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Hawaiian Language court battle: A warrant was issued and then rescinded for the arrest of Maui resident Kaleikoa Ka'eo after he refused to speak English in court. The issue forced the courts to rethink their policy regarding the use of Hawaiian Language interpreters since it is one of the state's two official languages.

False Missile Alert: The Federal Communications Commission released a preliminary report on the false ballistic missile alert in Hawai'i that occurred on Jan. 13, 2018, indicating that the warning officer who issued the false alert believed the threat was real. The false alert was made on Jan. 13. PMG responded with live reports from the studio and remotely to update listeners of the incident. Coverage also included social media and text notifications as well as online updates via our mauiNOW.com news portal. Hawai'i emergency management agency confirmed the missile alert sent out was A MISTAKE and that there was NO THREAT to Hawai'i. We followed the story as debriefings were held by state and local authorities. We held our own debrief to reassess our emergency response plans. We also publish a supporting interview with Gov. Ige on the incident as well as coverage of press conference events.

In March, the Maui Made film KULEANA opened statewide. In the legislature, the medical aid in dying bill advanced out of the legislature; and the growing list of ocean deaths spikes to 16, mostly visitors. There was also a shakeup in the #metoo movement locally as longtime Rep. Joe Souki was forced to step down from his House seat amid sexual harassment allegations. The issue of gun violence swept the nation with Maui students leading a march and concert for our lives event. Our news team provided live video coverage and lots of radio reports leading up to the events. Maui also saw a horrific murder at the Queen Kaahumanu Center as a Makawao man was slain in the mall bathroom. Our Pacific Media Group news director, has been covering the progress of court proceedings along with news coverage of the victim's family.

In February, some unsettling weather occurred with twin waterspouts reported over Maui waters: Forecasters with the National Weather Service say locally heavy downpours and isolated thunderstorms with frequent lightning and gusty winds remain possible. Mayor Arakawa also delivered his state of the County address, detailing his most aggressive budget to date. Severe flooding was reported in February that wiped out the structure that feeds water to kalo farms in Waihee. On the water, hundreds of whales were observed during the annual whale count as the wintering whales mate, feed and give birth to their young. Maui was also graced with a blanket of snow at Haleakala, a rare occurrence, but not one that is unheard of. The snow capping at Haleakala occurred on Feb. 18, 2018.

The 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Maui's Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility has been violating the US Clean Water Act for years. And the twin accused of murder for the 2016 death of her sister was acquitted. We covered the story from the courtroom. This case drew national attention and was covered in earlier quarterly issues. There was also an unprecedented spike in the number of drownings in Maui waters with 9 incidents reported between Jan. 14 and 27, 2018.

Earlier this quarter, the DOT and Maui State Rep. McKelvey get into a heated debate over roadwork in Lahaina and lack of community input into the process for new modifications to the bypass terminus. We conduct an exclusive interview with Rep. McKelvey and publish supporting response from the DOT.

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

3.31.18	EXCLUSIVE: KULEANA's Weekend Opening on Maui	Wendy Osher attended Saturday's opening event at the Maui Mall where the film's producers and actors held a red carpet meet-and-greet event. Coverage included online video and supporting reviews
3.30.18	Hawai'i State Bird, Nēnē Proposed for Downlisting	The US Fish and Wildlife Service today proposed downlisting the Hawaiian goose, or nēnē, from endangered to threatened under the Endangered Species Act.
3.30.18	Medical Aid in Dying Bill Passes Out of Senate	The Hawai'i Senate on Thursday voted 23-2 to pass House Bill 2739 titled "Our Care, Our Choice Act."
3.28.18	Maui Expected to Get \$100M in Federal Highway Funds	Maui is anticipated to receive \$100M in Federal Highway funds over the next four years, which will be matched with \$24M in local funds from the State and County
3.28.18	Montana Man Dies, Teen Daughter Rescued at "Olivine Pools" on Maui	A 46-year-old man from Montana died after he jumped in the ocean to save his 15-year-old daughter who was swept in by a wave at the "Olivine Pools" on Maui.
3.27.18	Maui Police Launch Distracted Driver Campaign April 1	The campaign is part of the national "U Drive. U Text. U Pay." enforcement campaign that runs from April 1-30, 2018.

3.27.18	Maui's Legislative Seats Draw Early Interest	Those who have expressed interest in Rep. Joe Souki's 8th District seat include: Lynn Araki-Regan; Troy Hashimoto; Justin Hughey; Dain Kane; and Mary Wagner.
3.26.18	March, Concert For Our Lives on Maui	At UHMC, nearly a thousand-people gathered on the Great Lawn as students and elected officials made speeches saying "enough is enough" to end gun violence.
3.23.18	Maui Police Issue 325 Citations During 2018 St. Patrick's Day Campaign	Maui police issued a total of 325 traffic citations during the recent 2018 St. Patrick's Day Impaired Driving campaign, including 10 impaired driving arrests.
3.23.18	Hāna Student Suspended for Switching Position of Hawaiian Flag	Malaikini's initial goal was to get two flag poles so that the Hawaiian flag does not get placed below the US flag, but now he sees a broader purpose.
3.23.18	Arakawa Unveils "Most Aggressive Budget" to Date	Calling it his "most aggressive budget to date," Maui Mayor Alan Arakawa presented his version of the proposed Fiscal Year 2019 budget to Maui council members.
3.22.18	Maui Murder Proceeding Suspended, Mental Health Examination Ordered	Proceedings in a Maui murder case involving a machete attack in a mall restroom, have been suspended while a mental health examination is conducted.
3.22.18	West Maui Stream Flows Guaranteed by Historic Decision	A historic decision made by CWRM protects instream flows at four West Maui streams: Ukumehame, Olowalu, Launiupoko and Kaua'ula.
3.21.18	Maui Murder Suspect Heard Saying: "I Was Sent To End You"	A witness said he heard Sylva tell Cerezo, "I was sent to end you," and "I've been sending demons to the moon," before swinging a machete at the victim.
3.21.18	Souki to Resign Amid Ethics Commission Settlement	Long-time lawmaker Joe Souki of Maui will resign from his legislative post amid a state Ethics Commission settlement over allegations of sexual harassment.
3.20.18	Murder Suspect in Mall Stabbing Makes Initial Court Appearance	Kumulipo Sylva appeared via poly-com for his first court appearance after being charged with second degree murder for a fatal stabbing on Maui on Sunday.
3.20.18	Maui Stabbing Update: Sylva Held on \$500K Bail	Maui Murder/Stabbing Update: According to court records, the 23-year-old suspect had his driver's license revoked for a year following a DUI incident last year.
3.18.18	Murder Investigation: Fatal Stabbing at Maui's Queen Ka'ahumanu Mall	A murder investigation is underway after a reported stabbing near the restrooms outside of the Men's Macy's store at the Queen Ka'ahumanu Center on Maui.
3.17.18	Pedestrian Killed, Struck by Vehicle on Hāna Hwy in Ha'ikū	The collision occurred as a Chevrolet Tahoe MPV traveling west on Hāna Hwy, collided into a pedestrian who was walking on the highway in the west-bound lane.
3.14.18	Flash Flood Warning for Maui, Roads Flooded in Hāna	The National Weather Service has issued a Flash Flood Warning for the island of Maui, in effect until 6 p.m. March 14, 2018.
3.13.18	VIDEO: A&B Breaks Ground on New Ho'okele Shopping Center	Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. broke ground this morning on the 94,000-square-foot Ho'okele Shopping Center in Kahului.
3.13.18	Hawai'i DOE Issues Guidance on Student Walkout	The HDOE is preparing for Wednesday's national student walkout movement to honor the 17 lives lost in the school shooting that took place last month in Florida
3.13.18	Maui Students Organize Star-Studded "Concert for Our Lives" to End Gun Violence	A student-led rally & concert to end gun violence in schools is drawing participation from some top name talent on Maui. The March and "Concert for Our Lives"
3.11.18	Ten Paddlers Airlifted from Swamped Canoe in Kahului, Maui	Ten paddlers were airlifted to safety after the double-hulled canoe they were in got swamped about a half-mile north of the Kahului Harbor entrance.
3.9.18	Honoapi'ilani Traffic Shift: Route to Move Inland in April	The traffic shift from Honoapi'ilani Highway at Olowalu/"Cut Mountain" to the Southern Terminus of the realigned highway is slated to take place in April 2018.
3.8.18	Body of O'ahu Man Recovered From East Maui Stream	Firefighters arrived at West Wailua Iki Stream in Wailua and learned that a 27-year-old male had fallen into the pond while taking photos on the stream bank.
3.5.18	Body of 'Ōpihi Picker Recovered off West Maui	Fire officials say the 56-year-old Nāpili man was picking 'opihi on the shoreline with a 28-year-old male relative when he was knocked off the rocks by a wave.
3.4.18	Whale Tail: What it Means When a Humpback Does a Headstand	A whale offshore of the McGregor Point Lighthouse in West Maui was observed in a headstand position for approximately four minutes. What does it mean?
3.3.18	Maui Mourns the Loss of Beloved Uncle Richard Ho'opi'i	Beloved Maui musician, Uncle Richard Ho'opi'i passed away early this morning at his home in Kahakuloa, family members have confirmed.

3.1.18	‘Iao School Vandalism, Threats Investigated	Maui police are investigating an incident involving a threat against ‘Iao Intermediate School by a student in the form of written graffiti in a bathroom. Word of the incident also prompted a separate report in which a student reportedly brought a firearm on school grounds late last year.
2.28.18	Mayor Arakawa Delivers 2018 State of County Address	In his 23-page speech, Mayor Alan Arakawa said that Maui County is financially stable, environmentally secure and economically resilient.
2.27.18	Waihe’e Flood “Obliterates” Structure That Feeds Water to Kalo Farms	A storm on Feb. 18 wiped out a rock wall at the headwaters of the Waihe’e Stream, and cut off water flow to taro farmers downstream.
2.26.18	529 Whales Sighted off Maui During Great Whale Count 2018	Volunteers across Maui counted 529 humpback whales, including 335 pods and 62 calves during the Pacific Whale Foundation's Great Whale Count 2018.
2.26.18	A&B Acquires Three Hawai’i Retail Centers	Alexander & Baldwin has acquired three premier retail centers in Hawaii, including the Pu’unēnē Shopping Center on Maui.
2.23.18	The Kahikinui Project on Maui Launches Kickstarter Campaign	The project aims to utilize over 500,000 pounds of truly wild protein that need to be removed in order for restoration to be successful.
2.22.18	California Man Rescued, Pulled from Ulua Beach in South Maui	A California man was transported to the hospital in stale condition after being pulled unresponsive from waters off of Ulua Beach in South Maui on Wednesday.
2.21.18	Body Recovered from Base of Nākālele Cliff	The lifeless body of a female was recovered from the rocky shoreline off of Nākālele Point in West Maui on Monday afternoon.
2.20.18	Nine Kayakers Caught in Storm off Olowalu on Sunday	Six kayakers from Argentina, and a 52-year-old Honokōwai man were part of a kayak tour that got caught by brisk winds and couldn’t make it back to Olowalu.
2.19.18	Missing Kayaker Rescued by Coast Guard off Maui	A 62-year-old woman is safely ashore after the Coast Guard rescued her off Maui early Monday morning.
2.18.18	Snow Capped Haleakalā, Maui	Snow is expected on Haleakalā summit above 9,000 feet. Snow accumulations up to two inches, with localized higher amounts are possible.
2.16.18	Flags Seized at UHMC, New Standard Ensures Equal Heights	A group of about 15 people seized the American and Hawaiian flags at UH Maui College, requesting that both flags be flown on two separate poles of equal height.
2.15.18	Ocean Death Toll Rises to 12 on Maui: Victim at Pu’u Keka’a ID’d	A man who was pulled unresponsive from waters in Kā’anapali on Tuesday afternoon has since died.

2.13.18	ACLU Hawai'i Demands Equal Facilities for Female Athletes	The ACLU of Hawai'i Foundation sent a letter to the Hawai'i DOE demanding it take immediate action to address alleged sex discrimination against female athletes
2.13.18	Bills Seek Tiny Homes on Hawaiian Home Lands	A tiny home loan fund would support the building of 10,000 tiny homes on Hawaiian Home Lands by 2026. The homes would be required to be priced at or below \$125K
2.12.18	Ocean Death: Lahaina Man Was on East Maui Coastal Hike	The male victim is a 38-year-old resident of Lahaina, Maui. Crews had responded to a report of an ocean drowning in the spot some refer to as "Puka Maui."
2.9.18	Stranger Danger Incident Reported Near Central Maui School	A letter was sent to parents at Maui Waena Intermediate warning them of an incident where a man waved to students, beckoning them to approach his vehicle...
2.9.18	Deadline is Today for 2018 Court Interpreter Orientation Workshops	In January, the judiciary announced a new policy allowing Hawaiian language interpreters to the extent reasonably possible, when individuals choose to...
2.9.18	Overnight Government Shutdown Ends	A short-lived federal government shutdown ended this morning, hours after it had started. Hawai'i is home to over 33,000 federal civilian employees.
2.8.18	Little Fire Ants: How to ID Them & What to do	Two new infestations of little fire ants were discovered last month on Maui. Oftentimes, these infestations are difficult to identify and....
2.7.18	Twin Waterspouts: Unstable Weather Remains	Forecasters with the National Weather Service say locally heavy downpours and isolated thunderstorms with frequent lightning and gusty winds remain possible...
2.6.18	Hail, Thunderstorms, Waterspouts in Afternoon Forecast	At 3:05 p.m., a report of two waterspouts was made. The observation was made about 3 miles west of Kihei, Maui. The phenomenon was also visible from the "Pali"
2.6.18	New Law Bans Smoking in Cars with Minors Present	A new law will make it illegal for adults to smoke in a vehicle when a minor is present. The new law brings Maui County in line with similar legislation...
2.2.18	Maui Water Director Files Lawsuit Against Mayor, County	Maui Water Director David Taylor filed a lawsuit against Maui Mayor Alan Arakawa and the County of Maui based on the mayor's attempt to remove him as director.
2.1.18	Appeals Court Rules on Case Involving Lahaina Injection Wells	The 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals ruled today that Maui's Lahaina Wastewater Reclamation Facility has been violating the US Clean Water Act...
2.1.18	NOT GUILTY: Duval	A woman accused of 2nd degree murder in the May 29, 2016 death of her twin

	Acquitted of Murder in Case Involving Death of Twin	sister has been acquitted of the charge. Judge Peter Cahill handed down the...
1.31.18	Trial Resumes for Twin Accused of Murder	Alexandria Duval (aka Allison Dadow) was involved in a deadly crash that claimed the life of her twin sister Anastasia Duval in the remote Pu'uiki area of Maui.
1.30.18	FCC Report: Day Shift Warning Officer Believed the Missile Threat Was Real	The Federal Communications Commission today released a preliminary report on the false ballistic missile alert in Hawai'i that occurred on Jan. 13, 2018.
1.29.18	Hawaiian Language Bill Scheduled for Hearing	A bill to integrate the Hawaiian language into fundamental functions of the state is scheduled for a hearing before two Senate Committees.
1.29.18	"Unprecedented Spike in Ocean Drowning Incidents," 9 Deaths in 13 Days	Nine men have died in Maui waters between Jan. 14 - 27, 2018.
1.29.18	Shan Tsutsui to Resign as Lieutenant Governor	Shan S. Tsutsui announces his resignation as Lieutenant Governor, effective Jan. 31, 2018.
1.26.18	Demonstration: Hawaiian Man Who Refused to Speak English in Maui Court	A demonstration was held in front of the Old Wailuku Courthouse in support of a Native Hawaiian educator who refused to speak English in a Maui courtroom.
1.25.18	Warrant Recalled for Hawaiian Man Who Refused to Speak English in Court	The bench warrant that was issued for the arrest of Kaleikoa Ka'eo has been recalled. The case has been rescheduled for Feb. 21, 2018.
1.24.18	Warrant Issued for Man Who Spoke Only Fluent Hawaiian in Maui Court	A warrant was issued for the arrest of Maui resident Kaleikoa Ka'eo after he refused to speak English in court today.
1.23.18	Schatz To Lead Field Hearing On False Missile Alert	US Senator Brian Schatz will convene a Senate field hearing to look into the false emergency missile alert that went out statewide on Jan. 13, 2018...
1.23.18	Government Shutdown Ends: Haleakalā National Park is Open for Sunrise	Haleakalā National Park is open for sunrise viewing today following a nearly three day federal government shutdown.
1.23.18	Tsunami Watch CANCELLED, No Threat to Hawai'i After 7.9 Alaska Earthquake	The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center has CANCELLED the Tsunami Watch for the State of Hawaii.
1.22.18	Canadian Visitor Pulled from South Maui Waters	Emergency crews in South Maui responded to Uluu Beach in Wailea for an unresponsive man pulled from the ocean.
1.22.18	Hawai'i 5th Most Affected by Government Shutdown	Hawai'i was ranked 5th in a report on the States Most Affected by the 2018 Government Shutdown, according to the report filed by WalletHub.
1.20.18	Federal Government Shutdown Results in Haleakalā Sunrise Summit Closure	SUMMIT DISTRICT: CLOSED TO VISITATION DURING SUNRISE HOURS (3AM-7AM). Open (with no restroom facilities or other services) at all other times.
1.19.18	California Man Pulled Unresponsive at Kama'ole III	A visitor from Oakland, California died after being pulled unresponsive from South Maui Waters on Thursday.
1.17.18	VIDEO: Talking to & Helping Children Cope with the False Alert	interviewed Dr. Ellen Caringer about the effects Saturday's false missile alert may have on our youth. She is a child psychologist based in Wailuku...
1.17.18	Hawai'i Congressional Delegation Briefed On False Emergency Alert	Hawai'i's congressional delegation was briefed today by federal and state agencies on the false emergency alert that went out across the state on Saturday.
1.16.18	BREAKING: Alexander & Baldwin's Rick Volner Resigns	A&B vice president of diversified agriculture, Rick Volner, is resigning to take on a new opportunity as GM of Maui operations for HC&D (formerly Ameron).
1.14.18	Entangled Humpback Whale Freed Off Maui	An entangled adult humpback whale was freed from 285 feet of line off Mākena Beach, Maui on Friday, Jan. 12, 2018.
1.14.18	Gabbard Calls for Accountability After False Hawai'i Missile Alert	In an interview today on ABC's This Week, Rep. Tulsi Gabbard called on the State to immediately address the failures that led to the false missile alert and ...
1.13.18	HTA Reassures Visitors that Hawai'i's Safety is Unaffected	HTA: "Hawai'i continues to be the safest, cleanest and most welcoming travel destination in the world and the alarm created today by the false alert does not change that at all."
1.13.18	HI-EMA Apologizes for Missile False Alarm Alert: Timeline of Events	Governor David Ige said he is "angry and disappointed," following a false alarm notification that was issued by Emergency Management personnel which had warned the public of a "ballistic missile attack" threat.

1.13.18	BREAKING: BALLISTIC MISSILE ATTACK ALERT WAS A MISTAKE	Hawai'i emergency management agency has confirmed the missile alert sent out this morning was A MISTAKE and that there is NO THREAT to Hawai'i. More will be posted to our site this afternoon.
1.12.18	Rep. McKelvey Reasserts Plea to Halt Lahaina Road Project	Rep. Angus McKelvey of Maui today reasserted his plea to halt last minute changes to the Keawe St area of the Honoapi'ilani Hwy after the DOT defended its stance in carrying out the project.
1.11.18	Transportation Department Responds to Criticism Over Lahaina Bypass Adjustments	The DOT today responded to criticism over proposed adjustments to the Lahaina Bypass and work at the Keawe Street interim northern terminus in West Maui.
1.10.18	Rep. McKelvey Calls on Governor to Intervene on Lahaina Roadwork	Rep. Angus McKelvey of Maui is formally asking that Gov. Ige intervene to stop the Hawai'i DOT for last-minute changes to the Keawe St.
1.9.18	Access Denied: Group Urges Enforcement of Shoreline Access Laws	The request comes amid complaints saying resorts and vendors have been reserving space for hotel guests on public land with cabanas and beach umbrellas.
1.2.18	Tourism Records Set in 3 Key Categories for 2017	Hawaii Tourism Authority statistics show records will be set for generated state tax revenue, visitor spending and visitor arrivals.