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KEDB wants \$1 million

By PETER WOLF

LIHUE — Citing a sense of urgency, the Kauai Economic Development Board (KEDB) has asked Kauai's legislative delegation for a \$1 million for economic development.

Unlike previous requests, however, this one would be channeled through the public sector via the county council but administered by the private section via KEDB.

"The private sector, in concert with private economic development and business organizations, has forged a relationship with our federal government through the offices of Sen. (Dan) Inouye," says Sue Kanoho of KEDB.

Kanoho says that the senator has been instrumental in sewing the seeds for significant federal economic development opportunities.

"We need, however, indications of state willingness and cooperation," KEDB's Gary Baldwin says. "We need the assistance of our legislators in providing a cooperative partnership with not the state and local government agencies, but with the real driving force — the people of Kauai and the federal agencies through

which the senator's assistance will come."

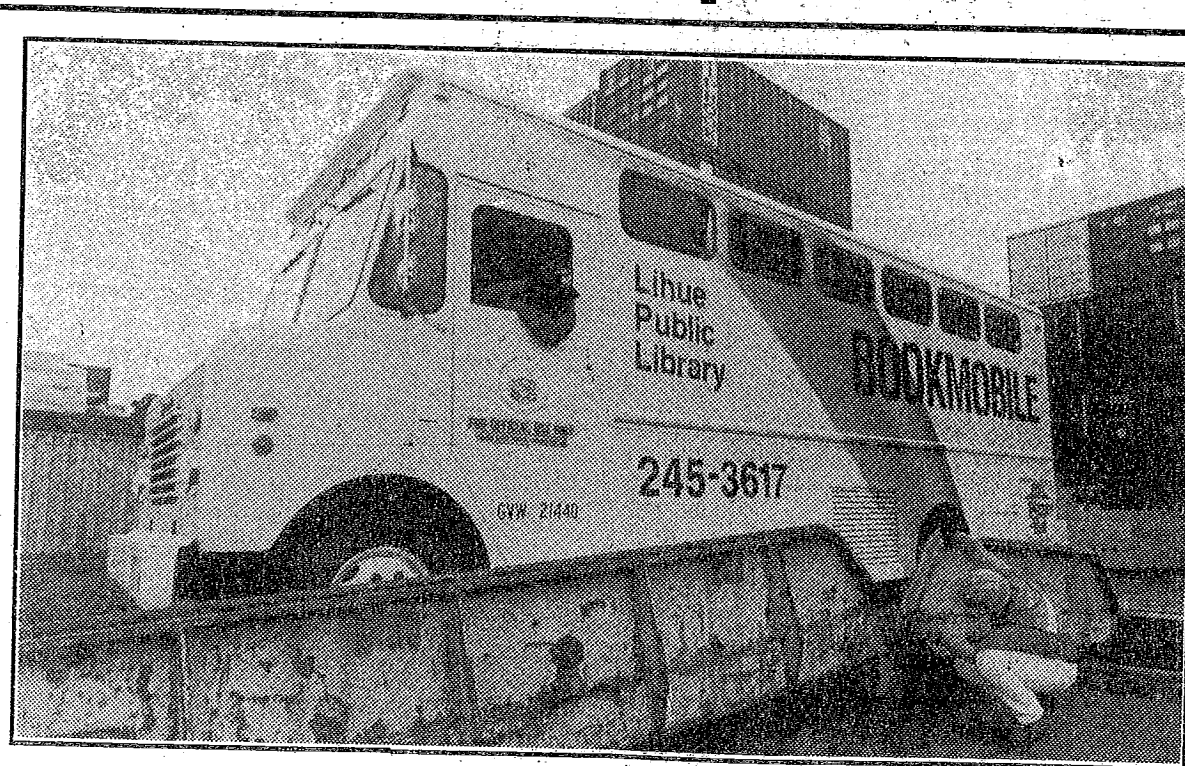
It appears that KEDB's pleas are not falling on deaf ears. In draft legislation, obtained by the Kauai Times, Rep. Ezra Kanoho is preparing to seek the funding KEDB requests.

"Nearly one and a half years have elapsed since Iniki, but Kauai's economy continues to suffer from the effects of this devastating hurricane," Kanoho says. "About 50 percent of the hotel rooms remain closed, with the likelihood that most of these — at the Westin, Coco Palms, Waioahi, Poipi Beach and part of the Sheraton Kauai — will probably not be operational until 1995, more than two and a half years after that fateful Sept. 11, 1992 date."

Pointing to the end for many aid programs and the increase in business failure on Kauai, Kanoho is preparing to ask for the money to "provide needed economic support to the people of Kauai."

Kanoho says, "Such assistance now will help prevent more economic woes and business failures and a burden on the state's welfare/financial assistance programs, which would re-

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Books On A Roll

Kauai's new \$85,000 bookmobile was off-loaded from a Young Brothers barge last week. The bookmobile was purchased for Kauai by the Hawaii State Library Foundation with funds provided by Hawaii Pizza Hut through its award-winning "Carryout for Literacy Card" campaign. Last year, the island's 13-year-old bookmobile was declared beyond repair and replacing it became the first major project for the library foundation, according to State Librarian Bert Kane. Henry Katsuda, president of Hawaii Pizza Hut, Inc., said, "We felt that this was the perfect opportunity to put the dollars donated to good use."

Thomas Tamura/Kauai Times photo

Sign thieves make beaches more deadly

By SHEILA HEATHCOTE

POIPU — Ocean hazard warning signs have become trendy souvenirs. But a stolen sign can bring another type of unusual souvenir to the unwary swimmer or wader — a coffin to go home in.

Kauai County leads the state in the number of drownings per population base. One way Kauai County has attempted to thwart drownings at county beaches is to post descriptive hazard warning signs. But the signs aren't doing anyone any good when hidden in a souvenir-seekers garage or den.

The colorful signs, which depict various dangerous ocean conditions — including high surf, strong currents, dangerous shore break and sudden drop offs, have definitely caught people's attention.

In Poipu the signs are so popular that they keep disappearing from the beach.

daycare is being Educator Reform

Health care will change

Kauai's high unemployment rate would keep care out of many's reach

By SHEILA HEATHCOTE

KAPAA — Health care on Kauai is in for some major revisions as a result of President Clinton's proposed reform.

Even though Hawaii's health care system has been touted as a "model" for the rest of the country, health care officials see major change on the horizon.

On the provider's side, effects will be predominantly felt in the hospital setting where the number of inpatients is expected to be slashed.

"In the future, it will be our goal to keep people out of the hospital," said Chris Benjamin of the Queen's Health System. Benjamin said the provider's plan was to develop a primary care network with alignment of

community hospitals on outer islands, and managed health care initiatives.

Greater emphasis will be placed on public health and disease prevention, health maintenance organizations and out-patient treatment at clinics and doctor's offices, said Chris Pablo of Kaiser Permanente, one of the speakers from a panel representing the state Department of Health (DOH). Queens Medical Center and Kaiser Permanente.

The panel discussion was part of last week's State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) Garden Island Planning Committee meeting held on Kauai.

Regionalization of services and streamlined insurance coverage plans for all walks of society are goals of

the proposed Clinton plan, which will directly affect Kauai. Some local health care providers, however, feel that certain aspects of the plan may be too idealistic.

"I basically represent the three percent of the population that doesn't get the 'universal' health care," said Lehua Henion, who is the Executive Director of Ho'ola Lahui Hawaii, a Native Hawaiian health care provider. "Even with the proposed Health QUEST, here on Kauai, we have the largest number of unemployed and even SHIP was unable to deal with the problem in a timely fashion."

For health care recipients, concerns included coverage plan details, who will shoulder insurance costs, and what type of plans will be available. These concerns were addressed by members of the Garden Island Committee, which included James Tehada, county council chair, Ken Ono, Wilcox Hospital President and CEO, Donna Maiava, chief of Emergency Medical Services branch of the Department of Health (DOH), Dr. Ron Metler, District Health Services administrator for the DOH, and Lehua Henion, executive director of Ho'ola Lahui Hawaii.

"If we don't have employers, how are we going to provide coverage and health care for the people of the state, let alone for the people of this island?" asked Henion. "My concern is for the people on Kauai. I don't see

managed care or fee for service or any kind of accountability across the board. And the people I have to talk to don't get the service."

Besides health care providers like Henion, who feel that lower income groups are going to fall through the cracks, other members of the committee agreed.

"What Lehua pointed out is real," said Tehada. "We have a work force of 30,000 people on Kauai with 15 percent unemployment. It is a real problem."

Tehada cited the example of a man who lost his job and received \$140 in unemployment benefits per week, out of which he had to pay medical insurance of over \$500 a month. As a result the man could not support his family, said Tehada.

"SHIP and Medicaid," said Tehada, "responded too late. Doctors were not being paid," he said.

The important elements in national health care reform that are going to affect Kauai, particularly in view of the current unemployment crisis, include the fact that Hawaii is a strong advocate of the employer mandate.

"We in Hawaii are strong advocates of employer mandates," said Peter Sybinsky, Ph.D., of the state DOH. "We know it can work and be done simply with out all the complexities that the Clinton plan has placed on it," said Sybinsky.

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SUCCESS!

Paul Tamashiro shows the determination that has earned him athletic awards, a 4.0 GPA and nominations to three military academies. He says that he owes his success to the public school system here on Kauai. The Kauai High student explains that he has had teachers that showed him the importance of discipline. You can read his story on B-1.

Thomas Tamura/Kauai Times photo

PERMIT RESTORED

Kapaa road work back underway

By SHELLY ZECK

KAPAA — After a massive disruption of traffic — and business — last week, the company doing work for the telephone company has a new plan.

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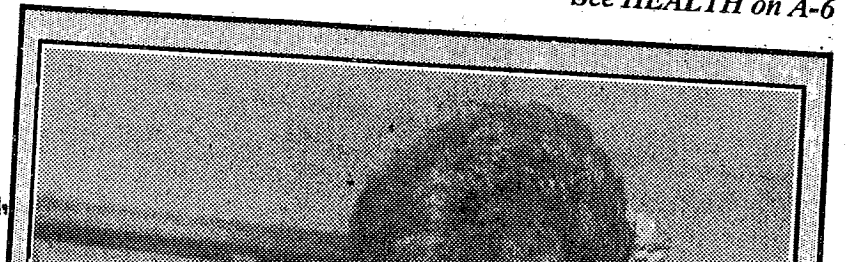
Merchants in the area say that the road work that re-routed traffic cost them more than a million dollars in business in a single day.

After the Department of Transportation pulled Wasa Electric's permit to operate on Kuhio Highway last week, an emergency meeting with Wasa Electric, GTE Hawaiian Tel and DOT was held.

Steven Kyono, chief engineer for DOT Kauai branch, said officials from Wasa Electric and GTE Hawaiian Tel worked out details of a plan to better inform the public — both motorists and local merchants.

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KAUMUALII STUDENTS TALK TO LEGISLATURE Youngsters paint a well-



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Marriott targets Westin buy-out

By SHELLY ZECK

LIHUE — Marriott Hotels International may be the next owner of the financially troubled, hurricane-hammered Westin Kauai Hotel.

Roger Conner, Marriott's vice president of communications, confirmed reports Wednesday that the company's offer has been "tentatively" accepted by Kauai Hotel Limited Partners.

ited Partners.

"We have made an offer to acquire it, there has been a tentative acceptance of that offer. We are now in a due diligence period of reviewing all potential aspects of the purchase," Conner said.

The hotel is owned by a group headed by Bank of America and First Hawaiian Bank which was formed to take over the property after it was

surrendered in foreclosure by developer Chris Hemmeter and his partners.

A spokeswoman for the Bank of America would neither confirm nor deny Conner's statement.

"We've been talking to several parties and continue to move forward, but we haven't reached any final agreements," said Nicole Sunahara, senior public relations officer

for Bank of America.

Both the seller and the potential buyer are currently in a 45-day due diligence period and are exploring all details that a potential sale might consist of, Conner said.

"After that, it will be decided if this matter will go forward," Conner said. "I'm with Marriott so I'm telling you the exact facts."

He said he could not say precisely

when the sale of the 840-room facility might be finalized or how much Marriott Hotel International will pay for the luxury hotel, which was part of a \$500 million resort developed by Chris Hemmeter.

"I don't think one can presume that as soon as the 45-day period ends there would be a sale. There may be a little more time before there is an actual sale," Conner said. "So it

would be hard to project when that would be."

If the sale goes through, the hotel, which has been managed since it opened by Westin Hotel & Resorts, will be managed by Marriott, Conner said.

Glynis Esmail, director of public relations for Sweeney Development, Inc., which also has made an offer on

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County attorney on giving end of transplant

• Registry recruiting more donors

By SUSAN DIXON-STONG

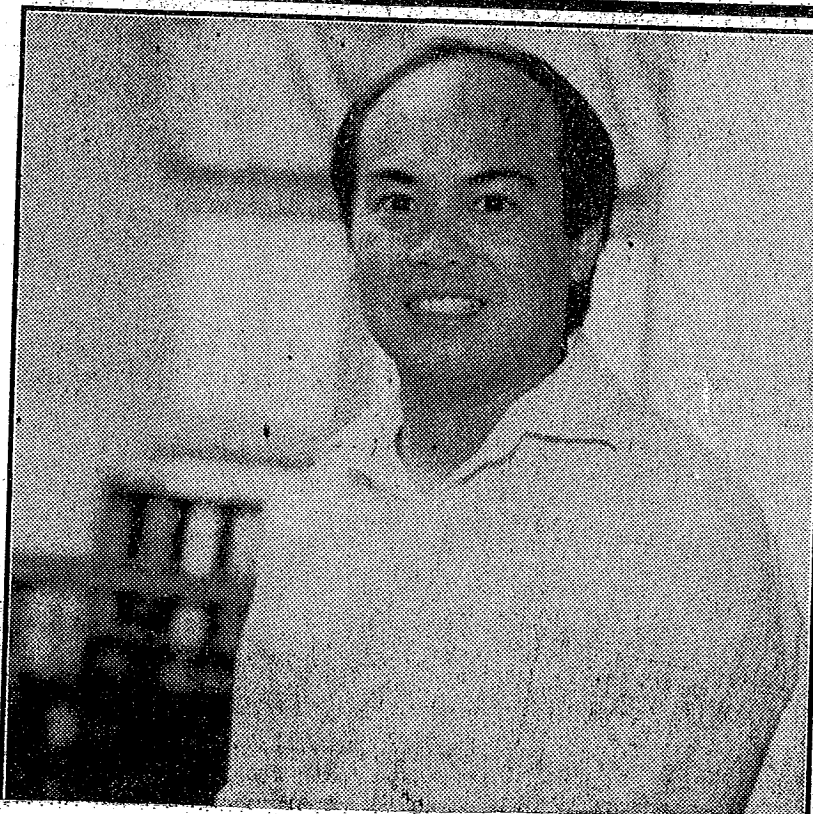
LIHUE — Recently, Kauai residents responded to a plea for help and raised \$80,000, which will allow Robby Scott Silva to undergo bone marrow transplant surgery that could

decision to become a donor was precipitated on a personal commitment to life itself.

"To me, it is really important that people are given a chance to life," he said. "It's not asking a lot for just that one break."

The attorney counts the experience as one of the three best things that ever happened to him. Becoming a donor, he said, is right up there with getting married and having children.

"I would do it again," he said. "No doubt about it. It really helped me



Middle school funds shift, start slides

• Kapaa parents seek explanation

By MARY DAUBERT

KAPAA — With little exception, any group within a state department wanting a piece of the pie has to lobby

state House Finance Committee had drafted a proposal to shift the \$15.5 million allocated for the construction of the new Kapaa Middle School (along with \$21 million for two school facilities on the Big Island) to other DOE projects, some of the middle school committee members were up in arms.

Not only have funds shifted, but the construction scheduled appears to have slipped. Ryan Kurashige, an

North Shore will cost more than \$500,000 — double the amount of the original contract.

The clean-up operation, which will be covered by federal emergency disaster funds, gained priority after legal action was initiated by subdivision residents.

"It should be noted that the county is attempting to complete the project as quickly as possible to assist the landowner in resolving a legal action initiated by subdivision residents who want the temporary dump site cleaned up," said County Solid Waste

K.T. POLL

Readers like discounters

LIHUE — A brewing environmental clash between scientists who want to use sound tests to measure global warming effects and others, who are concerned for the safety of endangered marine mammals is the subject of this week's *Kauai Times* poll.

Kauai residents can call 246-3908 and register their opinions on questions concerning this issue, which will be debated April 15 at a public hearing in the Kauai War Memorial Convention Hall.

Responses to last week's poll, which focused on the impact of locating two new discount stores on the island, is as follows:

- Do you think that Kmart will have an impact on local small businesses? 75 percent said yes. 25 percent no.
- Do you feel that Wal-Mart will

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station asking for an additional \$311,000, more than doubling the cost of the job. A spokesperson for the county said the contractor been paid \$183,182.98 to date.

The temporary North Shore landfill was closed on Oct. 3, 1992, less than a month after Hurricane Iniki hit.

Harding and Lawson Associates, along with a contractor who worked the site during its operation, estimated the amount of waste buried at the site on Oct. 21, 1992.

Dimensions of the largest trench were underestimated by the consult-

recall that the trench burrowed underneath the ground-level stockpiles, Burton added.

When Goodfellow began excavating recently, it was discovered that the trench extended to the area previously covered by stockpiled waste.

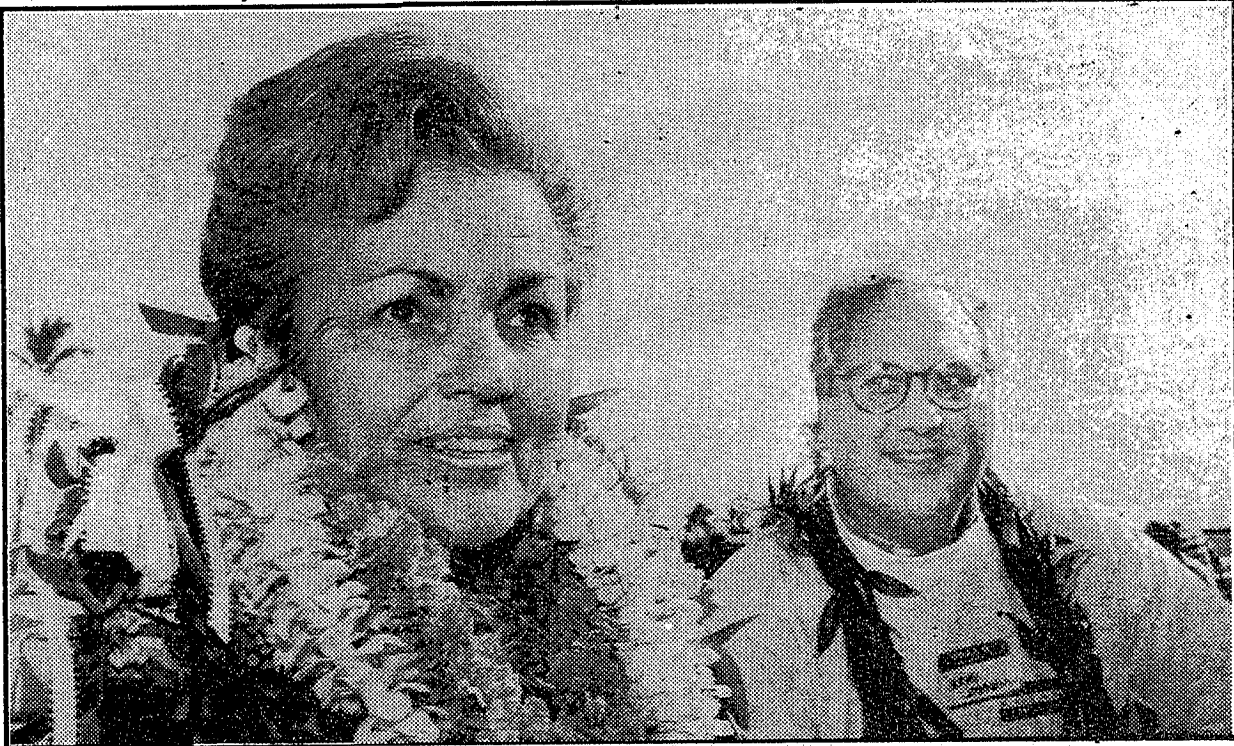
The change order was approved by the County Attorney's Office, Burton said, because it did not involve a change in the scope of work, only a change in the quantities of material to be handled. However, the "actual payment (for the job) will probably be less," he said.

contract had gone out again for bids.

But since the clean-up of the dump site will be paid for through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster funds, the County Council was not involved in the bidding process. Burton said time was of the essence and the re-bidding process would have taken too long and caused other problems.

The bid process, he said, normally requires about four months (from completion of the bid document to signed contract.) Bidding the extra

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Kusaka to run on GOP ticket

Mayoral candidate Maryanne Kusaka announced at a Kapaa fundraiser Saturday that she will seek election on the Republican ticket. A former Democrat supporter, the move allows Kusaka to go into the primary election without competition from Mayor JoAnn Yukimura and County Council Chair Jimmy Tehada, both Democrats.

Thomas Tamura/Kauai Times photo

ceremony the next day at Hanapepe Hawaiian Cemetery.

The Kauai/Niihau Island Burial Council has been working with a state organization, Hui Malama, to repatriate the remains, which were taken from the island years ago probably to be used in scientific studies conducted at mainland universities.

The skulls, designated to be returned this week, have been stored at Yale and Harvard universities, said Linda Kaiakapu.

She said Wilma Holi, who represents the Hanapepe District on the burial council, will escort the skulls on their trip back to Kauai. She is scheduled to return Saturday evening.

On Sunday, a 3 p.m. service is being planned at the Hanapepe Hawaiian Church (next to Roberts) with burial at 4 p.m., Kaiakapu said. Both the service and the burial are open to the public.

Holi, who could not be reached for comment, has spearheaded a move to locate lineal descendants of Hawaiian organizations on the Westside interested in being a part of the repatriation process for reinterment on Kauai.

More than 150 of the skulls headed for Kauai will be buried in Hanapepe. The remainder Kaiakapu said, will be interred in Koloa.

Hui Malama, which was organized specifically to repatriate Hawaiian skeletal remains and associated burial goods, has been contacting universities and museums worldwide in an effort to locate

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Kusaka tosses hat into race for mayor

KAPAA — In recent days, I have been approached by many local citizens to consider seeking the high office of Mayor of the county of Kauai. These people include janitors, senior citizens, politicians, fellow teachers, former students and close friends. As this is a major step in anyone's life, I felt it imperative to have committee of friends survey the community at large to assess the wide-spread level of support my candidacy would hold. The results of this grass roots survey have been most encouraging. I realize that this effort will require many hours of hard work on the part of my supporters and myself and we are willing to commit to just that. Today, I have decided that I want to be your Mayor, and I will run as a Democrat.



MARYANNE KUSAKA

School. Her experience as an educator spans 32 years. In 1987, Maryanne was appointed Administrative Assistant to Mayor Tony Kunimura, a position which afforded her a wide range of administrative experiences over county business in general, performing the duties of the Mayor in his absence. An avid community volunteer, Maryanne served as the Aloha Week Festival Manager for 13 years and served on the State Board of Aloha Week for an additional 2 years; is the Co-founder of Kauai's Keiki Hula Competition, now in its 8th year, member, Past President, and recent State Secretary of Delta Kappa

Gamma, an Honorary International Society of Women Educators; Island Fundraising Chairman and Campaign Coordinator for Senator Dan Inouye 1991-92; current member and past chairman for the Chapter 2 State Advisory Committee; Vice-President, Kauai Chinese Heritage Society, 1989 to present; HSTA Governance Committee, and Sigma Sigma Sigma National Sorority; and previously served on the following County Committees: Kauai Private Industry Council (JTPA); Hawaii International Film Festival, Co-Director 3 years; Just Say No to Drugs Fund, Kauai Committee Chairman; Kauai Private Industry Council (JTPA); Commission on Status of Women; Kauai Drug Education Prevention Advisory Council, (Chair) Mayor's Traffic Task Force, (Chair) Mayor's Beautification Committee, Mayor's Council for Literacy, Hazmat Response Team (LEPC), EMS Advisory Council, Wailua Golf Advisory Committee, Affirmative Action, County Project for At Risk Youths, Kee Beach Advisory Committee, State Juvenile Justice Interdisciplinary Committee for Youth Corrections Programs, Kauai Economic Development Board, KEO, 200th Anniversary of the Arrival of the Chinese, Kauai Corrections Policy and Planning Committee, and the Kauai Agriculture Committee.

Through the media we have recently been made aware of the lack of constructive communication between county officials and local businesses. Business runs the engine of any community. Businesses provide jobs, and jobs are crucial for a healthy economy. This is the bottom line. How can we, in all honesty, not be supportive of the businesses in this community? We need to put Kauai back to work.

In these trying times, more than ever before, government needs to be open, responsive, and accommodating to the needs of the people. Should I be so honored as to serve this community, you can rest assured that the doors to the Mayor's office will be open and our services made available to support the promotional efforts of tourism, and to best collaborate with business, exploring all possible avenues in a concerted effort to bring our community back on track once more.

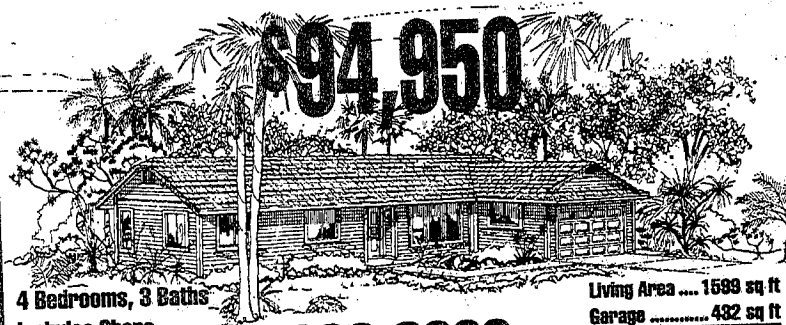
I am continually impressed with the insight and vision of our local residents and the concern they share over their land rights. There is a need to preserve open vistas and to procedure stream and beach access for the enjoyment of future generations. We need to involve Hawaiians in deciding how to promote Kauai and to allow them to have voice in the careful planning for the use and conservation of their natural environment.

It is my belief that there are many talented and energetic citizens on Kauai who are willing to work hard for the benefit of all, if they are only invited to participate in the process.

Let us take advantage of the benefits afforded us through the energy and talents of our young people, heed the wise counsel of our elders, and together work to make Kauai the best it can be - creating a bright tomorrow for our children and leaving a creditable legacy for our kupuna.

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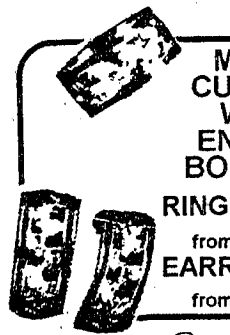
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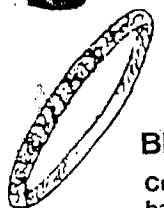
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LIHUE — Mayor JoAnn Yukimura has announced that a Mayor's Conference on Youth will be held this fall. The event will be sponsored by the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Children and Youth and other co-sponsoring agencies.

The purpose of the conference is to gather people who are concerned and involved with youth to share ideas and identify ways in which we, as a community, can shape programs for youth. It will create an opportunity for teens and organizations that work with young people to determine what the needs of Kauai's teenagers are, which needs are currently being met and how to address gaps in services or activities.

"We want to develop a plan that will enable our island community to support our young people in developing to their fullest potential, so that they may become effective leaders and citizens," said Yukimura.

Co-chairpersons for the event are Lani Yukimura, program coordinator and Sharon Agnew, committee coordinator. "This is an opportunity to focus on our island's youth," said Yukimura. "Teens will be involved in all stages of planning and presentation of this conference."

Agnew said that the committee is looking for people who are interested in participating. "We welcome the help of teens, parents, agencies, religious organizations, businesses, gov-

ernment leaders and anyone committed to the future of Kauai teens."

Volunteers are needed to participate on the following committees: Program/entertainment, site/location, refreshments, production, distribution, registration, publicity, finance and exhibit.

Every committee will have a teenager working with them to keep programs and activities appropriate for teens. An organization kick-off is scheduled for 5 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 2, at the park in front of the County building. The public is invited to attend.

To volunteer, call Sharon Agnew at 246-644. Financial support is also appreciated.

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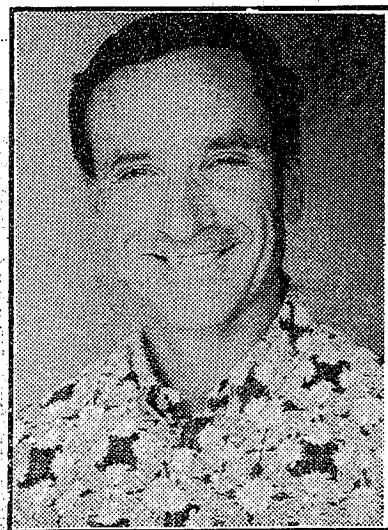
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to assume liability for on a limited basis, he said.

"That issue is being worked out right now between the Attorney General's Office of the state and the attorneys at Amfac/JMB," Kyono said. "We hope that we can come to some

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opportunity to test their fire fighting emergency system.

A quarter of an acre of ginger and grass above Kokee Stream, along the Canyon Trail, ignited when an environmentally conscious hiker decided to burn his toilet paper after a 'relief' trip to the bushes.

Ed Petteys, Kauai's State Forester for the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), said the incident could have epitomized his worst fears.

"It has been a long dry spell and the fact that the fire occurred in a patch of ginger really popped some

eyes open," said Petteys.

The area in which the fire occurred is within the mesic forest — an environment normally thought to be damp, compared to many other spots in Kokee that are dry and parched.

"He thought he had adequately put the fire out, but when the hiker looked

over his shoulder he saw the flames traveling up the hill," Petteys reported.

"The hiker, his father and some other visitors to the area attempted to contain the fire's spread, but were unable to do so."

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visitors, Sprad said. I think it's necessary to develop the tourist mentality to the aina.

"The visitors are going to come and go, but it's we, the people of this aina, who are going to have to deal with the long-term effects."

The park, which is the site of Ke'e

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Shedding light on KE rate increase

Who should bear the burden: Shareholders or rate payers?

By SHEILA HEATHCOTE

HANAPEPE — Kauai Electric (KE) is asking the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for a 36 percent increase, spread out over 11 months, to recover the cost of damages caused by Hurricane Iniki.

But state Consumer Advocate Charles Totto says this is too much for Kauai's 24,500 electricity consumers to absorb.

"When we analyze the case from a consumer's point of view, we feel that the shareholders can not get away Scott free on this. They want the whole burden to be covered by the rate payers, and its not fair to have them pay that."

KE applied to the PUC on July 21 for a three-phase increase in rates to Kauai customers.

"The first phase would represent a 17 percent increase over current rates, raising the average residential customer's electric bill from \$82 to \$96

per month," said Denny Polosky, KE's vice president of planning and regulatory affairs. This increase, if approved, is slated for May 1995, Polosky added.

In September 1995 an additional 10.5 percent increase would be added, and by April 1996 the final 8.7 percent would be tagged on, bringing residential bills to approximately \$115 per month, Polosky said.

POSTPONED AS LONG AS POSSIBLE: "We are aware that this is a sizeable increase, and we have made every effort to lighten the burden to the people of Kauai by postponing this as long as possible," said Boyd Townsley, vice president of citizen's utilities, KE division.

"But the fact is few utilities in the country have sustained this much damage from a single natural disaster — and unfortunately this is the solution if we want to continue delivering safe, reliable power on Kauai."

Totto believes that shareholders of

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CHARLES TOTTO

Citizen's Electric (KE's parent company) should bear the brunt of the hurricane costs. He believes that even if consumers have to defray some of the costs caused by the catastrophe — which have totaled out to \$45 million — they should not be expected to pay more than half.

But KE officials argue that cost can not be spread between the share-

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BOYD TOWNSLEY

holders and the rate payers because their utility company's profits and losses are regulated by law to protect shareholders with a secure investment.

SHAREHOLDERS ENTITLED: "By law these shareholders are entitled to be reimbursed," said KE spokesperson Claire Morris.

"We must earn a certain percent-

age, otherwise our bond rating drops, we become questionable, and we can no longer operate. It is a government-regulated utility that must be financially strong, otherwise shareholders will not invest in the company," said Morris.

Because a utility company is unlike a privately owned business, only a small percent of profit is allowed on the company's return, Morris explained.

"Chuck Totto seems not to have a good understanding of how a utility industry works. He might be a great advocate for the consumer, but he ought to understand both sides of the issue," she said.

"People do take a risk when they buy our stock, but it is a very minimal risk. That's why they invest in the stock in the first place," said Morris.

But Totto's outlook is different.

NO GUARANTEES: "When you invest in a stock you are not guaranteed a return. Even utilities,

which lay people think make a guaranteed rate of return, don't. They have an opportunity to earn a fair rate of return, but that opportunity is based on many factors — one of which is natural disasters," said Totto.

Totto said that his argument is based on the fact that shareholders and investors take a risk when purchasing utility or other stocks.

"Of course, the risk for utility stock is much lower, but it is not nonexistent," said Totto.

Totto said that investors should pay for hurricane losses, but also realizes that the PUC may feel differently.

"The PUC may also say that this was not the rate payers fault nor the company's fault. It was a natural disaster and the rate payers and shareholders should share in the responsibility of rebuilding the system. And if that happens then the rate payers

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ge, is one of a delegation of Puerto Rican activists who
Hawaiians who also are seeking freedom from U.S. rule.
Thomas Tamura/Kauai Times photo

Independence

say Puerto Ricans



Alfonso Roman is an ordained minister in the Church of Christ who is a faculty member at Bloomfield College in New Jersey.

The three were part of a Puerto Rican delegation on Kauai to attend a conference sponsored by the United Churches of Christ.

In separate interviews they discussed:

- *The movement in Puerto Rico.*
- *The armed movement and effort to free political prisoners in the United States.*
- *And the role of the church in the movement.*

The following has been excerpted from those interviews.

Revda. Eunice Santana Melicio

For almost 500 years, said Melicio, Puerto Rico has been under colonial rule, colonized for 400 years by Spain and now, for almost 100 years by the United States.

"For a people to be colonized for almost 500 years and yet to be able to claim their nationhood, to have their own culture, their art, their songs, their writing — to be able still to be in the struggle for independence, for decolonization — we think is a courageous thing," she said.

But though Puerto Rico remains a Spanish-speaking country, Amer-

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"I think the armed t... has guaranteed our s a nation."

ies of interviews last week, Times talked to three an independence leaders, m live in the United States.

Eunice Santana Melicio, n Puerto Rico, is the head independence movement uevo Movimiento Inde-a. She also is one of the of the World Council of

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August visitor surge good for business, but will it hold?

By SHEILA HEATHCOTE

LIHUE — If typical visitor industry indicators, like packed airports and scarce rental cars, signal a trend, Kauai may be back in business.

A deluge of travelers has been pouring out of the terminal at Lihue Airport, and long waiting lines at the rental car booths are a common sight.

"The airport was a zoo last week-ehd," said Lindsay Rickard, a Kauai resident who met some vacationing Mainland friends at Lihue Airport.

"The lines at the rental car stalls were so long that they extended out into the road, and the people I was meeting had to wait an hour and a half for a rental car."

While this positive surge in tourism is a welcome boom to the local economy, visitor industry experts advise caution.

Kauai County Office of Economic Development (OED) tourism specialist, Kamika Smith, said looks can be deceiving.

"August is usually the busiest time of the year for the state," said Smith. "So if they (rental car companies) bring in more cars now, will those extra cars be used once we hit the shoulder period in September and October?"

Kauai Alamo Rent A Car Manager Barry Schur said business is approaching pre-hurricane levels and is slowly adding cars to his fleet.

"I'm amazed," he said. "We're almost back up to where we were prior to Iniki, even with four major hotels still closed down. I've been adding (more cars), and once these other hotels open, we will probably have to add more."

National Car Rental Manager Gary Baldwin said there may be lines, but there's no shortage of cars on the

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BARRY SCHUR

island.

"The lines are long and there is heavy volume, but there is no shortage of cars," he said last Friday. "Admissions Day is one of the busiest weekends of the year, but I have cars available."

Airlines are gradually adding flights to Kauai to keep pace with increased traffic. Fares also have increased. Both Aloha and Hawaiian Air are now charging \$128 round-trip from Lihue to Honolulu.

Aloha will add one post-season flight to Kauai in September. Hawaiian will discontinue a flight that month. And Mahalo is still on the ground.

"Aloha has been gradually increasing seats to Kauai since the hurricane," said Stephanie Ackerman, director of corporate communications for Aloha Airlines.

"In our new fall schedule, starting in September, we will be adding one more flight into the Kauai market."

At Hawaiian, one seasonal flight

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Commercial, residential projects move ahead

Future looks bright at Grove Farm

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of Kukui Grove) and a 10-acre school site with an adjacent five-acre county park.

An 18-hole golf course provides intermittent respite from planned residential development clusters, and is presently under construction with several holes already completed.

"The Golf Course is an incentive for real estate to provide an environment that is beautiful and well-kept," said Kamm.

"We are currently working on Kmart Phase I, and there is additional activity that can occur in and around that area. There is space for additional tenants and an area that could connect the present mall with Kmart for additional shop space. There is still another 110,000 square feet of commercial to be built on the parcel."

Other Kukui Grove Shopping Center expansion includes the completed Dynasty Court. A new day care center and the C.S. Wo building are under construction. Land parcels that will house Kauai Electric's future offices, an area for Kauai Intermediate School and the park that will be maintained by the school lie to the south.

"It is up to the Department of Education when the school will be built," Kamm explained. "Our obligation to the DOE is to dedicate 10 acres of land for school use. I think they would like to get going in the very near future, but I couldn't predict."

The Puhi Industrial Park, like the shopping center, is gradually gaining tenants, including a veterinary center and a farm supply store. The success of these light industrial ventures has encouraged Grove Farm to make more available, said Kamm.

The need for future commercial development is preceded by extensive economic studies to make sure plans make sense and are cost-effective, said

Kamm.

"After conducting those studies, we determined that there was a need for a certain amount of commercial and light industrial development," he said.

The present light industrial lots had been placed on the market prior to the hurricane and they sold very well, he added.

"The hurricane came and there wasn't a hiccup, people kept right on buying them. The fee-simple portion continued unabated."

Residential housing developments, like the ripe stalks of sugar cane that they replace, are also cropping up.

Puako, under construction, is the company's first major market-priced residential subdivision. Consisting of 89 lots upon which buyers can build their own homes, the area is expected to be ready by September 1995.

"This subdivision consists of improved house lots with curb and gutter, underground utilities and grass lot upon which a house can be built. These range in price from \$150,000 to \$300,000," Kamm said.

"We have just worked through our list of people who have said they'd like to buy Grove Farm land in Lihue when it became available. We have about 30 lots in escrow, and we have just opened it up to the general public."

The timeframe for commencement and completion of other projects is dependent upon the market, interest rates and the economy, said Kamm. These include the Pikake Sub-Division and some unnamed parcels.

He said that final approval of construction of a subdivision is bonded by a guarantee between the property seller and the buyer.

"That way, you can sell your properties with a guarantee to the buyer that construction will occur because of the bond. This is a third-party financial guarantee that the construction will be

done."

Kamm said some areas including the Halelani Village and Hokulei Estates are already built and partially occupied. Plans for additional construction depend on the market.

"Even affordable housing is market-driven. There isn't an inexhaustible reservoir of people who need affordable housing," he explained.

Thus, Kamm said, the time schedule for various projects is dependent on the rate at which present development structures are absorbed.

"Schuler's (Grove Farm's affordable housing unit developer) perception is that 100 affordable housing units can be absorbed per year," said Kamm. Sixty percent of the housing at Hokulei and Halelani Village will be affordable housing.

Kamm said that Hokulei is completed and that Halelani Village's single and multi-family dwellings, consisting of 116 and 84 units respectively, are near total occupancy. A subsequent phase, consisting of an additional 100 units, is under construction.

"The area represents a total of 713 units. If Schuler's projections are correct, Phase I-C will be done in 1995, Phase I-D in 1996, and Phase I-E in 1997. But again, this depends on the market and interest rates."

The Pikake Subdivision has not yet been built. This division will follow Puako and is dependent on the market acceptance of Puako, Kamm explained.

"As people buy Puako (properties), then we feel confident enough to begin the next project. People are buying Puako and at a pretty good rate, so I expect Pikake to get under way soon thereafter," Kamm said.

A centrally located expensive residential area, surrounded by the golf course, is also slated for development.

As far as meeting the requirements of the Kauai County Planning Commission, Kamm said, "We have marched through that pretty well so we are in good shape."

The process, he said, is a multi-year land development that takes a great deal of planning, studying of alternatives and feasibility. "We began doing planning for this project in 1986 and 1987."

State Land Use Commission approvals were granted in 1989 and zoning approvals came a year later. County General Plan approval came around the same time. Then the developers got down to serious business, said Kamm.

"Between 1990 and 1992 we began doing detailed engineering for portions of the golf course and the Puako Subdivision. And after we had the detailed engineering for Puako, the county said they wanted to change things around so the Halehaka Landfill could be closed in a way they thought it should be."

This resulted in a major alteration of the original plans.

Then Hurricane Iniki hit.

"We already had our deal in place with Schuler Homes and they had a couple of houses framed but not very much on site at all which was fortunate. Right after the hurricane they jumped right to it." In the two years since the hurricane, 409 affordable dwellings were constructed in the Halelani Village and Hokulei Estates.

There are 304 more planned, of which about 100 are under construction," Kamm added.

In residential development planning, projects are based on projections of the rate of growth and marketability.

"To some degree too you make your own market. If you have a superior product, people are going to want it more than some other product," said Kamm.

Healing To

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sion of their skills.

A group of Kauai nurses recently took the opportunity to add Healing Touch to their repertoire of medical abilities during a three-day workshop at Kokee's Sloggett center.

Taught by Anne Day, four G.N. Wilcox Hospital nurses — including Darcy Bilbo, Janette Wolff and Carole Maghanoy — learned the art of helping patients relax and feel better through the practice of Healing Touch.

"Nurses are the perfect candidates for this technique because they have the most hands-on contact with people in hospitals, clinics and community centers where nurses are given the prestige of being health care givers and counselors," said Day, an RN with a masters degree in Health and Wellness. Day is also a certified Healing Touch practitioner and instructor, and certified massage therapist.

"Healing Touch works on many different levels: the emotional level, the mental level, the spiritual level. So nurses are in the perfect position to facilitate other people in that healing process, whether it be in a school, hospital or clinic," Day, who has instructed the course since 1987, added.

Nurses, said Day, were drawn into their chosen profession because they want to help people — from the heart.

"This brings them back to 'heart energy' and that's why nurses love it so much. It helps them remember why they came to nursing — because they really can help people with that healing process through their caring, through their nurturing, and especially by allowing that loving energy to come through their hands."

Healing Touch is a multilevel program in energy-based therapy. Following completion of level III of the course, which can take up to a year of instruction, the student is eligible to apply for certification through the American Holistic Nurses' Association (AHNA).

"One important thing to remember about Healing Touch is that it is com-

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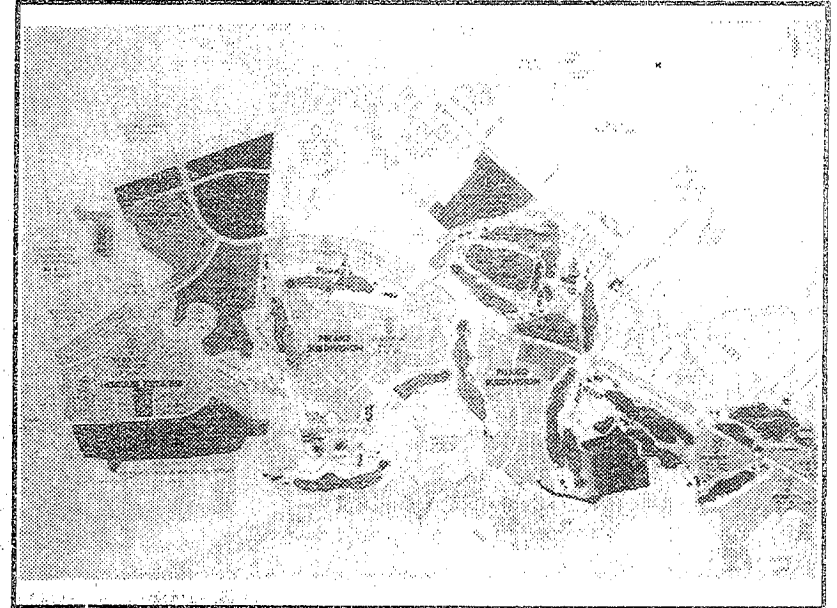
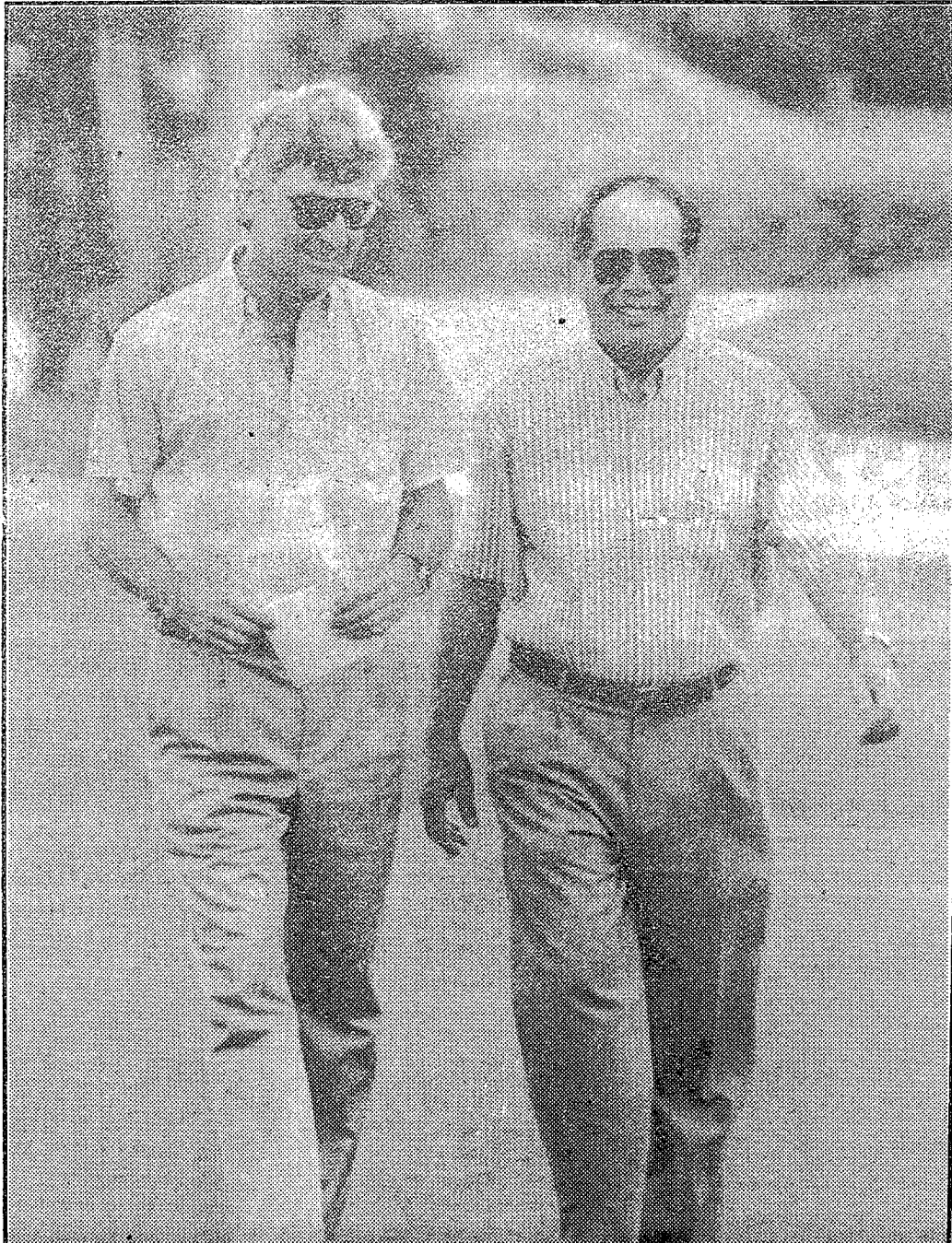
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House lots: \$150,000 to \$300,000

Grove Farm development on a roll



GROVE FARM'S Lihue/Puhi development will eventually yield about 1,700 housing units, a golf course and commercial properties. Grove Farm Properties executives Greg Kamm and Bill Honjiyo (left) walk the property.

• Market-priced house lots go on market

BY SHEILA HEATHCOTE

PUHI — If bustling bulldozers and plans for development are indicators of Kauai's economic climate, then the island must be in pretty good shape. At least Grove Farm's Greg Kamm thinks so.

"I am optimistic that the economy is going to pick up," said Kamm, vice president of Grove Farm Properties.

Thomas Tamura/Kauai Times photo
anxious to buy and build in the Lihue/Puhi development area.

Kamm specializes in project developments and assists with long-range planning for Grove Farm's family of companies which includes, the Kukui Grove Shopping Center, the Real Estate and Properties Division and the Rock Quarry. Grove Farm Properties is a general contractor, as well as a development and real estate company.

Incremental stages of Grove Farm's Lihue/Puhi project have received governmental approvals and have hit the drawing board for residential, commercial and light industrial development.

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A&B revises Kukui'ula plan

• *Developer seeks reclassification of 825 acres Ag land*

By SHELLY ZECK

POIPU — A&B-Hawaii, Inc. has revised its master plan for a proposed 1,045-acre planned community in Poipu and currently is in the process of seeking reclassification of 825 acres of agriculture land needed for the project.

Kukui'ula Development Company, a subsidiary of A&B-Hawaii, has petitioned the state Land Use Commis-

sion (LUC) for urban designation to proceed with the project. Hearings on the petition began early in September and are expected to continue later this year.

Phase I of the project, approximately 219 acres, was reclassified to urban in late 1985.

The master plan was revised after Hurricane Iniki in 1992 when storm surge severely impacted the makai portion of the 219-acre site where multi-family residential units had been planned.

The current plan calls for the construction of golf course fairways in the area impacted by the hurricane. The multi-family units will be moved to the mauka areas out of the surge zone.

The new master plan also contains a town center around a working marina designed to provide an employment center for the area.

Because of significant reorganization of land uses in the

proposed project, the 825-acre parcel still designated agriculture is needed to accommodate economic feasibility of the \$922 million project.

The development, which fronts Lawai Road and Poipu Road, extends past Spouting Horn and includes sugar cane lands, pasture and fallow areas.

25 YEARS TO FINISH: The entire project, if approval is granted by the state and county, will be built over a 25 year period. The plan calls for the development of 2,200 single family homes, 800 multi family units, 500 commercial space units in a town center and marina area.

Other land uses include a golf course, 210 acres for parks and public facilities, seven acres for school expansion, 10 acres for a botanical gardens visitor center, 25 acres for a sewage treatment plant, 42 acres for roads, and 20 acres for open spaces.

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"Kauai is a unique environment to study declining species of birds."

Michael Walther

Surveyor tracks Kokee forest birds

Construction jobs also on tap

Kukui'ula expected to spark nearly 1,700 jobs

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Kukui'ula Development Company (KDC) is projecting construction of 140 residential units a year, varying in price, to be built and absorbed over the next 25 years. Lot sales and home construction are expected to begin in late 1995 within the 219-acre urban parcel that already has the appropriate county, state and federal permits for construction.

Continued construction is dependent upon re-zoning approvals and permits.

JOBS, JOBS, JOBS: During the construction phase, A&B estimates that between 530 to 780 construction jobs will be available over a 20-year period beginning in 1995.

In addition to construction employment, A&B projects that the town center, neighborhood commercial site and golf course facilities will create 1,670 permanent full-time jobs by the year 2020.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES: KDC plans to preserve significant archaeological sites in the area includ-

ing two heiau sites, a raised auwai, two agricultural complexes, Portuguese oven and house site, four lava tube caves and an elevated railway berm. The entrance to the lava tubes will be sealed to preserve contents and prevent liability problems. A plan for reinternment of excavated burials will also be included.

The project will require that KDC develop a new water source in the area to meet the demands of residents and businesses, along with an expandable sewage treatment facility.

MARINA: The marina will contain approximately 200 boat slips ranging from 25 to 60 feet for commercial fishing boats, charter fishing boats, tour boats, snorkeling and diving boats, and private boats. The total water area of the marina will be approximately 6 to 10 acres.

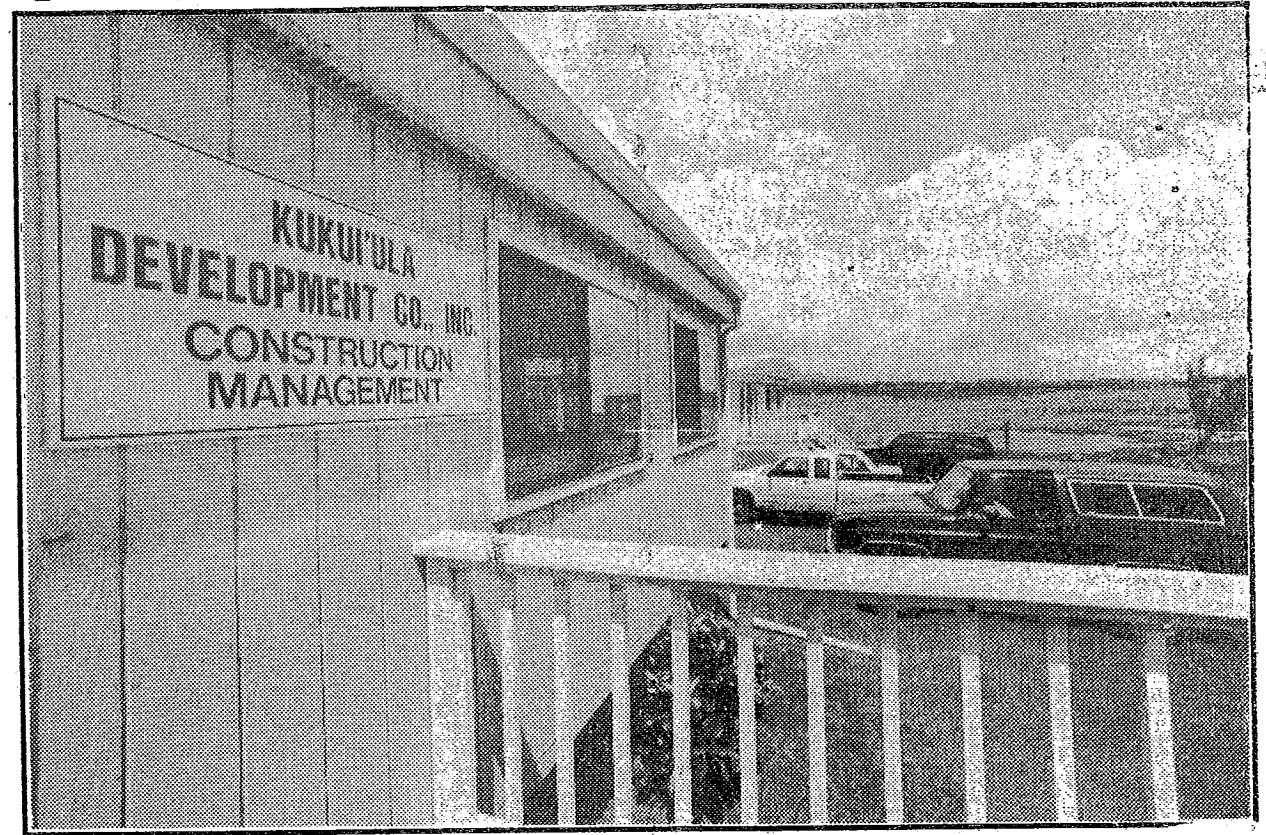
Areas adjacent to the marina will contain support facilities such as administrative offices, fueling dock, ice supplier, fish action and supply/repair shops. At this time, however, no dry dock facilities are planned.

VISITOR ACCOMMODATIONS: Additional South Shore visitor accommodations are planned within the town center, such as condominiums, small inns and lodges. A total 400 to 500 visitor units will be spread throughout the town center and feature views of either the marina or the golf course.

GOLF COURSE: The 18-hole privately operated golf course will traverse the entire project site, creating open spaces. The planned clubhouse will be located near the town center and will house a swimming pool and tennis courts. The golf course will be open to the public and offer kamaaina rates.

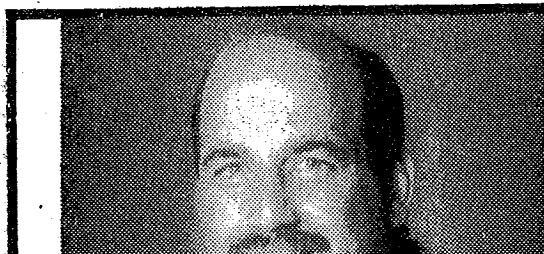
SCHOOL: The seven-acre reserve for school expansion is located adjacent to Koloa Elementary and will allow additional school facilities as more children are expected in the area.

So far, \$40 million has been spent for various planning, engineering, environmental and construction work. A&B estimates the fully developed project will cost approximately \$992 million.



A&B-Hawaii is projecting a planned community which in 25 years should result in the development of 2,200 single family homes, 800 multi-family units and 500 commercial space units in a town center and marina.

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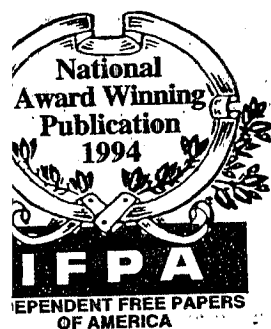
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SETTING THE RIGHT PRIORITIES

Waihee's final whack showed where education really stood

By Peter Wolf

What a dastardly way for Gov. John Waihee to end his reign.

It was with such high hopes that Hawaii's first Hawaiian governor took office. His youth was going to make a difference. His idealism would be put to the test.

Eight years later, with his popularity hovering at less than 30 percent in the polls, Waihee pulled off an unthinkable stunt.

The "education" governor sacrificed education facilities for sports facilities.

With only hours left in his term, Waihee hacked \$92 million from the building funds for Hawaii's community colleges. Also whacked was nearly \$33 million for expansion of the library at the UH.

Maui Community College saw \$40 million in budgeted projects wiped out with the stroke of Waihee's pen. KCC will feel similar cuts. The apparent victims of too many projects and too little funding sources.

At the same time, Waihee added \$7.1 million to complete the sports arena at Manoa.

In fact, one student even asked the obvious question:

"Is the University of Hawaii set up as a sports team or as an educational institution?"

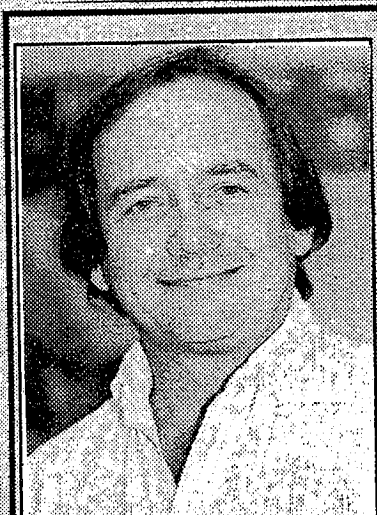
But lawmakers saw the problems being related to priorities. The new \$32-million UH-Manoa Special Events Arena, which opened recently with a campaign reception, needed a good deal of the bond issue being floated by the state to pay for education construction projects. So MCC's community service center, telecommunications facility and food services complex were scraped.

After all, what is more important, Rainbow and Wahine Basketball and Volleyball or a handful of Maui college kids trying to learn hotel food service, up-to-date television techniques and other educational programs?

Don't get me wrong, I'm a big supporter of Rainbow sporting events. It is a source of civic pride and, no doubt, a revenue producer that may have some benefits to the educational process.

But Clyde Sakamoto, the MCC provost, says, "We have been holding everything together with bubble gum and paper clips."

The MCC television program has grown to sizable magnitude, with the coverage of many Maui



Observations

events only possible with the help of students and college systems.

At least two law makers were ready to join the fray. Sen. David Ige, who heads the Higher Education Committee, suggested that arm-wrestling private funds for "private luxury boxes" at the arena on Oahu might be a better way to pay off the sports arena's bills than taking money from neighbor island community college students and kids sent to UH to learn.

Sen. Mike McCartney, felt that the arena should be tacking on a surcharge (maybe a buck a ticket) until the arena is paid for.

But, in spite of these noble comments, the wrath of public opinion was near silent. The outcry from public policy makers was non-existent.

Gov. Ben Cayetano, already inheriting a multitude of problems from Waihee, should make this one of his first priorities. He has the power to overturn, change, alter or rescind Waihee's cuts.

It would seem appropriate that one of his first acts as Hawaii's Top Gun would be to restore education -- not sports -- as the UH system's main goal.

Unfortunately, Cayetano appears to be feeling the same pressures from the sporting crowd and its money. He suggested that building of facilities could be financed in some other way, not necessarily at the expense of the sports arena.

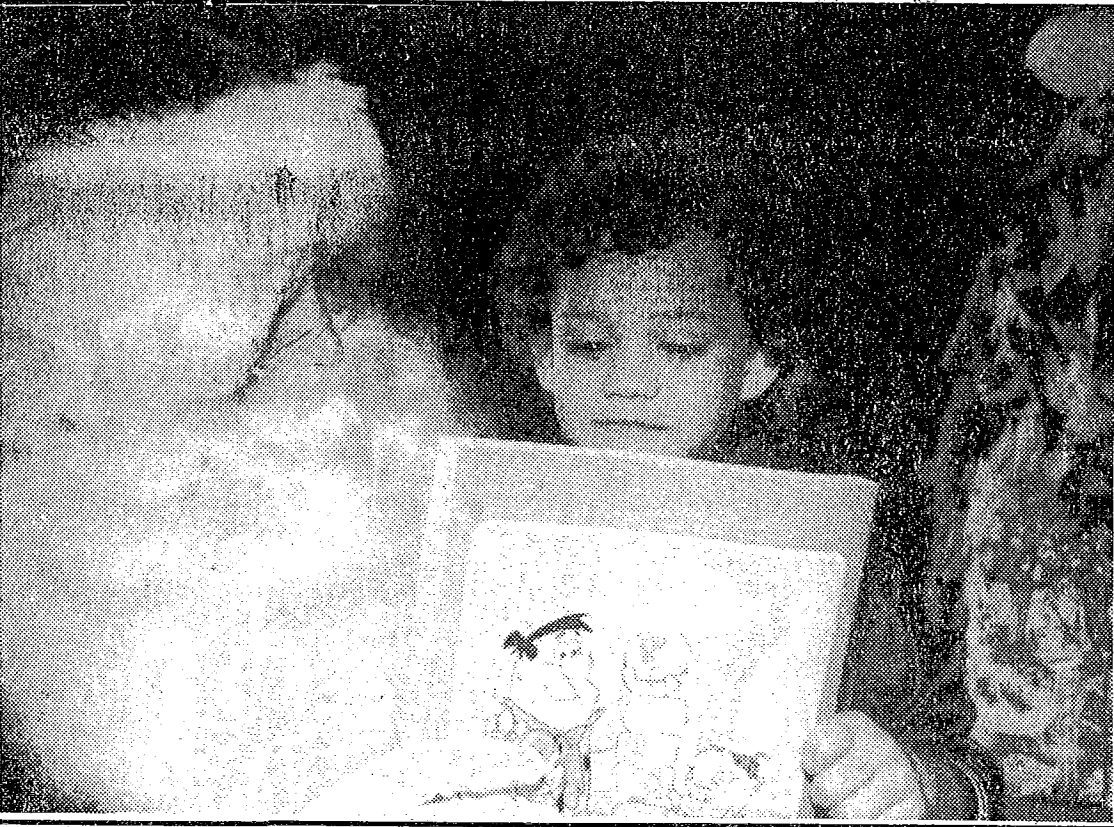
"If we can build the arena and yet, find the money for Hamilton Library, that's a good approach also," Cayetano said.

So much for a new "education" governor.

LETTER OF THE WEEK

resort zoning moratorium

Kukuiula developers can wait



Wilcox Jr., 3, was one of more than 50 children from Wilcox Elementary School and A.R.C. of Kauai who participated in the Rice Shopping Center in Lihue Wednesday for his 13th annual Giving & Sharing Christmas party.

Thomas Tamura/Kauai Times photo

• Will seek residential zoning in '95

By SHELLY ZECK

POIPU — A two-year moratorium on new resort zoning, expected to be imposed by the County Council, will not slow development of A&B-Hawaii's proposed Kukuiula planned community, said Bill Campbell, executive vice president and general manager of the development company.

"There is a minor visitor component in a later phase of the project," he said. "These 300 proposed units represent only 8 percent of the total units proposed for the entire community and are on only 1 percent of the total land area."

Campbell said Kukuiula Development Company is currently planning to seek rezoning in 1995 for primarily single-family and multi-family housing.

Council Chair Ron Kouchi has said
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Waters being fished out?

Increased fishing pressure, coupled with non-point source pollution, is impacting this limited but renewable natural resource."

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"We have gone beyond those biological limits in harvesting fishery resources in many cases," he lamented. "Now we are faced with figuring out how to restore those and renewable fishery limited resources so they can become relatively abundant again."

One suggestion Heacock made at a recent Marine Resource committee meeting was reintroduction of a leg-

improve resource conservation and fishing.

"We need to devise ways to improve the survival of the fish until they can reproduce," Heacock said.

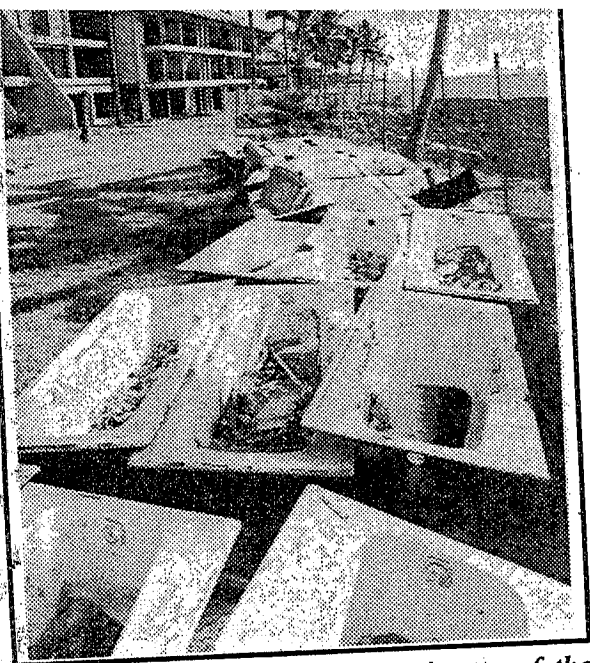
Another study done in the Philippines by Dr. Daniel Pauly demonstrated that if a fishing method was devised to capture only fish that had achieved adult size (hence, reproduc-

immature, like an eight-and-a-half inch akule or seven-inch moi are caught, they are not able to reproduce.

"You don't have to be a rocket scientist or a Ph.D ichthyologist to understand that if a population of animals is dying faster than it is being born, it's going to decline," Heacock said.

Prior to state-imposed rules and regulations, the aquatic biologist said, Native Hawaiians had their own traditions and management conservation — and the resources remained abundant and provided them with food at all times.

"The resources within the *ahuna* (Hawaiian land division) were



USED BATHTUBS line the perimeter of the Sheraton Poipu's makai tower.
Thomas Tamura/Kauai Times photo

Poipu Sheraton remains closed

By TRACY MARCYNZSYN

POIPU — Plans to re-open the Poipu Sheraton Garden Hotel next spring have come to a halt as landowner and developer continue to negotiate the fate of the makai guest building.

The 226-room hotel was scheduled to open in May, 1995 provided the two story beachfront tower was demolished and cleared.

Recently, the hotel's management company, Sheraton, was informed by the Knudsen Trust that demolition could not take place, said Sheraton's Acting General Manager Peter Sit.

"They want to wait for the settlement of a dispute on the land lease between our owners, the Obayashi Hawaii Corporation and the Knudsen Trust," explained Sit.

The landowner and developer have the ultimate say over what occurs, said Sit, noting that at this time demolition has not been allowed.

"We were very disappointed to hear they weren't going to let us demolish this because, all along, verbally, they were giving us the go ahead," said Sit.

According to Sit, the beachfront property is an eyesore and is not conducive to attracting visitors.

"It's difficult to sell this side of the hotel with an ugly building over there," said Sit. "We find it very difficult to market the hotel when you don't have clear access to the beach."

While the two parties have been negotiating since

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Unemployment rate dropped in November

HONOLULU — The Hawaii State Department of Labor and Industrial Relations announced that the statewide unemployment rate dropped to 5.4 percent in November, down .5 percentage point from the Oct. rate.

Hawaii's unemployment rate, edging down for the second month, is one-tenth of a percentage point higher than the national rate of 5.3 percent. It ranked 13th highest among the state in Oct., improving its ninth highest ranking in Sept.

The civilian labor force rose to 596,200 from 589,300. Total employment was 564,200 up 9,500 from the previous month. Total unemployed fell by 2,700 to

By **SHELLY ZECK**

ANAHOLA — Native Hawaiians in Anahola are pursuing an avenue of economic self-sufficiency through farming with the financial help of a Mainland foundation.

The Anahola Homesteaders Council, a native Hawaiian organization, asked for — and received — \$30,000 through the Eagle Staff Fund, a program operated by First Nation Develop Institute.

"This is about empowerment," said Leilani Kaleiohi, the executive director of the council. "In the long run this will provide jobs for our people and an economic base for improving the well-being of Hawaiians. The bottom line is economic self-sufficiency."

The funds will enable the Kalalea Farmers, a member organization of the Homesteader Council, to restore a pre-hurricane organic grow house and build two more

enclosed growing areas.

Prior to Hurricane Iniki Kalalea Farmers built and successfully operated a grow house, producing bushels of organic, vine-ripened tomatoes. The hurricane destroyed the facility, leaving the growers with no enclosed farming area.

"For over two years we've had to wait it out," said James Torio, chairman of the council Kalalea Farmers. "We applied for funds to re-establish and expand before the hurricane."

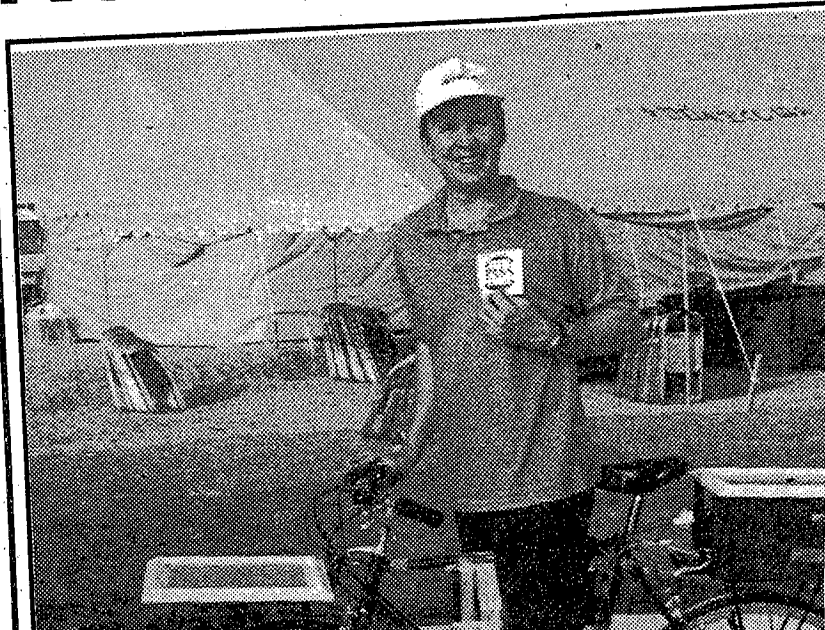
Each completely enclosed grow house is 30 feet by 96 feet, affording a large area of protected gardening space. Farmers will plant a tomato



BARE STEEL is all that remains of the Kalalea Farmers enclosed grow house. From left, Kelly Gooding of the UH Agriculture Extension Service stands with Development office, Leilani Kaleiohi and James Torio.

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KCC on track for



Kusaka Administration goes up to bat

LIHUE — Mayor Maryanne Kusaka moved into office Thursday, bringing with her a new cabinet and many new staffers.

- Cabinet members include:
- Administrative Assistant Robert Mullins, former Pacific Missile Range Facility commanding officer.
 - County Attorney Hartwell H.K. Blake, former Kauai Planning Commission chair.
 - Housing Administrator Mattie Yoshioka, former Community De-

velopment Block Grant specialist for the housing agency.

- County Engineer and Director of Public Works Steve Oliver, who held the post from 1991 to 1992 and until his re-appointment worked as the base contractor/manager of facilities and utilities operations at PMRF.
- Economic Development Director Gerald Dela Cruz, who was the senior vice president and general manager of Kauai Commercial Company, Inc. and most recently worked

as operations manager for Honolulu's City Wide Transportation Co.

- Fire Chief David Sproat, a 22-year veteran of the Kauai Fire Department who in 1993 was named Public Safety Employee of the Year.
- Deputy County Engineer Ed Renaud, who is currently serving in the position and was reappointed by Kusaka.
- Executive Assistant Kau Tanaka, who will leave her current position as executive director of the Kauai Chamber of Commerce.

Tanaka was recently named to the District Advisory Council of the U.S. Small Business Administration.

- Public Information Officer Millie Wellington, a retired teacher serving on the Hawaii Public Broadcast Authority Board and the Hawaii Kids Count Advisory Council. She is also a 1994 Praise Hall of Fame Honoree.
- "With this cabinet the people of Kauai can look forward to a fresh approach in government management," Kusaka said at a press conference last

week to announce appointments.

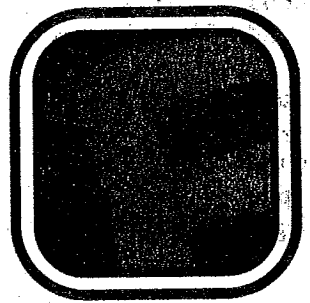
"These are people from our own community who are greatly respected for their leadership and management skills and for their valuable services to the community at large," she added. "With their expertise and high energy, I have a team who will work to complete Kauai's (hurricane) recovery period and bring our economy back on line."

Kusaka also named the following staff members: Beth Tokioka, execu-

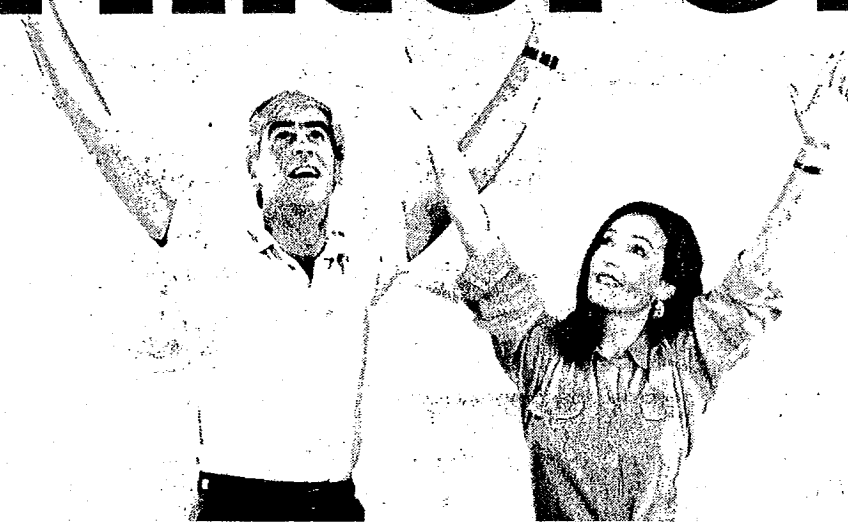
tive secretary; Myra Arzadon, executive protocol officer; Cathy Agoot, information specialist and Iris Span-ski, secretary.

Selections are pending for finance director and Kauai War Memorial Convention Hall manager.

A blue-ribbon committee comprised of leaders from the community screened applications for various administrative positions. Kusaka's selections were based on the committee's recommendations.



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KE rate case

Totto urges Council to get on board

By **SUSAN DIXON-STONG**

LIHUE — The executive director of the state consumer advocacy division is prepared to mount a six figure battle against the proposed Kauai Electric rate increase, but he needs all the help he can get.

"The more people we can have in there arguing on behalf of consumers, the better off we will all be," said Chuck Totto.

The County Council is deliberating over a proposal — submitted by the Yukimura Admini-

"Overall, jobs are the bottom line"

Dr. Leroy Laney

Economist paints optimistic picture

By **PETER WOLF**

PRINCEVILLE — While Kauai residents are a bit more optimistic about their future than Hawaii residents in general, a bank economist says getting people to work is the key to Kauai's well-being.

"Job creation is the critical thing on Kauai right now," Dr. Leroy O. Laney, chief economist for First Hawaiian Bank, told members of the Kauai Chamber of Commerce

last night. "Overall, jobs are the bottom line."

Laney, who spoke at the 20th annual Kauai County Business Outlook Forum at the Princeville Hotel, told local business leaders that Hurricane Iniki couldn't have come at a worse time.

"It hit Kauai just as the state was entering its worst recession in decades," he said. "Incentives often weren't there to restore ongoing operations quickly."

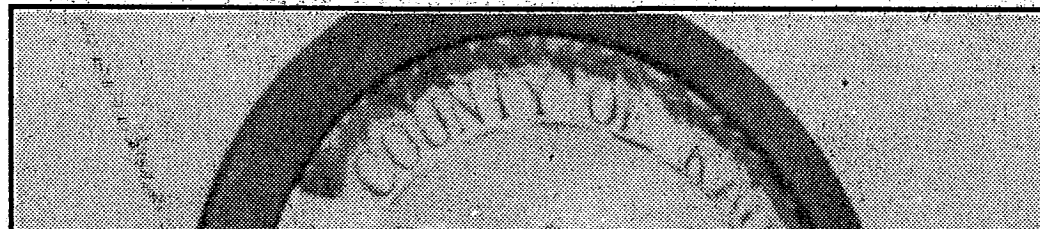
Laney pointed out that in the 1980s when the economy

was poised to boom, recovery would have been easier. And, Hurricane Iwa's rapid recovery and resulting economic boom, is a good example.

Still, Kauaians are optimistic, according to Laney, who introduced First Hawaiian Bank's new economic measurement tool — a consumer confidence survey.

Laney said that the bank has added this test to its economic forecast to "provide a check on our forecasts that

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Council chair predicts era

KAG unveils new visitor marketing plan

LIHUE—The Kauai Advertising Group has developed an innovative program designed to bring more business and visitors to Kauai. The program consists of free "Kauai Green" coupons which are distributed to consumers and travel agents who request an Official Kauai Vacation Planner. Approximately 12,000 vacation planners are requested monthly.

Each "Kauai Green" coupon will offer a unique discount or incentive

from participating businesses on Kauai. This program not only helps to bring visitors to Kauai, but helps to bring them to the local businesses as well.

This is an exciting opportunity for Kauai businesses to cash in on increased visitors to the island. The fee to enroll in this program is \$100 and businesses need to register before Jan. 31, 1995. This is a limited offer, the program can only accommodate

50 participants. Participants must provide a unique and valuable offer good through Dec. 12, 1995 to be featured on the "Kauai Green" coupon redeemable at the business. Redeemed coupons are forwarded to the Kauai Advertising Group in order to track the effectiveness of the program. In exchange, businesses receive national exposure, increased business and the opportunity to win a

free trip for two to Las Vegas.

"Kauai Green" enrollment forms are available through The Schiller Group at (808) 539-5720. For more information contact Kamika Smith, County of Kauai Economic Development at 241-6390 or Era Panow at The Schiller Group.

The 1995 Kauai Vacation Planner is now available free of cost to travel agents and consumers by calling 1-

800-AH-KAUAI. For live tourism industry updates directly from Kauai, call the Kauai Hotline, 1-800-262-1400 or on Kauai at 245-9666.

The Kauai Advertising Group is a cooperative funding partnership composed of the County of Kauai's Office of Economic Development, the Hawaii Visitors Bureau Kauai Chapter, the Kauai Economic Development Board, the Poipu Beach Re-

sort Association, Princeville Resort Association and the Kalapaki Beach Resort Association. The Hawaii Hotel Association and Hui Ho'okipa are advisory partners. KAG was organized in 1989 to jointly promote the island of Kauai. The marketing theme is "Kauai, Hawaii's Island of Discovery".

AT THE ROSE PARADE

Hawaii's float features surfing

HONOLULU—Surfing, canoe paddling and sport fishing in Hawaii will be the centerpiece of Hawaii's float in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Floral Parade.

On Jan. 2, more than 400 million viewers worldwide will witness the televised parade, which has a theme of "Sports, the Quest for Excellence." Close to a million people are expected to line the six-mile parade route through Pasadena, Calif. This is Hawaii's second year participating.

Hawaii's float, constructed by Phoenix Decorating Company of

The Hawaii Tropical Flower Council is supplying more than 200,000 Hawaii-grown flowers to cover the float. Islanders living in Southern California and Hawaii college students from neighboring communities have gathered to help decorate. Several have been selected to ride on the float, including Miss Hawaii of California and Kauai Chang.

In addition to the float, Hawaii will also be represented by the Moanalua High School Marching Band and by the Pau Riders Association of Hawaii. Planning for Hawaii's

HONOLULU—Jan. 3 marks the beginning of the new tax season. The State Tax Office will again be assisting taxpayers by providing tax return forms and answering income tax questions. Services are available between 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays (except state holidays).

State tax forms for the 1994 tax year will become available on Jan. 3. New for the 1994 tax year is a Form N-13EZ for Hawaii residents, generally comparable to the federal Form 1040EZ, which will be included in the N-13 form and instruction tax booklets.

Resident tax payers who filed N-12 and N-13 income tax returns in 1994 should be receiving tax booklets

by the middle of Jan. Anyone who has moved, who did not file an income tax return in 1994, who filed in late 1994 or who filed the non-resident individual income tax return, Form N-15, may obtain income tax forms from any district tax office.

On Oahu, basic Hawaii income tax forms also will be available after working hours on shelves located just outside the Punchbowl Street entrance to the Keelikolani Building. The Oahu Tax Office and the Internal Revenue Service will be performing a joint community service by carrying both state and federal tax packets at their respective Honolulu offices.

Tax information may be obtained in person or by calling your district tax office.

Jan. 19, 1995

Tax office offers assistance

Free tax preparation services for those filing simple, basic 1994 Hawaii individual income tax returns will be offered at all district tax offices beginning Jan. 3 and ending April 20. This service will be available Monday through Friday on a first-come, first-served basis.

On Oahu, hours will be 8 a.m. to 12 noon in room 124 of the Keelikolani Building. Because the Keelikolani Building will be locked until 7 a.m., persons arriving before 7 a.m. should form a line in the roped-off area at the Punchbowl Street entrance to the building. Numbers for tax preparation services will be passed out to those in line just before the building opens. On Maui, Hawaii and Kauai, the hours also will be 8 a.m. to

12 noon.

General excise use, withholding, transient accommodations and rental motor vehicle and tour vehicle surcharge tax returns booklets will be mailed to all current licences and registrants by the end of Jan. If the booklet is not received by the middle of Feb, call your district tax office to have another booklet mailed.

The Booklet A, Employer's Tax Guide, has not been revised for 1995. The Employee's Withholding Exemption and Status Certificate, Form HW-4, has been revised. However it is not necessary for all employees to complete a new withholding certificate as the changes are insignificant.