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Home Pumehana Update: Manager's Lies; Sycophant Dispatch & MIT Invited

report by George Peabody

Following the Aug 8 forum for Home Pumehana residents to tell H.U.D representatives their horror stories describing verbal abuse, threats, retaliations, neglect by HP managers Jersula Manaba and Roy Katsuda, and petitioning H.U.D. to replace Jersula Manaba with a competent resident manager, Katsuda and Manaba held their own meeting for Home Pumehana residents and Dispatch & MIT newspapers Aug. 24. Excluded from were **The MAN**, and Donovan Keliipuleole who represents near 50% of all HP residents who also did not attend because their advocate was not invited.

According to a letter from Katsuda, his exclusive meeting addressed concerns raised at the residents' August 8 meeting. Katsuda also said Mary Morton [HUD] clarified that HP personnel are not required to assist disabled residents by delivering packages, and that Jersula Manaba is NOT chained to HP 24-7. Katsuda also stated that police security would be reinstated, and that "Hale Mahaolu does not condone retaliation by its employees."

Sycophant Brennan Purtzer reported erroneously that Mary Morton defended Jersula; and Katsuda wants Jersula cloned.



HP manager Jersula Manaba

Morton later said that she would likely ignore Purtzer's newspaper article and just continue to monitor the complaint/inquires and their resolution.

Regarding the complaints by Harriet Dennison to repair her H.P. kitchen facilities years ago, HUD officials say they did receive a response on August 30 but it "did not address the issues. We sent Ms. Dennison an update letter on August 31 and sent a letter back to the managing agent asking them to please address the concern. The only thing they said in the response is that no recent kitchen renovations have been done at Home Pumehana."

Juditha Gardner had complained of Manaba's commercial trucking at HP, and her apartment's plumbing problems, and that her emergency medical records sign had not been installed on her door, but Jersula did not resolve these problems.

Donovan reported it was over 10 days after the official letter was delivered, and HP staff tried going the next day to fix the items but they did not call to make any arrangement. Because Juditha was sick and she wanted someone with her when they go in to fix it. He said that Jersula needs to call and make arrangements with the tenants, not just her own convenience.

Donovan Keliipuleole wrote: "Jersula Manaba, STOP! Your lies and Intimidation

We are glad to see that the board member

of Hale Mahaolu is publicly supporting Jersula Manaba the current housing manager of Home Pumehana.

Let me set the record straight, our August 8th meeting was set up so the tenants could voice their concerns in a public form. In spite of the efforts of Jersula and Bill Kinaka (attorney for Hale Mahaolu) to voice their side, it really did not matter. The general community needs to understand that the tenants filing complaints needed to proceed down this avenue. Jersula and Roy have failed to address the complaints filed in the past. The tenants that filed complaints needed to take their concerns to HUD in spite of the efforts of Roy and Jersula to contain these unaddressed issues. The August 24th meeting put on by Hale Mahaolu was just "DAMAGE CONTROL" no resolutions were presented to the tenants or to HUD.

In spite of the impression presented by The Molokai Island Times, let me assure the community that the investigation has just begun. What at first looks like a victory for Jersula and Roy will now serve as public record to further show that "BLIND TRUST" has been placed in the hands of Jersula and Roy Katsuda.

As I have stated, we are glad to see that the board supports Jersula. So maybe the board and Jersula can explain the following letters. The first is in response to the remodeling of a kitchen belonging to Mrs. Dennison. When a work order request and an update of her renovation of her kitchen was filed on August 16, 2005 Jersula responded with the letter dated August 18, 2005 which is completely different to her response in letter dated April 11, 2000. Ms. Dennison waited anxiously to have her kitchen redone. Ms. Dennison put all items into boxes and left in her living room for 3 months.

Just to have Jersula say it will not be done. So we ask which is the official response of Jersula?

From what we see it is one of many lies that Jersula and Roy must cover up.

At this point and time we can go on and on providing similar documents but this would take up this entire paper. MOLOKAI YOU READ AND JUDGE FOR YOURSELF. Jersula has caused enough "Stress" and "Discomfort" to these tenants.

As I speak with the residents I represent, it is obvious that Jersula and Roy are trying to fix everything in sight. However let me ask this, will the sudden burst of effort be enough to erase seven years of abuse? I must also state for the record that since the August 8th meeting the harassment and intimidation has gotten worse, this has led to the Contract Management Services filing new inquiries almost on a daily basis.

To Jersula Manaba, Roy Katsuda and Bill Kinaka yes WE DO HAVE OUR OWN AGENDA, LISTEN CAREFULLY IT IS TO STOP THE ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR AND ACTIONS OF THE MANAGEMENT STAFF RESPONSIBLE FOR HOME PUMEHANA simple do you understand?

In closing let me state that the efforts of Jersula's supporters to stop the airing of our program on AKAKU has failed. The efforts to threaten Mr. Peabody and the filing of a TRO against Peabody have also failed. (You can request to see the August 8, 2005 meeting on www.akaku.org)

Molokai look past the smile and the shiny toys, see the truth. The truth will always be black or white never GRAY.

D. K. Keliipuleole"

D.U.Wars and Hurricanes Bush Now Says Oil Is Reason For Iraq War

President Bush answered growing antiwar protests last week with a fresh reason for US troops to continue fighting in Iraq: protection of the country's vast oil fields, which he said would otherwise fall under the control of terrorist extremists.

As the blood of US soldiers continues to drain into the hot sands of Iraq, Mr. Bush commented from the comforts of his ranch in Crawford, Texas, "We will stay the course, we will complete the job in Iraq."

Just a two hour drive away in Dallas, at the Veterans for Peace National Convention in Dallas, Iraq/Afghanistan veterans were asked what they would say to Mr. Bush if he had the chance to speak to him. Abdul Henderson, a corporal in the Marines who served in Iraq from March until May, 2003, took a deep breath and said, "I see this guy in the most prestigious office in the world, and this guy says 'bring it on.' A guy who ain't never been shot at, never seen anyone suffering, saying 'bring it on?' ...it's sickening to me."

The other vets with him nod in agreement as he speaks somberly...his anger seething. "I didn't want to kill another soul for no reason. That's it," adds Henderson, "We were firing into small towns...you see people just running, cars going, guys falling off bikes... it was just sad. You just sit there and look through your bins and see things blowing up, and you think, man they have no water, living in the third world, and we're just bombing them to hell. Blowing up buildings, shrapnel tearing people to shreds."

Alex Ryabov, a corporal in an artillery unit which was in Iraq the first three months of the invasion, added this: "I don't think Bush will ever realize how many millions of lives he and his lackeys have ruined on their quest for money, greed and power," he says, "To take the patriotism of the American people for granted...the fact that his administration are willing to lie and make excuses for you while you continue to kill and maim the youth of America and ruin countless families...take the billions of dollars you've made off the blood and sweat of US service members....all the suffering you've caused us, and put those billions of dollars into the VA to take care of the men and women you sent to be slaughtered. Yet all those billions aren't enough to even try to compensate all the people who have been affected by this."

These new additions to Veterans for Peace are actively living the statement of purpose of the organization, having pledged to work with others towards increasing public awareness of the costs of war, to work to restrain their government from intervening, overtly and covertly, in the internal affairs of other nations and to see justice for veterans and victims of war.

More first hand storied about the atrocities of what they saw, and committed, while in Iraq began to flow. Camilo Mejia, an army staff sergeant who was sentenced to a year in military prison in May, 2004 for refusing to return to Iraq after being home on leave, talks openly about what he did there: "What it all comes down to is redemption for what was done there. I was turning ambulances away from going to hospitals, I killed civilians, I tortured guys...and I'm ashamed of that. Once you are there, it has nothing to do with politics...it has to do with you as an individual being there and killing people for no reason. There is no purpose, and now I'm sick at myself for doing these things. I kept telling myself I was there for my buddies. It was a weak reasoning...because I still shut my mouth and did my job."

They said that using uranium munitions, of which Ryabov stated 300 tons of which were used in the '91 Gulf War, and 2,200 tons and

counting having been used thus far in the current war, the effects of everyone exposed and their children is horrendous. Look at the photos of DU babies born with deformities.



Charlie Anderson, another Iraq veteran, pointed out the background radiation in Baghdad is now five times the normal rate—the equivalent of having 3 chest x-rays an hour, he said, "These are not accidents—the DU [Depleted Uranium]—it's important for people to understand this—the use of DU and its effects are by design. These are very carefully engineered and orchestrated incidents."

Harvey Tharp sitting with us served in Kirkuk. His position of being in charge of some reconstruction projects in northern Iraq allowed him to form many close friendships with Iraqis...something that prompts him to ask me to tell more people of the generous culture of the Iraqi people.

Tharp goes on to say that he believes there are still Vietnam vets who think that war was a necessary war and adds, "I think it's because that keeps the demons at bay for them to believe it was justified...this is their coping mechanism. We, as Americans, have to face the total obvious truth that this was all because of a lie. We are speaking out because we have to speak out. We want to help other vets tell other vets their story...to keep people from drinking themselves to death."

They stand firm in their resolve to bring an end to the occupation of Iraq and to help their fellow soldiers.

Michael Hoffman served as a Marine Corps corporal who fought in Tikrit and Baghdad, and has since become a co-founder of Iraq Veterans Against the War: "What about the 3 year old Iraqi girl who is now an orphan with diseases and nightmares for the rest of her life for what we did? And the people who orchestrated this don't have to pay anything. How many times are my children going to have to go through this? Our only choice is to fight this to try to stop it from happening again."

Hurricane Katrina's Lesson: Don't Depend on Government to save you!

"Looters turn New Orleans into 'downtown Baghdad,'" says headlines. Rotting bodies littered the flooded streets as thousands of survivors of Hurricane Katrina pleaded to be evacuated, or even just fed. People became increasingly frustrated at the slow pace of rescue and evacuation efforts three days after [pg 8]

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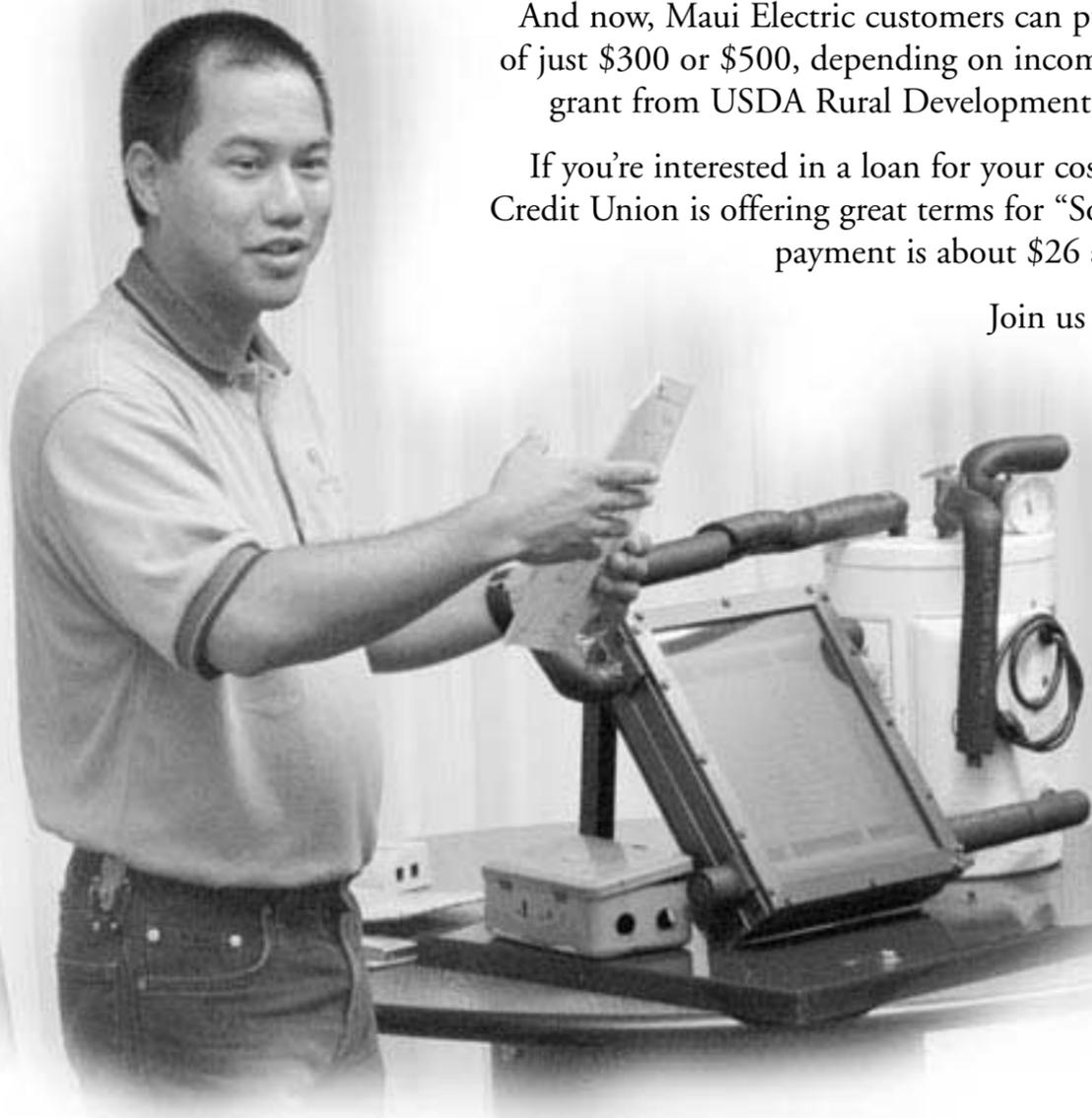
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Credit cards can "disappear" very quickly if you are not vigilant. Most good people trust vendors to charge their purchases and return their card. But Larry Dell and Gloria lost track of their credit card while enjoying dinner and drinks at Paddlers' Inn. Larry reports he gave his card to the waitress, but never got it back. She said she gave it to the bar tender who does the charge accounts. Larry said the bartender told him he had no knowledge of Larry's card. Paddler owners brushed him off, when they could have just showed some concern for this serious loss. No one knows yet what happened, but Larry has had to cancel the card before someone charges their lifestyle to him.

Another local case of credit card problems was related to The MAN by westend resident Jean Behrens. She did not lose her card directly, but the I.D. numbers got into the hands of a lady who worked for a collection company. Jean says that lady tried to use her credit card to buy a new Harley motorcycle. It got stopped when the Harley people called Jean to confirm she was buying the \$39,000 motorcycle. **HELLOOO!**

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FROM page 1:after Katrina tore up the U.S. Gulf Coast. A million people fled the New Orleans area before Katrina hit but tens of thousands of others were unable to get out or could not afford to make the journey without government help.
After four days there are believed to be over 15,000 survivors still stranded at the convention center and, with supplies rapidly running out, there were not enough buses to ferry them to shelter in Houston, as earlier promised. Mayor Ray Nagin pleaded for urgent help in getting thousands of evacuees to safety. "This is a desperate SOS," he said. Families were trapped for days on elevated highways without food or water in sweltering heat. "We want help," people chanted at the convention center, where thousands of evacuees were told to seek shelter only to find inadequate supplies of food or water.
Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco warned Katrina victims that National Guard troops were under her orders to "shoot and kill" if needed to restore order. Homeland Security Michael Chertoff said "We will not tolerate lawlessness, or violence, or interference with the evacuation."
This is not a natural disaster. It is a man-made disaster called socialism, dependance upon politicians for your welfare. The man-made disaster is the welfare state. The man-made disaster we are now witnessing in New Orleans did not happen over the past seven days. It happened over the past four decades. Hurricane Katrina merely exposed it to public view.
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