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A bold, shocking statement from an island state that imports nearly 95 percent of its resources to survive. Can horse racing help Hawaii achieve sustainability? That's the real issue in this movement. Yes, Movement!

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Lineage and/or investment purposes usually are not the reasons a horse is rescued— it's primarily because it feels good and because they need us. But what are the chances of you, or anyone, ever getting to rescue a champion breed...for free? It's rare, but it's one of those unexpected rewards for rescuing a horse. If you haven't thought of rescuing a horse before, you may change your mind after reading this story.

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## PUBLISHER'S DESK

We all know that horses, like humans, are social animals.

Unfortunately, they also share our need for stimulation and relief from the daily pressures of life. If you are like me, you are always looking for ways to provide your horse with safe items or environments to keep them alert and active..or to pacify them, and your guilt, while you're gone. We all want happy horses, right?

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Contact me at [editor@malama-lio.com](mailto:editor@malama-lio.com) for more details.

For more information on "The Neigh Station" visit [www.twofairmares.com](http://www.twofairmares.com).

*Laurence Todd*

VIEWED

## Hawaii's Horse Council

By: Laurence Todd

**Editor's Comment: Simply put, Hawaii needs a horse council. It's important to us and, most importantly, our equine friends. The comments below serve to motivate and inspire "Us" - Hawaii's Horse Community, to join forces to bring back this much needed organization.**

Ever had a really good idea?

You do the foot work, conduct your research, poll your audience or market, and they give the sign of approval. Great. You put your plan in to place, but no one, absolutely no one, buys your product or service. What happened? Where did they go? Maybe it was your delivery? That's it, you didn't market or advertise it enough. So you go back to the drawing board and put in more effort and time, but still not a single customer.

That's seems to be the case with the Hawaii Horse Council.

Yes, in 2010, the Hawaii Horse Council was formed and organized (but not limited to) by Bird McIver of the CB Horse Rescue, and Sarah Blanchard. Before its formation, Hawaii was the only state in the union that didn't have a horse council. So what, right? Wrong. Actually, Hawaii needed a voice. Yes, Malama Lio is a sounding board for Hawaii's horse community, but Hawaii needed a representative voice to echo the concerns of its horse community on a legislative basis, domestically and internationally. Search around the nation and you will find countless horse commissions and the invaluable work they do in the area of equine education and protection. Many of the current equine laws and industry standards were shepherd by horse councils. The Kentucky Horse Council is a favorite that comes to mind.

In response to Malama Lio's Suggested Minimum Standard of Equine Care featured in the Winter 2012 issue, Ms. McIver responded as follows:

"Aloha,

*Thank you so much for laying out the Horse Care Guidelines! Everyone who is involved with a horse needs to see this.*

*As far as Minimum Horse Care Guidelines, and being without them, and also being #4 from the bottom in humane laws ratings, Hawaii is the only state out of 50 states without a Horse Council. It was hoped that with a Horse Council, we could influence legislation, keep trails open, and represent the horse community in whatever way was needed, through strength in numbers.*

*At one time, the Hawaii Horse Council was put together, and registered as a State Non-profit Organization. The bank account was formed, the 501(c)(3) application was submitted, and we put the word out that we were ready for people to step up and volunteer to serve. Everyone said it was a good idea, of course, but nobody, nobody, stepped forward to help. So we put it back in the hangar because it did not fly. All of the preliminary work has been done, and still exists, but the State registration, and the bank account, and the charter have all been rescinded. The temporary Board of Directors that we had, have all resigned.*

*As Mark Twain said, tropical paralysis is when the iron in one's blood turns to lead in the seat of one's pants.*

*Thank you for a terrific issue, and thank you for all that you do!*

*Yours very truly,  
Bird McIver  
President  
CB Horse Rescue"*

How disappointing; disturbing, actually.

The HHC's, as noted on its website ([www.hawaiihorsecouncil.com](http://www.hawaiihorsecouncil.com)) was formed in 2010 to:

1. To service as a voice of the Hawaii Equestrian Community through education, communication, and representation;
2. To assist the welfare of the horse; and
3. To Promote access to trials and public riding venues

The membership fees of this 501(c)(3) corporation were very reasonable. Specifically: Individual Senior (\$25.00); Individual Junior (\$15.00); Commercial/Business (\$40.00); Club/Association/Organization (\$30.00); Family Membership (\$30.00)

So, why didn't you join?

By "You" I mean, every veterinarian, farrier, tack and feed shop, high school rodeo team, equine association, boarding stable, horse rescue, equine related manufacturer and distributor, realtor, clinic sponsor/participant, Hawaii Horse Expo attendee/sponsors/clinician, Hawaiian Humane Society supporter/sponsor/member, equine publisher/author, subscriber/advertiser to/in Malama Lio, the list goes on and on.

It's not my intent to throw anyone under the rug, but think about it. Two individuals, people we know, formed an organization whose primary goal was to support our equine friends and, most importantly, to help us care and protect them. Unfortunately, again, not one of us, including me, joined. Simply put, we failed them...for whatever reasons. But all is not lost. We still need this organization. Our equines need this organization.

I say we do what my daughter says when she's losing at Uno, "Do over!" Quitting is never an option.

Let's start from scratch. Let's all become members of HHC - or at least express our desire to become members since technically, the organization is defunct. But I have a feeling that the powers that be at the HHC would be willing to bring back this worthy organization. In fact, Malama Lio will pay for its first five, regular members. Just send us proof of membership before the end of 2012 (we have to give the HHC time to get the wheels back in motion) and we'll cover your cost.

And if they won't or can't do it, who will? Let me know where to send my check.

Let's go, Hawaii. We need to make this work.

## EXHIBITION

## Romulus - Rescue and Son of Preferent Dressage Stallion - Contango

By Laurence Todd

*Editor's Comment:* Rescuing a horse is better than a box of chocolates - you know exactly what you are getting. However, every now and then you get an unexpected reward. The story below is uncommon, but should inspire us all in the beauty of rescuing a friend. A big thanks to Liz and Kris.



Imagine if you will that on an ordinary, sunny afternoon you visited your local horse rescue, or any horse rescue for that matter, and see a horse that catches your eye? He/she looked at you and peered deep into your soul and you said, "Please friend, help me." For further encouragement, that special horse came with a dossier – one that just happen to blow in from nowhere and land right smack in your hands - that reads:

*"To Whom it May Concern:*

*The equine you are admiring was sired by Contango – the preferent dressage stallion that sired two approved sons, Citango and Maestro, and two approved grandsons, Tango and Westenwind. Other sons and daughters of Mr. Contango have won numerous breeding championships and are frequently in the KWPN-NA Top Ten. They*

*compete at the highest level of the sport in both Europe and North America. Specifically, his international jumper offspring include Carousel, Nouvelle, Broere Newton, Broere Maroon, Minneavera, Nada Penny, Mompty and Vereist Maranci. His Grand Prix dressage offspring include New Tango, Nanou, Maverick, Madoryke, May Fair, Maestro, and TC Ravel the 2009 World Cup Champion. He has nearly a dozen other offspring competing at the FEI level. Mr. Contango, winner of the Get of Sire class at Dressage at Devon in 2004 departed in 2007."*

It gets better. You look around and see Olympic Champion Steffen Peters, admiring "your" horse. You muster up the nerve (somehow) to ask him why he is there? Steffen (you're on first name basis with him) replies – "Just checking out future competition." Would you be interested in rescuing that horse?

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## Posted

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### Letters

To the Editor,

I read with interest your article in the January edition of Malama Lio regarding Horse Racing in Hawaii and feel compelled to throw in my 2 cents worth.

As one who has made the trek north east from Australia to Hawaii on at least 5 occasions over the last few years, I have consistently posed the very same enquiry regarding the absence of a thoroughbred racing industry in the islands.

The Australian horse racing industry is our nation's ( Australia ) 5<sup>th</sup> largest industry and importantly it is our 4<sup>th</sup> largest employer. Now before this is taken as being indicative of a 'backwater' society full of kangaroos, surfers and beer swilling gamblers let us not forget that Australia's economy is currently among the best performed in the world with unemployment rates in the mid 5%'s and a strong, regulated financial sector that has been largely untouched by the crises in Europe or North America. The Australian dollar is the 5<sup>th</sup> most traded in the world (despite a population lower than the state of New York) and of the 10 most livable cities in the world, 4 are Australian including the spiritual home of Australian racing, Melbourne, which is ranked No. 1 on the basis of economic and social health as well as crime rates.

I mention all this not as a boast but rather to indicate that not only does the presence of an extraordinarily vibrant horse racing industry NOT coincide with an increase in crime or poverty but rather it appears to contribute to economic health and wealth by virtue of its largely labor intensive structure. Technology can only replace so much when working with the athletic horse and so largely unskilled workers find a place to earn both a living and a trade that can take them around the world.

As a racehorse owner myself I was immediately impressed by the potential of a racing industry in Hawaii . The Big Island, in particular with its wide open spaces and temperate climate in areas around Waimea and on the slopes of Mauna Kea presents as an ideal location to nurture, rest and prepare horses for race training.

From a tourism point of view, Hawaii faces an increased challenge in the form of equally beautiful and less urbanized locations in Asia such as Phuket, Lombok, etc. as well as the south Pacific. A new and exciting, uniquely Hawaiian, horse racing industry could provide an additional incentive for visitors from areas such as Asia and Oceania to mix their passion with a well earned break.

Of most note however is the overall impact on a local economy that horse racing provides. In 2010 the Melbourne spring carnival (with just a handful of



Mike Smith takes race no. 5000 (on Amazombie) winning the 150k Potrero Grande Stakes at Santa Anita on April 7th. Makes you wonder who will win Hawaii's first derby. Photograph by Mike Sanford.

race meetings) contributed over \$533 million to the economy including over \$40 million just in fashion purchases. No one is suggesting that a fledgling Hawaiian industry could achieve such unprecedented heights however there is little doubt that everyday service providers such as feed stores, veterinarians, caterers, accommodation houses, restaurants etc would derive enormous benefit from racing in the Islands.

I for one would happily invest in any racing industry in Hawaii and I applaud Joe [Kemple] for his vision in posing the question.

Regards,

Martin Connell  
National Sales Manager  
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*Just wanted to thank Mr. Kemple for this great article.*

*Please note that I am very interested in volunteering on this issue, if I could be of any help.*

*I am having a couple of ex racers here in Hawaii, love the sport, horses and people and think it is a shame that Hawaiian horse lover are not allowed to have their races.*

*Most people like to compete and show their achievements - why not here where most people still have the pleasure of "backyard" horses?*

*Very interested to learn more.*

*Thank you,*

Xenia

*Dear Laurence Todd,*

My name is James Kelly and I just read the first part of your article on horse racing in Hawaii. I should tell you a little about myself.

I live in Sonoita, Arizona on the Double JK Ranch, which my family operated from 1979 until 2010 when we decided to cease operations. We were the leading owner/breeder in the state for most of those years. I am a past president of the Arizona Quarter Racing Association and was inducted into the Arizona Quarter Horse Racing Hall Of Fame in February of this year. I wanted to tackle a couple of the questions asked in the article.

First, the state would derive a large amount of revenue from the pari-mutuel taxes on the horse racing handle (amount bet on the races). The state's horse breeding industry would increase greatly, as well as demand for feed and supplies.

Secondly, care of race horses. I was a member of the AQHA Racing Committee. We have an annual program called the Youth Experience where non-racing youth are brought into a trainer's barn and shown the ins and outs of training race-horses. Almost every kid that has been through the program almost always says "I never realized how well you treat your horses." I am still amazed, after many years that is the first thing you hear out of every kid's mouth. I hope this helps, I really enjoyed reading your journal.

Thank you,

James Kelly

## COVER

## Horse Racing In Hawaii - Why Not?

## The Argument for Bringing the Sport of Kings Back to the Islands - Part Two

By: Joe Kemple

**Editor's Comment: Mr. Kemple (not Kepple) is back and it seems he learned a thing or two about the topic of horse racing in Hawaii. You may agree, but if not - please let us know.**

Since my first article regarding this debate, if you will, regarding the return of horse racing to the state of Hawaii, there have been many pro and con positions expressed. Thank you. Your interest, or lack thereof, is appreciated. However, the truth of the matter, so it seems, is that regardless of what I or you say, the question is not whether or not we bring back the sport of kings, but does the horse racing industry (which includes gaming) fit within Hawaii's economy – its sustainability to be specific. The answer to that question will dictate not if, but when and how we bring back the sport of the kings.

**“Focusing on Hawaii’s main assets – economy, society, and environment – and how to make them self-sustaining is not an academic or political exercise; it is a matter of the survival of Hawai’i as we know it.”** *Hawaii’s 2050 Sustainability Plan.*

A bold, shocking statement from an island state that imports nearly 95 percent of its resources to survive. At present, Hawaii's economy is supported by four pillars: **Defense Appropriations; Tourism; Construction and Agriculture.** What would happen to life as we know it in Hawaii if we lost defense appropriations? Better yet, take tourism out of the equation – How does Hawaii survive? What do we replace it with? Remember, tourism accounts for twenty percent of Hawaii's economy and a quarter of the state's tax revenue.

We don't have to assume the worst case scenario to feel the impact, all it takes to wipe out an economic sector out is a 4% loss. Think about it – what would happen if the Dow Jones Industrial Average took a 4% hit hours after the opening bell? Why, they'd shut'er down, call it a "Cooling-Off Period" and pray for the markets to reset! Take a look at the Pareto Principle for further clarification.

The drafters of the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan understood that diversification of Hawaii's economy is crucial for an island state facing an unpredictable future. Attracting local and outside capital and investments in Hawaii's economic activities, and diversification in industries that offer competitive employment and job training, being major components of that endeavor. Industries

such as biotechnology, medical/healthcare and knowledge and innovation-based industries, for example, immediately come to mind, but the return on the initial investments in those industries could take decades to realize, if at all. Hundreds of millions, and sometime billions of dollars could be spent in market research and planning only to be followed by hundreds of millions more spent on marketing and advertising to jumpstart an industry that took 10-20 years to develop, and then another 10-15 years to determine the economic impact i.e. was it worth our money. Specifically, was the infrastructure (roads, harbor, water and sewer systems) impacted; Did employment rise, were new, competitive jobs and/or job training created? What about the effect on education i.e. drop-out rate vs. enrollment in post secondary schools? Heck, wouldn't it be great if Hawaii had a Veterinarian College? Were other market sectors affected i.e. higher yield in business? Were significant tax revenue created? Did it hinder or help future generations to meet their own needs? What were the cultural/historical benefits and losses? What about the ecological gains and losses i.e. waste reduction, recycling, etc.

So simply replacing one industry with another or investing in industries that can't produce immediate returns, is not the solution or an option for an island state - or for any sustainable society. There must be a balance between current and future needs. Thus, we need not debate if we should bring back horse racing (especially for personal or superficial reasons) but rather demonstrate how the horse racing industry can help Hawaii achieve its desired sustainability. Or in simpler terms, prove it to be the fifth pillar of strength in Hawaii's economy? Talk about a fist with a punch. I'll tackle that issue in my next article as I review Hawaii's 2050 Sustainability Plan in detail and how, specifically, horse racing fits into the whole scheme of things. In the meantime, take a look at House Bill 2828 – a bill that requires the department of business, economic development and tourism to convene a task force to perform a comprehensive analysis of the costs and benefits of various types of gaming (including horse racing) to enable legislators to make informed decisions regarding same, and House Bill 2316 – a bill concerning Hawaii's state lottery. Yes – a lottery. Seems we're already out of the gates!

Aloha.

(Romulus Cont.)

Instead of just getting the 411 on the horses health condition, i.e. degenerative joint disease, fractures, tumors, Lyme disease, etc. and behavioral issues, you get a peek at its champion bloodline. Okay, so maybe your really interested, but what if the horse came with only one additional condition - it was free? Again, would you take the horse home? Of course you would, but lineage and/or investment purposes usually are not the reasons we rescue a horse – it's primarily because it feels good and because they need us. Whatever the true case maybe, what are the chances of you, or anyone, ever getting to rescue a champion breed...for free?

In February of 2012, Malama Lio's staff photographer, Mike Sanford, made the discovery of the year while attending the Mid-Winter Dressage event at the LA Equestrian Center in Burbank, California. "Impressive horse," he murmured to a bystander standing next to him - his camera fixed on the massive breed and its young, child like rider, Lauren. He heard the man in the arena, her trainer presumably, call out her name while offering helpful reminders and encouragement. "He's a rescue" - the bystander responded. The bystander was Liz Holmes – rescuer of a 17.3 gelding named Romulus.

His bold, arrogant name provided no clue of his lineage; surely not one that leads back to the founding of Rome - but it seemed perfect, almost ordained, for such an animal.

#### Lauren Pell – Rider with a Plan

Lauren's first equine experience on big stallions was at a breeding farm where she was literally strapped into a saddle and instructed to stay, or at least try to, slower than a gallop. She failed, but not without reward. Exhilarating rides on big, fancy horses quickly became her norm, but when she began riding old school horses at an English riding club a year later, she was a bit disappointed. Over the next four years, she happily free-leased a lame 26 year old appendix, but when he died she went to Liz for guidance. Liz was glad to help; she found a horse with a bit more potential – a draft horse from her friend Kris who operated a 40-acre breeding and training facility near Portland, Oregon.

One day while standing next to Liz with the lazy, dirty draft she was leasing from her, Lauren cast her eyes on the biggest, most beautiful horse she had ever seen jumping 3 foot fences. Lauren turned to Liz and confessed, without shame, that she desired to ride a horse like that, again. Liz laughed and replied that the apple in Lauren's eye was her horse, Romulus. Unfortunately, so it seemed at the time, there was no way Liz would let her ride him; even for experienced riders he was difficult to handle. What chance did a kid like Lauren have? Lauren set out a plan to one day ride the most beautiful horse she had ever seen in motion.

#### Friends Working Together

Liz's best friend, Kris, heard by word of mouth that the humane society had three large horses up for adoption. Apparently a contractor had taken the horses in partial payment for building a fancy dressage barn since his wife wanted to get into the horse business. That ended in bankruptcy, not uncommon. Kris went to take a look at them. Two were already gone by the time she arrived, but the last was a big, gangly two-year-old that looked like maybe it could jump.. if it put on some muscle. So she adopted it for next to nothing and took it home. She started the gelding to saddle and rode him for awhile but since he required about a bale of hay a day to keep weight on, she decided to sell him about a year after the adoption. Around that same time, Liz was in the market for a new horse and Kris sent the big gelding down to her in California to be a jumper. Neither knew much about his breeding, or cared much since he was a gelding.

Romulus did some jumping but was too slow to be very competitive. He did a little dressage with some ladies who leased him. At 17.3 hands he was difficult to keep together, couldn't hold one lead, and his riders needed chiropractic appointments after riding him. His exhorbant feeding cost and difficulty to ride also had Liz deciding to sell him, but not before he got a bad case of colic. This was the kind of colic that needed surgery, \$9,000 worth of surgery. She had no insurance. After some stressful thought about credit card debt, Liz decided to go ahead with the surgery. It needed to be done fast - she thought she could sell him for at least the cost of surgery.

#### Lauren's Plan Part II: Recruit

The debt Liz incurred for the surgery was only half the equation; Romulus also would need to be hand-walked daily for three months. So, selling quickly after the surgery wasn't quite an option. Guess who volunteered for hand-walker duties? Yep, Lauren excitedly volunteered for the job theorizing that Liz could not deny her the opportunity to lease him after three months of hard work. Right? She just didn't know it would be that hard. Instead of walking complacently along side of Lauren, Romulus reared, bit, and pranced for every minute of their terrifying daily "walks", but Lauren stuck to her plan.

And then one day, just as she had planned – Lauren got to saddle Romulus. She had long, exhilarating rides on a large, powerful and well bred horse, as she had hoped, but she had absolutely no control. Romulus varied between balking, bucking, and tossing his head so high it came within inches of her face. Poor Liz walked away in frustration every time the two were in the arena; they were not a pretty picture to see. Seems Lauren's plan needed a little adjusting.

Liz agreed to allow Lauren to continue to ride but only for dressage (Liz wouldn't allow Lauren to jump him, it was just too scary) and with a trainer – Ken Anderson, a moonlighting English teacher and successful dressage competitor in his own right.

Under Ken's patient, but constructive guidance, Romulus and his young rider have been in countless CDI, OCIEL, and Pony Club competitions. They've had their challenges along the way. Like the time Lauren didn't have a whip and Romulus decided that after the salute he'd rather walk the test movements; or the time he upended an entire pipe corral and became so entangled that the fire department had to come save the day. We won't mention that he's the only horse to ever to be banned from the Pony Club..that's a different story. Lauren's adventures with him never swayed her – she kept right at it. With Ken, along with Romulus, she learned to expect the unexpected and to enjoy the process of growth and advancement.

#### The Bloodline

In 2009, Kris and Liz attended the Rolex Dressage and Show Jumping World Cup in Las Vegas. Steffen Peters won everything on a horse named Ravel, by Contango. Contango? That name sounded familiar. Wasn't that Romulus' sire as well? Sure was. Liz thoughts circled in her head like a merry-go-round. Just a short while ago, she contemplated selling him or putting him down to now learning that Romulus was the half brother to the winner of the World Cup! What to do? Where do they (Kris and Liz, owners of this massive bred horse) go from here? They kept to Lauren's plan – they couldn't very well sell the horse out from under the kid who nursed him back to health and who by now had been riding him religiously for almost a year. Right?

#### Level III and then what?

The crowd at the Mid-Winter Dressage competition in Burbank, California got a change to see Lauren and Romulus in action. They placed third in Second Level Test 1 and 2 – Jr/YR. The crowd also got a chance to see Steffen Peters walk away with, well...everything, again. He won on his new horse – Legalos; the replacement he rides when not riding Romulus' brother, Ravel. Wow, what a treat. The Steffen Peters – Olympian and World Cup Champion who, along with Ravel, may lead the U.S. Dressage Team at the 2012 London Olympic Games. Think he recognized his future competition? Who knows, but Lauren and Romulus hope to be showing at third level this Summer.

Stick to the plan Lauren and enjoy the ride.

#### Editor's Comment:

Lauren Pell and Liz Holmes contributed to this article. Photograph courtesy of Mike Sanford

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