

LANAI TODAY

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Maui Electric crews restore power to Lanai

On January 24, *Lanai Today* received this official press release from Maui Electric Company: "Lanai island is back online as Maui Electric crews finished repairs and restored the remaining 125 customers in the Manele area as of 2:48 p.m. today.

"With the help from partners like Pulama Lanai and the support of the Lanai community, our crews worked as quickly as possible to restore power after Saturday's windstorm wreaked havoc on the island's electrical system," said Sharon Suzuki, president of Maui Electric. "Crews made great progress this morning as they finished up the last of the repairs to restore our remaining Manele area customers. A sincere mahalo to the Lanai community for their patience and understanding."

Additional Maui Electric crews were flown in by helicopter to Lanai to help repair the 19 utility poles that were damaged by high winds last weekend. Repairs involved replacing all of the damaged 45-to-50 foot tall poles, resetting new ones and then restringing about a mile of lines along Kaumalapau Highway to Miki Basin and cross-country to Manele Bay. The poles carry two main feeders that provide power to Lanai island.

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How prepared are you?

By Alberta de Jetley

A storm front approaching the Hawaiian Islands from the north left Lanai residents caught unprepared for high winds with gusts of more than 65 mph that shut down the island's electricity, land and cell telephone service, and the internet during Homecoming weekend from Friday evening, January 20 to Tuesday, January 24, when all of the island's power was fully restored.

According to a MECO press release, a total of 1,575 Lanai City customers had power restored on the night of January 23. All 125 Manele area customers, including the Four Seasons Resorts Lanai, had power restored on the following morning. FS Lanai stayed open with limited power from its own generators during the outage.

Although it was certainly inconvenient and devastating to the high school students Homecoming events, there were no life-threatening injuries, no buildings were damaged, and we all managed to get through it.

Many residents say they gathered to share a barbecue grill to cook their food; families spent the evenings sitting outside and star-gazing or playing cards and board games with their children; and, people talked to each other instead of texting. Many were concerned about their older neighbors and went to check on them to be sure they had everything they needed.

How prepared was your family? Did you have flashlights and batteries? Did you have a way to cook your food? Would you have been okay if the electricity stayed off for a few more days?

Before every hurricane season, there's always a lot of information on television and in newspapers about emergency preparedness. Hawaiian Electric Company has published a book, *INFORMATION, Handbook for Emergency Preparedness*. I've had it on my desk for months and have never bothered to *really* read it completely.

There's even a section on how to recover from an extended power outage. One of the first things we all had to do was to determine what foods were still safe to consume and what had to be thrown away. Another useful section explained how to minimize the use of power after an outage, turning on only the most important appliances first rather than everything in your home.

A storm or other natural disaster could happen at any time of the year, not just during the hurricane season. The power outage was a good "wake-up" call. It was not a Civil Defense emergency so it did not activate the American Red Cross or other agencies.

As a community, we can and did take care of each other. But, a complaint many people voiced was no one really knew what was happening. We need to find ways to distribute information when services are down and to help those who need it during incidents like power outages.

A core group of volunteers have met and hope to organize a network of caring citizens. They will be meeting with Maui County agencies for further discussions. We can all be part of the process by being prepared for emergencies, starting with our own homes. Let the winds blow! Next time around, we'll be ready!

See related MECO article on page 4



MECO crews worked hard to restore power to Lanai.



Bradley Bunn, Lanai Chamber of Commerce Chair with MECO President Sharon Suzuki and Transmission and Distribution Manager Gary Dieborsky.

Mahalo from Pulama Lanai

Pulama Lanai thanks Maui Electric for sending extra crews and working continuously over a 36-hour period to restore power to Lanai during our island-wide outage. We are deeply appreciative to our employees who stepped in to help MECO crews and Four Seasons Resort Lanai team members for minimizing the impact on guests. Mahalo to our Lanai Water Company team for insuring that water was always available to drink. Finally, we thank the Lanai community for its patience throughout the outage, and for demonstrating great care and concern for your neighbors during the outage.

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Letters to Alberta

Thank you to the person who returned my billfold and to the Lanai Police Department. This is a safe place to live!
Barby Wagner, Lanai High School Teacher

 Lost and Found - When Barby Wagner told *Lanai Today* she had lost her billfold, we encouraged her to call the Lanai Police Station to report it. Sure enough, it had been turned in!
 If you find something that someone has lost, please take it to the Lanai Police Station. If it’s after hours and no one is there, call the station’s regular number, 808-565-8388. Your call will be transferred to the Molokai dispatcher. They will notify a Lanai officer who will meet you at the police station.

Yoshie Shiroma, who lives in Tokyo, Japan and reads *Lanai Today* online, sent a card to share with our readers:
Setsubun marks the last day of winter
Setsubun literally means “division of seasons.” It used to mark the end of winter and summer and is derived from the old lunar calendar. However, it now comes to mean the day before the first day of Spring only and usually occurs around February 3rd.
 On this day, in a custom called *mame-maki*, people throw and scatter roasted soy beans inside and outside of their houses, while saying, “Get goblins out of the house! Invite happiness into the home!”
This is a Japanese custom I think we can all appreciate! Mahalo, Yoshie!

Maui Electric Community meeting scheduled

Maui Electric invites the Lanai community to a talk story session on Wednesday, February 22, at the Lanai Senior Center. Light refreshments will be served at 5 p.m. with discussion to follow from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Diane Haar of Hawaii Disability Legal Services, LLC will be on Lanai at the Senior Center on March 7, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to assist those who need help with Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income. Drop ins are welcome, but if you want to make sure you are seen, you can call her Honolulu office at (808) 536-8074 and schedule a time to meet with her. Diane Haar is a Honolulu-based attorney who helps folks throughout the state with their disability claims.

Diane will be joined at the Lanai Senior Center by Nancy Schubert Yurow from the Hawaii Office of Veterans Services, who will be on hand at the same time to answer any questions on Veterans Disability you may have. If you would like to call and make an appointment with Nancy beforehand, her Honolulu office phone number is (808) 433-0420.

Respect the ocean’s force

In recent weeks on Maui, Ocean Safety rescuers have had to respond to visitors who under-estimated the power of Hawaii’s ocean waves. Maui County’s Department of Fire and Public Safety sent out this information:
 If you are ever caught in a rip current pulling you out to sea, remember these tips:
 •Never try to fight the current. Go with the current to save your energy, and wave your hands over your head to signal someone on shore that you need help.
 •Swimming perpendicular to the current’s pull, will

usually allow you to escape the rip current, and then you can attempt to swim back to shore a little further down the beach. Don’t worry about getting back to where you first entered.
 • If you are ever caught in a current and can’t escape it, DON’T PANIC. Remain calm and save your energy. Keep signaling for help. If you are at a crowded beach, it is likely that someone has seen you and help is already on the way.

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Blood Bank returns to Lanai

Dr. Martin Luther King Day on January 16 was a momentous occasion on Lanai. Instead of gathering to march around Dole Park to commemorate the day, residents gathered at the Pedro Dela Cruz Gym to donate blood to the Blood Bank of Hawaii.

Remembering Dr. King, we found a quote from a speech he made at the Southern Conference on August 16, 1976:

"We all have the drum major instinct. We all want to be important, to surpass others, to achieve distinction, to lead the parade... And the great issue of life is to harness the drum major instinct. It is a good instinct if you don't distort it and pervert it. Don't give it up. Keep feeling the need for being important. Keep feeling the need for being first. But I want you to be the first in love. I want you to be the first in moral excellence. I want you to be the first in generosity."

One of the most generous gifts you can give anyone is a pint of your blood. Thanks to student leaders in Lanai High and Elementary School's Community Service Class with teacher Patricia Niibu, 300 residents signed up to pledge their support and to donate blood for the first blood drive on Lanai since 2002!

Junior students: Millena Calilao, Absydee Molina, Bechelle Elaydo, Tiffany Fernandez and Micah Camaquin and Senior Ian Vilorio took up the challenge to lead the parade of donors needed to bring the Blood Bank of Hawaii back to Lanai. As part of the Community Service Class, they spent months collecting pledges from Lanai residents at community events and outside of the stores around Dole Park. When the day finally arrived, Pedro Dela Cruz Gym was fully set up and ready to roll! The supplies



Blood Bank supervisors Jonette Correia, Slavo Rac, and Doreen Matsuda

and equipment came in via air and barge. Present to oversee the drive were Jonette Correia, Field Rep. Supervisor, Slavo Rac, Mobile Supervisor, and Doreen Matsuda, Mobile Supervisor, and their staff.

After arriving at the gym, donors filled out forms, were asked questions by intake clerks, then escorted to gurneys where their blood was drawn. The process takes an average of 15 minutes and is painless. Afterwards, each donor was given something to eat or drink and rested for another 15 minutes before leaving.

Requirements for becoming a blood donor have changed; the American Red Cross website, redcrossblood.org, has good information. Generally, you must be at least 17 years old, in good health, and weigh a minimum of 110

pounds. However, all donors are evaluated on the day of the collection too.

The Blood Bank of Hawaii provides blood to 18 hospitals in Hawaii and Guam. In addition to collecting blood at several locations on Oahu, it also travels to Hilo, Hawaii and Kahului, Maui, to hold blood drives. It needs 250 units of blood per day to maintain its supply. Lanai's goal was to collect 150 units; it exceeded that goal by collecting 162 units! Mahalo for your generosity!



Front: Millena Calilao and Ian Vilorio. Back: Absydee Molina, Patricia Niibu, Bechelle Elaydo, Elsie Morita, Tiffany Fernandez, Micah Camaquin, and Shirley Samonte.

O negative blood donors are very special treasures!

By Alberta de Jetley

Did you know O negative blood type donors are universal donors but make up only seven to eight percent of the population on the mainland? In Hawaii, they are even rarer, but while waiting for my turn, the donor next to me was O negative! And, I have an O negative relative who regularly donates his blood too! What were the chances in our small community we would have two, and possibly more, O negative donors!

O negative donors are called universal donors because they can donate red blood cells to almost all of the other blood types. In emergencies, and especially for babies, it is the preferred blood type for transfusions.

Regardless of your blood type, you don't have to wait for the Blood Bank of Hawaii to return to Lanai to become a regular donor. If you are traveling to Honolulu, there are several locations to go. It's best to make an appointment in advance. Blood Drives are held on Maui too, so if you are there, take some time off to donate a unit. Hopefully, there will be enough donors on Lanai to make it worthwhile for the Blood Bank of Hawaii to return to our island on an annual basis.



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Adult Charges	4
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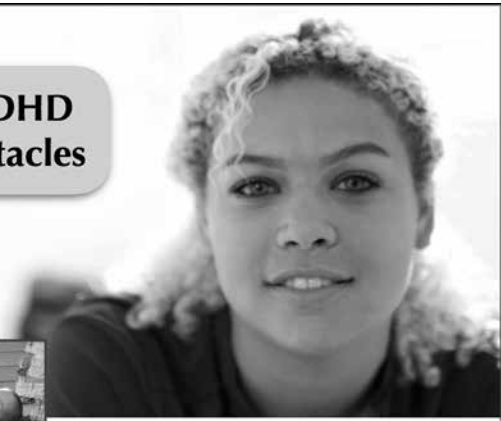


Lanai Water Company has launched their new website and it's packed with useful tools and information!


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Electrical service restored on Lanai

Contributed by Shayna Decker, MECO



Maui Electric

As a windstorm swept through the state on Saturday, January 21, its powerful gusts brought down 19 utility poles and electrical lines that resulted in an island-wide outage on Lanai. Maui Electric response crews worked day and night to bring the approximately 1,700 residential and business customers all back online by Tuesday, January 24.

“With the help from partners like Pulama Lanai and the support of the Lanai community, our crews worked as quickly as possible to restore power after that January windstorm wreaked havoc on the island’s electrical system,” said Sharon Suzuki, president of Maui Electric. “A sincere mahalo to the entire Lanai community for their patience and understanding.”

According to preliminary assessments, damage to electrical equipment from the windstorms was some of the most widespread in years, affecting customers on each of the five islands served by Maui Electric, Hawaiian Electric, and Hawaii Electric Light.

On Saturday around 2:02 p.m., the high winds took down nine poles in the Manele area and knocked out power to the approximately 125 customers in the Manele area. As crews worked to repair the damaged electrical equipment in Manele, around 10:16 p.m., the gusty winds toppled or sheered another 10 poles from Kaunalapau Highway to Miki Basin that affected the rest of the island’s approximately 1,575 customers in the Lanai City area. The poles carry

two main feeders that provide power to Lanai island.

Lanai residents and businesses were asked to prepare for an extended outage as additional restoration crews were flown in by helicopter from Maui to help expedite the repairs. Repairs involved replacing all of the 19 damaged 45-to-50 foot tall poles, resetting new ones and then restringing about a mile of electrical lines along Kaunalapau Highway to Miki Basin and cross-country to Manele Bay.

Crews continued to make progress as they made repairs and restored power to all customers in Lanai City around 12:43 a.m. Monday, and the remaining customers in the Manele area around 2:48 p.m. Tuesday.

“Safely restoring service to our Lanai community was our top priority as our crews worked to bring everyone back online as soon as possible,” said Suzuki.

Maui Electric invites the Lanai community to a talk story session on Wednesday, February 22, at the Lanai Senior Center. Light refreshments will be served at 5 p.m. with discussion to follow from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

“Whether you have a question about the recent power outage, your electricity bill, or our future energy plans for Maui County – we invite you to join us and we’ll be available to help answer any questions you have,” said Suzuki.

Hawaii Text to 911 Frequently Asked Questions

What is Text to 911? Text to 911 is an emergency service that is provided to all users in the State of Hawaii. It allows someone to use their activated cell phones to contact the 911 center via text messages instead of calling 911.

That's Awesome! So I should just use the texting because it's easier than calling? Actually, no. Calling 911 is still a faster, more efficient way of relaying an emergency to the Police, Fire, Ambulance, or Ocean Safety. Calling 91 will also provide the 911 center with access to your location. texting to 911 should only be done when you are unable to make a voice call.

So, when would someone use Text to 911? Some examples would be:

*If you are in a situation where it is not safe to place a voice call to 911;

*If you are experiencing a medical emergency that renders you incapable of speaking or hearing;

*If you are unable to call 911 due to being in a location with sporadic cellular voice service;

*If you are unable to speak or hear due to injury or physical restraint.

Space limitations make it impossible for *Lanai Today* to print out all of the questions on the Hawaii Text to 911 flyer. A copy of it can be obtained at the Lanai Police Station or go online to: hawaiiextto911.com

Oahu Boat runs aground on Lanai

Lanai firefighters responded at 1:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, to reports of a boat that ran aground near the area known locally as “White Rock,” about 1 mile east from where Keomoku Highway reaches the shoreline on Lanai’s northeast coast.

At 1:45 p.m., firefighters found the 19 foot Glasspro motor boat stuck on the reef about 100 yards from shore. Two males were attempting to push the boat back into deeper water but were unable to do so. Firefighters also tried unsuccessfully to free the boat that was grounded in 2 to 3 feet of water.

A fire rescue boat out of Lahaina responded but could not assist because of very shallow water and

the risk of the damaged boat sinking once towed to deep water. The boat with two men aboard, departed from Hawaii Kai on Oahu early Sunday on a fishing trip to Lanai. The boat’s owner, a 51-year-old man from Waianae and another man, aged 52 and also from Oahu, didn’t realize how shallow the water was and drifted onto the reef while addressing seawater rising in the hull. The men suffered only minor scrapes from walking on the reef.

When firefighters left the scene, the boat’s hull was still intact and no fuel or oil had leaked. Crews assisted the owner with salvaging valuables from the boat and brought the two men back to Lanai City.

“Around the Square” Event planned

Information contributed by Alicia Blackwell, Lanai Art Center

It’s Saturday night and you’ve got nothing to do? Lanai Art Center is sponsoring a new event, “Around the Square,” which will take place five times in 2017. Each event will have a festive theme which will focus on getting Lanai residents out to visit with their friends at businesses around Dole Square.

All participating businesses will be open until 7 p.m. and extras, such as food vendors and other services will also be available for residents to enjoy. A

Valentine’s Love Festival started the series of special Saturdays on February 11.

Mark your calendar for an Earth Day Festival on April 22; a Summertime Festival on August 12; a Harvest Festival on October 14; and an Aloha Holiday Festival on December 16.

Look for flyers posted around town and on Lanai’s social media sites to be sure you don’t miss out on enjoying old fashioned, small town fun Around the Square!

Lanai Cancer Fund - Help when you need it

The big C word is still very scary to many people. What do you do and say when you hear that someone has just been diagnosed with cancer? Sometimes, just showing them that you care helps a lot. If you feel comfortable discussing it, please tell your friend to apply to Lanai Cancer Fund for help. The requirements are simple, pick up an application form from Ke Ola Hou O Lanai’s office in the Dole Building. You must be a Lanai resident for a minimum of six months and your doctor has to sign it to confirm you have been diagnosed with cancer. LCF will give you a gift of \$500 to use in any way you wish. You can also be reimbursed for medical expenses not covered by your insurance for up to \$1,000. “We care and want to help you.” Donations can be mailed to Ke Ola Hou O Lanai, P. O. Box 630713, Lanai, HI 96763. Please note your check is for the Lanai Cancer Fund.

HDOA quarantines coffee plants

The Hawaii Department of Agriculture (HDOA) is investigating the source of coffee plants found at a Home Depot on Kauai earlier this week. Coffee plants from islands infested with the coffee berry borer (CBB) are restricted from being transported to uninfested islands, such as Kauai. Hawaii Island, Oahu and Maui have established populations of CBB.

Eight coffee plants were found at the Kauai store by HDOA Plant Pest Control specialists conducting pest surveillance on Monday. Since then, HDOA personnel have been working to determine where the plants came from and, at this point, it appears that the plants were transported from Oahu. Coffee berries on those plants have been examined by HDOA entomologists in Honolulu and no CBB have been found. Those plants have been quarantined and will be destroyed as a precaution. One of the most devastating coffee pests, CBB was first detected in the state in Sept. 2010 in Kona and discovered in Ka'u in May 2011. In Dec. 2014, it was discovered on Oahu and was reported on Maui in Dec. 2016.

This small beetle bores into the coffee "cherry" to lay its eggs. The larvae feed on the coffee bean, reducing the yield and quality of the bean. Since its detection in Kona, Big Island coffee growers have developed methods to manage the pest, which include using an organic pesticide and field sanitation. Some farms with good management practices have been able to keep infestations down and minimizing yield loss to about five percent of the average coffee crop yield.

CBB is native to Central Africa and is also found in many coffee-growing regions of the world, including Central and South America. It is still unknown how



CBB made its way to Hawaii Island and how it got to Oahu and Maui.

Hawaii has strict importation rules that require fumigation of all green coffee beans imported into the state to rid the beans of pathogens and insect pests. Coffee plants and plant parts are also restricted from being imported into Hawaii under Plant Quarantine rules.

After the discovery of CBB in Hawaii, HDOA issued a quarantine order that requires certain treatments and inspection by HDOA Plant Quarantine inspectors prior to shipping interisland. Inspectors will either attach a tag, label or stamp to indicate the shipment passed inspection requirements. For unroasted coffee beans, acceptable treatment protocols include fumigation, freezing and heat treatment.

The State's toll-free Pest Hotline is (808)643-PEST (7378). For more information on CBB in Hawaii go to the HDOA CBB webpage at: hdoa.hawaii.gov/pi/ppc/cbbinfo/ and the UH-CTAHR webpage at: ctahr.hawaii.edu/site/CBB.aspx

Alberta's note: Although no mention is made of Lanai, there is a small coffee farm on Lanai.

Mike Carroll Gallery



New In The Gallery ~ Bowls by Craig Mason

Stop in to view turned and carved creations from lychee, mahogany, kamani, kiawe, and cypress woods!



Mike's Next Painting Event

For the eleventh year in a row, Mike has been selected to participate in the Maui Plein Air Painting Invitational. This prestigious painting festival runs from February 18-26 and features the art of 26 artists from across the country. Visit www.mauipleinairpainting.org for more information.

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Straight from the source

By Alberta de Jetley

Just because something is special and beloved by thousands of people doesn't mean it can continue to remain the same. The Lodge at Koele is a case in point. At a community meeting on January 9, Pulama Lanai Senior Vice President Lynn McCrory gave residents the news they were all expecting, but dreading.

The Lodge at Koele rear view - Photograph courtesy of Four Seasons Resorts

It all boils down to two key points, economics and water. It is a fact that the Lodge, in the 20 years+ of its operation, never made money. Continuing to provide funding for any activity that does not, at the very minimum break even, is a money-losing activity.

The Experience at Koele golf course was beautiful and enjoyed by golfers and non-golfers alike. It got good publicity, even consistently appeared in the Top 10 rated island golf courses around the globe, but never was able to draw enough paying golfers. Bringing the course up to a championship playing level is not possible; there is not enough R-1 non-potable water available from Lanai City's sewer system to irrigate it. When the resorts were originally built, it was a condition of its permits that only R-1 water could be used for the golf course.

The heartbreaking news didn't sit well with assembled residents, but keeping the Lodge at Koele and the Experience at Koele operating as they were is not possible. "We need to make the activity different in order to make the results different," McCrory said.

Dispelling rumors circulating about the community's Cavendish Golf Course, McCrory stated: "Just so that we get this out of the way first, there is no change to Cavendish Golf. Cavendish continues with the same use by the Lanai community, at no cost to the community."

Pulama Lanai plans to focus its attention on the Manele golf course, and, "make it the best golf course in Hawaii," she said. Irrigation improvements have been on-going, with more work scheduled throughout the Spring which may necessitate holes being changed temporarily while work is underway. The Manele course uses R-1 water from Manele's sewer plant and continues to use brackish water from two wells. The continuing use of the brackish water is currently pending before the State Land Use Commission.

So, what's in Koele's future? In the planning stage is a wellness program that will encompass multiple facets of the Lodge. One will be making it a destination spa experience open only for guests staying at the Lodge. This will necessitate some interior redesigns and the addition of exterior facilities to house different spa activities. Presently, interior refurbishing to the Lodge's north guest wing is underway. The south wing will continue to house contractors and temporary staffing for the project. The Lodge will

remain closed until the later part of 2018, McCrory informed the gathering. Four Seasons Resorts Lanai will operate the facility when it reopens.

Several residents asked if events could still take place in the Great Hall. The logistics of putting on a one night event, such as the Christmas Eve buffet dinner this past holiday season, was difficult, McCrory replied. She did not think it would be feasible.

Pulama Lanai will be looking at the entire Koele Project District to be sure that activities they would like to add are acceptable uses. An example of one of the proposed changes is turning the golf course into a museum-quality sculptural garden with walking paths through it.

The golf course clubhouse (which is closed), will be repurposed to be a resort activity center for the Challenge course, zip line, and another project still on the drawing board. (Ed. Note: This will be discussed at a future meeting and reported on separately.)

Towards the end of the meeting, late-comers who had just gotten off work at the Four Seasons Resorts Lanai came to the meeting. Many of them had worked at the Lodge at Koele from day one, and had concerns about being able to return to the Lodge to work again. Earlier in the meeting, Lynn McCrory had said Pulama Lanai is negotiating with Four Seasons Resorts and the ILWU on the status of the Koele workers. After the meeting, she met privately with them to discuss the proposed project for Koele and to hear their concerns.

The rumors that surround Koele are like the dense fog that sometimes creeps over it, obscuring it completely. However, through that fog, you can see the dim lights of the Lodge peeking through the mist. Pulama Lanai's community meetings are those lights shining through the fog; come to the meetings to get the facts and answers to your concerns.

Change is always difficult, but change must occur to ensure we will have an economically healthy community in the future. If you would like to be notified of future meetings, email Barbi Shinno: bshinno@pulamalanai.com.

See related Memories of Koele article on page 15

Ask the Mayor

Dear Mayor Arakawa,

Q: I received a temporary paper license at the DMV when I renewed my driver's license recently, but was dismayed to learn it was not an acceptable form of ID for TSA when I tried to fly to Honolulu. Please educate the public about this change, since we used to get our new license when we went in for renewal. I'd hate for anyone else to go through what I did at the airport, it was frustrating and a real hassle.

A: You're right, the State has made some changes to its driver's licensing program, which the County administers at the DMVL. While the new paper license is valid for driving purposes for a short period of time until your official license arrives in the mail, it may not be an acceptable form of ID for other purposes such as travel. I've been told by a few TSA

inspectors that your old license may still be used up to a year after it expires, but the safest option would be to travel with additional sources of identification such as a valid passport, State ID or other official ID

card. Further changes to TSA's ID requirements appear to be in the works for 2018 and beyond, so please be sure to check on current rules before traveling.

Mayor Alan Arakawa

Lanai hospital meeting well attended

Maui Memorial Medical Center, Kula Hospital, and Lanai Community Hospital, will be transferred from being Hawaii state-owned public institutions to a management partnership with Kaiser Permanente, one of the nation's leading health care providers, in July 2017.

Many residents throughout Maui County have expressed their concerns about the change, and many of the hospitals' staff have elected to resign from their positions to seek other employment before the changeover. Public meetings have been held to discuss these concerns on Maui. A Lanai meeting was held on Friday, January 27, at the Lanai Filipino Clubhouse at 11:30 a.m.

Avery Chumbley, Chair of the Maui Regional Board of the three hospitals, presided at the meeting. He was accompanied by Barry Shitamoto, MD, Chief Executive Officer, Traci Ing, Chief Operating Officer, Sheri Yamaguchi, Executive Secretary, Paul Harper-O'Conner, Administrator of Kula and Lanai Community Hospitals, and Carole Starbird, Lanai Asst. Administrator and Director of Nursing.

Lanai Councilmember Riki Hokama had been insistent on having a Lanai meeting, Chumbley said when he thanked everybody for coming. He was impressed as there were more than 35 residents present, exceeding the attendance at the Kula meeting.

Chumbley presented a brief background of how the transition came to be. In recent years, even though all three hospitals were losing money, the State spent Capitol Improvement funds which were previously allocated to Lanai to renovate the emergency room, laboratory, and imaging. A new roof, gutters, and a photovoltaic system were installed, and the hospital's entrance was improved. Still to be done are upgrades to the building's windows to make them hurricane proof, a new generator, and an elevator. A new passenger vehicle and a truck are also on the list for Lanai.

After Dr. Shitamoto was



Avery Chumbley and Dr. Barry Shitamoto

introduced, he spoke of his boyhood connection to Lanai when he used to visit his relatives, the Yamoto family. He assured residents that although Maui Memorial Medical Center presently has 30 percent of its positions unfilled, it is still able to provide quality care for its patients.

When the floor was open for general discussion, Councilmember Hokama said he trusts Dr. Shitamoto and is confident in the quality of personnel he has. He also said he wanted to be sure that retired employees and kupuna would be able to receive proper medical care as there are limitations on Lanai and its' population is aging.

John Dela Cruz had questions about having to change insurance (to Kaiser?) but was reassured Lanai's facility will remain a community hospital that would accept other health insurance plans.

"Once Kaiser takes over and if I need to be transferred from the emergency room to another hospital, where will I go?", someone asked.

Dr. John Janikowski, who was in the audience, answered the question and said it depends on where beds are available, a patient may have to go to a hospital that is not his preferred choice.

Another question was, "Will we have more ultrasound/imaging services once Kaiser takes over?"

Lanai Community Health Center's Executive Director

Diana Shaw answered, saying LCHC provides ultrasound which are read by technicians on Oahu, so these services are already on island.

The important services Lanai's Straub Clinic provides to the community was brought up. Straub Clinic will continue to provide Acute, Long Term, and Emergency Services in contract with Kaiser.

Letty Castlillo said she had worked at Lanai Community Hospital for 37 years, from when it was owned by the pineapple plantation. She reminisced about its history and working with the late Duane Black who was its' administrator. Under his watch, the present facility was built.

Other concerns were about psychiatric services, the cardiac center at Maui Memorial Medical Center, and long term care on Lanai and in Kula. Dr. Shitamoto said Kula Hospital's plumbing is being renovated and 30 out of its 100 beds are being closed at a time to accomplish this. When it is finished, patients presently waiting at MMMC will be relocated to Kula.

Butch Gima said he was disappointed Kaiser was not present at the meeting. As a result of his statement, which Avery Chumbley shared with Kaiser, *Lanai Today* received information from Kaiser which is printed in its entirety on page seven.

See related Kaiser Maui regional hospital article on next page, 8



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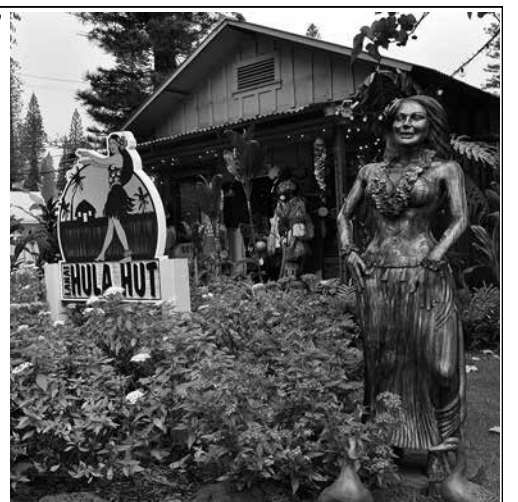
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We aim to deliver a high-quality integrated care model supported by a culture of innovation and improvement. To achieve our goals, we plan to:

- Invest in the Maui Hospitals: We seek to create a sustainable and financially healthy hospital system for the people of Maui and Lanai.
- Set the Maui Region hospital system on a path to self-sufficiency, including a plan to deliver \$260 million in savings to the State of Hawaii in the first 10 years.
- Plan to lower subsidy each year, culminating in targeted zero State subsidy by the 10th year.
- Provide a \$30 million revolving credit line to manage working capital and support cash flow.
- Provide capital investment of \$110 million through 2025, based on annual estimated need of \$11 million, jointly funded by the State (\$6 million/year) and Kaiser Foundation Hospital's local hospital management company (\$5 million/year).

- Provide an upfront investment of at least \$20 million in electronic medical records and facility IT infrastructure.
- Enable High-Quality Care/Exceptional Service: We will inspire confidence in care through collaboration, quality initiatives, and dedication to patient-centered values.
- Support Kula Hospital and Lanai Community Hospital for their unique community roles.
- Support an increase in access to primary care to achieve total community health.
- Invest in specialty and subspecialty care, through partnerships and recruitment, to provide 24/7 coverage for emergency care.
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- Provide Governance and Leadership: We are committed to achieving the community's goals through a Maui-based Board with local representation and shared governance.

KP Hawaii is led by Mary Ann Barnes, RN, MSN, President of Kaiser Foundation Hospitals (KFH) and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan (KFHP) Hawaii, and Chair of the National Hospital Executive Council; and Geoffrey Sewell, MD, FACP, President and



Executive Medical Director of Hawaii Permanente Medical Group (HPMG), and Chair of the National Permanente Executive Committee.


The Maui Region Hospitals will be managed by a local Hawaii non-profit LLC wholly owned by Kaiser Foundation Hospitals.

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Retired Fire Chief retires again!

By Alberta de Jetley

When Keola Freitas was a young boy living in Kahalu'u, Oahu, he wanted to become a fireman. "You're too short," a teacher told him, "you can't be a fireman!" Keola faced many challenges in high school; at age 17, he dropped out and joined the U.S. Army Reserve. He was sent to basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, and trained to be a mechanic.

Keola earned his G.E.D. in the Army's Advanced Individual Training. When he returned to Hawaii, his former classmates were still sitting in classrooms but he was a civilian soldier with money in his pocket and a new life ahead of him.

Never forgetting his dream, Keola enrolled in Windward Community College. Later, he transferred to Honolulu Community College to take its Fire Science Course and graduated with honors.

After fulfilling his commitment to the Army Reserves, Keola joined the U.S. Coast Guard in Hawaii for two years. When his tour was completed, he was hired by the Federal Fire Department as a fireman, making his dream come true.

There are 15 federal fire stations on Oahu and two on the Big Island, Keola explained. His first post was at Schofield Barracks and one of his duties was to stand-by for helicopter medi-vac landings at Tripler Military Hospital. Watching all of the helicopters coming in, Keola was inspired and said, "I can do that."

Other firemen laughed but Keola enlisted in the Hawaii Army National Guard and was immediately sent to officer training at Hawaii Military Academy at Diamond Head. After he received his commission as a Second Lieutenant, he went to Ft. Knox, Kentucky and trained to become an armory cavalry officer.

It wasn't long before Keola moved again, this time to Ft. Rucker, Alabama,



Keola and Moana Freitas

where his second dream came true. He entered its helicopter flight training school and earned his wings.

"My mother called me a dreamer," Keola laughs. But, he had worked hard to fulfill them. When he returned to Hawaii, he served as an attack helicopter commander.

Throughout all this time, Keola was still employed as a fire fighter at Hawaii's federal fire departments. Knowing it would take years to be promoted, he transferred to Pohakuloa, a military training camp on the Big Island, and attained the rank of Fire Chief.

On the Big Island, the Hawaii National Guard became modernized and were the first to use Blackhawk helicopters in Hawaii. Keola became the Commander of the 451st Aviation Detachment and piloted a UH60 Blackhawk helicopter! In 1993, he became a Captain in both the military and Federal Fire Department.

In 1999, Keola's active duty status with the Guard was transitioned to "Retired Reserved." However, after taking a two-year

break, Keola perked up when he saw there was a state-wide recruitment for experienced crash and rescue fire fighters. Keola applied, was accepted, and was assigned to Lanai Airport.

On May 12, 2001, his first day of work, a friend gave him a tour around town and took him to Koele. As they drove past the church sitting besides the Lodge at Koele, he thought to himself, "Wow, that would be a really good place to be a minister," and his third dream began.

Attending a church service at Koele after 9/11, Moana Cockett Perry, a member of the church and one of Lanai's oldest ohana with roots back to the 1800's at Keomoku, approached him to thank him for being a fire fighter.

On Thanksgiving Day 2002, Moana and Keola were married, beginning the journey to fulfill his third dream of becoming a *kahu*, a pastor. In 2003, he was ordained and now serves as *kahu* of Kalokahi O Iesu Kristo Church.

Congratulations, Keola, on your retirement on January 31, 2017, and for never giving up on your dreams. During his 37 years as a fireman, we asked Keola to tell us what his most memorable and happiest experience was. "Over the years," he said, the one I liked best was when I was leading a

convoy of single-engine helicopters from Oahu to the Big Island. "As they were flying offshore of Molokai, he recalled, one of the pilots radioed his engine had failed and he was going down. Turning the convoy around, Keola said, he saw the

downed helicopter sitting upright in a shallow fishpond! The pilot had bought it down with a minimum amount of damage to it and received a commendation for his quick action and safe landing.

Keola has made a safe landing on Lanai. We wish Keola and his ohana continued blessings as he answers his calling to spread the Lord's Gospel and to minister to his congregation at Koele. Mahalo to all of your church ohana for the warm welcome they share with visitors of all faiths who enjoy Kahokahi O Iesu's Hawaiian services on Sundays.



Kahu Keola with Auntie Lei Kanipae and Auntie Irene Perry, on December 3, 2015. Both ladies grew up at Keomoku.


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Juniors: Chris Andrus, Violetta and Jay Ballesteros, Patricia Bayez, Cora Calilao, Maricel Camaquin, Chelsa and Chuck Clarabal, Beth Conroy-Humphrey, Pumpkin DelRosario, Juliet and Phoenix Dupree, Genalyn Elaydo, Frankie Fernandez, Kevin and Jodi Ige, Andrea Kaopuiki, Darren and Heathre Lopez, Janet Llemelo, Patricia Noble, Francis Quilo, Plecy Raqueno, Sherry Sarme, Duke and Genalyn Schaefer, Jan and Dean Tan, Arnell and Jennifer Uminga, Melody and Lionel Vidad, and Doug Weidman.

Seniors: Chantell Schilling, Elma Dameg, Craig and Espe Ebbing, Pam Haban, Kris Hera, Diane Preza, Carmelita Sakuma, Heidi Valdez, Nicole Woolsey, Ronald Woolsey, Jr., Susu and Ronald Woolsey, Sr., and Lani Szelag.

Mahalo to all our cooks, who provided meals to our students for each of the eight days of float-making, as well as the many community members who donated materials, such as wood, chicken wire, wire used for flower-making, and newspaper!

We extend a special thank you our 20 plus judges, including our float sites judges, who volunteered to drive from site to site and spend two hours of their Saturday with our highly spirited students!

Lastly, all float sites expressed their gratitude for Aunt Susu, who shared her wisdom, helped us to find solutions, made us laugh, kept us humble, and simply got things done.

- Faculty Advisors:**
Freshmen - Jon Montgomery
Sophomores - Don Jones
Juniors - Doug Weidman
Seniors - Kris Hera

We had many, many float site volunteers. Our apologies if we missed your name!



Class of 2020



Class of 2019



Class of 2018



Class of 2017

LHES Homecoming Challenging!

Lanai High School students have had to deal with challenging circumstances during the school's Homecoming Week over the past few years and this year was no exception! Strong winds, no electricity, and with no land phones and only limited cell phone service available, the Homecoming Parade was cancelled.

However, parade judges were able to judge all of the floats where they were built. The Senior Class made a clean sweep, winning in all categories! Although the class floats could not be shared with the community, the work done by each class was outstanding! Congratulations!



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Democratic Party of Hawaii releases 2017 priorities list

Arianna Feinberg, the Maui-at-Large Representative to the Democratic Party Hawaii State Central Committee, recently sent out an email to registered Maui County members with this message, which *Lanai Today* has edited in part:

“The state legislature is in session and we’d like to engage Maui’s Democrats to participate as much as possible. At the bottom of this email are the Hawaii Democratic Party priorities for the 2017 State Legislative Session that were approved by our State Central Committee.

We would love for Maui’s Democrats to offer testimony in support of these priorities when they are being heard before committees. If you would like to receive reminders to send in testimony, please reply back and let me know to add you to our list.

Additionally, we are working to plan a meeting for Maui Democrats to learn more about the legislative process and also to write testimony together. If you are interested in attending an event like this, please let me know so we can gauge how big of a venue we would need.”

Space does not allow *Lanai Today* to print out all of the Hawaii Democratic Party’s priorities for the 2017 State Legislative Session that were approved by its Central Committee. There were priorities that may be of interest to all registered voters, regardless of their political affiliation.

Social-Cultural-Economic Wellbeing (includes Education and Labor issues)

~**Death with Dignity** Ensuring that mentally capable, terminally ill adults may facilitate a peaceful death by self-administration of lethal medications by a physician.

~**Improve Education** state-wide through expanded programs and funding;

Programs-expand scope of programs, e.g. trades, certification programs, life skills, special education; Funding-Substantially increase funding and designate funding sources for public schools: pre-k to college, including community colleges.

~**Increase minimum wage \$15/hr** over 2-3 years; thereafter index to CPI to adjust for inflation.

Environmental Wellbeing

~**Support invasive species programs/** funding: in particular for little red fire ants and bio-security plan upgrades, including an Invasive Species Authority in the Dept. of Agriculture.

Government wellbeing

~Raise government ethical standards and accountability

~Reduce government corruption

~Increase open government/transparency

For more information on attending the training sessions, contact Arianna Feinberg: communications@hawaiidemocrat.net, or ariannafeinberg@gmail.com, phone: 808-280-0988.

Hawaii Legislature’s Public Access Room is also a good resource to do research on bills that are coming up during the 2017 Legislature Session, go to: rbhawaii.org/par.html

All political parties registered in the State of Hawaii are welcome to submit press releases or emails that may be of interest to Lanai residents. *Lanai Today* reserves the right to edit all submissions.



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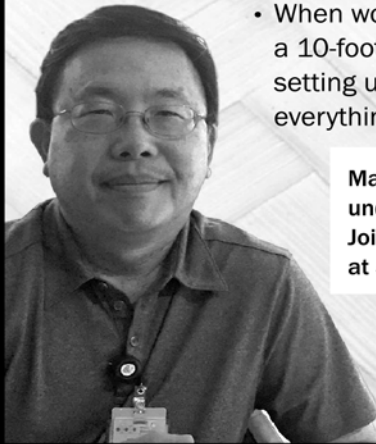
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- When working on trees that are near power lines, keep a 10-foot minimum clearance from the lines when setting up ladders and other equipment. Secure everything.

Mahalo to the Lāna'i community for your patience and understanding during the recent windstorm outage. Join us at our Talk Story on Wednesday, February 22, at 5 p.m. at the Lāna'i Senior Center.

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Things to remember on Valentine's Day

Contributed by The Lanai Domestic Violence Taskforce

Every year on February 14, Valentine's Day is celebrated. Couples go out for romantic dinners, flowers and chocolates are exchanged and sometimes lavish gifts are bought. On the surface February 14 appears to be all about who gets the biggest bouquet of roses, the most expensive meal or the most expensive jewelry. Valentine's Day should not be about endless amounts of gifts, but honoring healthy relationships.

Here are a few things to remember this Valentine's Day:

1. Celebrate healthy relationships not just one day a year but every day. Relationships that are free of abuse, control, shame and violence. Remember that you deserve to be loved by not only your partner but also by you. Healthy relationships involve respect and recognizing your partners as individuals with different boundaries and needs.

2. If you have left a domestic violence relationship, honor yourself on this day. If you are currently in a domestic violence relationship, come up with a safety plan and identify sources of support.

3. Not only is February associated with Valentine's Day, but February is also Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. This year's theme is "Love is Respect." It's a time to spread awareness on this rarely talked about topic. "One in three teens in the U.S. will experience physical, sexual or emotional abuse by someone they are in a relationship with before they become adults." (loveisrespect.org)

And lastly, always remember, "Love shouldn't hurt."

Note: If you or someone you know needs help or resources regarding domestic violence, contact:

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LCHC Scholarship applications available

The Lanai Community Health Center (LCHC), being an advocate and provider of care for the community of Lanai, aims to support its residents who have academic goals in pursuing higher education in health sciences or an administration/finance career in the health service industry. Through this scholarship, LCHC has an opportunity to recognize and support Lanai students who are committed to their education. We are seeking out individuals who have excelled in academics, leadership, extra-curricular activities, and community service. It is the hope that those who receive this scholarship will return to Lanai to become positive and influential members of the community in the health service industry.

Submissions are being accepted from March 16 to April 20, 2017. Applicants must be Lanai residents. Scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to full-time students and \$500 for part-time students. The scholarship must be used towards tuition, books, and other college expenses (receipts will be required). Applications, with detailed requirements, may be obtained at Lanai Community Health Center, Lanai High & Elementary School counselor's office, or email: cfiguerres@lanaicommunityhealthcenter.org



Stand up and be counted!

By Alberta de Jetley

With public demonstrations taking place all across the United States and globally, a small group of Lanai residents didn't want to be left out and held a mini-march on January 21 to join the Women's March which was taking place in Washington, D.C. We were small in number but big in spirit!

In keeping with the political climate which we are presently experiencing, here's a quotation by Yehuda Berg which we should all try to live by:

"Words are singularly the most powerful force available to humanity. We can choose to use this force constructively with words of encouragement, or destructively using words of despair. Words have energy and power with the ability to help, to heal, to hinder, to hurt, to harm, to humiliate and to humble."

In 2007, Berg was named one of the top 50 Rabbis



Lanai participants wanted to be a small part of the Women's March across America.

in the United States by *Newsweek*. In 2009, *GQ* honored him for being an Agent of Change in the field of Education. (Wikipedia)

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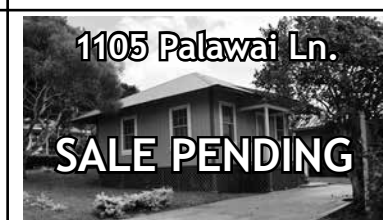
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Kanepu'u Preserve, a dryland forest of 590 acres of native plants, is Lanai's hidden treasure. The Nature Conservancy protects this forest of 48 endemic plant species. However, a dedicated group of retired residents meet several times a month to maintain it. Nicknamed "Kanepuu Warriors," they span in age from 65 to 80+!

On January 10, 2017, Nature Conservancy and Tri-Isle Resource, Conservation & Development Council (Tri-Isle RC&D), the preserve's fiscal sponsor, made a field trip to Kanepu'u. They were joined by Mike Donaho, from Pulama Lanai's Conservation department.

Hank Oppenheimer, from Nature Conservancy's Maui staff, travels to Lanai several times monthly and has made improvements to the water storage, irrigation, and other areas. An on-going concern is repairing fencing to keep deer out.

Kanepu'u receives some funding from the State and grants, but it needs more help so a tractor mower and other equipment can be purchased. More volunteers are needed. If organizations would like to plan a work day, please call Robert Hera at (808) 559-0120. For information on making an online donation for Kanepu'u, go to: Tri-isle.org

Visitors can take a self-guided walking tour at Kanepu'u, go to: go-hawaii.com/lanai/regions/neighborhoods/north-lanai/kanepuu_reserve



Front: Chelsie Javar-Salas, Rachel Rounds, Richard "Cadoi" Sabino and Alison Cohan. Rear: Mike Donaho, Ben Kaiakala, John "Hau'oli" Tomoso, Ken Esclito, Kerri Fay, Alan Kauffman, and Barry Gay.



Signage for endemic plants



Walking through a pathway and self-guided walking tour entrance.



Alan Kauffman



Barry Gay (rear), Chelsie Javar-Salas, "Hau'oli" Tomoso, Kerri Fay, Rachel Rounds, and Alison Cohan.



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The Lodge at Koele remembered - *Guest Editorial*

Contributed by Greg Cohen

Most long-time Lanai residents think of the loss of Koele and the Great Hall as when the building was designated as construction teams housing. But in my opinion, it began years before, on the night that graveyard crews (a too-apt designation) pulled the lobby furniture and rolled back the thick, expansive rugs. Decades before, architect Arnold Savrann achieved that rare accomplishment; fashioning a large public space that was still intimate, warm, comfortable and multi-purpose. Even with fifteen years on Lanai, I counted myself as a newbie, compared to those who watched houses being moved, land altered and the two resort hotels take shape. But in those same 15 years, I was lucky enough to have experienced the Lodge, and specifically, the Great Hall, in multiple ways; as a resident, an educator, an event producer and finally, as a performer.

When first hired in 2002 to fire up the then-shuttered Art Center, my housing in the quads was not yet available and I lucked into over three weeks of living full time in the Lodge! I'll always remember the inviting aroma of fresh coffee wafting through the quiet peacefulness of the Great Hall in the mornings, and the opposite bustle of energy in the evenings when I returned from work. The menu then, and the decor, may not have been sufficient to appeal to a target audience of the "upper 1 %", but they were certainly more than satisfying to me, and apparently, to all the guests I shared that great space with for too brief a time.

When we kicked off the 5-year-long program at the Art Center known as *Art & Story*, the Lodge became the official performance home for that project. As project manager and photography instructor, it was clear that giving our young artists/storytellers a professional and inspiring venue would greatly contribute to their performances. In the same manner that LAPA so effectively does today on a much larger scale, that project ultimately helped over 125 Lanai youth find public speaking voices and artistic and performance talents they didn't know they possessed, and it grew from a handful of youngsters performing in the music room to a maximum of 20+ artists and performers standing tall out in the Great Hall. I can still see, as if it were yesterday, the kids filing in nervous as ponies, and then bursting with pride at the end of the evening, having triumphed in such an amazing space before not only all their gathered friends and families, but perfect strangers; hotel guests who applauded, laughed and cried as hard as anyone else. Especially notable were in year one, our little group was hit hard by the suicide of one of their own, and they responded by banding together to write and perform a song in tribute to that tragic loss; a moving, emotional performance until there wasn't a dry eye in the house. It was our custom that instructors also perform and in the final year, Storyteller Coach for all 5 years of the project, Auntie Nyla Fuji-Babb, stood poised on the stage looking out over a packed Great Hall, spinning the story of Queen Liliuokalani, and when Nyla's sweet alto voice soared out across the room singing "Aloha Oe", you could have heard a pin drop.

After the Art Center, I moved onto working as event coordinator for the University of Hawaii, presenting Hawaii-based performers in free, family-friendly concerts for all ages and Four Seasons once again graciously became a partner. I used to tell the incoming artists, "You'll love performing here... absolutely perfect acoustics, great lines of sight to your audience and it's like being in someone's living room...if it were big enough to seat over 200 people!" I had worked many years producing live shows in Washington, Oregon and Alaska, and knew that happy, comfortable artists deliver great performances...and the Great Hall certainly made that possible across 40+ events defined by their diversity as much as their quality; jazz, opera, classical, dance in forms that ranged from traditional and contemporary hula to African and Filipino to ballet and Peruvian. Locals sat entranced alongside hotel guests for stunning performances that brought Chinese music one week, then master storytelling, then Celtic music. Stand-out memories are the Hall decked out for Christmas with opera singers strolling around the piano, the heart-shaking rhythms of Taiko drummers, or the Great Hall packed to the the upper SRO balcony as Wayne Mendonza's Filipino dancers gracefully sa-



An engrossed full house in an intimate, modular room that served all.

shayed through the room with burning candles easily balanced in their palms and on their foreheads. I was required to photograph each event, and still remember the pleasure in capturing rapt faces of guests and local folks in happy camaraderie, and most of all, the faces of keiki absorbed in the event. You can still see photos from those events at my website: <http://www.gregcohen.net/Acmeweb/LiveEvents.html>. For me, they are a visual record of a happy community coming together to celebrate in a magnificent space.

My last rare, special joy was to actually perform music in the Great Hall as a member of Alapa Drive. I was invited to join that band late in their residency at Hotel Lanai, and when that partnership ended, we were immediately invited to move our Friday night party of feel-good music and dance up to the Great Hall. The first two months there were some of the most rewarding evenings onstage I have ever had in over 30 years of music making. The debut night especially glows in memory; the Lodge pulled out all the stops to kick things off and it's hard to relate the joy and pleasure that came from playing music with great feeling in a vast room with perfect acoustics, warmly and softly lit, every table full of merry makers, the small dance floor full and rocking. Those nights, among so many others are, indelible, irreplaceable and treasured.

When Arnold Savrann was faced with the challenge of designing two distinctly different Hawaiian hotels, he chose an admirable course; let the hotel by the ocean be all things Hawaiian...and let the location in the pine forests and cool elevations be distinctly different. Inter-island guests flocked to Koele in the hot summers precisely because it *wasn't* a cookie-cutter Hawaiian destination, because it was unique and above all, because the Great Hall was like a very special, loving individual that made you feel safe, happy and at peace. The fact that it never made a profit, is perhaps, a further mark of Savrann's achievement; all too often in the life, the best things work not because they are profitable, but because they are simply...beautiful and complete. I know I did some of my best work in that lovely spot, and many other great events in Lanai folks' lives also attest to that; weddings, birthdays, celebratory meals, sunsets over the corrals, strolls around the grounds, the warm aroma that hit you entering the orchid house, the flashes of orange, ocher and crimson of the fish in the ponds, the light sound of laughter and silverware tinkling across the grassy expanses. Looking back on it now from the perspective of my new home in Santa Fe, New Mexico, I feel we were lucky to have it underwritten to enjoy as long as we did.

Alberta's note: Opinions in Guest Editorial are those of the contributor only. Do you have special memories of the Lodge? Please send them to us at Lanai Today to continue this as a series.



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February is National Children's Dental Health Month! Our little ones are developing and growing teeth and it's important to keep them healthy. Here are 10 tips for oral and dental health and wellness:



- Babies should see the dentist by one
- Avoid or limit sugary drinks
- Let baby teeth fall out on their own
- Brush at least twice a day
- Floss at least once a day
- Change out toothbrush every 3 months
- Visit the dentist every 6 months for checkup
- Ask us about sealants and varnish to help protect against cavities

To make a dental appointment, call us at 565-6919



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Fit for Life – A personal commitment

Contributed by Diana MV Shaw, LCHC E.D.

The everyday stress of life – school, work and play often take over and rule our choices. For me, that has always meant eating and working too much and playing way too little! As I continue to age, though, the importance of proper balance is becoming clearer. I look at my Mom—who just turned 91—in pretty good health, living independently. She has well managed high blood pressure; all-in-all, pretty healthy. My Dad passed away many years ago from a heart attack brought on by a lifetime of heavy smoking. My sister, brother and I are all in pretty good health without any signs of chronic disease.

This tells me that from a genetic perspective, I have a good chance of continuing to age in a healthy manner. However, there are responsibilities and requirements I am dedicated to:

Maintain a healthy weight: Yup, this one has always been a challenge. I think I have lost (and gained) more than a hundred pounds in my lifetime! Not something to brag about, but the reality of loving to cook and coming from a culture where food always accompanies social occasions can take its toll. Food has always been a comfort at times of stress, happiness, sadness, or being tired. Most recently, as we have continued to develop our programs at Lāna'i Community Health Center (LCHC), though, a slightly different mindset is sinking in: Enjoyment of food needs to be balanced with activity and proper rest; and, healthy methods of dealing with emotions must be found and used.

Maintain a fitness program: LCHC has developed its free fitness and wellness program with a balanced lifestyle in mind. Offering classes six days a week, a

variety of options for all ages are available: Tai Chi (Youth and Adult), Kung Fu, Zumba, Yoga (several varieties), Boxing and Youth Boxing, Cardio and Strength Circuit, and Pilates. Special classes are held periodically – like Salsa Classes. LCHC strives to create an avenue of wellness for all – love music? Exercise with Zumba. Need solitude and stretching? Renew your mind and body with Yoga. Enjoy the excitement of group classes? Try Cardio and Strength Circuit!

My approach to health and fitness has evolved. I now walk three to five miles three times a week, three days a week Circuit, one day of Pilates, and at least one day of Yoga. With this routine, as well as monitoring my food intake (with emphasis on eating more fruits and vegetables), I have lost 20 pounds in the past year. I am now entering the 'maintenance' phase. My desire to age in place, maintain my strength and stay healthy is my motivation to succeed. LCHC's fitness and wellness program and provider support in the form of nutrition counseling and guidance represent my framework for success to be 'fit for life.'



Diana Shaw committed to her regimen

Let's Ask Dr. Greg

Dear Dr. Greg;

So I just became a believer about ADHD and the medications that are used for kids and adults. I say believer because until now I really hated the idea that kids are taking meds for what I thought was just being an active kid. My son who is 30 years old just started taking meds for ADHD because his friend on Oahu said it changed his life and that he should try it too. Next thing I know he is taking my grandson to the doctor for meds too!

At first I got mad and said "what is this, an epidemic?" But then my son told me all the things that went wrong in his life that I didn't really think about when he was just being the kid who always got in trouble. When my grandson started school he was just like his dad, always getting sent to the office for hitting somebody or bouncing around the classroom. The boys in our family are smart and hardworking as adults, but goofy kids who always hate school.

So, I'm wondering if this happens to other families and is this normal? How come I didn't notice the ADHD behavior when my son was a kid? By the way, my son says the guys at work can really tell the difference in him with the meds and they can tell the days when he forgets to take it. My grandson's teachers say they can see a big difference too, a lot of homework gets turned in and no trips to the principal!

Sincerely,
Hypermom

Dear Hypermom;

ADHD travels through families and some individuals are affected more than others. You might not notice it or think the hyperactivity is unusual if most of the guys at home are bouncing off the walls. We like to say things like, "boys will be boys" and try to make excuses for our kids when they get in trouble at school. I have heard several adults tell me that they wish they had taken meds as kids because as adults they noticed a huge difference at work and in their relationships. Medications don't work the same for everybody and sometimes they don't help at all, but we can't ignore the importance of knowing about ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder).

To find out more about ADHD and all the different ways to deal with it, go to the CHADD website and check it out. Your experience is not unusual and you can chat with other parents who have the same things happening at home. And thank your son for being so smart!

Aloha,
Dr. Greg

Greg Sanders, Psy.D.
is the School Based
Behavioral Health
Specialist for Lanai High
and Elementary School
and has been counseling
for over twenty years.

Hope Lodge open on Oahu

Article and photographs contributed by Melissa Champlin

Last week I had the pleasure of touring Hope Lodge Hawaii in Oahu and meeting with their manager Rob Anderson. I couldn't wait to share pictures of this beautiful and healing space. Hope Lodge is a brand new facility, dedicated to providing a "home-like" setting for those undergoing cancer treatment...and the best part? Special Priority is given to neighbor island residents!

We all know what a stressful and financial burden traveling off island for care can be. We now have a beautiful option! If you have any questions or would like to inquire about staying at Hope Lodge Hawaii, Rob Anderson invites you to call him anytime. He and his staff are fantastic. His office number is (808) 566-8454, cell: (808) 375-4634 or email: rob.anderson@cancer.org. On the web, go to: cancer.org/treatment/supportprogramsservices/hopelodge/hawaii



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Everything you've ever wanted to know, from Lāna'i legends to what's happening in the community today, can be answered in a one-hour walking tour around Dole Park with Alberta de Jetley. The author of *Images of America, Lāna'i*, she is also the Publisher and Editor of *Lāna'i Today*, the community's newspaper. Her first-hand experiences growing up on the island during its pineapple days and its transition to the present day gives visitors a personal glimpse of the island's history.

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Poetry out loud!

Contributed by Linda Jones, LHES Teacher

On December 20, 2016 the Oral Interpretation of Literature class at Lanai High School competed in the national Poetry Out Loud contest. The contest was created to increase awareness in the art of performing poetry, with substantial cash prizes being awarded to schools that participate as well as representatives from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The contest features a list of approximately 600 poems from which students make their selections. In some cases, qualifiers were held at a scholastic level with each student performing two poems. The finalist from each school will compete at the state level and perform three poems, and the state finalists later perform the same three poems in Washington D.C.

From 2005 to 2015, approximately 2.7 million students and 9,500 schools have participated in the competition. The 2014-2015 school year saw 365,000 students, 9,000 teachers, and 2,300 high schools participating in the contest. School winners advance to the state competition and state winners compete at the national level in Washington, D.C. This is the third year Lanai High School has participated in the event. Jayde Fernandez (Class of 2015) has competed in both previous contests.

Students in the Oral Interpretation class selected their poems at the beginning of October and began their research on the poets whose poems they chose. Next, they started the process of memorization. They also researched any other aspects of the poem they felt were needed to interpret the poem effectively. Students were challenged to comprehend the emotional intention of the authors thoroughly to be able to illuminate that understanding and provide insight into the poems through their interpretations. Finally, after much background work students began rehearsals, daily, in class. They worked exceedingly hard in class and on their own time to improve their presentations. The students then gave two dress rehearsal performances for Patricia Niibu's Community Service class. The feedback their peers provided was instrumental in en-

hancing the performers' interpretations. Our esteemed judges were selected from the community and graciously gave of their time and expertise to determine the winner. Thank you to Kanoa DuPree, Jenna Majkus and Barbara Lucas. The accuracy judge was Lisa M. Galloway. Many thanks to Ms. Niibu for allowing her classes to assist the contestants by viewing and critiquing their performances. Without these volunteers, the competition could not have taken place.

The contest is part of the curriculum for Oral Interpretation of Literature, but is open to any high school student who wishes to participate. Below are the names of all the contestants and the names of their poems: Fiona Roth - Dear Reader Charlin Clarabal - Bleeding Heart Shaelyn Noble - April Love Taj Sunio - The Kiss Russell Barcena - Across the Bay Arjen Uminga - Invitation to Love Lauren Campbell- The Arrow and the Song Alika Tan - Anthem for Doomed Youth Adam Purdy - Fairy-tale Logic Christian Galapon - Possible Answers to Prayer Isabel Campbell - Coy Mistress Ashley Agcoali - The Poison Tree Leah Vidad - I Close My Eyes

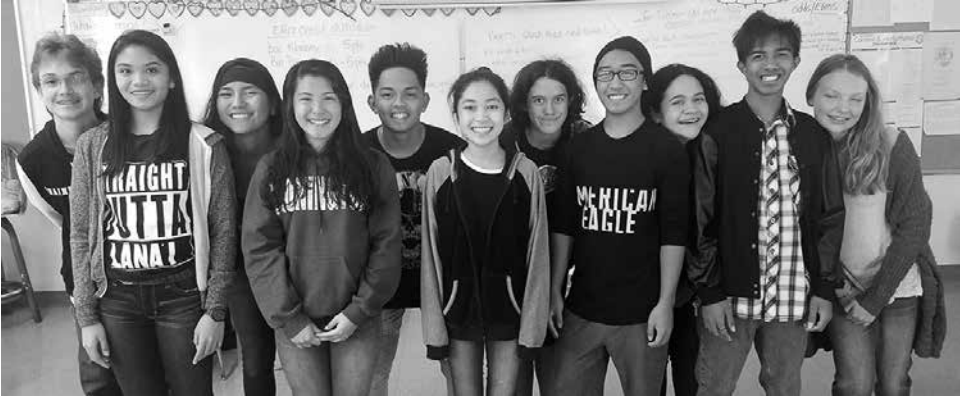
The winners were:

First Place – Isabel Campbell
Second Place – Adam Purdy and Argen Uminga (tied)
Third Place – Alika Tan

The 2016 National Finals will be held April 25-26 at the Lisner Auditorium at George Washington University. The prize for first place at the national level is \$25,000! The semifinals and finals will be webcast live.

Isabel Campbell will compete at the state level February 12, 2017 at Tenney Theater in Honolulu. Please wish her the best of luck as she represents our school and island community at the state and possibly the national level in Washington, D.C.

Applause and accolades to all those who assisted and competed in this year's Poetry Out Loud Contest.



Front, L to R: Leah Vidad, Shaelyn Noble, Ashley Agcaoili, Alika Tan, and Taj Sunio. Back: Adam Purdy, Charlin Clarabal, Arjen Uminga, Lauren Campbell, Isabel Campbell and Fiona Roth. Not pictured: Russell Barcena and Christian Galapon

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Wrestling Team appreciates community's support

Contributed by Jolene Sugiyama-Segault, LHES Team Mom

The LHES Wrestling team participated in a tournament hosted by Hana High School, on January 6-7. The dedicated, hardworking team did an awesome job, not only walking away with some really great wins but also taking home lessons and useful knowledge of where the team can improve for future tournaments.

Hana was just one of seven tournaments our wrestlers have already competed in and they are not done yet. From the preseason tournaments to the present, our wrestlers and coaches have given so much to represent Lanai. With a few more tournaments ahead, the commitment and drive these wrestlers have is endless. They train very hard five to six days a week to be strong physically and mentally.

It was nice to see them reap the rewards



L to R: Joseph Nohara, Russel Barcena, Jake Ballesteros, Assistant Coach Clayton Nohara, Kenneth Manuel, Adriana Sanchez, Hailey Spano-Calderon, Kainoa Hanog, Jared Sugiyama, Head Coach Aaron Fernandez, Kekoa Catiel, Demytri Dameg, Alan Sanchez, and Sam Dunwell.

of victory as well as the chance to take advantage of the beauty Hana has to offer. The team got to see and explore many beautiful waterfalls, hiked to Seven Sacred pools at Ohe'o and took in the breathtaking views along the coastline and up through Kaupo. We stopped at Ulupalakua Ranch Store to have lunch before heading back to catch our ferry ride back home, and what a delicious treat that was. We thank the Lanai community, friends, and family near and far for all the support!

Learn latest principles and procedures of food manufacturing

There will be a Master Food Preservers course offered on Lanai from February 16 to March 10, 2017. The eight-day course will be taught by Ken Love from the Hawaii Tropical Fruit Growers Association from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Four Seasons Resorts Lanai.

This "hands-on" program is designed to explore value-added food preserving practices to support career success in the food manufacturing industry. Course participants will earn a Hawaii Food Handlers Certificate. The cost of the program is \$200 per participant. Scholarships of \$100 are available to Lanai applicants. There are only 12 spaces available.



Register online: EdVentureMaui.com or by phone, 808-984-3690. Contact Chris Speer, Maui Food Innovation Center (MFIC) coordinator, at: speere@hawaii.edu for more information.

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1st Grade - Mrs. Larotta - Cameron Chin and Nathan Gill
1st Grade - Miss Traczek -Kauila Stokes and Princess Faye Baltero
2nd Grade - Ms. Romero - Heavenly Tabucbuc and Aidan Leboeuf

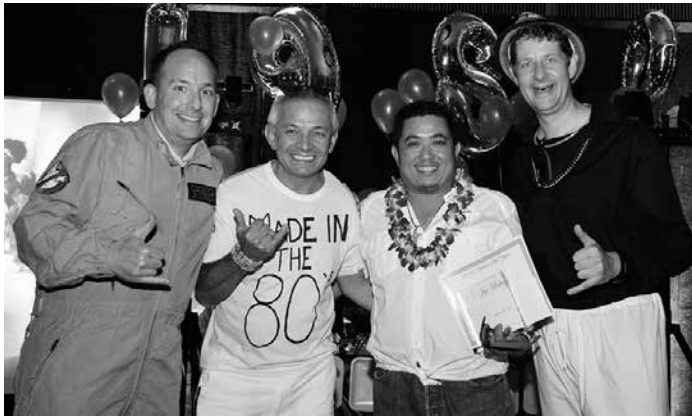
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4th Grade - Mrs. Tabucbuc - Cooper Riley and Ilihia Mano
5th Grade - Mrs. Savage - Rennan Resurreccion and Ervina Jonas

Four Seasons Leader of the year

Jojo Baltero is an assistant manager in the In-Room Dining Department. He joined the Four Seasons Resorts team on July 15, 2006. Jojo had a seamless transition into his new position, his nomination reads. He was moved from the Stewarding Department to In-Room Dining (IRD) very suddenly and has done a fantastic job not only adjusting to his new role but excelling in it!

He is adaptable, flexible and has a strong work ethic and integrity. Jojo is one of the "go-to" guys in Food & Beverage (F&B); if you need something done ASAP, Jojo gets it done! He immediately takes ownership of any curve-ball thrown at him. After being moved to IRD, Jojo quickly learned the operation and is always ready to learn more. After a few managers left the F&B department, there were many more duties to be done. Jojo started to order all of the wines and organized and maintained the pars in the liquor storeroom, something he had never done before. He not only did it, he improved the systems that were in place for it.

A team player, Jojo helps out everywhere and



Ludvig Simonsen, Ekrem Tercanoglu, Jojo Baltero, and Tom Roelens.

anywhere he can. He doesn't need to be told someone needs help; he sees a need and reacts. He can jump in and take orders, running food, or doing whatever needs to be done, be it at the pool, Sports Bar, or even in View! He is an irreplaceable part of the F&B team and shows his passion for his job every day. His positive attitude is contagious and his work ethic is unparalleled.

Four Seasons Employee of the year

Sou Moala has been selected as Four Seasons Resorts Lanai Employee of the Year for 2016. Sou joined the Four Seasons team on January 24 and is a hostess of One Forty. Her nomination states she is authentic in talking to our guests and shows her real self in front of them. She has a sense of recognition and always knows a guest's preference. When it is busy, she takes orders if need be. Sou makes our guests feel at home and like members of our family. She communicates with her team's leaders and lets them know if she's just seated a VIP or glitch guest. She always informs her leader when there are issues on the floor. Congratulations, Sou, for sharing your aloha spirit with our guests and your team members.



Sou Moala with Tom Roelens

Two Leaders of the 4th quarter

Leinani Zablan works in the Front Office as the Transportation Assistant Manager. She originally joined Four Seasons Resorts on October 2, 2012. During the past few months, Nani has taken her L.A.M.P. position to the next level by taking care of the Guest Services and Transportation teams. Her flexibility, organizational skills and passion for the teams are only some of the attributes cited in her nomination for this award. When the resort has large groups of arriving or departing guests, "Nani" puts a big smile on her face and with all hands on deck, ensures that every guest is taken care of and everybody's luggage is delivered to the right place!



Scott Ashworth, Randa Lao, Leinani Zablan, Yu-Shan Chen, and Ekrem Tercanoglu

Yu-Shan Chen is the Assistant Food and Beverage Manager at One Forty. She joined Lanai's Four Seasons Resorts team on June 3, 2013. Yu-Shan's adaptability, service passion, and professionalism are only some of the attributes cited on her nomination. But it was her dedication to the success of all

the F&B outlets that is truly outstanding. Yu-Shan covers morning shifts, orders for all the outlets, volunteers to help HR, and represents our department. She's great in responding to crunches, taking notes at department meetings, and doing all the little things that need to be done that contributes to our success.

Employee of the month

Rose Sabino is the Golf Shop Retail Supervisor. She originally joined Four Seasons Resorts on November 17, 2013 and worked with the retail team at the Central warehouse. Rose moved to the golf course shop in June as it completed the transition from a third party buyer, SSL. Her nomination cited her professionalism, communication skills, service passion, and flexibility, amongst other accolades. More importantly, the golf shop's retail revenue per paid round has almost doubled under her leadership! Rose does most of her work behind the scenes, but she makes the front retail team shine! She has taken on the responsibilities of receiving and inventory for Tennis and Lanai Archery and Shooting Range shops. She is an integral part of the retail operation and vital to its' success!



Scott Ashworth, Randa Lao, Rose Sabino and Ekrem Tercanoglu

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“Around Town” - Santo Nino Celebration

Sunday, January 22, 2017

Photographs by Alberta de Jetley

Lanai's the place to be for Santa Nino Festival

An annual cultural and religious festival, Santo Nino usually occurs on the third Sunday in January. Cebu City is the center of the celebrations in the Philippines and thousands of people flock to Cebu to take part in it.

Lanai City is gaining fame as being the place to celebrate it in Hawaii! This year's festival at Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Catholic Church was honored by the presence of: Rev. Manny Howe, the vicar for the clergy of the Diocese of Honolulu; Rev. Jojo Alnas, from Holy Rosario Church, Paia, Maui; and Rev. Rico Bernadez, from St. Philomena Church, St. Lake, Oahu; and two groups, one from Maui, the other from Oahu.

After the mass, statues of Santo Nino are blessed, then carried in a procession around the church grounds, ending in front of the church where everybody dances with their statues. Although the entire island was darkened by a power outage, the glow of energy radiating off more than 350 people attending the event lit the evening!

Everyone in the community is welcome to attend Santo Nino, so next year, when you see the banners being put up in the front of the church, please come, it's a wonderful festival!



Rev. Manny Howe, Rev. Jojo Alnas, and Rev. Rico Bernadez



Ray Elan, Louie Vergil, and Loloy Bolo



Adela Olbinado, Edna Tamashiro, Delia Divina and a Maui visitor, behind her is Corina Amby



Dina Vilamor, Mina Barsatan, and Medina Nakao



Joannel Agata, Violante Soriano, and Juliette Guillermo



Irvin Badillo, Hannah Lee, Shannie Balcaso, Charmaine Elan, Chaeli Tollentiono, Nathaniel Amby, Jayvie Baleseros, Janell Olbinado, and Spence Elan



Carmen Agtarap, Fred Espilita, and Zaldy Butay, and unidentified woman



Jyden Castillio, Benjamin Nartatez, and Adela Jimenez



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Luz Echalar with unidentified couple



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