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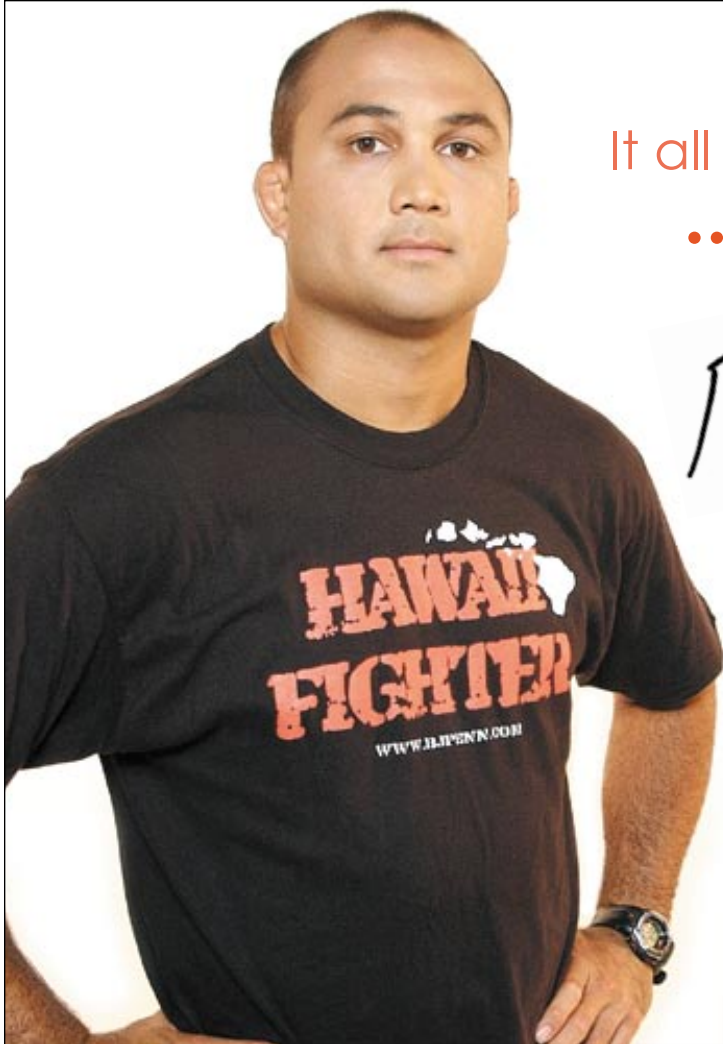
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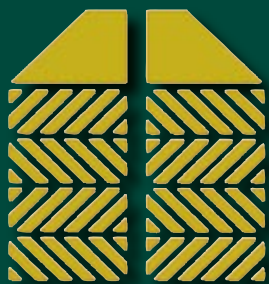
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## Racing for the presidency

Obama and Clinton have similar stance on Hawaiian issues

By Lisa Asato  
Public Information Specialist

As Democratic presidential hopefuls U.S. Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton continued their push for votes in primary contests, most importantly in Texas and Ohio on March 4, Hawai'i had its turn in the national spotlight in February, attracting a visit by Chelsea Clinton to garner support for her mother, whom she described as a supporter of Hawaiian issues.

At an hourlong question-and-answer session at the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu, the former first daughter talked about "Mom's" ideas for universal health care, her plans for with-

drawal from Iraq, the economy, ecology and support for Hawaiian recognition via the Akaka Bill.

Miriam Mata of Pearl City asked Clinton about her mother's awareness of Hawaiian issues and specifically her position on the Akaka Bill. "Yes, my mother supports the Akaka Bill and has promised to sign it," Clinton replied. "My mom supports Hawaiians."

Hillary Clinton, a U.S. Senator from New York, spoke of her support of the Akaka Bill during a conference call with Hawai'i media in the week before Chelsea's visit: "I have worked with ... senators in their efforts to achieve that bill and get it passed, and I

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Chelsea Clinton tours isles to garner support for her mother's hoped-for nomination. — Photo: Blaine Fergerstrom

## Ceded lands settlement

Community meetings and hearings draw large crowds

By Crystal Kua  
Director of Communications

Residents of Native Hawaiian communities and other places across the Islands got a front-row seat to details of the agreement reached between the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the state over past-due public land trust revenue claims.

Dozens of community meetings and legislative hearings were held from Moloka'i to Kahuku, Waimānalo to Kaua'i and at the state Capitol.

The landmark agreement, which covers claims from 1978 to 2008, includes a mix of land and money valued at \$200 million. The three properties in the settlement are located in Kaka'ako Makai, Kalaeloa Makai and the resort area of Hilo along Banyan

Drive.

The deal also sets annual future payments at a minimum of \$15.1 million. OHA waives the right to sue for future payments if the state pays that amount, but OHA also has the right to lobby for higher amounts.

The agreement, which must be approved by the state Legislature, only pertains to disputed ceded land revenue payments for the 30-year period. It does not settle ceded land ownership or over-throw claims.

The agreement was signed Jan. 17 and announced Jan. 18.

OHA partnered with the grassroots organization 'Ilio'ulaokalani which planned 21 community meetings that discussed several legislative issues including genetically modified taro, bioprospecting, a possible Constitutional



Mahealani Cypher of Ko'olaupoko Hawaiian Civic Club supported the ceded land settlement bill at a Feb. 9 Senate hearing. - Photo: Lisa Asato

Convention and the OHA settlement.

OHA also organized nine meetings that included the state attorney general in Waimānalo, Pearl City, Mā'ili, Moloka'i, Kaua'i, Honolulu, Maui, Hilo and Kona. Five of those meetings were held jointly with 'Ilio'ulaokalani.

In addition, OHA officials were invited by several organizations – including the Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce, Hawaiian

Civic Clubs and other community leaders – to make a presentation on the settlement details.

While OHA was in the midst of planning the meetings, the state Legislature approved a resolution calling for OHA and the state attorney general to hold community meetings and obtain public comments including suggestions for possible changes.

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# He lei i ke aloha o ka 'ōlelo

Immersion schools mark 20 years of  
Hawaiian language education

By Blaine Fergstrom  
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As it prepares to graduate its 10th high school class this year, Hawaiian immersion schools on O'ahu celebrated two decades of teaching 'Ōlelo Hawai'i at a gathering of hundreds of current and former kumu, haumāna, state officials and supporters at the state Capitol.

Speaking to the crowd, Daniel Hamada, assistant superintendent of the state Education Department's curriculum office, pledged his continuing support for Hawaiian immersion, saying he envisioned tripling the size of the immersion schools and consolidating them into a single complex, rather than being spread across the existing school system, as they are now.

And in the crowd, Dr. Leimomi Malina-Wright, vice principal of Ke Kula Kaiapuni 'o Ānuenuē, said she was awed by the state-wide program's reach. "What is extraordinary is, sometimes when I am in a restaurant, I can hear the children chanting their pule. You can now hear children and their families speaking the language in

their everyday lives," said Malina-Wright, who has spent 16 years with the Hawaiian immersion program.

In 1987, following the Hawai'i state Constitution mandate (Article X, Section 4) to promote the study of Hawaiian culture, language and history, the state Department of Education established the Hawaiian Language Immersion Program, Ka Papahana Kaiapuni Hawai'i.

Marking the occasion, many who gathered on 8 Peleluali wore T-shirts emblazoned with the legend, "He Lei i ke Aloha o ka 'Ōlelo – Ka Piha Makahiki he 20 o ka Papahana Kaiapuni," or "A Lei of Love for the Hawaiian Language – The 20th Anniversary of the Hawaiian Immersion Program."

The crowd shared oli, speeches and featured visits from several distinguished program graduates. Ua hīmeni nā haumāna a me nā kumu i ka mele 'o *Hawai'i Pono'i* while standing but a few yards from the statue of Ke Ali'i Wahine Lili'uokalani, whose brother, Ka Mō'i, David Kalākaua, had composed the lyrics.

Several members of the WAC champion University of Hawai'i Warriors football team — each a



As part of the 20th year celebration, Ua hīmeni nā haumāna a me nā kumu i ka mele 'o *Hawai'i Pono'i*. - Photo: Blaine Fergstrom

product of Hawaiian immersion schools, addressed the crowd in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i.

As they were introduced, Warriors Brad Kalilimoku, brothers Keahi and Keala Watson, Aaron Kia and R.J. Kiesel-Kauhane called out to students of their former schools, whose current students answered in unison, "E ō!" "We are present!"

The players shared their experiences growing up in Hawaiian immersion and how they had pushed the boundaries of success in pōpeku (football) and in their education. As they left the stage to great applause, nā haumāna took up a chant, calling to the Warriors, " 'Ai ha'a! 'Ai ha'a!" After initial modest resistance, Nā Koa acceded to their requests and performed the Warriors' famous 'ai ha'a' chant to the delight of the crowd.

Dignitaries in attendance included Keoni Inciong, state

DOE administrator for Hawaiian Language Immersion and Hawaiian Studies Programs and state Sen. David Ige, whose Pearl City-'Aiea district includes Wai'au Elementary, home to Kula Kaiapuni 'o Wai'au, one of the first immersion schools. OHA Hawai'i Island Trustee Robert Lindsey also attended to lend his congratulations and support to the programs.

Dr. Kalena Silva of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Hawaiian Studies Program addressed the gathering in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i with an eloquent, impassioned speech on the state of the Hawaiian immersion schools and advanced Native Hawaiian education. Sen. Ige presented a framed proclamation from legislators congratulating the Hawaiian immersion schools on their success.

Malina-Wright, the vice principal of Ke Kula Kaiapuni 'o Ānuenuē, said graduates from the

immersion preschools are earning palapala from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Hilo, Chaminade and Hawai'i Pacific universities, "and they are all coming back now to become teachers and hopefully administrators in immersion schools."

"We now have over 1,600 students speaking the language," she said. "We need to go to 100,000 people speaking the language, not only Hawaiian children or Hawaiian families, but all ethnic nationalities."

Ka Papahana Kaiapuni Hawai'i plans a Sunset on the Beach event to honor O'ahu immersion schools on March 15 and 16 at Queen's Surf Beach in Waikīkī. Hawaiian music starts at 5 p.m., with food booths and movies. For more information, [www.eolamau.org](http://www.eolamau.org).

A gallery of photos from the event may be viewed at <http://url.tea.com/2pgf>

## Read to me, Hawaiian style

By KWD Staff

Following on the heels of Hawaiian-language month in February and just in time for Kamehameha Schools' 88th annual Song Contest — which celebrates Hawaiian language revitalization, Ola Ka 'Ōlelo 'Ōiwi O Ka 'Āina — Kamehameha Publishing will release two children's books combining the love of a good story and a love of Hawai'i's native tongue.

The books will be available in late March or early April. And for those lucky enough to attend the always sold-out song contest March 14 at Neal Blaisdell Arena, early copies of the books will be available for purchase at the performance, which will broadcast live on KGMB at 6:30 p.m. and webcast live at [www.ksbe.edu](http://www.ksbe.edu).



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# Breyer speaks on merit of minority-preference programs

Supreme Court justice sidesteps direct comment on Kamehameha Schools policy

By Liza Simon  
Public Affairs Specialist

Does affirmative action redress the effects of past wrongful discrimination against minorities or does it dangerously depart from the democratic principle of equal protection under the law for all citizens? This was the rhetorical question put forth to a University of Hawai'i law school audience by U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice Stephen Breyer, whose liberal affirmative-action stance could be the deciding vote in court challenges to programs that help Native Hawaiians.

Breyer, a Clinton appointee to the nine-member bench that now includes two Bush appointees, said that cases involving legal protection of minorities have divided the nation's top court into two opposing camps, reflected in narrowly split 5-4 decisions.

"One view looks at existing legal structures as sufficient in supporting minority rights and insists on applying the color-blind principle of Constitutional law," Breyer said. Clearly favoring the other view, Breyer said it is better that our Constitution "works harder at bringing people into society" by providing fair access to employment and education. "Otherwise, we will end up with all-white institutions where subordinates are all minorities. It will be a 'them' and an 'us.' Our best leaders know that is a system that just won't work," he said.

Breyer was one of several panelists that met to discuss Kamehameha Schools' Hawaiian-preference admission policy. In a case known as John Doe v.

Kamehameha Schools, a non-Hawaiian student challenged the school to stop giving preference to Native Hawaiians. The lawsuit ended last year in a confidential out-of-court settlement, but a day after the UH panel discussion, an attorney for the plaintiff revealed that Kamehameha Schools agreed to pay the student's family \$7 million.

Citing the possibility that similar challenges would make their way into the nation's high court, Breyer said he would not comment directly on the Kamehameha Schools lawsuit, but he criticized the argument by plaintiffs in similar court cases, where groups have claimed that exclusionary programs for minorities violate civil rights law. This argument was used successfully in a recent Supreme Court decision that overturned partly the Equal Pay Act, originally established to protect the rights of minorities in the workplace. Supporters of minority programs, including the privately run Kamehameha Schools, see increased legal challenges by members of majority groups as distorting the original intent of civil rights law.

"Let us not lose sight of why the court is involved in guaranteeing minorities equal protection from discrimination," said Breyer, citing mistreatment of African-Americans that lingered through eight decades of segregation. "We suffered through this even after post-Civil War laws guaranteed slave descendants would not be treated badly, and so we need the flexibility to deviate from principle for affirmative action," Breyer said.

While Breyer talked broadly



BELOW: U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, center, at the UH William Richardson School of Law. From left are: Stanford law professor Kathleen Sullivan, U.S. District Judge David Ezra and attorneys David Forman and Eric Grant. - Photo: Courtesy of Jeffrey Galicinao



about the history of affirmative action and minority rights, other panelists offered more pointed comments on Kamehameha Schools, including Stanford law school professor Kathleen Sullivan, who defended the school's admission policy and California-based attorney Eric Grant, who represented the non-Hawaiian applicant to the school.

Grant said legal protection of minority rights was not at stake in his client seeking admission to Kamehameha Schools: "You adopt those affirmative action rules only when (the minority) faces an imbalance within an institution - (that's) not the case at a 100 percent Hawaiian institution."

Sullivan said the courts use a wider view of society to remedy

discrimination. "Education is the groundwork on which all society is built and Kamehameha Schools (admissions) has fundamentally been about assuring that Native Hawaiians will no longer be excluded from society."

Prior to the 1964 landmark Civil Rights Act and subsequent affirmative action rulings, Congress had long recognized that Native Hawaiians deserve special preferences as redress for the destruction that followed the overthrow and annexation, Sullivan added. "It would be inharmonious for the court to undo on one hand what it has pursued on the other."

Breyer said court controversies over affirmative action are likely to continue. He said much work must be done toward a better

understanding of an increasingly diverse America and "figuring out the circumstances that count as criteria."

Breyer, 69, sided with the majority opinion in the *Rice v. Cayetano* Supreme Court decision that gave non-Hawaiians the right to vote in Office of Hawaiian Affairs elections. A publicly financed election must guarantee all voters' rights, not the civil rights of minorities, he said.

Striking a note of amiability on his first-ever visit to Hawai'i, Breyer said he was impressed by UH law school's diverse student body. "You are the heart of the Western rim," he said. "You are living the diversity that will bring new experiences to the field of law."

# As the world warms: synchronicity sought between native and technology solutions

By Liza Simon  
Public Affairs Specialist

A modern David versus Goliath conflict pitting big fossil-fuel burning nations against small islands struggling to cope with the harmful fuel emissions that cause global warming gained momentum and some unexpected media coverage last month in Honolulu. Delegates of 16 industrialized nations were convened here by the White House to discuss global warming solutions but were also confronted by the protests of local environmentalists concerned that global warming is already leading to rising tides that can wash away land and harm native cultures that rely on coastal resources.

“Don’t be thrown off by the word global. This is a local problem with very serious social impacts for island people,” said Native Hawaiian Chuck “Doc” Burrows, a retired Kamehameha Schools science teacher and advocate for local environmental causes.

Burrows recalled that long ago in Hawai‘i fossil fuels were praised “as something that would give us a higher standard of living.” But he said fossil-fuel pollution is dividing those who can afford resources to fight impacts from those who cannot. “The projected effects on poor people and indigenous people will be drastic. This is not just a scientific matter, this is a social tragedy in the making,” said Burrows, whose comments were carried on the BBC, one of many international news media networks that covered the conference.

Jeff Mikulina of the Hawai‘i Chapter of the Sierra Club, which organized the protest demonstrations, said several news reporters from Japan and China were surprised to find Americans lobbying criticism at the Bush admin-

istration for not joining the Kyoto Accord or other United Nations processes that would mandate cuts in global warming emissions from industry. “They had been told by administration officials that U.S. citizens do not believe global warming is a real issue,” said Mikulina.

While the Bush administration has done little to recognize the human causes of the problem, there’s widespread evidence now that burning fossil fuels in gasoline and other common energy sources depletes the earth’s protective ozone layer, causing polar ice caps to melt and resulting in the swelling of oceans, which has been recorded in coastal areas throughout the world as sea-rise. In addition to inundating land, climatologists warn that sea-rise may destroy coral reefs and wildlife habitat and cause severe storms and even threats to human health.

To dramatize global warming’s possible local effect, the Sierra Club organized students to go around Honolulu and mark with blue chalk a line representing the projected inundation zone resulting from a one-meter rise in sea level that scientists expect Hawai‘i will experience by the end of this century. The Blue Line Project, as it was known, was described in a *New York Times* editorial, noting that downtown Honolulu was on the wrong side of the line. The editorial also noted that demonstrators and conference delegates agreed on at least one thing: as the only island state in the U.S., Hawai‘i faces a great global warming dilemma but also has great options for coping by tapping into an abundance of clean renewable energy sources including sun, wind and waves.

Inside the global warming convention, Gov. Linda Lingle remarked to delegates that she



Chuck “Doc” Burrows shares his mana’o of protest and concern over climate change harm in the islands. - Photo: Liza Simon

wasn’t happy that Hawai‘i is the most oil-dependent state in America, “importing 90 percent of its oil and leading the nation in gasoline costs.” But she said the state is making strides in revamping its energy policy: this includes the 2006 Hawai‘i state Legislature passing the Global Warming Solutions Act, which mandates statewide greenhouse gas emissions be reduced to 1990 levels by the year 2020.

But at a global-warming teach-in across from the conference, local lawmakers in the audience included Rep. Mina Morita, a member of the Native Hawaiian Caucus and the newly formed Climate Caucus, which has introduced several additional bills this session aimed at promoting energy conservation by giving residents incentives for buying non-polluting cars and renewable energy sources at home.

Reducing energy consumption is everyone’s responsibility, Mikulina said at the teach-in, advocating for making green-house gas reduction a matter of individual duty – by opting to bike instead of drive or to buy high-efficiency lighting. He also said that local government action would have no teeth unless the U.S. and other major greenhouse gas producing industrial nations commit to serious mitigation efforts now.

In the audience, Micronesian college student Chandra Legdesog said that her Pacific Islander friends are very concerned about global warming after witnessing

the ongoing inundation of low-lying coral atoll Tuvalu, which is expected to be wiped from the earth in less than 50 years.

Earlier in the day, President Bush’s representative at the conference, Jim Connaughton, alluded to the Tuvalu plight in saying: “It’s important to bear in mind that the most vulnerable countries and the poorest countries, those who have contributed nothing to climate change, will be the worst affected by its impact.” Connaughton said a key solution is the clean energy source of biodiesel, a fuel made by converting cooking oil into car-engine use.

But Henry Curtis, executive director of Life of the Land, called the benefits of biodiesel a myth. He criticized a local plan by Hawaiian Electric Co. to use imported palm oil from Indonesia to generate energy in Hawai‘i. “Our energy industry and oil companies are making so much money from the climate disaster that there is no incentive to change,” Curtis said at the teach-in. “They will try to make their path to the future sound green, but it will be one that will continue to enable them to make tremendous profits.”

Doc Burrows, prefacing his remarks at the teach-in with an oli, said that the lack of concerted action by industrialized governments may result in “cultural genocide.” Burrows told the story about his recent visit with a Native Alaskan tribe in distress. Drilling by major oil companies has destroyed the habitat of migra-

tory caribou – the tribe’s source of subsistence living. “In looking for solutions, native peoples everywhere face the same concerns in keeping our lands safe because when we lose our lands, we lose our culture, too.”

If the fight against global warming is galvanizing interest in indigenous stewardship, it comes as no surprise to anyone who can recall the 1996 lawsuit against Hawai‘i Island county officials who denied Native Hawaiian gathering rights in granting a permit to an oceanside resort. Environmental Activism to use legal means to protect Hawai‘i’s resources for Native Hawaiians was spearheaded by kumu hula, who united with non-Hawaiian environmental activists. This resulted in the Hawai‘i Supreme Court decision on Public Access Shoreline Hawai‘i, popularly known as PASH, which guaranteed hula artists could enter private property to search for natural materials needed in their art.

Vicky Holt-Takamine channeled the spike in environmental activism into later co-founding the group KAHEA. Before global warming’s effect on island ecosystems became evident to most scientists, KAHEA was drawing attention to the loss of habitat and resulting plight of many of Hawai‘i’s endangered wildlife species, including many marine species in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. “Conservation has to be global; but for Native Hawaiians,

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## Hawaiian Brian

By Lisa Asato  
Public Information Specialist

Back home for his first game as a pro in front of a hometown crowd, Major League Soccer player Brian Ching said the reception he received at Aloha Stadium was “awesome ... I couldn't ask for anything better.”

“I think our team came out, played a great game, and I'm happy,” said Ching, a Haleiwa native who rostered on the 2006 World Cup team and plays on the Men's National Team.

Although Ching didn't score in Houston Dynamo's 3-0 win over Sydney FC in the semifinals of the Pan-Pacific Championship, he assisted two goals by teammates who celebrated on the field Hawaiian style, dancing hula and waving shaka signs. “We did a little dance for him, maybe now he can help show us how to do that a little better,” said Houston midfielder Dwayne De Rosario, who scored the game's first goal in the

27th minute.

How did Ching rate their hula? “I have to apologize for that, they were terrible, pretty embarrassing,” he teased, adding that it gave him a “pretty good laugh.”

Ching and his mom, Stephanie Whalen, who was cheering in the stands, reciprocated the team's aloha, inviting them for a home-grown Hawaiian experience. “We're going to go out to my mom's house ... enjoy a nice team barbecue out there and show them the North Shore,” Ching said after the game. “Show the guys where I grew up and give them a little bit of Hawaiian food as well.”

Some 15,143 fans attended the Feb. 20 semifinal of the inaugural Pan-Pacific Championship, which also starred L.A. Galaxy's David Beckham for two days of play. The internationally recognized Beckham received a roar from the crowd when he answered a young fan's screams – taking off his sweaty No. 23 jersey and handing it to her in the stands



Hawai'i's Brian Ching and David Beckham of the L.A. Galaxy played for island fans at Aloha Stadium. - Photos: Blaine Fergstrom

after Galaxy's 1-0 loss to Japan's Gamba Osaka.

As of press time, the finals between Houston and Gamba weren't yet decided. But in the stands on a Wednesday night, Ching's support was evident in the sea of orange jerseys, especially in orange section J, where his mom led a group of 130 friends, fam-

ily and extended aunties, uncles and keiki. “Brian Ching!” they chanted, waving ti leaves and donning orange-and-white ribbon lei over their orange T-shirts splayed with Ching's image and the words “Hawai'i Soccer Star 2008” in the front and “Hawaiian Brian” in the back.

Among the group was

Ching's former math teacher at Kamehameha Schools, Meg Melahn, who described him as a good role model for Native Hawaiians and “all young people.” “Kids need that nowadays, they don't see hard-working people,” she said. “He has talent, but mostly he has a work ethic that's second to none.”

## Kamehameha-Kapālama squad wins fourth national title in six years

By Dolly Wong

Up against exceptional gymnasts and established cheerleading programs from powerhouse states like Texas, Kentucky, Indiana and Tennessee, it was the girls from the Islands that captured the hearts of the judges and audience alike at the 28th annual National High School Cheerleading Championship at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

Kamehameha-Kapālama won first place in the Small Varsity division — its fourth national title in six years. “It was an amazing experience,” said senior captain Keenyn Won. “Our team values are hō'ihī, mālama, kuleana and pono. Perhaps they were just words to us

at the start of the season, but after coming so far and facing so much, I think all of us finally understand that our values make us who we are. On the floor when it counted, we found a strength inside that carried us through. It made all the difference.”

Competing for the first time ever, Kamehameha-Kapālama's Middle School blue squad finished among the top five junior high programs in the nation, taking home a fourth-place trophy. In addition to the Warrior squads, both Kailua and Kalāheo high school's varsity squads represented Hawai'i well at the Feb. 9-11 competition by advancing to the semifinal round of competition in the Small Varsity division.

Discipline and a sense of values have been a way of life for the

Kamehameha cheer team. On the always demanding and sometimes lonely road of physical, mental and emotional challenges that pave the way toward any worthwhile achievement, cultural values have proven to be the greatest source of strength for the Kamehameha-Kapālama cheerleaders.

“From the time the members enter our program they are taught to respect what is na'au pono,” said co-head coach Melissa Beimes, who is an aide to Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustee Boyd Mossman. “They understand that they have a responsibility to each other, to our program, to our school and community. It is this deep sense of what is right that has really helped our kids do well in such a huge national forum.”

Huge indeed. The cheerlead-



Traditional values carry Kamehameha-Kāpalama cheerleaders to their fourth national title. Photo: Courtesy of Dolly Wong

ing championship features hundreds of squads from 48 states, all regional champions in their own right, in two days of intense competition. In the world of cheerleading in which every event is seemingly now labeled a “national,” the NHSCC is widely acknowledged as the one true competition. It is the only championship recognized by the National Federation of State

High School Associations, which administers high school athletics and fine arts programs in all 50 states. Highlighted by ESPN and ESPN2 in more than 60 hours of dedicated programming, the NHSCC is the premier event of its kind.

Dolly Wong is a coach for Kamehameha-Kapālama's national champion varsity squad.



# PONO



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# PONO'OLE



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## PONO'OLE AKANA — AUWĒ!

The graphic Akana ad in the February Ka Wai Ola, probably paid for by her husband Ron Bongiovanni, **does not refute any of my January KWO factual response** which challenged her erroneous accusations in the December 2007 KWO.

Instead, Akana accuses me of:

- A “sucker punch” -- **WRONG. Honesty/truth is a “telegraphed punch”.**
- A secretive “Best Friends Forever” with Chairperson Apoliona -- **WRONG, again. Apparently, Akana considers friendship as more important than honesty in ethical public service. Shame on her!**
- A “conflict of interest” as Chair’s office staff – **WRONG, again. My conflict was over maintaining silence as an OHA staff member versus speaking out as an informed, irate OHA beneficiary. In fact, as a media-shy person, I debated over whether to make this public response to such childish destructive antics.**

Also, Akana switches her focus to personal attacks on me and upon the person she obviously considers her arch enemy, Chairperson Haunani Apoliona.

- If Akana has proof to substantiate her claims, **why hasn’t she spoken directly to the people she names; and why, if needed thereafter, hasn’t she presented the documentation in formal communication to fellow Trustees and the Administrator? Absence of professional ethics?! Disdain for a factual memo by the Administrator refuting her false claims ?!**
- **Is Akana prepared to answer publically for continuing questionable actions and expenditures far beyond the questions raised of her by the State Auditor in a 2001 OHA audit?**

I believe in and live with honesty, independent thinking, and high principles, so I refuse to play word games of irresponsible gossip and innuendo with Akana just so she can see her name in the media during an election year. **Apparently, she is intent on ignoring her Trustee duties and hurting individuals with her vitriolic distortions at the expense of demeaning the reputation and positive leadership affect and effect of all others associated with OHA. She seems irresponsibly focused upon dividing Hawaiians internally and the observing public, as well, into “them” and “us”. AUWĒ!**

**To all who love Hawai’i nei, e mālama pono.** Mahalo for your patience. Pau!

Winona Ellis Rubin, OHA Beneficiary

## Keeping ceded lands intact

Court rules in favor of OHA and four individuals

By Lisa Asato  
Public Information Specialist

**A** Hawai'i Supreme Court ruling saying the state cannot sell ceded lands until Native Hawaiians' claims to the lands can be resolved has placed new urgency on the passage of the Akaka Bill and the formation of a Native Hawaiian governing entity, OHA officials and attorneys said recently.

The state's high court ruled in favor of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and four individuals who sought to stop the sale in the 1990s of parcels of ceded lands on Maui and Hawai'i Island to a private entity for development. The court's Jan. 31 ruling preserves the entire body – 1.4 million acres – of ceded lands until claims to those lands are resolved between Native Hawaiians and the federal government. Ceded lands are former Hawaiian monarchy lands, which are held in trust by the state.

Attorneys for OHA and the four individuals argued that the sale of about 500 acres in Lāhaina in a project called Leiali'i and 1,000 acres in Kona for the La'i'ōpua project could not occur in light of the Apology Resolution, which was passed by both houses of Congress and signed by then-President Bill Clinton. The resolution acknowledges the U.S. involvement in the illegal 1893 overthrow of the Hawaiian kingdom.

"This is a very important decision because essentially the Hawai'i Supreme Court has recognized what the Apology Resolution was saying, which is that Hawaiians have unrelinquished claims to those ceded lands," said attorney Sherry Broder, who represented OHA in the case known as Office of Hawaiian Affairs vs. Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawai'i.

The state has not sold or attempted to sell ceded lands since 1994, so the ruling will have no

impact on its operations, said William Meheula, attorney for the four individuals: Pia Thomas Aluli, Jonathan Kamakawiwo'ole Osorio, Charles Ka'ai'ai and Keoki Maka Kamaka Ki'ili. "It's going to be business as normal, status quo," Meheula said.

At least part of the parcels in question have been transferred to the state Department of Home Lands, which is allowed because it still falls under the state, Meheula said.

He also said the court decision does not affect the ceded land settlement between OHA and the Lingle administration, which is pending approval in the state Legislature. Nor does it determine who has a good claim to ceded lands.

Meheula said the ruling can give Native Hawaiians comfort in knowing that all of the ceded lands will remain intact and not be sold off to third parties only to become unavailable when Hawaiians orga-

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**— Sherry Broder, attorney**

nize their nation. "That's happened to other native people's in the United States," he said.

Ka'ai'ai, a plaintiff, said it was important for him to protect these lands for continuity's sake. "It's the trust," Ka'ai'ai said. "It's the inheritance from my ancestors."

OHA Chairperson Haunani Apoliona said the "take home message" for Native Hawaiians is the ruling's statement that the plaintiffs themselves recognize the "ultimate resolution of the Native Hawaiian claims must be through the political process."

She said, "Here in Hawai'i

and outside of Hawai'i, it's about organizing ourselves and bringing together a credible process and ultimately a native entity that will help to work at resolving these issues."

The first step, she said, is Kau Inoa – placing one's name on the registry of Native Hawaiians who will participate in forming a governing entity. "Get identified, and let's get going," she said. "We'll seize the moment, and I think Hawai'i in the end will be a much better place for all of us to resolve some of these long-standing issues." ■

## OHA helps grant seekers

By Liza Simon  
Public Affairs Specialist

**M**ake sure your budget supports your plan. Let OHA know about any changes in your organization. Use reliable data to back up your statements about why your project is necessary.

These are just a few tips that Karyle Saiki offers for prospective applicants hoping to garner funding from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Community Grants Program. Saiki and other OHA staff have been traveling the Islands holding mandatory workshops for anyone wishing to complete the grant-application process. Saiki adopts a candid, no-nonsense tone in her presentations – perhaps because she has often seen worthwhile proposals

rejected for reasons other than content.

"I've come across applicants who have put time into writing creative cover letters that aren't necessary at all, while they miss out on meeting an essential deadline. The key is for everyone to follow the same rules and meet the criteria – otherwise reviewers can't forward proposals to the OHA Board of Trustees," said Saiki.

In fiscal year 2007, OHA approved 53 of the 200 community grant applications for a total of \$3 million. The main criterion – besides nonprofit status and a requirement to provide a portion of matching funds, is the ability to meet OHA's goals in bettering the lives of Native Hawaiians. The goals are clearly spelled out in OHA's Strategic Plan posted at [www.oha.org](http://www.oha.org). "It's extremely



OHA grants specialist Karyle Saiki dishes out practical pointers at an OHA grants workshop. — Photo: Liza Simon

important for people to do some homework and see if their projects fit the needs of the Hawaiian people in one of several clearly defined areas," said OHA grants specialist Nancy King.

While OHA grant workshops are tailored to OHA's grant-giv-

ing mission, the sessions are chock-full of useful lessons for anyone with a good idea that can be brought to life with grant money. The No. 1 rule in writing a compelling proposal, Saiki tells audiences, is this: "Demonstrate you are committed to your proj-

ect. How else will other people think that it is valuable?"

The deadline for applying for the current round of community grants is June 30. OHA's grant-writing workshops will continue through April. For a workshop schedule, visit [www.oha.org](http://www.oha.org). ■



# PRESIDENCY

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would sign it," she said. "I think it remedies a long history of problems. I supported the Apology Resolution, which started as the base or the first step of the Akaka Bill, so you can count on me to be a president who will support that."

Her rival, Hawaii-born U.S. Sen. Barack Obama had earlier come out in support of the bill, which would grant federal recognition of a Native Hawaiian governing entity similar to the recognition granted to American Indians and Alaska Natives. The Apology Resolution, signed by then-president Bill Clinton, acknowledges the United States' role in the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy.

Chelsea Clinton's visit coincided with an Obama rally at the University of Hawai'i, where Obama's half-sister Maya

Soetoro-Ng was joined by actress Kelly Hu. Soetoro-Ng, who lives in Hawai'i, stressed Obama's local roots, his ideas and ability to communicate.

After a record turnout at Hawai'i's Feb. 19 Democratic caucus, Obama beat Clinton by a margin of 3-to-1.

"I'm very, very happy and excited about the possibility of Hawai'i contributing substantially to Sen. Obama's wave of support across the country," said U.S. Rep. Neil Abercrombie, who cast his vote for Obama at Mānoa Elementary School, where an estimated 1,500 voters showed up. "The way I put it is Jaws came out of Hawai'i ... and is moving toward and across the mainland."

Abercrombie said he supports Obama "because of his electability" and not because he's more qualified than Clinton, whom he describes as "an excellent candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination."

Both Clinton and Obama "are

very good on the issues affecting Hawaiians, whether it's the Akaka Bill or support for Native Hawaiian programs," he said. "I don't detect any differentiation; that's not my interpretation at all."

But he said, while Clinton has been "unfairly characterized with negative commentary," Obama has remained "very difficult to pull into the mud."

"I think Sen. Obama brings to the table what nobody else was able to provide in full measure," he said. "I think he has a message of hope and optimism and strength of purpose that is grounded in his being raised in Hawai'i. I think he knows our diversity unifies us rather than divides us. It represents the spirit of aloha."

Chelsea Clinton's three-day visit to O'ahu and Maui included stops at Zippy's, a local farmers' market and the opening of the Kalihi Pālama Community Health Center.

In anticipation of the caucuses in Hawai'i and Wisconsin,

Obama's campaign manager David Plouffe said in a conference call to media here that losses for Clinton on Feb. 19 would be a blow to her campaign. "That just

puts them behind the eight ball," he said.

*Blaine Fergerstrom contributed to this report.*

## NEXT UP

The state convention will determine Hawai'i's delegates to the national convention, where the party chooses its presidential nominee.



### Democrats

O'ahu convention May 2-3  
Neighbor island counties conventions May 3  
State convention, May 23-25 at  
Hilton Hawaiian Village Hotel

Democratic National Convention, Aug. 25-28, in Denver  
For information, call 596-2980, fax 808-596-2985  
or email [headquarters@hidem.com](mailto:headquarters@hidem.com).



### Republicans

State convention, May 16-18,  
Hilton Hawaiian Village  
Republican National Convention,  
Sept. 1-4, Minneapolis

For information, call 593-8180 or email [headquarters@gophawaii.com](mailto:headquarters@gophawaii.com).

# CEDED LANDS

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Some of the meetings were attended by as many as 100 or more people, with reaction and questions ranging from support for the settlement to criticism for the settlement amount and the lands chosen.

One recurring theme at the meetings included questions over why the meetings weren't held prior to the settlement being announced.

Officials said the process of negotiations itself does not lend itself to being an open process.

"This was a four-year settlement negotiation process. You don't negotiate a \$200 million settlement openly," OHA Board Counsel Robert Klein told the audience on Moloka'i.

Vicky Holt-Takamine, however, commented during the meeting, "I understand negotiations have to be confidential, and perhaps outreach to the Native

Hawaiian community would not have been a breach of that confidentiality."

The state Legislature also held its own hearings on two bills relating to the settlement. During a Saturday hearing on Senate Bill 2733, testifiers filed into the state Capitol auditorium.

That Feb. 9 hearing of three Senate committees lasted more than five hours and attracted more than 200 written or oral testimonies. Attorney general Mark Bennett testified that support for the bill was imperative to clear up legal uncertainties that have resulted in almost three decades of endless litigation over disputed income due to OHA.

He said two previous state administrations have tried to resolve the issue with OHA, but none have successfully negotiated a settlement until now. The Waihe'e and Cayetano administrations, he said, "resolved parts or parcels of the issue, but the entire issue remained

unresolved. ... What we present to you is a complete and total resolution of this one issue – the obligation under Article 12 of the Constitution to pay OHA its pro-rata share of income and proceeds from the ceded lands."

Others opposed the bill on grounds ranging from unresolved issues stemming from the overthrow of the Hawaiian kingdom to the unjust use of ceded lands income to benefit only Native Hawaiians.

The three state Senate panels – Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, Water and Land, and Judiciary and Labor – later approved the measure, but Chairwoman Jill Tokuda of Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, said the committees' approval "does not mean the agreement as written is complete, that it's satisfactory to meeting the claims for ceded lands." Work remains to be done, she said, expressing concerns whether the settlement's annual payment of \$15.1 million meets legal muster under

the state Constitution's pro-rata provision, which by definition would be dynamic, not static, she said.

As of press time, the House was to hear its version of the bill, HB 266 HD1, at a Feb. 23 joint hearing of three committees: Water, Land, Ocean Resources and Hawaiian Affairs; Judiciary; and Finance.

Rep. Ken Ito, Hawaiian Affairs Committee chairman, said before the hearing that he was "very optimistic" that the House would approve a settlement bill. "This is an obligation that we have to the Native Hawaiians," he said.

Rep. Jon Riki Karamatsu, vice chair of Ito's committee, said the only substantive change the House made to the bill in its House Draft 1 would tie the \$15.1 million annual payment to income generated by the ceded lands. So if revenues increase, the amount OHA would receive would also increase, he said. The change makes it comply with the state Constitution's

pro-rata description, he said.

HB 266 HD1 retained "the meat of the original bill, so we agree with pretty much every single major point that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the Lingle administration has agreed upon," he said.

House Majority Leader Kirk Caldwell, said the House has a duty to the Native Hawaiian community to resolve the issue. "They want to honor that obligation and get this resolved so the community, and especially the older community, can begin to benefit from the income of these lands and the funds they're going to be getting (in order) to begin to improve and move forward the Native Hawaiian population."

For information on upcoming meetings by 'Ilio'ulaokalani, see [www.kuikapono.org](http://www.kuikapono.org). For information on the settlement and how to contact your lawmaker, visit [www.oha.org/pastdue](http://www.oha.org/pastdue).

*Lisa Asato contributed to this report.*

# Holoholo, Hawaiian style

## go! Airlines launches a Hawaiian-language website

By Lisa Asato  
Public Information Specialist

Go! Airlines has given new meaning to the term Flyin' Hawaiian with the debut of its all-Hawaiian language web site that allows patrons to book airfare in 'ōlelo Hawai'i.

"Everybody's saying this is the first Hawaiian-language site for e-commerce, so this is pretty cool," said Frank Among, e-commerce vice president for Mesa Air Group Inc., the parent company of go!

On the site — [www.lelegowau.com](http://www.lelegowau.com), which translates to [www.iflygo.com](http://www.iflygo.com) — patrons select things like "lā ha'alele" (departing date) and "kahi e lele aku ai" (destination), click on "go!" and flight options appear, including "kumukū'ai huinanui" (total cost) and "no ho'okahi kanaka"

(kama'āina rate). Go! plans to add car and hotel bookings to the site by April, Among said.

"We want to perpetuate the Hawaiian language and bring it into the new century, that's the whole goal," he said, adding that he hopes other airlines and businesses will also begin to offer Hawaiian-language web sites. "Hawaiian is an official language of the state — you can write checks in Hawaiian, if you go to court you can speak in Hawaiian, so it only makes sense," he said.

The site had a soft launch Feb. 15, two days before its unveiling at the Ho'omau benefit concert for O'ahu's Hawaiian-language immersion schools. Proceeds from [lelegowau.com](http://lelegowau.com) will benefit immersion schools, Among said.

For translation help, go! enlist the students of Kula Kaiapuni 'o Ānuenue, a Hawaiian-language immersion school in Pālolo, as

well as the Hawaiian-language lexicon committee led by Larry Kimura of UH-Hilo, which created new words to accommodate terms like "itinerary" and "travel package," and University of Hawai'i Hawaiian Studies and Hawaiian language student Kaulana Vares and culture and language expert Manu Boyd.

As for the Ānuenue students, they have their own ideas for the web site they helped create. "The kids want to volunteer to do live-chat support in Hawaiian and eventually, hopefully we can add some staff to answer calls," Among said.

Moms and dads also share the enthusiasm, he said. "We've gotten the parents in tears saying the reason they send their kids to immersion school is because they wanted them to use Hawaiian every day, and this is just one more step. It's pretty touching."

# Galuteria runs for state Senate

## Bainum weighs his options

By Lisa Asato  
Public Information Specialist

With six months to go before the primary election, the race for state Senate District 12 is heating up, with Brickwood Galuteria announcing his candidacy, and Duke Bainum also expressing interest in the seat currently held by Republican Gordon Trimble.



GALUTERIA



TRIMBLE

Galuteria, a co-host of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' morning radio show Nā 'Ōiwi 'Ōlino, declared his candidacy in February, pulling papers as a candidate on the first day they became available. "If you're looking for the second coming, I'm not your man, but if you're looking for someone who loves Hawai'i unapologetically and passionately, I'm your guy," Galuteria said at a Feb. 1 press conference at Kaka'ako Waterfront Park, the site of his former boyhood home. The district runs from Ala Moana to Waikīkī to Iwilei.

Galuteria said his top issues are sustainability for Waikīkī, affordable housing, health care, education, improving O'ahu's commercial and recreational harbor systems, having a fixed guideway rapid transit system, and protecting the district's open spaces.

A TV and radio personality and former chairman of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Galuteria said his background

in communications and bringing people together would make him a more effective lawmaker than Trimble, who is part of a GOP minority in the Legislature. "If you want to be effective in legislation you need the votes to advance your cause," Galuteria said. "Democrats have the majority, and if you want to work within that context then you need to be in the majority."

But Trimble said having Republicans in the Legislature ensures a two-party system and a more balanced discussion. "What we need is better law, not more law, and you get better law by having open discussion," said Trimble, a two-term senator and an economist and teacher by profession. Trimble said he will "absolutely" seek re-election.

Asked at the press conference about a possible run by former City Councilman Duke Bainum, Galuteria said running for a seat "from out of town or out of state" is an issue, "and I'll leave it at that, and we'll cross that bridge if and when we have to."

Bainum, however, said that while he has been traveling back and forth between the Islands and Arkansas, where he has helped with his family's business, "Hawai'i remains my home and my legal residence." He said he hasn't ruled out a run for Senate District 12 or another run for mayor. The Senate seat, he said, is "one of several I'm contemplating. I'm talking to a lot of friends and supporters and family and getting their input." Bainum, who now lives in District 12, lost the 2004 Honolulu mayoral race to Mufi Hannemann by less than 1,500 votes.

Among the highlights, go! Airlines new Hawaiian-language web site asks fliers' for la ha'alele (departure date) and la ho'i (return date). — Screen shot: [lelegowau.com](http://lelegowau.com)



## Q &amp; A

## Up to the task

Leaving behind a career in government spanning more than three decades, Ben Henderson became the president and executive director of the Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center on Feb. 1, and celebrated his 59th birthday the following day.

He has served for seven years on the center's advisory board, including as chair for the past year. His career includes work as a planner and program administrator for the city, a deputy administrator at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and most recently as deputy director of the state Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, where he spent the last 17 years.

The Children's Center carries out the mission of the Queen Lili'uokalani Trust, established by the Queen to care for Hawai'i's orphaned and destitute children, with a preference for Hawaiians. The center employs about 150 people and has 10 units on five islands. In 2007, it served more than 10,000 children through direct services and more than 39,000 children through its community-building efforts. Henderson, who fills the position left vacant when Dr. Claire Asam became a trustee of the Queen Lili'uokalani Trust, sat down with KWO to discuss the center's future.

**KWO:** *It may be a little too early to ask, but what are your plans for the center?*

**BH:** First I want to begin to understand how the Children's Center works and the programs that they operate. ... I'm interested in seeing what I can do to support the center and the units and provide them with the tools so they can do their job. And at the same time I want to begin to look long-range at not necessarily what we can do differently but do better. And I know the trustees are interested in ways that we can reach more of our beneficiaries statewide.

**KWO:** *Are there any highlights,*

*such as programs, from your past that you'd like to replicate at the center?*

**BH:** One that comes to mind was a collaboration of a number of different organizations, and in my recollection, former Queen Lili'uokalani Trust chairman Monsignor Charles Kekumano was really one of the driving forces behind it. It's Kūlana 'Ōiwi, a multiservice Hawaiian center on Moloka'i that brings all of the services together in one place: Hawaiian Homes, OHA, the Children's Center, Alu Like, Queen Emma Foundation, and Kamehameha Schools has a preschool there. I think that's a wonderful model that maybe we can look at replicating when the opportunity presents itself for all of our organizations.

**KWO:** *The Queen Lili'uokalani Trust is one of four ali'i trusts. How does it compare in size to the largest ali'i trust, Kamehameha Schools?*

**BH:** It's certainly not as large as Kamehameha Schools. I think our revenue base is probably in the order of \$30 million a year; whereas Kamehameha is in the billions. But I think the trustees and our asset group have done a good job of managing the trust's lands. It provides opportunities for the center to function more effectively.

**KWO:** *Since it's so early in your tenure, what have your first impressions been of the Children's Center?*

**BH:** They had a welcoming ceremony for me on my first day, and they invited my wife, Nancy, to come. I think we were both quite impressed and amazed at the organization. Just listening to all the unit managers talking about themselves, you could tell they're passionate and committed to what they do here. There is very little turnover here, and I think it's a testament to the work that they do and the organization that they



Ben Henderson is the new president and executive director of the Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center — Photos: Lisa Asato

work for.

**KWO:** *Have there been any surprises?*

**BH:** In the last month or so since the announcement of my hiring, at least a half dozen people that I've considered colleagues or good friends for many, many years shared with me that they had a connection to the center in some way. It just confirmed and reinforced that I was coming to a good place and it allows me to continue to serve the Hawaiian community, even though it wasn't an easy decision to leave Hawaiian Homes. There's no question that Hawaiian Homes will always be a part of me.

**KWO:** *Can you tell us a little about your family?*

**BH:** I come from a large family of seven children, grew up on homestead land, married my high school sweetheart. I went to Kamehameha; she went to Kalani. We have two daughters, and I'm probably most proud of the fact that we now have two mo'opuna, two grandsons that are 11 weeks apart. So that's kind of an exciting new chapter in our lives, too. The older one, Jackson Po'okela Nett, turned 1 in December and the younger one, Robert Nesta Crowell, will be 1 in March. They call him Nesta because my son-in-law loves Bob Marley.

**KWO:** *Last question, up until now you've been a deputy and now you're stepping up as the*

*head guy. How do you approach that?*

**BH:** I'm glad you raise that because that's kind of what I'm dealing with now. On one level I think that all of my experience as a deputy in various organizations has prepared me for this, but at the same time being the head, the director, is daunting. All decisions and accountability rests with you. And having said that I'm not too concerned about it; I think you surround yourself with good people, listen to their advice and hopefully you make the right decision. If you make

a mistake then hopefully you'll learn from it. I feel very safe here is the best way to put it.

I think the biggest challenge is to figure out where we want to take this organization in the years ahead, and that's not a decision I will make alone. There will be a lot of input into that. What I'm seeing at least administratively is it's a very well organized agency, very professional in how they operate, which makes my job easier. But you're right, being the head is different. But I'm up to the task.

## NEW DHHL DEPUTY



PARK

Gov. Linda Lingle has named Kaulana Park, the state's homeless solutions team leader, to become the state Department of Hawaiian Home Lands deputy director, the position vacated by Ben Henderson.

Park, a Kamehameha Schools and Stanford University graduate, has a background in banking, and previously managed the Office of Hawaiian Affairs' Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund.

Park served as the executive assistant to DHHL chairman Micah Kane before being tapped as the state's homeless solution coordinator. Under his watch, more than 2,100 people were helped through state-funded and state-supported homeless shelters and more than 900 received help transitioning into housing through a joint effort of state agencies, the military, homeless advocates, businesses and others. Park also oversaw the development of two emergency transitional shelters on O'ahu's Leeward Coast, where three more are slated to open this summer.

In a Feb. 15 news release, Park said he was proud to have been part of a team that "took immediate action on reducing the large-scale homeless crisis. I now look forward to focusing my attention on helping Native Hawaiians realize the dream of home ownership."

## New attitudes and health behaviors in the new year



By Jimmy F. "Jeno"  
Encencio

**‘E**at Healthy. Be Active. Get Fit for Life.” That’s the message sent to all veterans from HealthierUS Veterans. Their campaign initiative is based on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans and MyPyramid. They can be found at [www.healthierusveterans.va.gov](http://www.healthierusveterans.va.gov).

As a combat disabled veteran, the VA checks me out periodically. Blood test, polyp check of the colon, swellings; or any probable symptoms relating to Agent Orange, such as non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma, chloracne (a skin dis-

order), respiratory cancers, type 2 diabetes, prostate cancer, etc. Water gain, low red blood cell count, an increase of blood pressure and high cholesterol, and my consistent weight gain are my physician’s and nutritionist’s greatest concern.

As a rancher and farmer, I’ve had to deal with this ball and chain to the point of total exhaustion and depression. But I still hump, still pressing forward as I did in the jungle, whether feeding and watering the cattle and horses, the goats, the chicken and rabbits, or clearing and plowing and tilling land, to planting kalo, eggplant and pumpkin. Designing and planning victory garden plots and aquaculture farming ponds, or practicing soil-conservation measures as well as taking care of



Jeno Encencio enjoys outdoor activities as part of a new attitude and health plan. Photo: Jeno Encencio.

my mo’opuna, and still having a special love-hate relationship with the wife is unending. It’s ongoing until the last breath. And lately I’ve felt the last breath for me draw nearer.

I’ve had tons of weight-reduction experiences from soup-only diets, acupuncture, human growth hormone treatments, only meat diets, only bread diets, only water diets, only coffee diets, only vegan diets to the Wai’anae diet to the starvation diet. Years back, Hui Mālama Ola Nā ‘Ōiwi, based in Hilo, sponsored Dr. Shintani’s Wai’anae Diet project. As a participant I lost nearly 30 pounds within a 21-day period and continued losing weight well after the program ended. But then I began drifting away and went back to old habits. I couldn’t get rid of the fatty foods, especially pork, from my diet. I went back to mounds of rice choked with meat and not many vegetables.

But 2008 starts a new beginning, and I’m doin’ it again, but with a different set of attitude and behaviors. In the physical sense, I don’t want to “look” 19 again, I think aging the way I have has put certain lines on my face that you can only get by what life throws at you and being able to “eat it” and survive. Rather, I’d like to “feel” like I’m 19 again, where my knees don’t ache from carrying this load, where my belly won’t hang like an awning over my pants, and where my rear will be able to hold up

my pants with a regular belt and no need for suspenders — where I can quit going to the big and tall store and become a Sears customer once again and wear nice-fitting clothes, totally getting out of the 60s look and into this new millennium.

I wanna feel good about myself again and have the energy to do all that I can before leaving this great and beautiful world; that’s the attitude I’m grasping. The behaviors I’ll get from those who

support my endeavors and those I want to help support. It’s reciprocating; it’s a two-way street of give and take. I don’t wanna die because I was too fat. When the time does come when the good Lord calls up my number, there’ll be six guys carrying my coffin, not 10.

*Jeno Encencio writes about the many hats he wears. This is the third of a three-part series concerning our health.*

### NO KA ILINA / BURIAL NOTICE

#### Punalu‘u Ahupua‘a

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES IS HEREBY GIVEN that three sets of unmarked, human skeletal remains were discovered by Cultural Surveys Hawai‘i Inc. The find was made in the course of archaeological inventory survey excavations related to the proposed redevelopment of properties at coastal Punalu‘u Ahupua‘a, Ko‘olauloa District, Island of O‘ahu.

The human remains were found in Punalu‘u Beach lots 12, 19 & 21 [TMK (1) 5-3-001:12, 19 & 21] seaward of Kamehameha Highway in south Punalu‘u.

The project proponent is Kamehameha Schools, contact: Mr. Kekuewa Kikilo (808) 534-3952.

Background research indicates that during the Māhele the lands (along with the rest of the ahupua‘a) were claimed by William Pitt Leleiohoku. Four kuleana were awarded in the project area’s vicinity: LCA 4358 to Kaumuāli‘i, LCA 4435 to Keopohaku, LCA 5884 to Keohoena and LCA 8435 to Kuhelolea.

Following the procedures of Hawai‘i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 6E-43, and Hawai‘i Administrative Rules (HAR) Chapter 13-300, the remains were determined to be over 50 years old. The State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) has assigned SIHP (State Inventory of Historic Properties) numbers 50-80-06-6938 (parcel 15), 50-80-06-6939 (parcel 19), and 50-80-06-6947 (parcel 12) to the burial finds. The SHPD has determined Native Hawaiian ethnicity. The project proponent would prefer to preserve in place the human remains; however, the decision to preserve in place or relocate these previously identified human remains shall be made by the O‘ahu Island Burial Council and SHPD in consultation with any identified lineal and/or cultural descendants, per the requirements of HAR Chapter 13-300-33. The remains’ proper treatment shall occur in accordance with HAR Chapter 13-300-38 or 13-300-39.

SHPD is requesting persons having any knowledge of the identity or history of these human skeletal remains to immediately contact Ms. Linda Kaleo Paik, at SHPD, located at 555 Kākuhihewa Building, 601 Kamōkila Blvd., Kapolei, HI 96707 [Tel. (808) 692-8015; Fax (808) 692-8020] to present information regarding appropriate treatment of the unmarked human remains. All interested parties should respond within 30 days of this notice and provide information to SHPD adequately demonstrating lineal descent from these specific burials or cultural descent from ancestors buried in the vicinity of this project.

## IT’S YOUR MOVE!

Here are some strategies to help you reach your weight and fitness goals. See which ones may work for you!

### Physical Activity

- Start walking
- Start slowly and build from there (be a turtle rather than a rabbit)
- Select activities you enjoy
- If you eat too much at a meal, walk extra
- Take a walk instead of a nap after eating a holiday meal
- Walk with a buddy
- Park far away, take the stairs, and get up during commercials, etc. — every movement counts!
- Wear your pedometer every day

Enjoy the fact you are doing something good for yourself!

On the [www.move.va.gov](http://www.move.va.gov) website, a link is provided to the USDA’s MyPyramid site ([www.mypyramid.gov](http://www.mypyramid.gov)), which has a MyPyramid Tracker tool. The tool allows one to record food intake and calculate calories.



## Utah teacher from Lā'ie wins national educator award



Jennifer VanHaaften celebrates her Milken National Educator Award and \$25,000 prize. - Photo: Courtesy of KSL5

By Lisa Asato  
Public Information Specialist

Growing up in Lā'ie, Jennifer Puakela VanHaaften learned from her parents and teachers to honor soldiers and others who serve our country. For the past 13 years, that's a message she's been passing on to her students in Utah, where this year she became one of 75 teachers nationwide to win a national educator award and its \$25,000 prize.

On March 30, VanHaaften and her husband, Martin, will be in Los Angeles for the Milken National Educator Awards presentation ceremonies, a gala event dubbed "the Oscars of teaching" by *Teacher* magazine. "They told me I have to buy a formal dress," said VanHaaften, from her home in Clearfield, Utah, where she teaches history and English to eighth graders at Butler Middle School.

Last year, VanHaaften was also named a District Teacher of the Year, so in November when the Milken folks surprised her with the national

award at a school assembly, she was overwhelmed. "You walk down the aisles and everybody's snapping pictures and you're wondering, 'Is somebody famous here?' because they can't all be taking pictures of me," she recalled. "It was a really good day."

A 1989 Kahuku graduate, VanHaaften said she has two goals as a teacher: to have students enjoy the subject and for them to learn to think for themselves and be able to defend their positions. "I want them to leave my classroom with tools they can use later on," she said.

VanHaaften, a mother of three boys age 2 to 8, also credited teachers in her life for her success: her mom, Claudia, who teaches at Kahuku High, her dad, Sam, who taught at Roosevelt, as well as her own Kahuku teachers Alan Awaya, Michelle Lemone and Linda Smith, a past Milken Award winner.

"All those teachers believed I could do whatever I wanted to," VanHaaften said. "They had faith in me, taught me

how to think, figure out answers for myself. They taught me how to argue and think and compare."

Now a teacher herself, VanHaaften leads Butler school's social studies department and was part of a team of teachers that helped Butler earn a \$36,000 First Amendment School grant – awarded to only 11 schools nationwide. She also implemented a Success through Citizenship program that rewards things like contributions to the school. Her students also compete in a critical-thinking statewide competition called Future Problem Solving, and they often advance to honors, advanced placement and other upper-level classes in high school.

The Milken Educator Award recognizes teachers for their talent, accomplishments and long-range potential. It comes with a \$25,000 prize that teachers may spend in any way they wish. Among VanHaaften's plans for the prize? Her first trip home in about five years.

## Kuleana Land Holders: Seeking support for property tax exemption

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

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

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

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Saturday, March 1	Waimea Falls Park	10AM – 2 PM
Saturday, March 1	Wahiawa – Location TBA	6PM – 9PM
Monday, March 3	Leeward Community College	6PM – 9PM
Tuesday, March 4	UH Manoa Center for Hawaiian Studies	6PM – 9PM
Wednesday, March 5	Kapolei High School	6PM – 9PM
Saturday, March 8	Nanakuli High School	10AM – 2 PM
Saturday, March 8	Wai'anae High School	6PM – 9PM
Monday, March 10	Kaua'i, Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center	6PM – 9PM
Tuesday, March 11	Kaua'i, Kekaha Community Center	6PM – 9PM
Wednesday, March 12	Papakolea Community Center	6PM – 9PM
Monday, March 17	Hana High School	6PM – 9PM
Tuesday, March 18	Kahului, Maui – Location TBA	6PM – 9PM

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By Lisa Asato | Public Information Specialist

At Kalaupapa Airport a woman wearing a green mu'umu'u and white flowers in her hair waves from the gate as the plane touches down. She's the wife of kahu Richard Matsushita, and the couple is returning to Honolulu after a monthly visit to provide TLC in service of the United Church of Christ.

As the pas-



sengers exit the 11-seat Cessna, a kōkua approaches to help resident Henry Nalaelua, who uses a wheelchair. And in the parking lot, Danny Hashimoto organizes bundles of just-arrived newspapers in the back of his truck

for distribution. The kahu describes him as reticent, but ask him about his special skills, like his green thumb, and Hashimoto won't mind sharing some pointers. "Draining a plant is the hardest part," he says. "You supposed to get hāpu'u but the cheapest one to get is coconut fiber."

Kalaupapa in 2008 is nothing like the Kalaupapa of the past, which saw inhumanities like sexual slavery and dumping exiles over the sides of ships and leaving them to swim to shore. But reminders of its dual legacy of hope and death lie scattered throughout its landscape, where those afflicted with Hansen's disease were banished from 1866 until the quarantine was lifted in 1969. The disease was treatable by the late 1940s.

"The cemeteries are the heritage," says Kalaupapa's resident doctor Kalani Brady, who is part of a trio of doctors from the University of Hawai'i School of Medicine Department of Native Hawaiian Health who tend to the patients. "Eight thousand people came through. Olivia Breitha, one of the most famous, is right here," he says, stopping at one of three cemeteries along the short drive from the airport to Kalaupapa town. "Every Monday we had lunch, and if I didn't go to lunch with Olivia, I was in big trouble."

Hansen's disease is not highly contagious — only 5 percent of the population is susceptible, Brady says. But among the groups with a genetic predisposition to it are Hawaiians and Chinese. An early term for the disease was "ma'i pake," or Chinese sickness.

Kalaupapa is now a National Historic Park and home to about 150 people, mostly state Health Department and National Park Service employees. More importantly, it is also home

to about 20 patients, who are free to leave, but who choose to stay.

"Being here, it's a home for me," says Ivy Kāhilihiwa, who came to Kalaupapa in 1956 when she was 20. "If Kalaupapa ever closes, and we have to get out then we have no choice. But this is my home. I been here now many years working with everybody, nonpatients and patients. This is my life."

That's not to say that things are perfect in Kalaupapa, she says. "We get problems here. We come out, and we all solve the problems," and things get better, says Kāhilihiwa, who has been married three times and whose three children were taken from her after birth and sent to be raised outside Kalaupapa as a matter of policy. "I have one daughter living in California. I saw her when she was one young baby. Two years old at the time and after that I didn't see her," she says. "She's in the mainland now. (My brother-in-law) adopted her. I didn't want that but all of us here and even at Hale Mōhalu, those days when women have babies, we cannot handle the babies. That time. Cannot." Hale Mōhalu was a Pearl City hospital for Hansen's patients, now at Lē'ahi Hospital near Diamond Head.

Visible from the airport, and atop Kauhakō Crater stands a 40-foot-tall white cross, erected by the Lions Club in 1956 with the placard "Love never faileth."

Father Damien brought love to the settlement in 1873, imposing civility and order to Kalawao, Kalaupapa's predecessor on the peninsula's windward side, a site beset by lawlessness and a "might makes right" mentality, says Brady.

Nowadays the congregation of St. Francis See **KALAUPAPA** on page 19

# Huna o Kalaupapa

SECRETS OF KALAUPAPA

Taking in the sights and sounds of a former Hansen's disease settlement

LEFT TOP: Kalaupapa kahu Kalani Brady at the Old Woman's Cave, a former look-out site from where kūpuna would stand sentinel against attackers rounding the faraway Hālawā Valley coast by canoe. MAIN: Atop Kauhakō Crater the ocean views are as endless as the blowing wind. - Photos: Blaine Fergstrom



## Edwin "Pali" Lelepali, Democrat

Age: 80

Arrived in Kalaupapa: 1942

*Don't be fooled by the political label. It's not a sign of partisanship; rather, he just likes the sound of it so much that it's become integral to his identity. At 80 years old, Lelepali has outlived many friends and both of his wives, but when he speaks, his eyes sparkle like he's 20. Here, he shares a success story as a civil servant in Kalaupapa.*

*In 1980 I worked for civil service. I worked for them until I retired. I worked for about a good six or seven years and then I came foreman for the civil service. I had about eight guys under me.*

The best part about this, I'm a patient, see, and yet I was above the nonpatients. I was kind of surprised, you know, I was wondering how come they pick me for that? We had three guys apply for the job: two nonpatients and me, the patient. But I think my qualification, the kine work I do — go Waikolu, go fix pipeline, I do all that, you know? And then when the pipeline broke they no send anybody, they send me, one patient. So I was thinking, 'Gee I wonder if they testing me whether I going grumble or I going refuse,' that's the kine thought I had in mind.

Only me, one, I go by myself I check where the broke line is, I go inside shut off the water then I come back I tell the boss where the pipeline stay, what kine tools we need, so (we) go inside with the bulldozer, bring all the pipe, fix the line.

That was my job before. ... I showed them. I went, boy. And because of that I think I came foreman. Then I became above them, and I tell them what to do.

For more vignettes from Kalaupapa residents, visit Ka Wai Ola online, [www.oha.org](http://www.oha.org)



## OHA salary increase

Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustees received salary increases effective Feb. 11, under recommendations by the OHA Salary Commission. The salary increases are effective unless the state Legislature disapproves them by passing a concurrent resolution before the legislative session ends May 1.

The approximately 20 percent increase augments the Chairperson's salary to \$57,000 from \$47,000, and the Trustees' salary to \$50,004 from \$41,000. The increase also calls for annual cost-of-living increases of about 3.5 percent for three consecutive years starting July 1, 2009.

Commissioners cited a desire for "fair and equitable" salaries on par with those of state lawmakers and county councilmembers statewide, which would attract qualified candidates and would reflect the breadth of Trustees' responsibilities, including setting policy, managing revenues from ceded lands, and providing grants.

Commission vice chair Ben Henderson said Trustees "are full-time elected officials who have a fiduciary responsibility to manage the OHA Trust. I hope the Legislature will acknowledge the important work they do by supporting the salaries recommended by the commission."

The commission's report was hand-delivered Feb. 11 to Gov. Linda Lingle, Senate President

Colleen Hanabusa and House Speaker Calvin Say. The commission is formed every four years to study and make recommendations to the state Legislature on appropriate salaries for the Board of Trustees. The seven commissioners are appointed by Lingle from nominations submitted by Native Hawaiian organizations.

## King's coronation

The 125th anniversary of the 1883 coronation of His Majesty Ka Mō'ī, David Kalākaua and Queen Kapi'olani was observed on the grounds of 'Iolani Palace on 12 Peleluai 2008 with a recreation of the original ceremonies. The bandstand-coronation pavilion featured two royal thrones, a golden pūlo'ulo'u and a Hawaiian royal standard (flag).

Princess Abigail Kinoiki Kekaulike Kawānanakoa, great-grandniece of Queen Kapi'olani and King Kalākaua, and her nephew, David Kawānanakoa, sat in two large chairs beside the thrones. Former Royal Hawaiian bandmaster Aaron Mahi attended to the princess, and Hawaiian warrior La'akea Sukanuma, armed with a spear, stood as her sentinel.

The Royal Hawaiian Band and dignitaries from across the state and globe sat under large tents near the bandstand.

Dignitaries included prominent Hawaiians in business, education, medicine, government and the royal societies; kūpuna; high-

ranking members of the Masons; local government and military leaders; representatives of several consulates; and descendants of the Kalākaua dynasty.

The recreation was taken from an account published by the Advertiser Steam Printing House in 1883. Princess Kawānanakoa sponsored the recreation, along with the Friends of 'Iolani Palace.

After the noontime ceremony, a queue snaked around the palace of people waiting to see a one-day exhibit of jewels associated with Kalākaua: the 18-karat gold ring he wore to his coronation, an 18-carat gold necklace of miniature royal orders made of diamonds, and a 11.75-carat capstone diamond that he wore before presenting it on a pendant to his queen. The pieces were on loan by Princess Kawānanakoa and the Bishop Museum.

## Blaisdell dinner

Dr. Richard "Kekuni" Blaisdell will be honored at a March 14 dinner to benefit his endowment, which aims to increase the number of Native Hawaiian physicians in the state through improved access to health care for Native Hawaiians and improved access to educational opportunities for Native Hawaiian students pursuing careers in medicine.

The Dr. Kekuni Blaisdell Endowment Fund for Native Hawaiian Health.

The 6:30 p.m. dinner at Hawai'i



Princess Abigail Kawānanakoa sat near one of the royal thrones; Aaron Mahi was her attendant and La'akea Sukanuma, armed with spear, stood sentinel during a recreation of Kalākaua's 1883 coronation. Photo: Blaine Fergerstrom

Prince Hotel will feature keynote speaker Dr. Benjamin Young, former dean of students at the University of Hawai'i School of Medicine and former UH vice president of student affairs.

The evening will include memorable songs from Hawai'i's rich musical history by performers Palani Vaughn, Marlene Sai and Nalani Olds.

For ticket information, call Helen Victor at 586-7476 or email hvictor@hawaii.edu.

## Superferry EIS


Seven public meetings are planned for March on the environmental impact statement related to the Hawai'i Superferry.

The informational meetings will cover the scope of the study and a proposed schedule. The EIS process will be over-

seen by the state Department of Transportation, which named Belt Collins to perform the study.

A state law passed in special session in December allows for interisland ferries such as the Hawai'i Superferry to operate while an EIS is performed.

Meetings are scheduled for: 6-9 p.m. March 11 at Kaunakakai Elementary School cafeteria, and 6-8 p.m. March 31 at Lana'i High cafeteria. The meetings at the following sites will be held from 2-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.: March 14 at Farrington High auditorium, March 17 at Baldwin High auditorium in Wailuku, March 19 at Kaua'i Community College Performing Arts Center, March 24 at Hilo High auditorium, and March 27 at Kealakehe High auditorium in Kona.

For more information, call the state DOT at 587-2160. 

## GLOBAL

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we also must fight to preserve the biodiversity of the land that is ours," said Takamine.

As part of a growing trend, government conservation agencies are now asking native people to contribute traditional knowledge in protecting wildlife from global warming problems. Several days before the White House convened the global warming conference, the National Marine Fisheries

Service invited Wai'anae Harbor Master and noted marine conservationist William Ailā to speak to scientists at a workshop on how to protect endangered monk seals in the French Frigate Shoals of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, where rising sea levels linked to global warming have eroded monk seal breeding habitats, leaving the carcasses of newborn seals vulnerable to attack by Galapagos sharks. Ailā agreed that it would be reasonable to consider one proposal to hunt the predatory sharks, but he added a perspective that he said was based on his lifetime as


a Native Hawaiian familiar with island waters: "The right culprits must be taken in reasonable numbers, or else (the sharks) may even adapt to the culling and be able to evade it. The more we experience these problems with extinction and predation, the more it becomes apparent we need to focus on a balance between the species," he added.

Some question whether government agencies and scientists looking to include the knowledge of indigenous peoples in policy-making may come too late. "We have to ask if this is just window dress-

ing and disguise for resistance to more widespread environmental responsibility," said Burrows.

On Kaua'i, sea-rise has claimed the coastal habitat of several native bird species, which are flying inland and fatally flying into utility lines. This has prompted a lawsuit to require power companies to do expanded environmental assessments in positioning utility lines in order to save the birds from continued harm.

More court cases involving global warming are likely. Meanwhile, some favor a humane response. Rev. David Turner of Hawai'i

Interfaith Power and Light said he was glad the protest drew such a cross-section of people including Native Hawaiians: "Folks like myself are finding a synergy with the spiritual traditions of indigenous people in building an effective response to global warming. In a situation where we face dire consequences for the planet, it is absolutely imperative for the people to connect at a deeper place and have compassion for one another. This is what led to change during the Civil Rights struggle. Without a spiritual connection, we cannot make it happen." 



# KALAUPAPA

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Church in Kalaupapa celebrates mass once a month at St. Philomena's Church in Kalawao, where Damien preached until he succumbed to Hansen's in 1893. Likewise, members of Kana'ana Hou Church revisit Kalawao's Siloama Church for worship on the first Sunday of the month. The churches also attract tourists, and the February visitors' log at Siloama shows entries from Hilo to St. Louis Park, Minnesota.

Matsushita, the kahu, works with patients as part of the Kana'ana Hou Church. "The stories they have to share are just heart-wrenching," he says, sharing a story of a patient who would stare across the Kaiwi Channel at night and, seeing the glow of lights from Honolulu, would cry, "Mama, mama." He never saw his mother. She never came."

For Brady, who knows of the violations Hansen's patients endured, including being subjected to the Monkey Show — in which patients stood naked or nearly naked in front of a group of medical people to be examined, touched and sometimes sexual-

ly assaulted — gaining the trust of the patients is something he treasures.

"Even though I'm a medical school professor it's very difficult to bring my students in because the patients say, 'Kauka, we trust you, but never again. No more monkey shows.' Because it's not that they read about (it happening to) the generation before — they were on that pedestal," he says. "They have been maligned."

After five years as their kauka, he says, the relationship is and always will be tenuous. Hospital workers are considered kōkua, he says: "We are second rate; the patients are first rate. We are all here only to help. As long as we are kōkua, we have a place here. If I were let go tomorrow, I would no longer have a place in Kalaupapa."

One of the highlights for Brady comes when Kalaupapa travels "topside" for a wedding. "They call me and I gotta be there. There's no question. It's worse than Hawaiian Civic Club," he says, tongue-in-cheek. "They book a room for me, and I'm right there next to Ivy and Boogie," her husband. "In Kalaupapa, when we travel, we travel as one. And when we go to the reception we're recognized: 'Kalaupapa is here.'"

## Kalaupapa memorial

A monument to memorialize those exiled to Kalaupapa would be authorized under a bill approved by the U.S. House Feb. 12 and pending approval by the U.S. Senate, where Sen. Daniel Akaka has introduced a companion bill.

Congresswoman Mazie Hirono, who introduced the bill, thanked Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa, an organization of patients and supporters, for its leadership and advocacy in calling for a monument. "I am especially happy for the families of those whose loved ones were exiled to Kalaupapa," she said in a news release. "I am very proud to be associated with this effort."

In Hawai'i, meanwhile, the Senate Health Committee advanced a bill Feb. 15 to fund the monument at Kalaupapa National Historic Park. The bill, introduced by Senate President Colleen Hanabusa, was sent to Ways and Means for approval.

And Gov. Linda Lingle announced in February that the state released \$510,000 for the design and construction of improvements to a 14-bed nursing facility in building 141 at Kalaupapa, which will install a larger-capacity emergency generator, repair and relocate automatic fire doors and improve shower-room drainage. Construction is slated to begin in February 2009.

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**Application postmark deadline: April 30, 2008**



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Kamehameha Schools' policy is to give preference to applicants of Hawaiian ancestry to the extent permitted by law. Applicants who wish to be considered under this policy must have their Hawaiian ancestry verified by the KS Ho'oulu Hawaiian Data Center. For more information, visit [www.ksbe.edu/datacenter](http://www.ksbe.edu/datacenter) or call (808) 523-6228.



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## Pahinui, back from the Grammys

Reviewed by Blaine Fergerstrom  
Media Production Specialist

Fresh from the Grammy Award ceremony in Los Angeles, Cyril Pahinui shared an intimate performance with hometown fans at Borders in Pearlridge Center, telling stories about his career playing Hawaiian music, on growing up Pahinui, and about his famous dad, slack key guitar master Gabby “Pops” Pahinui. He also showed off his Grammy medal for nominees, emblazoned with “50” for the awards’ 50th year.

While Pahinui’s album, *He’eia*, was nominated for the 2007 Best Hawaiian Music Album, *Treasures of Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar*, a compilation featuring various local artists – including Pahinui – won the award during ceremonies held Feb. 10.

Having returned home, Pahinui performed a short take of *Hurrah, Lani Ha’aha’a* as a warmup before the scheduled start time,

asking if anybody in the audience played guitar. “Nobody here plays Hawaiian guitar?” He said he had come a long way since playing with Palani Vaughn and The King’s Own back in 1967. “I was just a teenager then! Look how far I came. I played all over creation, all over the U.S., in Japan, in Europe. I played in Carnegie Hall, twice!”

Opening with the vocal version of *Hula O Makee*, he encouraged the crowd to become members of the Recording Academy so they could vote for Hawaiian music. “Then you can all vote, not only for Hawaiian music, but all the music categories. Cost only about \$100 to be a member. Some guys over here can drink more than that!” Saying, “Here, I show you,” he pulled a black ribbon from inside his shirt, revealing the medallion awarded to all Grammy nominees.

Pahinui then began to tell the story of how he had recently been taken to Waipi’o Valley on Hawai’i

Island. As a friend drove him down the steep trail and into the valley, he stopped the car, pointed up and told Pahinui, “Look, up there. That’s Hi’ilawe!”

“I had heard that song and played that song all of my life. It was my dad’s trademark, I played it and all my brothers played it,” Pahinui said, “but that was the first time I actually saw Hi’ilawe – the waterfall in the song!”

During that visit, they came upon a hālau just finishing work in a kalo lo’i toward the back of the valley. He asked the kumu if the group knew *Hi’ilawe* and *Kamakani Ke Ali’i Aloha*, which they did. He played and they danced the two songs just below the falls, one to honor his father, the other to say mahalo. He played both songs for the Borders crowd and shared stories about his famous father.

“You know how hard it is to learn Hawaiian music in my house?” he asked. “Every time the old guys get together with my dad



Cyril Pahinui entertains the crowd, shows off Grammy nominee medal. - Photo: Blaine Fergerstrom

to play music, Pop would tell the kids, ‘Go away! Beat it! I no like you guys hear us guys’ funny kine talk!’” But Cyril would linger just outside the door, listening. “Hoo, all the swear words come out! But that’s the only way I could hear them play Hawaiian music.”

Pahinui played another of his father’s standards and the title song of his Grammy-nominated album, *He’eia*, then finished his set with *Harvest of Rainbows*.

Showing aloha for his fans, he lingered long enough to sign autographs, greeting and thanking each one.

Pahinui will appear at selected locations across the state in conjunction with his *He’eia* CD. Keep up with Cyril Pahinui through his web site [www.cyrilpahinui.com](http://www.cyrilpahinui.com).

A list of Grammy winners can be found at [www.grammy.com/GRAMMY\\_Awards/50th\\_show/list.aspx](http://www.grammy.com/GRAMMY_Awards/50th_show/list.aspx). ■

## Mahina O Wai’alae

Reviewed by Blaine Fergerstrom  
Media Production Specialist

After teenage stints with bands like Red Session, Palolo Jones, and work with Grateful Dead drummer Bill Kreutzman, Hawai’i rocker Stephen Inglis left the Islands for San Francisco in 2003 to explore his musical horizons. He produced two albums, *Fringes on the Wayside* and *Driftwood*.

Inglis, a native of Pālolo, then returned home and began exploring his roots, hooking up with slack key master Ozzie Kotani and honing his skills at kī hō’alu, or slack key, guitar. The result is an album of slack key classics released last October titled *Mahina O Wai’alae*.

All 15 tracks on this album are taken from the songbook of local

standards and will be instantly recognized by traditional Hawaiian music fans.

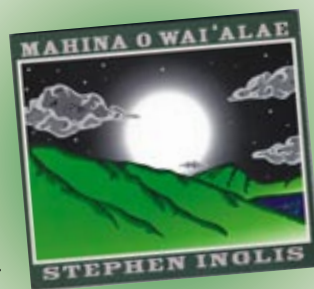
The album starts off with an instrumental version of *No Ke Ano Ahiahi*, but the tracks that follow all feature Inglis on guitar and vocal. Kotani adds guest guitar work throughout. Track 2, *Make’e Ailana*, is followed by the title track, *Mahina O Wai’alae*, then *Pua Lililehua*. All of the tracks seem to be of similar tempo and range, providing a very even, somewhat hypnotic sound.

One exception is *Pālolo*, which is by nature a little more upbeat than the rest of the songs. Another upbeat track, *Hanohano Hawai’i*,

is one of this reviewer’s favorites and is very well done by Inglis. It features a bit of ha’i singing with vocal breaks famous among performers like Auntie Genoa Keawe, Gabby Pahinui and Raiatea Helm.

Inglis’ voice is a clear baritone which floats easily along with his slack key foundation. While the addition of heavy reverb on the cuts is sometimes distracting, Inglis’ guitar work and vocals are clean, sensitive and soothing. The album plays somewhat like easy listening, which many current kī hō’alu artists seem to be trying to emulate.

This album is just right for enjoying at sunset on a lānai by the sea with a favorite beverage and good company at hand. Or even, as the title suggests, by moonlight in Wai’alae. ■



Pālolo native Stephen Inglis learned kī hō’alu under Ozzie Kotani, who shares guitar credits on *Mahina O Wai’alae*. — Photos: Courtesy of [www.steveninglis.com](http://www.steveninglis.com)

## Napua Greig: Kumu on the move

By Liza Simon  
Public Affairs Specialist

With her ability to make every strike of the 'ili 'ili audible, her breath control honed by twin forces of oli and opera, and her submission to the rigors of study for an 'ūniki, it's hard to imagine what new borders are left for Napua Greig to cross. But the youthful kumu of Maui's Hālau Nā Lei Kaumaka O Uka is determined to lead her dancers into a more profound practice of hula that will be reflected in their performance this year at the Merrie Monarch Festival. "I wouldn't teach without purpose, and I know the purpose of hula is to learn about yourself and learn respect of the Hawaiian people that we come from," says Greig, who last year finished fourth overall in the annual "Olympics of Hula."

Grieg, who is appearing for the 5th time at Merrie Monarch, can now be counted on to hold her own alongside hula legends she had admired from afar as a child. In fact, Grieg is squarely in the vanguard of new kumu, who grew up in "hula immersion" and never knew what it was to only hope for a Hawaiian cultural renaissance. Her grounding in the whole spectrum of Hawaiian music comes through in her quiet confidence and has made her one of a growing number of hula teachers who multi-tasks as a recording artist. She has recently released *Pihana* a CD that includes some of her original compositions. "I see recording as an irresistible chance to highlight the hālau," she says.

Issuing from a graceful and athletic figure, her full-bodied singing voice may be a surprise. It comes from training with several noted local vocal instructors

who helped her expand her octave range, perform arias from Verdi operas and break some of the falsetto singing habits that can hurt the vocal chords. Greig, in other words, is a consummate artist who bridges many worlds but will always return to hula.

"I thank Auntie Hokulani Holt for instilling not only the love but the discipline of hula in my daughters," says Greig's mom, noted songstress Hulu Lindsey. Greig couldn't agree more. She and her sister Kakulu Maluo-Huber, with whom she now shares kumu hula duties, have plunged into intensive study with Holt, mastering the distinctive hallmarks of no less than 25 styles of hula, leading up to the conferral of an 'ūniki, or hula graduation ceremony – acknowledgement that one can be trusted to pass on one of the world's most comprehensive dance traditions.

As for how she will combine her life's experiences for a few spellbinding moments on the Merrie Monarch stage, in April

Greig says her goal is to represent her island, her family and her hula lineage, including the lessons taught to her by one of her famed mentors: Hilo's iconoclastic Johnny Lum Ho. In 1991, he selected her to be his Miss Aloha Hula soloist in what was a memorable showcase for the lighter side of hula, which she pulled off with finesse, even though it was full of rhythmic swats and all about the pesky 'uku. "Uncle Johnny writes his chants to fit the girl's attributes: In the previous year, Johnny's Miss Aloha Hula contestant had beautiful flowing hair so her dance was about mermaids, so I was thinking what glamorous chant am I going to get? And when he told me, my jaw dropped to the ground," she says. "As it turned out, it was a joy to be the vehicle for the creativity of a great kumu. What can be more pleasing in hula?"

See KWO calendar for Merrie Monarch telecast info.

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## Kūhiō festival adds health focus

By Lisa Asato  
Public Information Specialist

Health will be the theme of this month's annual Prince Kūhiō Festival, and it's all because festival chairman Wayne Panoke heard a startling statement about Native Hawaiians and diabetes that first infuriated him, and then prodded him to take action.

In his recollection, the statement went something like, "If you Native Hawaiians don't take control over this disease, all of this discussion that is going on about land and settlements will be for naught because there will be no Native Hawaiians."

The words felt like a knife "piercing" his heart, he said. And his first reaction – after hearing it from Majken Mechling, executive

director of the American Diabetes Association in Hawai'i – was how dare a non-Hawaiian say that. "But then I had to really think about what she said," recalled Panoke. "She wasn't being sarcastic. She was really putting that plea out."

Panoke answered the call, and this year's signature event will blend culture and health, bringing together agencies and organizations to share information related to Native Hawaiian Health at the inaugural Native Hawaiian Health Festival and Hō'ike'ike March 9 at Bishop Museum. (See sidebar.)

Organizers are also taking the theme a step further with the American Diabetes Association "Step Out" Walk on March 15 at Kapi'olani Park. "Our goal is to get out 500 Native Hawaiians to walk with us around Kapi'olani Park, and that is to make a statement that we recognize that diabetes is the leading disease that is killing our people," Panoke said. "I'm hoping that Native Hawaiians and their families, especially the young, will take two hours of their day to come and join us."

Prince Kūhiō, "The Citizen Prince," is revered for his dedication to his Native Hawaiian people. - Photo: Courtesy of Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs' Prince Kūhiō celebration committee



Although the health-awareness theme is new to the festival, it wouldn't be a foreign concept to the festival's honoree, Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole. "He was also concerned with the health and wellness of the lāhui," Panoke said. Kūhiō, the founder of Hawaiian civic clubs, a long-time Congressional delegate and father of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, was nicknamed "The Citizen Prince" for his concern for the maka'āinana.

This year marks the 90th anniversary of Kūhiō's founding of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu, which produces the Holokū Ball, the festival's kick-off event on March 1 at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.

Sponsors of the Kūhiō Festival are the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Kamehameha Schools, Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center, Queen's Foundation, Papa Ola Lōkahi, state Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Bishop Museum and Hawai'i Maoli. ■



Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole is beloved for the legacies he left behind, including founding the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu and helping create the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act as a delegate to Congress. Celebrations are planned statewide in honor of his 137th birthday on March 26.

### PRINCE KŪHIŌ EVENTS

#### O'AHU

**March 1,** Holokū Ball, Royal Hawaiian Hotel Monarch Room, honors Princess Abigail Kekaulike Kawānanakoa and marks organizer Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu's 90th year. \$150 person, or corporate tables. Susan Malterre-Htun, 732-2468 or hcchhb@yahoo.com.

**March 9,** Native Hawaiian Health Festival and Hō'ike'ike, Bishop Museum, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Marks 20 years of the Native Hawaiian Health Act and honors Drs. Kalani Brady and Claire Hughes. Features health organizations, speakers, cultural demonstrations and entertainment. Free.

**March 15,** American Diabetes Association "Step Out" Walk for diabetes around Kapi'olani Park. Pledges welcome. 7 a.m. sign in, 8 a.m. walk. Leila Pleasant, 428-9784.

**March 19,** Prince Kūhiō Choral Concert conducted by Nola Nahulu, 6 p.m. Mission Memorial Building, next to City Hall. Free.

**March 22,** Pualeilani Festival of the Arts, Royal Hawaiian Shopping Center, 12-9 p.m. Native Hawaiian artists, cultural demonstrations and entertainment. \$5 validated parking.

**March 23,** Ali'i Sunday service honors Kūhiō, Kawaiaha'o Church, 8:30 a.m.

**March 26,** services at Mauna'ala, the Royal Mausoleum, 9 a.m. In Kapolei, Hawaiian Home Lands Department dedicates

its new office complex with a Ho'okupu Processional at 9 a.m. from Kapolei High to Hale Kalaniana'ole, where a dedication and ho'olaule'a follows, [www.kapoleihomestead.com](http://www.kapoleihomestead.com). In town, Prince Kūhiō HCC Choral Group makes a noontime presentation at the Federal Building.

**March 29,** Prince Kūhiō Kalanianaʻole Commemorative Parade and Lū'au, Waikiki, 4 p.m., followed by 6-9 p.m. lu'au at Queen's Beach honoring Charlie Rose and Aunt Elizabeth Lau. \$75 reserved, \$50 general, discounts for civic club members. Alberta Low, 455-9400.

#### HAWAII ISLAND

**March 22,** Prince Kūhiō Day at Hale Halāwai, Kona, 9 a.m. featuring arts, crafts, baked goods, lei contest and keiki activities. Bucky Leslie, 936-2661.

#### KAUAI

**March 29,** Royal Order of Kamehameha hosts an annual celebration at Prince Kūhiō Park, Poipū, Kōloa, Kauai, 10:30 a.m.

#### MAUI

**April 19,** Royal Ball, 6 p.m., King Kamehameha Golf Club in Waikapū, honors Uncle Stanley Bega, Aunt Hōkūlani Holt-Padilla and Aunt Nona Beamer. \$75, includes dinner, silent auction and holokū contest. Corporate tables available. Kenneth Kai Souza, 242-8924.

For more information, contact chairman Kaho'onei Panoke at [wpanoke@cpe-hawaii.com](mailto:wpanoke@cpe-hawaii.com) or 224-0868.

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Sat., March 16, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
The best and the brightest young bards reflect plenty of themes unique to coming of age in Hawai'i in the 2008 final statewide competition. Finalists will go to the national poetry competition, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts. Free. Honolulu Theatre for Youth, Tenny Theatre. 839-9885 or hty@mail@htyweb.org.

## HA'A KOA CONFERENCE

Wed., March 26, (Prince Kūhiō Day) 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Take up the traditional practices of the Hawaiian martial art of lua, including 'ai ha'a and ancient dances done with rousing mea kaula – war implements. Noted practitioners will demonstrate proud kāne warrior heritage and the virtues of strength, courage, loyalty and dignity. Free with limited seating. University of Hawai'i at Hilo, UCB conference room. 808-989-4844 or www.MamalaHoa.org.

## MATERIAL CHOICES

Weekdays through March 30, business hours  
This exhibition of plant and fiber textiles includes Polynesian lauhala mats by Esther Westmoreland and Wendy Hee, plus a diverse selection of bast and leaf fiber fabrics from the Asia-



Thirty hula hālau will compete in this month's Merrie Monarch Festival. - Photo courtesy of KITV

Pacific region. Features a lauhala demo and a March 9 screening of the film Ulana Lauhala, all about the challenges and beauty of textile weaving. Free. East-West Center Gallery. 944-7543 or www.eastwestcenter.org.

## MERRIE MONARCH FESTIVAL AND HULA COMPETITION

Thurs. to Sat., Apr. 3-9., telecast on KITV from 6 to about 11 p.m.  
Your ringside seat to the Olympics of Hula is your TV because tickets for the 45th annu-

al Merrie Monarch sold out long ago. Co-hosts Paula Akana and Kimo Kahoano offer colorful and cultural hula commentary on 30 stunning hālau. KITV presents the one-hour preview "Backstage at Merrie Monarch" at 7 p.m. April 1. www.kitv.com.

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## Support Clinton

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I wish to point out that it was a Clinton president who signed the Apology Bill, Public Law 103-150, a century after the 1893 overthrow of Hawai'i's Queen. Hillary Clinton has the option to support the Apology Bill and follow up on the actions of her husband.

She has publicly declared that she is the candidate for change, and I believe that this is true: she is a woman with the experience and the track record to prove it.

I would also point out that it was a Clinton that started the effort to declare the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands the largest marine protected area in the world with the formation of the Coral Reef Reserve way back in 1999. It was also a Clinton who left office with a huge budget surplus in the billions of dollars, which was wasted by Bush and his colleagues, leaving us in debt by trillions of dollars.

The track record is clear of what a Clinton has done and can accomplish.

**Buzzy Agard**  
Honolulu

## Ceded lands

In an article regarding ceded lands published in a recent edition of the *Hawaii Tribune-Herald*, R. Rowland, identified as president of something called Grassroots Institute of Hawai'i, implies that Hawaiians have no claim to ceded lands. He had used the word 'balderdash.'

Balderdash? Welcome back to the 19th century! Rowland makes a pathetic attempt to ignore the Polynesian discoverers and settlers of these Islands; an invisible entity – unknown, unseen, unrelated to the land.

His rhetoric merely echoes those of others of his kind. To insist that land is not the true realm of a free and independent nation is to deny England to the English, China to the Chinese, Norway to the Norwegians, etc. An act of military terrorism does not offer true claim to another nation's homeland, and no amount of spin or exaggeration to the contrary will provide that claim.

Yield? Balderdash!

**Walter Akimo**  
Hilo

## Trustee Akana

I write about Trustee Rowena Akana's one-page ad "Akana stands strong after Rubin's sucker punch" and her Trustee's Message in the February issue, which only repeats her ad. Our paper *Ka Wai Ola* should be reserved for Hawaiian information and education. It should not be used and abused

by Trustees trying to further their own personal interest. Ms. Akana's issues with OHA are internal problems of OHA, if that at all. Some of the issues Ms. Akana raises are "manini" and, maybe, almost childish. They have nothing to do with furthering the interest of the Hawaiian people. Anti-Hawaiians are loving it.

I further notice Ms. Akana did not sign OHA's open letter along with all the other Trustees. Well quit, Ms. Akana. Ms. Apoliona and "other" Trustees thank you for your dedication, efforts and successes for us Hawaiians.

**Wayne Keola Choo**  
'Aiea

## OHA registry card

I support the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Hawaiian Registry and am always proud to show my Hawaiian Registry ID card to friends and colleagues. In the advent of the U.S. government's Real ID Act, OHA needs to strongly assert that the Hawaiian Registry card is itself a legitimate, legal, high integrity ID card with a similar, and maybe better verification process.

On May 11, 2005, President Bush signed the Real ID Act into law, which mandates that starting in May 2008 a state driver's license or ID card cannot be used for any federal purpose unless it meets specific federal requirements. For example, noncompliant driver's licenses or state-issued ID cards cannot be used for identification to board federally regulated commercial aircraft,

enter nuclear power plants, or to access any federal facility.

I am appealing to OHA to look into this matter and assert our rights to have the ID provided by the Hawaiian Registry be an acceptable legal identification instrument nationwide to be recognized and treated as a Real ID similar to what the U.S. government mandates. OHA's free Hawaiian Registry Ancestry Verification Program registers people of Hawaiian ancestry worldwide, regardless of blood quantum.

If accepted nationwide, it will validate the strong value of the Hawaiian Registry and most of all provide a positive recognition of who we are. If accepted as an alternative Real ID, no doubt, this will generate increased registration of all Native Hawaiians worldwide. I believe that the American Indians are also asserting their Tribal Card as an alternate Real ID card.

**Keoni Kealoha Devereaux Jr.**  
Mō'ili'ili

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The application information was omitted in our February issue. *KWO* regrets the error.

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# Nā Wai Nāhiku: seven steps to perfection



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

‘O he‘o Gulch in Hāna is the site of Nā Wai Nāhiku, the Seven Sacred Pools. Far mauka of the pools is the source of its water, Waimūkī (whisperings of wizards) Falls. ‘Ohe‘o Kapo Gulch is the entire name of the gulch. It is named for the goddess Kapo and the ‘ohe (bamboo) that symbolizes her. Elders say that Kapo sways like a beautiful reed in the wind. In times past, these pools were reserved for only ali‘i to use and the kapu was well-guarded. Below the pools, at the mouth of waters that flow from Waimūkī Falls is Kūloa Point Beach. It is said that the name Kūloa (long waiting) refers to the long periods of wait-

ing required in religious ceremonies held there in times past.

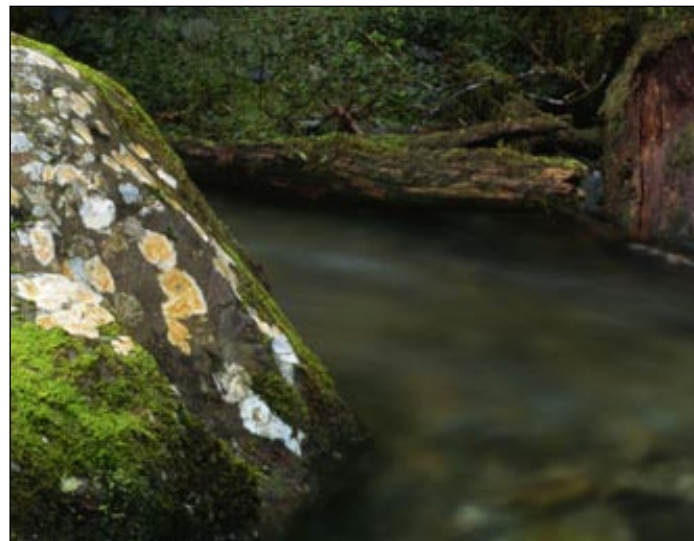
Elders have said that the name Nāhiku (the sevens) refers to the trail of life toward perfection. Elders pointed out that when young people erred and their elders hoped to win them back to the ways of goodness, they would go through a prayer-guided climb through the seven pools. Nā Hiku is called sacred or fortunate for those who keep climbing toward beauty and perfection of the soul.

The climb to perfection began in the sluggish, brackish water of the pool, ‘Akahi akahi (inexperienced), located nearest Kūloa Point beach. The second pool is Luakapu. Luakapu means profound, referring to the sense created by removal of a kapu, restriction or spiritual burden. ‘Ekolu, the third pool, is also called “A Kō Lū Pi‘i Kua,” meaning “The road to perfection is a straight and narrow path.” It is

third of the steps to perfection.

The name of the fourth pool, ‘Eha‘eha, represents the “pain and longing” of a man’s spirit in its quest to perfection. Moving through the ceremony, the quest requires personal sorrow for errors committed, repentance and the will to be free from all past error. The participant is purified in this pool. It is the midpoint in the ceremony, when one can almost perceive ‘Iolani, the Bird of Perfection. The easiest way to move through this pool is to swim, because the climb up the trail is difficult.

The fifth pool, Laulima, is above the bridge. Laulima symbolizes removal of the kapu or error through recognition of reverence and goodness in the soul, mind and heart. The sixth pool, Eō ano, refers to the novice “answering the call with a song in the heart.” Nā Hiku, the seventh pool, is the culmination in perfection or cleansing and is the last step in reaching the stars. This is the largest pool and the high surrounding cliffs create a natural cathedral-like experience. Looking upward above Nā Hiku, all that one sees are the waterfall




Kūpuna say the name Nāhiku (the sevens) refers to the trail of life toward perfection. — Photo: Liquidlibrary

and the heavens.

It is interesting that the pool beneath the bridge is not counted in the seven steps to perfection. In fact, elders cautioned against swimming in that pool. However, today, one can witness young people jumping from the bridge into that pool. Today, protocols of our ancestors are ignored at many of Hawai‘i’s historic and natural sites. Hawaiians believe that break-

ing protocol always results in a burden.

The gods and guardian spirits of Hawai‘i reside in the water, rocks, sand and plants around these sites. Quiet and respectful behavior and the obligation to provide care for the area are required of man. We need to demonstrate and teach our keiki and mo‘opuna that traditions of respect for our spiritual guardians are always foremost. 

## Tyranny and iwi exposed

*Editor’s note: Alike Poe Silva is Kahu Kulaiwi, Koa Mana, Kupuka‘āina o Wai‘anae, Hawaiian National. The views expressed in this community forum do not necessarily reflect the views of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.*

Aloha no ‘ohana, I am writing regarding why our ancestors’ iwi and our Hawaiian Kingdom State war memorials are being systematically desecrated and destroyed by the U.S. military and government.

As we noted in our *KWO* commentary, our ‘ohana’s iwi desecrated at Mauna Lahilahi by the city and the desecration of our Hawaiian Kingdom State war memorials and traditional cultural properties (TCPs) that the U.S. Army is responsible to protect are obligatory for protection by international law.

Why did the U.S. Army allow new Lono ahu with Hui Mālama in Mākua Valley and violate their own law! Lono tradition is alien

to Kanehunamoku-Mākua Valley. The U.S. Army is based on hierarchy, control and government-militarism, and we ask that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs ensure the protection of our Hawaiian sites!

The Kāne traditions are based on knowledge, understanding and insight through the kupuka‘āina (original Kāne people from that place). Remember, ‘ohana, what our kūpuna knew, practiced and taught us. It is about the path of the Sun — nānā ka lā, nānā ‘ike kumu and nānā i ka piko. We know Kūkaniloko is the center of O‘ahu. Our ‘ohana knows why these connections and the Kāne religion are of traditional cultural significance and why Kanehunamoku-Mākua Valley is directly tied to Kūkaniloko and being significant world and national treasures. These sites are highly significant components of the Mākua Valley TCPs given their spiritual importance as a symbol of the center of Life as the life-giving qualities of the god Kāne; ‘āina birth; of the connection between

the kupuka‘āina and the landscape (see photo). The ancestors piko ma‘i connotes the sexual organ, and the “higher self” or consciousness of the po‘o, the crown of the head (Blaisdell 1993).

In this context, the piko stone of Kūkaniloko and Mākua are as valuable, and symbolically important, as the Arc of the Covenant and other well-known religious objects throughout the world that crystallize a peoples’ beliefs on many levels. The fact that these objects were formed entirely by nature, rather than by the hand of man, does not diminish its significance: the raw material, volcanic rock, without which there would be no land to live upon, and its natural manufacture make it even more spiritually valuable. The fact that these objects are significant to the kupuka‘āina is irrelevant in a historic-preservation or world-treasures sense — what our kūpuna knew and taught us is vitally valuable to us and the future generations to come.

Concerning our Hawaiian Kingdom State war memorials in Mākua Valley, Lihu‘e in Wai‘anae,



Bottom side of piko stone from Ka‘ulu. — Courtesy photo by Chris Monahan


and Wahiaiwā, they must be better protected by OHA. Spirit and intent are vitally needed! How many times do we have to make agreements with the U.S. Army (August 2006) and the SHPD (September 2001) for them to follow their section 106 TCP Model Study Law to protect our Hawaiian national treasures and sacred ‘āina?

‘Ohana please kōkua and call upon OHA to assist, and in your prayers, pray for the speedy return of our Hawaiian Kingdom State so we may save our history, traditions and national treasures! Also ask OHA to do its own TCP study for these cultural landscapes to clarify significant components and

the cultural value of our ancestors’ sacred sites for preservation from illegal military occupation since 1893.

Remember, ‘ohana, the wisdom of our Queen Lili‘uokalani — her spirit is always with us. “A hiki mai ke aloha (come with love), a e pono mai ana (come with righteousness), Kekahekekai kapu a Kāne (sacred is Kane).” A me “‘Onipa‘a kākou (seek justice my people).”

Aloha no ‘ohana for your kōkua. Stay tuned for Part 5. I ‘O lako ‘ohana, ua mau ke ea o ka ‘āina i ka pono.

*This is the fourth in a series of commentaries.* 



## 30-year dispute resolved — now let's focus on the future

Haunani Apoliona, MSW  
Chairperson, Trustee, At-large



**A**loha mai kākou, e nā 'ōiwi 'ōlino. At this writing, all in Hawai'i have been introduced to and informed on the deliberate and methodical steps taken by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Trustees in the OHA-State settlement relating to "disputed" income and proceeds from the Public Land Trust from 1978-2008.

On Jan. 18, 2008, the day marking the start of the 116th year following the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian government, attendees at a press conference announcing the settlement were reminded that language passed by the 1980 Legislature regarding OHA revenue payments was, "ambiguous and lacked enough clarity to fuel and lead controversy on the source and amounts of revenue due to OHA. Revenue payments to OHA resulted in being a 'football,' kicked from the Legislature to the courts, back to the Legislature, with little to limited success for OHA and our beneficiaries."

In 1980, then-State Sen. Neil Abercrombie remarked regarding the legislative language: "I fear that for those who are interested in seeing [OHA] move forward that they have won a Pyrrhic victory, that this is merely a skirmish in a very large battle. Although I would be delighted to say otherwise, I regret to say that I expect that the moment this passes into statute there will be a (law)suit and the business of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is, as a result, going to be tied up in court for God knows how many years."

OHA has negotiated with three governors to recover unpaid income and proceeds from the Public Land Trust. OHA and the Waihe'e administration negotiated. As a result, the Legislature enacted Act 304 in 1990. Settlement of the "undisputed" income and proceeds due OHA resulted in payment in 1993 of \$136 million for 1980-1991 enacted by the Legislature in

Act 35. But both parties acknowledged "excluded matters" on revenue remained unresolved.

In 1994 OHA sued the State in court regarding "excluded matters" for "disputed" revenues challenging the Cayetano administration from 1994-2002. A favorable 1996 OHA decision was appealed by Cayetano to the Hawai'i Supreme Court. Justice Moon directed OHA and the State, at oral arguments in 1998, to initiate negotiations toward resolution. That directive launched two OHA negotiations with the Cayetano administration, both ending in failure to settle; the first impacted by the 1998 OHA election and the second, in 1999, impacted by several State-imposed conditions, one of which was the State's condition for OHA to dismiss lawsuits against the State as part of settlement.

One of those cases would have included OHA v. HCDCH (Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawai'i). OHA appealed the 2003 State Court decision to the Supreme Court. The Hawai'i Supreme Court, unanimously, opined Jan. 31, 2008, "accordingly we vacate the trial court's January 31, 2003 judgment and remand this case to the circuit court with instructions to issue an order granting the plaintiff's request for an injunction against the defendants from selling or otherwise transferring to third parties (1) the Leiali'i parcel and (2) any other ceded lands from the public land trust until the claim of the native Hawaiians to the ceded lands have been resolved." In paragraph two, footnote six, the Justices further note, "... for the purposes of this opinion, we use the term (native Hawaiian) to mean "any individual who is a descendant of the aboriginal people who, prior to 1778, occupied and exercised sovereignty in the area that now constitutes the State of Hawai'i." Resolution of "disputed" payments to OHA of the income and proceeds from the Public Land Trust 1978-2008, will only happen by 2008 Legislature action. Go to [www.oha.org](http://www.oha.org) to read both the settlement and the legislation; email your legislator to cast that vote in support of passage, mahalo. 40/48

## Too little, too late

Rowena Akana  
Trustee, At-large



**A**no'ai kākou... OHA is currently lobbying the Legislature to pass a bill that will settle our claims against the State from 1978 to the present. For those who do not remember, former Gov. Ben Cayetano's second settlement offer in 1999 was a better deal than the current proposal.

The Board voted to reject Cayetano's first offer, which was much less than the \$251 million he later offered, for the past due amounts owed to OHA from 1980. We also discussed a prospective offer of 20 percent, or 365,000 acres of ceded lands, if OHA would settle on all land claims against the State in the future. This offer would not have included any ocean resources, or any other resource, that we would be entitled to.

OHA couldn't consider Cayetano's second offer because five Trustees, including Trustees Haunani Apoliona and Colette Machado, suddenly voted to end all negotiations. OHA's attorney at the time, James E. Duffy Jr., now a Hawai'i Supreme Court justice, repeatedly advised the Trustees to continue the negotiations, but they rejected his advice.

The \$251 million that Cayetano offered in 1999 would be worth more than double today and the 365,000 acres of ceded lands would have meant economic self-sufficiency and a better negotiating position for the Akaka Bill.

I believe that Apoliona and Machado wanted to end negotiations because they did not want any credit to go to our negotiating team (former Trustees Clayton Hee and Mililani Trask and myself). They thought they could negotiate their own deal, but nine years later all they could come up with is a watered-down version of our previous deal. Their shortsightedness caused OHA to pay dearly a year later when the U.S. Supreme Court came down with the Rice decision.

Later, the Hawai'i Supreme Court threw out Act 304 and suggested that the remedy must now be sought at

the Legislature. I believe this decision was due to OHA walking away from the negotiating table after the Hawai'i Supreme Court had asked OHA and the State to negotiate a settlement.

Please note that all of my statements can be verified by Gov. Cayetano, his chief negotiator Sam Callejo, Sen. Clayton Hee, or Justice James Duffy. I also have documents that support my statements regarding OHA's 1999 negotiations with the State.

In 1980, the State Legislature amended HRS Chapter 10 by adding HRS 10-13.5, which provided that "twenty percent of all funds derived from the public (ceded) land trust shall be expended by OHA..." The Hawai'i Supreme Court quoted HRS 10-13.5 verbatim when it recently issued an injunction preventing the State from any future sale or transfer of ceded lands until the claims of Native Hawaiians have been resolved. In light of this, OHA should really consider whether deleting the 20 percent provision in HRS 10-13.5 would hurt OHA's standing with the Hawai'i Supreme Court. We should also consider whether we could negotiate a better deal with the State now that we are in a much stronger negotiating position.

### Kau Inoa updates

In a memo dated Jan. 31, Administrator Clyde Nāmu'o submits that our leader for Kau Inoa registrations on the continent, Chairperson Apoliona's sister Aulani, is "...sometimes slow in gathering paperwork and submitting documentation for P-card payments." Because of this, her OHA credit card was taken away and given to another staff person to manage (right?). Is it any surprise that our Kau Inoa program on the continent is so ineffective and no one knows for sure how much OHA funds are being spent? The Administrator announced that as of Feb. 7, the total number of Kau Inoa registrations is 80,625. There were 67,684 in Hawai'i (84 percent) and 12,941 on the continent. As of Oct. 22, 2007, there were 29,574 registrants who needed to be verified as Native Hawaiian through the Department of Health.

For more information on important Hawaiian issues, check out Trustee Akana's website at [www.rowenaakana.org](http://www.rowenaakana.org).

## The great divide

Walter M. Heen  
Vice Chair, Trustee, O'ahu



In 1920, the United States Congress inserted within Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's bill for the Hawaiian homestead program a requirement that only Hawaiians with a minimum of 50 percent of Hawaiian blood would be eligible for its benefits. Without that requirement the law would not have been enacted. And it still remains an integral part of the Hawaiian Home Lands (HHL) program. The requirement was very cynical, based on the belief that eventually there would not be any such 50 percent Hawaiians and the program would die. It has proven to be very divisive.

Suggestions that the requirement should be eliminated or reduced as an initial qualification have met with strong and vocal opposition. More than 40 years ago I suggested to the Royal Order of Kamehameha that the requirement should be reduced to 25 percent. I thought they were going to hang me! There have, fortunately, been some fairly recent efforts to ameliorate its most egregious effects and lessees are now able to transfer their homesteads to their less than 50 percent offspring.

Over the years, the quantum requirement has pitted those eligible for the program against those who are not. And the dispute has now been extended to OHA. Right now, there is pending in federal court a suit brought by a small group of eligible Hawaiians charging that OHA is wrongfully expending its funds to support programs benefiting Hawaiians who are not eligible for HHL benefits. They contend that the State Constitution and Hawai'i Revised Statutes, Chapter 10, the legal foundations for OHA, were intended to benefit solely those eligible for HHL benefits. OHA is vigorously defending against the suit.

And the disagreement has now spilled over into the discussions concerning OHA's proposed settlement of the dispute with the State over unpaid rents owed to OHA from trust lands

revenue taken in by the State from 1978 to 2008.

On Saturday, Feb. 9, several Senate committees held a hearing on a bill submitted to the Legislature by OHA that would have the Legislature approve the settlement reached on that issue between OHA and the State Administration. The bill provides for some State-owned lands in Kaka'ako, Kapolei, and Hilo to be transferred to OHA together with an additional sum of approximately \$13 million. The total settlement is worth \$200 million, which, of course, OHA would be able to devote to its programs to better the conditions of Native Hawaiians.

Although a sizable majority of people who spoke at the hearing was supportive of the measure, a goodly number spoke against it. Most of the opponents did not address the bill's particulars but presented testimony ranging from wrongs not rectified since the overthrow to the need to establish a "Hawaiian Bank" to their opinions on the shortcomings in various OHA programs.

What struck me, however, was a recurring theme among some persons that OHA's mission was solely to benefit those of 50 percent Hawaiian blood. That is simply not OHA's sense of its obligation under the law.

Article XII, section 6 of the Constitution authorizes OHA's Board of Trustees to manage and administer lands and income "from whatever sources for native Hawaiians and Hawaiians." Every empowerment contained in the article authorizes the Board to provide for both "native Hawaiians and Hawaiians."

The Board has always acted on the premise that its kuleana is to ensure "the betterment of conditions" of Native Hawaiians and Hawaiians as defined in Hawai'i Revised Statutes S.10-2 and as imposed on it by S.10-3. Our kuleana is to better the conditions of all Hawaiians regardless of quantum.

It is indeed tragic that the cynical blood quantum imposed by a Congress thousands of miles away continues to be a wedge between and among Hawaiians. It stands as another reason why people ask, "Why can't Hawaiians get together?"

## Ceded lands settlement is in the best interest of all Hawaiians

Boyd P. Mossman  
Trustee, Maui



'A no'ai kākou. The year 2008 has begun with a bang by which we are attempting to secure for our posterity the promise of a future in which Hawaiians can strengthen themselves physically, mentally, spiritually, emotionally and socially while living in harmony with their neighbors and others throughout our Islands.

The ceded lands settlement announced on Jan. 19, 2008, is one issue OHA has been working on for all the time I have been a Trustee. This resolution with the State of Hawai'i concludes a 30-year effort to get the State to pay OHA on behalf of its beneficiaries what was owed to them. As a Trustee, I have been able to participate in the negotiations and review the ceded lands debt owed by the State and have concluded, as with the rest of the Board, that the settlement between OHA and the State is fair, just and reasonable.

The fact that it was not open to the input or participation of the Hawaiian community let alone the entire community should be obvious. Without confidentiality the parties could not have succeeded in participating in arms-length discussions resulting in the settlement if only because of the need to trust one another during the lengthy negotiations. The Trustees were kept informed throughout, experts were hired to advise, attorneys were retained to represent, staff was assigned to research and answer questions, and the Board was given every opportunity to question any proposals from the negotiating team. A lawsuit (OHA vs. Lingle) was even filed to seek accountability from the State for its past inactions regarding the loss of airport ceded land revenues and the ultimate reversal by the Hawai'i Supreme Court of Judge Daniel Heely's decision upholding the right of OHA to receive such revenues.

The allegation that a better deal could have been struck with the Cayetano administration rings hollow in the face of the lawsuit which was ultimately unsuccessful with the court telling OHA to take it to the Legislature. Also, there was no agreement, no details, no protecting of Hawaiian claims based on the overthrow, and no willingness on the part of the Cayetano administration to resolve anything unless it was "global," thereby precluding any future claims by the Hawaiian people which was their inherent right. In fact, not long after negotiations ceased with the Cayetano administration did they cut off all payments to OHA, and OHA so to speak sucked wind until Gov. Lingle reinstated the payments in 2003.

OHA had plans to bring information on the settlement to Hawaiian communities as soon as the Legislature had been advised and was in the process when the Senate instructed OHA to hold community meetings. I personally scheduled three meetings on Maui and will be holding more.

Hawaiians are now presented with the opportunity to work together to obtain land and money for a debt owed under the law to OHA on behalf of Hawaiians. We should be working together to allow this to happen. This is in our best interest and is a matter of holding the State accountable for its failure to pay its fair share in the past. Passage of SB2733 and HB266 will for the first time secure for Hawaiians valuable real estate, which can be used to support a future governing entity and will end a long-standing dispute. The recent ruling by the Hawai'i Supreme Court confirming the wisdom of not selling out to the State in previous negotiations preserves for Hawaiians future claims their government may have to ceded lands. The amount agreed to in this settlement addresses the concerns of both the Hawaiian people and the people of Hawai'i and should be confirmed by our Legislature. Please email your legislators and ask them to support these bills as being in the best interest of us all. Mahalo nui and mālama pono.



## From Waimea to Waiomina: 'Ikuā Purdy, Archie Ka'au'a and Jack Low

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



Bring you warm Aloha from the cold, blustery side of Waimea — Kohala Hema. The clouds have lifted for a moment and one can see a thick glossy fluorescent velvety carpet of snow on Mauna Kea. We've been having kīpu'upu'u rain for two days. The wind has been blowing so hard, the rain sheets at times are parallel to the ground and when the drops collide with your skin the sensation is like buckshot from a shotgun. Today, the Hilo end of Mauna Kea has most of the snow. We have probably had more snow in the month of January 2008 than we've had the past five years combined. It's freezing. It's the Old Cold Waimea. As kama'āina, we remember. The rain has not stopped for two months. The foothills of the Kohalas from Pauahi to Pu'ukapu and the saddle area between the Kohalas and Mauna Kea are royal green. The scene is a glycee of the sheep pastures of Rotorua on New Zealand's North Island, during and after a rain but minus the scent of sulphur.

And on this cold, windy, wet day from the deck of our home, when you look north to south, Waipi'o-Ka'ū direction across the Waimea plain, you can see the old Purdy Homestead ('Ikuā Purdy). In a straight line, it's 2 miles away. When you look toward Hilo, the Ka'au'a Homestead (Archie Ka'au'a) is just a half-mile directly east of where we live. If you're familiar with the Ram House on Māmalahoa, this is where the Ka'au'a Estate once sat. The Inaba family owns it now. And, when you look toward Hualālai in the general direction of Kailua-Kona, 20 miles in the distance, at 4:30 on a clock with Hilo being at 12 o'clock, there's Pu'uanahulu. That's where the Low Homestead (Jack Low) is. One of several, that is. 'Ikuā Purdy, Archie Ka'au'a and Jack Low were paniolo, very famous paniolo from our corner of Hawai'i.

Our town has many kama'āina families of paniolo prominence with ties to Waimea, to Parker Ranch and to ranching. To name a few: Bell, Spencer, Fay,

Lindsey, Parker, Low, Yamaguchi, Nakata, Keakealani, Greenwell, Pacheco, Liana, Coleman, Brighter, Sakado, Kimura, Hamada, 'Āwa'a, Kawai, Kihoi, De Silva, Onaka, Maertans, Bryan, 'Ākau, Honma, Karimoto, Kiyota, Kauwē, Kaula.

'Ikuā Purdy, Archie Ka'au'a and Jack Low were paniolo, worked cattle for Parker as did most everyone in Waimea from 1847 when Parker Ranch was founded to the 1990s when the Ranch was still the Piko of Waimea in terms of our history, economy and way of life. They were paniolo, cowboys who stalked, hunted, trapped and brought to market for Parker the wild bullocks who used the upland kīpuka and the waonāhele as a pu'uhouua. They were keiki o ka 'āina o Waimea. Living the simple and dangerous life of a cowboy on the hunt for pipi 'āhiu. In a flash they became legends in a faraway place. It was not that they were in the right place at the right time. It was skill, technique, positive attitude, years of practice, years of doing what they enjoyed. They were the gladiators of the Waimea Plains. The year was 1908 in the summertime in Cheyenne, Wyoming. The occasion, The Frontier Day Championship. These three Hawaiian men journeyed 3,300 miles by steamship from Kawaihae to Honolulu to the West Coast and by train to Wyoming. With the support and encouragement of Eben Low (Jack Low's brother who submitted their entry forms to the event in 1907) and the ho'okipa of a Wyoming rancher from whom they borrowed horses they had never ridden but were familiar with, they entered the Super Bowl of Steer Roping on foreign soil and shocked the American rodeo world, a world whose underpinning was time-based. Time was essence. 'Ikuā Purdy won first place: 56 seconds was his time. Archie Ka'au'a won third place. Jack Low took sixth place. They are probably the most famous athletes ever to emerge from our ranching town "nestled neath the hills and floating mists" of the Kohala mountains. And so in this the Centennial Year we celebrate the achievements of 'Ikuā Purdy, Archie Ka'au'a and Jack Low. Here are several verses from *Waiomina*, written by Helen Lindsey Parker especially for them. Kama Hopkins, my trusted aide, does a very stunning rendition of this mele. Or you may go to Google and type in "Na Mele O Paniolo."

### *Waiomina (Wyoming)* Translation from huapala.org

By Helen Parker

Kaulana 'Ikuwā me Ka'au'a, lā  
Nā 'eu kīpuka 'ili  
Nā āiwaiwa 'o Europa, lā  
No Waimea e ka 'eu  
I ka ua Kīpu'upu'u  
I kahua Waiomina

Famous are 'Ikuwā and Ka'au'a  
Both mischievous with the lariat  
Both experts in Europe  
Waimea full of gusto  
The hard rain named Kīpu'upu'u  
To the stadium of Wyoming

'Olua nā moho puni o ke ao, lā  
Nā 'eu kīpuka 'ili  
'A'ohe kupu'eu nāna e 'a'e, lā  
No Waimea e ka 'eu  
I ka ua Kīpu'upu'u  
Me ke anu a'o Kaleponi

Both are delegates to the  
world championship  
Both mischievous with the lariat  
No expert to excel you  
Waimea full of gusto  
The hard rain named Kīpu'upu'u  
To the cold of California

Na ke kelekalapa i ha'i mai, lā  
Nā 'eu kīpuka 'ili  
'Ikuwā e ka moho puni o ke ao, lā  
No Waimea e ka 'eu  
I ka ua Kīpu'upu'u  
Nā kuahiwi 'ekolu

A telegraph brought us the word  
Of your mischievous lariats  
'Ikuwā is the champion of the world  
Waimea full of gusto  
The hard rain named Kīpu'upu'u  
And the three mountains

Piha hau'oli ou mau kini, lā  
Nā 'eu kīpuka 'ili  
Kaulana e ka ua Kīpu'upu'u, lā  
No Waimea e ka 'eu  
Nā kuahiwi 'ekolu  
I kahua Waiomina

Your people are full of happiness  
Of your mischievous lariats  
Famous is the Kīpu'upu'u rain  
Waimea full of gusto  
The three mountains  
The stadium of Wyoming

Ha'ina 'ia mai ana ka puana, lā  
Nā 'eu kīpuka 'ili  
Ke kaula 'ili a'o kani ka uwepa, lā  
No Waimea e ka 'eu  
Nā kuahiwi 'ekolu  
No Waimea e ka 'eu

Tell the refrain  
Of your mischievous lariats  
The sound of the lariats  
Waimea full of gusto  
The three mountains  
Waimea full of life



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**Akai** — (Descendants of Ching Sen/Kamakehama Awa) Our family comes from the lines of the following: 1) William P.M. Akai/Kealoha Kalaluhi — Abraham Akai/Alice Ahina, Eunice Akai/Solomon Kuahine, Elizabeth Akai/Mack Kalahiki, Theodore Akai/Mary Keawe; 2) William P.M. Akai/Lydia Awa — John Akai/Rose Iokia, Aipitai Akai/Margaret Arthur, Lydia Akai/Andrew Ako, Alexander Akai/Mary Ako, Caroline Akai/Samuel Kaleleiki, David Akai, William Akai, Barbara Chock; 3) Pekina Akeni/Goo Kim Seu — Ah Sing KimSeu/Hattie Kauwe, Arthur KimSeu/Martha Coelho, Amoe KimSeu/Robert Naole, Allen KimSeu/Alice Nahakuelua, Ernest AkimSeu/Mary Kahookano, Abby Goo/Daniel Bush and Ernest Chang, Mabel KimSeu; 4) Aipitai Akeni/Kahana Maluwaikoo — Annie Apikai/Solomon Kuahine, John Aipitai/Adeline Young. We are having a family reunion at Wai'anae Rest Camp April 11-13, 2008. We need a head count by March 8 so we know how much food to prepare for Saturday, April 12. Lunch will be served at noon. Contact people are: Joyce Sene at 247-7910, Solomon Kuahine at 382-9525 or 455-8102. The next meeting is planned for Saturday, March 8 at 10:30 a.m. in Pearl City, 167 Ho'omalulu St.

**Ha'o/Miner** — We are planning our sixth family reunion for the direct descendants of Rachel 'O Ka Malu Ha'o and George Nelson Paeopua Miner of Hale'iwa. Our families come from Margaret and John Miner, Hannah and Charlie, Cecilia and Charles Spillner, Ruth and George Miner, Annie and Lawrence Ferguson, Rose and James Lodl, Virginia Snyder Baker, Evelyn and James Miner, Agnes Kelly Tomamao, and Rachel and Joseph Machado. This potluck styled picnic is scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 2008, at Ali'i Beach Park in Hale'iwa (near the Lifeguard stand). For more information, please call Judy Miram (daughter of George) on O'ahu at 621-5610 or Joanne Frey (daughter of Rachel) at 342-4346.

**Hewahewa** — The committee organizers are notifying all families that the Hewahewa reunion for 2008 will take place in October. They are looking for volunteers for various committees. For a schedule of future meetings, visit <http://hewahewa.reunion2008.googlepages.com>, or call Na'mi Kama at 927-6764 (cell). Reunion correspondence may be sent by email to: [hewahewa.reunion2008@gmail.com](mailto:hewahewa.reunion2008@gmail.com), or by mail to: Hewahewa Reunion 2008, P.O. Box 72, Waimānalo, HI 96795.

**Hookano** — The heirs of Louisa and Iokewe Hookano are: Mary (Beck), Rebecca (Awa), Lucy Kanani (Dias), William, Charles, Hattie (Pahia), Hannah (Newalu), Willie, Henry, and Lui. The fourth annual Hookano family reunion is set for Saturday, April 19, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Laenani Beach Park (near St. John's Bay

on the Sea Church in Kāhala'u, O'ahu). All family are welcomed. Carpooling is highly encouraged, parking is limited. For more information, please call Lyanne (Naipo) Binkauski at 271-0726 or Matilda Emalia (Hookano) Naipo at 247-4443.

**Ka'auhaukane** — Our fourth annual family reunion and potluck is scheduled for Sunday, May 4, 2008, at Bellows Air Force Base, picnic area/Pavilion B, Waimānalo, O'ahu, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit, talk story and enjoy being with family! We need a list of those attending and the license plates of their cars to ensure that you can enter the military base. Ana Lumaukahili'owahinekapu Ka'auhaukane was the daughter of Kamokulehu'opanaewa Ka'auhaukane (k) and Pailaka Hoohua (w). She was born on March 3, 1845, in Ka'auhuhu, North Kohala, Hawai'i Island. Her sister was Kealohapuaole Kalauhi Ka'auhaukane. Ana married Joseph Kaimakini Kanoholani and Jon Von Iseke. Her three Kanoholani children were: Joseph Kaiamakini Kanoholani, Makini Kanoholani and Mary Kaiamakini. Her 13 Iseke children were: Maria Iseke, Elizabeth Kapuaakuni-McKee, Theresa Kapiko-Quinn, John Isaacs, Joseph Iseke, Antone Iseke, Henry Iseke, Louis Iseke, Joseph Iseke, Frank Iseke, Charles Iseke and Katherine Sing. The 'ohana would like to update all genealogy information, records of birth, marriage and death, photos and contact information. For more information, call one of our O'ahu contacts: Conkling McKee Jr. at 734-6002; Colleen (McKee) Tam Loo at 398-1600; Peter (Kapiko and Quinn) Machado at 689-0190; Jackie Kapiko at 235-8261; "Boss" (Iseke) Strula at 664-9795; Louie (Isaacs) Peterson at 216-9331; Pauahi (Kapuaakuni and McKee) Kazunaga at 842-7021. We are also planning the fifth family lū'au and reunion for 2009. We welcome your help with open arms. To participate in monthly 'ohana reunion meetings, call Pualani (McKee) Orton at 235-2226 or Ronnie McKee at 263-0681.

**Beniamina Kahakaniaupo'o/Pelio Pahau** — Beniamina was married to Pelio, also known as Kalapeliounua. Their son Beni Kealanuionaahienaena was married to: Lilly Naihau (first wife), Luka Kanekoa (second), Elizabeth Akana (third) and Mary Kaopuiki (fourth). Pelio's father is Pahau from Puna line and Beniamina is from Hāmākua/Ho'okena. Beniamina also went by the names of Daniel and Benjamine. If you have information to add to our genealogy, please contact M. Kahulu Amina in Waimea at 808-895-0930 (work), Nani at 808-885-6465, or Doreen Ako on O'ahu at 744-7196. Our family is planning a potluck weekend in Waimea, Hawai'i Island, sometime soon and would love to have all our 'ohana join in and share the 'ohana love with our genealogy.

**Kahoololemana** — I am seeking information

on Luka Kahoololemana and her children, who were born in the years 1893 through possibly 1920. Family surnames include Kahoololeka, Koa, Makekau, Saffrey, Machado, Brown, Paahana, Kaumaoha and Kaanaana. Luka Kahoololemana is my great-grandmother. She was born around 1878 and had at least one sister. Any information regarding these children or families will be greatly appreciated. Contact Helen by email at pangus01@yahoo.com or call 808-249-0087.

**Kamana/Kapele** — The descendants of Lily Kelihihuli (Kamana) Kelihihoomalu, Frank Kau Kapele, Elizabeth Mae Lahapa (Kamana) Kelihihoomalu, Maggie Keola (Kamana) Kuikahi, Obed Kamana, and Sarah Kahaleaulani (Kamana) Ke, are planning a family reunion for Aug. 30 and 31, 2008, in Pāhala, on the island of Hawai'i, at Pāhala Community Center. For more information, please contact one of the following 'ohana: Mabel Wilson at 982-7645, Paulette Ke at 217-5654, Harry Kuikahi at 329-0611, Keamalu Waltjen at 928-8028 or Bernie McKeague at 933-1495.

**Kauaia** — Our Maui 'ohana will host the Kauaia Family Reunion July 12-13, 2008, at Mayor Hannibal Tavares Community Center in Pukalani, where activities for all ages, entertainment, genealogy, lū'au, family photo, and more will be available. Committee members meet regularly to discuss and plan this fun and memorable event. The next meetings are scheduled for 10 a.m. Sunday on March 9 and 30, April 13 and 27, and May 4 and 18 at Kepaniwai Park in 'Iao Valley. We welcome you to join a committee. It's potluck style so bring your favorite potluck dish and be ready to share food, ideas and helping hands. We welcome silent auction donations, door prizes and food donations to add to the success of the reunion. You may call our hotline number at 268-3454 to leave messages and ask questions. Or visit our website at [www.kauaiafamily.com](http://www.kauaiafamily.com) for updates, T-shirt order forms, registration forms, etc.

**McCorriston** — The descendants of Daniel and Hugh McCorriston are hosting a family reunion on O'ahu during the weekend of July 4-6, 2008. For more information, please contact one of the following on O'ahu: Katie Roberts at 239-9420, Anna Kaanga at 255-8996, Dan McCorriston at 206-3975, and Kathy Morton at 263-6406. On Hawai'i Island contact Lorraine Olsen-Chong at 808-936-0670, and on Moloka'i contact Jackie Uahinui at 808-558-8285.

**Makuaole** — A reunion is being planned for July 11-13, 2008, in honor of those who came before us. We would like to reunite with the present 'ohana of Opuweuweu Makuaole and Kainuki Hina. Descendants include their children: Mary Makuaole, Hapaikamalii Makuaole, Rebecca Makuaole, Kamekona Makuaole, Kamuela Makuaole and Mele Makuaole. The reunion will be in Waimea, Kaua'i,

at Lucy Wright Park. We are seeking all family descendants. Please contact us via e-mail, [makuaoleohana@yahoo.com](mailto:makuaoleohana@yahoo.com) or mail your contact information (name, mailing address, e-mail address and phone numbers) to: Dominic Acain at POB 924, Kekaha, HI 96752 or call 808-346-2196.

**Nakoa** — The descendants of Kalawaiianui will host its very first family reunion Aug. 1-3, 2008, at Hale Nanea Hall in Kahului. The children are: Samuel Paakaula, Joseph Kahiki, James Kaula, Rebecca Peke, David Kalawaiianui, Susan Kumaia, and Joseph Napuunoo Nakoa. Deadline to register is March 31. For more information, contact co-chairs on Maui: Winifred (Nakoa) Cockett at 808-244-5678 or Mary Ann (Nakoa) Barros at 808-573-9339. For a registration packet, please contact any of the co-chairs above or e-mail: [kalawaiianuinakoa@gmail.com](mailto:kalawaiianuinakoa@gmail.com).

**Paoule** — My father is Albert Mahi Paoule, his father is Mitchell Kameaike Paoule, married to Gertrude Harvey; and his father is John Papoko Paoule, married to Pahuone and a second marriage to Kalua Kukahiko Nakaula. The Paoule reunion will have a "kick" off meeting to organize this long-awaited reunion. The reunion is planned for June 27, 2009, on O'ahu. The location and time will be provided at a later time. Please contact Althea "KuiLan" Paoule Watanabe on O'ahu at 668-2548 for more information on a meeting on March 29, 2008.

**Schubert** — I am trying to find any information on Wenzel (Paul) Schubert, whose brother was my grandfather Jules Schubert. Wenzel came to Hawai'i, the island of Kaua'i in the 1890s from the former country of Bohemia (Austria/Germany) as a shoemaker and became a saddle maker. Any knowledge of his marriage, death or family would be greatly appreciated. Contact J.W. "Kimo" Wilson at P.O. Box 1971, Kealakekua, HI 96750 or at 808-323-2305.

**Victor/Akoi** — The fifth 'ohana reunion of the descendants of Kamukai Victor and Amelia Akoi will be held Aug. 15-17, 2008, on O'ahu. All family are warmly encouraged and welcomed, "E Komo Mai!" The reunion steering committee is planning an exciting weekend of sharing, aloha, genealogy, historical field trips, Kau Inoa registration, health screening and more. We'll have a hō'ea/wala'au dinner Friday night, our lū'au hanohano Saturday night and an aloha breakfast Sunday morning. Details are still being finalized and logistical information will be announced soon. Registration forms will be mailed out shortly and will also be available on our 'ohana website, [www.victor-ohana.org](http://www.victor-ohana.org). For more information, contact: Chairperson Dwight Victor, 808-688-2349 or [dwright@victor-ohana.org](mailto:dwright@victor-ohana.org), or Pa'ina Committee Co-chairs Joe and Nickie Hines, 808-259-8406 or [joe@victor-ohana.org](mailto:joe@victor-ohana.org).

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