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HIGHLIGHTS FROM JAN. THROUGH MARCH 2024 POSTED BELOW.

Note: Times are when the story was created, not necessarily when the item ran on air.

The focus of news coverage this quarter continues to be the Maui wildfires and the Lahaina fire that killed more than 100 people, left an estimated 2 unaccounted for, and destroyed five square miles of historic Lahaina town.

Affordable housing and accommodations for displaced wildfire survivors remains the key concern as the recovery effort continues. With more than 3,000 wildfire displaced residents on Maui still living in hotels, Gov. Josh Green decides against an STR moratorium, saying there are enough units available now through rental and direct lease programs that he expects to have the remaining residents transitioned out to longer-term solutions by July 1, 2024.

The Maui County Council also approved condemnation proceedings for eminent domain acquisition of 20 acres near the Central Maui Landfill to use for disposal of Lahaina wildfire ash and debris. Maui County Council members struggled to pin down the property owner on what it would take, or cost, for the county to acquire the nearly 20-acre quarry. The owner, Komar Maui Properties ended up offering the county 5 acres as a gift, but the county said it isn't enough and wants to use the remaining land for future municipal solid waste and plans to proceed through the courts.

The temporary King Kamehameha III elementary school was blessed in March and opened on April 1, within the proposed 95 day construction period.

The county Office of the Auditor issued a scathing report that Maui County's Department of Finance was under-staffed and ill-prepared to collect transient accommodations tax money beginning in November 2021 when a state law allowing the county to tap millions of visitor-generated revenue went into effect.

As the quarter came to a close, the state approved the purchase of the former 216-room Maui Sun Hotel property in central Kihei from Haggai for much needed housing.

Coverage continues to include live streaming of important press conferences, interviews with key legislators, community leaders and residents impacted by the disaster.

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## JAN 2024

TITLE	DESCRIPTION	DATE
<a href="#"><u>MEO Head Start Lahaina preschool site to reopen Thursday</u></a>	Maui Economic Opportunity's Head Start Lahaina site, the only preschool in town spared by the Aug. 8 wildfires, will reopen Thursday, Feb. 1, following extensive cleaning, repairs, renovations and clearances for health and safety.	2024/01/31 at 7:49 am
<a href="#"><u>Live Webcam: Increased earthquake activity and ground deformation at Kīlauea volcano</u></a>	Increased earthquake activity and inflationary ground deformation at Kīlauea's summit began occurring during the early morning hours of Jan. 31, 2024, indicating movement of magma in the subsurface, according to the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory. Scientists with the HVO issued an activity notice, but noted that Kīlauea volcano is not erupting.	2024/01/31 at 5:36 am
<a href="#"><u>One year later: Haleakalā fuel cleanup nears final remediation</u></a>	A year ago today, nearly 700 gallons of diesel fuel spilled at the Maui Space Surveillance Complex at Haleakalā's summit. Since then Air Force reports its officials have worked with the Maui community and Native Hawaiian organizations to remediate the site.	2024/01/29 at 3:04 pm
<a href="#"><u>2,124 whales observed during first Sanctuary Ocean Count and Great Whale Count of 2024</u></a>	A total of 2,124 whales were observed throughout the state during the Great Whale Count and Ocean Count held Saturday, Jan. 27. Organizers say this number may represent duplicate sightings of the same whale by different observers or at different time periods or different locations throughout the day.	2024/01/28 at 7:15 am
<a href="#"><u>State discusses second attempt to collect fines from owners of Nakoia super yacht</u></a>	Six months after reaching a settlement with owners of a luxury yacht for its grounding, removal and damage to natural resources, the owners still have not paid the thousands of dollars owed to the state.	2024/01/27 at 6:00 am
<a href="#"><u>"Tail up": Kayaker films rare behavior displayed by whale during Lahaina Unity Walk</u></a>	After paddling miles and hours on the ocean, two kayakers ended up off the shore of Launiupoko, and there it was: a humpback mother whale "tail sailing" beside her calf.	2024/01/26 at 10:53 am

<p><a href="#"><u>Hawaiian Electric restoration efforts continue following West Maui fire</u></a></p>	<p>Hawaiian Electric is continuing restoration work to rebuild portions of the electric system in Lahaina in an effort to ensure safe and reliable power to all West Maui customers following the August 2023 wildfires. Ongoing restoration efforts include the rebuilding of transmission and distribution lines along former routes in the Lahaina area with the installation of new interim steel poles and electrical equipment.</p>	<p>2024/01/25 at 2:16 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Sen. McKelvey asks BLNR for stringent penalties against owners of Nakoia vessel</u></a></p>	<p>At its upcoming meeting on Jan. 26, 2024, the Board of Land and Natural Resources will consider enforcement action against the owners of the vessel Nakoia, which, in February 2023, grounded outside the Honolulu-Mokulē'ia Bay Marine Life Conservation District. In the incident, 119 specimens of stony coral and 1640.5 square meters of live rock were damaged.</p>	<p>2024/01/25 at 12:59 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>State legislature introduces Maui County Council's proposal for paid family leave</u></a></p>	<p>Maui County Councilmember Gabe Johnson announced the introduction of state legislation seeking to mandate access to paid family leave for state and county employees.</p>	<p>2024/01/24 at 5:04 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Axis deer control hunt program launches on Hawaiian Home Lands in Waiohuli, Maui</u></a></p>	<p>Registration began Monday to those interested in participating in an axis deer control hunt program on Hawaiian Home Lands in Waiohuli.</p>	<p>2024/01/23 at 5:18 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Lahaina Community Land Trust seeks to 'Keep Lahaina lands in Lahaina hands'</u></a></p>	<p>"Community land trusts are nonprofits that buy and own land with the purpose of keeping it in community control, to be used as the community determines. The buildings and homes on the land can be owned by individual families but are tethered to the land trust by a lease with terms determined by the trust. This allows the CLT and its members to make sure that the property is protected forever, and that it is used for purposes that serve the community, whatever the community decides that is: housing, culture, agriculture, etc.."</p>	<p>2024/01/23 at 5:01 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Maui man arrested after failing to stop at road closure, colliding into parked police vehicle</u></a></p>	<p>Maui police arrested a Makawao man after he failed to stop at a road closure on Haleakalā Highway where an active investigation was underway into a fatal motor vehicle accident reported about three hours earlier. The incident ended as the man's SUV collided into the rear of a parked MPD fleet vehicle.</p>	<p>2024/01/22 at 12:26 pm</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>Gov. Green focuses on Maui fire recovery in his second State of the State address</u></a></p>	<p>Gov. Green announced a Housing Hawai'i's 'Ohana plan, vowing to sign into law any legislation that will help move short-term rentals and vacant investment properties owned by non-residents into the local housing market. He also is said he would declare a moratorium on all short-term rentals in West Maui if he is unable to find enough housing for displaced families in the next six weeks.</p>	<p>2024/01/22 at 11:08 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>The Wall That Heals, Vietnam Memorial exhibit opens on Maui, Feb. 9</u></a></p>	<p>The Maui County Veterans Council, in collaboration with the County of Maui, extend an invitation to attend The Wall That Heals, Vietnam Memorial, at the War Memorial Stadium in Wailuku. The exhibit opens on Friday, Feb. 9 and will run until 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 13.</p>	<p>2024/01/22 at 9:02 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Chef Zach Laidlaw of Hua Momona Farms on Maui to compete on "Next Level Chef"</u></a></p>	<p>Chef Zach Laidlaw, of Maui's Hua Momona Farms, competes on the upcoming season of the FOX show "Next Level Chef" hosted by Celebrity Chef Gordon Ramsay.</p>	<p>2024/01/21 at 6:28 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Navigating change: Lele Aloha organizers call for unity in shaping the future of Lahaina</u></a></p>	<p>At the end of a nearly four-mile walk, community organizer Archie Kalepa addressed a crowd gathered at Launiupoko saying, "The depth of our grief and the warmth of our aloha is overwhelming. Today marks a different kind of point in the history of this place."</p>	<p>2024/01/20 at 7:47 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Unity Walk on Maui draws thousands for healing and recovery following Lahaina wildfires</u></a></p>	<p>Prayer, 'oli (chanting) and protocol were practiced during the Lele Aloha Ho'ūlu Lahaina Unity Walk held Saturday morning in West Maui. "We need to come together all of Hawai'i. We have the opportunity to rebuild Lahaina in a pono way," said Kalepa. "Lahaina will take the lead but we need everyone's support."</p>	<p>2024/01/20 at 12:44 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Carissa Moore to 'step away' from competitive surfing after 2024 Olympics</u></a></p>	<p>Hawai'i's own five-time World Champion Carissa Moore announced today that she will be stepping away from competitive surfing to start a new chapter in her life and career. She will step away from competition following the 2024 Lexus Pipe Pro, the 2024 SHISEIDO Tahiti Pro, and the 2024 Olympic Games Paris.</p>	<p>2024/01/19 at 5:19 am</p>

<p><a href="#"><b><u>Milestone moment as first property is cleared of residential wildfire debris in Lahaina, Maui</u></b></a></p>	<p>A milestone moment was reached on Wednesday as the first residential property was cleared of wildfire debris on Fleming Road in Lahaina. This comes following months of coordinated reentry activities that allowed residents to gain access to their properties and assess damage. Debris removal from residential properties in Lahaina began on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024.</p>	<p>2024/01/18 at 7:16 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><b><u>Pacific Biodiesel awarded federal funds to develop Hawai'i Agriculture-Based Biofuel Model</u></b></a></p>	<p>This project is based on Kaua'i, where the Maui-based Pacific Biodiesel last year began supplying its biodiesel to KIUC as a source of renewable energy supporting the Kaua'i utility's accelerated pathway to 100% renewable electricity production by 2033, more than a decade earlier than the State of Hawai'i's mandated timeline of 2045.</p>	<p>2024/01/18 at 12:14 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><b><u>County film commissioner Tracy Bennett retires, reflects on growth of Maui industry</u></b></a></p>	<p>After 10 years at the helm, County of Maui Film Commissioner Tracy Bennett has retired from his government post to enter the private sector.</p>	<p>2024/01/18 at 5:17 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b><u>Maui students urge visitors and kama'āina across Hawai'i to "Pledge" to their Future</u></b></a></p>	<p>Lahainaluna High School Principal Richard Carosso spoke with Student Council members on Jan. 12, 2024 while signing the Pledge to Our Keiki saying, "the pledge is about a commitment in part to preserving the environment, but for us it's probably a little different. It's a pledge to get involved in responsible redevelopment of our community. I think that makes what you are doing here today so important and something to be thinking about as you are signing the pledge."</p>	<p>2024/01/17 at 4:30 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b><u>First floor of the Wailuku Garage opens</u></b></a></p>	<p>The first floor of the Wailuku Garage opened to the public for parking today, Tuesday, Jan. 16, with a two-hour time limit on parking between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Parking will be free, initially, with the expectation that fees will apply in the future, pending approval of the PARK MAUI program by the Maui County Council.</p>	<p>2024/01/16 at 2:55 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><b><u>Whale Tales 2024 – A global gathering for marine science enthusiasts</u></b></a></p>	<p>Whale Tales returns to The Ritz-Carlton Maui, Kapalua as a signature event Feb. 16-18, 2024.</p>	<p>2024/01/16 at 2:04 pm</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>Maui fire personnel rescue drivers from floodwaters in South Maui</u></a></p>	<p>Rain and flooding resulted in rescues and road closures on Maui Tuesday morning. Around 8:45 a.m., Maui Fire Department's Air One rescued two people from their vehicle, which was trapped in fast rising floodwaters along South Kihei Road near Kaonoulu Street. Another three people in vehicles stalled in floodwaters were taken to safety on foot by fire department personnel.</p>	<p>2024/01/16 at 10:55 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Temporary traffic signal to be installed near southern terminus of Lahaina Bypass</u></a></p>	<p>The temporary traffic signal near Cut Mountain will allow vehicles hauling fire debris to cross the Lahaina Bypass. The crossing will only be for debris removal vehicles and is not open to the public. The signal will be manually controlled during work hours.</p>	<p>2024/01/15 at 5:19 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Attempt to re-introduce the Hawaiian crow in the wild gets green light in east Maui</u></a></p>	<p>The Board of Land and Natural Resources on Friday approved plans by the DLNR, and US Fish and Wildlife Service to conduct a pilot release of captive-bred 'alalā onto forest reserve lands in east Maui.</p>	<p>2024/01/14 at 10:30 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Maui's Jackson Bunch earns runner-up at SAMBAZON World Junior Championships</u></a></p>	<p>Maui's Jackson Bunch's (HAW) run in the World Junior Championships culminated with a runner-up finish.</p>	<p>2024/01/14 at 9:03 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Kīpahulu to become third community-based subsistence fishing area</u></a></p>	<p>The remote Kīpahulu area on the southeast side of Maui will become the third Community-Based Subsistence Fishing (CBSFA) area in Hawai'i, following previous designations of Hā'ena on Kaua'i and Miloli'i on Hawai'i Island.</p>	<p>2024/01/14 at 8:38 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Bill 120 gains passage despite passionate testimony against use of Olowalu as a temporary disposition site</u></a></p>	<p>All agreed the decision was a difficult one with one member calling the choice a "lose-lose situation." Another criticized the administration, saying the council was left out of the site ion process, and now felt pressure to approve or lose funding.</p>	<p>2024/01/13 at 4:48 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Maui firefighter Tanner Mosher credits fallen friend for helping with his choices during the Lahaina wildfire</u></a></p>	<p>Maui Firefighter Tanner Mosher was honored with a ceremonial resolution on Friday for his heroism during the Aug. 8, 2023 wildfire in Lahaina. Mosher extended his gratitude to the community and apologies to the people of Lahaina saying he felt like it wasn't enough. "I don't feel like I would have made the choices I made if it wasn't for my friend and coworker Tre' Evans-Dumaran," said Mosher.</p>	<p>2024/01/13 at 6:18 am</p>

<p><a href="#"><b>Two Lahaina redwood signs still missing after West Maui fires</b></a></p>	<p>“It is unconceivable to think that someone would selfishly take these signs, especially now, when Lahaina has suffered so much,” said Theo Morrison, executive director of Lahaina Restoration Foundation.</p>	<p>2024/01/12 at 7:59 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>Free training to combat Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle infestations on Maui</b></a></p>	<p>The County of Maui Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Working Group, in collaboration with the University of Hawai‘i College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources and the multi-agency Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Response team, will hold free training sessions Tuesday, Jan. 16, and Wednesday, Jan. 17, to equip attendees with information to identify, report and treat infestations of CRB.</p>	<p>2024/01/12 at 10:57 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>Small underground fires continue to emerge periodically in Upcountry, Maui</b></a></p>	<p>The Maui Fire Department is encouraging the public not to hesitate to call 911 when they see flames, see or smell smoke. The reminder was issued as numerous hotspots have emerged in the Upcountry area in recent months, that have been smoldering underground since the August wildfires.</p>	<p>2024/01/12 at 6:23 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>Maui High School Hall of Honor names 2023 Class</b></a></p>	<p>A Hollywood director, Maui County Board of Supervisor and state House member, an influential labor and community leader, a couple who support students and their college aspirations, and a longtime athletic director are members of the 2023 Class of the Maui High School Hall of Honor. Congratulations to: Top (L to R): Destin Daniel Cretton: The Award of Excellence; Bruce U‘u: The Spirit of Maui; and Charles and Mitch Ota. The Saber Spirit Award. Bottom (L to R): Tom Tagawa. The Silversword Heritage Award; and Michael Ban. The Inspiration Award.</p>	<p>2024/01/12 at 5:17 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>Newly completed management plan reduces air tours by 54% at Haleakalā</b></a></p>	<p>The National Park Service and the Federal Aviation Administration have completed an Air Tour Management Plan for Haleakalā National Park, which authorizes up to 2,224 air tours per year, a 54% reduction from the existing average of 4,824 flights per year. It identifies no-fly days as Sundays and Wednesdays.</p>	<p>2024/01/11 at 4:30 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>Hawai‘i Seaglider Initiative hopes to provide low cost, accessible kama‘āina transportation</b></a></p>	<p>The Hawai‘i Seaglider Initiative launched with a broad coalition committed to delivering a new affordable and accessible transportation option to Hawai‘i communities.</p>	<p>2024/01/11 at 1:29 pm</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>Progress reported on transportation projects related to West Maui wildfire</u></a></p>	<p>Wildfire recovery work in Lahaina continues on state roadways, with progress outlined for the repair of traffic signals and guardrails, assessment of opening closed areas, the installation of an emergency stormwater capture system, and monitoring traffic impacts of emergency drain line replacement work.</p>	<p>2024/01/11 at 12:44 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Hawaiian Telcom fiber internet service available to 95% of Moloka'i</u></a></p>	<p>Hawaiian Telcom expanded availability of its fast, reliable fiber internet service Fioptics to four of Moloka'i's five zip codes, which equates to more than 95% of the island.</p>	<p>2024/01/11 at 10:51 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Coast Guard, partners responding to two grounded vessels off Maui</u></a></p>	<p>The Coast Guard continues to respond to vessels that ran aground near Lahaina, Maui on Monday and Sugar Beach, Maui on Tuesday.</p>	<p>2024/01/11 at 7:41 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>County to host Right-of-Entry workshops for owners who lost properties in Maui fires</u></a></p>	<p>The County of Maui is holding two informational workshops on the Right-of-Entry (ROE) process to assist residential and commercial owners who lost Lahaina properties in the August wildfires. The ROE process is necessary for participation in the government-sponsored hazardous debris removal program.</p>	<p>2024/01/10 at 9:26 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Weakening cold front moves to Big Island, two more rounds of showers expected</u></a></p>	<p>A slow-moving cold front dropped more than 3 inches of rain over parts of Maui over a 24-hour period ending at 7:45 a.m. today. The next front is forecast to deliver another round of gusty showers Thursday into Friday, with yet another round of showers forecast to potentially move through next week Tuesday.</p>	<p>2024/01/10 at 8:45 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>85-foot boat grounded in Kihei, Maui; breaks from mooring during strong winds</u></a></p>	<p>The Coast Guard is responding to an 85-foot vessel "Chaparral" that broke free of its mooring and ran aground near Sugar Beach, Maui, Tuesday.</p>	<p>2024/01/10 at 5:19 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>County assessing impacts of slow moving cold front on Maui, Moloka'i and Lāna'i</u></a></p>	<p>County of Maui officials are assessing impacts of heavy rains and winds that have impacted Maui, Moloka'i and Lāna'i since Monday night.</p>	<p>2024/01/09 at 2:49 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>No immediate damages reported after Monday evening's Tornado Warning on Moloka'i</u></a></p>	<p>Officials with the County of Maui reported no immediate damages following a Tornado Warning issued for Moloka'i on Monday night. Moloka'i residents are advised to call the Moloka'i non-emergency number for Maui Police Department at 808-553-5355 to report damages. #Molokai #Tornado</p>	<p>2024/01/09 at 12:36 am</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>Gopher snake found on Moloka'i in shipping container</u></a></p>	<p>A live snake was found in a shipping container on Moloka'i this morning while it was being unloaded at a hardware store in Kaunankakai, state officials said. Maui County Police on Moloka'i were called to the hardware store shortly after 8 a.m. and arriving officers shot the snake with a pellet gun. The snake measured about 20-inches long and has been identified as a non-venomous gopher snake.</p>	<p>2024/01/08 at 5:17 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Maui Youth &amp; Family Services seeking foster parents</u></a></p>	<p>The program helps youth who are not able to receive care in their own home but can achieve stability and growth in a caring atmosphere where they can receive parental supervision, guidance and support.</p>	<p>2024/01/08 at 3:30 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>UH: Maui's trees are taller than previously thought; findings could impact water yields, fire risk</u></a></p>	<p>A groundbreaking new 30-meter Maui Forest Height Map reveals that trees on the Valley Isle are taller than previously thought. UH researchers say the findings provide critical information needed to accurately evaluate the upstream freshwater yield, a crucial consideration for town planning in watersheds like Lahaina.</p>	<p>2024/01/08 at 11:39 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Maui sustainability program gets \$300K in USDA funding for project in wake of Maui wildfires</u></a></p>	<p>The Pu'uuhonua Kauluwehi project will collaboratively establish a network of biocultural refuges supporting the cultivation of native plants to accelerate landscape-scale ecological restoration, food security, and community well-being strategies.</p>	<p>2024/01/08 at 7:43 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Cold front near Kaua'i continues path down island chain through Tuesday</u></a></p>	<p>A Flood Watch is in effect through Tuesday afternoon as a cold front makes its way down the island chain.</p>	<p>2024/01/08 at 5:02 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Jan. 25 grace period approaching to submit SBA disaster loan applications</u></a></p>	<p>The deadline to apply for federal disaster assistance has passed; however, Hawai'i residents and businesses have been granted a 45-day grace period, until Thursday, Jan. 25, to submit their US Small Business Administration disaster loan applications for property damage caused by wildfires.</p>	<p>2024/01/07 at 3:00 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Update/Located: 65-year-old Ha'ikū woman reported missing</u></a></p>	<p>UPDATE: Michelle Kwik was located and transported to the Maui Memorial Medical Center for evaluation, according to Maui police. The Maui Police Department thanked the public for their assistance in locating Kwik, who was reported missing by her family on Jan. 6, 2024.</p>	<p>2024/01/06 at 5:19 pm</p>

<p><a href="#"><u><b>Moratorium on Maui electric disconnections for nonpayment extended through March 5</b></u></a></p>	<p>Suspension of service disconnections for all Hawaiian Electric customers on Maui has been extended through at least March 5, 2024, in accordance with the extension of Gov. Josh Green’s emergency proclamation. Maui customers who are financially challenged by the devastating wildfires will not have to worry about potential disconnection of their electric service, according to the announcement.</p>	<p>2024/01/06 at 8:05 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u><b>Government, nonprofit partners join to launch \$500M Maui Interim Housing Plan, unveil shovel-ready lot at Maui Lani</b></u></a></p>	<p>The collective effort, called the “Maui Interim Housing Plan” commits to securing a pool of 3,000 housing units with 18-month commitments to provide a stable place for households displaced by the Maui fires, currently residing in short-term hotels.</p>	<p>2024/01/05 at 10:41 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u><b>71-year-old woman rescued after her vehicle takes plunge off Kahekili Highway</b></u></a></p>	<p>A 71-year-old Maui woman and her dog are safe after the vehicle they were in plunged off the Kahekili Highway on Friday.</p>	<p>2024/01/05 at 4:57 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u><b>Aloha for Lahaina: PUMA Golf’s limited edition ‘L’ cap to support Maui fire recovery</b></u></a></p>	<p>To help support the recovery efforts in the Maui community, PUMA Golf has teamed up with local Maui artist, Wailani Artates, to design a Limited Edition “L” golf cap inspired by Lahainaluna High School’s “L” on the hill above the school.</p>	<p>2024/01/04 at 1:50 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u><b>Maui police cold case unit highlights missing persons cases, seeks help in locating them</b></u></a></p>	<p>The Maui Police Department has released short videos highlighting missing persons cases that are being investigated by the department's Cold Case / Missing Person Detail unit. Over the past month, the department has highlighted 16 missing individuals, including four who were reported missing after the Aug. 8, 2023 wildfires in Lahaina.</p>	<p>2024/01/04 at 8:13 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u><b>UH Mānoa launches Maui wildfire health effects study, seeking 1,000 participants</b></u></a></p>	<p>A team of University of Hawai’i at Mānoa researchers are asking Maui residents to participate in a study to analyze the short- and long-term health effects of exposure to the deadly wildfires that destroyed Lahaina and parts of Kula. Registration begins Jan. 5, 2024.</p>	<p>2024/01/03 at 8:24 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u><b>Progress update: 17 of 30 classrooms in place at temporary campus for King Kamehameha III elementary</b></u></a></p>	<p>The site is designed for 600 students and features 30 planned classrooms. As of Christmas, 17 classrooms were already in place. The entrance to the 10 acre site is via Akahele Street below the Kapalua Airport.</p>	<p>2024/01/02 at 2:23 pm</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>Maui judge who nearly lost her home in the wildfires named a “Courageous Judge” by National Judicial College</u></a></p>	<p>Maui District Family Court Judge Adrienne N. Heely Caires was ed as one of 60 courageous judges to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the founding of The National Judicial College.</p>	<p>2024/01/02 at 9:57 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Maui Fire Department responds to multiple brush fires and 7 rubbish bin fires during New Year’s holiday</u></a></p>	<p>During the period from 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023 (New Year’s Eve) to 7:30 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 1, 2024 (New Year’s Day), the Maui County Fire Department responded to brush fires in Ha’ikū, Kula, Makawao, Wailuku, two in Kīhei and one on Moloka’i. All fires were extinguished quickly, with no damages reported. Crews also responded to seven rubbish bin fires throughout the islands, all reported to be, or suspected to be the result of improper fireworks use or disposal. The Department staffed two additional engines and one additional tanker during the evening and overnight hours to assist [...]</p>	<p>2024/01/01 at 11:00 am</p>

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TITLE	DESCRIPTION	TIME
<p><a href="#"><u>New research unveils photos of humpback whale pair, sheds light on previously undocumented behavior</u></a></p>	<p>What they stumbled upon was an unprecedented observation that was previously unknown to the scientific community, according to the PWF. The groundbreaking photographs provide an unparalleled glimpse into the private lives of these majestic marine mammals.</p>	<p>2024/02/29 at 3:02 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Central Maui Landfill chosen for final disposal of Lahaina wildfire debris</u></a></p>	<p>The Central Maui Landfill will be the final disposal site for an estimated 400,000 cubic yards of toxic ash and debris left in the aftermath of the Aug. 8 wildfire that leveled Lahaina Town.</p>	<p>2024/02/29 at 4:57 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HDOT’s first-ever EV chargers in Maui enhance alternative fuel corridors, offer faster charging</u></a></p>	<p>In a move to bolster sustainable transportation infrastructure and promote electric vehicle adoption, Maui County celebrated the grand opening of new electric vehicle charging stations today.</p>	<p>2024/02/28 at 5:00 pm</p>

<p><a href="#"><b>Temporary Kamehameha III Elementary School campus transferred to DOE, set to open April 1</b></a></p>	<p>The US Army Corps of Engineers announced on Tuesday the successful installation and turnover of the newly constructed temporary campus for King Kamehameha III Elementary School students in Lahaina to the Hawai'i State Department of Education.</p>	<p>2024/02/28 at 4:34 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>Bill to establish a nine-member Lele Community District Board for burned Lahaina lands heads to decision making</b></a></p>	<p>A bill that seeks to establish a nine-member Lele Community District Board to facilitate rebuilding decisions for the post-wildfire Lahaina area of West Maui, is scheduled for key committee decision making on Wednesday.</p>	<p>2024/02/27 at 8:46 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>Lawsuit filed to protect midwifery in Hawai'i; Group to rally for traditional birth practices at state Capitol</b></a></p>	<p>A lawsuit was filed Tuesday by the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation and the Center for Reproductive Rights challenging a midwifery law that they say is preventing pregnant people in Hawai'i from using skilled midwives for their pregnancies and births, as they have for generations.</p>	<p>2024/02/27 at 2:27 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>One 'Ohana Fund readies for launch in wake of Lahaina wildfire; Gov. Green provides housing update</b></a></p>	<p>Gov. Josh Green, M.D. announced details surrounding the planned launch of the One 'Ohana Fund on March 1, and provided a housing update for wildfire survivors. While earlier this month, the governor said a moratorium would "not likely" be needed during his six month update, he revisited the idea today.</p>	<p>2024/02/27 at 12:23 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>Hiker who fell 1,000 feet while on vacation in Hawai'i, records cautionary PSA</b></a></p>	<p>The 34-year-old man made international headlines after surviving a 1,000-foot fall off the Ko'olau Mountains and lay dazed and alone at the base of a waterfall for three days before he was rescued, according to the state Department of Land and Natural Resources. "All things considered," is an understatement.</p>	<p>2024/02/27 at 9:42 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>Community-led coral restoration project at Kealakekua aimed at accelerating reef growth, recovery</b></a></p>	<p>The Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Aquatic Resources took part in a second collaborative coral restoration project over the weekend in the waters of Kealakekua Bay, on the Kona side of Hawai'i Island.</p>	<p>2024/02/26 at 11:28 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>Maui police arrest 13-year-old for alleged threat at Kalama; Investigation remains active at Baldwin and 'Iao schools</b></a></p>	<p>A 13-year-old girl was arrested for Terroristic Threatening in connection with a threat at Kalama Intermediate School. The investigation remains ongoing and active for the other affected campuses where alleged threats occurred.</p>	<p>2024/02/26 at 7:34 am</p>

<p><a href="#"><b><u>2,141 whales observed during the second Sanctuary Ocean Count and Great Whale Count for 2024</u></b></a></p>	<p>There were a total of 2,141 whales observed throughout the main Hawaiian Islands during the day's count with 948 whales observed from Maui, 86 from Moloka'i and 39 from Lāna'i. On Kaua'i, the total number of whales observed during the count was 239, on O'ahu, the total was 363, and on Hawai'i Island, 466 whales were observed.</p>	<p>2024/02/25 at 8:56 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b><u>Draft environmental assessment ready for Kūlanihāko'i High School overpass project</u></b></a></p>	<p>The Hawai'i Department of Education a draft environmental assessment Friday, reaching a project review milestone and paving the way for a planned \$16 million pedestrian overpass spanning Pi'ilani Highway.</p>	<p>2024/02/24 at 6:43 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b><u>Whale calf injury off Mā'alaea, Maui is likely from a vessel strike, boaters urged to keep distance</u></b></a></p>	<p>A whale calf spotted in distress off of Mā'alaea Bay on Maui Friday, is likely suffering from blunt force injuries caused by a vessel strike, according to researchers with the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary.</p>	<p>2024/02/23 at 2:00 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><b><u>Draft environmental impact statement for Wailea development ; includes workforce housing</u></b></a></p>	<p>Although zoned for 2,137 residential units, the Ledcor Maui project proposes construction of a maximum of 975 residential homes, which includes the Wailea resort community's first workforce housing units. The state mandated public comment period of 45 days ends on April 8, 2024.</p>	<p>2024/02/23 at 8:52 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b><u>UHERO: Construction up following Lahaina wildfires, partial recovery of visitor and labor market on Maui</u></b></a></p>	<p>Hawai'i's economy has been sustained by a resilient US economy and the gradual return of international visitors. According to the University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization's first quarter forecast for 2024, with the islands' post-pandemic recovery now largely complete, the economy will downshift this year, and growth will increasingly come from local sources, including a robust construction sector bolstered by the rebuilding of Lahaina, Maui.</p>	<p>2024/02/23 at 5:45 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b><u>Group asks for extension of emergency protections for tenants facing evictions</u></b></a></p>	<p>A group rallying to help secondary victims of the August fires is asking Gov. Josh Green to extend protections for tenants facing evictions from landlords seeking more lucrative rental income tied to subsidized housing for wildfire survivors.</p>	<p>2024/02/22 at 6:56 pm</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>Lahaina wildfire survivors updated on debris removal, survey results for final disposal site</u></a></p>	<p>Lahaina wildfire survivors were updated Wednesday on the progress of ash and debris removal from residential properties destroyed Aug. 8, and they learned the results of surveys aimed at assessing public sentiment in how to determine the final disposal site for thousands of burned homes.</p>	<p>2024/02/22 at 9:50 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>US Transportation Secretary Buttigieg visits Maui, details millions in funding for Honoapi'ilani realignment</u></a></p>	<p>During his visit, US Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg provided updates on key infrastructure projects, including critical investments in the Honoapi'ilani Highway. He visited West Maui as part of the administration's efforts to reaffirm its commitment to wildfire recovery in Lahaina.</p>	<p>2024/02/21 at 6:40 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HCF awards \$481K grant to restore and steward Kula, Maui lands burned by wildfire</u></a></p>	<p>Established in the wake of wildfires that burned more than 200 acres in Kula, the Kula Community Watershed Alliance has convened neighbors, local leaders, and subject matter experts to develop a unified plan to support the land's recovery from the fires, including stabilizing and regenerating the disturbed soil, restoring and protecting native plants and animals, and stewarding the long-term vitality of the land.</p>	<p>2024/02/21 at 12:00 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Hawaiian forest bird initiative secures \$3M boost to annihilate mosquitos, save birds in East Maui</u></a></p>	<p>At Haleakalā National Park yesterday, the Director of Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and conservationists involved in Birds, Not Mosquitoes, shed light on the ongoing project to save native birds on East Maui.</p>	<p>2024/02/21 at 7:15 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Maui Mayor Bissen requests \$401M from state for Lahaina rebuild, recovery</u></a></p>	<p>Mayor Richard Bissen made a plea to the state for \$401.75 million over the next three years to help Lahaina rebuild and recover. The request was made before the Senate Ways and Means Committee on Tuesday, on behalf of the people of Maui County. County of Maui would separately leverage \$198.75 million over the next three years, according to a news release announcement.</p>	<p>2024/02/20 at 7:22 pm</p>

<p><a href="#"><b><u>Maui Marathon to honor West Maui as the Lahaina Town Memorial Run</u></b></a></p>	<p>The 54th annual Maui Marathon scheduled for April 21 will look a lot different this year. After devastating fires impacted Lahaina and Kula, the Maui Marathon that historically stretched from Pu'unēnē to Kā'anapali will host a new route and only include the half marathon, 10k Run/Walk, and 5k Run/Walk. For 2024, the 26.2-mile race is canceled, and the start/finish line for the other distances is moved to the Maui Tropical Plantation in Wailuku.</p>	<p>2024/02/20 at 10:00 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b><u>Haggai Institute affordable housing proposal headed to Maui County Council for review</u></b></a></p>	<p>Another affordable housing proposal is headed to the Maui County Council, but this one is not "shovel ready." It's built already, although it's going to be a multimillion-dollar fixer-upper.</p>	<p>2024/02/20 at 4:49 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b><u>Kapalua Village temporary housing breaks ground for wildfire survivors</u></b></a></p>	<p>TY Management Corporation held a groundbreaking and blessing ceremony of its Kapalua Village Temporary Housing Project for Kapalua Golf employees on Monday morning, Feb. 19. This project signifies one of the first privately funded temporary housing projects on Maui to assist individuals and families impacted by the Maui wildfires.</p>	<p>2024/02/19 at 3:02 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><b><u>Pā'ia Floral opens with fresh flower finds on North Shore, Maui</u></b></a></p>	<p>The new Pā'ia Floral shop opened its doors over the weekend, offering a fresh find for flower seekers on Maui's North Shore. The business is Native Hawaiian and wahine-owned, and is a sister company to Pukalani Floral and Kanuihele, a business focused on music, dance and craft.</p>	<p>2024/02/19 at 12:36 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><b><u>Maui Council passes two housing projects on first reading; a third sent to Budget Committee</u></b></a></p>	<p>The Maui County Council advanced two affordable housing projects on first reading Friday and referred a third to the Budget, Finance and Economic Development Committee for further review.</p>	<p>2024/02/17 at 7:34 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b><u>Tails Up Maui in Wailuku reopens with a renewed mission of community support</u></b></a></p>	<p>Tails Up Maui, a restaurant in Paukūkalo, reopened on Jan. 26 after a transformative period of community service.</p>	<p>2024/02/16 at 6:24 pm</p>

<p><a href="#"><b>FAA awards \$8.6M for Kahului Airport TSA security screening checkpoint facility</b></a></p>	<p>The award includes \$8.6 million to Kahului Airport for construction of a new two-story security screening checkpoint facility at the south end of the ticket lobby (South TSA Checkpoint). The facility will include six new TSA screening lanes. A pedestrian bridge over the existing service road will connect the new checkpoint facility to Hold Room A.</p>	<p>2024/02/16 at 9:52 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>Maui's Kamalei Kawa'a participates in blind audition for Season 25 of NBC's 'The Voice'</b></a></p>	<p>Maui musician, Kamalei Kawa'a, is among those who auditioned for Season 25 of NBC's "The Voice," he announced via his social media platforms on Thursday.</p>	<p>2024/02/16 at 8:44 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>Maui Huliau Foundation and Hisako Film Lab collaborate on spring break filmmaking program for Maui youth</b></a></p>	<p>Maui Huliau Foundation is partnering with Hisako Film Lab to offer a five day condensed filmmaking program this spring break for youth in grades 7-12 from all schools. Students will work together over the five days to create a short environmental parody of a TV commercial. The program staff will provide equipment, as well as assistance in planning, filming, and editing. No prior experience is needed, but students must be able to attend all five days to participate.</p>	<p>2024/02/16 at 8:07 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>Grammy award-winner and Maui High alumnus, Jason Baum to keynote at Hawai'i STEM Conference</b></a></p>	<p>Maui Economic Development Board's STEMworks program announced that Grammy award-winning Maui High alumnus, Jason Baum, will be one of the keynote speakers for the 15th Annual Hawai'i STEM Conference, which will take place on April 4-5 at the Hawai'i Convention Center in Honolulu.</p>	<p>2024/02/16 at 5:00 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>\$53M Maui Airport Industrial Center breaks ground, opening set for 2025</b></a></p>	<p>R.D. Olson Development held a groundbreaking recently of the Maui Airport Industrial project, located on a 6.3 acre parcel in Kahului near Costco at 250 Lauo Loop.</p>	<p>2024/02/15 at 2:00 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>Breaking: Maui Jim Maui Invitational to return to Maui in 2024 following wildfires</b></a></p>	<p>The Maui Jim Maui Invitational announced that the 2024 tournament will return to the island of Maui after the wildfires on Maui caused a move of the tournament to Honolulu in 2023. The 41st annual tournament will return to the historic Lahaina Civic Center Nov. 25-27, 2024, and include five of the current top-20 teams in college basketball.</p>	<p>2024/02/15 at 10:09 am</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>Ola Ka ʻĪ celebrates Hawaiian language at the Queen Kaʻahumanu Center, Feb. 17</u></a></p>	<p>A series of Hawaiian language fairs are happening throughout Hawaiʻi in February as part of Mahina ʻŌlelo Hawaiʻi or Hawaiian Language Month. This includes an Ola Ka ʻĪ Maui Nui event at the Queen Kaʻahumanu Shopping Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. this coming Saturday.</p>	<p>2024/02/15 at 9:34 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Debris removed from 100th residential property in Lahaina Wildfire Disaster Area</u></a></p>	<p>Debris and ash removal was completed on the 100th residential property in the Lahaina Wildfire Disaster Area on Wednesday, (Feb. 14) 30 days after the work began in Lahaina, county officials said.</p>	<p>2024/02/14 at 5:33 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Beloved veteran from Hāna honored on Vietnam memorial after extraordinary efforts by survived family</u></a></p>	<p>Starting around 2017, the five Oliveira sisters spent hours upon hours learning about military terms, DD-214s and discharge papers with the help of their uncles Tommy and Mel. It was their goal to get their father on the memorial.</p>	<p>2024/02/14 at 2:11 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Aikanaha project bill submitted for \$14 million Affordable Housing Fund loan</u></a></p>	<p>A bill has been submitted to the Maui County Council that would pave the way for loan of up to \$14 million from Maui County for the 212-unit Aikanaha low-income rental housing project in Waikapū.</p>	<p>2024/02/14 at 5:30 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Demonstrators rally for ceasefire in Israel-Hamas war</u></a></p>	<p>Dozens of members of the Maui for Palestine group turned out Saturday along East Kaʻahumanu Avenue in Kahului to rally for a ceasefire in the Israel-Hamas war. And, today, US Sen. Brian Schatz announced the US Senate's passage of the National Security Act, which includes humanitarian aid for Gaza and US support for the Ukraine.</p>	<p>2024/02/13 at 3:15 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Maui police identify 101st Maui wildfire fatality, Paul Kasprzycki, 76</u></a></p>	<p>Paul Kasprzycki, an artist, craftsman and woodcarver credited with creating the welcome to Lahaina signs, was positively identified publicly Tuesday as the 101st fatality of the Aug. 8 Lahaina wildfire.</p>	<p>2024/02/13 at 1:10 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>KS Maui Hawaiian Ensemble students record re-imagined ʻBoarderʻs Songʻ about Lahaina</u></a></p>	<p>The song, “Yonder Lahaina Mountains,” was released on Dec. 31 and features the voices of musical artists Kaleo Phillips, Marvin Tevaga and Kapena DeLima, along with the Kamehameha Schools Maui Ensemble choir and hula dancers. Affectionately known as “The Boarder’s Song,” it was originally composed by Alice K. K. Banham. Phillips, who was among those who lost his home in the August wildfires, said the inspiration for recording the song with KS Maui came to him in a dream.</p>	<p>2024/02/12 at 8:26 pm</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>Artist interview: Earth to Sky sculpture exhibit now open at Imua Discovery Garden in Wailuku</u></a></p>	<p>Imua Discovery Garden hosts an outdoor sculpture exhibit, the largest of its kind in Maui County, aimed at raising crucial funds for the nonprofit organization while fostering a deeper appreciation for outdoor art and bolstering support for the Wailuku Arts District.</p>	<p>2024/02/12 at 8:52 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Wall That Heals: Maui welcomes public display of official Vietnam Memorial Wall replica</u></a></p>	<p>The Wall That Heals, the largest replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall that travels the country, arrived at War Memorial Stadium in Wailuku on Feb. 8, marking its first-ever visit to Maui.</p>	<p>2024/02/10 at 5:30 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Building blessed at Kahului Lani complex; Next project, Hale Pilina unveiled</u></a></p>	<p>Catholic Charities Hawai'i on Thursday dedicated a new multi-purpose building for residents at its Kahului Lani senior affordable housing complex on Maui. Organization leaders also unveiled their next project, Hale Pilina, a 178-unit affordable housing complex at the former site of the Maui Swap Meet on South Pu'unēnē Ave.</p>	<p>2024/02/09 at 1:17 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Maui Council panel advances bill to expedite rebuilding of wildfire survivors' properties</u></a></p>	<p>Six months after the Aug. 8 Maui wildfire disaster, the Maui County Council's Water and Infrastructure Committee recommended passage of a bill to lower permitting hurdles and allow fire survivors to rebuild sooner rather than later.</p>	<p>2024/02/09 at 5:21 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>6 month Maui wildfire update: Gov. Green says moratorium 'not likely' needed, sets sights on long-term housing policy</u></a></p>	<p>Today, Gov. Josh Green, M.D. expressed confidence that positive progress is being made in the transition of wildfire survivors from hotels to long-term housing, making a moratorium on short-term rentals "not likely."</p>	<p>2024/02/08 at 10:52 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>UH reports health hazards loom 6 months after Maui wildfires</u></a></p>	<p>About half of Maui residents impacted by the August wildfires say their health is worse now compared to a year ago and more than half say they lost their jobs because of the fires, according to a new report issued by the University of Hawai'i. Over at least the next 10 years, the study aims to document the acute and chronic health impacts and social conditions caused by one of the most deadly and destructive natural disasters in Hawai'i history.</p>	<p>2024/02/08 at 8:33 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Red Cross recaps six months of service in response to Maui wildfires</u></a></p>	<p>Six months after the August's wildfires on Maui, the American Red Cross continues to care for nearly 5,000 affected residents in the temporary emergency non-congregate sheltering program.</p>	<p>2024/02/08 at 6:00 am</p>

<p><a href="#"><b><u>Aikanaha project could be first buildout of rental housing in Waikapū Country Town</u></b></a></p>	<p>The 212-unit, low-income Aikanaha rental housing project underwent review Wednesday morning by the Maui County Council's Housing and Land Use Committee. The project could be the first buildout in the Waikapū Country Town development.</p>	<p>2024/02/08 at 5:26 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b><u>Poepoe introduces bill to provide transportation for medically underserved</u></b></a></p>	<p>State Rep. Mahina Poepoe has introduced Bill 2544, which provides dependable non-emergency medical transportation for residents of medically underserved rural communities such as Molokai and Lānaʻi. The measure makes chartered flights to seat patients, as well as health care providers.</p>	<p>2024/02/08 at 5:00 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b><u>Opening coin toss of Super Bowl LVIII to acknowledge Lahainaluna football after Maui wildfires</u></b></a></p>	<p>Lahainaluna High School football coaches Dean Rickard (co-head coach), Garret Tihada (associate head coach) and Bobby Watson (former head coach) will join players Morgan "Bula" Montgomery, Teva Loft, Kaulana Tihada and Kuola Watson as honorary coin toss captains at Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas on Sunday, Feb. 11.</p>	<p>2024/02/07 at 3:00 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><b><u>Maui man confirmed as record holder: 72 foot wave at Peʻahi "Jaws" is the largest wave ever kitesurfed</u></b></a></p>	<p>The International Kitesurfing Association officially measured and certified the wave, and Guinness approved the new record on Jan. 22, 2024, a year to the day after McLaughlin conquered the wave.</p>	<p>2024/02/07 at 8:56 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b><u>Council panel recommends confirmation of Kate Blystone as planning director</u></b></a></p>	<p>Kate Blystone won a recommendation for confirmation as Department of Planning director in an 8-1 vote Tuesday afternoon from the Maui County Council's Government Relations, Ethics and Government Transparency Committee.</p>	<p>2024/02/07 at 7:00 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b><u>Maui Humane Society opens new Lahaina Pet Resource Center for fire survivors</u></b></a></p>	<p>Maui Humane Society will open its new Lahaina Pet Resource Center on Feb. 7, 2024, following a traditional Hawaiian blessing ceremony at 11 a.m. A mobile veterinary clinic event will be held following the ceremony, offering free wellness services to pets affected by the fire.</p>	<p>2024/02/06 at 8:38 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><b><u>Report: Despite El Niño conditions, Hawai'i rainfall is near normal</u></b></a></p>	<p>Ongoing El Niño climate conditions have not generated as much dry weather as expected in the Hawaiian Islands, the Hawai'i Drought Council reports.</p>	<p>2024/02/06 at 3:30 pm</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>Live Like Tre' Foundation marks anniversary of firefighter Tre' Evans-Dumaran's passing</u></a></p>	<p>"The impact we've made together in Tre's memory is a testament to the power of community and the enduring spirit of aloha," said Chelsie Evans Enos, Tre's Mom and founder of the Live Like Tre' Foundation. "We miss him every second. He deserves his story to inspire others to be kinder and to spark small acts of kindness. His legacy lives on in those who honor his memory in these ways."</p>	<p>2024/02/06 at 11:34 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>\$4.9 million county grant sought to cover rising building costs for KThei housing project</u></a></p>	<p>‘Āina Lani Pacific is seeking a Maui County grant of more than \$4.9 million to help pay for steeply rising construction costs projected for the developer's 28-home Kilohana Makai project in Kihei.</p>	<p>2024/02/06 at 5:30 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>MAPA starts construction on black box theater; puts up two Wailuku buildings for sale</u></a></p>	<p>Maui Academy of Performing Arts has started construction on its new black box theater in the former National Dollar Store building at 2027 Main Street in Wailuku. With plans to consolidate programming in the new facility, the Board of Directors made the decision to list MAPA's other two commercial buildings across the street for sale with Commercial Properties of Maui.</p>	<p>2024/02/05 at 8:38 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Maui police present 98-page after-action report detailing 32 recommendations following Lahaina wildfire</u></a></p>	<p>Nearly six months after the Aug. 8 Lahaina wildfire, Maui police released a 98-page preliminary after-action report outlining 32 recommendations.</p>	<p>2024/02/05 at 5:00 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Fencing protection in West Maui watersheds support human, environmental health</u></a></p>	<p>A project to install fencing in West Maui to keep invasive, hooved animals out of key watershed forests, has a mutually beneficial goal of enhancing human health and environmental well-being.</p>	<p>2024/02/05 at 12:39 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Developer selected for proposed 'Ukiu Energy biofuel-powered generator project on Maui</u></a></p>	<p>The 'Ukiu Energy 40-megawatt (MW) biofuel-powered generator facility would be built on 10 acres owned by Hawaiian Electric at Waena across from the Central Maui Landfill – Refuse and Recycling Center on Pūlehu Road.</p>	<p>2024/02/04 at 8:49 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>'Phase Three': Kula residents take charge as federal cleanup leaves burned trees and debris behind</u></a></p>	<p>The Army Corps of Engineers completed its final phase of the federal wildfire response in Kula ahead of schedule last month, with their focus now shifting to West Maui. Volunteers in Kula say there's more to be done and the remaining cleanup likely rests on the shoulders of residents.</p>	<p>2024/02/03 at 6:00 am</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>District 10 Rep. Tyson Miyake of Maui sets sights on impactful change</u></a></p>	<p>After his appointment to the 10th House District seat and the beginning of this year's lawmaking session, Tyson Miyake is reading hundreds of bills, attending countless meetings and finding he's not just another fresh face at the Hawai'i Legislature.</p>	<p>2024/02/01 at 10:00 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Maui County officials unveil three potential permanent Lahaina debris disposal sites</u></a></p>	<p>Two West Maui locations and the Central Maui Landfill are under consideration as permanent disposal sites for an estimated 400,000 cubic yards of ash and debris to be removed from Lahaina wildfire burn zones.</p>	<p>2024/02/01 at 8:53 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Merger fireside chat: Airline demand patterns 'thrown sideways' on Maui since August wildfires</u></a></p>	<p>Executives with Hawaiian Airlines and Alaska Airlines discussed their recently announced merger agreement during a fireside chat hosted by the Maui Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday.</p>	<p>2024/02/01 at 5:00 am</p>

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<p><a href="#"><u>Maui's Bishop Pahia retires; Served as a 'lifeline' for those released from jail/prison</u></a></p>	<p>Bishop Pahia has been a "lifeline" for more than a thousand inmates released from jail and prison during his 15 years with Maui Economic Opportunity's Being Empowered and Safe Together (BEST) program, which helps these men and women rejoin the community. The former corrections officer at Maui Community Correctional Center is retiring from MEO.</p>	<p>2024/03/29 at 7:30 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Wai Now: Public forum sparks debate on Upcountry water well development</u></a></p>	<p>On Wednesday night, members of the Upcountry community gathered to discuss a possible public-private partnership aimed at incrementally building one to four water wells in Kula, Maui.</p>	<p>2024/03/29 at 6:32 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Gov. Green decides against STR moratorium; hopes to have all wildfire displaced Maui residents out of hotels by July 1</u></a></p>	<p>With more than 3,000 wildfire displaced residents on Maui still living in hotels, Gov. Josh Green says there are enough units available now through rental and direct lease programs that he expects to have the remaining residents transitioned out to longer-term solutions by July 1, 2024.</p>	<p>2024/03/27 at 2:58 pm</p>

<p><a href="#"><b>Home Maid Bakery to stay open after potential buyers express interest</b></a></p>	<p>After receiving overwhelming community support and interest from potential buyers, Home Maid Bakery will remain open indefinitely and not close at the end of this month as previously announced.</p>	<p>2024/03/27 at 8:53 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>A place for healing: Temporary King Kamehameha III campus blessed</b></a></p>	<p>The dedication and blessing of the temporary campus for Kamehameha III Elementary School, makai of Kapalua Airport, was a milestone for the community of Lahaina on Monday as residents took another step in recovering from the August wildfires.</p>	<p>2024/03/25 at 5:51 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>Mayor Bissen presents \$1.697B proposed FY 2025 budget to the Council</b></a></p>	<p>"This year in response to recovery efforts, and the creation of three new departments and one new division, we're facing a \$429.2 million increase to the FY 2025 budget," said Mayor Bissen. "This is 33.9% increase from last year's council approved budget of \$1.268 billion. This is due in large part to the new revenue streams addressing our emergency recovery needs."</p>	<p>2024/03/25 at 11:28 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>UH students use AI to preserve Lahaina's historical architecture</b></a></p>	<p>In response to the devastating Maui wildfires in 2023, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa School of Architecture students are learning to digitally restore individual buildings in Lahaina using cutting-edge technologies such as virtual 3D modeling and artificial intelligence (AI). Some of the buildings students have been designing in mixed reality include Wo Hing Society Hall, Masters Reading Room, Baldwin House and Old Lahaina Courthouse.</p>	<p>2024/03/25 at 8:19 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>Fire at light industrial area near Kīhei wastewater plant causes \$220,000 in damage</b></a></p>	<p>Maui fire crews battled a structure fire in the light industrial area of Kīhei Saturday night near the wastewater plant, fire officials said.</p>	<p>2024/03/24 at 12:58 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>Council advances eminent domain land condemnation for Central Maui Landfill expansion</b></a></p>	<p>Maui County Council members moved quickly Friday morning to give the first of two approvals for the county to launch eminent domain condemnation proceedings in 2nd Circuit Court. The court action would help the county get legal access to a nearly 20-acre former quarry site for the final disposal of toxic ash and debris from the Lahaina wildfire.</p>	<p>2024/03/23 at 8:53 am</p>

<p><a href="#"><b>Maui County Council gives green light for Haggai Institute purchase</b></a></p>	<p>Maui County Council members gave final approval Friday morning to an intergovernmental agreement for the state to purchase the 6.2-acre Haggai Institute for affordable long-term rental housing.</p>	<p>2024/03/22 at 10:07 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>During a challenging year, Maui Fire Chief ‘exceeds’ all areas of review in annual evaluation</b></a></p>	<p>Commissioners credited Chief Ventura for successfully managing equipment upgrades, recruitment and retention of employees, oversight of capital improvement projects, spearheading the department's wellness program, collaborating with nonprofits for enhanced emergency response, and effective problem solving.</p>	<p>2024/03/22 at 5:38 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>Bill to establish Lele Community District Board expected to stall in state House</b></a></p>	<p>A controversial bill to establish a nine-member Lele Community District Board for decision-making in rebuilding Lahaina has passed the state Senate, but it will not advance in the House, according to West Maui Rep. Elle Cochran.</p>	<p>2024/03/21 at 12:00 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>Hawai‘i Tourism Authority launches Mākaūkau Maui Campaign to foster economic recovery on Maui</b></a></p>	<p>The Hawai‘i Tourism Authority has launched “Mākaūkau Maui,” a campaign that aims to revitalize Maui’s economy in the aftermath of last year’s devastating wildfires. Apart from the fire-affected areas of Lahaina Town, the campaign signals that Maui is ready to welcome visitors back to the island.</p>	<p>2024/03/21 at 8:23 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>1,600-unit Ho‘onani Village affordable rental housing project gets an early preview</b></a></p>	<p>Members of the Maui County Council's Housing and Land Use Committee received a presentation Wednesday on conceptual plans for the 1,600-unit Ho‘onani Village multifamily rental and commercial complex in Pu‘unene.</p>	<p>2024/03/21 at 7:00 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>Restoring Roots: Lahainaluna High School takes steps toward replanting Lahaina with help from volunteers</b></a></p>	<p>The Lahainaluna High School once provided fruit, vegetables and livestock produce to its students and community. Its vast agricultural grounds received a manicure from local students, organizations and volunteers on Wednesday, bringing the school one step closer to its goal of replanting Lahaina.</p>	<p>2024/03/21 at 6:33 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><b>Operation Keiki Shield nets arrest of four on Maui</b></a></p>	<p>Maui police arrested four individuals for charges related to internet-facilitated sexual offenses against children during Operation Keiki Shield 22, which took place between Thursday March 14, and Sunday, March 17, 2024.</p>	<p>2024/03/20 at 4:46 pm</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>Council committee hears more on eminent domain proposal for landfill expansion</u></a></p>	<p>After hearing impassioned pleas Tuesday from Lahaina wildfire survivors for quick action in a proposed eminent domain condemnation, Maui County Council members struggled to pin down the property owner on what it would take, or cost, for the county to acquire the nearly 20-acre quarry for final disposal of toxic ash and debris.</p>	<p>2024/03/20 at 12:00 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Maui's Kamalei Kawa'a teams up with O'ahu's Gabriel Goes to honor their roots in duet on NBC's 'The Voice'</u></a></p>	<p>Maui's own Kamalei Kawa'a wowed judges last night on NBC's "The Voice" once again during an iconic duet with O'ahu "sweetheart" Gabriel Goes, taking Kawa'a to the next round of the national singing competition.</p>	<p>2024/03/19 at 1:00 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Cirque du Soleil's Hawai'i debut in Waikiki: led by Native Hawaiian creatives</u></a></p>	<p>For the first time ever, the internationally acclaimed ensemble will bring a show to the shores of Waikiki on a permanent basis, delivering the experience at the OUTRIGGER Waikiki Beachcomber Hotel debuting in late 2024. The show will introduce Cirque du Soleil's artistry to Hawai'i through the guidance and vision of a distinguished group of Native Hawaiian creatives.</p>	<p>2024/03/19 at 12:00 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Hawai'i Attorney General to release 'Phase One' report on Maui wildfire investigation, April 17</u></a></p>	<p>Hawai'i Attorney General Anne Lopez confirms the Phase One report on the independent investigation into the Maui wildfires will be released on April 17, 2024.</p>	<p>2024/03/18 at 8:53 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Prince Kūhiō celebration this Friday, March 22 at Queen Ka'ahumanu Center</u></a></p>	<p>The Prince Kūhiō Maui Ho'olaule'a takes place at Queen Ka'ahumanu Center on Friday, March 22, 2024, from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This event is free and welcomes everyone to enjoy an evening filled with complimentary keiki activities, interactive exhibits, Hawaiian music, and hula performances.</p>	<p>2024/03/18 at 7:14 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Co-creators of FX's 'Shōgun' are Maui residents</u></a></p>	<p>Maui Now has learned and FX confirmed that the co-creators of the popular new series "Shōgun"—Rachel Kondo and Justin Marks—are residents of Maui. Kondo was born and raised on the Valley Isle. As a child, she attended Pukalani Elementary and Kalama Intermediate, and she is '99 graduate of Maui High School.</p>	<p>2024/03/15 at 10:14 pm</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>Mayor Bissen delivers 2024 State of the County Address; Rent stabilization, illegal short-term rental enforcement among priorities</u></a></p>	<p>Maui Mayor Richard Bissen, Jr. delivered his 2024 State of the County Address on Friday evening from the Maui Arts &amp; Cultural Center. During his address, the mayor focused on wildfire recovery efforts and discussed housing solutions as the county continues to find its way through the rebuilding process and economic recovery following the August 2023 wildfires.</p>	<p>2024/03/15 at 10:13 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Home Maid Bakery closing leaves sadness for customers and employees</u></a></p>	<p>Hard hit by inflation, the COVID-19 pandemic and a downturn in local business caused by the August wildfires, the iconic Home Maid Bakery, "home of the crispy manju," will be shutting down permanently at the end of this month.</p>	<p>2024/03/15 at 2:42 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Kīpahulu in East Maui becomes Hawai‘i’s third Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area</u></a></p>	<p>Today, after nearly 30 years of grassroots community planning and engagement within their moku and across Maui and the state, Hawai‘i nonprofit organization Kīpahulu ‘Ohana, Inc. saw their Community-Based Subsistence Fishing Area (CBSFA) signed into law.</p>	<p>2024/03/15 at 12:00 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Lahaina Cannery reopens 7 months after August wildfires on March 18</u></a></p>	<p>After a closure of seven and a half months since the August wildfires, Lahaina Cannery announced it is reopening its doors to Maui residents and visitors on Monday, March 18, 2024.</p>	<p>2024/03/15 at 5:00 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Urgent repairs called for at Mā‘alaea Small Boat Harbor Ramp</u></a></p>	<p>The Maui County Council has unanimously adopted a resolution urging the state Department of Land and Natural Resources to repair the Mā‘alaea Small Boat Harbor Ramp.</p>	<p>2024/03/14 at 10:04 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>HI-EMA announces new housing eligibility policy for Lahaina fire-displaced residents</u></a></p>	<p>A survivor in NCS seeking support for the FEMA-eligible program will have four opportunities to accept their Direct Housing option. Meanwhile, survivors in non-congregate sheltering seeking support through the state of Hawai‘i’s Housing solution will be given two opportunities to accept an option. The state’s plan is to ultimately wrap up its NCS program.</p>	<p>2024/03/14 at 9:54 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>House passes state FY2025 budget, prioritizes Maui wildfire related expenses</u></a></p>	<p>The state House of Representatives on Wednesday approved the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 operating and capital improvement budget, amid a fiscally challenging year that prioritizes addressing wildfire-related expenses after the Aug. 8 tragedy in Lahaina and Upcountry Maui.</p>	<p>2024/03/13 at 8:05 pm</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>Mixed feelings: Old Lahaina Lū'au employees ready to make new memories as it reopens</u></a></p>	<p>Sitting at the edge of scorched Lahaina Town and makai of the Lahaina Cannery Mall, the Old Lahaina Lū'au reopens to tourism for the first time since the Aug. 8 wildfire.</p>	<p>2024/03/12 at 3:56 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Maui's Gladys Baisa remembered as a trailblazer, pioneer for women leaders</u></a></p>	<p>Former Maui County Council Chair Gladys Coelho Baisa is being remembered fondly as a strong community leader, and a pioneer for women in politics and nonprofit leadership. She passed away Monday morning. She was 83.</p>	<p>2024/03/12 at 11:51 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Lahaina fire cases remanded back to Maui state court, Maui attorney lauds decision</u></a></p>	<p>Maui attorney, Jan K. Apo, who is representing hundreds of families impacted by the August 2023 Maui wildfires, lauded Monday's federal court decision to remand some 90 Lahaina fire cases back to the state court on Maui.</p>	<p>2024/03/12 at 7:30 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Eminent domain proposal for Central Maui Landfill expansion sent to Council committee</u></a></p>	<p>Maui County Council members were sharply divided Friday over a proposal to use Maui County's condemnation power of eminent domain to obtain a nearly 20-acre former quarry next to the Central Maui Landfill for the final disposal of toxic Lahaina fire ash and debris.</p>	<p>2024/03/11 at 7:29 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Hirono secures reinstatement of benefits for COFA citizens, over \$307M for Hawai'i in federal spending bill</u></a></p>	<p>In addition to containing the recently-renegotiated Compacts of Free Association, the package includes the text of Sen. Hirono's Compact Impact Fairness Act to restore access to a range of federal benefits for COFA citizens who reside in the US, including nearly 20,000 in Hawai'i. The package, which passed in the US House of Representatives on Wednesday, now heads to President Biden's desk to be signed into law.</p>	<p>2024/03/09 at 9:00 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Second Lahaina sign that was stolen has since been recovered and will be reinstalled</u></a></p>	<p>The second of two Lahaina Gateway signs that were stolen shortly after the August wildfires, was returned to the Lahaina Restoration Foundation on Friday. It was found cut into three pieces, but executives say they are able to piece the sign together and will reinstall it in West Maui.</p>	<p>2024/03/09 at 7:05 am</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>Boating safety highlighted after untimely death of dolphin yearling off Kaua'i, humpback calf off Lāna'i</u></a></p>	<p>So far in 2024, NOAA has received six confirmed reports of vessel strikes to humpback whales in Hawai'i. Within the span of a few weeks in February, a Hawaiian spinner dolphin yearling and a humpback whale calf stranded dead in Hawai'i. Both of their injuries were consistent with vessel strike, according to NOAA.</p>	<p>2024/03/09 at 6:00 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Advanced wildfire detection sensors to be deployed in Maui's high-risk areas</u></a></p>	<p>Early wildfire detection and wind sensors are on their way to Kihei and Lahaina, public officials announced at a press conference in South Maui today.</p>	<p>2024/03/08 at 1:13 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Schatz joins colleagues in introducing bill to promote use of AI to predict, respond to extreme weather</u></a></p>	<p>The bill would direct key federal agencies to use AI tools to improve weather forecasting, crack down on illegal deforestation and optimize electrical grids.</p>	<p>2024/03/08 at 7:32 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Maui median home price \$1.25M in February 2024, up 16% from same time last year</u></a></p>	<p>The median price for a single-family home on Maui in February 2024 was \$1,250,760, up 15.9% from the same time last year. The median price for a condo was \$744,500, down 18.6% from the same time last year.</p>	<p>2024/03/08 at 5:16 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Maui Office of Recovery announces interim housing projects for Lahaina wildfire survivors</u></a></p>	<p>Mayor Richard Bissen and officials from the County's Office of Recovery announced temporary modular home group housing projects being planned in coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the State of Hawai'i and private developers to provide an estimated 4,000 interim housing units for wildfire survivors. The information was shared at the Disaster Recovery Community Update meeting held at the Lahaina Civic Center on Wednesday night.</p>	<p>2024/03/07 at 5:58 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>MAPA receives \$1,000,000 donation for new theatre in Wailuku</u></a></p>	<p>Maui Academy of Performing Arts has received a \$1,000,000 donation for its new black box theatre in Wailuku from philanthropist Susan Naylor Moulton. Currently under construction, the Naylor Family Theatre will open in spring 2025.</p>	<p>2024/03/07 at 2:28 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Preliminary data shows impacts of wildfire on Lahaina coastal waters</u></a></p>	<p>Preliminary data on coastal water quality monitoring in West Maui was presented Wednesday at a public speaker series featuring Andrea Kealoha, Ph.D., an assistant professor of Oceanography at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.</p>	<p>2024/03/07 at 8:21 am</p>

<p><a href="#"><u>Council reviews plans to convert Maui Sun, a former Kihei hotel, into affordable housing</u></a></p>	<p>While thousands of wildfire survivors remain displaced, Maui County Council members heard Tuesday a proposal for the state to purchase the former 216-room Maui Sun Hotel property in central Kihei and convert it into long-term affordable workforce housing and a public prekindergarten facility.</p>	<p>2024/03/06 at 5:00 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Maui interim housing plan to be discussed at Disaster Recovery Community Update Meeting in Lahaina</u></a></p>	<p>The community is encouraged to attend the County of Maui's Weekly Disaster Recovery Community Update Meeting at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 6 at the Lahaina Civic Center to hear about the County's interim housing plan.</p>	<p>2024/03/06 at 5:13 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>County Auditor: Department of Finance was ill-prepared to begin collecting millions in TAT payments</u></a></p>	<p>Maui County's Department of Finance was under-staffed and ill-prepared to collect transient accommodations tax money beginning in November 2021 when a state law allowing the county to tap millions of visitor-generated revenue went into effect, according to a report by the Office of the County Auditor.</p>	<p>2024/03/06 at 4:48 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Maui's Kamalei Kawa'a shines light on Hawaiian heritage, joins Team Chance on NBC's 'The Voice'</u></a></p>	<p>Maui musician Kamalei Kawa'a secured a spot on Team Chance during the Blind Auditions of NBC's "The Voice" by singing "Redemption Song" by Bob Marley and the Wailers. Just seconds into his audition, Chance the Rapper turned his chair in the hopes of securing Kawa'a for his team.</p>	<p>2024/03/05 at 1:19 pm</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Upcountry Post Offices take three of the top six spots in national ranking for USPS retail service</u></a></p>	<p>Upcountry, Maui post offices are nō ka 'oi when it comes to service. The US Postal Service recently recognized the Kula, Makawao and Pukalani Post Offices as among its very best postal retail offices in the entire nation.</p>	<p>2024/03/05 at 9:56 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Hāna groups issue advisory against visiting Wai'oka and Kaihalulu in East Maui</u></a></p>	<p>The group Ho'omakaukau Maui Hikina - "East Maui Ready" Leadership (EMR) is issuing a standing advisory requesting that both Wai'oka and Kaihalulu areas of East Maui be avoided when looking for recreational spots to visit.</p>	<p>2024/03/04 at 5:46 am</p>
<p><a href="#"><u>Senate WAM Committee advances bills relating to wildfire recovery, economy, homelessness and housing</u></a></p>	<p>The Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Ways and Means passed out several bills aimed at addressing key priorities for the Senate, including bills to assist in wildfire recovery, agriculture, economic development, homelessness and housing.</p>	<p>2024/03/02 at 7:31 am</p>