

The Story from Lahaina still doesn't Make any Sense



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Some have written to me telling me I must have been wrong about the fires in Hawaii, since we have allegedly gotten a lot of confirming evidence in the past year. If so, I haven't seen it. All I have seen is more evidence of a major scam in progress.

Yesterday's news included a \$4 billion settlement of **all** claims, which is suspiciously fast and tidy. We aren't even a year out but we are expected to believe all lawsuits were bundled and settled for \$4 billion? When they have admitted losses were above \$12 billion? We are told this settles *all* claims, but are also told there were only 450 lawsuits by individuals, businesses, and insurance companies. Really? Lahaina had a population of 13,000, so how could only 450 claims be filed in this "comprehensive" settlement?

So it looks to me like someone just bought the entire Kukui peninsula at a bargain basement price, with taxpayers paying for most of it. FEMA has paid for a large part of the clean-up, and that is federal taxdollars. The money for this settlement is coming out of Hawaiian Electric, which is a public utility funded by taxdollars. Also out of the county of Maui and the state of Hawaii, which is taxdollars.

But even if someone paid a few billion to take over this peninsula, that is still chump change for these guys. The known billionaires like Musk are admitted to have 200 billion or more, so a couple of billion for a third of Maui is a bargain. Bezos has recently pledged \$10 billion to fight climate change, and Ellison spent over \$800 million in Lanai for his resort. And there are far richer people than those guys, who don't even appear in the *Forbes* list. The trillionaires who spend more than that on bottled water.

You will tell me people have already been issued permits to rebuild. 24 permits have supposedly been approved. Yes, but approved for whom? You are assuming these permits are being issued to original landowners to rebuild, but we don't know that. All the permits could be issued to Jeff Bezos or David

Rothschild for all we know.

This is an **out-of-court settlement**, not a trial outcome, so its particulars will probably remain secret. Do we know there is not a clause in the settlement saying all these settlers cede their (now worthless) properties to the state of Hawaii or some other entity? Are we sure this isn't a total buy-out of Lahaina? Even according to the mainstream stories, these properties are basically worthless, since they have been soaked in toxic ash, polluted with arsenic, lead, and every other poison. The water system is also poisoned. If you were a landowner there, wouldn't you take what you could get and move on?

I am told residents are being allowed back in. But that isn't clear, either. It has been reported a few have been let back in for a look, but we have no evidence they are citizens of Lahaina. They could be CIA agents for all we know. Because again, the stories don't make any sense. To start with, there is allegedly nothing to see, as you can tell from the photo under title. The town has allegedly been bulldozed down to foundation slabs, with everything carted away. As usual, the crime scene has been removed and sanitized. But are the photos we are seeing even real? We caught them publishing many CGI images and films in the beginning, so are we sure these newer ones are real? The resolution on the one above isn't good enough to tell if it is real or not, so maybe the town now looks like that, maybe it doesn't. Even if it does, that just indicates it has been bulldozed in some parts. **It doesn't prove the fire.** If Bezos wanted this peninsula for a big country club with multiple golf courses, for example, like his pal Ellison across the bay in Lanai, he would need to bulldoze most parts of Lahaina, wouldn't he?



We saw one of these residents let back in in my first long paper, so [let's look at another](#). We are told

Individuals with passes will be accompanied by teams of volunteers and county employees who will escort them to their property so they can search for personal belongings that may have survived the massive inferno, which killed at least 115 people. The purpose is also to let people grieve and seek closure.

Right. Does either that photo or that paragraph seem real to you? Not to me. They are either going to reopen the town to former residents or not; they aren't going to issue passes to a few people accompanied by agents. And we see the same problem here we saw with the other photo: the girl is wearing shorts and flips to tour a scene of known devastation, although it is admitted the place is poisoned by arsenic, lead, and a hundred other toxins. FEMA and Army Corps of Engineers allegedly wore hazmat suits while clearing the town, but they are going to let these kids waltz back in wearing shorts and flips and wade through the ash? What is that dude looking at? There is nothing there! Was he hoping to find his teddy bear? That stuff about grieving and closure is especially putrid, because they are playing on your emotions as usual. If there is a tear in your eye you can't study any of this for sense.



Why isn't that FEMA worker in a speedo and flips? Months later the stories change and it becomes even harder to get into Lahaina for former residents. Not only do they have to get a day pass, [they are allowed to tour only a few spots](#), like the big tree or the school. And surprise, the story in this article from December 7 contradicts earlier articles.

The heart of Lahaina, the historic town on Maui that burned in a deadly wildfire that killed at least 100 people, is reopening to residents and business owners holding day passes.

But wait, they told us residents with permits were back in Lahaina by September. No continuity here.

Then in June of 2024, we find [an article claiming residents are already rebuilding](#). The first two are named **Ball and Milne**. My regulars are already chuckling. George Washington was a Ball, and a Milne wrote *Winnie the Pooh*. Milne is a variant of Middleton, like Princess Kate Middleton, soon to be Queen consort. We are told this Gene Milne isn't concerned he isn't getting any answers on soil sampling by the Army, but he is going to put up his walls anyway.



He likes arsenic and lead, I guess. Doesn't concern him. That could be anywhere in the islands and I doubt it is Lahaina, since the Volcano isn't in the background.

But here is the shocker on that page:

Col. Eric Swenson, who is leading the Lahaina recovery effort for the Corps, said Wednesday the missions to clear residential and commercial debris are both ahead of schedule, with all the work projected to be done by February at the latest. . . .

Swenson was standing in front of what used to be the Outlets of Maui, which was mostly now a cleared lot of about 9 acres. Commercial property owners have not been as quick to complete the Corps' right of entry forms with some hoping they can save expensive foundations and other things that the Corps automatically removes. About 61 had yet to turn in the forms.

That claim doesn't match the photo under title, does it, where foundations are not removed. Which to me tends to confirm the photo is CGI. But it is even worse, since if the Army Corps is *automatically* removing foundations, how are these people going to rebuild? Obviously, the Army Corps would be instructed to remove foundations only in the case that the town was being repurposed, like for a golf course.



That's from the same article, and is supposed to be what used to be the Outlets of Maui, I guess some sort of mall. First thing to notice: the mountains in the background are completely different than in the picture of Gene Milne's new house. You will say we are looking the other way. No, the other way is ocean. From Lahaina you either see ocean or volcano. Plus, it looks like they won't be rebuilding the mall, since the foundation has been removed (assuming that photo is real and in Lahaina). Also curious is that those fields in the background aren't black anymore, although that was allegedly the vector of the fire. Going back to the picture under title, we notice the same problem there. Are we supposed to believe FEMA or Army Corps mowed all those fields down to bare ground and carted it all off? Why would they do that? I can tell you that isn't done here in California, king of the fires. You can drive through these burned areas years later and the state hasn't cleared anything. The black trees just sit there until they fall and rot into the ground. There would be no reason for them to clear those areas in Maui, since burning grass doesn't create asbestos or lead or anything else. It just creates burned grass, which is black, not tan. You will say those darker areas are burned. No, those are cloud shadows.

Then we come to Kim Ball in that article. Turns out he is a member of the mayor's Lahaina Advisory Committee. This is the same mayor Richard Bissen who just happened to come in a few months before the fires as mayor of Maui. He was previously a circuit judge, appointed not elected. He has been [excoriated in official findings](#) by everyone from the attorney general of Hawaii on down for negligence during the alleged fires, refusing to declare an emergency several times that day. He finally responded to phone calls after 8pm, *after the town had already allegedly burned down*. So like everything else we have seen, **his response made no sense**. It is suspicious in the extreme.

Even weirder? The big computers at Intelius and Instantcheckmate have never heard of a Richard Bissen of Hawaii. He has been scrubbed from the data bases. Indicating to me that is not his real name, or that they really don't want us linking him to other people, or both. Strange, since at Findagrave we find his father was also Richard Bissen. Both his parents were army, being sergeants. His mother was a Nakoia and his sister married a **Nahooikaika**. That last name is important because it links us to Lahaina royalty going back centuries. Nahooikaika takes us back to surname Kahaulelio, and Lahaina before 1857. These Hawaiian elders must also be part Jewish, since we find them with given names like Allen Noah and Obediah. One of them later married a Saffery, where we find a **Hiram** Saffery. That's a Jewish/Phoenician name, since Hiram was the greatest king of Phoenicia. So the deeper we dig, the weirder this gets.

These Safferys in question came from Captain Edmund Saffery, who sailed over from Cambridgeshire in the early 1800s. He had been a page to Queen Victoria, indicating a blood relationship there. He married into island royalty on Maui, that being Kapuna Naehu of Olowalu. One of their grandsons was named **Levi**. There are Safferys in the peerage during this time, since one of them married a Stirling in 1906, he being of the Stirlings of Gargunock, closely related to the Hamiltons of Sundrum. It's always the same people, as you know by now.

Anyway, the attorney general of Hawaii all but admitted Mayor Bissen stood down and let this happen. But why? Stood down for what, under whose orders? The fact that neither the AG, the director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency Sherman Thompson, or anyone is asking that question or pursuing any of this indicates to me it goes very high up. As is the fact that no one has taken responsibility for this, resigning, being fired, or being prosecuted. Bissen has refused to resign and is still mayor. Head of Maui Emergency management begged off from the beginning, saying he wasn't even there. Herman Andaya says he was in Oahu at a conference, which is convenient. They always are. Reminds us of the fake Port Arthur event, where everyone from the police chief to the dog catcher was in Hobart for a meeting. On a Sunday. Reminds us of the fake Lincoln assassination, where

Lincoln's lone guard—cousin of his wife—was next door for a pint. Reminds us of 911, when all fighter jets on the East Coast were in a drill in Nova Scotia or something, out of radio contact.

Which is of course precisely why this settlement today had to be done out-of-court and in secret. If any of these lawsuits had gone to court, the real facts of the case might have become known. Bissen would have been subpoenaed, for instance, in which case his lame claims not to know anything would not have been accepted. He would either get tangled up in perjury, let something slip, or otherwise open himself up for prosecution. Same for Andaya, police chief Pelletier, and many others. That couldn't be allowed to happen, since this whole event needs to be kept in the mists.

As a tack-on, I happened to watch the men's 100m dash, while out getting a burrito. There was a photo finish, but the whole thing is fishy since the photo they show us proving the win is of their noses hitting the line. This while admitting that these races are decided by chests, not heads. So why are they showing us heads? They say Lyles won by five thousandths of a second, but I am not convinced they can judge that finely. Yes, the clocks are that accurate, but judging when a body hits a line is another thing, due to camera angle and perspective. They might judge it differently if the camera were on the other side. The only way I would begin to trust this is if they had a series of cameras looking down from above, or below buried in the track. But they don't. In my opinion they shouldn't go to thousandths. If they tie at the second decimal, they should just call it a tie and award two golds. They do that even in swimming, where they do have a series of cameras, I believe. They don't go beyond the thousandth place, even though the clocks can do it. I remember Gary Hall and Anthony Ervin shared the gold in the 50 free a few years back.

I also didn't understand the Alex Walsh DQ in the 200IM, where they said she rolled over on her side before touching the wall in the backstroke leg. As if you have to backstroke all the way to the wall. But it looks to me like everyone else does the same thing, and you know what, in the backstroke races they do that legally *on every turn*. Watch them: they flip all the way over and swim the last stroke on their bellies! That is to make sure they don't crash into the wall and bump their heads. I know because I used to be a backstroker, many many moons ago. So how can it be legal in the backstroke race proper, but illegal in the backstroke leg of the IM? It makes no sense. Rowdy Gaines said it seemed like the right call, but that just means that it was according to the rules. But since the rules make no sense, it was a bad call. If I were McKeown (who finished 4th by a second) I would mail her the medal. It obviously didn't gain Walsh a second.