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Kamehameha School Buys Off Legal Challenge to Race Based Policy

The Will of Bernice Pauahi Bishop is evidence she did not support racism, and never intended her Kamehameha Schools to deny entrance to Hawaii's children based on race. But sometime after her death, her Trustees violated her Will and started their racebased policy, precipitating legal challenges from non-Hawaiian children who were denied entrance based on their race.

On Monday, May 14, 2007, Kamehameha Schools used its considerable wealth to perpetuate its race based admissions policy, and offered to

settle one case that was pending review by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Attorney John Goemans, one of the lawyers for John Doe, a non-Native Hawaiian student, said the student is satisfied with the settlement of his lawsuit challenging the Kamehameha Schools Hawaiians-first admission policy. "We've done the best we can for our client," said Goemans, but declined to discuss the terms of the confidential settlement, as did School officials.

As a result of the settlement, John Doe's lawsuit was dropped, and the

Kamehameha Schools' race based entrance policy can continue until challenged again.

Many people who seek equality under law for everyone in Hawaii, and respect for Pauahi's wish to provide education to Hawaii's children through Kamehameha Schools, are disappointed that both the School and John Doe gave in to a financial settlement instead of holding on to see whether the highest court in the country would have agreed with the school's policy of giving preference to Hawaiian students.

Roger Clegg, president and general counsel for the Center for Equal Opportunity of Falls Church, Va., said he believes that the Kamehameha Schools agreed to settle the case because "they stood a good chance of losing before the Supreme Court."

School officials said that "settling this case, we protect our right to offer admissions preference to Native Hawaiians." [Money validates racism]

Political pundits say this settlement will promote the Akaka Bill to establish a new Hawaiian government.

Iraq's Want US OUT; Marines Apologize, Pay \$2,000 Per Head

War Update Majority of Iraqi Lawmakers Now Reject Occupation

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On Tuesday, more than half of the members of Iraq's parliament rejected the continuing occupation of their country. 144 lawmakers signed onto a legislative petition calling on the United States to set a timetable for withdrawal, according to Nassar Al-Rubaie, a spokesman for the Al Sadr movement, the nationalist Shia group that sponsored the petition.

It's a hugely significant development. Lawmakers demanding an end to the occupation now have the upper hand in the Iraqi legislature for the first time; previous attempts at a similar resolution fell just short of the 138 votes needed to pass (there are 275 members of the Iraqi parliament, but many have fled the country's civil conflict, and it's been difficult to have a quorum).

Reached by phone in Baghdad on Tuesday, Al-Rubaie said that he would present the petition, which is nonbinding, to the speaker of the Iraqi parliament and demand that a binding measure be put to a vote. Under Iraqi law, the speaker must present a resolution that's called for by a majority of lawmakers, but there are significant loopholes and what will happen next is unclear.

Protesters burned effigies of U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney during a rally in Kerbala, south of Baghdad, on May 9, 2007. Hundreds of supporters of Shi'ite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr attended the demonstration denouncing Cheney's visit to Iraq.

The Arabic inscriptions on the banner reads: "We demand the Iraqi government not to welcome the messenger of terror Dick Cheney".

\$564 billion war for profit and Oil

This year's proposed US spending on the Iraq war is larger than the military budgets of China and Russia combined. The combined spending requests would push the total for Iraq to US\$564 billion, according to the non-partisan Congressional Research Service (CRS).

A proposed supplemental appropriation to pay for the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq "brings proposed military spending for FY 2008 to \$647.2 billion, the highest level of military spending since the end of World War II", the CRS said.

Total proposed US military spending for 2008 is larger than military spending by all of the other nations in the world combined. It is:

- 10 times the military budget of the second-largest military spending country in the world, China;
- larger than the combined gross domestic products of all 47 countries in sub-Saharan Africa;
- more than 30 times higher than all spending on State Department operations and non-military foreign aid combined;
- represents 58 cents out of every dollar spent by the US government on discretionary programs: education, health, housing assistance, international affairs, natural resources and environment, justice, veterans' benefits, science and space, transportation, training/employment and social services, economic development and several more items.

"Iraq war: a nice little earner" report published in Asia Times Online by Ismael Hossein-zadeh, an economics professor at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa: "Although the official military budget already eats up the lion's share of the public money (cutting back vital domestic needs), it nonetheless grossly understates the true magnitude of military spending. The real national defense budget, according

to Robert Higgs of the Independent Institute, is nearly twice as much as the official budget. "The reason for this understatement is that the official Department of Defense budget excludes not only the cost of wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, but also a number of other major cost items."

That sort of money could go a long way to addressing so many of the world's most urgent problems. But war is a very profitable business for some very big and powerful corporations such as Halliburton, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Vinnell and Blackwater. It has been argued that rather than profiteering from war, these corporations are making war for profit, and would not exist otherwise.

Halliburton alone has already taken more than \$13 billion from no-bid/no-audit US government contracts for providing everything from pizzas to security personnel in Iraq.

US Vice President and former Halliburton CEO Vice President Dick Cheney currently holds 100,000 shares of unexercised stock options in Halliburton, gross value \$3.2 million.

He "never felt so alive" as in battle...now dead.

Maj. Douglas Zembiec, a Marine Corps officer profiled in the Los Angeles Times magazine in 2004, was killed May 11, 2004 while leading a raid on insurgents in Baghdad, officials reported Friday.

"One of the most noble things you can do is kill the enemy," he once said. Zembiec, 34, received a Bronze Star with a V for valor for leading an infantry company in repeated assaults against insurgents in the Sunni Triangle city of Fallouja in 2004..

Zembiec seemed to revel in the experience of combat. In the magazine article, he was quoted as calling a fire-fight in Fallouja "the greatest day of my life."

"I never felt so alive, so exhilarated, so purposeful," he said the day after a battle in which two of his troops were killed and 18 wounded. "There is nothing equal to combat and there is no greater honor than to lead men into combat." [How sick is this!!]

U.S. Pays \$\$, and Apologizes to Kin of Afghans Killed by U.S. Marines

May 8 — An Army commander apologized and paid compensation on Tuesday to families of Afghan civilians killed by marines after a suicide attack in March, in the first formal acknowledgment by the American authorities that the killings were unjustified.

Col. John Nicholson, an Army brigade commander in eastern Afghanistan, met Tuesday with the families of the 19 Afghans killed and 50 wounded when a Marine Special Operations unit opened fire on a crowded stretch of road near Jalalabad after a suicide bomber in a vehicle rammed their convoy.

"I stand before you today, deeply, deeply ashamed and terribly sorry that Americans have killed and wounded innocent Afghan people," Colonel Nicholson said. "We made official apologies on the part of the U.S. government" and paid \$2,000 each death.

The incident is already the subject of a criminal investigation by the Pentagon. But the decision to issue a public apology now reflects the military's growing concern that recent civilian casualties have led to widespread ill will among Afghans and could jeopardize military operations.

"Any time we're responsible for the loss of innocent life, we understand that that hurts our ability to accomplish the mission," Bryan Whitman, a Pentagon spokesman, said Tuesday.

The American military considers offering payments to relatives of victims vital in allaying anger among civilians in Afghanistan and Iraq, where the military regularly makes payments when it kills noncombatants.

Such payments are sometimes accompanied by statements saying that the military is not acknowledging that its soldiers acted improperly. But in this case, Colonel Nicholson went further than usual in acknowledging that the civilians were "innocent Afghans."

The company commander and the senior enlisted member from the unit involved in the incident were relieved of duty last month.

Criminal charges could be brought against at least five marines.

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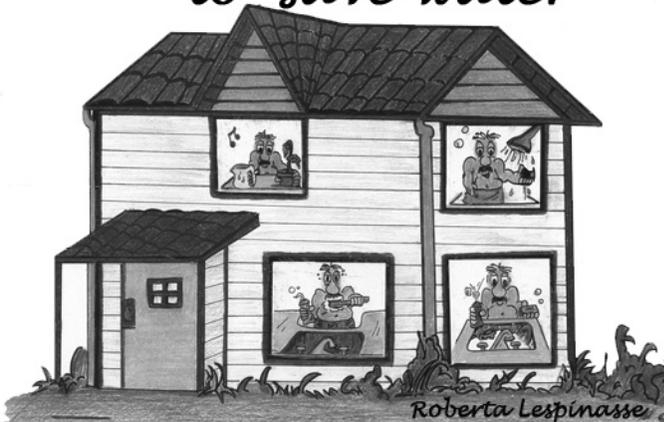
Schedule of Events	Date	Time	Location
Lecture	Thu, 5/17	7 - 8 pm	Kulana oiwi Halau
Lecture II by Kumu John Kaimikaua	Fri, 5/18	7 - 8 pm	Kulana oiwi Halau
Ho'olaule'a	Sat, 5/19	9 a - 4p	Papohaku Beach Park

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Molokai High School Events:

Driver Education Classes : There will be no Driver Education classes this summer. Contact Ms. Lee at 567-6950, ext. 233 if you have any questions.

May 15-17, 2007 MHS Drama Club presents, "The Heiress" in the MHS cafeteria. Show starts 7:00 pm, nightly! Another super production of the Drama Club. May 16 is Ohana Night with NaRA students at library 6 pm.

May 22 - 24, 2007 Heads up! Early notice! The MHS library will be hosting a small BOGO (Buy One, Get One, free) Book Fair. Purchase orders, charge cards, checks, & cash will be accepted. Great for summer reading, gifts, or incentives!

May 26, 2007 Senior Luau!!!! Please get your tickets from the MHS Alumni Association right away! Contact Melody Alcon, President of the association because the tickets are going fast! Welcome back the classes of 1947, 1957, 1967, 1977, 1987, and 1997. The luau honoring the class of 2007 will start at 6:00 pm in the Barn.

June 2, 2007 Commencement!!!! This is highlight of the year for the Class of 2007. Exercises will be held in the Barn and the processional will begin promptly at 4:00 pm when the doors to the gym will be closed. Please come early and be in the Barn to watch our seniors, soon to be graduates, make their final walk into the Barn as students of Molokai High School! Don't be late--this is an on-time event! See you there!!!!

Note: To prepare for the library re-tiling, the library will close from June 4-7, 2007, to pack up all the books. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Diane Mokuau at 567-6950, Ext. 273.

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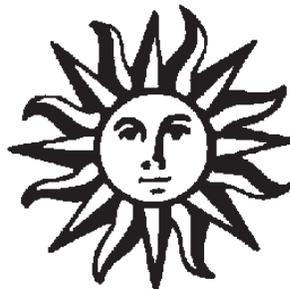
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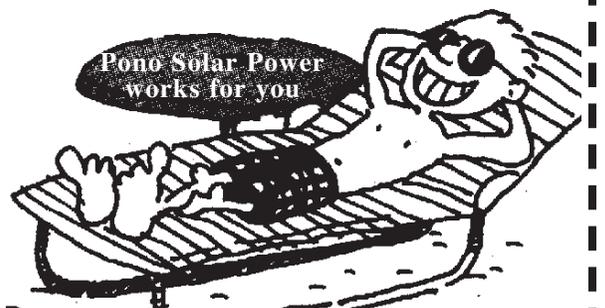
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May Day is Lei Day was promoted by the visitor's bureau at the urging of Poet Don Blanding decades ago. The first week of May was celebrated by each of the Island's schools in unique style. Central to each program were the Royal Court. On Friday, May 5, Kaunakakai school honored Kupuna Kauila Reyes with May Queen Abigail Adachi and King Hokualakai Blevins. At Kilohana School Queen Lisa Kawuwenalle Dudoit and King Solomon Maliu III held court and performed masterful hula with their courts.



Kilohana School's May Day held under the spreading monkeypods and outdoor stage has a newly designed backdrop, designed specially to withstand the Mana'e winds. The Royal Court and each grade performed traditional songs and dances of Hawai'i and a song composed and performed by Lono.

The students look forward to their annual Spring Bazaar just the next weekend, the day before Mother's day.

Following the seating of the Royal Court, Kaunakakai School students and teachers' "Journey Through Asia" began with traditional hula by Island Princesses and Princes.

From the Preschool song from the Philippines, and Kindergarten journey to Thailand, return with the first graders to the Philippines, an Indonesian song by the Second grade students; and trips to the continent by the 5th graders Japanese songs, 4th grade China dragon dance and 3rd grade trip to Korea completed the Asian Journey.



Ka Hula Piko

Celebrating the ancient beginning of Hula on Molokai, the **Ka Hula Piko** events continue this Friday May 18 with a lecture by Kumu John Kaimikaua at the Kulani O Iwi Halau.

The all day Hoolaulea for Ka Hula Piko is on Saturday May 19, at the Papohaku Beach Park at the beach end of the Ahupuaa of Kaluakoi starting at 9 am until 4 pm.

Weather should be great, lots of food, arts and crafts, cultural exhibits, and of course lots of HULA & music.

More info, call MVA at 553-3673.

New POSTAGE STAMPS & Savings

New postage rates went into effect on Monday, May 14, including a two-cent increase in the price of a First-Class Mail stamp, a simplification of international mailing options, and a new approach to pricing that will reshape the future of mail.

While the most visible rate change is the increase of First-Class Mail stamps to 41 cents, the new shape-based pricing system will have a larger overall impact, especially for business mailers and consumers who mail packages. The new pricing system takes into consideration the shape and size of mail, not just the weight, said USPS spokesperson Duke Gonzales.

For example, if the contents of a First-Class Mail large envelope are folded and placed in a letter-sized envelope, customers can reduce postage by as much as 39 cents per piece. If the contents of a First-Class Mail package are laid out to fit into a large envelope, customers can save 33 cents per piece.

For a two-ounce letter, the new prices are lower--58 cents vs 63 cents.

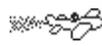
You can save on future mailings by buying Forever Stamps, at the new 41-cent First-Class Mail letter price, and can be used for any future one-ounce letter rate without adding extra postage.

Ualapue Ahupuaa Meeting 5-29

Ualapue resident Billy Kalipi is hosting the 2nd Ualapue Ahupuaa Meeting next week May 29 Tuesday at Kilohana Community Center starting at 6 pm, to restore, and organize the Ualapue ahupuaa.

Everyone welcome to give manao and find ways to malama aina, do Hawaiian culture-philosophy, restore spirit, loi, fishpond, and establish aha ahupuaa council.

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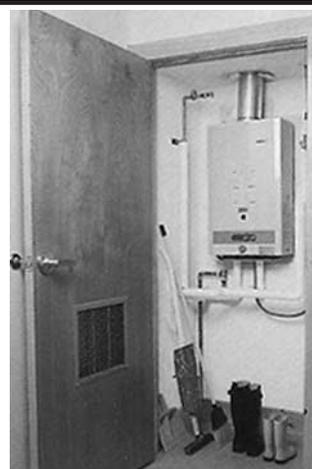
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