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Aloha Chair Paltin and Planning & Sustainable Land Use Committee.

The enclosed 1987 Maui News article titled “Hana Apartment Plan Debated”, page 2, documents the beginning of the Hana Advisory Committee to th Maui Planning Commission. See second to last paragraph. *Mahalo Nui Loa and Aloha Velma and Tom.....*

Mayor Hannibal Tavares appointed me to the first Hana Advisory Committee to the Maui Planning Commission. I have served three times on the Committee and have some comments and experience to share at your meeting.....

Mahalo,

John

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## Bright side seen to beach dispute

By JILL ENGLEWOOD  
Staff Writer

HANA — A man whose company has been erecting fences across traditional beach access points and a man who has been cutting the fences took visitors on a tour of the disputed sites yesterday.

The tour was a display of cooperation that some residents say offers hope for a harmonious future for Hana.

• A unique convergence of Hana natives and the transplants who have come to call Hana home may provide the answer to land use and beach access issues that have simmered in the community for years.

Members of these two groups have been meeting as the new Development Steering Committee of the Hana Community Association. Several members of that committee and representatives of Rosewood Hotels Inc. took County Council Planning and Land Use Committee members to look at beach access sites yesterday.

Present were Bob Zimmer, president of the corporation that now owns Hana Ranch and Hotel Hana Maui, hotel vice president Carl Lindquist, and several steering committee members. One of these, Larry Kaikala, has been a leader in the move to regain the traditional use of land some Hana residents claim is still partly theirs.

Kaikala is one of several Hana natives who have, in the past year, cut fences blocking trails used by their ancestors to reach favorite fishing sites. The cutting of fences erected by the ranch is a dramatic

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ON ACCESS — Hana resident Larry Kaikala discusses beach access with Council Member Tom Morrow during a tour yesterday of several sites that have been subject to dispute between local residents and the corporation that owns Hotel Hana Maui and the Hana Ranch. Kaikala is a member of a community committee now seeking a workable compromise with the corporation to allow local use of traditional access routes to the shoreline.

## Committee to study Kihei vendor issue

By DAVE DeLEON  
Staff Writer

WAILUKU — The County Council Committee of the Whole yesterday approved a plan to set up a study committee aimed at resolving the various issues dealing with roadside vendors in Kihei.

The decision came despite a frequently strident call from the area's retail business leaders for passage of a bill that would have simply removed all "peddling" activity from the South Kihei Road, Wailea Alanui Drive and Makena Alanui Road areas.

The existing bill, which apparently lacks adequate council support, has been about two years in the making. The council put the bill on temporary hold, and might shelve it in favor of a compromise approach.

Also, at the request of the roadside vendors and the urging of Council member Velma Santos, the commit-

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## Shark attack: Big Isle fishermen tell real-life tale that sounds like 'Jaws'

NAALEHU, Hawaii — Three Big Island fishermen, including a 12-year-old boy, escaped injury Tuesday night when their boat sank after a shark attack about nine miles off South Point.

Ka'u commercial fishermen Walter Gay, 27, and Weston Leslie, 40, and Leslie's son, Newton, were fishing for ahi (yellowfin tuna), using hand lines from a 20-foot trailer boat borrowed from Joe Hauanio of Kalapana. Gay told The Maui News this morning. The boat was borrowed because Leslie's boat is under repair.

The trio had chummed the water and hauled in six or seven ahi ranging in size up to 100 pounds when a large shark hit a fish on one of the lines and bit the tuna in half, Gay said. The shark remained near the boat "waiting for us to throw more food in the water," then started "biting on the back of the boat," where a 200-horsepower Mercury outboard was mounted.

"It was a big shark," Gay said. "I'd say 10 or 12 feet long, 700 or 800 pounds. We think it was a great white, because it was so aggressive. Both of us are very experienced fishermen, and we know the difference between sharks. It was a great white."

The shark was "right on the surface" as it tore at the boat's stern, Gay continued, so Leslie was able to prod it hard enough with a 44-caliber "bang stick" to fire a round into the shark. "We just hit it with the bang stick and it rolled off and sank," Gay said.

Once the shark was gone, the trio resumed fishing only to discover after pulling in three more ahi that the boat was rapidly filling with water.

"My partner said, 'hey, there's plenty water coming in this boat,'" Gay said. "We started throwing the tuna back in the ocean, but by the time we had grabbed the second or third fish, we knew we were going down. Within a minute or two the boat had completely sunk. We didn't have time to grab the life jackets or make a Mayday (SOS) call."

Gay said he thinks the shark tore out the boat's drain plug or otherwise pierced the hull, allowing enough sea water to enter so that the boat filled rapidly once three- to four-foot seas started pouring over the damaged stern. The boat capsized and sank almost immediately, Gay said.

Gay and Leslie salvaged a fiberglassed plywood fish box about six feet long, three feet wide and three feet deep, had Newton climb into the box, and started tugging it toward the light of South Point and Naalehu about nine miles distant. The swimmers tore up Gay's raincoat and tied strips of fabric over their hands and feet to "hide the whites" from sharks, Gay said.

Swimming mostly underwater to avoid splashing, the men pulled Newton and the fish box toward shore for about 12 hours before landing near Honuapo, south of Naalehu, about 10 a.m. yesterday. Gay said that once the sun was up, they could see white-tipped sharks in the water beneath them, but drove them off by shouting underwater and banging their hands on the surface.

A fishing boat passed with 200 yards of them shortly after first light, he said, but the swells prevented anyone from spotting them.

The borrowed boat and its equipment, valued at \$20,000, was not recovered.

Gay said he plans to go back out fishing again "in a couple of days."

## upper hand, but next move a mystery

Despite minesweeping efforts now under way, there is concern in the Pentagon that the Iranians may try again to mine the sea lanes or cause other problems for the ships on the

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■ A heavily armed French aircraft

The incident last week made it clear that Iran is willing to risk confrontation with the United States and, with it, the possibility of

the United States. The incident may have been a one-time signal.

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# Pipebomb explodes at shopping

By BRUCE DUNFORD  
The Associated Press

HONOLULU — A powerful pipebomb, similar to one that damaged a Waikiki hotel last week, exploded under a car in a shopping center here yesterday, setting the car on fire and peppering eight other cars with shrapnel, authorities said.

Police officials suspect the two bombings and a series of telephoned bomb threats are related. The motive for the bombings, if known, has not been disclosed.

There were no injuries in the blast

that occurred in an employees parking area of the Ala Moana Center, according to firefighters who extinguished the fire that heavily damaged a late-model car owned by a bank employee.

Minutes after the explosion, a man telephoned the manager of the Ala Moana Professional Building, located on one side of the shopping center, and said there was a bomb planted on the sixth floor.

Hundreds of office workers were evacuated while the 23-story building was searched by a police

bomb squad and dogs trained to sniff out explosives, police said. No bomb was found.

A man also telephoned television station KGMB within four or five minutes of the bomb blast and told News Assignment Editor Janelle Saneishi that he had set off the bomb, according to News Director Jim Manke.

The man suggested KGMB evacuate its building, located near the shopping center, but it was not, Manke said.

On Friday, a homemade pipebomb

exploded in a 22nd floor storage area at the Outrigger Prince Kuhio hotel in Waikiki, causing about \$1,000 damage but no injuries.

That blast was followed by a series of telephone calls to the hotel, warning that other bombs would be going off in the hotel later.

Some 350 hotel guests and employees were evacuated and a search of the hotel turned up no other devices, according to police. On Tuesday night, another series of telephoned threats to the hotel prompted another evacuation and

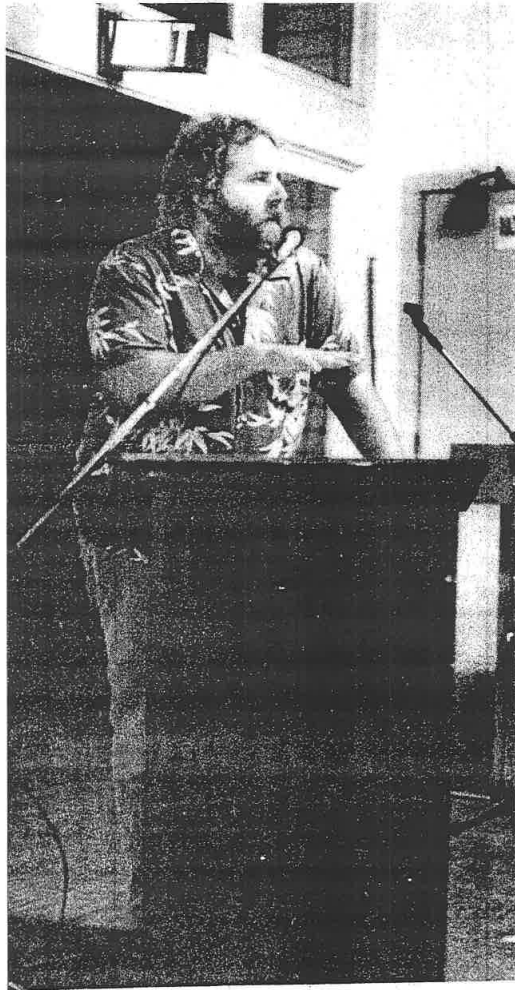
search.

A former security guard at the hotel was arrested Sunday questioned, but was later released without charges, police said.

The similarity of the two and the telephoned threats to the bombings are the work of same person, police Maj. Robe told television station KHON.

Detectives are following up developed in the hotel bombing part of their investigation into bombing at the shopping center.

# Hana apartment plan debated In Hawaii



By JILL ENGLEDDOW  
Staff Writer

HANA — Opposition was strong last night to a plan to build 36 apartment units on land in the Waiuku area owned by Parker and Mary Purdy. Residents requested, and the Purdys agreed, to consider down-scaling the project to reduce the possible impact on the community.

Nearly 200 persons crowded Helene Hall for a meeting of the Planning and Land Use Committee of the County Council, whose main purpose for meeting in Hana was to consider the Purdy request.

The Purdy family wants to change the state's zoning from rural to urban and wants A-1 Apartment zoning from the county. There is no county zoning, because the county does not zone lands designated as rural by the state.

Speakers who opposed the project last night said they like and respect the Purdy family. However, the project is not in the spirit of the Hana Community Plan, would not provide housing local residents could afford and would add undesirable traffic too close to Hana School, they said.

Critics of the plan suggested the Purdys get together with the recently formed Development Steering Committee of the Hana Community Association and try to come up with a compromise plan.

Mary Purdy, replying to some of the criticism and concerns expressed, said since a Planning Commission meeting on the subject in January, no one had come to her to discuss their worries. She said the project already has been reduced from 42 units to 36, and pointed out the proposed zoning would allow 100 units.

Purdy said the project had been developed by legal procedures, that the community needs housing and that her current rental rates for houses on the family property prove that her future rates would be reasonable.

Asked by Council Member Wayne Nishiki if she would be willing to sit down with the steering committee to consider other possibilities, Purdy agreed to do so.

The opposition to the Purdy request was in contrast to the previous Hana meeting on the subject in January, when almost all who spoke to the Planning Commission said they favored the project as a way

to create jobs and housing for Hana.

Last night, some speakers complained that the Planning Commission paid little heed to opposition in the form of a petition signed by nearby neighbors, who feared upzoning might eventually mean higher property values and consequently higher land taxes.

Speaker John Blumer-Buell said it was "an outrage" the way the Planning Commission ignored the petition and approved the Purdy request with no discussion.

Blumer-Buell and others also pointed to the history of the designation of the Purdy land for apartment use by the Hana Community Plan.

Mike Minn, a member of the community advisory council that devised the plan, said Mary Purdy and Alfreda Worst, who owns the Heavenly Hana Inn across from the Purdys, just wanted their operations to be made legal.

At the time, he said, the two were operating visitor rental units illegally. The advisory council's impression was that all they wanted was to be legal and to be allowed to upgrade their facilities, but not to expand.

Minn called for a review of the community plan, which was passed five years ago. Council Planning Committee chair Velma Santos said the final version of the plan called for review within 10 years, and asked the Hana people to wait until the council finishes approving the last two regional plans from the first round before beginning another.

Council Member Tom Morrow said he would support an early review. The Hana plan was the first one done, he said, and provided a learning process for all concerned, including professionals giving advice to the citizens about how to deal with such existing non-conforming uses as the Purdys' and Worst's.

Santos, replying to criticism of the Planning Commission's handling of the request, said she will initiate legislation to create a Hana advisory committee to the Planning Commission, such as those on Molokai and Lanai.

Santos said the Planning and Land Use Committee would defer a decision on the Purdy request for a few weeks until the family can sit down with the steering committee to consider compromises.

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### JPO program up to state

HONOLULU — State Department of Education officials say the bill will have to insure junior officers itself if the program continues.

Officials said the state has been unable to obtain private liability insurance for the estimated 1,000 JPOs in the state's public schools.

"We would not be willing under any circumstances, send out there without protection," official Eugene Imai said during meeting of the Board of Education Discipline and School S. Committee yesterday.

Since 1973, the state has obtained commercial insurance for the police officers. Last year a consortium of four insurance companies provided coverage.

This year, only one company on the contract, but it could not meet the state's requirement that it provide \$100,000 coverage for \$20,000 less.

### Fire burns landfill

KEALAKEHE — Big Island crews were battling a stubborn today burning in the county's landfill site.

The fire was in a contained but crews were having a difficult time extinguishing the flames. Crews began fighting the blaze in abandoned vehicles yard about 4 p.m. yesterday.

Fire officials said they did not know what caused the blaze.

The landfill has been a problem recently for the county. Officials were threatened with a \$1,000 fine by the State Department of Health last year.

### State bans paint sales

HONOLULU — The Department of Agriculture stopped the sale and use of a paint containing high concentration of a chemical it says could harm environment and cause health problems for people who apply it.

The Navy uses the paint, which contains tributyl tin, or TBT, on

### Man held at

WAILUKU — Maui police morning were holding a 30-year Kihei man involved in an accident with a stolen car.

Norman K. Kinney was charged with auto theft, failure to render aid at the scene of an accident and not having a driver's license. His bail was set at \$2,080.

Kinney allegedly took a car from the house he was staying at without the owner's permission last

### Tavares mix

WAILUKU — Mayor Hanu Tavares is in San Francisco, attending a conference of his peers, and will take a brief vacation.

Tavares left yesterday and is scheduled to return to the office

COMMISSION'S ACTION AN "OUTRAGE" — John Blumer-Buell said the Planning Commission ignored a petition against the Purdys' proposal and approved it without discussion.

# Bright side seen in beach dispute

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symbol of their claim to land parcels also claimed by the company that owns the hotel and ranch.

The fence cutters base their actions on evidence they say they have gathered during years of research that shows they or their relatives still have interests in lands that were leased long ago to the predecessors of Rosewood.

Rosewood claims it has quieted title on these lands, and has the right

to erect fences to keep cattle in and trespassers out. Those who want to use the access points must obtain a key and sign a liability waiver.

Several of these disputes are in the courts. Richard Kekohu, a relative of the Kaikala family, bolsters his claim with an eight-page poster containing details of land conveyances and genealogy of his family dating back to 1859.

Recent negotiations have brought

these disputing sides together in an effort to resolve the access problem by allowing traditional use of the shoreline while protecting it from being overrun by the thousands of tourists who flock to Hana each year.

Residents who spoke to County Council members in Hana for a meeting last night expressed confidence in current efforts to find a win-win answer to the access problem.

The residents appeared to be worried that the council had come to inspect beach accesses in order to condemn them for public use. Land Use and Planning Committee chair Velma Santos hastened to explain that the committee was visiting only in response to requests from residents to look into the situation.

Council members agreed to "file" the subject and let the community continue to seek its own solution.

# Tie vote halts Kihei planning resolution