

QUARTERLY REPORT #3 for 2019

FOR PERIOD COVERING

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This Quarter, we've gotten another round of fatal incidents involving visitors to hiking spots and waterfalls. After last quarter's high profile missing-then-found report of Amanda Eller, Maui got another dose of missing persons cases surface including the disappearance of Khiara Henry whose rental vehicle was found at Waianapanapa State Park in East Maui. We followed the story from the start and interviewed her parents after their two month search before they returned to the mainland. Another missing person, a male individual who was staying at the Banana Bungalows was located deceased at the bottom of a waterfall in East Maui.

This Quarter, Maui also saw a crackdown on cleanliness of restaurants with multiple red cards issued by the Department of Health following customer complaints. Two of the placards were issued to Honokowai businesses. A third was issued to Asian Cuisine and Sushi bar in Kahului.

Hawaii also had 29 of 30 consecutive days of record heat. We provided information to our listeners with a comprehensive rundown of temps.

Hurricane season in Hawaii started on June 1st and continues through the end of November. Intense tracking and tools are available to our listeners online. We've also activated our hurricane tracker online and have the ability to send out text alerts for severe weather. We tracked the return of Flossie, and several other storms this quarter and provided preparedness tips.

On the roads, Maui traffic fatality count continues to grow. We attended a rally in Kihei urging drivers to not drink and drive. This was named as a contributing factor in a crash that claimed the lives of a mother and son on the Piilani Highway and comes on the heels of another Drunk driving accident on the Kuihelani Highway.

This quarter we provided extensive coverage of the TMT issue on Hawaii Island, with reports from the ground, video posted online and comments from Maui government officials.

We got a break in the Mo Monsalve cold case with the grand jury indictment of Bernard Brown in Sacramento. We broke the story and interviewed Monsalve's daughter Alexis Felicilda. We are also following this case as it heads through the court on Maui. Brown entered a not guilty plea and is scheduled to go to a trial by jury in December.

Maui had two stranding events of pilot whales in South Maui at Sugar Beach. The first incident involved the beaching of 10 adult whales and a baby whale. The second incident involved two adult whales, both of which were euthanized. If another incident occurs, NOAA Fisheries might seek federal recognition of the strandings to enable funding and further research to determine the cause. So far tests point towards lung abnormalities.

Maui is also dealing with growing homeless issues. While homeless numbers remain at or near levels from last year, Central Maui reported multiple homeless related issues including a shooting near the old Kahului Safeway store, a fatal traffic accident in the parking lot of the old store, and eviction of a homeless camp across the street from the Kahului Foodland. We followed up with police and did an interview and story on what's being done about security at the site as well as an exclusive interview with MPD's first LEAD program success story, Susan Capobianco, who went from incarcerated to homeless, and is now planning a big move to the mainland with her kids.

THE FOLLOWING IS A SELECTION OF THE TOP STORIES COVERED BY PACIFIC MEDIA GROUP ON THE GIVEN DAYS.

9.30.19	Gabbard: Impeachment Inquiry "Unfortunate, But Necessary"	The statement comes on the heels of comments made by US Senators Mazie Hirono and Brian Schatz of Hawai'i earlier this week. She becomes the final member of the Hawai'i delegation to support impeachment proceedings for the president.
9.27.19	Maui Mayor Victorino Backs Recommendations to Deal with Tourism Impacts	Maui Mayor Michael Victorino endorsed recommendations from his fact-finding Tourism Group that call for ways to address the environmental and community impacts of the visitor industry.

9.26.19	Former Maui Correctional Center Employee Involved in Altercation at Honolulu Airport	A Maui man was booked for a disorderly incident on Monday at the Daniel K. Inouye International Airport in which authorities say he was "acting erratically," and "repeatedly struck" a Deputy Sheriff.
9.26.19	Female Safe After Board Bitten by Shark in South Maui	A female surfer is safe after her board was bitten in an apparent shark encounter in the Kihei area of South Maui at around 9:27 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 26.
9.25.19	A Daughter's Love: Five Years After Mo Monsalve's Disappearance	That includes cell phone evidence. "Everyone's life is on the cell phone," said AC Ramos, noting that it played a "huge part" in Monsalve's case, where a body still has not been recovered.
9.25.19	Family, Friends Mourn Loss of Danny Mateo, Longtime Maui Councilmember and Former County Clerk	During his time with the Maui County Council, Mateo served for 10 consecutive years before reaching his term limit in 2012.
9.24.19	Mo Monsalve Murder Suspect Waives Extradition at Sacramento Hearing	The Sacramento District Attorney's Office confirmed that Bernard Brown waived extradition proceedings at a court hearing today in California.
9.24.19	Two Stranded Whales Euthanized, Second Stranding Incident in Recent Weeks	NOAA has responded to the stranded whales with veterinary care. Maui Now will provide more details of the situation as they become available.
9.23.19	EMI Submits Draft EIS for 30-Year Water Lease to Mahi Pono	The Draft EIS is for a 30-year water lease which would allow a continued supply of water through the EMI system to Mahi Pono's farm lands in Central Maui.
9.20..19	LEAD Homeless Program Logs First Success Story on Maui	The program helped former inmate Susan Capobianco get off the street, back on her feet, away from substance abuse, and regain custody of her teenage children. She's now planning a big move to the mainland.
9.20.19	BREAKING: Arrest Made in Mo Monsalve Case	The Maui Police Department announced this afternoon that the former boyfriend of Moriera "Mo" Monsalve was arrested in California today.
9.20.19	Kahului Man Suffers Life Threatening Injuries in Dairy Road Moped Crash	A Kahului man was transported to the Maui Memorial Medical Center last night with critical, life-threatening injuries sustained in a motor vehicle collision on Dairy Road.
9.20.19	Mayor: Withdrawing Lahaina Injection Well Case Would Cost Millions	Maui Mayor Michael Victorino detailed anticipated impacts that he said would surface if the County ends up withdrawing from a U.S. Supreme Court case involving Lahaina's injection wells.

9.18.19	Emergency Sirens Mistakenly Activated on O'ahu and in Kahului	A siren in the Kahului area also was mistakenly activated during the exercise, according to the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency.
9.17.19	Bail Now \$250K for Kahului Shooting Suspect	A man charged with second degree attempted murder in connection with a shooting in Kahului on Thursday, is being held on \$250,000 bail.
9.16.19	Record Heat for 29 out of 30 Days in Hawai'i	Here on Maui, there were a total of five record setting or tying days over the month-long period (from Aug. 17 to Sept. 16), including: 97 degree temperatures in Kahului on Sept. 16; 95 degrees on Sept. 1; 94 degrees on Sept. 15; 93 degrees on Sept. 9; and 92 degrees on Sept. 5, 2019.
9.14.19	State Decries "False Narratives" at Maunakea; Protectors Maintain Practice of "Kapu Aloha"	Governor David Ige called a news conference at the State Capitol on Friday to discuss the ongoing conflict at Maunakea and to dispel what state officials are calling "false narratives." Meantime, leaders of the movement maintain that their efforts are "rooted in Kapu Aloha," "peace," and "non-violence."
9.13.19	Area Homeless Concerns Escalate as Main Ho'ohana Street Tenant Relocates	Concerns surrounding the homeless presence off of East Kamehameha Avenue and Ho'ohana Street in Kahului are top-of-mind following Wednesday night's fatal traffic accident and Thursday morning's shooting involving a homeless altercation at the site.
9.12.19	Victim of Fatal Kahului Motor Vehicle Crash Identified	Maui police have identified the victim in Wednesday night's fatal motor vehicle collision in Kahului as 41-year-old Jeremy Tackett.
9.12.19	Police ID, Charge Suspect in Kahului Shooting	Manuel Nunes Jr. allegedly used a twelve gauge shotgun loaded with bird shot to shoot Douglas Balinbin in the upper back of his head, police said.
9.12.19	Maunakea: Concern Over Protection of Resources Goes Both Ways	The video spells out the counter argument: "If DLNR and DHHL truly care about mālama 'āina, maybe they would stop the TMT project that would: excavate 64,000 cubic yards of earth and destroy six acres of pristine alpine desert habitat. That's a lot more damage than cleaned shoes traveling along trails."
9.12.19	UPDATE: Kahului Shooting Involved Homeless Altercation	Maui police are conducting an investigation into a shooting reported early this morning in Kahului near the back of the old Safeway store.
9.11.19	Fatal Traffic Accident in Ross Parking Lot in Kahului	Maui police have confirmed a fatal traffic accident occurred in the parking lot outside of Ross and the old Kahului Safeway store this evening.
9.11.19	Maui Reflects on 18th Anniversary of 9/11	Maui state and county fire fighters along with local Transportation and Safety Administration (TSA) officials took some time out of their morning to remember those lost during the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks today, on the 18th anniversary of the event.
9.11.19	First Report of Possible Vaping-Associated Severe Respiratory Illness in	The first report of a possible case of vaping-associated severe respiratory illness in a Hawai'i Island resident under the age of 18 years has surfaced.

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9.11.19	Predicted Coral Bleaching Already Appearing off Molokini and South Maui	A team from the Division of Aquatic Resources conducted a rapid assessment of coral health at Molokini and along Maui's south shore from Mākena to Mā'alaea.
9.10.19	Maui Schools on List of Those With Largest Enrollment	Maui High School was the fifth largest in the state with 2,082 students; Maui Waena is the fifth largest intermediate school in the state with 1,162 students; Kahului is the fourth largest elementary school with 933 students and Kīhei Charter School is the fifth largest charter school in the state with 689 students.
9.10./19	Red "Closed" Placard Issued to Asian Cuisine & Sushi Bar on Maui	An inspection of the restaurant was conducted on Sept. 9, 2019 in response to an anonymous customer complaint. A red placard has been posted at the establishment to protect public health.
9.10.19	Huli Huli Chicken Vendor in Ukumehame Operating Under Special Event Permit	Maui Mayor Michael Victorino received a question posed by a Maui resident as part of his Ask the Mayor weekly column, inquiring, "How does the 'pop-up' tent kitchen in the 'Ukumehame/Olowalu area get to operate on what appears to be state land for weeks at a time?"
9.101.19	STEM Stars Honored by Maui Economic Development Board	Maui County's outstanding Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) stars were showcased during the annual Maui Economic Development Board (MEDB) Ke Alahele Education Fund Benefit Dinner & Auction, "Pathways to Our Future."
9.9.19	Eight Citations Issued at Maui Convoy: Aloha 'Āina Observance Planned in October	Maui police issued a total of eight traffic citations during a Mauna Convoy at Kahului Airport on Monday afternoon.
9.9.19	Protest Convoy on Maui Planned from Lahaina to Kahului Airport at 1 p.m.	Police say the traffic alert was issued due to the potential for a planned protest convoy from Lahaina to the Kahului Airport beginning at 1 p.m. today (Monday, Sept. 9, 2019).
9.8.19	VIDEO: Master Practitioners Keeping Traditions Alive at Maui Fiber Arts Conference	The second annual Maui Fiber Conference wrapped up in Kā'anapali this weekend. The event, entitled Kauluhiwaolele, speaks to the esteemed groves from which fibers are gathered to fashion traditional crafts.
9.7.19	VIDEO: Dust Devil Spins in Central Maui Field	A "dust devil" in Central Maui on Friday afternoon had some taken by surprise as they witnessed the swirling column in a field off of the Maui Veterans Highway. The incident was reported at around 1 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 6, 2019 in an old sugar cane field.
9.6.19	Texas Snorkeler Dies at Pu'u Keka'a "Black Rock" in West Maui	A 64-year-old Texas man was pronounced dead at Kaanapali Beach this morning after witnesses discovered him face down in the water fronting Pu'u Keka'a "Black Rock."
9.6.19	Missing Hāna Man, Cell Phone and Keys Found Near Hāmoa	Leonardo Diaz, 30, was seen at his home in Hāna on Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019 at around 10:30 p.m. He was also observed by a resident at around 7:30 a.m. the following day on Hane'o Road walking towards Hāmoa Beach wearing only surf trunks.
9.6.19	State Removing	The State of Hawai'i will be removing a structure that it says was "unlawfully constructed on Department of Hawaiian Home Lands property."

	Structure Close to Demonstration Site at Maunakea	
9.6.19	Parade to Honor Maui Little League Teams	Maui Central East Maui Little League All-Star teams who won the Senior Division World Series, and earned a regional title and second place national finish in the division for 11- and 12-year-olds, will be honored at a celebration this afternoon/
9.6.19	Akoni Downgraded to Remnant Low, Juliette Continues Weakening	The Central Pacific Hurricane Center and National Hurricane Center continue to track two systems that are on weakening trends.
9.5.19	New Maui Traffic Camera Images Now Available Online	The Hawai'i Department of Transportation is expanding the network of cameras available to the public to Maui by providing real-time images of traffic conditions at key intersections.
9.4.19	Grimes Promoted to VP and GM of Maui Radio Operations at Pacific Media Group	Pacific Media Group announced the promotion of Sherri Hamamura Grimes as Vice President and General Manager of its Maui Radio Operations.
9.3.19	Labor Day Impaired Driving Enforcement Nets Six DUI Arrests	Maui police arrested six individuals for operating a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant during an increased enforcement effort targeting impaired driving over the Labor Day weekend.
9.3.19	Boy Operating Car, Accidentally Strikes 3-Year-Old Sister in East Maui	A three-year-old girl sustained non-life threatening injuries after being struck by car driven by her 11-year-old brother in East Maui.
9.2.19	Man Found Unresponsive at Haneo'o, Medevaced From East Maui	A 38-year-old man was medevaced to the Maui Memorial Medical Center after being pulled unresponsive from waters at Haneo'o Bay near Hāmoa Beach in East Maui on Sunday afternoon.
9.2.19	UPDATE: Kahului Fire Fully Contained, Over 100 Acres Burned	No notable damages have been reported and all roads have since been reopened.
9.1.19	All Roads Reopened as Crews Battle Brush Fire	The fire was last reported to have burned about 50 acres and was 65 percent contained.
8.30.19	Maui Police to Conduct Impaired Driving Enforcement Over Labor Day Weekend	Motorist can also expect to see patrols, which will include the use of unmarked patrol vehicles.
8.30.19	Maui Topography Possible Contributing Factor in Mass Whale Stranding	NOAA Fisheries: the nearby Mā'alaea Harbor has been a common stranding location for both pygmy killer whales and melon headed whales in recent history.
8.30.19	Piha 30: Celebrating 30 years of 'ōlelo	Speakers, speeches, and live entertainment by Nā Haumāna o Ke Kula Kaiapuni o Maui, Kamakakēhau Fernandez , Kamaka Camarillo, Kawika Aliinoa...

	Hawai'i at Pā'ia Elementary	
8.30.19	Lahaina Injection Well Case Impacts Explored	An email communication from the EPA addresses the impact of the expansion of the federal Clean Water Act on Maui County and possibly on “commonplace and ubiquitous activities such as backyard septic systems.”
8.29.19	Draft Ordinance Proposed Seeking New Fines for Illegal Vacation Rentals	The administration of Maui Mayor Michael Victorino submitted a proposed ordinance to the Maui County Council seeking to implement new fines in an effort to strengthen enforcement against illegal vacation rentals.
8.29.19	Ten Whales Beached at Sugar Beach in North Kihei	Ten Whales Beached at Sugar Beach in North Kihei
8.29.19	DOH Maui Crackdown Continues: Red “Closed” Placard Issued to Paradise Supermart	A red “Closed” placard was issued to Paradise Supermart Fast Food & Catering in Kahului. This is the third food establishment on Maui to receive a red placard for violations in recent days. Last week, violations forced the closure of the Barefruit Bar and 'Ohana Tacos.
8.28.19	Petitions Delivered Urging County to Settle Lahaina Injection Well Case	The petition urges the county to settle the legal case involving it's Lahaina wastewater treatment plant and withdraw it's appeal to the US Supreme Court.
8.27.19	UPDATE: Maui Officer Placed on Leave Without Pay, Released on Bail	Maui Police Officer Brandon Saffeels has been placed on leave without pay and his police authority has been restricted, according to an update issued this morning by Maui police.
8.27.19	Second West Maui Eatery Gets Red “Closed” Placard for Roach Infestation	Another Maui eatery has been issued a red "closed placard from the Hawai'i Department of Health Sanitation Branch for and “extensive pest infestation.”
8.26.19	Maui Police Arrest Officer Brandon Saffeels, Victims' Attorney Says Women Need to Step Forward	Maui Police Arrest Officer Brandon Saffeels, Victims' Attorney Says Women Need to Step Forward
8.26.19	LIVE: Maui Little League Team Homecoming	The Central East Maui Little League team returns to Maui this afternoon after an honorable performance that concluded this weekend with a second place finish in the US and a fourth place overall finish in the series.
8.24.19	Central East Maui Team Falls Short in US Little League Title Match	A World Series journey has come to an end for the Central East Maui Little League Team after a 9-5 loss to the Eastbank Little League of Louisiana.
8.24.19	Health Department Issues Red “Closed”	The Hawai'i Department of Health Sanitation Branch issued a red “Closed” placard at 'Ohana Tacos located at 3600 Lower Honoapi'ilani Road in Lahaina on Maui for an “extensive pest infestation.”

	Placard to 'Ohana Tacos on Maui	
8.23.19	Mahi Pono's First Planting Signals Start to "Re-Greening" Maui	Over the next three-and-a-half years, Mahi Pono farm managers say all of the company's 41,000 acres will have some type of crop on it.
8.23.19	UPDATE: Fire 100 Percent Contained – Maui Firefighters Battling Brush Fire in Pā'ia	We have reports of a brush fire burning in old sugar cane fields in Pā'ia on the mauka side of Hāna Highway across from Baldwin Beach Park.
8.22.19	No Tsunami Threat After Loihi Seamount Quake	There is no tsunami threat to Hawaii after a preliminary magnitude 4.0 earthquake reported this morning at the Loihi Seamount south of the Big Island of Hawaii.
8.21.19	Maui Police Arrest Three After Crashing into Police Vehicle in Kehalani	Maui Police Arrest Three After Crashing into Police Vehicle in Kehalani
8.21.19	Maui Advances to US Title Game in Little League World Series	The Central East Maui team from Wailuku, Maui advances to the US Championship game in the Little League World Series taking place this week in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.
8.21.19	How to Reduce the Negative Impacts of Tourism	How should the county/state/tourism industry reduce or limit the negative impacts of tourism while keeping the economic benefits?
8.21.19	Wailuku Man Indicted on Murder Charge, Pleads Not Guilty	Twenty-six-year-old Aaron Wilsey pleaded not guilty on Tuesday to a new charge of second degree murder after being indicted by a Maui Grand Jury on Aug. 9, 2019
8.20.19	Maui Officer Investigated on Allegations of Attempted Perjury	Maui police have launched a criminal investigation against one of its own officers into allegations of attempted perjury, first degree hindering prosecution and witness tampering. Police say the officer involved has been with the department for four years.
8.20.2019	Applications Now Open for Kahului Lani Senior Affordable Rentals	Applications are now being accepted for the first phase of the Kahului Lani affordable rental housing complex for seniors in Kahului.
8.19.19	Maui Little League Team Advances in World Series After 6-0 Win	The Central East Maui little league team from Wailuku, Maui defeated Elizabeth, N.J. today in a 6-0 victory, advancing for a second time in the World Series event taking place this week in Williamsport, Pa.
8.18.19	Mokulele Plane Skids Off Runway at Kapalua, Maui	A Mokulele plane skidded off the runway in Kapalua late Sunday morning.
8.17.19	Hawaiian Practitioner Seeks to Intervene in	Attorneys for Lāna'i resident Solomon "Sol" Pili Kaho'ohalahala filed a petition last week to intervene in the Lāna'i Planning Commission "use determination" proceeding involving a request to use agricultural land as a take-off and landing strip for unmanned aircrafts.

	Proposal for Drone Landing Strip on Lānaʻi	
8.16.19	Proposed Budget Amendment Seeks Affordable Rentals in West Maui	Mayor Michael Victorino submitted a proposed budget amendment on Thursday for the County of Maui fiscal 2020 budget that aims to pave the way for a 100 percent affordable housing project in West Maui.
8.15.19	Access to Hawaiian Immersion Education is now a Constitutionally Protected Right	In a decision Tuesday authored by Justice Richard Pollack, three justices ruled that access to Hawaiian Immersion Education is a constitutionally protected right.
8.15.19	\$14 Million Sale Marks Maui's Highest Closing So Far This Year	A beachfront custom "mega-mansion" overlooking the south shore of Maui sold today for \$14 million, making it the island's highest residential sale year to date.
8.14.19	New Details: Missing Woman Took Group Tour at Waiʻānapanapa Prior to Disappearance	"A few days prior to Khiara's disappearance, she took a group tour to Waiʻānapanapa Park. This is relevant because it shows that she took an interest in the park and probably intended to go back there on her own free will."
8.14.19	Paul Simon Poetically Greets Maui with Music of Generations	Paul Simon, known for his lyrical savvy, shared a repertoire of music that began with the lyrics "The first thing I remember" from his popular 1980 hit "Late in the Evening."
8.13.19	Six Separate Small Brush Fires Doused Overnight Along "Pali"	Maui firefighters doused six separate small brush fires along the "Pali" section of the Honoapiʻilani Highway overnight.
8.13.19	Road OPEN: Small Brush Fires Along Honoapiʻilani Hwy	Honoapiʻilani Highway is now OPEN in both directions. It was closed for over an hour between 3:20 and 4:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2019, while crews worked to put out several small brush fires from Māʻalaea to Ukumehame.
8.12.19	Viewing Tips for Peak of Perseid Meteor Shower Tonight	The Perseid meteor shower is upon us. It is the most famous and active meteor shower of the year with up to 80 meteors an hour leaving long trails across the sky. Best viewing...
8.12.19	Hawaiian Airlines to Launch New Maui to Las Vegas Flights in December	Hawaiian Airlines will begin four-times-weekly service between Maui's Kahului Airport (OGG) and Las Vegas' McCarran International Airport (LAS) on December 15.
8.12.19	Mop-up Underway for Three Maui Fires. Kihei Fire Burns 270 Acres	Maui firefighters continued work today to mop up perimeter areas and fully contained a brush fire in Kihei that consumed an estimated 270 acres, the Maui Fire Department reported as of 3 p.m. Monday.
8.12.19	No Tsunami Threat After 4+ Hawaiʻi Quake	There is no tsunami threat to Hawaiʻi following a 4.5 (preliminary magnitude 4.4) earthquake reported at 4:42 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 12, 2019 offshore of Hilo on Hawaiʻi Island.

8.11.19	Three Fires Burn Nearly 100 Acres on Maui	Maui firefighters are working to extinguish three separate brush fires that broke out on Sunday.
8.11.19	Waikapū Woman Suffers Fatal Injuries in Honoapiʻilani Rollover Crash	The operator of the Honda Accord was identified, following notification of next of kin, as Aliya HUE SING, described as a (24) twenty-four-year-old female from Waikapū.
8.10.19	Maui Wins West Regional Title, Advance to Little League World Series	The Central East Maui All-Stars defeated Sunnyside, Arizona, 4-1 on Saturday to secure the Little League West Regional title. The regional game was played in San Bernardino, California.
8.10.19	Honoapiʻilani Highway Now OPEN Following Traffic Fatality	UPDATE: HONOAPIILANI HWY IS NOW OPEN as of 8:20 p.m. 8.10.19. The road was closed earlier this evening following a fatal rollover traffic accident reported in Ukumehame at around 5:30 p.m.
8.9.19	Maui Forest Bird Research: Two Species Are Critically Imperiled	A new interagency monitoring report on Hawaiian forest birds indicates that remaining populations of kiwikiu and 'ākohekohe are in rapid decline.
8.8.19	Last of Proceeds from A&B Maui Ag Land Sale Invested	Alexander & Baldwin invested the final proceeds from the sale last year of Maui agricultural lands, according to the company's second quarter 2019 report.
8.6.19	Interruption of Electric Service to Parts of Waikapū-Wailuku, Aug. 7	Maui Electric Company is asking about 500 customers in parts of Waikapū and Wailuku to prepare for a scheduled outage on Wednesday, Aug. 7, from 10 p.m. to midnight.
8.6.19	Flood Advisory for Maui Until 12:15 p.m.	A rain gauge in Lahainaluna just recorded a half inch of rain in 15 minutes, according to the NWS.
8.6.19	Shane Victorino is Principal in Company Planning Hawaiian Hemp Production	Shane Victorino, has been identified as a principal in Legacy Ventures Hawai'i, a company pursuing opportunities in CBD hemp as a premium crop for the islands.
8.5.19	Auli'i Cravalho to Play Ariel in Live TV Production of "The Little Mermaid"	Auli'i Cravalho, the Hawai'i actress who is known for her breakout role as the voice of the Disney princess Moana, is now cast to play Ariel in the Live TV production of The Little Mermaid, ABC announced.
8.5.19	Maui Police Issue Update on Missing Person Khiara Henry	"We have received several leads however none of them could be confirmed at this time," Maui police said of their investigation into the case of missing person, Khiara Henry.
8.5.19	Three Rescued From Waters at Kaihalulu, Hāna – Maui	Three individuals were rescued from waters at Kaihalulu "Red Sand Beach" in Hāna on Sunday afternoon. All three were treated for water aspiration and one of them, a 10-year-old boy from Iceland, was flown to Maui Memorial Medical Center for additional treatment.
8.5.19	5 p.m.: Tropical Depression Flossie Continues to	The weakening Flossie has been downgraded to a Tropical Depression and will move near the main Hawaiian Islands Monday through Tuesday

	Weaken: Monday Updates	
8.4.19	Maui Homecoming: Senior Little League World Champions	Maui's Senior Little League World Series Champions arrived at Kahului Airport on Sunday to a homecoming crowd of family, friends and well wishers.
8.4.19	Body of Missing Hiker Found at Base of Maui Waterfall	The body of a missing hiker was found at the base of a waterfall in the East Maui area of Kailua, Maui police said.
8.4.19	11 p.m. Flossie "Edging Closer": Sunday Updates, Aug. 4	The updated official forecast brings the center of Flossie over waters just east of the Hawaiian Islands as a tropical depression on Monday.
8.3.19	Missing Hiker: Craig Michael Pitt Missing After Maui Hike	A 35-year-old Colorado man has been reported missing after he failed to return from a day hike in the Kailua area of East Maui on Wednesday, July 31, family members tell Maui Now.
8.3.19	Central East Maui All-Stars Win Senior League World Championship	The Central East Maui All-Stars won the Senior League world title today, with a dominant 11-1 victory over Willemstad, Curacao.
8.3.19	County Update: Flossie Weakening, Potential for Surf, Rain for Maui	Weather impacts are expected to build late today and into Sunday, with peak impacts affecting Maui County on Sunday night and Monday.
8.3.19	Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death Detection Prompts Maui Meetings	DLNR will host three community meetings this month to discuss Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death after a fungus that causes the disease was detected for the first time on Maui in July.
8.3.19	5 p.m.: Flossie & Erick Update, New System Gil	On the heels of Erick, tropical cyclone Flossie will approach the islands from the east over the rest of the weekend into early next week
8.2.19	11 p.m.: Erick & Flossie Updates for Friday, Aug. 2	The center of Erick will pass by around 175 miles south of the Big Island tonight, with Tropical-storm-force winds extending outward up to 105 miles from the center, according to the Central Pacific Hurricane Center.
8.1.19	5300 Acres Burned, Fire Below Pukalani 80% Contained	The Maui Fire Department is responding to a brush fire adjacent to Haleakala Highway below Pukalani. The fire is at least five acres and growing rapidly due to strong winds.
8.1.19	Maui County Urges Preparedness Ahead of Erick, Flossie	Maui County officials continue to prepare for possible heavy weather impacts from tropical cyclones Erick and Flossie and are reminding residents and visitors to prepare their households.
8.1.19	TRAFFIC ALERT: Hāna Highway to CLOSE Week Nights Aug. 12-30	All lanes and all directions of Hāna Highway will be closed on weeknights from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. between Aug. 12 and 30, 2019. No closures will occur on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday nights.
8.1.19	11 p.m.: Erick "Rapidly Weakening"; Flossie "Moving	On the forecast track, the center of Erick will pass within about 200 miles south of the Big Island of Hawai'i later today and tonight.

	Quickly"	
7.31.19	Object Reported in Sky Near Kihei	Maui Now has gotten several emails about a "stationary object" spotted in the skies south of Kihei this morning.
7.31.19	Video of Missing Woman Checking Out of Kihei Resort on July 21	Maui police released video surveillance of a missing woman who they say checked out of a resort in Kihei on July 21, 2019.
7.31.19	Hurricanes Present Potential for Heavy Weather in Maui County	Hurricane Erick continues on a track south of Hawai'i on Thursday night, and the latest forecast cone places Flossie near the islands with potential impacts early next week.
7.31.19	Hurricane Erick Approaches Hawai'i with Rain, Surf, Flossie on Heels	Erick weakened slightly overnight, back down to a category 3 hurricane, with additional weakening forecast over the next two days.
7.30.19	Hiker Airlifted, Suffered From Heat Exhaustion at "Commando Trail"	A 55-year-old man was airlifted from the area known as the "Commando Trail" in Kailua on Monday afternoon, after suffering from over exertion and heat.
7.30.19	Governor Ige Rescinds Emergency Proclamation at Maunakea	Governor Ige has rescinded his emergency proclamation at Maunakea. DLNR has also granted a two-year extension for the initiation of construction of the TMT to Sept. 26, 2021.
7.30.19	Milled Rumble Strip Installation on Honoapi'ilani Hwy Results in Traffic Backup	The state Department of Transportation has confirmed that the backup is due to the installation of milled rumble strips along the Honoapi'ilani Highway.
7.30.19	Molina Seeks Creation of Pā'ia-Ha'ikū Advisory Committee	Molina who represents Makawao, Ha'ikū and Pā'ia said even though his district is not as remote as Hāna, "the Pā'ia-Ha'ikū area has experienced one of the highest annual growth rates in the state."
7.30.19	Mayor Victorino Urges Emergency Preparedness Ahead of Erick and Flossie	While Hurricane Erick is forecast to pass south of the Hawaiian Islands and Tropical Storm Flossie approaches from the Eastern North Pacific, Mayor Michael Victorino is urging residents to be vigilant, stay informed and prepare.
7.30.19	Category 4 Hurricane Erick Moves Into Central Pacific	Erick has become a major category 4 hurricane and has moved into the Central Pacific basin where it is being tracked from forecasters in Hawai'i.
7.29.19	Wailuku Man Charged with Attempted Murder in North Market Shooting	Wailuku Man Charged with Attempted Murder in North Market Shooting
7.29.19	Kihei Charter	Enrollment at Kihei Charter School is up by 100 students over last

	Enrollment Grows to 720	school year, with an expected 720 students to begin attending classes in the coming semester.
7.29.19	Tropical Storms Erick and Flossie to Become Hurricanes	The weather pattern is forecast to change late Thursday as Tropical Storm Erick moves into the local area.
7.28.19	Woman Missing, Vehicle Found in East Maui	Khiara Henry, 23, arrived on Maui on July 21, 2019, and the vehicle she rented was found at Wai'ānapanapa State Park in Hāna on July 25, 2019.
7.28.19	Erick to Become Hurricane by Late Monday or Tuesday	Erick is expected to become a hurricane by late Monday or early Tuesday. Tropical Storm Erick is located about 1665 miles ESE of Hilo, Hawai'i.
7.28.19	Sugimura: Analysis Needed for Upcountry Cesspool Replacement Requirement	"Clarification as to why Upcountry Maui is deemed a top priority for cesspool replacements is needed," said Sugimura.
7.28.19	16 Hawaiian Home Land Lots Awarded on Lāna'i	DHHL has a total of 50 acres of land on Lāna'i. In addition to the 16 lots awarded on Saturday, the Department has future plans to develop approximately 79 additional lots.
7.25.19	Fatal Fall at "Chutes and Ladders" Area	A 37-year-old Kentucky woman died during a visit to the popular "Chutes and Ladders" area north of Honokōhau Thursday morning.
7.25.19	Maui Double Fatality Prompts Drunk Driving Awareness Rally	A drunk driving awareness rally is planned on Friday following a tragic weekend accident that claimed the life of a Maui mother and her teenage son.
7.24.19	"The Rock" Visits Maunakea; HDOT Statement; Observatory Repairs	Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson is the latest high profile individual to visit Pu'uuhonua o Pu'u Huluhulu.
7.24.19	DAY 10: Maunakea Arrests Revised Upward, Talks Seek "Best Way Forward"	The list of arrests at Maunakea was revised to 38 from an original report of 33-34. Gov. Ige said he is committed to finding a way forward in a peaceful manner.
7.24.19	Mayor Dismayed Over Rising Toll of Traffic Deaths	Mayor Michael Victorino expressed dismay after a second victim succumbed to injuries suffered in a three-car crash Sunday night in Kihei.
7.23.19	Teen to Police: Embers From Marijuana Pipe Ignited Maui Fire	During the officers' investigation, the male stated that he was smoking marijuana in the brush when embers from his pipe ignited a fire. The fire spread quickly and he wasn't able to put it out.
7.23.19	Mahi Pono's Ag Park Applications Open for Community Farming	Mahi Pono, LLC, today announced that applications are now available for Hawai'i residents and small local businesses interested in applying for a two-, five- or 10-acre parcels at its agriculture park.
7.23.19	Governor Ige Asks	Governor David Ige today issued a statement asking Hawai'i County

	Mayor Kim to Take Lead at Maunakea	Mayor Harry Kim to take the lead in coordinated efforts by the state and county to "peacefully attempt to reach common ground with the protectors of Maunakea and the broader community."
7.23.19	New Maui Safeway to Open at Ho'okele Street on Wednesday	The Ho'okele Safeway opens on July 24 and replaces the Kahului store on E Kamehameha Ave. The new site will also have a fuel station which opens in the fall.
7.23.19	2nd Person Succumbs to Injuries from Sunday's Pi'ilani Crash	Police say a 14-year-old boy who was a passenger in a vehicle struck by an oncoming pickup truck, succumbed to his injuries while in intensive care.
7.22.19	Maui Mayor Victorino Statement on TMT Protests	Maui Mayor Michael Victorino issued a statement this afternoon relating to the ongoing demonstrations against the Thirty Meter Telescope project, which has now entered Week 2.
7.22.19	Trial Update: Man Accused of Sex Assault in Mall Bathroom	Trial has yet to begin for a man arrested and charged for the alleged attempted sex assault of a woman in a mall bathroom earlier this year.
7.22.19	80 Acres Burned, 100% Contained: Fire North of Maui Meadows	A brush fire burning north of the Maui Meadows subdivision in South Maui has burned 80 acres and is now 100% contained, according to fire officials.
7.22.19	Deadly Pi'ilani Highway Crash Claims Life of Kihei Woman, Police Say Alcohol Was a Factor	The woman, identified as Mildred Jouvenat, 49, of Kihei, suffered fatal injuries when a pick-up truck crossed left of center and collided into the vehicle she was driving.
7.21.19	3-Year-Old Near Drowning at Pool in Kā'anapali	A three-year-old boy was transported to the Maui Memorial Medical Center after being pulled unresponsive from a pool in Kā'anapali on Saturday.
7.20.19	Governor Calls Situation at Maunakea "Unsafe": Pu'uhonua Leaders Seek "Apology"	Opposing views were shared on Friday afternoon by Governor David Ige and leaders of an ongoing demonstration against the planned construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope atop Maunakea.
7.19.19	Hawai'i AG Addresses Concerns Surrounding LRAD "Sound Cannon"	AG Connors further explained that "the LRAD will be used only as a loudspeaker and not to disperse crowds."
7.19.19	Aerial Firework Injures Kihei Man	A man suffered serious injuries from an aerial firework Thursday morning
7.18.19	Protesters Condemn Governor's Emergency Proclamation at Maunakea	"When I heard Governor Ige's proclamation, the 'eha (pain) and the words that he used--that he had to remove those who were illegally occupying our 'āina (land)--we are... this is Hawaiian homelands this is our 'āina. We're not the illegal occupants. This is ours," said Takamine.
7.18.19	Emergency	In a 12 minute retort to Governor David Ige's Emergency

	Declarations Issued from Both Sides at Maunakea	Proclamation at Maunakea, leaders with the TMT opposition offered a proclamation of their own.
7.17.19	Man Arrested on Suspected Arson in 9,000 Acre Maui Fire	Maui police arrested 28-year-old Holden Bingham on Monday on suspicion of arson in connection with a fire that sparked 9,000 acres on Maui last week.
7.17.19	Fire Safety Tips For the Dry Season	Ninety-nine percent of wildfires in Hawai'i are caused by people, both accident and arson
7.17.19	33 TMT Protesters Issued Citations, Emergency Proclamation at Maunakea	According to state estimates, there were approximately 1,000 people at the intersection of the Daniel K. Inouye Highway and the Maunakea Access Road.
7.16.19	Maunakea Observatories Withdraws Personnel, Suspends Summit Activities	The Maunakea Observatories today announced the withdrawal of all personnel from their telescope facilities atop Maunakea on Hawai'i Island amid safety concerns.
7.16.19	Day 2: Protest at Maunakea	A protest at Maunakea is now in Day 2 as opponents of the Thirty Meter Telescope continue efforts to block construction atop the mountain they consider sacred.
7.15.19	Maui Wildfires are Now 100% Contained	The Maui wildfires that burned a total of 9,000 acres since Thursday are now 100 percent contained.
7.15./19	Chained Demonstrators Include Maui and Moloka'i Residents	In a brief video from the site at around 9:10 a.m., Kaleikoa Ka'eo provided us with the following comment...
7.15.19	Maui Councilmember Paltin Issues "Urgent Appeal" for Stand Down on TMT	Maui County Councilmember Tamara Paltin is asking University of Hawai'i President David Lassner to put a hold on moving forward with the construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope planned for the summit of Maunakea.
7.14.19	Mayor Victorino Urges Vigilance: Wildfires Burn 9,200 Acres	Fire officials reported responding to numerous calls of "smokers," many in the middle of the burn areas, which fire officials said are of a lower priority than those near the edges, or perimeter, of burned areas. The fire may smolder for a week, fire officials said.
7.14.19	TMT Resistance Proclaims Pu'u'honua at Base of Maunakea	Opponents of the Thirty Meter Telescope project atop Maunakea have set up camp at the base of Maunakea Access Road ahead of construction, which was allowed to proceed on Monday.
7.13.19	"Baby Shark" Party Transformed Into Kīhei Shelter	"Baby Shark" Derian Kekoa Romero Cardenas was all dressed up for his baby lū'au, when a massive brush fire turned his shark-themed birthday party into an emergency shelter.
7.13.19	Maui Wildfires 80-90% Contained: Saturday Updates	Maui Wildfire Updates for Saturday, July 13, 2019 are posted here... At last report the large South Maui wildfire was 70% contained and the Puunene fire was 80% contained.

7.12.19	Governor Declares Maui a Disaster Area For Massive Wildfire	Gov. David Ige issued an emergency proclamation on Friday, declaring the County of Maui a disaster area. The proclamation enables the state to provide quick and efficient relief from damages, losses, suffering caused by the disaster, and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people.
7.12.19	TSA Advisory for Travelers Departing Kahului Airport, July 12	Many of the cancelled flights were rescheduled for today. As a result, the number of travelers who will depart OGG will exceed the capacity of the TSA security checkpoint during multiple times throughout today.
7.12.19	Maui Wildfire 70% Contained: Friday Updates	Check here for Friday updates for the Maui wildfire. Maui firefighters continued to monitor the wildfire that consumed an estimated 9,000 acres of fallow former sugar cane and dry brush
7.11.19	Maui Wildfire Thursday Updates: Crews Monitor Fire Overnight	Maui fire crews are responding to a brush fire reported in the area of East Waikō Road and Kūihelani Highway. The incident was reported at around 10:48 a.m.
7.10.19	Thirty Meter Telescope Set to Start Construction July 15	Governor David Ige joined the Thirty Meter Telescope International Observatory today announcing that construction of the Thirty Meter Telescope or TMT atop Mauna Kea will begin the week of July 15, 2019.
7.10.19	Sixth Case of Rat Lungworm Confirmed in Hawai'i	The sixth individual was an adult resident of the US mainland and was traveling in West Hawai'i when they were infected with rat lungworm disease.
7.10.19	Family of Lahaina Woman Asks To Celebrate Her Life	The family of Caela Aviel Venema, 31, says they want her to be remembered as full of "laughter and love" and is asking for privacy during the investigation.
7.10.19	One Dead, Vehicle Plunges 200 Feet Down Manawainui Gulch	An investigation is currently underway after a body was found within a vehicle at the bottom of a 200 foot drop-off in the area of Manawainui Gulch in East Maui
7.10.19	Blessing Held for 40-Unit Kalama Kai Workforce Housing	The Kalama Kai project is located 200 feet from the beach on Kanani Road and features mostly three-bedroom units, totaling 844 square feet each.
7.10.19	18 Bills Vetoed, Including Molokini and Lāna'i Legislation	Governor David Ige will veto 18 of 20 bills on his Intent to Veto list, and allow two items to become law without his signature.
7.9.19	90-Year-Old Maui Woman Dies After Harbor Lights Burglary	Maui police have reclassified a burglary investigation as a second degree murder investigation after the victim died as a result of injuries in the incident.
7.8.19	Ban on Commercial Permit Operators at Hanaka'ō'ō Becomes Law	A ban on commercial activity permit operators at Hanaka'ō'ō Beach Park in West Maui passed out of council and was signed into law on Friday.
7.8.19	Maui Police Investigate Woman's	Maui police detectives are looking into what caused the death of a Maui woman, whose body was found in her truck on the night of

	Death in Lahaina	July 5th in Lahaina.
7.8.19	"Deep Moisture" from Barbara Remnants in Forecast	Deep tropical moisture associated with the remnants of Barbara will pass over the Big Island of Hawai'i today and tonight before diminishing.
7.7.19	Man Arrested on Suspicion of Arson in Kahului Fire Behind Walmart	A 40-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of arson after a fire burned an estimated five acres in a field behind Walmart in Kahului on Wednesday.
7.6.19	Barbara Weakening, Residents Urged to Remain Vigilant	The National Weather Service in Honolulu reported that Maui County could still receive 3 to 5 inches of rain with potential for localized flooding beginning late Sunday night and early Monday morning
7.5.19	Bones Wash Up on South Maui Beach, SHPD Notified	Archaeologists have since determined that the bones date back more than 50 years, and Maui police do not consider the area a crime scene.
7.5.19	No Tsunami Threat to Hawaii After 7.1 California Earthquake	There is NO tsunami threat to Hawai'i after a preliminary magnitude 7.1 earthquake in Central California at 8:20 p.m. (5:20 p.m. Hawai'i time) on Friday, July 5, 2019.
7.5.19	Honoapi'ilani Traffic Accident – ROAD IS NOW OPEN	The Honoapi'ilani Highway is now OPEN in both directions as of 5:17 p.m. It was closed earlier this afternoon following a motor vehicle accident on the Mā'alaea side of the tunnel.
7.5.19	Help Urged in Protection of Kapuāiwa Coconut Grove on Moloka'i	The Department of Hawaiian Homelands is asking for the community's kōkua (help) in protecting the Kapuāiwa Coconut Grove on Moloka'i.
7.4.19	WWE Hall-of-Famer "Hacksaw" Jim Duggan Meets Maui Fans	WWE Hall-of-Famer "Hacksaw" Jim Duggan made an appearance at Maui Comics & Collectibles in Kahului today as part of the store's 4th of July festivities.
7.4.19	Visitor Pulled Unresponsive From Waters in Mākena, Maui	A 65-year-old man from China was pulled unresponsive from waters at Oneloa "Big Beach" in Mākena on Wednesday evening.
7.3.19	Kahului Fire Scorches 5 Acres, Under Active Investigation	Fire officials say passing motorists called 9-1-1 to report smoke and flames observed along with people running out of the bushes where the fire was seen.
7.3.19	Schatz Discusses Climate Change, Appropriations at Maui Town Hall	Sen. Schatz provided a detailed update on Climate Change, as well as advances in telemedicine, the US Census, border concerns and highlights on appropriations.
7.3.19	Hurricane Barbara Has Likely Peaked in Intensity	Barbara is expected to degenerate into a post-tropical low by the time the cyclone moves into the Central Pacific basin.
7.2.19	BREAKING: Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death Confirmed in Single	Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death was recently detected in a single tree on private property in East Maui. The lone 'ōhi'a tree is 15-20 feet tall and 8-10 inches in diameter

	Tree on Maui	
7.2.19	Mauna Loa Volcano Alert Level Raised to Yellow	Shallow earthquakes are occurring in locations similar to those that preceded Mauna Loa's most recent eruptions in 1975 and 1984.
7.2.19	Moloka'i Group Demands Stream Flow Restoration	A community group on Moloka'i is demanding the restoration of stream flows at four island streams located in the central part of the island.
7.1.19	Second Death at Twin Falls	A 38-year-old Kula man became the second fatal victim at Twin Falls in less than a week.
7.1.19	Pacific Media Group Expands to O'ahu	This brings the total number of radio stations that will be owned and operated by Pacific Media Group across the state to 20.
7.1.19	Crosswalk Law Puts Brakes on Last Minute Pedestrians	If a signal is equipped with a countdown timer, it is illegal for a pedestrian to start crossing the road if the countdown has already begun.
7.1.19	2-Year-Old Girl Dies, Pulled From Waters on Moloka'i	A two-year-old girl died after being pulled from waters at Hālawā, Moloka'i on Sunday morning, fire officials said.
7.1.19	Maui Man Dies, Pulled From Waters at Nu'u Bay	A Maui man was pulled unresponsive from waters off of East Maui in Kaupō on Saturday morning, June 29, 2019.
7.1.19	Malika Gets Ready for Hurricane Season: Supply List, Recommendations & More	Here are some useful handouts, resources and preparedness information worksheets. To access information on what should be in your "Grab-n-Go" binder, a pantry prepper calculator to help estimate how much food you should have in your survival...
7.1.19	Polystyrene Ban Takes Effect in Hawai'i County	The ordinance passed in 2017, and as of today, prohibits disposable single-use polystyrene foam containers on the Big Island.