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Laau Development Protest Occupation: 1st Year Celebration March Sept. 15

The expose of fraud and misrepresentations by agents of foreign corporation Molokai Properties Limited, aka Molokai Ranch, with their proposal to develop the remote and sacred Laau Point nature preserve into 200 one-acre lots for luxury subdivision as part of its Land Use Plan precipitated the beginnings of an anti development revolution on Molokai by large numbers of Friendly Isle residents.

Protestors against the MPL's plans physically occupied the area, lobbied lawmakers, built a meeting hall from hardwood mangrove, bamboo, and coconut, gave their manao about protecting the historic sites, fishing ahu, endangered Hawaiian monk seals, and endemic flora, malama aina, lack of water, at hundreds of public meetings, in a futile effort to peacefully resolve this dichotomy with Real Estate Developers and the desposed usurping felon ex-governor Linda Lingle et al.

When an election was held to replace the Plan review commission members and it appeared a majority would then be anti-development of Laau, the public meetings were terminated. MPL's Peter Nicholas, CEO, threatened that the land might be sold to Russian millionaires or to the U.S. Military, or other developers.

So the battle continues with a community March to Laau Sept. 15. Meet at Dixie Maru early in the morning to begin the 3 mile shoreline walk to Laau. Bring water to drink, lots of water to drink, cause there is no fresh water at Laau!

STATE LAW GRANTS ACCESS to LAAU

By Steve Morgan/ Hui Ho opakele Aina

In his most recent effort to defend the development of Laau, MPL's John Sabas praises their plan which will increase human access to this pristine area. He is especially proud of MPL's proposal to open up the coastal footpath to the public so that people won't have to walk along the beach.

Although this appears generous, the reality is that the coastal trail to Laau is already open to the public. Under Chapter 264-1(b) of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, any trail in existence as of the Highways Act of 1892 is automatically a legal public trail and the public has access to it. Such is the case with the traditional trail to Laau which predates this time. In recognition of this law, the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation is requesting that maps from 1886, which show the exact location of the ancient trail, be publicized in the final Laau Point EIS.

Although the public legitimately has access to Laau already, distance, terrain and the dry hot temperatures of the area tend to limit the numbers of those who will make the journey. The community has said clearly that it is satisfied with the current level of access, and does not want it increased. The fear is that increased access will bring more people into the area and pose serious risks to the survival of cultural sites, subsistence fishing and hunting practices, and endangered species like the Hawaiian monk seals.

The U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service said that developing Laau will vastly increase the number of people present on the shoreline associated with the new homes. Additionally, a goal of the proposed development is to facilitate public access to this currently quite isolated area of Molokai. One can expect that this can only result in increased disturbance to the seals.

The 200 private Laau subdivision owners will have unlimited access to the shoreline, along with all of their friends, families and visitors. And even more importantly for the monk seals, pets like the subdivision owners' dogs will also have unrestricted access to the entire coastline. Also commenting on the development at Laau, the Fisheries Service stated that despite their large size, monk seals are vulnerable to attack by dogs, the risks of dogs include direct attack, displacement from land and disease transfer.

And as for MPL's plan to have the Molokai Land Trust enforce the conservation district rules, they have not yet produced any documents proving how this will be done. MPL's refusal to substantiate the Trust's enforcement power means that we still have no proof that the resources will be protected.

If Laau Point is developed, this once pristine area will have been victim to yet another foreign development corporation. [letter edited by George Peabody]

Federal Judge Barry Kurren's FRAUD and Contempt of Court Exposed

George Peabody vs Helen Gillmor CV-07-00148

The servants employed as judges and clerks at the courthouse, aka the United States District Court in Honolulu, do not show appreciation for the rights of American Citizens, but they do band together with each other to obstruct justice.

This story is about federal judge Helen Gillmor who obstructed justice, a felony, by ordering the Clerk to not file judicial records submitted by Molokai resident George Peabody ex rel sui juris in a previous case he brought against Linda Lingle et al, and Molokai District judge Douglas Ige, et al. The evidence against Gillmor was irrefutable and in her own words. She failed to challenge the evidence and criminal charges, and judgment was declared against Gillmor.

Federal conspiracy deepens: After the Gillmor case is adjudicated, in steps judge Barry Kurren, totally without jurisdiction, ordering Peabody to appear and show case why his case should not be dismissed. Duh, the case is pau already!

So, Peabody filed an ORDER TO STRIKE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION to dismiss that malfeasant judge Barry Kurren submitted to the record.

COMES NOW, George Peabody, United States National Citizen Sui Juris representative of the United States of America and real party to the action who appears to conduct Court in Proper Persona a natural being under 28 U.S.C. § 1654 entering his court to preside by right swears, affirms and verifies as proved in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746 the following facts and law.

1. The "FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION THAT CASE BE DISMISSED" tendered for the consideration of this court by witness/advocate Barry M. Kurren are malicious, unsupported and cannot even be supposed as made in good faith ignorance of all tenets of justice.

2. Barry M. Kurren has no status whatsoever to tender a motion to dismiss in the current case, has proceeded wholly absent any jurisdiction and has made himself a nuisance.

3. His ridiculous pleading thus styled "FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION THAT CASE BE DISMISSED" is summarily struck from the record of judicial proceedings by COURT under Rule 12(f) for impertinence, for being an affront to this tribunal and for being an embarrassment to the United States Judiciary.

MEMORANDUM BRIEF OF LAW

Barry M. Kurren's overt and obnoxious contempt is not protected under any assumption of judicial divinity for a miscreant court official.

"Neither the common law nor public policy affords any support for absolute immunity." MALLEY v. BRIGGS, 475 U.S. 335 (1986)

Mister Kurren can not defend his behaviour under the Durham or the M'Naghten Rules [Insanity Plea] as he is not employed as a commissioner and paid out of the United States Treasury to exercise a diseased or defective mental condition or allege that his incompetence is by reason of that abnormality.

Kurren implies that he received consent to intervene as a master from no party and held a hearing upon his own motion submitted to himself which written instrument has not been served upon George Peabody and is conspicuously absent from the record of judicial proceedings.

His specious opinion To-wit: (H.I.) that service was not effected under the provisions of Rule 4 was formally dismissed in the face of proof that complaint and summons were delivered by certified United States Mail postage prepaid lacks any sort of substance to support it and which is moot in any event for he has failed to attest to his document as a witness under oath or affirmation.

Seeking not only to inflict his contemptuous presence upon this COURT Mister Kurren has seen fit to misrepresent the facts with his tendered document and perpetrates fraud upon the record in the following manner:

1. George Peabody has never proceeded "pro se" and has established himself to be a sui juris party without any doubt in his statement of jurisdiction.

2. This court did not issue any superfluous order for a Local Rule 16 conference to schedule a trial on a declaratory judgment as Barry M. Kurren submitted the request in an attempt to trespass within a constitutional tribunal for the purpose of unlawfully concealing a judgment [against fellow judge Gillmor, Linda Lingle, Douglas Ige et al] under 18 U.S.C. § 1506 without limitation thereto.

3. Kurren has failed to show cause as to why he is not in contempt of this court under 18 U.S.C. § 401 or to refute that he is a malicious interloper attempting to corrupt this tribunal.

THEREFORE, this COURT strikes the paper of Barry M. Kurren from the record of judicial proceedings and holds Barry M. Kurren in contempt of the United States of America.

It is so ordered this day __September 7, 2007__

GEORGE PEABODY EX REL UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

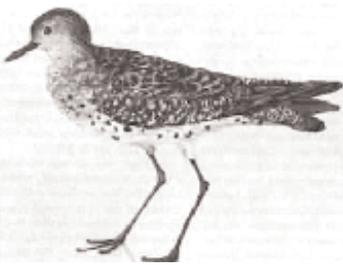
For Rick Stanley and Robert Stewart et al, patriots in prison. JAIL for Judges

Winner of the Krazy for Kolea Kontest

By Arleone Dibben-Young

The fall migration of the kolea - the Pacific Golden-Plover (Pluvialisfulva) - is ongoing now!

The winner for this years' Krazy for Kolea Kontest is Patty McCartney, who receives a Nene T-shirt and one scoop of ice cream at Kamoi Snack 'N Go for reporting a kolea (Pacific Golden-Plover) at Pukoo.



Runners up, in order of arrival times: Katie Stadler, Helen VonTempsky, Billy Buchanan of Molokai Shores, Sue Schlinski (saw hers on the forest road at the 8 mile marker), Barbara Rasmussen from Kaluakoi, Kay Lum (of New Hope Retreat - their two birds returned together!), Gordon and Darleen Davenport (at Kaluakoi Golf Course), Joe Kennedy (saw his kolea at the wharf), and Bill Feeter (two on the Kamakou Preserve boardwalk).

Winners should call to provide their mailing address so that Kamoi Snack 'N Go coupons can be sent or make arrangements to pick them up at my office. Call Arleone at 553-5992 or email nene@aloha.net. For those observers whose koleas weren't so quick to make the transoceanic migration, now's the time to start getting them in shape by keeping your lawn full of bugs and grubs for them to eat.

Found Dead Bird? Bird Flu Carcass Collection

By Arleone Dibben-Young

Bird Flu (avian influenza or AI) is not yet known to be in Hawaii & but surveillance has begun so if it does arrive, immediate measures can be taken to mitigate the spread of the disease in bird populations and reduce potential risk to public health. Finding a dead bird could mean that a disease is present. If you find a dead bird, report it as quickly as possible so that the carcass can be collected and tested for avian influenza.

Dead birds must be appropriate for testing, meaning that they must be freshly dead and not decomposing (smelly) or dried-up, and they must not be flat (i.e., run over by a vehicle). Of special interest are shorebirds marked for research. Banded as healthy birds, the death of one of these sentinel birds may indicate that they have come in contact with birds carrying the disease. For carcass collection on the island of Molokai call Arleone Dibben-Young at 553-5992.

Queen Lydia Kamakaeha Dominis aka Queen Liliuokalani Birthday Review

Born in 1838, she was the last of Hawaii's monarchs, overthrown in 1893 after she tried to abolish the Hawaiian Constitution she had sworn to uphold in 1891 when she took office as designated successor to her brother, Kalakaua. She proposed a new Constition that would have expanded the powers of the Monarchy, and revoke the sharing of executive powers with the legislature and provide for removal of the cabinet members "at the pleasure of the Queen."

"Huka wai i ke pili!" was a Hawaiian alert to abuse of power.

The cabinet members with her at the time were those she had appointed herself just the day before the Legislature adjourned. The Queen had appointed them on the basis they would approve her opium and lottery bills, which they did; but they advised her on January 14 that they would not approve her new Constition.

Indeed, it was their lawful duty to hold the Queen in check when she proposed to replace it, and they had a duty to stop her from exceeding her authority. Testimony shows the cabinet members feared for their lives after she threatened them for refusing her proposed new Constitution.

Liliuokalani's diary of December 4, 1893: "Told [close advisor Native Hawaiian John Richardson]....it was [Native Hawaiian Royalist] John Colburn who asked [Annexationist] Thruston that they must support the Cabinet against the Queen or they would resign." She was most bitter after te Revolution removd her from office. She made claims for compensation from Congress, and she gave Prince Kuhio the special delegate to Congress a piece of her Waikiki lands as an informal bribe to encourage his work on her behalf in Congress. But Kuhio wanted all her land in Waikiki. In 1915 Kuhio filed a lawsuit to nullify Liliuokalani's will on the grounds that she was mentally incompetent, and to name himself as her guardian and trustee of her estate. Liliuokalani prevailed, and the QLCT was saved.

As time went by, Liliuokalani changed her mind about the Overthrow. She wrote in her diary dated September 2, 1900, following the Annexation to the U.S., and the Organic Act, "Tho' for a moment it [the overthrow] cost me a pang of pain for my people it was only momentary, for the present has a hope for the future of my people."

Like the corrupt and unstable Monarchies of Lunalilo and Kalakaua, before her, Liliuokalani's reign of less than two years was also filled with corruption, racial partisanism, and instability that history shows is characteristic of such oppressive governments.

It seems to me that modern Hawaiian culture orients toward earthly lords such as king, queen, monarch, state and church, which tends to produce ethnic reliance upon secular masters instead of being sovereign and free men, but that is their choice. I encourage all to read the Constitution for the United States of America and you may understand the advantage of republic government that vests the crown upon everyman in their own right. The Unanimous Declaration is an indictment of the king and parliamentarians for violations of the law. The People are Sovereign under God.

Liliuokalani's ephany let her see the light, and today most of Hawaii's multi-racial community are happy to be American Citizens, and they are opposed to racial exclusionary policies that the beloved Liliuokalani would reject today. And as the State of Hawaii attempts to address modern realities, we must seek political consensus that begins with a sense of shared purpose with equality and accountability for all and protected by the limitations on government power that is provided by the Constitution for the United States of America.

The problems in Hawaii today are caused by people who want to serve a King, or a Queen, instead of accepting the burden for their individual sovereignty and equality under law, the burden for their self government and respect for the rights of others, and the defense of their freedom, and their liberty. The Constitution for the United States of America is the law that restrains government, but We The People must do the enforcement.

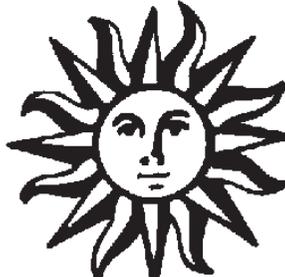
The price of freedom is eternal vigilance and enforcement of constitutional limits on government agents. Hold them accountable; punish them for wrongs! Protect and defend our Constition, or Bill of Rights, or Unanimous Declaration!

Thomas Jefferson stated: If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be.

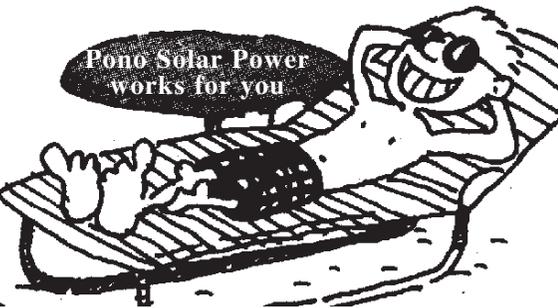
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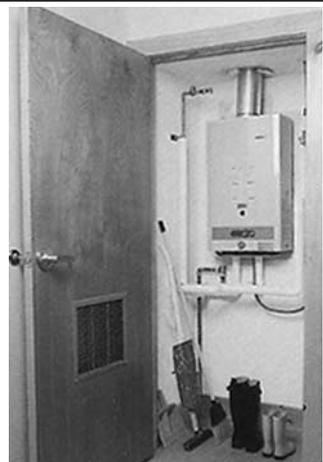
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SuperFerry churning past north-west end of Maui has federal/military protection zone, military enforcement on Kauai, making it a threat to the entire marine community; and, appears to be a preemptive strike against protesters, usefull by Lingle's Police State.

Lingle & Military-based \$95-Million Superferry Operators Make War on Americans

Lingle Police State Tightens Noose: Waikiki waters to be cleared of sufers and boaters by coordinated police, military Coast Guard, live guards, fire department to make for gas guzzling, polluting military air show; and, as the Superferry defies Hawai'i Supreme Court's unanimous decision, that the Superferry must do an environmental review before it continues operations in Hawaii and enjoys impunity from Lingle's State law enforcement, enhanced by military enforcement by US Coast Guard that violates the rights of all other boaters, surfers, fishermen and threatens them with major prison time and fines, some people are beginning to wake up to the fact that Hawaii is under Martial Law that Lingle coversup.

Protestors chant: "FOLLOW THE LAW, SHOW US YOUR EIS!" We have clearly observed the collusion of state government officials with commercial and military interests, resulting in the violation of Hawai'i state law.

Lingle responds that Nawiliwili harbor will be heavily secured by Kauai County police, state officers and the US Coast Guard.

During the Kauai protests August 28th at about 5:15 pm, eyewitnesses reported two uniformed Hawaii Superferry employees dumping bloody fish carcasses and chunks of fish over the Nawiliwili harbor jetty seawall into the bay where protestors were swimming. When confronted and advised that there were surfers in the bay, and that the fish remains might attract dangerous sharks to the area, your employees reportedly shrugged and said, "So"?

WAR SHIP: the Hawaii Superferry's Alakai has considerable military utility in times of war or national emergency because of its speed and cargo capacity that could be diminished if daily ferry operations are delayed, said Sean Connaughton, the administrator federal DOT's Maritime Admin.

The federal maritime administration approved \$140 million in loan guarantees for the construction of the Alakai and a second ferry.

Some Superferry opponents believe the Alakai and a second ferry could be used to transport the Army's Stryker brigade vehicles to Islands to attack protestors, creat concentration camps.

Concerns voiced by citizens and government officials of Kauai and other Neighbor Islands have been suppressed, ignored and actively avoided.

The County Councils of Maui, Kauai and the Big Island have all passed resolutions requesting an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) before allowing the Hawaii Superferry service to their shores. The State Senate passed a bill, too. However, after being lobbied by Hawaii Superferry, Inc., the State House Trans Chair Joe Souki, refused to hear SB 1276 in his committee. The bill died in his committee and was never voted on by the House.

Offended by such arragonce from public servants, George Peabody of Molokai wrote to the Coast Guard to protest their military assault on American civilians who are trying to enforce the law: If the USCG military are going to enforce the law as your mission statement says, then why don't you enforce Hawaii Revised Statute 343 to stop the superferry from sailing until the EIS has been completed and proven to qualify for operation? Nobody needs some fascist stooge judge to rule on the requirement for an EIS as everyone agrees it has not been made as required by law. Why don't you enforce laws to keep harbors and coastlines open for use by American Citizens instead of blocking harbors and violating maritime laws to allow an illegal \$95 million dollar fascist superferry covert military operations vessel to dominate civilian authority and violate the Constitution for the United States of America?

Have you considered the apparent conflict with the USCG violating posse comitatus? Why did you publish in the Federal Register the SECURITY zone for the Superferry's next voyage to Kaua? Declaration of War?

"The U.S. Coast Guard is one of five branches of the US Armed Forces...with responsibilities including..Maritime Law Enforcement.., Environmental Protection, Port Security and Military Readiness", that is, to support the rights of American civilians, not give special gun power to Lingle's Police Sttate.

Stop taking orders from convicted felon x-governor Linda Lingle et al to make war on American Citizens who are trying to enforce the law against Lingle et al, because you are committing TREASON when you make war on American Citizens, eventually fomenting justified armed resistance against all TRAITORS and TERRORISTS perpetrating this crime against American Citizens. Resisting tyranny and TREASON is the purpose of our 2nd Amendment right to keep and bear arms. So, start supporting the American Citizens and the Constitution for the United States of America by enforcing the law against Lingle and Bennett and the other Superferry criminals who are violating the laws.

The nonviolent "People for the Preservation of Kauai" is made up of Kauai citizens worried about social and environmental impacts of the Superferry. They certainly aren't the only protesters, but say they feel threatened by the coast guards announcement of expanded security zones, arrests and prosecutions, prisons.

Last week, these protester risked their lives, stopping the Supperferry from docking at Nawiliwili Harbor. When the Superferry returns, these protesters will be confined to a "demonstration area." Some protesters took the news as a threat, "Because the Coast Guard also said they were bringing in additional manpower, additional equipment, and would use whatever force necessary to keep the harbor open for Superferry to come in," said Rich Hoepfner, President of the People for the Preservation of Kauai.

There would be not need for the Coast Guard to create the security zone of Nawiliwili Harbor, Kauai, including the jetty, if they would enforce the EIS law to stop the superferry, and keep the harbors open for existing boats, canoes, and surfers. Protestors do not believe the security zone is intended to enable the Coast Guard and its local, state and federal law enforcement partners to better protect people, vessels and facilities in and around Nawiliwili Harbor: its to stop enforcement of the law against the illegal operations of the Superferry by protesters.

The security zone will be activated for enforcement 60 minutes before the Hawaii Superferry's arrival into the zone, and will remain active for 10 minutes after the Hawaii Superferry's departure from the zone. The activation of the zone for enforcement will be announced by marine information broadcast and by a red flag, anybody south of that line will be arrested, boats, equipment confiscated.

Superferry executives were told by Lingle that they would have to limit service to daylight hours. Superferry had originally scheduled visits to Kauai in the evenings. Lingle said the daylight schedule could conflict with other harbor users, such as cruise ships, canoe practice, fishing boats, surfers, but would better protect public safety in the event of protests.

Lingle has the Police State rhetoric down pat: "Our main focus has been on safety," Lingle said, explaining that a new, "unified command," will supervise the ferry....all this Police State use of force is for YOUR OWN GOOD, of course!

Convicted felon Linda Lingle, still acting like she is governor or a Monarch though as a matter of law she is disqualified from office, is a supporter of the Superferry, announced that, regardless of the Hawaii Supreme Court ruling for the EIS, the vessel will resume service Sept. 26 The Kauai harbor will be heavily secured at public expense by Kauai County and state police, while the U.S. Coast Guard will escort the luxurious, 350-foot catamaran. She also said the plan also calls for "swift and sure prosecution of anyone who violates the law," whether its federal or local. State Attorney General Mark Bennett promised that violators will be arrested and prosecuted.

But Lingle and Bennett won't be looking in the mirror to see real criminals.

"We will not allow a small group of protesters to act out in a lawless manner to obstruct the operations of a legitimate business, intimidate the people who wish to use its services or put people's lives at risk," Lingle said.

There you go Lingle with democracy again. Tyrants love democracy because they control the media and thereby control the majority, regardless of law.

Jeff Mikulina, director of the Sierra Club's Hawaii chapter, criticized the move to resume service. "It is highly inappropriate for Superferry to travel to Nawiliwili before an environmental review is complete," Mikulina said. "Not only is such a trip contrary to state law, it belies common sense.

Hawaii Superferry said won't lay off any of its 300 workers for as long as possible. But the company said in news release Tuesday that "their jobs may be in jeopardy should the state courts, DOT (state Department of Transportation) and the U.S. Coast Guard not allow the Alakai to resume interisland service between Maui, Oahu and Kauai."

The Hawaii Superferry can carry more than 800 passengers and 200 vehicles of Oahu raiders who steal truck loads of rocks from Maui, overrun surf spots, fill camping areas, bring drugs and troubl, and other pests to outer islands. But Lingle's Organized Crime Cabal State of Hawaii has the guns to order everyone out of the way of their illegal supperferry, shoot to kill anyone they view as a threat, arrest and confiscate anyone who will not obey their Police State Orders.

Drug smuggling, increased crime, increased pressure on Neighbor Island infrastructure, traffic snarls, harbor impacts and increased costs to Kauai have not been adequately addressed. The potential for the transfer of invasive species, the inevitable mortal harm to endangered marine mammals and other aquatic wildlife are some of the obvious environmental impacts that have been steadfastly avoided by the Super Ferry Corporation of Hawai'i.

The following day, Maui Circuit Judge Joseph E. Cardoza issued a temporary restraining order at the behest of environmental groups to prevent the ferry from using Kahului Harbor because of a dispute over whether the ferry may operate while the company conducts an environmental assessment.

State conservation officers on Maui are investigating three O'ahu men who came to Maui on the Hawaii Superferry allegedly to load rocks into their trucks to take back to Oahu. The special fair was only \$5. Yes, \$5. Its a political scam and the military action is TREASON. **HUKA WAI KE PILI !!**

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Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of Section 507-43 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, the construction performed by Brent K. and Amber Nakihei, owner/builder of a single family dwelling situated at TMK (2) 5-2-008-030 Lot 42B1F, located at Lot 16A Kalamaula, 915 Ena Street, Molokai, Hawaii, 96748, was completed August 17, 2007.
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"It is not the function of our government to keep the Citizen from falling into error; it is the function of the Citizen to keep the government from falling into error."

Army Graduates Kealaiki

Air National Guard 2nd Lt. William W. Kealaiki has graduated from Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training (SUPT) at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The student earned silver wings with an aeronautical rating of pilot in the Air Force.

Student pilots start the 52-week SUPT program by attending a three-week preflight phase consisting of academics and physiology training for flight preparation. Followed by phase two primary training conducted in T-37 Tweet aircraft to learn flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics, and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross-country navigation.

Each training phase includes extensive hours of ground events, flight simulator, day and night flying, and flight related instruction. Additional instruction is received on flight formation, navigation, low-level navigation flying, visual and instrument transition, radar cell formation, and simulated refueling and air-drop missions.

After primary training, students move on to advanced training in one of several tracks. Students selected for fighter-bomber assignments fly the T-38A aircraft; airlift-tanker students fly the T-1A aircraft; multi-engine turboprop students fly the C-130 aircraft, and helicopter students fly the UH-1 Huey at their assigned bases or stations.

Kealaiki will be assigned to the 203rd Air Refueling Squadron, Hickam Air Force Base, Honolulu, Hawaii. He is the son of Henry A. and Laura J. Kealaiki of Mikia Place, Kaunakakai, Hawaii.

His wife, Pamela, is the daughter of Herbert C.K. and Dorothy Y. Pang of Keneke Place, Kaneohe, Hawaii.

In 1994, he graduated from the Kamehameha School, Honolulu, and received a bachelor's degree in 1998 from Whitworth College, Spokane, Wash.



Letters in Rebuttle

Steve Morgan's response to MPL's John Sabas

In a recent article by John Sabas I was taken back and deeply offended by the false accusations made by John in regard to my family's land holdings in Kaluakoi. For starters John, I own only one piece of land not two. The other land that you are referring to is owned by my father and exists in a trust under his name.

Furthermore, my own land exists in a generational trust that states the following 1) The land can never be sold or subdivided 2) If two generations pass in which the lands are not occupied by our immediate descendants, then such lands will be placed under the sole ownership of Aha Punana Leo.

As you know, Punana Leo is a native Hawaiian institution that exists for the further advancement of the Hawaiian culture and serves as a vital institution in regard to the restoration of the Hawaiian language. It is stated very clearly in the Morgan Trust that under such conditions these lands must stay in Hawaiian hands and serve the needs of the Hawaiian people giving preference to the advancement of Hawaiian culture and education. Also, a generational council was formed with the purpose of supporting this trust and to insure the enforcement of such conditions.

This trust agreement is irrevocable and is perpetual and as you can see John, is hardly a device for profit from our aina. In fact just the opposite is accomplished as the land is actually rendered worthless as far as being a piece of real estate goes. The only value that remains is by the direct usage of the beneficiary.

Also, I have expressed my strong opposition to the subdivision of Kaluakoi lots in public on many occasions. This includes a total of six different newspaper articles, numerous Akuku programs, presentations to the Molokai Planning Commission as well as numerous other presentations at which you were present. If somehow you were daydreaming then I advise you to read the following article at www.molokaitimes.com/articles/742373321.asp

John, your approach is something like a drunk with a loaded gun. You randomly shoot at whoever or whatever might pass by. The good news for Molokai is that you are only shooting blanks, something that the entire island is finally realizing.

Steve Morgan/ Ahupuaa Kaluakoi

Wanna be Hawaiian ?

by Steve Morgan

I have a favorite picture on the living room wall of our house. It's actually a photocopy from a magazine of a rare portrait done by Herb Kane in which he depicts Kamehameha on his death bed holding both hands out to his beloved and aged haole friend John Young. In this portrait John Young is dressed in western style clothes, however he is sitting in a uniquely Hawaiian style displaying humility and reverence to his king and dear friend. The portrait gives evidence of two warriors who have faced death and life together. The deep sense of aloha that is portrayed between these two men is impossible to ignore.

While the history of Hawaii is full of stories of the treachery of American and European Business men and of the manipulation and stealing of lands from the descendants of missionary families, history fails to recognize the many haoles and other foreigners who became a part of Hawaii, who spoke the language, and lived the culture. Some were maka inana and some ali i. This is what made Hawaiian culture so unique. The culture of this ina was not exclusive. Its arms were open wide to the stranger. Everyone was taken care of.

Sadly we are all victims from the abuses of such hospitality. We now live in a much more complicated world in which we are forced to find a balance between the ways of the west and that of the true nature of Hawaii. While the modern world tells us to buy, sell and make good now, traditional Hawaiian culture teaches us to love God, be stewards of our aina and to be generous in all things. It is a culture where integrity of character is worth far more than one's financial status. Ultimately, the Hawaiian culture is about pono. Do I want to be part of a culture whose values are rooted in pono? Absolutely, and by doing so I believe that it allows me to show gratitude and respect to our host culture and hopefully encourages others to help reverse the damaging cycle that has cursed us for the last two centuries.

In regard to pono and traditional values, it is my perception that the perilous road that the Ranch's Community Master Plan has been heading down is because of its failure to place these values at the forefront of its mission. In 2004 Kumu John Kaimikaua stated that if the Master Plan was not pono, it would fail and dissolve. Kumu John also warned about the destructiveness of hidden agendas within the Plan.

Although elusive, it appears as though the prize of obtaining land has become more important than the integrity of the Molokai EC or the new Molokai Land Trust. Consequently, we have seen a manipulation of power and a refusal to recognize the majority voice of the community. Much of this has been through the insistence and pressure from outsiders who demonstrate little regard for our culture or island. The Ranch and the Molokai EC have assumed to be the conscience of our island without the island's consent and although the Ranch has publicized its Master Plan, requests by the public to see documents and agreements that present the real purpose and intent of the Molokai Land Trust have been denied.

Although not Hawaiian by blood, I have a sincere love for this island and its people. I have come to respect the Hawaiian values of the first inhabitants of these islands and believe that if we will really adhere to these principals, everyone will benefit.

O ka manawa ke ia e ho i mai ai i ka pono / It is time to return to the pono.
Steve Morgan/ Ahupuaa Kaluakoi

Anti-Gun Public Servants Fear Citizens with Guns? They are the Criminals!

BELLEVUE, WA The arrests of 11 public officials, including state lawmakers, mayors and city councilmen, in communities across New Jersey shows why anti-gun politicians in the Garden State don't want citizens to have firearms rights, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms said today.

These arrests are just the latest developments in a deeply-rooted culture of corruption that has seen more than 100 New Jersey public officials convicted on federal charges in the past five years. The FBI made the latest arrests, according to the Associated Press.

The people of New Jersey can't even trust their own state government to root out corruption, said CCRKBA Executive Director Mark A. Taff. The feds have to come in and do it. This is the kind of thing one expects from a government that works so feverishly at all levels to strip its citizens of their firearms rights.

New Jersey is proof positive that power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely, added CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb. It is bad enough that this latest investigation has rounded up state lawmakers, but one of the suspects, Alfred E. Steele, was even the Passaic County undersheriff.

These people stand accused of taking bribes, which translates to selling out the public trust, Gottlieb observed. They will no doubt argue that they are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law, and might I suggest that New Jersey's law-abiding gun owners be given that same benefit of doubt, instead of being constantly regulated, and treated like second-class citizens in a state where anti-gun demagoguery is as deeply rooted in politics as is public corruption.

If this wasn't so serious, Gottlieb concluded, it might almost be laughable. But quite frankly, this is not funny at all, and it just proves a point that gun rights activists have known for a long time. Criminals will violate the law, whether it's a gun law or an anti-corruption law. If this keeps up, they're going to have to build a new federal prison in New Jersey just to house all the public officials who have wrongly figured they are above the law. [Eh, just like here in Hawaii !!]

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