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Kamaki Solatorio Convicted of Gun Possession 3yrs. After Death of Juanito Pico Jr.



Photo above: late Juanito Pico Jr. submitted by Rennie Kapuni & family

The justice system has moved slowly for the family of the late Juanito Pico Jr., a 41-year-old Kualapuu resident and father of four, who was killed by a deer poacher's bullet more than three years ago in the Waikane area of Molokai.

According to their report to The MAN, Phillip "Kamaki" Solatorio, 38, was taken into custody on Maui last Friday to serve a one-year jail term for illegally possessing a rifle he used that day. Solatorio had pleaded no contest to being a felon in possession of a firearm on Nov. 30, 2005. He was also placed on five years' probation as part of the sentence imposed by 2nd Circuit Judge Richard Bissen, who added that it appeared Solatorio had been an "outlaw" on Molokai. [Court records show he has numerous criminal convictions.]

Maui Deputy Prosecutor Mark Simonds said a police investigation indicated that Solatorio's 14-year-old son, not Kamaki, fired the shot that accidentally killed Pico, but that Solatorio played a part in what happened with his "cavalier attitude." "He set a very poor example," Simonds said. "He made choices that contributed to this death. He's a convicted felon. He has no qualms about handling a firearm that day. He trespassed on private land to go hunting."

Simonds said Solatorio told a 911 dispatcher: "I don't know what happened. I think he fell down. He shot himself or something. He's shot in the chest," and later told a police sergeant that Pico and his nephew were the only ones with guns, although police eventually recovered four rifles that had been hidden. Police concluded Pico was shot accidentally when the boy fired into a herd of deer.

Family members displayed these photos of Nito": "This is who was lost in this tragedy on Molokai," said his sister Rennie Kapuni. "He loved everybody."

"He was the backbone of our family," said her son, Floyd Kapuni.



Kalaupapa: -1 more

Henry Nalaielua, 83, 1926-2009 died last Friday in Kalaupapa, Molokai. He had been banished to Kalaupapa as a leper, but made his life as an author, painter, and musician, and a credit to all humanity for his love of life in hardship.

LETTER: My name is Jean Benton. My mother Laura was married to Henry Nalaielua when he was a resident in Carville, LA in mid 70's. She moved with him to Kalaupapa, lived there and worked as a nurse in the Hanson's Disease Hospital. I was married there in 1984. Unfortunately, after their divorce I lost contact with Henry, as "step" families often do. My last visit with Henry was in the mid 90's on a trip back to Kalaupapa. I know what a special person he was and know the world is at a loss in his death.

I am honored to have in my possession one of his many oil paintings of Kalaupapa. It has been and always be a dear treasure of mine. I also have some of the little greeting cards he and my mother made with tiny shells on the top. His letters were always a thrill to get; I was always excited to see that beautiful handwriting that came from such talented but crippled hands.

I have been advised that Henry has recently passed away. I'm trying to locate an obituary on him but haven't been successful. Can you please let me know if your newspaper has run one and if so forward it back to me. I would like to have this as another part of my past life with Henry.

Thanks so much for your help. —Jean Benton

Yes, Jean, Henry has Passed On, sad for all of us. Here is more about him.

Henry Nalaielua was 10 when he was diagnosed with leprosy and taken from his family in 1936. He was banished to Kalaupapa in 1941. But he turned his experiences in that dark chapter of Hawaiian history in Kalaupapa into an enlightening legacy for later generations. Some 8,000 people have died on this remote peninsula since the Hawaiian Kingdom started exiling leprosy patients here in 1866. Many were torn from their families and left to scrounge for shelter, clothes and food. The vast majority were buried in unmarked graves.

From Ninole, Hawaii, and Molokai, he participated in the 1995 beatification of Father Damien De Veuster in Brussels and had planned to join local pilgrims in an October 2009 trip to Rome for Damien's canonization.

He told the story of his life in "No Footprints in the Sand," a 2006 autobiography co-authored by Sally-Jo Bowman. "He would acknowledge things that befell him as if he were walking past them," said Bowman. "He lived such a marvelous, long and interesting life, and a lot of it was because he had an upbeat attitude." Self-taught artist, he sketched Kalaupapa landmarks and also painted.

Henry also entertained visitors as a Damien Tours guide in Kalaupapa. And, the National Park Service had recently hired Nalaielua to help identify people and events recorded in old archived photographs.

Once sulfa medication was developed to arrest the disease, Nalaielua was treated and then worked for Hawaiian Electric Co. on Oahu for several years. He moved to the federal leprosy treatment center in Carville, La., in the 1970s and married a nurse, and returned to Hawaii where he sang in several choirs, played in bands and jammed with visiting professional musicians before he died here.

Henry advocated for Kalaupapa Patients, and cannonization of Fr. Damien, and now with visitor interest in Kalaupapa growing, he would this spiritual period to be pono. When the Vatican proclaims Father Damien -- the 19th century priest who cared for the leprosy patients -- a saint, visitor pressure will increase.

The two dozen patients still living here are eager to celebrate Kalaupapa's most famous resident, a selfless man who cared for leprosy patients when many others shunned them. They would welcome pilgrims at Damien's church and grave. But therein lies a dilemma. The patients and their supporters also don't want throngs of tourists disturbing the community's privacy and desecrating the land. This is scared land.

Kalaupapa's attraction for tourists and pilgrims is heightened by the dramatic story behind the Vatican's recognition of a miracle attributed to Damien, who died in 1889 after contracting leprosy himself. It's this miracle that cleared the way for sainthood.

The state Department of Health limits visitors to Kalaupapa at 100 per day, and each visitor must obtain a permit.



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A dead sea turtle was also found in the sand and rocks by the river.



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SUV crash lands vehicle rear on fence

It is unknow how this SUV almost got over the fence, but people were injured, and a back hoe was used to lift the rear off this large fence post.

OBITUARIES

THOMAS JO ENDO, a Kainalu resident died February 28, 2009 at the age of 69. Originally from birth place 1939 in Wailuku, Maui, his memorial service was held March 14 in Kapaakea, Molokai.

MARIANO MADRIAGA ACOBA, a resident of Kaunakakai at 81 years of age, died February 26, 2009 in Honolulu. Born 1927, in Bacarra Ilocos Note, Phillipines, he is survived by his wife Estefania Acoba and family.

WILLIAM H. KALIPI, SR. 66, a resident of Ohia, Molokai at 66 years old, died March 27, 2009 in Kaunakakai. He is survived by his sons William Jr., Joe, and Zed, and daughters Zessica, Zeld, Zallarina, and brothers Phillip, Wilfred of Molokai, and off island familymembers.

MASAHU HARRY "COWBOY" OTSUKA born 1924, died April 5, 2009 at his home on Molokai. He was 84 years old. Known for his indepth knowledge and practice of taro cultivation in recent decades, he was also a cowboy, pineapple worker, and heavy equipment operator for DOT. His is survived by son Lyle and daughter Windee-Lou "Honey", and offisland family members. Services will be held in Hoolehua Lanikeha Center April 25. For info: call Lyle 645-0309.



Bill of Rights 2nd Amendment:
“A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.”
Wake up militia! Use it , or lose it ! Got your gun, yet?

"...with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, or fortunes and our sacred honor."

(Unanimous Declaration of Independence)

If you will not fight for the right when you can easily win without bloodshed, and, if you will not fight when your victory will be sure and not too costly, you may come to the moment when you will have to fight with all the odds against you and only a precarious chance of survival. There may even be a worse case. You may have to fight when there is no hope of victory, because it is better to perish than live as slaves.

"The people cannot delegate to government the power to do anything which would be unlawful for them to do themselves."- John Locke

"Those who make peaceful change impossible, make violent change inevitable." -- Robert F. Kennedy

"Rebellion against tyrants is obedience to God." T.J.

Enforce the Bill of Rights !

"And how we burned in the camps later, thinking: What would things have been like if every Security operative [insert your favorite alphabet Gang DEA, BATFE, H.S., TSA, FBI, IRS, NSA, CIA, LEOs etc. here], when he went out at night to make an arrest, had been uncertain whether he would return alive and had to say goodbye to his family? Or if, during periods of mass arrests, as for example in Leningrad, when they arrested a quarter of the entire city, people had not simply sat there in their lairs, paling in terror at every bang of the downstairs door and at every step on the staircase, but had understood they had nothing left to lose [neither do you now] and had boldly set up in the downstairs hall an ambush of half a dozen people with axes, hammers, pokers, or whatever else was at hand. The Organs would very quickly have suffered a shortage of officers and transports and, notwithstanding all of Stalin's thirst; the cursed machine would have ground to a halt!" -- The Gulag Archipelago, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

Diane Sawyer and ABC's 20/20 aired a story last week entitled "If I Only Had a Gun...": BS!

On TV's 20/20 they tried their best to discourage gun ownership with a paint gun training experiment story. Yes, PAINT GUNS. It was a one-sided "set-up" proving that just because someone has a gun and some minimal training, they are NOT mentally or physically prepared to take down a dedicated killer or suicidal maniac by themselves with a real gun concealed weapon. The purpose of the 20/20 show was to discourage people from thinking that having a gun would do them any good if ever confronted with an armed assailant bent on killing people.

Fortunately, 80 million gun owners (and that number is growing like never before) didn't believe their story — so if YOU will send this blog to EVERYONE you know, we can convince the rest of America that it is better to have a gun and not need it than to need a gun and not have it! [Remember MPD officer Jamie Beacraft without a gun, being attacked with baseball bats at his home on Maui]

Diane Sawyer and 20/20 were right about their training experiment, developing the proper combat mindset and the skill at arms to deal with a dedicated killer or suicidal maniac takes more time and training than just a few hours with a PAINT gun! Can you say DUH ?

Here is what 20/20 didn't want to show America:

- * Concealed Weapons Permit Holder Stops Bank Robbery
- * Off Duty Cop Gets Jumped but Protects Himself with Handgun
- * 69-Year-Old Man Shoots Intruder
- * CCW Gun Fighter Shoots Two Armed Assailants
- * Grandmother Holds Burglar at Gun Point
- * Surviving a Gun in Your Face
- * Armed Robber stopped by CCW Holder
- * Armed Watch Maker Stops Multiple Robberies

OBAMA ELECTED? GOT GUNS ?

CONFUSED!

I am confused when I hear the word 'service' used with these agencies.

- Internal Revenue 'Service'
- Police "Service"
- Postal 'Service'
- Telephone 'Service'
- Cable TV 'Service'
- Civil 'Service'
- State, City, County & Public 'Service'
- Customer 'Service'

This is not what I thought 'service' meant.

But today, I overheard two farmers talking, and one of them said he had hired a bull to 'service' his cows. BAM!!! It all came into focus.

Now I understand what all those agencies are doing to us.

Gun Rights Refresher

1. An armed man is a citizen. An unarmed man is a subject.
2. A gun in the hand is better than a cop on the phone.
3. If guns cause crime, then pencils cause misspelled words.
4. "Free" men do not ask permission to bear arms.
5. If you don't know your rights you don't have any.
6. Those who trade liberty for security have neither.
7. What part of "shall not be infringed" do you not understand?
8. The Second Amendment is to enforce the other 9 Amendments.
9. 64,999,987 firearms owners killed no one yesterday.
10. Guns only have two enemies; rust and politicians.
11. Know guns, know peace, know safety.
12. No guns, no peace, no safety.
13. You don't shoot to kill; you shoot to stay alive.
14. 911 - government sponsored Dial-a-Prayer.
15. Assault is a behavior, not a gun device.
16. Criminals love gun control -- it makes their jobs safer.
17. If guns cause crime, then matches cause arson.
18. Only a government that is afraid of citizens prohibits guns.
19. You only have the rights you are willing to fight for.
20. Remove the people's right to bear arms, you create slaves.
21. The American Revolution was about gun control.

Crimes of Politicians Must Be Stopped by The People (You are The Militia)

The crime on our streets is a tiny fraction of the crime in the offices of our politicians and bureaucrats - the massive majority of crime is committed by the criminal classes in power. Just look at the constant abuse of power in our State government offices and you will realize the extent of crime in Government. Just consider just how many BILLIONS of dollars a day Government extorts from the people and how little WE get in return; and just how comfortable the politicians make themselves at the expense of the peoples they extort!

The goal of the founders of America was to restrict government within severe limits and to protect the rights of sovereign individuals. Government has NO rights! Judges are impeachable. Furthermore, judges may be removed immediately for violating oaths of office, involvement in conspiracies, extortion, and failing to uphold their duty to the common law. Judges can also be arrested, they are not exempt from this nor are any other officials, including the President of the United States.

Do the people have the power to do this? Yes, the people have the power to do everything to defend our country against all enemies foreign or domestic politician, and government has no power to say otherwise. Fascist bureaucrats might send out its armed marauders, but a huge group of The People (Militia) armed with guns as guaranteed their Right to keep and bear arms by the 2nd Amendment is likely to stop them unless the governments decide that it is time to begin mass killings of all people who believe in the rights of Man.

Wake up ! Enforce the Bill of Rights !

"A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." Exercise the 2nd Amendment.

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Natural Resources Academy Ohana Night

The Natural Resources Academy (NaRA) will be offering an Ohana Night on Thursday, April 30 at 6:00pm. The academy will be presenting their projects they have been working on throughout the school year. Refreshments will be provided. Come join the fun!

4th Annual Math Ohana Night

Molokai High Math Department is proud to present Career Math Ohana Night on Thurs. 5/7 at 6:00 p.m. in the library. Students have chosen a career they are interested in learning more about. With the help of their teachers, the students have researched the careers and will be showcasing a variety of math problems related to their chosen career. Please join us to see what careers our students are interested in and how they can relate any career to their grade level standards. Door prizes and refreshments will be provided.

Senior Project Ohana Night

Join us on for MHS' annual Senior Project Ohana Night. Come to MHS Library on 5/14 at 6 :00 p.m. Students will present their project exhibitions and will be on hand to talk to the community about their projects. Project topics range from Darfur to Driving Safety, Math to Music, Birth Control to Infant Development, Surf to Soccer, Laau to Mo'omomi. Come see how our seniors have impacted our community. Door prizes and refreshments.

High School Seniors and Parents

Please remember to return signed permission forms for participation in PROJECT GRADUATION to Mr. Espaniola. Forms were sent home during Spring Break with report cards or see Mr. Espaniola if you need a form.

Driver Education

The Driver's Education class has been postponed until further notice. Parents are still required to attend a MANDATORY parent meeting, so your student will be eligible for the class when it does begin. If you have any questions please call Malia Lee at 567-6950.

No Windmills in Molokai Channel

One win for the whales

by Larry Geller

The Advertiser reports (Penguin Bank project called off, 4/21/2009) that Grays Harbor Ocean Energy Co. is giving up their project to put a massive wind/wave energy project in the middle of the Penguin Bank whale sanctuary because a new regulatory process effectively blocks such developments, the company's president said yesterday.

Probably true, though the article states that the reporter could not verify that. Another reason may be that they picked precisely the wrong spot for their project and were sure to be challenged had they gone forward. And finally, the company's president might have seen a March 8, 2009 article in the Advertiser:

Besides the environmental obstacles, one of the biggest hurdles could be whether the company can reach agreement to sell the Penguin Bank power to Hawaiian Electric Co. [Grays Harbor president] Hamner said he has been told by a state renewable energy expert that HECO might not need all that electricity.

So yeah, why go ahead with this, especially if HECO won't buy your electricity. As for good kine alternative energy in large scale, obviously Hawaii needs a good feed-in tariff so regular people can sell their excess electricity and more people will invest in PV systems.

A small windmill on your roof or in the garden is an attractive idea. Unfortunately, micro wind turbines deliver hardly enough energy to power a light bulb. Their financial payback time is much longer than their life expectancy and in urban areas they will not even deliver as much energy as was needed to produce them. Sad, but true.

According to a recent report by the UK Carbon Trust, windmills in urban environments will almost always have an energy payback of more than 20 years. In other words: small windmills in cities will never deliver as much energy as was needed to manufacture and install them. Installing an urban windmill will actually harm the environment. On the other hand, the energy payback time of a large windmill is less than one year.

Windmill size does matter, as does the cost of manufacture and the price of oil. Bottom line, though, is that since the power yield goes by the diameter of the turbine, little is less and you'd need a bunch of them to keep the plasma TV warm and the beer cold.



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