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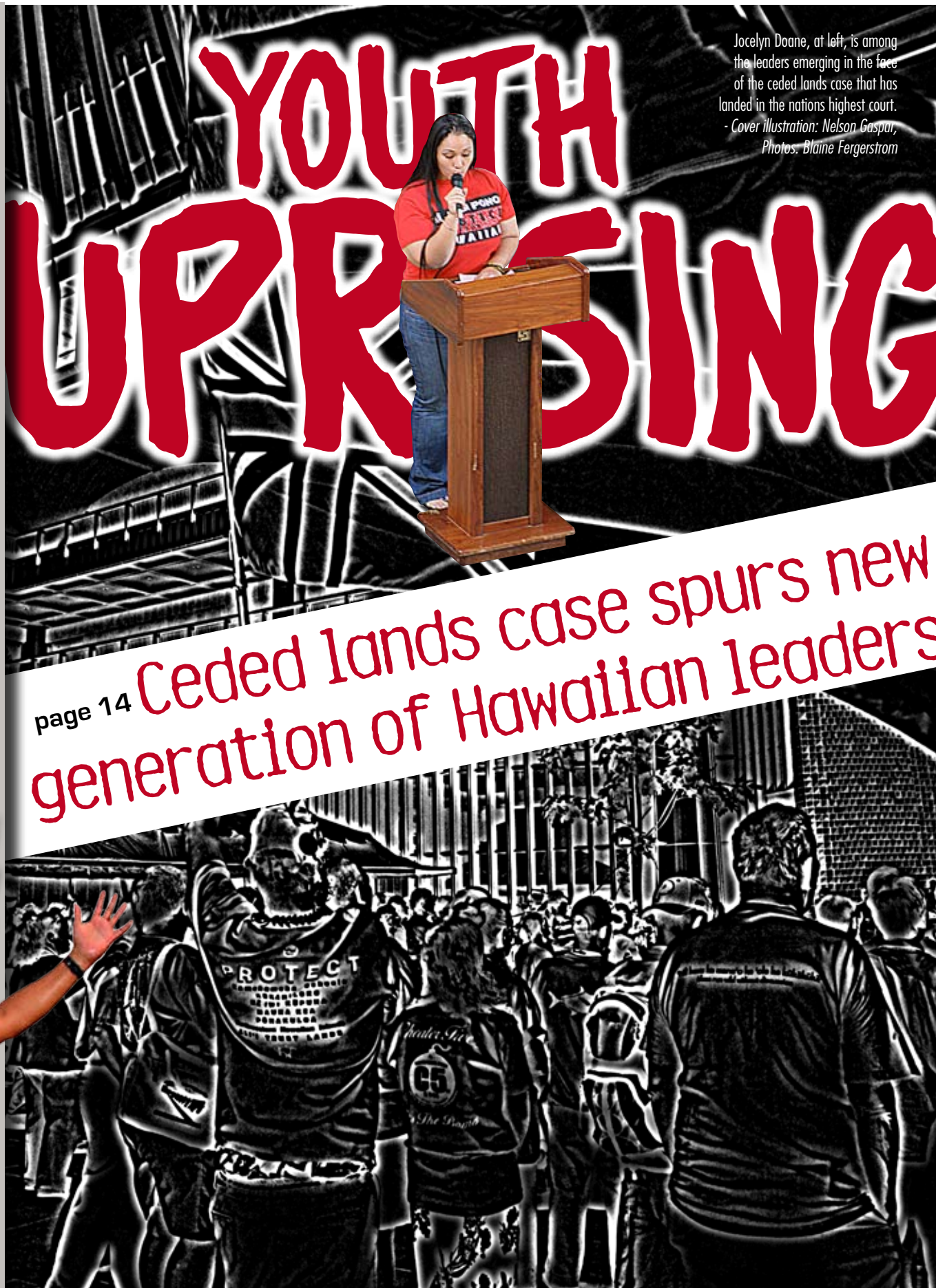
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Unite to move forward

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On behalf of the OHA Board of Trustees and our staff from Hawai'i to Washington, D.C., I am pleased to welcome all of you once again to the State of OHA and the Native Hawaiian community. This 2008 address to the community marks the sixth year of our annual State of OHA gathering. I thank you for your presence today, here at Central Union Church and across this brilliant world.

Let me start with the difficult news. The year 2008 was a challenging one at OHA. I would like to talk about three streets: South Beretania Street, Wall Street and the "dark" street.

On South Beretania Street, the ceded lands revenue settlement worked on for nearly four years was not approved by the Hawai'i State Senate in 2008. The cash and land payment was put off and the Legislature adjourned leaving resolution of the payment for "disputed" income and proceeds from the Public Land Trust for the 2009 Legislative Session. We are hopeful.

On Wall Street, OHA suffered as well from a decrease this past year in OHA's investment portfolio of \$120 million due mostly to the decline in the value of investments worldwide as financial markets collapsed and investors attempted to adjust. This economic downturn, local and worldwide, has and is still affecting all personal and institutional investment portfolios. The Hawai'i Employees' Retirement System, Kamehameha Schools investments, and Union portfolios have been impacted as well as all business segments that affect our livelihood here in Hawai'i.

On the "dark" street, 2008 marked the year when "dirty politics" as played out in other

'NO ONE WILL DO IT FOR US'

Apoliona says challenges surmountable through unification



OHA Chair Haunani Apoliona delivers her state of OHA address. - Photo: Blaine Fergerson

local, state and federal elections – sadly emerged and sought allies in OHA's election. In media, print and on Internet platforms, there were untruthful attacks targeting OHA as an organization, launched by misinformed but opportunistic individuals.

There were personal attacks targeted at individual OHA employees and Trustees, which were equally untrue. By our Hawaiian cultural standards, we would measure such actions as distasteful and offensive.

In affirming that OHA is conducting its business lawfully and with documented accountability for its actions, we want to draw your attention to OHA's web site (www.oha.org) and a sidebar entitled "Setting the Record Straight."

Irresponsible statements are disarmed by facts, and liars are disabled by truth. OHA's web site provides you substantive informa-

tion and a matrix that will enable you to sort out fact from fiction in a timely manner.

Even with these unfortunate events and despite the critics and difficult times, we have much to celebrate, as we work hard to improve upon our efforts so that progress continues.

The community affirmed OHA's recognizable progress through the strong vote of confidence the Hawai'i electorate provided to incumbent Trustee candidates on November 4.

The voice of the electorate acknowledged OHA Trustees for their work in making prudent, sometimes bold, many times difficult, decisions that, over the long term, will prove substantive and long-lasting in terms of stabilizing the future for Native Hawaiians within the context of Hawai'i's multicultural environment.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Here are some of OHA's key accomplishments in 2008:

OHA advocated and secured passage of a property tax exemption for kuleana landholders on O'ahu, Hawai'i Island and Kaua'i, and will continue to work on an exemption for Maui kuleana landholders.

OHA's Board approved an unprecedented 30-year, \$3 million annual grant to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to trigger a \$100 million bond for homestead development and improvements across the State of Hawai'i, which will result in placing thousands more native Hawaiians in homes on Hawaiian land.

OHA took an active role with the Papahānaumokuākea Monument in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. As a member of the Monument Management Board, through our staff, OHA helped to draft the management plan and application to have Papahānaumokuākea named to the United Nations' World Heritage List.

OHA, through two of its LLCs, Hi'ilei and Hi'ipaka, assumed day-to-day management of Waimea Valley in February. We held a grand opening for state legislators and the public in August, and restored the Hale O Lono heiau at the Valley entrance, which had been inactive and in disrepair for many years. Recent rains and flooding have impacted Waimea, and repairs and restoration are underway.

OHA, working with Native Hawaiians, achieved phenomenal success with our restructured Mālama Loan program in partnership with the federal government and First Hawaiian Bank, approving more than 500 loans and injecting more than \$11 million into Hawai'i's economic engine. Applying the "multiplier effect," economists say this amounts to approximately \$21 million of economic activity infused into the Hawai'i economy.

OHA recently received approval from the Defense Logistics Agency of the federal Department of Defense to establish Hawai'i's first



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“PTAC,” Procurement Technical Assistance Center. OHA’s partners include the University of Hawai‘i College of Business and the William S. Richardson School of Law. OHA’s PTAC staff will provide procurement technical assistance to help small businesses get contracts to sell their goods and services to the federal, state and county governments.

In Community Investment, most significantly, OHA distributed more than \$18 million in grants to the Hawaiian community, the largest amount ever disbursed in 30 years of OHA’s history.

Financial assistance included:

- \$2.3 million for the homeless;
- \$10.2 million for education;
- \$626,000 for health;
- \$1.1 million for economic development;
- \$800,000 for housing;
- \$1.6 million for the protection of native rights and culture; and much more.

The details are provided in OHA’s Grants Report being released today.

NEW HORIZONS

In terms of the near future:

- Our economic development department is continuing to explore the shipping of liquefied natural gas from Alaska to Hawai‘i for low-cost, environmentally sound alternatives to Hawai‘i’s dependence on oil.

- We are embarking on a strategic planning process to address the next decade, which will invite community input and help to set OHA’s priorities for the coming years.

- As a first step toward resolving long-standing differences with the military involving responsible stewardship and expectations of responsible stewards on Hawaiian lands, OHA is positioned for greater access to military sites and a firsthand look at important cultural resources that would not otherwise be accessible to the general public, to monitor and intervene, when necessary, for protection of traditional and cultural sites by agreed conditions in the recent settlement of OHA v. Gates.

As we look toward the horizon before us, what should OHA and the Hawaiian community be envisioning and doing for the long term?

The results of the Presidential and Congressional elections open a

window of opportunity for Native Hawaiian initiatives and Hawai‘i initiatives.

Based on previous expressed support for the Akaka Bill by President-elect Obama, a smoother and timely passage and enactment of the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act is anticipated.

No more waiting time to ensure that Native Hawaiians have similar recognition and legal protection as the other two indigenous groups in the U.S., American Indians and Alaska Natives.

We often hear proclamations from community, political and business leaders that Hawai‘i has so much to offer the world – our aloha spirit, our island values, our appreciation of multiple cultures, and lessons from our collective ancestors.

A Divine Hand, and our ancestors, indeed have guided this moment for Hawai‘i and the Spirit of Hawai‘i to be one with the 44th President of the United States born and raised in these Islands.

With equal anticipation all of Hawai‘i awaits impending Sainthood to be declared for Father Damien and Mother Marianne Cope – humble, compassionate servants for the many who strug-

gled to survive with dignity on the rugged and remote Kalawao peninsula on the island of Moloka‘i.

Both Father Damien and Mother Marianne led others in commitment and service in caring for the “shunned,” those claimed by Hansen’s Disease, and now rise as two Saints destined for worldwide recognition, one with the Spirit of Hawai‘i.

This humanity affirms what is very special about Hawai‘i and our island home.

Consider further and particularly that Hawai‘i and its “specialness” is rooted in Hawaiian tradition and values, culture and history millennia-old; and imagine what we, together, in collective effort, can accomplish.

In Washington, D.C., the statue of Kamehameha, once in a dark corner of Statuary Hall in the Rotunda of the Capitol, now stands prominently under a skylight open to the heavens in Emancipation Hall in the new Capitol Visitors Center that opened to the public just three days ago on December 2.

In 2003, the Hawaiian Benevolent Societies (the ‘Ahahui), the Hawai‘i Congressional delegation, the Ke Ali‘i Maka‘āinana Hawaiian Civic Club and OHA served as catalysts urging that this statue be relocated to a more

appropriate venue.

Beginning in 2003, a collective effort began and the partnership with the Washington, D.C., Capitol Architect culminated this September in relocating Kamehameha to where he now stands – beneath the heavens in a place of honor, lighting the way for Hawai‘i and Hawaiian culture.

Then we have the Hawai‘i Commemorative Quarter, the Kamehameha Coin, part of the collection of coins memorializing each of the 50 states.

Kamehameha’s arms are outstretched to all the islands with the meaningful message, Ua mau ke ea o ka ‘āina i ka pono (The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness). This coin is now established and circulating around the United States and the world with this message of pono.

The Commemorative Quarter is a powerful voice for Native Hawaiians and all of Hawai‘i as it further focuses on Kamehameha, an indigenous, native leader, and bears witness to his leadership and unification in 1810 of these islands into one governance that survived for nearly 85 years.

Although Queen Lili‘uokalani’s government ended in 1893 and Hawai‘i was annexed in 1898, history notes that throughout the



OHA trustees, staff, and community members packed Central Union Church for the 2008 Investiture and State of OHA address. - Photo: Blaine Fergerstrom

1900s, there were many efforts by other Native Hawaiian leaders to improve and stabilize the social economic, political and cultural condition of Native Hawaiians.

These efforts included establishment of the Ali'i Trusts, the Hawaiian Civic Club movement, the 'Ahahui (Hawaiian Benevolent Societies), the Hawaiian Homes Commission, OHA, organizations of the Hawaiian Service Institutions and Agencies, other Hawaiian councils and associations, federal programs, and the 1993 Apology Bill – to mention only a few.

Today, in our lifetime, Hawaiian governance guided by Native Hawaiian leadership is at the threshold, poised to re-emerge, poised to reorganize with passage of the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act (the Akaka Bill) as an option.

Reconciliation with Native Hawaiians by the United States, as called for by the 1993 Apology Bill, continues to evolve along its grueling but progressive path, supported by this Public Law acknowledgement that the indigenous Hawaiian people never relinquished their claims to their national lands – the lands that we today call the ceded lands.

'BRINK OF BATTLE'

In the same moment, Native Hawaiians have been edged to the brink of battle in the United States Supreme Court that could "vacate" the unanimous decision by the Hawai'i State Supreme Court which orders an injunction against the plaintiffs – the State – from "selling or otherwise transferring to third parties (1) the Leialī parcel and 2) any other ceded lands from the public lands trust until the claims of the Native Hawaiians to the ceded lands have been resolved."

In two years, we will mark 200 years since Kamehameha's bold unification and formation of Hawaiian governance.

Will we mark 2010 with decisive progress in Hawaiian governance and management over Hawaiian assets? Or will we be "stuck" in self-service, dissention and unrealistic expectation as the seas of political and economic reality swirl

in an undertow around us?

Will the U.S. Supreme Court have provided cover for the State to diminish these land assets – Hawaiian national lands – before reconciliation is done? Will our indecisiveness and division among Native Hawaiians make us fail? And if we fail, what do we tell our children?

UNITY, FOCUS AND DISCIPLINE

It is time for unified effort, for Native Hawaiians to write history for the next 200 years with even greater success and achievement by bringing the best of our culture and its values into the present – use our deep values of aloha and lōkahi to create a dignified future while respecting our unique multicultural, diverse community.

The bottom line is this: if we want a transformation in self-determination and self-governance, Native Hawaiians must be the ones to make it happen and then lead it. No one will do it for us.

In the process, we can expect to be attacked by well-organized, big money entities. They are already mobilizing against indigenous people and minorities across the continent.

Our best defense is to be a unified, informed community that works from facts and not falsehoods. The truth of our history and who we are as a people will prevail if we are pono in all we do.

Let us memorialize the milestone of Kamehameha's leadership 200 years ago as we lay the groundwork for the next 200 years of inspirational Hawaiian leadership.

Let us find and encourage Hawaiian leaders who are informed, compassionate, humble, hardworking, courageous and ethical, committed to service, not self-service.

Let us move forward – unified, focused and disciplined – guided by Hawaiian values, spirituality and lōkahi to strengthen Native Hawaiians and through that effort, all of Hawai'i nei.

Imua e nā pōki'i a inu i ka wai 'awa'awa 'a'ohē hope e ho'i mai ai.

Pūpūkahi i holomua.

Mahalo and aloha. 🌺

A call for unity

Speech hits the right tone amid challenging times, attendees say

By Liza Simon
Public Affairs Specialist

A call for Native Hawaiian unity was the central message in the sixth State of OHA address at Central Union Church, where many agreed that existing ideological rifts should be mended in order to achieve progress in the Hawaiian community.

Many said that the speech by Office of Hawaiian Affairs Chairperson Haunani Apoliona struck an inspirational note in calling for more collaborative action by Native Hawaiian groups – particularly in light of recent court challenges that have the potential to diminish Native Hawaiian rights.

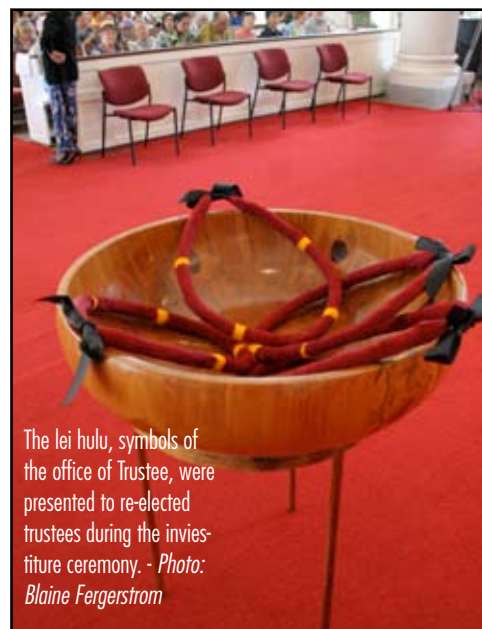
Especially pleasing to many was Apoliona's emphasis on the outcome of the November election, which thrust into the presidency Hawai'i-born Barack Obama, who has voiced his support for federal recognition of Native Hawaiians.

After the address, Maenette Benham, the new dean of University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's Hawai'iinuīākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge, said she appreciated the Chair's mention of the impending Supreme Court review over ceded lands claims. "The Department for Hawaiian Studies has been doing quite a bit of work around the ceded lands issue, so any effort to educate people about this encourages us to continue our work in this area," said Benham.

Former Hawaiian newspaper editor Jackie Burke said that while she opposes OHA's support of the Akaka Bill for "not adequately including peripheral voices in the sovereignty movement," she agreed that the time has come to find consensus on native rights. "I liked what was said today about the need for more Native Hawaiian community structure and the

importance it has in defending ceded lands," said Burke.

Elected officials also attended the ceremony, including Kaua'i's new Mayor Bernard Carvalho, who said Apoliona's address mirrored much of the media attention Hawai'i has received lately as the birthplace of the president-elect. "The speech captured the movement and energy of strong leader-



The lei hulu, symbols of the office of Trustee, were presented to re-elected trustees during the investiture ceremony. - Photo: Blaine Fergstrom

ship emerging from Hawai'i and the inspirational effect this can have nationwide," said Carvalho, who was also noted the Chair's reference to OHA's pledge of financial support to the state Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. "Affordable housing is such an issue for us on Kaua'i and any new partnership like this truly supports the people," he said.

For UH President David McClain, Apoliona's speech offered a sense of hope amid challenging times. "We can only accomplish our mission of pushing the frontiers of knowledge for Hawai'i's people if Native Hawaiian values animate our actions," said McClain. "Thanks to the good economy in previous years, we have been able to double the amount of scholarship money available for Native Hawaiians.

We have come a ways, but as (the OHA Chair) said, we need to continue along this path and do more."

During her speech, Apoliona highlighted some of OHA's major accomplishments in 2008:

- OHA successfully advocated for the passage of a property tax exemption for kuleana landholders on O'ahu, Hawai'i Island and Kaua'i, and will continue to do the same on behalf of Maui kuleana landholders.

- OHA's Board approved an "unprecedented" annual grant to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to support homestead development and improvements.

- OHA helped to draft the management plan for Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument.

OHA collaborated with the federal government and First Hawaiian Bank to successfully restructure the Mālama Loan program to benefit Native Hawaiians.

- OHA partnered with UH in receiving approval from Department of Defense to create Hawai'i's first PTAC, or Procurement Technical Assistance Center, which helps small businesses obtain contracts

at all levels of government.

Apoliona said the major challenges for OHA and all Native Hawaiians include the collapse of worldwide financial markets, which led to a marked decrease this year in the value of the OHA investment portfolio. She listed deceptive media attacks on OHA trustees and administration and the Legislature's failure to pass a proposed ceded lands revenue settlement as being among the major difficulties that continue to confront the agency's mission.

Despite the obstacles, however, Apoliona told the audience that a window of opportunity has opened for Native Hawaiians. She said, "If we want a transformation in self-determination and self-governance, Native Hawaiians must be the ones to make it happen and then lead it. No one will do it for us." 🌺



Antoinette Kawewehi, at the selection lottery for DHHL's new East Kapolei I development. Standing with her is her brother, Harry Lovell, who is a homesteader at Papakōlea, O'ahu. - Photo: Courtesy DHHL

HOAP, Undivided Interest get more Hawaiians into homes

By T. Ilihia Gionson
Publications Editor

On Dec. 13, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands took the historic step of offering the first 111 homes to homesteaders holding Undivided Interest leases in a 403-unit master-planned community in Kapolei, O'ahu.

The Undivided Interest Awards program – which is seeing its first beneficiaries select their lots – allows native Hawaiians to lease an interest in a larger piece of DHHL property that has not yet been developed. When the property is developed at a later date – in this case two years after the leases are awarded – lessees then make their lot selection.

The program gives beneficiaries, who

may not qualify for a mortgage, the extra time to improve their financial standing to secure a homestead lease.

Some of the families that selected homes on Dec. 13 could not qualify for an adequate loan two years ago, but the families improved their credit, built savings, paid down debt and improved earning capacity through DHHL's Home Ownership Assistance Program, or HOAP, funded in part by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. About 3,000 beneficiaries have participated in the program so far.

Qualifying for a mortgage has been a major roadblock for potential homesteaders in the past because an applicant needed to get a mortgage before they could accept a homestead lease.

"The Undivided Interest lease and the HOAP program is about giving everyone a chance to succeed," said Hawaiian Homes Commission Chairman Micah Kāne. "People who have been on the list for a long time have had at least five chances, sometimes 10 chances at a homestead lease, but were not able to be accepted because their financial situation acted as a roadblock in qualifying for a mortgage. These are the tools to removing those roadblocks and people need to use them."

Antoinette Kawewehi, a proud new home-

steader in East Kapolei I, has been on the Hawaiian Homes waiting list since 1987. Financial problems had prevented her from making a down payment on a home. "They didn't want an arm or a leg. They wanted a whole body," Kawewehi said. "The HOAP program helped me because my credit was really shot. I was able to clean it up."

Kawewehi selected a lot and a home model on Dec. 13. Construction is slated to begin in January, and her home should be completed sometime in 2009.

In October 2006, 350 leases were awarded as Undivided Interest Awards in the 403-unit East Kapolei I subdivision. In addition to the 111 completed homes offered, 10 vacant lots were also offered for those who were interested in building their own homes and had pre-qualified for financing.

"Two years ago we awarded these homestead leases with the promise to build homes here," said Kāne. "We also asked the people who took these leases to take this time to prepare to qualify for a mortgage. We have fulfilled our promise and many who took the Undivided Interest lease have fulfilled their promise to get ready. Today, they are selecting their future home, and that's exciting."

Kāne said the department looks forward to "replaying this success" on Kaua'i, Maui and Hawai'i Island. 🌺

CRC offices: OHA's front line in the Hawaiian community

By T. Ilihia Gionson
Publications Editor

Community Resource Coordinators, or CRCs, are the face of OHA in communities across Hawai'i. And the six CRC offices across Hawai'i are assets in the communities they serve, places that beneficiaries can go to access the many services that OHA offers, and sources for more information about services and programs available from other agencies.

Beneficiaries can visit the local CRC office to register for OHA's Hawaiian Registry or Kau Inoa, make payments for an OHA loan, pick up the latest issue of *Ka Wai Ola*, or just to talk story.

On Maui, CRC Thelma

Shimooka and clerk Roy Newton are happy to help beneficiaries. Lynn Paranada, who lives in Wasilla, Alaska, brought two of her keiki, Ke'ilani Moana and Koa, in to the Maui CRC office to renew their Hawaiian Registry cards. Paranada's sister also came to register herself and her newborn grandchild, who at just a little more than 1 month old wasn't brought along but was represented with a photo and a birth certificate.

"I registered several infants before, but this might be the youngest," said Newton, between taking the family's photos for the registry cards and sharing OHA scholarship information with Paranada. Newton referred her to Hawai'i Community Foundation's web site, hcf.org. "They offer scholarship applications



Inset: Visiting from Wasilla, Alaska, siblings Koa and Ke'ilani Moana Paranada, renewed their Hawaiian Registry cards on a recent visit to the Maui CRC office, headed by Thelma Shimooka and Roy Newton. - Photo: Blaine Fergerstrom

from January to March," he said. "HCF also offers other scholarships so it will be good to look at all they have to offer."

With Kau Inoa registry applications in hand, Paranada said: "I am going to fill this out because I'm a very proud Hawaiian. I want to get into everything I can. We need to

get our Hawaiian nation growing."

Kaliko Santos is the CRC on Kaua'i. She finds helping beneficiaries to be the most rewarding part of her job. "The front line is where I live, and it's where I work. I think the CRCs have the best jobs in OHA," Santos said.

Beneficiaries will come in

because "they heard something about OHA or something about Hawaiian issues and want to check it out with a real person. We will go and find the answers if we don't know so we all learn together," Santos said.

Many beneficiaries stop by the local CRC office with no particular business in mind, just to talk story with the friendly CRCs and clerks.

"Many of our beneficiaries just want to vent their frustrations with a particular community or personal situation, and we're here to listen and explore solutions. They feel we are a good sounding board," Santos said.

"The most fulfilling part of the job for me is seeing beneficiaries leave our office happy with their concerns taken care of," said Gladys Brigham, clerk of the East Hawai'i CRC office. "Many of them visit often to take advantage of the programs we have available to help."

For contact information for the CRC office near you, see page 25.

Lisa Asato contributed to this report. 🌺

The Trust for Public Land expands Native Lands Program

By Kāwika Burgess
Special to *Ka Wai Oia*

The Trust for Public Land (TPL) recently expanded its Native Lands Program in Hawai'i through a grant provided by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and matching funding provided by the James and Abigail Campbell Family Foundation, the Sidney E. Frank Foundation, and a member of TPL's Hawaiian Islands Advisory Council. With this support, TPL was able to hire a full-time Native Lands Program Coordinator to protect lands important to Hawaiian communities.

TPL's Hawaiian Islands Program had previously developed a strategic plan in 2007. One of the goals of this strategic plan was to expand its Native Lands Program in Hawai'i in order to recognize the inherent connection

between people and the land in Hawai'i. TPL's Native Lands Program works, at the request of Hawaiian organizations and communities, to preserve and promote the land-based culture of Hawai'i's native people. By protecting sites of traditional value, ensuring access to the land, and often placing property directly under native stewardship, TPL helps native communities preserve their spiritual, cultural and traditional economic relationship to the land.

TPL's Tribal and Native Lands Program was established in 1999 to expand partnerships with tribes and native peoples. Working with private landowners, communities, government agencies and native organizations, TPL has helped protect more than 2 million acres nationwide, including 190,000 acres of native and tribal lands working with over 55

tribes and native organizations. In Hawai'i, TPL has protected more than 36,000 acres. In 2006, TPL worked with OHA and other community partners to protect Wao Kele o Puna on Hawai'i Island and Waimea Valley on O'ahu.

TPL's Hawaiian Islands Program focuses on three areas: shoreline preservation, places of cultural significance, and agricultural lands. On O'ahu, TPL is working to protect 2,100 acres of prime agriculture land owned by the Galbraith Estate, which surrounds Kūkaniloko (the birthing stones), one of the island's most important cultural sites. Other projects include protecting the 3,500-acre Honouliuli Preserve along the Wai'anae mountain range, and assisting the nonprofit organic MA'O Farms in acquiring an 11-acre farm in Wai'anae.

On the island of Hawai'i, TPL is

working with the county to acquire 550 acres of undeveloped coastline at Kāwā in Ka'u, including many important cultural sites and nesting areas for the critically endangered Hawaiian Hawksbill Turtle. Also on Hawai'i Island, TPL is working with the state Parks Division and local Hawaiian organizations to protect a 17-acre shoreline parcel that sits in the middle of the Lapakahi State Historical Park, and has numerous cultural and historical sites including ko'a shrines, house and canoe hālau foundations, and segments of the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail.

The Trust For Public Land is a national nonprofit land-conservation organization founded in 1972 to conserve land for people. In Hawai'i, TPL works side by side with land trusts, community groups and public agencies to protect lands important to the people of Hawai'i.

Kāwika Burgess is TPL's Native Lands Program Coordinator. For more information, contact him at 524-8562.

Kau Inoa
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99,401

Still not registered?

Look out for the Kau Inoa registration team in your neighborhood! In January and February, Kau Inoa will be coming out to some different venues – Sam's Club and Wal-Mart are on the list, to name two.

Check kauinoa.org for the registration team's schedule as dates and times are confirmed or call 594-1912 or email hla@oha.org. If there is a place where you'd see a registration table, make a suggestion to the team!

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Mālama ka 'āina

Last month, Dr. Claire Ku'uileilani Hughes lamented in her column: "Today, the history and beauty of our 'āina are constantly challenged. It is heart wrenching to visit historic sites and to see how man has marred, scarred or obliterated them. ... losses of special places appear to be escalating without challenge, in spite of laws to protect them."

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Burgess

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By T. Ilihia Gionson | Publications Editor

It's that time of the year again, when we look back on last year as we prepare to face the year ahead. Land is a central issue in *Ka Wai Ola's* biggest news stories of 2008, from a movement to protect our kalo from genetic modification, to the eviction of Native Hawaiians both those living and those who have passed on, to working to protect the land trust obtained from the Kingdom of Hawai'i, and to building partnerships to get more native Hawaiians onto homestead lands.

Here is our list of the 10 biggest news stories of 2008.

1 Ceded lands settlement attempted

A proposed agreement announced Jan. 18 to settle OHA's claims of ceded lands revenues from 1978 to 2008 was not passed by the Hawai'i state Legislature. The settlement would have transferred to OHA a mix of land and money valued at \$200 million, and would set a minimum for future annual payments at \$15.1 million. While some in the Hawaiian community viewed it as a good move to collect on past-due revenues, others saw the settlement as too little, too late or as barring future actions seeking reparations.

2 Supreme Court agrees to hear ceded lands lawsuit

In 1994, OHA and four individual plaintiffs sued to prevent the state from selling ceded lands; specifically in that case, 500 acres in Lahaina, Maui, and 1,000 acres in Kona, Hawai'i. A state Circuit Court ruled in 2002 that the state could indeed sell the lands, but that decision was overturned on Jan. 31, 2008, when the Hawai'i Supreme Court unanimously ruled that the state cannot sell or transfer any ceded lands until all unrelinquished claims to the lands by Native Hawaiians are settled. In April, the state appealed the

case to the U.S. Supreme Court, and in October, the court decided to hear the case. About 400 people gathered at the state Capitol in November to urge the state to drop the appeal. The Supreme Court will hear the case on Feb. 25, and issue its decision by July.

3 Kahana families face eviction

Families living in the Ahupua'a 'O Kahana State Park since the 1980s as part of a living cultural park concept came close to eviction in October, when the state Department of Land and Natural Resources said that had no legal authority to issue new leases to the families in the park. Six keiki of the original lessees – some of whom had built homes with temporary permits in anticipation of being issued leases – were given 90 days to vacate. But an 11th-hour push by lawmakers and supporters stayed the evictions.

The 2009 Legislature will consider amending the law to resolve the situation.

4 Naue iwi disturbed

A conflict arose on Kaua'i's north shore, when landowner Joe Brescia sought to build a house on top of a site at Naue with at least 30 known burials. After construction began, a judge

ruled that the State Historic Preservation Division didn't fully do its job in protecting the iwi kupuna. The landowner was then warned that any construction would be at his own risk should the burial council decide to relocate the iwi or take other action. Trials begin this month for individuals charged with criminal trespass during the protests.

5 Elections

In 2008, we saw the election of Hawai'i-born and bred Barack Obama to the presidency of the United States. Obama, who visited the Islands for a campaign rally at Ke'ehi Lagoon in August, included support of the Akaka Bill in his platform. In local news, Native Hawaiians were elected mayor on Kaua'i and Hawai'i Island. A proposal to hold a convention to amend the Hawai'i state Constitution was voted down. And at the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, all four incumbent trustees running for re-election were voted back in.

6 Moloka'i Ranch shutdown

The Moloka'i community was divided over a plan by major landowner and the island's largest employer, Moloka'i Ranch, to build 200 luxury homes at Lā'au Point in exchange for more jobs and a large donation of land to a public land trust. Concerns ranged from the scarcity of water to the impacts that residents of 200 luxury homes would have on Moloka'i's rural, subsistence life-

style. In the end, Moloka'i Ranch decided not to move forward with the plan and the company's operations shut down at the end of March. The company's demise left about 120 employees jobless in the community of about 7,500.

7 OHA and DHHL embark historic partnership

On June 5, OHA and DHHL entered into a historic agreement: OHA agreed to provide \$3 million a year for up to 30 years to cover the debt service for up to \$40 million in bonds to help the state Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to get more Hawaiians in homes sooner. As a result of the agreement, DHHL estimated that up to 500 additional beneficiaries could be in homes over the next year and a half.

8 Auē, ua hala

Many notable people in our Hawaiian community passed away in 2008, including:

- Hawaiian falsetto icon **Genoa Leilani Adolpho Keawe-Aiko** (Oct. 31, 1918 – Feb. 25, 2008)
- Slack key guitar master and National Living Treasure **Raymond Kaleoalohapoinaolehelemanu Kāne** (Oct. 2, 1925 – Feb. 27, 2008)
- Entertainer **Anthony "Tony" Yukim Lindsey** (Apr. 20, 1929 – Mar. 15, 2008)
- Former Lunalilo Trust trustee and King Kamehameha Celebration Commissioner **Renee-Michele Keahi Allen** (Oct. 25, 1941 – April 7, 2008)

- Beloved composer, chanter, storyteller, educator, author, activist, and matriarch Auntie **Winona Kapuailohiamanokalani Desha Beamer** (Aug. 15, 1923 – April 10, 2008)

- Noted kumu hula, chanter, Living Treasure and constant promoter of Hawaiian culture **John Keolamaka'āinanakalāhuioke laniokamehamehaekolu Lake** (Oct. 11, 1937 – May 14, 2008)

- Kaua'i mayor **Bryan Baptiste** (Oct. 15, 1955 – June 22, 2008)

- Waimea Valley historian and archaeologist **Rudolph Earl Leikamana Mitchell Sr.** (Jun. 9, 1927 – Sept. 14, 2008)

- Esteemed feather lei maker and teacher **Mary Louise Kaleonahenahe Wentworth Peck Kekuewa** (Feb. 5, 1926 – Nov. 18, 2008)

9 'Iolani Palace break-in/occupation

On April 30, the Hawaiian Kingdom Government, headed by Mahealani Kahau, asserted its status as the functioning government of Hawai'i by blocking access to 'Iolani Palace in Honolulu for about six hours. After that,



the group applied for the required permit and peacefully conducted its business on the palace lawn on weekdays. On Aug. 15, the group Kingdom of Hawai'i, Nation, went further by breaking into the palace itself and attempting to seat its leader, Akahi Nui, on the throne. Six members of the group were charged with burglary and one with assault on an 'Iolani Palace staff member.

10 No can grow GMO kalo

Activists statewide pushed for the state Legislature to ban the genetic modification of kalo, for reasons ranging from fear of contamination of non-GMO varieties of kalo to respect of kalo's role in Hawaiian culture. Although a bill was not passed on the state level, the issue had success on the county level. On Hawai'i Island, the County Council voted 9-0 to pass an ordinance banning the genetic engineering of kalo and coffee on the island. The measure was vetoed by then-mayor Harry Kim, citing the difficulty of enforcing such a ban. But the council overrode the mayor's veto, and on Nov. 13, the ban became law. 🌿



Incarcerated youth get new focus on life through film

By Liza Simon
Public Affairs Specialist

Flashback to Day One of an intensive film workshop at the Hawai'i Youth Correctional Facility, where 12 wards are being told that they will learn to write and produce two movies all of their own making – from concept to costume, in just two weeks time.

B. slumps in her chair and curses. Others simply stare into space. When workshop director Alex Muñoz introduces himself in both his native Chamorro language and in Sāmoan, some are openly hostile. They tell him to speak Hawaiian. Muñoz asks them to teach him the language, but a somber silence follows. Muñoz is aware of the over-representation of indigenous ethnicity in HYCF – at least 60 percent of the population is Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander. Their view of him as an intruder speaks volumes about the depths of their alienation.

But Muñoz, the founder of FYI – Films from Youth Inside – was undeterred by the unpromising start. Even in facilities for the most violent juvenile offenders, he has gotten good results from placing potent tools of movie-making in the hands of the disempowered. “I always say just because you may be locked up in here, there is no reason why you can't free your mind,” said Muñoz.

Over the next few days, Muñoz led the HYCF youths through exercises for team-building, encouraging them to cut loose and improvise. Hawai'i movie professionals showed up at HYCF to volunteer their help. Resistance to the project started to melt away – slowly.

Muñoz credits the Hawai'i pros for returning day after day. The USC film grad's modus operandi has been to train local industry people to continue his curriculum for incarcerated juveniles, thus

giving the message to the kids that “people really care about them.”

It's a message that HYCF hasn't been noted for. The facility is currently operating under an agreement with the federal government to improve services, including educational programs.

New HYCF administrator Al Carpenter did his homework on Muñoz before seeking the state attorney general's approval for the film workshop, which was financed in Hawai'i by a private donor. “We need to teach these kids that opportunities do come their way when they are young, or otherwise they will just sink back into the apathy that is part of their disadvantaged background,” said Carpenter.

A real-life subplot of transformation clearly emerged by the workshop's third day as Muñoz engaged the HYCF youth in screenwriting. Muñoz began by asking the youngsters to create characters and discuss what they “want, fear, love and dream about ...”

The youths drew their answers from their own chaotic lives. One of their scripts is about a star football player tempted into selling drugs to help out a grandmother too poor to afford her medication. The other is about a would-be rap star from Sāmoa who arrives in Hawai'i seeking a record deal that will help buy a home for his parents, but ends up homeless. The boys who came forward to play the leads surprised everyone, because they are normally withdrawn or shy.

Most surprisingly, the scripts have upbeat endings. The young wards insisted on this, even though Muñoz gave them plenty of examples of story plots that did not follow the typical western convention of conflict resolution. “Flinnaking for these kids is like occupational therapy. They gain a distance from their personal histories and get insight about better choices. This says to me that they know they have a future to look forward to,” said Muñoz.



Incarcerated youths, whose faces are blurred to protect their identities, shoot a scene from “Second Chances” — their original movie, with local director James Serreno and project director Alex Muñoz (right). - Photo: Liza Simon

On the final production day, M. the once-shy leading man, said his first reaction to the project was that it would be “junk.” His friend P., seated next to him on a couch inside a facility building, describes a hula class that didn't work out. “We like the ancestry kine stuff, but we didn't like it that they made us just follow something that was all forced on us,” he said.

Both agree that film project has given them a chance to talk about their “struggles.” They both dropped out of school in ninth grade, faced homelessness, domestic abuse and drug use. “The big struggle is now ... right here,” P. says. “I gotta learn to get along with 40 or 50 inmates here – each with their own personality ... or I'll end up in some bigger, worse place.”

He adds that the film workshop has given him an idea for life after incarceration: “Now I think I could make a documentary someday about growing up in Hawai'i. People think it's all sunshine and grass shacks, but I'll show them what it's really like.”

B. is one of two girls participating in the workshop. She hasn't completely shed the tough posturing she exhibited on the first day. But on this last day, she is easily humored by a youth correction officer who calls her a star. “B. isn't the type of kid who would seek out a drama class in her

community, but she has so much talent,” says the officer. A smile softens B.'s face as she cradles an expensive hand-held camera she is using to document “behind the scenes” action – perhaps for a movie about “the making of the HYCF movie.”

B. gives the film project two thumbs up because it's added new job titles to their names. As part of the workshop, she has rotated through several positions on the set – grip, camera, sound, assistant director. “When people see my movie, they will see I'm not just a ... nothing person,” she says.

Muñoz said many of the HYCF youth spoke with him in the final days of the workshop about job opportunities in the film industry. “They were happy to discover they could do something that was fun and fulfilling and get paid for it too,” he said. He has seen a few of his incarcerated charges go on to careers in the industry. Making movies is good all-around job training, Muñoz observes, noting that it promotes attention to deadlines and work ethic. But the real point of the workshops, he insists, is not so much vocational as it is visionary. “Film is a medium that belongs to young people,” he said. “Give it to them. Let them use it, and they will shoot in this way that is very free and show us what it is like to be human.” 🌿

Toward a healthier New Year



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

A huge challenge for Native Hawaiians is improving our health. We would be in excellent shape if we could regain a health status similar to that of our Hawaiian ancestors. But, auwē, we are vastly different. We are less robust. Our physical bodies are less muscular, less upright, and we aren't able to work as hard, physically, as they did. Health professionals agree that our current food choices are a major reason that we are less healthy. In addition, our daily physical activity is far below that of our ancestors. And we smoke more cigarettes, drink more soda,

sweet punch and alcohol, and we eat more white rice and gravy than our kūpuna. We don't even sleep as many hours as they did.

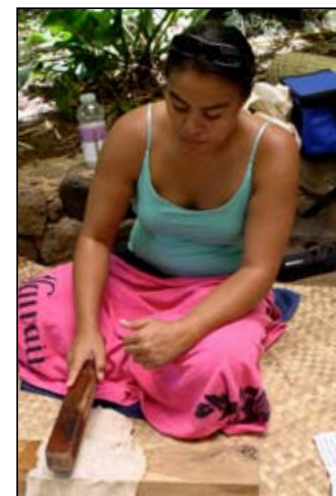
The words, "The Natives in these islands (Hawai'i) are, in general, above the middle size (taller), and well made; they walk very gracefully, run nimbly, and are capable of bearing great fatigue (worked beyond fatigue)," were written in 1779, and are excerpted from the ship's log of Capt. King, who accompanied Capt. Cook to Hawai'i. Great curiosity and admiration for the Hawaiian stature and work capacity is found in writings of other early explorers.

How was this possible? We know that Hawaiians used only human muscle power to accomplish their work, such as building rock walls, tilling and tending the lo'i, and carrying logs down to the

canoe-making hale, to mention a few tasks. Undoubtedly, these daily physical endeavors, as well as fishing, cooking, pounding poi and pounding tapa, etc., resulted in highly developed muscles. And, perhaps their diet provides a clue. Well, between 1951 and 1974, a group of Western scientists studied iwi at the Bishop Museum and studied the Hawaiian culture. A nutrition scientist reported that the traditional food and diet of Hawaiians provided rich sources of all of the nutrients required to account for their optimum physical growth and development (even without milk). Early Kanaka Maoli food preferences were fish, kalo and sweet potato, a large quantity of greens, many varieties of limu and an occasional fruit. Further, the methods of cooking their foods, by steaming or broil-

ing, added no fat or sugar.

Nutritionally, fish are a source of high quality protein and a host of other essential nutrients (calories, fat, calcium, iron, phosphorus, potassium, sodium, vitamin A and B vitamins) needed for optimum health, and growth. Fish are lower in fat than the meats introduced after Cook's arrival. And, the fish oils are far healthier than the mostly saturated fats found in introduced meats. The traditional complex carbohydrate foods, kalo, sweet potato and all of the greens, clearly provided abundant protective nutrients (vitamin A and C, iron, calcium, phosphorus, potassium and B vitamins) for our Hawaiian ancestors. Thus, the traditional diet contributed positively to the stature (bones, muscles and height) of early Hawaiians. And, as testament to their intellectual development, early Hawaiian exhibited great knowledge in botany, farming, fishing, astrol-



In times past, Native Hawaiians were admired for their healthy physiques, which resulted from a combination of physical activities like kapa making, shown here, and farming and eating a lean diet of sweet potato, kalo and fish. - Photo: Blaine Fergstrom

ogy, navigation and building with stone. And further, their accomplishments are still admired.

Each year at this time, we encourage one another to focus on

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Creating our own Frankenstein(s) series: When the going gets tough – attitude is everything



By Jimmy
F. "Jeno"
Enocencio

Upon leaving Kansas in the mid-'70s I came back to Hilo with a pregnant Caroline and our two little ones. We lived for about a month with my in-laws until it became too much to handle, especially when working as a security guard for practically nothing – and not being able to put my share of food on the table.

We packed up with the clothes on our backs and moved in the Pepe'okeo apartments. It was an easy move, since we had nothing to behold, I got my kids a plastic kitty bank and a lecture from me on how to make a savings. Whatever slugs I could find went into their kitty bank – how

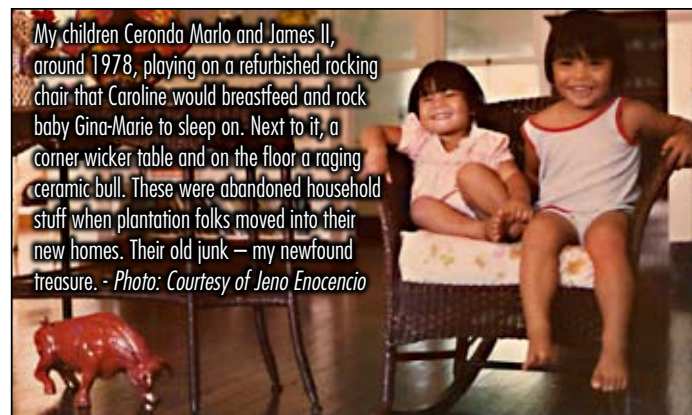
shame? Luckily their grandparents came through and showered them with gifts. With that I went to the beach, had a few beers and cried like a big baby – how shame, wot a man – wot a loser?

After a few weeks I got a job at Mauna Kea Sugar as a hand fertilizer spreader humping 50-pound sacks through the mud – I sank, Filipinos laughed – that didn't work. I applied as a fertilizer flagman waving in the biplane to zero in on me and empty his load of Paraquat – that only aggravated my rashes from the Agent Orange that I got in 'Nam – that didn't work either.

Then came the Rock Man position at Hilo Coast Processing Co. To avoid damage to the shredder blades, I had to pull, drag and carry boulder and rocks, engines, iron roofs, cars, trees, dead pigs and other crap that came from the

harvesting fields – dis I could handle. Having sleepless nights and nightmares from my war experiences, I changed shifts with others who hated the graveyard or swing shifts – now my daytime was free, and I escaped trauma for a time.

Looking for more ways to put food on the table, I realized that a lot of the old sugar camps were beginning to close due to termites and the expansion of cane fields. Folks were then moving into the Kula'imano subdivision just below my apartment. I also realized that a lot of them were buying new furnishings for their new homes rather than bringing their old stuffs. I made my way to these camps and found that families were leaving behind their cultures – tansu (kimono dresser), kyodan (Japanese women vanity mirror), food safes, handmade tables made from Koa and Norfolk



My children Ceronda Marlo and James II, around 1978, playing on a refurbished rocking chair that Caroline would breastfeed and rock baby Gina-Marie to sleep on. Next to it, a corner wicker table and on the floor a raging ceramic bull. These were abandoned household stuff when plantation folks moved into their new homes. Their old junk – my newfound treasure. - Photo: Courtesy of Jeno Enocencio

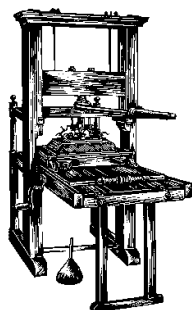
pine, solid oak dressers, high-back wicker couches and chairs, '60s style chrome and vinyl kitchen tables, old vases, tea sets, old Singer treadle sewing machines – this was the gold mine that I had been looking for – now being abandoned. The Plantation's rule was when moving in to the new home no termite-infested furniture was allowed – one man's trash, now another man's treasure.

With that, I used what little money I had and offered something for what they were going to abandon – that was the right thing to do. It was the right thing to do because what little bit I gave was going to be worth more when I

applied my woodworking skills and finished it – it would be "ma-va-lous." And as for Caroline, as most wives, her skepticisms grew – that is, until I began furnishing our apartment with these "refurbished plantation antiques" – then it was lovey-dovey all the time. I needed space (not from her) for more treasure.

This is where my third job came in. The resident manager asked if I could be the groundskeeper since the place was going all to hash. We struck a deal with good pay and a large storage space next to the Laundromat that I could use

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Kēlā Mea Kēlā Mea

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By
Ronald
Williams Jr.

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

■ **Lāhainā. March 12, 1895.** Emboldened by the recent defeat and arrests of those said to be involved in the "Wilcox Rebellion," the Republic is eagerly seeking to crush any vestiges of Royalist sympathies or resistance to what they see as "progress." The other day here in Lāhainā, our District Judge D. Kaha'ulelio, one of the earliest and strongest supporters of the Provisional Government, called before him nearly all of the prominent kāhuna lā'au lapa'au from Kahakuloa to Ukumehame; 34 in all. Kalākaua's Board of Health had licensed most of these kāhuna in 1886. The judge lit into them with a tempest of speech on the wickedness of their practices and reminded them of the laws in place regarding these things. Such was the intimidation that all but one of these long-practicing kāhuna promised to amend their ways. The single holdout was dealt

with severely. We can only begin to fathom the great loss of knowledge that this move portends.

■ **Honolulu. May 31, 1893.** A recent returnee from the United States informs us that hanging in the show window of the Tiffany and Co. store in downtown New York City is one of the sacred 'ahu'ula of Kamehameha I. The store claims that the only other cloak like it in the United States is to be found in the collection of the Smithsonian and is valued at \$100,000.

■ **Ni'ihau. April 28, 1874.** An important message was conveyed to His Majesty Kalākaua yesterday, delivered as a most beautiful gift. Kala'i, now age 80 and reportedly Ni'ihau's most skillful weaver of makaloa, has created an astounding mat that contains throughout a woven message of protest. She speaks of the decline of her people that accompanies the turning away from the old ways of the great king, Kamehameha. She reminds that because of his great love for his people, he protected and provided for them by creating the law of Mamalahoa. Now however, because of the burden of unwarranted taxes and the great decrease of the Hawaiian race, their position is threatened. She finishes her powerful message with the thought, "E Kalani E: E hookuu oe ia makou i na hana kanawai, i ka noho kauwa kuapaa ana malalo o na haku o ka lewa. Na'u na Kalai" (O Heavenly One: Release us from the oppression of laws that keep us slaves to masters from above. By me, Kala'i).

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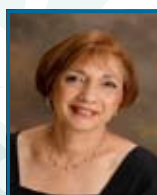
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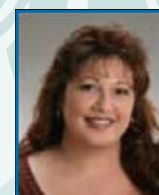
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HUGHES

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our family's health, and to commit to changes for a healthier new year. A list of recommendations for nutritional health includes: 1) reducing the total amount of fat in the diet, limiting harmful saturated fat and avoiding deep-fried foods; 2) increasing the daily numbers of vibrantly colored vegetables and fruit; 3) drinking more water, while eliminating fruit drinks and soda; and 4) assuring dietary calcium, from milk, milk-products and greens, like lū'au and spinach (for growth in height between birth and age 20). Children need good nutrition to grow, and the final keiki growth spurt occurs between 8

and 20 years of age. Additionally, remember that for all keiki, what their mother eats and drinks during pregnancy, determines brain, heart and nerve health as well as genetic development.

Other crucial recommendations for great health benefits (for everyone) are: getting one hour of physical exercise each day, getting about eight hours of sleep, and eating food that ensures health and optimum development.

We are all so proud of our Hawaiian ancestry, but we are looking, thinking and acting less and less like our ancestors. Once more, let us commit to protecting the health of our families. As our ancestors did for generations before us, we must work hard to make it through the storms that are just ahead. 🌺

ENOCENCIO

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as a woodworking shop. Being a young couple with kids, we were in an area where young families were growing, unbeknownst to everyone that in little more than a decade the plantations would collapse – and so would most of their livelihood.

For me and Caroline, we were lucky during that second phase of our lives (the first phase as newlyweds in the Army on the mainland). Though a disappointing start when coming home and building from nothing, we built something fostered on hopes and dreams, sweat and hard work, and earnest prayer – a partnership with Akua and meeting the right folks.

What I'm sharing with you is not to boast, but to serve you a slice of attitude. Tough times will always be with us, as much as the good times. It was tough then, it's tough now – so what are you gonna do about it? Well, you could sit with your thumb up your arse, or have your head up there and wait for mommy and daddy to pull you out, or social services, or you could steal, beg or borrow (not that we've ever used any of these methods). But to sit and wait for something to happen is like sitting on the commode when constipated and all you get is 'rhoids

– not pretty and certainly not very comforting. This is creating your very own Frankenstein – when you sit, do nothing and expect some miracle to happen.

Stop building your Frankenstein! Get each and every family member to pitch in during these trying times. Forget the plastic world you live in and look past it to those things that really matter, like the basics of having healthy home-grown food on the table, roof over our wives' and kids' heads, modest clothes to wear. Make do with what get – hey brahda, you may need to get rid of that big tonka truck you driving for looks but not for haulin' – if you haul, den make sense.

And a small word of advice when coping with these stressors – stay away from using alcohol and drugs, and certainly refrain from selling it to compensate income; you'll lose everything. Stay away from the strip joints. If you need any of these things to relieve the pressure, share an O'Douls with your wife (remember she's under a lot of pressure too). When the going gets tough, the tough get going – attitude is everything.

Jeno Enocencio writes about the many hats he wears. This is the second in an ongoing series that examines what people can do to avoid creating their own Frankensteins, or monsters. Contact him at pointman_jeno@msn.com. 🌺

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Nā Ho'okama a Pauahi scholarship recipient Louie Agrabante of Wai'anae is currently pursuing his master's degree at Hawai'i Pacific University.



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Ceded lands case spurs new generation of Hawaiian leaders

YOUTH UPRISING



By Lisa Asato
Public Information Specialist

More than 400 people rallied at the state Capitol to urge Gov. Linda Lingle to withdraw the state's appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. One of the rally's organizers, Jocelyn Doane, appears at the podium.

JOCELYN DOANE vividly remembers attending the 1993 rally at 'Iolani Palace marking the 100th anniversary of the overthrow of the Hawaiian government. She was 14 at the time, "an age," she said, "where I actually had the comprehension skills to think about what was happening and the reason all these people were there and the reason all these people were angry."

"For me, that was the beginning of where I am now, and nowhere near the end of my journey," said the 29-year-old Doane, who today finds herself at the center of a group of young Native Hawaiians leading a community fight to protect ceded lands. The U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments on the case Feb. 25 after the state appealed a unanimous ruling by the Hawai'i Supreme Court that barred the state from selling or transferring ceded lands until Native

Hawaiian claims to those lands are resolved. For Doane and the other three core members of the Kupu'āina Coalition – Derek Kauanoe, Davis Price and Kaupea Wong – the leadership role in activism is new territory, but Doane and Kauanoe said the issue is so crucial they couldn't sit back and do nothing. All four are students or recent graduates of the University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law, where Kauanoe attributes their emergence to the number of Native Hawaiians entering the law school combined with the knowledge they glean there. "We learn things like constitutional law, state and local government law and we have legal concerns such as this that affect the community," said Kauanoe, who is 33. "We tend to talk about it – a lot of times it's just talking – trying to understand the issues and arguments. But when we considered the case and Gov. (Linda) Lingle's past support of the Native Hawaiian community, we thought trying to urge her to withdraw the case was a reasonable, simple thing. We thought that was the least that we could do."

With some guidance from a previous generation of Native Hawaiian leaders who came of age during the Hawaiian Renaissance of the 1970s and continue their activism today, like Kaho'onei Panoke and Vicky Holt Takamine of 'Īlio'ulaokalani Coalition, the group organized a rally at the state Capitol that – through a media campaign in radio and print, news coverage and a then-small but now growing online presence, attracted an estimated 400 to 500 people on a Monday morning to urge Lingle to withdraw her appeal of a ceded lands

case to the U.S. Supreme Court. Panoke said he sees the law school students emerging as "the new leaders of tomorrow," along with students of the university's Hawaiian Studies Department – a new generation of educated, well-informed talent who are "learning the true history of Hawai'i."

Panoke's 'Īlio'ulaokalani Coalition is organizing a march and rally on Jan. 17 through Waikiki to further "protest the Lingle administration's attempt to sell off Hawaiian lands," he said. "This rally and march is a good example of how we are bringing in Kupu'āina ... to work with us so they can learn how to do these things and lead the pack," said Panoke, who said his main advice to the young leaders is "Know your history, know your community, and know your people."

Bill Meheula, a lawyer for the four individual plaintiffs in the ceded lands case, to which OHA is also a plaintiff, said the young leaders with their legal backgrounds are developing the skills to assert legal claims and develop and administer a future recognized Hawaiian government. "So it's something that needed to be done and it is happening in a big way, and it's very encouraging," he said, citing a "big movement" in the 1970s, when local lawyers banded to help Native Hawaiian causes. "And it led to the 1978 Constitutional Convention," which created and provided funding for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, recognized gathering rights and, in his mind eventually led to the 1993 Apology Resolution, which, signed by then-President Bill Clinton, apologized for the United States' role in the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian government.

It is that Apology Resolution upon which the Hawai'i Supreme Court based its unanimous January ruling. Lingle has said she continues to support Hawaiians but as governor has to provide for all the beneficiaries described in the Admission Act. The betterment of Native Hawaiians is one of five purposes named to receive funding from 1.2 million acres of ceded lands – former Hawaiian government lands – which the state holds in trust.

William Ailā Jr., who ran for governor in 2006 and who has fought for more than three decades for issues ranging from the military's use of Mākuā Valley to restoring watersheds on the Wai'ānae Coast, said the new movement fills him with hope. "I'm enthusiastic for the future of Native Hawaiians when we have such articulate, intelligent, well-spoken youth that are coming up," he said.

Davianna McGregor, who was among those who successfully fought for the return of Kaho'olawe in the 1970s, said the group shows know-how of combining research with advocacy. "One of our mantras from George Helm was 'Follow your na'au, but do your homework,' " she said, referring to the late leader of the effort to regain control of the island. In other words, she said, "It's your responsibility to take a stand, but also you need to do the homework that makes it all so credible. And a lot of times in many cases the advocacy part comes easier than the tedious research behind an issue, and I think in this case the individuals combine both."

For more information on the Kupu'āina Coalition, visit stopsellingcededlands.com.



Kaho'onei Panoke has helped mentor the 33-year-old Derek Kauanoe and other members of Kupu'āina Coalition. - Photos: Blaine Fergerstrom

MARCH AND RALLY

'Īlio'ulaokalani Coalition, with the support of Kupu'āina Coalition, is organizing a march and rally to oppose the state's attempt to sell ceded lands. Organizers ask that participants wear their red Kū I ka Pono T-shirts, which can be ordered online at stopsellingcededlands.com. For more information, call Kaho'onei Panoke, 224-8068.

Saturday, Jan. 17
10 a.m. - March from Saratoga Road and Kalākaua Avenue to Kapi'olani Park
11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. - Rally at the park, with food and educational booths, and entertainment and speeches all day long.

U.S. SUPREME COURT

In its opening brief filed Dec. 4, the state argued that Native Hawaiians have a moral claim to ceded lands, but not a legal one. "This is a new argument," said Bill Meheula, attorney for the four individual plaintiffs in the case. In defense, "one of the new areas we're going to have to address is the Native Hawaiian claim to the ceded lands," he said. "(We're going to) underscore that and discuss the historic and legal basis for it."

The state maintains that its position has not changed. Briefs by the four plaintiffs and OHA are due Jan. 25. The U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to hear the case on Feb. 25 and issue a decision by July.

To hear same-day audio of the oral arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court in the ceded lands case, visit scotusblog.com/wp. The audio should be posted that afternoon. The site also posts all the briefs filed in the case.



Community leader William Ailā Jr., at right, says, "I'm enthusiastic for the future of Native Hawaiians when we have such articulate, intelligent, well-spoken youth that are coming up."

Come for the soup, stay for the smoothies

By Francine Murray
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REVIEW

Red Ginger Café & Gift Shop
Mānoa Marketplace
2752 Woodlawn Drive, Building 5, just 'Ewa of Longs Drugs
988-0588
Monday - Friday
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday - Sunday
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



For those with a sweet tooth, Red Ginger Café & Gift Shop offers Coldfyre Cookie Cremes. - Photo: Francine Murray

Red Ginger Café & Gift Shop is tucked away in the bedroom community's Mānoa Marketplace. I was drawn in like a moth to a flame as soon as I glimpsed the day's special, homemade chicken mulligatawny. Nothing warms on a rainy Mānoa day like homemade soup, mmm good.

Upon entering the humble storefront, I was pleasantly surprised by the warm and inviting ambiance. It's décor of rich woods and fresh flowers, with contemporary touches of stainless steel, are like a fine boutique. The café is also a gift shop full of aloha 'āina, the eco-friendly treasures including stunning jewelry creatively crafted of recycled glass, organic candies and toffees by Madison and Marcela, candy by Yummy Earth, local teas in island flavors like Hawaiian Vanilla from the Tea Chest, and Teaposa, a line of organic tea that

blossoms when brewed, turning into beautiful flowers.

The artsy aromatic beverages are comprised of silver needle white tea, one of the highest in antioxidants and infused with jasmine and other natural flavors, sure to delight all the senses. The walls are adorned in cute, colorful and trendy individually handcrafted bags and purses made from recycled juice pouches. Providing an attractive way to carry belongings, a livelihood for the crafters and saving the 'āina by reducing what goes into landfills,

Red Ginger Café is the exclusive retailer of Encore bags in Hawai'i.

The café's magnetism is the fresh mea 'ai. "The food is what everyone comes for. ... We try to make unique specials every day," the owner Melanie Kawai says. The family business serves sandwiches, soup, salads and smoothies made with organic or local ingredients. The Turkey Cranberry Delight is their most popular item. It can be ordered as a wrap or a sandwich, and is served with lettuce, tomato, organic carrots and clover spouts, dressed in cream cheese

and topped with fresh cranberries. It was a delectable delight, and understandably a crowd pleaser. The hypnotic essence of chicken mulligatawny filled the room.

"My husband is the soup maker and we have a big following for our fresh homemade soups," Kawai says. "It's a race for our customers to make sure they get some!"

The Red Ginger Acai can be made into a smoothie or a parfait. The tiny dark purple acai berry is packed with antioxidants, amino acids, fiber, protein and essential omegas. Blended with banana,

strawberries and a splash of cranberry juice, this purple pleasure is a delicious treat, and the reason I'll keep going back. Choose your own parfait toppings from green Granny Smith apples, granola, dried fruit, honey, raisins, strawberries and bananas. The all-natural smoothies and parfaits are made with fruits and organic soymilk, no sherbet, yogurt or sugar.

If you have sweet tooth, the café serves Coldfyre Cookie Cremes, with organic Kona coffee in the Mocha Latte Kudasai and Kahuku bananas in the Macadamia Nut Banana Cookie Crème. The gourmet cookie sandwiches are delicious, and the owner of Coldfyre Cookie Cremes, Gerry Nakashima, shares the café's mission to support local businesses and farms.

Red Ginger Café, a Native Hawaiian-owned business, opened four months ago. So far, it's real good. Visit the café where aloha is served and healthy never tasted so good for some aloha 'āina shopping and natural nourishment. Phone orders are welcomed, call 988-0588. 🌿

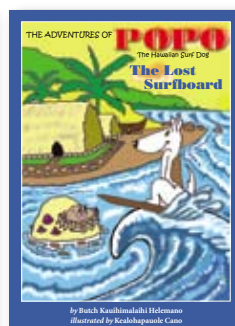
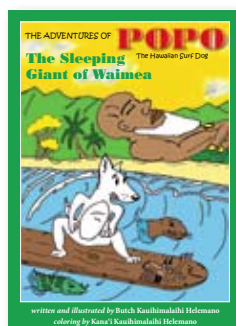
NĀ PUKE • BOOKS

Helemano catches publishing wave

By Liza Simon
Public Affairs Specialist

You would think with his heaping big mixed plate of creative and cultural pursuits, Butch Helemano wouldn't have time to get into the publishing biz. In truth, he says he never really planned to add another enterprise to his career as a recording artist (12 albums and a string of Jawaiian hits like *Wave Rider* and *One Banana*), his masterful work as a woodcarver and his esteemed position as Waimea Valley Park kahu. But he has more recently stepped into the arena of self-publishing children's books.

Blame it on a box of hula ki'i. Hula ki'i are traditional Hawaiian puppets. Helemano had several custom made by Jim Henson of Muppet fame. Helemano penned theatrical scripts for the hula ki'i,



The Adventures of Popo the Hawaiian Surf Dog: The Sleeping Giant
By Butch Helemano
Kana'i Records
\$9.95

Helemano follows his 2005 release of *The Lost Surfboard*, on right, with 2008's *The Sleeping Giant of Waimea*.

and he planned to use them for cultural entertainment 20 years ago at Waimea Valley Park. But Helemano's show was cancelled when new park management took over.

Helemano put the puppets and scripts in the box, where they didn't see the light of day for many years until a light went on his head about engaging children – like the seven he has raised – with good Hawaiian stories.

"I've always known the importance of reading to kids, so I decided to dig up those hula ki'i scripts and turn them into stories with Hawaiian values aimed at young readers," said Helemano.

So went the birth of Popo the surf dog. In the first book in the series, 2005's *The Adventures Of Popo The Hawaiian Surf Dog: The Lost Surfboard*, the kolohe canine character learned a few lessons the hard way about ocean safety and

honesty.

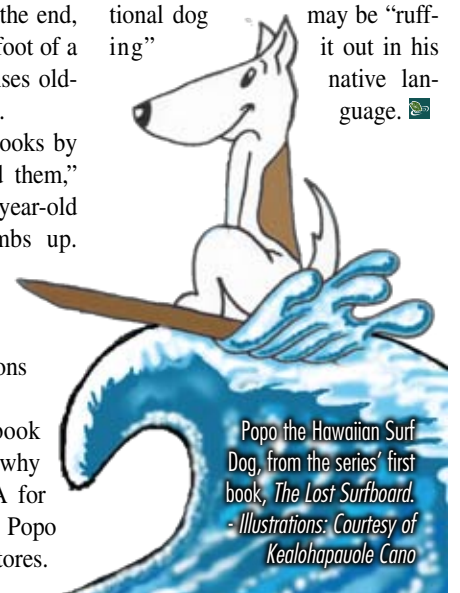
With Helemano's new release in 2008, *The Adventures of Popo the Hawaiian Surf Dog: The Sleeping Giant*, the plot thickens again with mischief. Popo ventures into an off-limits locale only to find himself entangled in the whims of a banana-eating giant forever hungry for more bananas. In the end, Popo drags his tail to the foot of a talking tree, which dispenses old-fashioned kupuna wisdom.

"I market test all my books by having my youngest read them," said Helemano. The 13-year-old gave the book the thumbs up. Though he may have been a bit biased, since Helemano also asked the boy to color the illustrations for this new book.

Self-published, the book does incur costs, which is why Helemano turned to OHA for a Mālama Loan for help. Popo is on sale at local bookstores. While this new volume is

not in 'ōlelo Hawai'i, don't give up on the surf dog's linguistic abilities.

Helemano has tentative plans to put out several more books in the Popo series. It seems there are endless lessons for a kolohe dog to learn, and somewhere down the road, it's very possible the fictional dog may be "ruff-ing" it out in his native language. 🌿



Popo the Hawaiian Surf Dog, from the series' first book, *The Lost Surfboard*. - Illustrations: Courtesy of Kealohapuaule Cano

Finding grandfather

Award-winning filmmaker turns lens on her tūtū

By Lisa Asato
Public Information Specialist



Kirk

Native Hawaiian filmmaker Anne Marie Kirk has always been a storyteller – of other people's stories. Now she's turning the camera closer to home. Not quite on herself, but on her late grandfather, Oliver Homealani Kupau, who was widely known in the Hawaiian community as "Colonel Kupau," for having risen to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army, "one of the highest ranking officers of Hawaiian ancestry at the time – we're talking '30s, '40s and '50s," says Kirk.

But it's not his military career, or his nationally recognized marksmanship or any big, headline-grab-

bing reason that pulled Kirk to her subject. It's just simple step in self-discovery. "I was in film school at UCLA and my mother, Jessica Maile, had found 16mm film my grandfather had shot in the 1940s, '50s and early '60s," Kirk recalls. "I had no idea this film existed. I had no idea he shot film." Watching it in video format, the reel revealed "fantastic footage of the family in Kalihi and Waiāhole and of different parts of the island and the continental U.S."

"The strange thing is," she adds, "I was born the year my grandfather died, and I feel his love of storytelling imagery and film passed on to me."

Now midway through the making of her planned 30- to 45-minute film, Kirk has interviewed family members and is now seeking the

help of others who knew her grandfather and was affected by him. Help has already started coming in – in the form of a packet of photos from someone who served alongside her grandfather in the Army: "That was an enormous gift, which will help in the storytelling of this film," says Kirk, whose work includes the intimate portrait of the 90-year-old Ruth Kaholoa'a of Waipi'o Valley, on Hawai'i, Happy Birthday, Tūtū Ruth, which won a national award for documentary.

Kupau, born in Hau'ula in 1899 – a year after annexation – saw Hawai'i become a territory and then a state. He was raised in Wai'anae by his fraternal grandparents and spent his post-high school years living with and helping support his mother, Sarah Cullen, in Kalihi. He graduated from Kamehameha Schools in 1918, following in the footsteps of his father, Lowell Kupau. There, Oliver Kupau mentored "numerous young people" in marksmanship and business, and also was "very influential to many



A young Oliver Kupau with his grandparents who raised him, James Kalamahiai and Kaleikaukeha Naoho Kupau of Wai'anae. - Photo: Courtesy of Ann Marie Kirk, Blue Crater Media

young Hawaiian men by guiding them to military life," Kirk says. "I would like to hear from them."

In the meantime, she has her grandfather's archives to delve into: files filled with newspaper articles about Hawai'i's history, letters he received as a young man attending Kamehameha Schools, and detailed accounts of everything from his daily expenses to military career. There's also the 78 rpm of him singing Aloha 'Oe with Mulan Naiwi, uncovered after talking with kūpuna who described his penchant for singing. "It is absolutely amazing

to hear him sing, to hear his voice," says Kirk. "Chicken skin."

The film will debut for family members in 2009 and then be entered in film festivals. The fill will be titled Homealani, after Kupau's middle name. "Through the years, the family has lost the meaning of this name, and I love the mystery of that because the film itself is a mystery – trying to reveal the story of Oliver Homealani Kupau," she says.

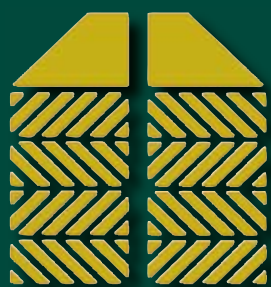
To share your memories of Oliver Kupau, contact Kirk at 371-3072 or homealani@gmail.com.

Island Homes Collection

Look over this two-story model carefully. The obvious attributes are the generous living spaces, large dedicated Family Room and roomy Kitchen. The Living Room has nearly 280 square feet of area in which you can entertain, watch the keiki or mo'opuna, or just being with family enjoying a good movie. But the real gem is under the the house where you can easily add on more bedrooms, create a granny quarters or just add to the living area. This model offers comfort, an excellent floor plan and more but when the time is right to expand to an even larger living area you'll have a great head start. Join the others who are finding the Nohona the model of choice. The Nohona package is priced at just over \$65,000, plus tax. On Oahu call Jocelyn Jacinto, our Packaged Home expert, at (808) 356-1877, you'll be glad you did. On the neighbor islands see the directory below.



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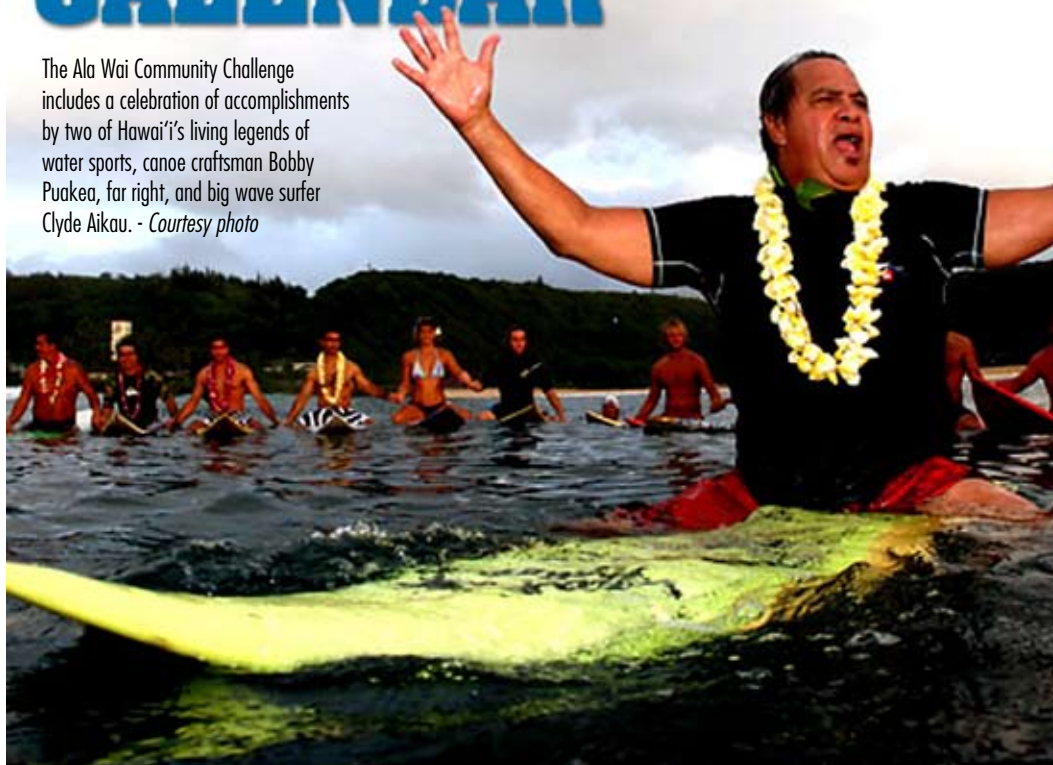
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IANUALI CALENDAR

The Ala Wai Community Challenge includes a celebration of accomplishments by two of Hawai'i's living legends of water sports, canoe craftsman Bobby Puakea, far right, and big wave surfer Clyde Aikau. - Courtesy photo



ALA WAI COMMUNITY CHALLENGE

Sun., Jan. 25, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

The makahiki season brings community groups together to compete for the fun of it in quarter-mile-long outrigger canoe races and other Hawaiian games, such as 'ulu maika (think bowling) and 'ō'ō ihe (sharpen your spear and aim). As it has always done in its 24-year history, the event pays tribute to Hawai'i's living legends of water sports. The 2009

honorees are master canoe builder Bobby Puakea and big wave surfer Clyde Aikau.

A double-hulled canoe procession kicks off the day with hula and song by local hālau. Enjoy craft and food booths, local entertainment and some rare educational activities, such as learning to make a smoothie by peddling a bicycle-powered blender, courtesy of a sustainability initiative at UH Mānoa.

All this fun is for a good cause: proceeds from canoe race participants benefit the nonprofit Waikikī Community Center and its programs for counseling, case management, elderly affairs, daycare and other social services. Parking available at Tokai University and Ala Wai School. The "canoe taxi service" starts at Ala Wai Boulevard and 'Olohana Street. Free admission. Ala Wai Neighborhood Park. 923-1802 or waikikicomcommunitycenter.org.



'REAWAKENING'

Tues., Jan. 13 - Thur., Jan. 29, weekdays 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Visit Honolulu Hale to view *Reawakening* – a photojournalistic narrative by children of incarcerated or formerly incarcerated mothers, some of whom reside at Ka Hale Ho'āla Hou No Nā Wāhine and the Women's Community Correctional Center. The exhibition is part a community service endeavor of ProjectFocus Hawai'i Inc. Free. projectfocushawaii.com.

GRAMMY CONCERT AT THE HAWAII STATE ART MUSEUM

Fri., Jan. 16, 5-9 p.m.

Catch 'em before they're off to the red carpet in Hollywood!

This free concert on the museum lawn features nominees for the Grammy Awards' Best Hawaiian Music Album, including Daniel Ho, Amy Hānaiali'i, Led Kaapana, Mike Kaawa, Walter Keale, David Kahiapo, Chris Lau, Dwight Kanae and Sonny Lim. (Lineup subject to change.) After the show, stay tuned for the telecast of the 2009 Grammy Awards ceremony from the Staples Center in L.A. on Feb. 8 on CBS. For concert information, 586-0900 or hawaii.gov/sfca.



E KANIKAPILA KĀKOU

Jan. 19 to April 6, 6-9 p.m.

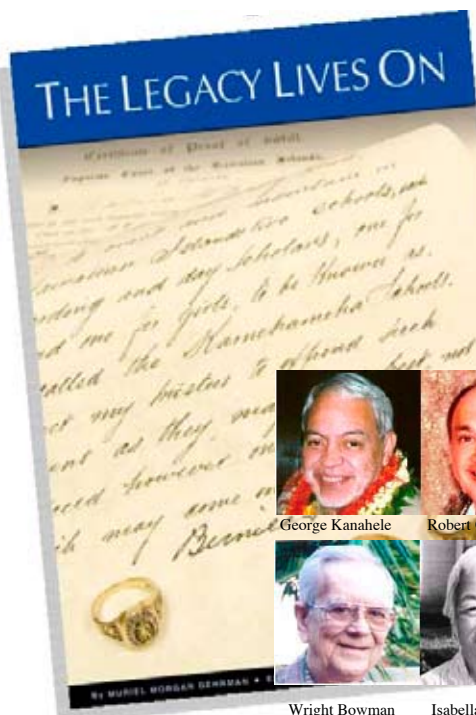
The 2009 schedule has been announced for E Kanikapila Kākou – the Monday night musical jam, where famed Hawaiian master jammers and kumu hula teach their favorite compositions – providing lyrics, sheet music and more. O'Brien Eselu and Kenneth Makuakane kick off the festival Jan. 19, followed by Chanel Flores (aka Ms. Tita 2006) and Friends, Jan. 26. Free, donations welcome. Island School, main hall, in Puhi. 808-245-2733 or gardenislandarts.org.

MARY KAWENA PUKUI PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

Sun., Feb. 8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

An annual celebration of native culture through storytelling and dance, with a unique performance directed by Peter Espirtou of Tau Dance Theatre. Storytellers from Hawai'i, Alaska, Mississippi and Massachusetts will share their tales under the theme *The Way to the Heart: Changing Food, Foodways and Culture*. Bishop Museum, Great Lawn. Regular admission, except kama'āina and military \$3, free for Bishop Museum members and children under 3. 847-3511 or bishopmuseum.org.

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Mauna Kea CMP

A draft of the Mauna Kea Comprehensive Management Plan, which will guide all future development on the summit, has been released for comment. The draft includes a policy of managing access to the summit, and requiring orientation of visitors and employees with specific guidelines for culturally appropriate behavior.

The draft also recommends that the University of Hawai'i and the Office of Mauna Kea Management formally seek additional authority to make and enforce rules, and a staffing plan that would provide a bigger presence in the summit area for enforcement, interpretation and resource management.

Among other things, the draft also calls for a requirement for observatories to develop plans to recycle or demolish facilities once their useful life has ended.

For more information on the draft Mauna Kea Comprehensive Management Plan or to comment, visit maunakeacmp.com.

College Awareness

GEAR UP Hawai'i and partners will be holding events statewide in January and February to help low-income students get the information and support needed to apply to and attend college. A major event will be held Jan. 17 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pearlridge Mall – a change in venue from previous years to bring the event closer to the communities it serves.

At College Goal Sundays, students and families will get free help to complete the FAFSA, or Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Bring your parent's 2008 tax returns, pay stubs and other income and benefits information.

College Goal Sundays, which all start at 1 p.m., will be held Jan. 25 at Castle High, McKinley High, Waipahu High and Wai'anae High on O'ahu, and at UH Hilo Campus Center Dining Hall on Hawai'i Island. It will also be offered Feb. 8 at Chiefess Kamakahalei Middle School on Kaua'i, Kealahou High on Hawai'i Island. Also on Feb. 8, the event comes to Maui

Community College campuses on three islands: Moloka'i, Lāna'i (at the Education Center), and Maui, at Education Center in Hāna and at the MCC Maui Culinary Academy, Pā'ina Building, in Kahului. For more information, visit cgsha.waii.org or call Frank Green at 591-2708 or Lorraine Teniya at 593-2262.

Also, free College Planning Workshops for students in grades 9 to 12, will cover preparing for, choosing and paying for college. For information, call Kathryn Kekaulike at 842-8900 or toll-free, 1-800-842-IMUA.

Financial Aid Nights, will answer questions for students and families about financial aid. For more information, call Frank Green at 591-2708.

More information can also be found at gearuphawaii.edu.

Homesteader savings

In partnership with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Hawai'i First Federal Credit Union announced a new program to help beneficiaries on Hawai'i Island save money for the construction or purchase of a home on Hawaiian Home Lands. A new special savings account, known as an Individual Development Account, will give the account holder \$4 for every \$1 deposited. In other words, if someone saves \$1,600 in the account, the balance will be matched 4-to-1 for a total of \$8,000 to be used toward the house. Beneficiaries also have the opportunity to participate in "Money First," the credit union's money management education program. The number of accounts is limited, and there are income limits. For more information and to apply, contact Hawai'i First Community Resource Center at 808-885-6600 or info@hawaii.firstfcu.com.

NAGPRA grants

Federal grants are available under the federal law known as NAGPRA, or Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

The law creates a process for museums and federal agencies to

return cultural items like human remains, funerary and other sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony to lineal descendants, Native Hawaiian organizations, Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages and corporations.

Two types of NAGPRA grants are offered by the National Park Service. Applications for the Consultation/Documentation Grants must be postmarked by March 2, 2009. Awarded annually, these grants of \$5,000 to \$90,000 may be used for travel, training and collaboration regarding researching and identifying significant items.

Repatriation Grants of up to \$15,000 may be used for transporting NAGPRA items from a museum or agency to a tribe or for costs to reinter human remains and cultural items. Applications are accepted from October to June 30, 2009.

Grant applications are available online at nps.gov/history/nagpra/grants or by emailing NAGPRA_Grants@nps.gov or calling 202-354-2203. For more information about the grants program, see the online brochure at nps.gov/history/nagpra/grants/GrantsBROCHUREupdated2007.pdf.

Health center opens

The Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center held a blessing on Dec. 4 for its newest addition, the three-story, \$12 million Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Family Medical Center, which will serve as a one-stop shop offering everything from root canals and behavioral health services to la'au lapa'au and ho'oponopono.

The center also houses a learning center, which will offer training and education in health for staff and the community, which is largely Native Hawaiian.

A large part of the center's mandate is to care for people with limited means and the uninsured. "Our health center serves 26,000 people a year, and more than half are Native Hawaiians, most of which are low-income," said CEO Richard Bettini. "We are the medical home of 14,000 Hawaiians."

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Photo: Sterling Wong

Mary Louise Kekuewa

Feb. 5, 1926 – Nov. 18, 2008

One of Mary Lou Kekuewa's most prized works of Native Hawaiian feather work was a cloak – the kind traditionally worn by ali'i. She spent 13 years crafting it.

The prized feather cape hangs inside the featherwork shop she opened on Kapahulu Avenue in 1991, and as much as birds use their bright feathers to attract one another, the store has been a magnet for scores of people who sought out Aunt Mary Lou not only for her artistry but also for her magnanimous spirit.

"She greeted everyone with a smile. She made everyone she came into contact with feel important and nurtured," said daughter Paulette Kekuewa Kahalepua, of her mother, Mary Louise Kaleonahenahe Wentworth Peck Kekuewa, who died on Nov. 18 at the age of 82.

Kekuewa discovered the art of feather work while volunteering for the 1955 Aloha Week Festivals on O'ahu. She wanted to help the festival's Royal Court refurbish its regalia of vintage feather lei and kähili. She took lessons from Leilani Fernandez and then proceeded to share her newfound knowledge with others – an important step that expanded the teaching of the art beyond isolated enclaves of hālau and civic clubs.

Paulette, who helped teach classes, said her mother did not follow any of the existing ali'i patterns, such as those preserved at the Bishop Museum, in making her prized cloak because she believed that "every feather cloak is a unique family heirloom." Kekuewa named her cloak Ahu'ula o Maile Lani, a reflection of an image of her own mother's smiling face.

In addition to Paulette, Kekuewa is survived by son Paul Kekuewa and daughter Nyla Kekuewa McKinzie. ☞

Tyranny and iwi exposed

What's in 'Ōhikilolo-Mākua and what is a Ka'ānani'au and why does it matter?

By Alike Poe Silva

Aloha nō 'ohana, remember when our kūpuna visualized practice and taught us that the natural earth is attached to the sky and to man and to the divine. First, remember 'ohana the central concepts of the Kāne religion: that life is sacred to Kāne, and these values are perpetuated in connections to the land, to the divine and to each generation. The Kāne tradition was built on community and the sharing of natural resources. This value of sharing was symbolized by a Ka'ānani'au, championed by the "O'ahu people." Ka'ānani'au is literally an altar marking the natural resources and land division connecting it back

to the piko of O'ahu, Kūkaniloko. There are 360 Ka'ānani'au around the piko of Kūkaniloko, which is not only the center of O'ahu and the Hawaiian Islands but also the center of the world, the axis mundi – the connection to the divine is Mana (spiritual power)! The Ka'ānani'au (natural resource marker) of Mākua, 'Ōhikilolo and Kea'au connects the mana of Kāne and the gifts of the land and to the values of po no kaulike (righteousness and justice for all), 'āina (land), aloha 'āina (love for the land and each other), mālama (sharing), lōkahi (harmony and community). "Ka Wai 'Apo Lani" by Queen Lili'uokalani affirms the Kāne religion and all these principles.

Second, remember 'ohana



The coat of arms of the King of Hawaii, as seen on the gates of 'Iolani Palace. - Photo: Blaine Fergerstrom

that the Ka'ānani'au system of land use is based on community sharing of the natural resources. This was a collective right of the kupuka'aina (the original people), the Kane community, which is about aloha (love). Physically, the Ka'ānani'au system of land use centers on the local stream and all the group resources: water, ocean fishing, the fishpond, timber and the community taro, banana and sweet potato patches – and any other community resources.

The waters flowed from heaven

and landed on the mountains and flowed down to the land into the lo'i (taro patches), into the Kahaloko (fish ponds) and finally into the sea. The Kahaloko was used by the Kāne community to collect the seasonal, migrating fish to be shared

by all in times of need. Near the entrance of the fishpond would be a Ka'ānani'au, marking it as a community property. Also in the forest were Ka'ānani'au, marking those resources as connected to the Kāne people. And at Kūkaniloko there still remains a rock map of all the Ka'ānani'au connected to the piko, the center of the Kanaka Maoli civilization. Finally, the Ka'ānani'au system of land use dealt with another type of community property. That was the property rights of the 'ohana (families) for the collective ownership of their burial sites, iwi 'ohana (family remains) and the collective property of the heiau. (These rights are also protected under Article 56 of The Hague Convention, monuments, works of art and science.) While the Ka'ānani'au system of land use is different from the Ahupua'a system, we understand that the collective 'ohana ownership of burial sites and the Kāne heiau remained uncompromised by Hawaiian Kingdom law nor by territorial, state or federal law. (To be explained in the next section.)

Thus, early property rights developed, and then protected community property rights of certain shared natural resources as community property. Ka'ānani'au preceded the notions of the ruler holding the property for the community in the concept of Ahupua'a. As correctly stated by S.M. Kamakau, "The rule of kings and chiefs and their land agents might change, but the burial rights of families survived on their lands." [Ruling Chiefs of Hawaii, p. 376]

Third, remember 'ohana that the later Ahupua'a system of property

ownership compromised the earlier Ka'ānani'au system of community ownership of natural resources and land divisions. It allowed the kings and chiefs to claim the resources of the streams and fishponds, the mountains with their valuable forests, and even the people's heiau and ahu (temples and altars).

King Kamehameha I redistributed temples of other Kanaka Maoli religious traditions to his own followers. But he returned the Kāne temples and religious rights after the disaster in the Ka'ie'ie Channel in the battle for Kaua'i. But the thing that was never compromised of the old Ka'ānani'au property rights system by the kings and chiefs was the ownership of the family burial sites and places. The iwi 'ohana burial property rights were never abrogated by the absolute monarchy or the constitutional monarchy of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

The current request to the U.S. Supreme Court to sell ceded lands must consider the Hawaiian National, Kupuka'aina and Ka'ānani'au property rights of the 'ohana burial sites. These property rights were never relinquished (or taken away by any legal act or legislation or treaty). Also, on Kaua'i and Maui 'ohana have been charged with trespassing concerning when they were resisting iwi desecration and abuse of 'ohana burial sites. Since Ka'ānani'au property rights were never abrogated, 'ohana cannot be justly convicted of trespassing. The real question is "show us your contract of ownership of our burial sites." Ownership of 'ohana burial sites have never been transferred, conveyed or abrogated by treaties. Period.

Remember 'ohana, always keep your spirit of Aloha in your course of good work, the ancestors and world have long prayed and waited for you to come! Kōkua and say a prayer for assistance in these matters, and "yes we can" and yes we must for the keiki (children) yet to come, ua mau ke ea o ka 'āina i ka pono!

Alike Poe Silva is Kahu Kulāiwi, Koa Mana, Kupuka'aina o Wai'anae Wahi Pana, O'ahu, Hawaiian National. 🌿

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O'AHU WORKSHOPS

Wai'anae
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Wednesday, January 14
Honolulu
4:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Wednesday, January 21
4:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Wednesday, February 4
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Wednesday, February 25
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Wednesday, March 25
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Friday, April 24
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Wednesday, April 29
Kāne'ohe
1:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Wednesday, February 18
Waimānalo
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Wednesday, March 11
Hale'iwa
12:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Wednesday, April 8

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MAUI WORKSHOPS

Wailuku
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Friday, February 27
Lahaina
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Friday, March 13

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Kaunakakai
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Friday, January 30
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
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Lāna'i City
5:30 pm – 8:00 pm
Friday, April 3

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Līhu'e
1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Thursday, February 5
1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
Thursday, March 5

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Kailua-Kona
11:00 am – 1:30 pm
Thursday, February 12
11:00 am – 1:30 pm
Friday, March 20
Waimea
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Friday, February 13
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Thursday, March 19
Hilo
10:30 am – 1:00 pm
Saturday, February 14
10:30 am – 1:00 pm
Saturday, March 21

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A letter to Lingle

Gov. Linda Lingle needs to rethink her decision to sell our land for the simple reason that she does not own the land she intends to sell. As our elected official she is in authority to hold the land in trust for our future generations, period.

The idea that the State of Hawai'i owns land to be sold is neither true nor just.

When native lands are recognized for their value, it has been the policy of the U.S. government to find ways to relocate and even sterilize the natives who live on those lands. The useless treaties and failed programs are hundreds of years in the making.

Why should Hawaiians still suffer the results of those actions done by those Americans who commandeered the lands of Hawai'i, especially since they are still trying for the sovereignty by law that was once theirs by right? If we consider that the Hawaiian culture has been oppressed continually from the start of the occupation of the American government, it becomes difficult to try to talk about justice in terms of land use.

Gov. Lingle, we should not sell our host culture's land and you should work harder to bring about the fair and just use of those lands for the benefit of our Hawaiian people now and for the times ahead.

*Mark Jeffers
Hanapēpē, Kapa'a*

Letter to OHA

I don't know Rowena Akana, and don't believe everything she says is false. Trustee Heen stated that the trustees deliberated on the Moloka'i Ranch Land Use Plan before voting. I was there and it was a railroad job done in haste because trustees had to

catch their plane. Moloka'i Ranch couldn't show their video because the Ho'olehua homestead farmers brought up a water issue that took up too much time. Trustee Machado was livid, and blurted out that the farmers should bring all issues to her first before coming to the trustees. Since when? The trustees hold meetings on Moloka'i once a year and sometimes don't even have a quorum. Why come?

At a recent Maui Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce meeting, Trustee Heen stated that the Moloka'i people made a big mistake by not going with the Moloka'i Ranch plan. Making a decision after hearing only one side of the story is dangerous especially if it irreparably harms a Native Hawaiian community and compromises its water rights. If you don't know the issues, the best thing OHA can do is to stay out of our business. We know what we want and you don't.

*Glenn Ioane Teves
Ho'olehua, Moloka'i*

State's agenda

It seems that the relationship between the state and the Native Hawaiian community significantly worsened this year. No sooner than the state closed down Hale Na'au Pono in Wai'anae that the families of Kahana Valley were slated to be abruptly thrown out.

And then we read about Mākua Valley and the iwi kupuna there and at other locations. In a letter to *Ka Wai Ola*, a Mr. Prescott declares that King Kamehameha II banned the "old" – Hawaiian – religious practices and that, therefore, they could not and should not exist nowadays. How shortsighted! No decree and no ban can abolish the feelings and beliefs of the people involved. Any tyranny can last only

so long even though it can persecute peoples' religious practices!

And our governor seems adamant about taking all Hawaiian ceded lands for the benefit of "all," i.e., the United States of America! So, it would behoove us to remember that a government can appropriate the lands, that it can persecute religious practices, but that it can not legislate people's religion, feelings or beliefs.

So, State, what's next on your appropriations agenda?

*Kosta Stojanovich
Honolulu*

Gay equality

As citizens of the United States of America, we all have freedom and the right to express ourselves. On record, according to the FBI's statistics, in 2007 more than 1,000 hate-crime offenses were committed based just upon someone's sexual orientation. That's a huge number, and the number of hate crimes will only

continue to rise if we do not immediately take action.

Statistically speaking, many hate crimes based on someone's sexual orientation go unreported to their local police or sheriff's department. Sadly, GLBTQA (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and Allied) youth are up to four times more likely to attempt suicide than their heterosexual peers! Rights should not be taken away from any individual because of their race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, etc. We are all human, and citizens, and when will equal mean equal?

*Caleb Laieski
Surprise, Arizona*

Rudy Mitchell

I read in *Ka Wai Ola* that Rudy Mitchell passed away. Rudy was a big help to me. We visited many of the archaeological sites on the North Shore together, including Kupopolo Heiau, Keahu o Hāpu'u, and Pu'u o Mahuka Heiau. It was

because of Rudy's encouragement that I relocated Kohokuwelowelo Heiau, thought to have been destroyed. It was with Rudy's help that I investigated reports of the discovery of human bones, and it was Rudy who let me know when the buried petroglyphs at Pūpūkea had been exposed by winter surf.

Rudy made frequent visits to Kalaupapa, because he was related to a resident, Sarah Benjamin (Miala Meyer), herself a recognized expert in Hawaiian language and culture. On one of those occasions he showed me how to make koelepalau, a kind of sweet potato and coconut pudding. Rudy gave me the rare Moloka'i white hibiscus tree I had growing in my Hawaiian garden at Kalaupapa. Rudy also gave me a beautiful Hawaiian shirt that I still wear to this day. He was a good friend.

*Buddy Neller
Ellensburg, Washington*

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Like our monthly paper, this web-only edition will cover a vast range of stories and issues that are of great interest to the Hawaiian community. As its name implies, *Ka Wai Ola Loa* will give us a chance to increase our news, features and community coverage. And we hope the community will also take part by contributing articles on issues and activities that are important to you.

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Front and center: Native Hawaiians and Hawai'i

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Aloha pumehana kākou. As we greet Year 2009 and look toward the horizon before us, Hawai'i is front and center and Native Hawaiians must be front and center as well.

Hawai'i is often proclaimed with much to offer the world – our aloha spirit, our island values, our appreciation of multiple cultures, and lessons from our collective ancestors.

A Divine Hand, and our ancestors, indeed have guided this moment for Hawai'i and the Spirit of Hawai'i to be one with the 44th President of the United States born and raised in these Islands.

With equal anticipation, Hawai'i awaits impending Sainthood to be declared for Father Damien and Mother Marianne Cope – humble, compassionate servants for the many who struggled to survive with dignity on the rugged and remote Kalawao peninsula on the island of Moloka'i. They now rise as two Saints destined for worldwide recognition having led others in commitment and service to care for the “shunned,” those claimed by Hansen's Disease.

Consider further and particularly that Hawai'i and its “specialness” is rooted in Hawaiian tradition and values, culture and history millennia-old; and imagine what we, together, in collective effort, can accomplish.

In 2003, the Hawaiian Benevolent Societies (the 'Ahahui), the Hawai'i Congressional delegation, the Ke Ali'i Maka'āinana Hawaiian Civic Club and OHA served as catalysts urging that the statue of Kamehameha, once in a dark corner of Statuary Hall in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol, be relocated to a more appropriate venue. In partnership with the Capitol Architect, Kamehameha was relocated in September and now stands prominent in a place of honor under a skylight open to the heavens, in Emancipation Hall in the new Capitol Visitors Center opened to the public on Dec. 2.

Also lighting the way for Hawai'i

and Hawaiian culture is the Hawai'i Commemorative Quarter, the Kamehameha Coin, the final coin memorializing the last of the 50 states. Ua mau ke ea o ka 'āina i ka pono (The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness) frames Kamehameha's arm outstretched to all the islands. This coin in circulation around the United States and the world emboldens this message of pono.

The Quarter is a powerful voice for Native Hawaiians and all of Hawai'i affirming Kamehameha, an indigenous, native leader bearing witness to his leadership and 1810 unification of these islands into one governance that survived for nearly 85 years. Although the “illegal overthrow” of Hawaiian government in 1893 led to annexation of Hawai'i in 1898, history notes throughout the 1900s, numerous efforts by other Native Hawaiian leaders to stabilize, improve and advance the political, cultural, social and economic condition of Native Hawaiians.

From these efforts emerged the Ali'i Trusts, the Hawaiian Civic Club movement, the 'Ahahui (Hawaiian Benevolent Societies), the Hawaiian Homes Commission, OHA, Hawaiian Service Institutions and Agencies, other Hawaiian councils and associations, federal programs, and the 1993 Apology Bill – to mention only a few.

2008 Presidential and Congressional election results open the window of opportunity for Native Hawaiian initiatives and Hawai'i initiatives. No more waiting time to ensure that Native Hawaiians have similar recognition and legal protection as the other two indigenous groups in the U.S., American Indians and Alaska Natives. A timely passage and enactment of the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act is anticipated. Committed support by the President-elect has been memorialized.

Hawaiian governance guided by Native Hawaiian leadership is at the forefront, poised to re-emerge, to reorganize with passage of the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act (the Akaka Bill) as an option. Let us find and encourage Hawaiian leaders who are informed, compassionate, humble, hardworking, courageous and ethical, committed to service, not self-service, to stand front and center. 2/48

A light in the dark: addressing the health care crisis

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



In my December column, I indicated I wanted to be a Champion for Hawaiian Health at OHA, and in keeping with that mantra I have asked Michelle Teuber, who is our Executive Director for Hawai'i Island's Native Hawaiian Health system Hui Mālama Ola Nā 'Ōiwi to author our January column. May we all have a healthy, safe and prosperous 2009.

Hui Mālama Ola Nā 'Ōiwi

Native Hawaiian Health Care System for the Big Island

Primary care, health care monitoring, and support for Native Hawaiians of Moku O Keawe

Like the other outer islands, finding a doctor on the Big Island is nearing impossibility. And if you are lucky enough to already have a provider, actually getting to the doctor's office is often the next battle, especially if you live in some of our rural areas like Ka'ū or Puna. Additionally Native Hawaiians, who face a myriad of Western-influenced, long-term chronic health issues (diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease to name a few), often have a mistrust of Western doctors and Western medicine.

Lack of doctors, lack of public transportation, excessive travel distance, lack of medical insurance and lack of trust in providers and the medicine they offer, combine to make a simple monitoring of your blood pressure a daunting task that is easy to put off. That's where Hui Mālama Ola Nā 'Ōiwi steps in.

With 38 staff in five locations around our island (Hilo, Pahoa, Ka'ū, Waimea and Captain Cook) Hui Mālama Ola Nā 'Ōiwi's basic thrust is to provide access to health services on Hawai'i Island, home to one of the largest populations of Native Hawaiians (census 2000 data shows more than 40,000 Native Hawaiians reside in Hawai'i County, second to O'ahu with 50 percent pure-blooded Hawaiians). Our mission is to provide health services and to enhance the quality of life of our Native Hawaiian People. We envision a healthy community of Native Hawaiians and their 'ohana where everyone achieves their full potential, physically, mentally and spiritually.

Hui Mālama Ola Nā 'Ōiwi began as a non-

profit organization in Puna when Hawaiian community leaders (mostly farmers), health professionals and educators in collaboration with Alu Like, responded to the Puna Hui 'Ohana's concern about Native Hawaiians' reluctance to seek medical care until it was too late.

In 1985, with funding provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, a grassroots campaign was organized to address concerns about access to preventive and primary health care services and the many health issues facing Native Hawaiians who lived in remote areas of Hawai'i Island. These community efforts led to research that established the need for improved access to care and later resulted in the formation of the Native Hawaiian Health Task Force of Hawai'i Island in 1988. Finally in 1990, under the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act, Hui Mālama Ola Nā 'Ōiwi opened its doors, and was recognized as the Hawaiian Health entity representing the Big Island's Native Hawaiians.

Our organization provides a wide variety of disease prevention and health enhancement services to Native Hawaiians through primary care, advocacy, accessibility (transportation) and education. We offer outreach services (such as home visits to conduct blood pressure and glucose checks), and referrals to other health-related and life management agencies.

Our community health workers conduct health risk screenings, assessments, and appraisals. We provide health promotion and disease prevention programs, which focus on Native Hawaiian health, including diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, breast cancer awareness and weight management. Via our Mai Ka Māla'ai Diabetes Education program we invite community professionals to speak about self-care in the areas of nutrition, oral health, foot and kidney care, and mental health. We also offer hypertension classes, tobacco cessation courses and cancer awareness education.

Traditional healing practices (Ho'oponopono, La'au Lapa'au and Lomilomi) are available through referral to local practitioners, and physician services through our Primary Care Clinic. Our transportation services are offered islandwide to get you to and from medical appointments.

For Native Hawaiian health care services on the Big Island, call Hui Mālama Ola Nā 'Ōiwi at 969-9220. On other islands, call: O'ahu (Ke Ola Mamo): 845-3388; Maui (Hui No Ke Ola Pono): 244-4647; Kaua'i and Ni'ihau (Ho'ōla Lāhui Hawai'i): 246-3511; Moloka'i and Lāna'i (Nā Pu'uwai): 560-3388.

A memorial for 8,000 at Kalaupapa

Colette Y. Machado
Trustee, Moloka'i and Lāna'i



Aloha Kākou! This month I feature fellow Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa member Chris Mahelona and his personal story about remembering those affected by leprosy in Kalaupapa. Chris and his family have identified 38 people, who they think are 'ohana, who were banished to Kalaupapa. Of the 38, fourteen are known to have died on the Kalaupapa Peninsula. To date, none of their graves have been found. Chris Mahelona now lives in Spokane, Washington, but continues his efforts from across the Pacific. This is an article he wrote in March of 2008, for the Northwest Hawai'i Times.

Beginning in 1866 and up until 1969, the isolation policy for Hansen's disease (leprosy) patients resulted in a major disruption of family life where children were taken from their parents, parents taken from their children, and husbands and wives were separated regardless of their vows "for better or for worse, in sickness and in health." As a result of this inequitable severance, this disease was called by some "Ma'i Ho'oka'awale" – The Separating Sickness.

Over 8,000 people with the disease were sent to Kalaupapa, an isolated peninsula on the north shore of Moloka'i. The majority of those 8,000 are buried on the peninsula, but only about 1,300 graves have an identifiable headstone.

Most of those who were sent to the peninsula before 1900 have no marked graves. Others were buried in places marked with a cross or a bare tombstone, but those markers have seen great deterioration over time. As a result, there are many family members and descendants of these residents who cannot find the graves of their loved ones and are unable to properly honor and pay tribute to them.

The Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa is a nonprofit organization made up of patients, family and friends of past and present Hansen's disease patients, dedicated to promoting the value and dignity of every individual who was separated from their families and isolated on the Kalaupapa peninsula. It is within this group that the idea was born to

build a memorial for the 8,000. The monument would provide a means through which family members can find a sense of closure and a place where they can see their family member's name included as part of the history of Kalaupapa.

The naming process and the giving of a Hawaiian name is an important and sacred component of traditional Hawaiian culture. It is said, names carry significant mana (spiritual power) and they are actually a part of the person, just like an arm or a leg. In ancient Hawai'i, a person's name was one of his most precious possessions unique to the individual and most times related to an event, an ancestor or a personality trait. In every case, the kūpuna (elders) were always consulted. It was the responsibility of the bearer of the name to carry its weight. Therefore, it is important to remember these people by their names at their final resting place. Over 90 percent of those sent to Kalaupapa were Kanaka Maoli. The desire for the Monument is summarized by the patients' quotes and from the personal story about Stephen Mahelona Napela.

Because the peninsula lands are primarily administered by the National Park Service, special approval is required to build the memorial. On Feb. 12, 2008, the Kalaupapa Memorial Act of 2008 sponsored by Representative Hirono, was passed by the U.S. House of Representatives. A Senate version (S 2502) has been introduced by Senator Akaka. The main purpose of this legislation is:

"To provide for the establishment of a memorial within Kalaupapa National Historical Park located on the island of Moloka'i, in the State of Hawai'i, to honor and perpetuate the memory of those individuals who were forcibly relocated to the Kalaupapa Peninsula from 1866 to 1969, and for other purposes."

We would like to encourage all of you to support this legislation by contacting your Senators and voicing your support for S 2502. You can also donate to the Memorial or become a member by clicking on the "Support" tab on the 'Ohana web site (kalaupapaohana.org). The 'Ohana will be paying for the Memorial through donations.

It is important to remember that we as a society learn from our past mistakes in the way we treat our fellow human beings. We don't always need to treat those that need caring and compassion, as outcasts because of our own fear and misunderstanding. 🌺

Trustees need to be more involved

Rowena Akana
Trustee, At-large



'Ano'ai kakou... Happy Year of the Ox!

A fellow trustee recently asked me if the tone of my monthly message would change since OHA's leadership remains exactly the same as it was before this past November's election. I will always continue to do what I have always done, which is tell the truth, keep our beneficiaries informed and fight for what is right. However, in this New Year, I continue to hope that there will be changes at OHA to make things better here for everyone.

Make no mistake – OHA's problems have not simply vanished. The challenges to our administration and to our trustees impact all of us. The change we were all hoping for will not occur unless both trustees and administrative staff find a way to work together.

The biggest problem is that the majority of trustees are severely underutilized. The current two-committee system allows Chair Apoliona to ignore trustees that disagree with her and it encourages other trustees to simply coast by and basically do nothing but show up to vote for her agenda. No trustee can refute this point. Despite the many requests by trustees and our beneficiaries, OHA meetings are not televised like the City Council and the state Legislature on 'Ōlelo with minimal cost. If OHA meetings were televised, the general public and our beneficiaries would be able to judge for themselves how things are going.

I believe that being a trustee is not about having a fancy title and simply showing up at few monthly meetings. It's about proactively working for the benefit of our people. With the many emergencies we face, our beneficiaries cannot afford to have any passive trustees.

Instead of being a proactive agency with a variety of programs to help our beneficiaries, OHA now operates like a charitable foundation that just hands out grants. While the grants do go to worthy causes, I can't help but feel that OHA is just passing the buck. I'm not saying that OHA should or could do everything, but I do believe that OHA can do much more for our beneficiaries in terms of programs and services.

The problem with simply handing out grants is that you can't deal with long-term problems and the grant monies eventually run out and services get cut. That's why we need ongoing

OHA programs monitored by the trustees. Many of our people are forced to live on the beach because of the lack of affordable houses and rentals. OHA has been talking for years about helping our homeless beneficiaries get into shelters and transitional housing. When is something meaningful going to happen?

We have nine trustees with an incredible amount of combined talents and experiences. We also have over a hundred staff members who are eager to make a difference. But without proactive leadership, nothing will ever get done.

There used to be five committees – Land, Policy & Planning, Program Management, Legislative & Government Affairs and Budget & Finance – however, the current leadership consolidated the five committees into just two committees, which eliminates three committee chair positions for trustees. This is the most ineffective committee structure I have served under.

Currently, Trustee Stender oversees all of OHA's fiscal, policy, economic development and administrative matters. Trustee Colette Machado has responsibility over all federal and state legislation, ongoing programs in health, housing, education, land, the Native Hawaiian Revolving Loan Fund, and then some.

These two committees were not created to foster efficiency, but to concentrate power. The consequence of this is that the two committees' chairs have too much on their plate and are clearly overwhelmed. For example, the money committee only meets once or twice to hear updates from our money managers. Under the five-committee structure, the money committee chair actually had the time to take our budget out to the community for comments and suggestions. Also, our programs committee only meets to discuss legislation and approve grants. Are we just going to continue throwing money at our problems? When are we going to take a leadership position on issues such as health and housing and get things done? Our beneficiaries deserve better.

Developing good programs won't be quick or easy, but they will do much more to serve the needs of our beneficiaries over the long haul. Setting priorities and developing a plan to meet those priorities is desperately needed at OHA. This should be our goal for 2009, despite the fact that the Chairperson used her Investiture speech to preach doom and gloom and even managed to take credit for the establishment of Kuleana Land property tax breaks on O'ahu, the Big Island and Kaua'i, which she had nothing to do with. I pray, that the New Year will bring constructive and meaningful change, even though the Board remains unchanged after the November election. It is my hope that we will no longer focused on political paybacks and to get down to work. Aloha Ke Akua.

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

The first salvo has been fired

Walter M. Heen
Trustee, O'ahu



The State's opening brief in the ceded lands case pending in the U.S. Supreme Court (*State v. OHA*) has perhaps set the stage for a crucial battle over the nature and legitimacy of the United States' hegemony over the Native Hawaiian people and the Hawaiian Islands. The battle will be joined when the State and the individual plaintiffs file their answering briefs, followed by the State's reply brief.

The essential charge of the opening brief is that the Hawai'i Supreme Court erred in holding that the Apology Resolution (AR) imposes a duty on the state administration

and the Legislature to achieve a settlement with Native Hawaiians regarding ownership of Hawai'i's ceded lands; therefore, the judicial injunction against transfer of state lands until such settlement is reached is invalid. The state argues that the very language of the AR indicates that Congress had no intention of settling any Native Hawaiian claims to ownership of the former "crown lands."

The state claims that the United States acquired clear, complete title to the crown lands when they were transferred to it by annexation of the Hawaiian Islands through the Newlands Resolution of 1898. The brief then claims that the same absolute title was transferred to the State of Hawai'i through the Statehood Admission Act. Therefore, the state asserts that it has complete authority to retain, develop or dispose of those lands as the sovereign government of the state, as long as its actions comport with the five declarations of the Admission Act

regarding the use of those lands.

It is difficult to argue against the state's assertions if you confine yourself only to the language of the two resolutions. But Native Hawaiian scholars and historians assert that the Newlands Resolution is invalid as an instrument of annexation. Those historians contend that under the United States Constitution territories can only be annexed by treaty, and there was no treaty of annexation. The attempt to approve a treaty between the Provisional Government of Hawai'i and the United States failed of approval when first introduced in Congress and the Newlands Resolution was an artificial device concocted to obviate any need to ratify a treaty. Additionally, those scholars argue that historically, and as a matter of International Law, the sovereignty of the Native Hawaiian peoples was never "extinguished" or surrendered. Our counsel, and counsel for the private plaintiffs Jon Osorio, Charles Ka'ai'ai and others will file answering briefs and the issues will be joined.

But the real danger here lies in briefs filed by "friends of the court" in support of

the state. Arch-conservative organizations such as the Pacific Legal Foundation, the Cato Institute, and the Center for Equal Opportunity have already been heard from, and there will be more to follow. Their bare bones argument is that, notwithstanding any of the historical facts regarding the overthrow and the "annexation," the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution forecloses any programs or benefits designed exclusively for Native Hawaiians. The danger in the arguments posed by the friends is that they can give the notoriously conservative Supreme Court an excuse to examine those issues without the benefit of a trial court record on legality as raised by Native Hawaiian scholars.

In conclusion, we need to examine Governor Lingle's declaration that Native Hawaiians have only a "moral" claim or right to the ceded lands. Even if she is correct, there is still a pressing need to address that claim and arrive at a solution that resolves it based on the historical facts which, though disputed, I believe militate in favor of Native Hawaiians. 🌺

A hope for progress in 2009

Boyd P. Mossman
Trustee, Maui



Hau'oli makahiki hou, 2008 is gone forever and now we look forward to 2009 and the hope for a better world and a better Hawai'i. With the economic disaster that has hit America and the rest of the world we certainly have challenges here at OHA, but we can weather the storm. To do so we will need to cut here and there and some of you will necessarily be affected. Whenever there is more need than resources we must tighten our belts. And so to address the challenges now and to come, OHA will need to work ever closer with our beneficiaries. If we can't fund a program we might be able to offer advice, direction, partnerships, etc., and to help in other ways. Regardless, we will continue to seek the betterment of all Hawaiians as best we can by speaking up, by providing leadership, and by defending in the courts.

Currently in the United States Supreme

Court we face a challenge to our claim to ceded lands and worry that the court could expand the issue to include whether Hawaiians should be given any benefits whatsoever just for being Hawaiian. The question as to whether the Equal Protection Clause prohibits any reference in the laws to Hawaiians or Native Hawaiians if addressed now, would seriously jeopardize our legal existence. Should that occur, OHA would disappear much faster than we had foreseen and instead of a new governing entity there would be nothing. Other Hawaiian organizations such as Hawaiian Homes and Kamehameha Schools would be facing a tenuous future. And so, the need to secure our identity now becomes even more urgent, and thus the need for the Akaka Bill, which will allow us Hawaiians a foothold for our future by a government-to-government relationship as with our Alaskan and Indian brothers. In that way, the decision of the Supreme Court will have to take into consideration Congress' action as a clear determination that Hawaiians are at least equivalent to the other two indigenous groups in America and deserving of recognition as a people.

On the local front, Hawaiians have so many needs that I cannot possibly note them all here; however, I do believe there are some we can all agree to and work on cooperatively. Let's put aside

our disagreements for now and focus on what we can agree upon as Hawaiians. Not that OHA doesn't have enough to do, but why not address the mutual concerns of all? We hear from the mainstream organizations and nonprofits and appreciate their input and kōkua. We don't really communicate with the vocal opponents of our efforts, whether in federal recognition, or ceded lands, or other issues, because until now their interests have been contrary to ours.

The time has come to sit down and listen and talk story to the effect of establishing rapport and identifying those areas we can assist one another in for the benefit of all Hawaiians. To do this, we must acknowledge that though we may disagree, there must be some issues upon which we can agree. So if you want to have the United Nations order Hawai'i back to the Hawaiians and I want to remain an American, we can still agree to something, I would hope, that would benefit Hawaiians not only today but tomorrow. It could be working on genealogy, building affordable housing, providing employment, building more Hawaiian businesses, addressing specific health issues, reviewing education needs, preserving our heritage, employing our values, and I believe many more matters small and large that will help all of our people. Let me know if you agree. 🌺

Building a Hawaiian Nation

Donald B. Cataluna
Trustee, Kauai and Ni'ihau



Hau'oli Makahiki Hou! The New Year is here and we greet it with renewed zeal and enthusiasm. Wonderful changes have been made throughout the past year to strengthen our journey to our ultimate goal for the year 2009 – Building a Hawaiian Nation.

Like brothers and sisters, Hawaiians have many different views and do not see eye to eye on how, when and what to do to achieve our justifiable goals. Some Hawaiians want things to remain the same but expect things to get better by doing nothing. Others want to act now while the fire is hot and do something instead of doing nothing. When all is said and done, we will forever have one thing in common: We are Hawaiians. We are 'ohana.

May the "Spirit of Aloha" remain with you always to warm your heart with Akahai, kindness; Lōkahi, unity; 'Olu'olu, agreeable; Ha'aha'a, humility; and Ahonui, patience.

It is my privilege and a great honor for me to continue to serve you, our 'ohana and the people of Hawai'i nei. 🌺

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Brown – In preparation for the 2009 reunion of the John and Benjamin Brown 'Ohana of Hilo, Hawai'i, the 'ohana is asking for all family members to update their contact information, births, deaths or marriages and/or share contact information about other family members. The family will be holding its reunion in Hilo, Hawai'i, from July 3-5, 2009. The 'ohana includes the descendants of William Christopher Brown, Enoch Brown, Violet Nathaniel, Mealoha Anakalea, Benjamin "Tuna" Brown, Keala Kuamo'o, Valentine Brown, Manoa Brown, Maria Hendershot, John Thomas Brown, Irene I'i Brown, Emmaline Brown Lyman, James Harbottle Brown, Harry Kaina Brown, Frances Milliani Ludloff, and Helen Kanoelehua Brown Kawai. Preliminary information regarding the reunion will be sent out by the middle of September 2008. All interested parties are invited to attend monthly planning meetings held in Pearl City. Please call Ku'uipo McFadden Shimizu at 808-864-1185 or email brownohana2009@yahoo.com.

Ka'auhaikane – Na Lala O Ana Lumaukahili'owahinekapu Ka'auhaikane will celebrate our fifth 'ohana ho'olaule'a and pā'ina, scheduled for Aug. 9, 2009, at Key Project in Kahalu'u on the island of O'ahu. Ana's makuakāne was Kamokulehua 'opanaewa Ka'auhaikane (k) and makuahine was Pailaka Ho'ohua (w). Ana was born on March 3, 1845, in Ka'auhuhu, North Kohala, on the island of Hawai'i. Her date of death is Jan. 30, 1917. Her kaikua'ana was Kealohapaule Kalalulu Ka'auhaikane (w). Ana first married Joseph Kaiamakini Kanoholani (k) and they had 'ekolu kamali'i: Joseph Kaiamakini Kanoholani (k), Makini Kanoholani (k) and Mary Kaiamakini Kanoholani (w). Later, Ana married John Von Iske and they had 'umikūmākolū kamali'i: Maria, Elizabeth (Kapuaakuni and McKee), Theresa (Kapiko and Quin), John Isaacs (Lincoln), Joseph, Antone, Anna, Henry, Louis (Silva), Joseph Joachim (Cockett), Frank (Pereira), Charles and Katherine (Sing). The 'ohana would like to update all genealogy information, records of birth, marriages and death, photos, address, telephone numbers and e-mail. For more information, contact Conkling Kalokuokamaile McKee Jr. at 808-734-6002, Jackie Kapiko at 808-235-8261, Colleen (McKee) Tam Loo at 808-398-1600, Peter (Kapiko and Quinn) Machado at 808-689-0190, "Boss" (Iske) Sturla at 808-664-9795, Louie (Isaacs Iske) Peterson at 808-216-9331 or Pauahi (Baldomero and Wegener) Kazunaga at 808-842-7021. The mo'opuna kuakahi would be very pleased to welcome anyone willing to participate in our monthly 'ohana reunion meetings. For information contact Puanani (McKee) Orton at 808-235-2226.

Kinimaka – This is a follow-up and final notice for the 2009 'Ohana Reunion. The site and dates are confirmed: July 29-31, inclusive, Lydgate Pavilion, Kapa'a, Kaua'i. The previous November 2008 notice is revised

and upgraded to include ALL descendants of our kupuna Colonel David Lelele Kinimaka and his wife Hannah Keolaakala'au Allen Kinimaka. They will be honored at our reunion. This brings together all the descendants of David and Hannah Kinimaka's children: Mary Ha'aheo Kinimaka-Atcherley, Alice Kehaulani Kinimaka-Spencer, Rebecca Kekionohi Kinimaka-Apana and Matthias Percival Ho'olulu Kinimaka. If you carry the Kinimaka name or bloodline, or are married to a Kinimaka, or no longer are married to a Kinimaka but still carry the name, please feel free to join the 'ohana event for the purpose of sharing our union and our common genealogy. This is an opportunity to meet face to face, 1st, 2nd and 3rd cousins, all assembled under the same roof for the first time. The 'ohana is pleased to welcome all Kinimaka descendants. For further reunion information please visit kinimaka.com for updates on hotel rates and car rental, fees, activities, etc. For in-depth questions, suggestions or general messages, email info@kinimaka.com. The Planning Committee is seeking attendance "round" numbers and would appreciate they be notified as soon as possible. A Registration Form will be posted on the web site.

Paule – My father is Albert Mahi Paule, his father is Mitchell Kameaie Paule, married to Gertrude Harvey; and his father is John Papoko Paule, married to Pahuone and a second marriage to Kalua Kukahiko Nakaula. The Paule reunion is planned for June 27, 2009, on O'ahu. The location and time will be provided at a later time. For information, call Althea "KuiLan" Paule Watanabe on O'ahu at 808-668-2548.

Zablan – Hui O Zablan is planning the 2009 Annual Picnic on Sat., Aug. 8, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at Section 30, Magic Island, Ala Moana Beach Park. Look for the Hui O Zablan sign. Reunion Luncheon will be Sat. Nov. 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Tree Tops Restaurant at Paradise Park in Mānoa. Quarterly Meetings are at 1 p.m.: Jan. 17 at Auntie Leatrice Zablan's; April 18 at Cousin Pretty Shimabukuro's; July 18 at Cousin Stanley Victor's. Thanks to Cousin Joe Asis for family T-shirts. Cousin Kimo Zablan is designing the coming year's T-shirts. Information Sheets for Volume II of our Hui O Zablan Family Book are due Jan. 31, 2009. If you have lost your form or forgot to mail in your pictures please contact Susan Victor at 808-988-1272. If you have other questions about events, call Auntie Leatrice at 808-734-4779.

Ho'oilo • Fall/Winter 2009

Kalehuawehe – The descendants of Napoka Kalehuawehe and Ke'e'lehiwa Ulukua (1853), son and daughter-in-law of John Nalaniewalu Kalehuawehe Napoka and Haupū Ukukua (1829-1893), all of Honua'ula, Palaua Uka, 'Ulupalakua, Maui, are planning their fifth reunion at the Hale Nanea Clubhouse in Kahului on Sept. 4-6, 2009. They had 6 (c) 1-John Nalaniewalu Kalehuawehe II m Aulani Dart 1872-1923, their siblings - Lillian K. Medeiros, Eliza K. Seabury

(1st) marriage, (2nd) H.K. Chun-ling, and William J. Keone Kalehuawehe. 2-John I. Kalehuawehe 1873-1941 m Mary Aliona aka Aleong Kanahele a widow, their siblings - John I. Kalehuawehe Jr., Jacob Kalehua Kalehuawehe, Mary Malia K. Feliciano, Eva K. Kuloloia, Elizabeth K. Kekahuna, Lillian M.K. Domingo, Agnes K. Kahoeakap, Edith K. Gomes (hanai siblings) Leialoha Kanahele, 1st marriage S. Sakamoto, 2nd H.S. Huckso, and Mary Kanahele Gomes. 3- Malia Kalehuawehe 1883-1944 m Joseph Achong Akanako, their siblings - Mary K. Harvest, and A'ana A. Tavares. 4- Lillian Kalehuawehe 1885 m Arthur Allen, their sibling Arthur Allen Jr. 5- David Kane 1867 m Emma Walsh N/I. 6- John Kalehuawehe 1878 m Kaina Pio N/I. For more information regarding the reunion call Allan Gordon 808-244-9513 or Bettylou 808-244-7557.

Ma Hope • Later

Kaholokula – Descendants of Kupalaha and Kealiimailili Kaholokula of Maui are planning a family reunion in 2010. They had 11 children: 1. Kuhaupio, 2. Keauli, 3. Kuhaupio, 4. Ulunui, 5. Puakailima, 6. Kaleikapu, 7. Kalaina, 8. Mala, 9. Keoni, 10. Alapai, and 11. Kaiminaauao. Please contact Gordon K. Apo 808-244-3500 (evenings) or 808-269-0440 (daytime); Clifford N. Kaholokula Jr. 808-250-1733 or 808-876-1447; or Haulani Kamaka 808-268-9249.

'Imi 'Ohana • Family Search

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

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

Cheong – I'm Michele Cheong, daughter of Alexander Mamo Cheong (parents are Tam/Tan Cheong and Mary Parker). I believe I am related to the Parker Ranch family. I am an only child, and I am looking for some family. Please email me at blackorchid@hawaii.rr.com, or call 808-485-0411.

Kahulamu – We are seeking Kahulamu descendants of Kahalu'u, N. Kona, Hawai'i, to fill the missing gaps in our genealogies. We descend from: Gen. 1: Mokuhiwalani and Lonokahikini (w). Gen. 2: Mahoe & Kapolohiwa (w). Gen. 3: Kahikuonamoku & Pa'e (w). Gen. 4: Mahoe II & Kihauanu (w). Gen. 5: Kaloakukahilulua & Kanoena (w). Gen. 6: Kahakanakuaulu aka Kuaale (k), Kauhenuiohonokawailani (w), Kauwe (k), Kahikuonamoku II (k), Kauhilololi (w), Kapuהלani (k), Kelihiulamu / Kahulamu & Haliaka Hana. Gen. 7: Keliimoeawakea Kahulamu, John Robert Kahulamu & Namakaohalou Kahikimakaakeawe, Keliimoeonua Kahulamu (k), Keliikeikiole / Keikiola Kahulamu & Hina, Kahawineaea Kahulamu (k), Kauauanui Kahulamu (k), Kanoena II Kahulamu (w), Ben Kahulamu & Julia N. Kahinu, and Kalaaakala Kahulamu (k). E kahea au, 808-329-7274.

Kailikini – Seeking the parents and any vitals of Kailikini (k), born circa 1837, died before 1920 [when his wife was listed as a widow in the 1920 census]. He married on Apr. 23, 1851, to Huia Kalua [aka Huia (w)]. They were known to have had at least two children: Kaneholani (k) [aka Kaneholani Kailikini; Kaneholani Smith; Iokewe Kaneholani], born Oct. 17, 1862, in North Kona, Hawai'i; and Piko Kailikini born Apr. 18, 1884. I would like to share genealogical information with anyone with ties with these 'ohana. Please contact Richard at 808-349-2378 or email rsouther@aloha.com. Mahalo nui!

Kapua Kupahu – Seeking the parents of Kapua Kupahu (w) born Jan. 1848 at South Kohala and died after the 1900 census was enumerated. She is said to be of the line of Hewahewanui (k). She married Kanehaku Pai [aka K. Pai (k)]. They had the following children: Hapakue (k); Maunakea Pai (k); Fannie Keli'imahiai Pai; Evelyn N. 'Ōhi'a Kaohulani Pai; Leimakani Pai (k); Joseph Opi'o Pai; Lydia Kanalulu Pai and Jack Pai. I would like to share genealogical information with anyone with ties with these 'ohana. Please contact Richard at 808-349-2378 or email rsouther@aloha.com. Mahalo nui!

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

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

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