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Molokai's Aloha Festival Court

"Ke Kahua Lani O Hawai'i" - Hawaii's Beloved Royal Playgrounds is this year's statewide theme of Aloha Festivals '07. The Moloka'i Royal Court this year was led by Mo'i Kane (King) Byron Leroy Uahinui Sr. and Mo'i Wahine (Queen) Tica Luwela Kekahuna. Their Investiture on October 4th was followed by the annual Poke contest. The popular pau-hana hoike on Friday afternoon at the Molokai Public Library lawn and the community Aloha Festival Parade and Hoolaule'a on Saturday rounded out the 2007 Aloha Festival which was again coordinated by Tina Thompson.



Among the participants in the parade were the Police, Fire, and Ambulance...leading off the parade, followed by the Boy Scouts of Troops 47 and 57, carrying the Colors. Grand Marshall this year was Paniolo Dudoit, followed by the elegant ladies of Ahahui Kaahumanu

Among the floats, Molokai Middle School, All God's Children Preschool, Punana Leo o Moloka'i, the Molokai Filipino Community Council, Coffees of Hawai'i crew applause from the appreciative crowd.



The Pa'u unit, representing each island was led by Sis Naehu, Queen and Oahu Pa'u Princess. Other marching units included the cute 4-H Clover Lopers and their mascot pony, and the West End (Opio) Riders, beautiful in their red shirts and poised horsemanship.

The American Cancer Society walkers reminded everyone October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and a time for mammograms and breast self-exams.





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It's Wedgie Season!

By Arleone Dibben-Young



October and November is fledging season for Wedge-tailed Shearwaters. Wedgies, as they are affectionately called by wildlife biologists, are part of a mixed flock of seabirds that commercial fishermen rely upon to locate schools of ahi and other marketable fish. Young birds fledge from burrows excavated into coastal cliffs or dunes to life at sea.

The `ua`u kani, or wedge-tailed shearwater (*Puffinus pacificus*), is 17" in length--from bill to tip of tail, with a wingspan of 38". Adult birds leave coastal colonies at dawn to feed on fish and return after dark. Behavior while in these colonies is generally nocturnal and throughout the night birds emit weird moans, groans, and loud screams, thus they are nicknamed the moaning bird.

Wedge-tailed Shearwaters nest on all the major and offshore islands in the Hawaiian chain by digging a burrow with their bill and feet or utilizing natural crevices. Nesting sites are reused from year to year. Egg laying begins in June and July, with one bright white egg forming the clutch. Parents share an incubation period of 52 days, sometimes sitting side-by-side. The chicks are fed fish by regurgitation. Parents leave the nest site 2 - 3 weeks before their young have fledged, which is typically at 109 days of age. Young birds not yet capable of flight may wander from their burrows in search of food. At this time they are highly vulnerable to predators and often fall prey to mongoose, cats and dogs. Many fledglings are attracted at night by urban lights and fall into residential areas or onto highways where they are struck by automobiles.

Organized community efforts assist in the recovery and release of several hundred juvenile birds annually. Chicks that have wandered too far from the nest and are not yet capable of flight must be briefly held in captivity by State and Federal permitted wildlife rehabilitators. Seabirds found on Molokai can be turned in for rehabilitation to Arleone: call 553-5992.

October is ADOPT A DOG MONTH

Right now there is a happy-go-lucky mutt (or purebred) patiently waiting for his forever home. Actually, there are thousands of them in shelters across the nation. For this reason, the American Humane Association created Adopt-A-Dog Month® to remind you of a need for these special animals to be adopted.

Celebrated every October, the tradition promotes dog adoptions from animal shelters and provides an opportunity to spread the word about responsible pet care. Improve your life with a dog's companionship, and support these loving creatures by visiting your local shelter and adopting the happy-go-lucky dog of your dreams.

Improve your life with a dog's companionship: increasing number of dog owners are citing health benefits and "walking, jogging and exercise" as top benefits of having dogs in their lives; pets help lower blood pressure, prevent heart disease and fight depression and loneliness.

"There is a great need for people to adopt dogs from their local animal shelters," says Marie Belew Wheatley, American Humane Association president and CEO. "By adopting a dog this October, or at any time of year, people are saving the lives of these precious animals and giving them much-needed, loving homes."

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More Aloha Festivals '07 Parade Photos

The Coffees of Hawai'i Float, from the hills of Kualapuu to the Sea with the Molokai Filipino Community Council's float were among the flower bedecked floats in Saturday's parade. The Punana Leo O Moloka'i keiki offered a song as their ho'okupu to the Royal Court.



Molokai's best horses and riders were dressed at their best in the Pa'u unit, with traditional garb and fresh flowers - they paused to honor the Royal Court.



Identify a STROKE VICTIM - Ask: Smile•Talk•Raise arms.

The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S * Ask the individual to SMILE.

T * Ask the person to TALK to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (i.e. It is sunny out today.)

R * Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke is this: Ask the person to 'stick' out their tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other that is also an indication of a stroke. If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 911 immediately!!

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

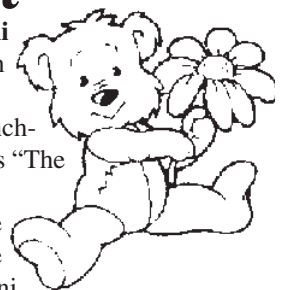
Birth Announcement

Baby boy **Chapel Keoni Hale Kuponookalani Souza** was born on September 23, 2007 to Shylynn "Peaches" Place and Clifford Souza.

Baby Keoni weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20 inches long at birth His name, Hale Kuponookalani means "The upright, honest, proper, right, fair."

Paternal grandparents are John & Charlene Souza. Maternal grandparents are Dean & Claire Place. He has a big brother, Akeo and sisters Healani, Kanoe and Jazmine.

Certified Nurse Midwife Joan Thompson attended the birthing at Molokai General Hospital.



Lucky We Live Molokai: Malama Pono



Animal Clinic to Open

After being painted by volunteer Molokai art students, the MHS animal clinic located mauka side of highway just east of Elia's homestead, may open soon. For more info, call Koki Foster.

REPUBLIC: Sovereignty for You?

To preserve our freedom and liberty, we each must assume the responsibilities as well as the blessings and security of self-government.

Read the Constitution for the United States of America and you may understand the advantage of republic government that vests the crown of sovereignty upon everyman in their own right as God intended.

The Unanimous Declaration is an indictment of the king and parliamentarians for violations of the law. Read it yourself! There is every element cognizable as an Action at Law including a judgment entered under God, and enforcement of that judgment by force of arms, i.e., the American Revolution. Our Constitution for the United States of America is an Act for continued Enforcement of that Law by We The People who are all self governing and therefore sovereign individuals.

The Unanimous Declaration and the Constitution for the United States of America that it preceded formulate the COMMONLAW as is obvious from the express words therein. "This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding."

The AKAKA contract and Lingle's Plan B are nothing but an avowal to kiss royal arses. (Didn't you ever notice that your justiciars act like monarchs?) Wake UP Hawaii! No people who have to ASK to be Sovereign, will ever be.

There is no reason why Hawaii or any other ethnic, racial, political or religious group within the US and the world may not exercise their own degree of local sovereignty and still be part of the whole. All that is required is the abandonment of the winner-take-all democratic process. The fact that the republican FORM of government is not allowed to function is the root of all political chaos. The problem is caused by people who cry: "Give us a King, or a Queen!" instead of "give me liberty or give me death!"

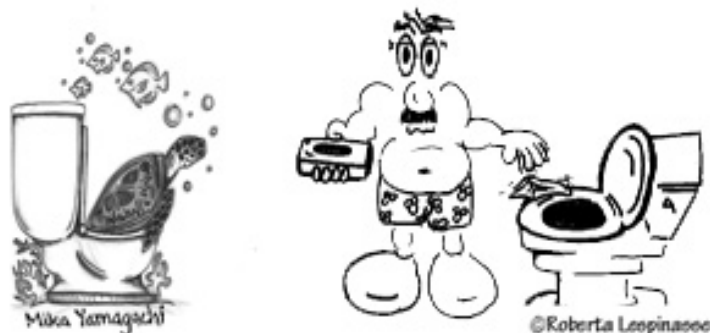
Why, in the Land of the Free, we are still using this system where you hold your lands "in fee simple duly entered for taxation." which is proof that we own nothing and the State is our Master. And, Hawaii exempts the use of peyote for religious purposes. Hawaii exempts the use of marijuana for medical purposes. Hawaii exempts the use of tobacco and alcohol for recreational purposes. How in the name of God's creation did they determine a person has no right to use marijuana in the privacy of their own home for religious purposes? One judge held that the right to privacy (which is explicitly guaranteed by an amendment to the Hawaii Constitution) in conjunction with the right to free exercise of religion triggers constitutional protection. How can courts fail to protect privacy and religious freedom? This is beyond belief.

And, the Drug War costs each Taxpayer \$530 a Year. Drugs are bad, but the DARE War on Drugs is worse and full of lies.

Wake up People, the "commonlaw" is simply the law that everybody commonly accepts such as servants not having sovereignty over your sovereignty.

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Upcoming Events at MOLOKAI HIGH SCHOOL



October 9 to 19 Scholastic Book Fair is returning to Molokai High & Molokai Middle School's library from Tues. 10/9 to Fri. 10/19. We'll be open from 7:15 a.m. -3:00 p.m. Cash, checks, charge cards & P.O.'s accepted. Remember the more you read, the more you succeed.

October 10, 2007 Everyone is invited to the **Scholastic Book Fair Family Night** from 6 - 8 p.m. in the library. We'll have fun activities, contests, drawings for posters & books and refreshments will be provided. Your English teacher may award extra or bonus credit for students & families that participate.

October 15-19 2007 Bring a Parent to School week! October 15-19. Please sign in with the Student\$B!!(BActivities Coordinator, Mr. Whitten, to obtain a Visitors Pass and temporary Parking Permit.

October 18, 2007 Molokai High School presents **College Ohana Night** for families with students who are planning to attend college. Get prepared for college by attending the College Planning Session on Thursday, October 18, at 6:00 pm at the Molokai High School Library. Guest speakers will include Belinda Chung, Director of College Counseling, Dan Feldhaus, retired counselor Iolani School, and Tanya Mendija, Maui Community College. Subjects that will be discussed are college planning, college admissions, college search, financial aid, admission testing, and more! Please contact Julia De George at 567-6950 ext. 281, for more details.

Report Cards for the first quarter were mailed on October 2, 2007. Please call the school at 567-6950 if you have any questions.

Marijuana: Pot Prohibition Costs \$41 Billion a Year in Enforcement Costs, Lost Tax Revenues, Study Finds

Last week, the Chronicle reported on yet another record high number of marijuana arrests, with more than 800,000 people busted for pot last year.

According to public policy and economic development analyst Jon Gettman of Drug Science, author of the report, Lost Revenues and Other Costs of Marijuana Laws, governments at all levels spend \$10.7 billion on arresting, prosecuting, and punishing marijuana offenders. At the same time, they are forgoing an estimated \$31.1 billion a year in lost tax revenues by keeping the \$113 billion a year marijuana industry in the underground economy.

"This report documents a massive waste of taxpayer dollars in pursuit of eradicating a government-forbidden plant, and the financial waste hit all-time high levels last year, as the FBI just reported there were a record 829,627 marijuana arrests in 2006," said Rob Kampia, executive director of the Marijuana Policy Project. "Prohibition has done nothing to reduce marijuana use, which remains at about the 2% level it's been for decades, but prohibition has created a massive underground economy that's completely unregulated and untaxed. The parallels with Alcohol Prohibition in the 1920s, including the needless violence and a huge underground economy, are eerie."

Hawaii Supreme Court Rejects Religious Use Defense

In a split decision, the Hawaii Supreme Court has ruled against a Big Island resident Joseph Sunderland who claimed he smoked marijuana as part of his religion. In its September 21 decision, the Court rejected his Religious Freedom Restoration Act protection from prosecution, but failed to address his contention that privacy provisions of the Hawaii state constitution also protected him from arrest for using marijuana in his home.

But Justice Levinson suggested that such a privacy right indeed exists because the Hawaii constitution intended to limit criminal sanctions to cases where people are harmed. "The issue is whether... a fundamental right to privacy... constrains the state from criminalizing mere possession of marijuana for personal use. My thesis is that it does," Levinson wrote.



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