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Laniakea has ties to ancients

The traffic barriers at Laniakea are coming down.

But let's not be reckless in forcing a realignment of Kamehameha Highway that will adversely affect the significant archaeological and cultural features mauka of the highway.

These features include three documented heiau within the area of potential effect, along with numerous platforms, terraces, walls, burials, enclosures and modified outcrops.

Our ancestors created this cultural landscape as a physical expression of their ceremonial practice, settlement patterns and long-distance voyaging and navigational knowledge.

Circuit Judge Gary Chang upheld public access to our beaches under Hawaii law, but let us not forget that kanaka maoli cultural resources and customary practices are also rightfully protected under numerous federal and state laws.

Laniakea remains a tangible reminder that kanaka maoli knowledge, practice and values are an integral component of the North Shore community. We protect what we value.

Let's navigate forward with courage and conviction to protect this rich legacy for current and future generations.

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Keep Monsanto running scared

Monsanto in Hawaii is running scared ("Monsanto moves to remold image," Star-Advertiser, June 12).

It's in damage-control mode here and elsewhere in the world. With total assets of \$22 billion, it can afford an attempt to remold its image. Is the issue really GMO? No. It's pesticides and herbicides, Monsanto's bread and butter.

Remember Heptachlor? We were told that the insecticide was safe, if used properly. It wasn't.

Heptachlor has a long life span, like Monsanto's highly soluble glyphosate (Roundup).

GMO crops were created to be resistant to Roundup. There lies the problem: possible overspraying, soil and water table contamination, residue in the air and in our food.

At what expense to people's health does the claim of job creation and favorable economics prevail?

Please read up on Monsanto and draw your own conclusions.

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