAPULE, KAPILIELA, KAULAAHO, PAULO, KALEIKAUEA, MAKIA, KEKUMU, KAUKA and HAAHEO KAWAAUHAU. All children but the last three use their first name as their last name. PHILLIP had two children: JAMES and HENRY HART KAWAAUHAU; JOHN had three children: ANNA, KELIHELELA and AULIANA KAWAAUHAU; and KAHIONA two children: SAM and AGNES PAAUHAU.

For information, write to: Kaiu Lalawai, 85-1290 Kapaekahi St., Wai'anae, HI 96792 (808-696-1398); Corinna Kyle, 85-1051 Hooku'ikahi St., Wai'anae, HI 96792 (808-696-7867, cell 808-692-3005); or Sarah Kahele, 144 Ka'ie'ie Place, Hilo, HI 96720 (808-959-1607, cell 808-854-0330).

KEALOHA – The descendants of Solomon Kealoha Sr. and Alice Kanoë Kahoe Paia, and the descendants of their children Annie Lani, Solomon Jr., Alice, David Sr., Rose, Mary Ann, William Sr., Helen, Sarah, Richard Sr. and Paul Sr. will be having a reunion on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3-5, 2010, on Maui at Hale Nanea. Please save the dates. Mahalo, Cynthia Mahealani (Uwekoolani) Yap, daughter of Rose Kahilipualoke Kealoha and John Manalaha Uwekoolani, granddaughter of Solomon Kealoha Sr. and Alice Kanoë Kahoe Paia.

KINNEY – Looking for descendants of William Kinney II, born 15 April 1832, arrived in Hawai'i before 1868.

Planning a family reunion in July 2010. Known children are: William Ansel, Minnie, Kihapi'ilani William, Henry William, Clarence William, Joseph, Robbins, George, Orpha, David, Oliver and Ray. Contact Orpha Kinney Kaina at 808-344-9033 or kainareal@yahoo.com, Erin Kinney Lindsey at 808-885-9023, Kristen Lindsey Ganancial at 808-345-6358, or Auhea Straus Pui at 808-885-4184.

LINDSEY/MAHIKULANI – Plans are in progress for a family reunion the weekend of 17-19 September 2010 in Waimea, Hawai'i Island, for the descendants of progenitors James F. Lindsey Sr. and Mahikulani P. Hookuanui. Names of their six children/spouses to be represented at the reunion are: Emma K. Lindsey/Harry K. Purdy Sr.; Mary F. Lindsey/Thomas D. Kaanaana/Solomon K. Lo/Antone A.G. Correa; Maymie M.C. Lindsey/Pio H. Kamalo/Kaimi J. Kalaulii/Henry K. Levi; Helen F.K. Lindsey/William K. Notley/James K. Parker; James F. Lindsey Jr./Silvana Rodrigues de Quintal; Eunice F.K. Lindsey/Edward H. Hea. Your kōkua in planning, spearheading the activities, donations and/or other support is very much appreciated. Submit current postal address, phone and e-mail address to receive reunion information and forms by contacting Rae at raelindsey@aol.com; Sweetheart at kimopolinzreunion@gmail.com; or Kiki Kihoi at P.O. Box 343, Kamuela, HI 96743.

WITTROCK/KEPANO – The descendants of Frederick C. Wittrock and Susan Kukona'ala'a Kepano are having a family reunion on Saturday, Aug. 28, 2010, at Rainbow Marina Bay (near the Arizona Memorial) 51 Arizona Road, on O'ahu, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Lunch will be at noon. To all who are descendants of the Wittrock and Kepano 'ohana, come and bring your favorite dish, talents and stories and share with your 'ohana and enjoy. For information, contact Uilani Perez at 808-230-7987 or email uilaniperez@yahoo.com.

HO'OILO • OCT. 2010-APRIL 2011

KA'IAWE/SIMEONA – The descendants of Henry Moses Ka'iawe (Ka'iewe) and Martha Maleka Kalalao Simeona are planning an 'ohana reunion for 2010. We are seeking information as to how many children Henry and Martha's union produced. Currently we only have data on one child (my Tūtūlady) named Lydia Ka'iawe, who married three times to: 1) David Keawepoo Jr., 2) George Tripp and 3) Moses Kaiu. The marriage of Lydia and George produced six children: 1) George (m: Esther Pollett) had six children: 2) Lydia (m: Alexander Armitage) had 16 children; 3) Henry (m: Elizabeth Kahihikolo) had seven children; 4) Solomon (m: Mildred Cambra) had four children; 5) Annie (m: George Cambra) had one child; 6) Sarah (m: Flemmin Gaskin) had two children. Contact Henry Ka'iawe Tripp Makanani at 808-781-2417 or email kw_tripp@yahoo.com for information about the planning of this 'ohana reunion.

I IA MAKAHIKI AKU • 2011

ADOLPHO/ALVARADO – Moloka'i has been chosen as the next gathering place for our upcoming Adolpho-Alvarado reunion. The dates are tentatively set for July 7-10, 2011. For information or to contact us, see our web site, adolphoreunion2011.com.

'IMI 'OHANA • FAMILY SEARCH

AKANA – My great-grandfather was Walter Akana who lived in Kapahulu. He was born in 1862 in Hawai'i. His father was born in China and his mother in Hawai'i. His children were Hattie born in 1883, Marshall born in 1885, Maggie born in 1887, Josephine born in 1889, and Kaluhope born in 1891. Would appreciate any family information. I can be reached at malterrel002@hawaii.rr.com or 808-673-8889.

HALUALANI – We are searching for anyone who belongs to Solomon or Clement Liwai, Halualani Sons of Ko'ele'ele and Laura Halualani. We are, for the first time, trying to unite our 'ohana. Naho'a'olelo o Kamehameha married Ohulelani. Their offspring are: 1) Leihauole, 2) Po'ohiwi, 3) Kaonohi, 4) Kawainui, 5) Kapika, 6) Kauhii, 7) Emera, 8) Kamala and 9) Luka. Po'ohiwi, our great-grandmother, married Halualani. Their children are: 1) Ha'alilo; 2) Kapika; 3) Ko'ele'ele, our great-grandfather; 4) Ohule; 5) Kawainui and 6) Ainini. Contact Carol Halualani Bright at 808-235-6788 or by mail at 46-317 Halualani Place, Kāne'ohe, HI 96744; or Sandi Halualani at 808-744-5566.

KAHIHIKOLA – I am seeking third, fourth- and fifth-generation information about the descendants of Annie Kealoha Kahihikolo (Parents: Joseph Kahihikolo and Kealoha Lapaku Kau) I am mainly interested in any links to a Chinese descendant. Thank you in advance for any information you are able to provide. I can be reached at 808-398-4534 (Joanna) or e-mail chavesj003@hawaii.rr.com.

KAHO'ONEI – The descendants of the keiki of William Moku Kaho'onei and "Helen" Holokai Kamaile are updating their 'Ohana Registry. The names of their keiki are as follows: William Kamaile, Louis Moku, Hele Malekini, Phoebe Moku, Harold Kaneiki, John Moku, Elizabeth David, William Moku Jr., Mary Kaea, Eliza Kawika and Alvin Lalau. Although our focus is on William Moku Kaho'onei's bloodline, Helen Kamaile also had keiki from Ah-Young Di-Er and Sung Whan Cho, who although don't carry the Kaho'onei koko, are listed in the registry because of how close these keiki were raised and grew up with the Kaho'onei keiki. The 'Ohana Registry was created back in the early 1990s but has not been updated since. We don't have access to the original information that was used to create the 'Ohana Registry. Unfortunately some of the information is full of mistakes, if not by the researched information obtained, then by the author of the registry. It is our kuleana to have a corrected and updated 'Ohana Registry. Send your information to the 2009/2010 KORC Secretary, Bernie Kaho'onei-Pascual, 1416 Mapuana Place, Kailua, HI 96734-3736, 808-261-0472 or kahooneiohana@gmail.com.

KALAMA – I have been searching for my grandmother's father, Thomas Kalis Kalama, since I was a teenager. He was born 4-9-1891 in Kanaki village at Leilehua on the island of O'ahu, where Schofield Barracks is now. He was brought by missionaries to Chattanooga, Tennessee, in the early 1910s to study to become a doctor; we believe he traveled on a ship of the Matson line. His mother's name was Marguerite, a very regal, beautiful woman and he had at least two sisters. I would love to connect with anyone familiar with this story,

especially any descendants of Thomas' two sisters, my closest twigs on the branch. Mahalo for any assistance. Leslie Rodenbrock, 234 E. Wallace, Orlando, FL, 32809; 407-857-8634 or JASMom@aol.com.

KALAU LI KAAWA – Nā mamo o KALAU LI KALEIKULA KAAWA/ KALAU LI KUULA KAAWA/ KALAU LI KALEIKULA KUULA KAAWA and KALALANI KEAKUAHANAI: Seeking descendants of Kalauli (k) and Kalalani (w) for genealogical and reunion purposes. ALL descendants carry KALAU LI/ KALAU LI KAAWA/ KALEIKULA/ KAAWA as surnames. These are their descendants born in KUKUIOPA'E, South Kona: GEORGE M KAAWA (k), LIWAI KALAU LI KAAWA (k), ELLEN KAMANAWA KAAWA (w), ABRAHAM KALEHUA LI'ILI'I KAAWA (k), JOSEPH KAHAWA KAAWA (k), DAVID KAWIKA KAAWA (k), ARTHUR KAMEALOHA KALAU LI KAAWA (k), ELIZABETH KALEHUA KAAWA (w), ISAAC KALAU LI KAAWA/ ISAAC KALEIKULA KALAU LI KAAWA/ ISAAC KUULA KAAWA/ ISAAC KALEIKULA KUULA KALAU LI KAAWA (k), JAMES KALEIKULA KALAU LI (k), ROSE KAAWA (w), KELI'IHA'AHEO KALEIKULA KAAWA (k), NANCY KALANIKAPU KALAU LI KAAWA (w). If you are 'ohana or have information, email: kalaulikaawa@gmail.com or join KALAU LI KALEIKULA KAAWA group on Facebook – more information is there.

NAHIWA – My great-grandfather was Thomas Joseph Nahiwa, born 12/9/1859 in Kohala, Hawai'i. His daughter Lydia Keapolohiwa Cecilia Nahiwa, born 6/23/1883 in Waimea, Hawai'i, was my grandmother. Thomas' wife was Jane Kaomealani (Louisa/Kini) Spencer, born 8/23/1863. New information was forwarded from several sources after reading my original plea, to wit: Jane was the daughter of Luikaolohukalaipuunoni and Tony (Thomas?) Spencer; Luikaolohukalaipuunoni was the daughter of Kawahinenohonehele (Puihi)(w) and Kawahinenohonehele (k). The Kawahinenohonehele line links with Kalaniopu'u and Kamehameha but exact details are not known. Several family members and I have been seeking any information for quite some time of either/both Thomas and Jane but have been unsuccessful. Now that we have another two generations (Luikaolohukalaipuunoni and Kawahinenohonehele) to work with, we might be successful in furthering our search. State, LDS and Bishop Museum archives have scant information; various Internet web sites have yielded little. We would be very appreciative if anybody has any information they would care to share with us. Mahalo to those of you who have already responded with valuable information. Contact me, Val Marciel, at 808-239-6816 or baduga57@lava.net.

PAHOA/KEAWE – We are seeking information on John Pahoa (Kohala) and Luukia Kaholoholo (North Kohala): James Keawe (North Kohala) and Sarah Haili (North Kohala) and their families. Other family names: Bray, Bright, Hewahewa, Kaawa, Kamalolo, Kanehailua, Kaniho, Kuamoo, Kuawalu and Nakaleka. Any information received will be greatly appreciated. Contact us at rexpahoa@msn.com.



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At the end of summer, interns will participate in a symposium and present summaries of their summer work to their peers, the UH-Hilo community and other host mentors.

PIPES offers numerous internship programs to students with a common interest in tropical conservation sciences, natural and cultural resource management and environmental education and outreach.

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KS Mālama Card spreading the wealth

A new discount shopper program by Kamehameha Schools is helping to generate business for the schools' commercial tenants and income for the school's educational mission.

The Mālama Card program, a free program open to the public, offers discounts at participating retailers, all of which are located on lands owned by Kamehameha Schools.

As of the New Year, there were 113 participating merchants statewide, at the Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center, Windward Mall, Pearlridge Center, Kāhala Mall as well as properties in Kapālama, Waipahu, Waiakamilo Kaka'ako, Keaou, Hawai'i Kai and Hale'iwa. The trust's mission to educate and improve the well being of Native Hawaiians is supported by revenue generated by the commercial properties.

"Whole Foods Market is a big proponent of buying local and the Mālama Card fits right in," Elyse Ditzel, marketing supervisor for Whole Foods Market at Kāhala, said in a news release. "The Mālama Card supports local retailers, Kamehameha Schools and keeps Hawai'i green and sustainable."

Merchants also include Kona Country Club, Jeans Warehouse, Razor Concepts, Matsumoto Shave Ice, McDonald's Kāhala, Vim & Vigor, Family Dental Clinic and Harley Davidson.

The cards are available for free at participating merchants. For a list of merchants and discounts, visit malamacard.com.

Noguchi scholarships awarded

Nā Pua No'eau has announced the recipients of this year's Hideo Noguchi Scholarship for the Advancement of Native Hawaiians for students who have participated in Nā Pua No'eau, the program for gifted and talented children of Hawaiian ancestry, based at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. OHA is a major funder of NPN. Students awarded the scholarship through 2010 are:

- Aubrey Kealohilani Matsuura, a sophomore at UH-Mānoa majoring in natural resource and environmental management with a minor in Hawaiian language, would like to become an educator.

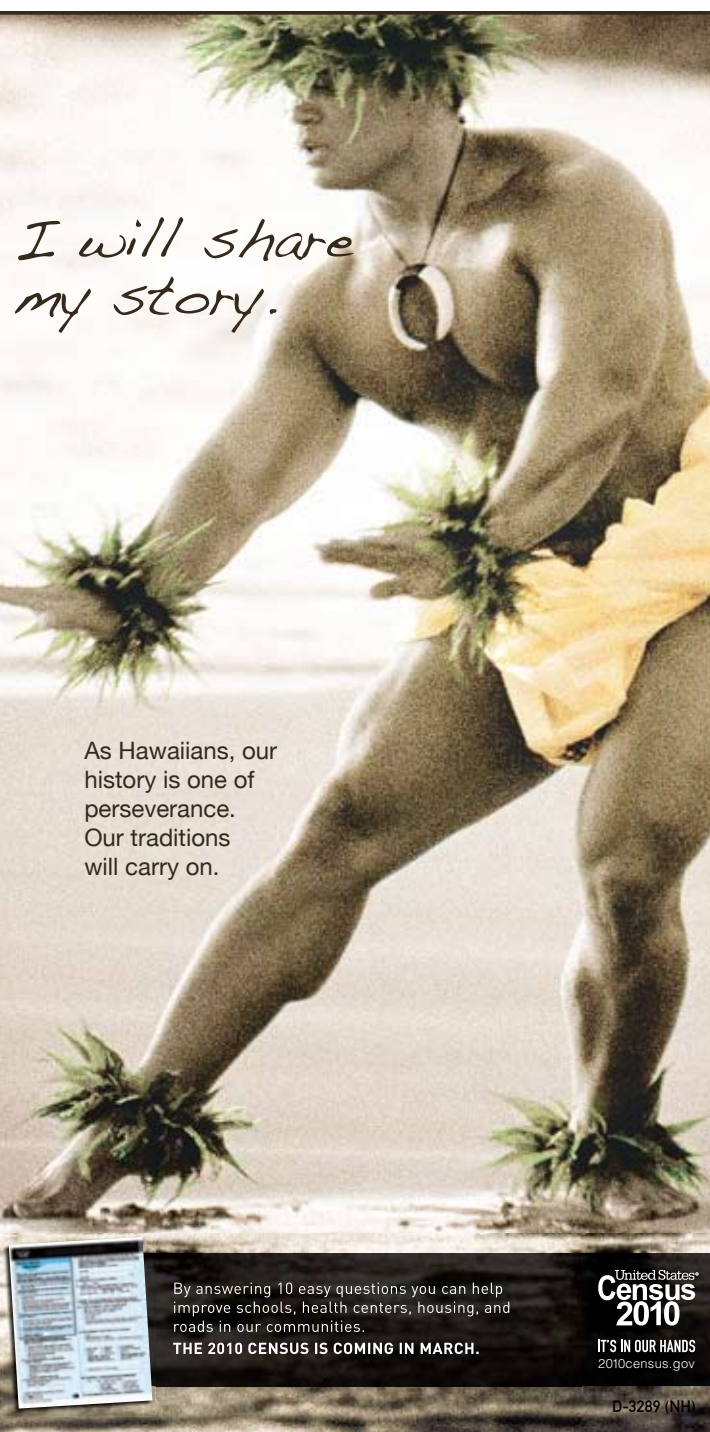
- Ariana Ka'ano'ikehauikūlō'ihia Kaliliokū Akaka, a UH-Mānoa freshman majoring in Hawaiian studies and Hawaiian language, aspires to be a Hawaiian educator.

- Taysha-Lei Kapua DeSa, a freshman at UH Mānoa, plans to become a pediatrician and open a practice in Hawai'i, where she can serve her community.

- Malia Michele Schneider, who is pursuing an MBA at UH Mānoa, aims to work in legislative advocacy on behalf of Native Hawaiians.

- Byron Keli'i Poya, a UH-Hilo sophomore majoring in agriculture with an emphasis on aquaculture, would like to manage his own aquaculture farm in Hilo and promote sustainable practices that could provide economic development for Hilo.

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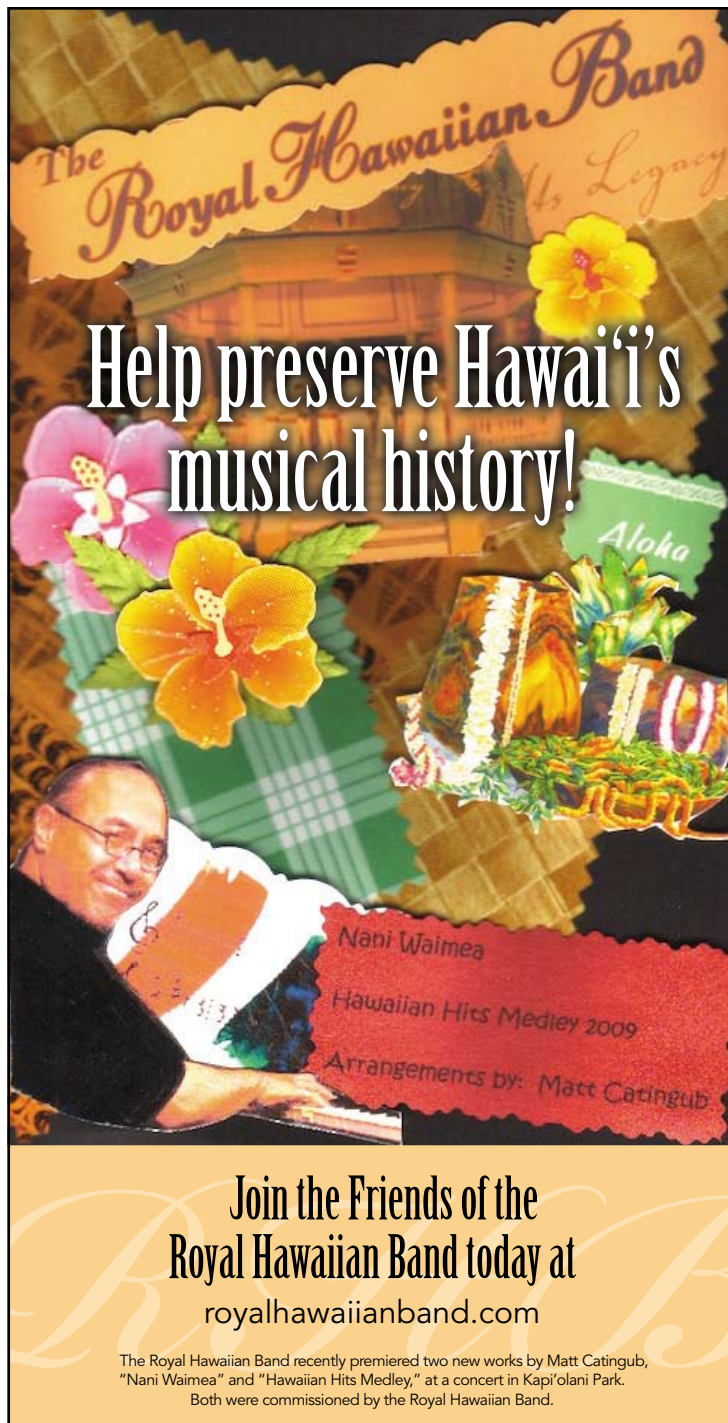
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In 2010, Choy aims to tip the scales at ... 185?

By Lisa Asato

Public Information Specialist

Chef Sam Choy, who once tipped the scales at 405 pounds, was never a welterweight. But this year, four years after starting his March to Losing Weight, which has improved his health and decreased his waistline, he has his eyes on a new prize: 185 pounds.

Now 58 (he just celebrated a birthday Jan. 27), Choy has never weighed less than 200 pounds – even when playing football for Kahuku. Now 210 pounds, Choy decided on 185 because “I just never been there,” he said, still getting used to his slimmer shape. “It’s really weird, but I still get the big man walk,” he added. “When I walked, I waddled. Now I’m learning not to waddle.”

Four days into the New Year, Choy sat down at his Nimitz Highway eatery, Sam Choy’s Breakfast Lunch and Crab, and shared his health stats (for one, his blood pressure has improved to 120/70 from 210/120) and talked about overcoming his food addiction and Native Hawaiians being a “dying race.”

“I always think about our Iz, you know,” Choy said, referring to the late singer Israel Kamakawiwo‘ole, who bat-

tled obesity. “I think he still would have been around if aggressively (people) approached him during his challenging times with his weight. ... And we see a lot of people in Hawai‘i – especially the Hawaiians – are huge.”

That’s a trend that Choy attributes to upbringing. “Their circle of friends, loved ones have the same eating habit,” he said. “That’s why when I started my ‘march’ – not to be rude or disrespectful – I had to change my circle of friends.” The friends he thought he had lost have all come around again, telling him, ‘I’m so glad you did what you did.’ ”

After years of trying WeightWatchers and other diets that didn’t work, Choy has embraced the whole approach to weight loss: in addition to eating healthier, he now exercises – “revisiting” that more active lifestyle of his youth. But instead of football, surfing, motocross, now he paddleboards, dives and swims in Kona with his granddaughter Samantha, who lives with him and his wife, and who provided the inspiration for him to lose weight. His regimen also includes working out five times a week for 90 minutes a day either with his personal trainer Eric Yamashita in Kaimukī or with Jeff and Marlina Lee at The Club in Kona.

Choy is also embracing another

element from his past – his father’s approach to eating. “He loved good food and there was a way of cooking with him that was very artistic. The prep was more important than the cooking,” Choy said of his dad, Hung Sam Choy, whose booming lū‘au business – feeding “800 people every Saturday” – had helped pay for the building of Polynesian Cultural Center. “And the thing was, watching my dad, he didn’t pick (at the food while cooking). He cooked, worked hard and then he sat down and he ate one bowl and that was it.”

Choy has words for insurance companies, who he says should pay more for preventive services like personal trainers, which can cost around \$80 or more an hour. “You cannot look at it as a business,” he said. “You have to look at it literally as helping a dying race. When you look at the Hawaiian people, we’re a dying race.”

This month, on Valentine’s Day, Choy and his wife, Carol, will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary. It’s just one of the things he can now let himself look forward to, now that he’s got a grip on his health.

He said he wants other overweight Hawaiians to follow suit, “It can be done. Get off your ‘ōkole,” he said. No matter how bad your situation or life may seem, “If you start changing one thing then your self-esteem starts to come back, he said, adding that it hasn’t always been easy for him, but now eating healthier has become a habit, because you start to realize “that what you’re building you cannot tear down.” ■

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olakino^{your health}

Let's pull it all together in 2010



By Claire Ku'uleilani Hughes,
Dr. Ph, R.D.

Let's take a hard look at Hawaiian health and decide what we can do to improve the situation. Who is going to do it and how is it to be done? And, exactly what is "it"?

Much has been written about the health decline and increasing behavioral risk (like smoking, drinking and being severely overweight) among Hawaiians since western contact in 1778. Thus, most Native Hawaiians know the situation. Many are aware that whatever the rest of their ethnic heritage is does not change the situation much. Thankfully, most Native Hawaiians can recite, with speed and accuracy, three top suggestions/ways to improve their own health. So, what's the "hang-up?" Hawaiians know that too! Between the questions of "who," "what," "how" and "when" it is to be done, the most difficult question is, "when?" At this point, if Hawaiians are open to the wisdom of their Hawaiian ancestors, "it" is done immediately and done as an 'ohana.

Hawaiians know the "to-do list": exercise more; drink more water and fewer sugary and alcoholic beverages; see the doctor annually (and get all of the tests too); eat less fat and sugar; sleep eight hours a day; add more vegetables to the diet; eat whole foods and grains; eat less fast food; etc., etc., etc.! So now, consider your own health and choose any three items from the "to-do list." Do three things and you will win the prize. Do it as a family and the prize (benefit) will grow tremendously.

If "it" is exercise, the only caution is that all family members must

get a health assessment and specific advice "on exercising" from the doctor. Decide which exercise, create your 'ohana plan and start it immediately. There is no need to spend a lot of money. Walking, running and swimming are free and require no coaching. Just assure that your feet and ankles are protected by good athletic shoes with arch supports. Make sure that there is drinking water along the exercise route or carry a water bottle. The best solution is to pack a cooler of icy cold water and snacks in the car each morning.

When? For young families who commute: at pau hana time, the mākuā can put their shoes on and walk around the park or school grounds (or anywhere) as their keiki are participating in afterschool sports. Or, the keiki can join their mākuā in the family exercise. When the exercise/sports time is pau and on the drive home, rehydrate and refresh with the water and fruit and vegetable snacks that you packed. At home, a hot meal can be ready in the 30 minutes it takes to cook the brown or "hapa haole" rice. This plan includes three things from the "to-do list": exercise, increasing water intake and eating vegetables and fruit.

Remember, besides fresh water, most beverages cost money and contain calories (unless you drink plain tea or coffee). Some beverages have questionable or harmful ingredients. Some claim to have important added nutrients. The truth is that plain water is best and slightly chilled water is absorbed more efficiently. Whatever the arguments for or against continuing to purchase and consume other beverages, honestly, our bodies need only water.

We can extend the good health and purposeful lives for ourselves, our children, grandchildren and 'ohana. Family health is the kuleana of mākuā and kūpuna. Our Hawaiian ancestors thought about it, planned for it, did it and did it well. Let's make our Hawaiian 'ohana healthier. And, let's start today! ■

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