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Naturist Activism on Kauai's North Shore

LEPEULI, Hawaii - Naturists have understood for years that the ocean currents at Larsen's Beach (Lepeuli) are too treacherous for safe swimming. But those who are most familiar with Kauai's beaches know that the greatest threat is from above.

The land above Larsen's is owned by Waioli Corporation, a charitable foundation that operates the Waioli Mission House (a 19th Century missionary's home in Hanalei) and Grove Farm (a 19th Century sugar cane plantation in Lihue. In addition to its historical religious property, the \$2.5M Waioli has extensive agricultural holdings on Kauai. In the Lepeuli *ahupua'a* above Larsen's Beach, Waioli leases a 500+ acre tract to cattle rancher Bruce Laymon, who operates it as Paradise Ranch.

On Saturday May 21, 2011, lessee Laymon erected fencing across the entrance to the lateral *ala loa* trail that has been the traditional access to Larsen's Beach. The fencing was done in violation of Condition



LEFT: Larsen's Beach on the north shore of Kauai is a traditional clothing-optional spot.
BELOW: NAC Area Representative Richard Spacer at Larsen's Beach.

RIGHT: Recently constructed across the ancient path to the beach, this fence is part of a plan by the leaseholder of the property above the beach to keep "hippies, gays and nudes" off the sand.

6 of the Special Management Area (SMA) permit issued to Laymon by Kauai County. The erection of the fence was just the latest in a series of reported illegal acts intended by Laymon to keep "hippies, gays and nudes" off the beach by preventing their access. Laymon's epithets are often more graphic and frequently said to incorporate racist threats.

Public managers of public lands have long relied on the old adage: "Control the parking, and you control the park." The situation at Larsen's is not much different, except that in this instance, a private individual has appointed himself as the gatekeeper of a public beach and the filter for those who would use it.

Naturist Action Committee Area Representative Richard Spacer is among those who are vigorously opposing the heavy-handed exclusionary tactics of Laymon

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NAC meets again with California Parks & Rec Department

SACRAMENTO, California — As part of the Naturist Action Committee's continuing dialog with the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), NAC board member R. Allen Baylis attended a meeting in Sacramento on May 26 with top DPR lawyer Ann S. Malcolm. The meeting, which was initiated by Baylis, was intended to address the Department's bogus crime statistics for the Trail 6 area of San Onofre State Beach. Trail 6 is the traditionally clothing-optional area of that state park unit.

The Department has used its phony crime numbers to end clothing-optional recreation at San Onofre and to justify the Department's rescinding of the Cahill Policy, which was used for almost 30 years to manage nude recreation in state parks. DPR has been left with no statewide policy addressing nudity.

Interjecting himself into the meeting was DPR second-in-command Anthony I. Perez. Perez, whose title is Deputy Director of DPR for Park Operations, is an unabashed antagonist of naturists at San Onofre, and the announcement of his intended presence in the meeting drew NAC Executive Director Bob Morton to Sacramento as a participant.

Perez made it clear that he considered the improperly gathered and speciously reported statistics to be old news. However, Morton and Baylis reminded him that the bogus DPR numbers had been used by the Department as recently as six months earlier in an attempt by the Department to discredit NAC's petition for the designation of clothing-optional areas throughout California State Parks. That made a reconsideration of the crime statistics a relevant and current issue.

Perez and Malcolm agreed to give new attention to NAC's petition for statewide designation. The petition, it was pointed out to Perez, does include San Onofre as one of the suggested units for official clothing-optional designation.



Naturist Action Committee Board Member Allen Baylis (left) and NAC Executive Director Bob Morton pause outside the California Resources Building in Sacramento before their May meeting with the Department of Parks and Recreation.

PayPal insists naturists 'repudiate' the inclusion of families with children

SAN JOSE, California — PayPal, an online payment service, has once again judged family-inclusive naturist organizations to be unfit to use its product.



A holding of e-commerce behemoth eBay since 2002, PayPal has established itself as a convenient online standard for relatively small monetary transactions. But it is not without detractors. A simple Google search of the phrase, "PayPal sucks," yields more than 66,000 results.

Regardless, in 2005, the Naturist Action Committee considered giving its donors the choice to use PayPal as an online option for making contributions. NAC contacted PayPal, which dithered for weeks before setting its terms for doing business with the naturist organization.

The matter could be resolved, PayPal officials eventually said, if NAC would just "repudiate" the inclusion of families with children in naturist activities. Unsurprisingly, NAC refused the repugnant condition.

In 2008, after having used PayPal for four years, the Federation of Canadian Naturists found itself facing a similar situation with the powerful payment processor. Then, in 2010, it was the turn of Florida Young Naturists to be tagged by PayPal as an organization dealing in online "obscenity."

Just last month, a PayPal sales rep based in Omaha, Nebraska, contacted The Naturist Society, seeking new business. PayPal, the salesman said, is more enlightened these days. Nicky Hoffman of TNS referred him to the Naturist Action Committee's Bob Morton, who focused the sales call on the heart of the matter. Would family-inclusive naturist organizations be expected to abandon their principles and renounce the participation of children?

And that's why you *still* can't use PayPal to buy a towel from The Naturist Society or make a donation to NAC or NEF.



Larsen's Beach

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and Wailoi. Also opposed are the Sierra Club, Malama Moloa'a (Protect Moloa'a), the Kilauea Neighborhood Association and the Surfrider Foundation.

Spacer is no newcomer to naturist activism. Readers of *The Newsletter* will recall his important role at Secret Beach, which is also located on the island of Kauai. [See "Exposing the Vigilante of Secret Beach," *The Newsletter*, January, 2007, pages 6 and 7.]

An alternate county-owned trail to the beach exists, but it is too steep for many to use safely and it is not well maintained. Ownership of the lateral *ala loa* trail is said to reside with the state, since it is a public trust feature. The private fencing of a portion of the traditional *ala loa* is an inconvenience for some, a physical barrier for others and a cultural affront for native Hawaiians. By extending the fence, Rancher Laymon is opening up pasture for his cattle *makai* of the *ala loa*. Alarmed environmentalists point to the certain runoff and pollution that will result from grazing livestock too close to the edge of the cliff overlooking Larsen's Beach.

The battle is not just a war of words. Bruce Laymon and his employees have been documented as clearing vegetation illegally from the property above the beach. Laymon has countered by claiming that vandals have damaged his brush-clearing machinery.

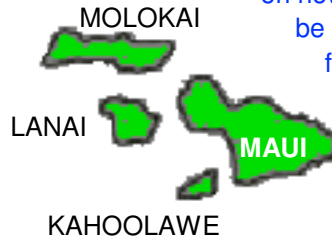
On the same day the fence appeared, a young local *haole* farm worker was assaulted near the steep trail owned

ahupua'a - a traditional "pie slice" section of land, from the volcano (mountain) to the sea.

ala loa - literally, "long trail;" an ancient trail that circles the island.



haole - a white person. Depending on how it's said, the word can be an insult or merely a fact.



mauka - toward the volcano, inland.

makai - toward the ocean.

by the county. The young man claims that Bruce Laymon administered the beating, and the Kauai Police Department (KPD) has said it is investigating the incident. Meanwhile, reports from early June indicate that KPD has given trespassing citations to Larsen's Beach visitors who had entered elsewhere and were attempting to leave by the traditional trail, unaware that it had been blocked by an illegal private fence.



KPD is also engaged in questionable activities on the beach itself. Approaching members of the public on the public beach, officers are insisting on names and addresses, and they're asking to know the purpose of each person's visit to the beach.

In other words, it's just another day in Paradise, where the bounty and beauty of the Garden Island too often stand in stark contrast to bizarre politics and selfishness. It's against this complex background that NAC Area Rep Richard Spacer works as a volunteer naturist activist. In the context of the Larsen's Beach matter, which is by no means settled, Spacer has testified before commissions, has been interviewed by the FBI, and has spent countless hours poring through documents and records. Naturists are fortunate to have him on their side.



Cattle rancher Bruce Laymon operates his Paradise Ranch on land leased from Waioli Corporation. Laymon has placed a fence across the traditional trail to Larsen's Beach.



Near a fence above Larsen's Beach, Robert Schleck (left) of Waioli Corporation listens as NAC Area Rep Richard Spacer proposes a solution.

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www.naturistsociety.com Click on "Events"

EASTERN GATHERING

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www.campwestmont.com

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Phone: (800) 551-7217
www.sunspportgardens.com

NORTHEAST FESTIVAL

Empire Haven - Moravia, New York
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Phone: (315) 497-0135
http://empirehaven.homestead.com/

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Bare Oaks Family Naturist Park
Sharon, Ontario, CANADA
August 3 - 7, 2011
Phone: (905) 473-6060
www.bareoaks.com

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Avalon Resort - Paw Paw, West Virginia
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Phone: (304) 947-5600
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www.lupinlodge.org

Four Seek Seats on Boards of NAC and NEF

OSHKOSH, Wisconsin — An exceptionally well qualified field of four candidates is vying for three available positions on the board of directors of the Naturist Action Committee (NAC). Two incumbents and two former board members have announced their



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nominations. By bylaw, directors of NAC also serve as directors of the Naturist Education Foundation (NEF).

The nominees are: former director Rich Pasco, who served on the board from 1991 to 1996; former director Charles Harris, who served from 1997 to 2005; current director Morley Schloss (1991 to present); and current director Allen Baylis (2002 to present).

All members of The Naturist Society are eligible to vote. Look for ballots, details of the voting process and more information about each candidate in the Summer 2011 (*N* 26.4) issue of *Nude & Natural* magazine. Ballots must be postmarked by July 15, 2011. You'll also find more information on the NAC web site:

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