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Home Pumehana Resident File Protest Against Manager



Some of the residents who met with the press: l left to right: Katie, Linda Liddell, Jeanette Javillonar, Harriett Dennison Back row: Juditha Gardner, Diane David, Betty Smith, Drake Wells, Flora Jumawan.

Six residents at Home Pumehana, Molokai's elderly housing residence have sent letters of complaint alleging mismanagement and need for security at the Kaunakakai's senior citizen housing facility that is managed by Maui County's Hale Mahaolu employee Jersula Manaba. The six residents, who are long time residents at the county facility— from 21 to five years— say they have made complaints personally, by letter and by seeking help from HUD. Additionally, a petition was signed by at least 24 residents of Home Pumehana [about 50% of the residents] in support of changes to Management.

In their complaints about procedural rules and incidents, the residents have documentation in the form of memos and letters exchanged with management, but none of the complaints have been resolved to the satisfaction of the residents.

On Monday, August 1, 2005, the six were joined by six others at a meeting with The M.A.N. to publicize their concerns. The common thread through each of the residents' concern was mismanagement of the 85 unit elderly housing Hale Mahaolu/Home Pumehana facility. "Lack of compassion" by the resident manager Jersula Manaba was cited by residents. Example: Mr. Swords was asked to leave the Home Pumehana office when he requested a heavy package received in mail be brought to his unit by one of the staff on a cart Manaba uses to transport people and tools around the area. And Flora Jumawan said management "doesn't come around" when people are dying or very ill.

Lack of security at Home Pumehana is a major concern. But more often complaints were made about Management the constant changing of facility rules, lack of maintenance (leaky roofs, mold), a pattern of threats and pattern of favoritism against residents, and an pervasive sense of fear of eviction for "rule violation."

Resident Juditha Gardner spoke of requesting a "security light" near her apartment since it is in a dark area, to prevent theft of items from just outside her apartment. To date no light has been installed, reason given, she was told, "no money".

But several residents complained that additional bedrooms and a bathroom were added to the resident manager's unit, while residents said they have needed repainting of their apartments, even after 5 years.

Among the other complaints cited by the residents included "running a private business in a HUD facility. And although the big rig trucks have been moved, residents continue to observe after hours mechanic work and the presence of the large trucks on the property that are operated by the manager's husband.

Resident Linda Liddell reported an REAC inspection by HUD "notice date was 5/31/05 but the office did not to give it to me. They gave it to me on June 2, 2005 at 9:37a.m. According to the notice the inspection was in 23 minutes." She refused entry to the two staff and one HUD man, but they entered anyway. She feels it was "an invasion of privacy." She has been "inspected" several times, but others have never been inspected, according to the group present.

Resident Thomas Burke noted that a resident manager of such a facility should make regular visits with the residents, chat with them, be sociable. He suggested an older couple "in their 60s" who know how to talk to older people would be better suited for managing such a facility. "Personally I got nothing against Jersula."

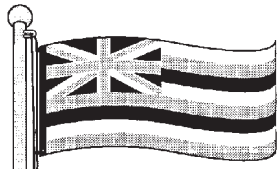
Jeanette Javillonar, a resident since October, 1984 summed it up, "Mrs. Manaba has been here for almost 7 years. Most of the residents here are afraid of talking because of losing their place. She requested a HUD "full investigation" of Home Pumehana. Most of the residents hoped for removal of both Jersula Manaba and Roy Katsuda and a return to a more harmonious environment for "Peaceful Living".

Forty-eight residents including one former resident of Home Pumehana will have an opportunity to air their concerns, needs and recommendations to Roy Katsuda, Hale Mahaolu executive director and a compliance officer for HUD as they are scheduled to meet on August 8th 9:30 at the Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center conference room.



Keiki Surfing Final Results: Trophies, Medals, prizes, and a lot of really good waves!





Bulletin Board

August 6, Saturday
Hawaii State Racing Canoe Championships, Lahaina, Maui

August 11, Thursday

CCC Meeting, Mitchell Pauole Hall, 3:00 pm
IDEA Workshop, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, Mitchell Pauole Center
Open House: Moloka'i Community Health Center, 5:30-7pm

August 15, Monday

Blood Bank Drive sponsored by Molokai Lions, 8:30am-4 .m, Mitchell Pauole Center

August 19, Friday

Statehood Admission Day holiday, state, county, schools, libraries CLOSED



Hauoli la hanau, Cole-B Henoheno

Saturday, July 30, the Kaiama and Mahiai families celebrated with friends and their extended families the first birthday of Cole-B Henoheno Kaiama. At the cool lawn of the Kualapuu Recreation Center, Heno's birthday was celebrated by his father, Joe, Jr. big brother Hiapo, mom Lori and big sister Kawaiola. Grandparents Hulu & Keonaona Mahiai and Pocho & Loke Kaiama played a big part in the celebration, too.



Activities such as kite making, and play dough, story teller Auntie Donna and Mr. Oh's special balloon shapes and magic, emcee Charlotte Seales kept the fun and good home grown music rolling for all ages.

Happy birthday, Henoheno !

For the ono pa'ina, a really nice touch for guests, especially kupuna, was the thoughtful serving of food at the tables by a group of gracious young people including Heno's sister Kawaiola, her cousins and friends.

Open House - Aug. 11th At Molokai Community Health Center

National Health Center Week has been designated by US Congress as August 7-13, 2005. The Molokai Community Health Center (MCHC) will be celebrating this special week by holding an OPEN HOUSE on the 11th of August from 5:30-7pm.

According to Debora Eala, Outreach Education Worker at the Moloka'i Community Health Center, the community is invited to visit the center, located at the Kamoi Center and speak with Board Members and staff. Dr. Daniel Shuman, Medical Director and Dr. Charles Curtis, Dental Director will speak about present and upcoming services. Refreshments will be served.

National Health Center Week • August 7-13, 2005

The nation's health centers have over 40 years of proven service to the medically underserved. In 2004, the US Congress approved funding for a Community Health Center on Molokai, thanks largely in part to Senator Inouye.

The latest survey reported by the Hawaii Primary Care Association indicated patients who used community health center services and fell under the 200% Federal Poverty Level: Nationally -- 91%, State of Hawaii -- 82%, and Molokai -- 95%. Of patients that used MCHC's services, 27% were Uninsured users, 23% Medicaid users, 12% Medicare users and 38% Privately Insured users. By these statistics, it is easily seen that as the nation's safety net health care provider, health centers such as Molokai Community Health Center, improve access to care for millions of Americans, locally and nationally, regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay. In addition, their costs of care rank among the lowest, and they reduce the need for more expensive hospital in-patient and specialty care, producing significant savings for taxpayers.

The Molokai Community Health Center is one of the nationwide network of health centers providing vital health services to millions of Americans each year. Take this opportunity to get acquainted with the MCHC Board and the staff on August 11th.

OBITUARY

Randolph Pauole Puailihau

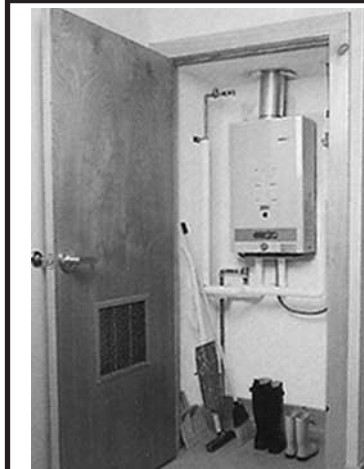
Randolph P. Puailihau, 66, Ualapue, Moloka'i resident, passed away on July 18, 2005 at Queen's Medical Center. He was a retired truck driver with Kiewitt Construction Company and was still employed by Spencer Company. His past employers included Kam Express, Richard Lee Trucking, and The Honolulu Bus Company.

Randolph Pauole Puailihau is survived by wife, Jacqueline Kahinu Stone, son Randolph Keala Puailihau of Molokai, Steven Keola Stone, Jack Stone of Lahaina Volney Stone of North Carolina. And daughters Coco Stone-He, Volsha Johnston, Vonda Stone and mother Cecilia Kaupu all of Moloka'i. 18 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter also survive.

Brothers who survive: Nelson "Pomai" Puailihau, Samuel "Pua" Puailihau of Seattle, WA; Laurence "Kimo" Puailihau of Molokai; Samuel "Tiny" Puailihau of CA; Nelson "Honey Boy" Puailihau of Maui; Edwin "Kalei" Kaupu of Arizona; sisters Ruby "Tita" Hirata; Lillian "Kau" Augenfild; and Claudette "Kehau" Pule of Molokai. Also numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins survive.

Wake services were held on Friday, July 29, 2005 at Kamaikapili Church in Honolulu led by Kahu David Kaupu. Funeral services were held on Saturday July 30, 2005 at Waialua Congregational Church conducted by Kahu Paul Brathford.

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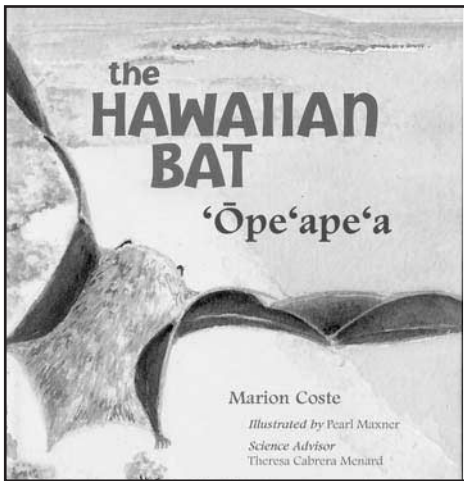
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New Book Release:
The Hawaiian Bat 'Ope'ape'a
Author: Marion Coste
Illustrated by Pearl Maxner
Science Advisor: Theresa Cabrera Menard



Seventy percent of all bats are insect-eaters, or insectivores (in-SEK-tih-vorz), who can eat half their weight in insects in a night, according to The Hawaiian Bat 'Ope'ape'a. The are our friends who also help fruit grow by scattering seeds or helping to carry pollen from plant to plant. Scientists have studied bat echolocation (the way bats send out calls and listen to echoes) to figure out how to help blind people find their way around.

The Hawaiian Bat was given the name 'Ope'ape'a by ancient Hawaiians, who thought the bat's wing, its skin stretched over a frame of slender bones, looked like pe'a, the wind-filled sails of voyaging

canoes. To scientists, the Hawaiian bat is the only native land mammal and are animals of mystery because they are difficult to catch for studying.

Myths and facts about bats are told about this unique solitary, small, flying mammal for children and adults to learn in an easy to read format. Since 1970, Hawaiian bats have been on the endangered species list. Since Hawaiian bats depend on trees to live and raise their young, development, introduction of new animals and plants and destruction of forests have made for rare sightings of this little mammal. Breeding mostly on Hawai'i and Kaua'i, they have been seen on Maui, Moloka'i, O'ahu and Kaho'olawe. Rarely seen, the bat population of Hawaii is smaller than it once was, according to the *The Hawaiian Bat 'Ope'ape'a*. Children and adult readers will enjoy the wonderful word and graphic pictures painted about his very special Hawaiian bat.

Marion Coste is the author of three other books about Hawaiian native species; Nene (Hawaiian goose), Honu (Hawaiian green sea turtle), and Kolea (Pacific golden plover).

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Capping off a fourth season of undefeated paddling, 28-year-old Australian lifeguard Jamie Mitchell (Queensland) posted his fourth consecutive win of the 32-mile Quiksilveredition Molokai to Oahu Paddleboard Race today, finishing ahead of 117 other starters. It was a hard-fought victory and Mitchell's winning time of >five hours, five minutes and nine seconds was nine minutes outside of the record he set last year (4:56:03). Second place was Honolulu lifeguard Brian Rocheleau, with a time of 5:07:34; third was Nathan Henderson (Australia ñ 5:17:47); and fourth was California's Ryan Addison (Malibu ñ 5:18:34). The first stockboard (shorter, 12-foot board) finisher was Eric Meech (La Jolla, CA ñ 6:04:21), and the first women's stockboard finisher was Kanesa Duncan (Honolulu - 6:16:26).
Starting out from Papohaku Roadstead on Molokai at 7:30am, conditions were great for the first few hours with small but long-running swells in the 2-4 foot range and consistent trailing Tradewinds of around 15 knots. But by the final two hours, organized waves gave way to chaotic conditions and currents for which the Kaiwi Channel is infamous and the race became a mind game for the paddlers.

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