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TITLE	DESCRIPTION	DATE
Senate Ways and Means Committee votes to approve Senate version of the state budget	The Senate Ways and Means Committee voted Thursday to approve the State Budget Bill, also known as House Bill 300. Highlights of the budget document.	2023/03/31 at 8:05 am
Maui Police Department mourns passing of former Chief Howard Tagomori	The Maui Police Department confirmed the passing of former Chief Howard Tagomori on March 3, 2023. He served 35 years in county law enforcement, including a decade as chief from 1988 to 1998.	2023/03/30 at 2:32 pm
Visitors to Maui in February up 14% from last year, spending up 34%	Tourism continued to recover across the state in February, with Maui County reporting double digit increases in visitors and spending over the same time last year.	2023/03/30 at 12:30 pm
Critical habitat proposed for 12 endangered species, all on Hawai'i Island	Approximately 122,277 acres of federal, state, private, and public lands are being proposed as critical habitat for 12 species, all found only on Hawai'i island.	2023/03/30 at 5:04 am
Maui Waena Intermediate takes home 12 awards at national media contest	Maui Waena Intermediate students returned with a dozen awards from the Student Television Network's annual convention, held last week in Long Beach, Calif. Statewide, Hawai'i public schools brought home a total of 46 awards.	2023/03/29 at 3:30 pm
Surveillance: Alleged theft of Onewheel valued at \$2,200 from Hi-Tech in Pā'ia	Store owners released surveillance video of an alleged theft incident in which a Onewheel GT portable electric rideable board, valued at \$2,200 was stolen from Hi-Tech Surf Sports in Pā'ia over the weekend.	2023/03/29 at 10:46 am
33 swimmers accused of "aggressively pursuing" a dolphin pod on Hawai'i Island	A group of 33 swimmers were met by uniformed officers after they were caught on drone video and in photographs allegedly harassing a pod of dolphins at Hōnaunau Bay Sunday morning off Hawai'i Island.	2023/03/28 at 9:39 pm

<p><u>130 students meet up with hospitality industry professionals on Maui</u></p>	<p>Hawai'i workforce development nonprofit ClimbHI partnered with dozens of Maui businesses and organizations to host its Leadership, Exploration, Inspiration (LEI) program on Maui today. The free daylong program was held at the Fairmont Kea Lani, Maui, with participation from all major hotels in the Wailea-Mākena area, providing exposure to a variety of careers.</p>	<p>2023/03/28 at 2:55 pm</p>
<p><u>Phase 1 excavation complete at Haleakalā following 700 gallon fuel spill</u></p>	<p>Workers removed approximately 43 sacks of soil estimated at 84,000 pounds, replacing it with soil gathered at a nearby site. The soil removed is being safely stored at the summit of Haleakalā until a remediation plan is approved in Phase 3.</p>	<p>2023/03/28 at 11:24 am</p>
<p><u>5 planets party in the western sky this week</u></p>	<p>Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Uranus can be seen together now in the night sky, but the best date to view the celestial alignment is March 28, when the planets stretch from the western horizon to about halfway up the sky.</p>	<p>2023/03/28 at 6:26 am</p>
<p><u>Falsetto and lū'au feast featured events at the 31st annual Celebration of the Arts</u></p>	<p>An impressive feast of friendship, food, music, dance, and vocals will be on display at the much-anticipated Celebration of Island Tastes and Carmen Hulu Lindsey Leo Ha'iha'i Falsetto Contest.</p>	<p>2023/03/27 at 2:36 pm</p>
<p><u>Edith Kanaka'ole quarter released into circulation</u></p>	<p>A commemorative quarter honoring former University of Hawai'i instructor and late legendary kumu hula Edith Kanaka'ole (1913-1979) has been released into circulation by the US Mint.</p>	<p>2023/03/27 at 8:49 am</p>
<p><u>Kīhei Community Association president hopes to overcome funding road blocks</u></p>	<p>Kīhei Community Association president Michael Moran points out that his group has had its measure of successes in pushing forward projects that benefitted South Maui from Mā'alaea to Mākena. Maui Now writer Gary Kubota conducted this People of Maui interview.</p>	<p>2023/03/27 at 5:00 am</p>
<p><u>Magnitude 4.1 earthquake on Hawai'i Island preceded by two 3+ quakes</u></p>	<p>There is no tsunami expected following a 4.1 magnitude earthquake reported at 6:39 p.m. HST on Sunday, March 26 on Kama'ehuakanaloa (Lō'ihi) volcano. The earthquake was preceded by M3.1 and M3.2 earthquakes on Kama'ehuakanaloa occurring over the past 12 hours.</p>	<p>2023/03/26 at 8:11 pm</p>
<p><u>Volcano Watch: Pele's hair – a beautiful hazard on Hawai'i Island</u></p>	<p>Shiny and elusive, featherlight and golden-brown. If poets were to write about rocks, I'm sure they would sing their praises of Pele's hair. Don't be fooled, though, because Pele's hairs are strands of volcanic glass, and they can pose a serious hazard.</p>	<p>2023/03/26 at 2:30 pm</p>

<p><u>Nēnē gosling reunited with parents after snatching incident</u></p>	<p>A nēnē family was reunited and relocated last week after an illegal capture and removal of its gosling from Wailoa River State Recreation Area in Hilo, state officials report. On Thursday, Raymond McGuire of the DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife received a call from Hawai'i Island resident Lilinoe Kahalepauole saying that she saw a woman grab a nēnē gosling from the small boat [...]</p>	<p>2023/03/26 at 8:29 am</p>
<p><u>Sanctuary Ocean Count and Great Whale Count conclude for 2023 season</u></p>	<p>The total number for the Great Whale Count on Maui was 313, for a grand total of 1,121 throughout the state.</p>	<p>2023/03/26 at 7:51 am</p>
<p><u>House freshman class advances bold bills that have crossed over to the Senate</u></p>	<p>"HB 619 will benefit Hawai'i's small farmers and those facing food insecurity in our state by providing tax relief to farmers and healthy nutritious foods to non-profit food banks. It is a win-win situation for everyone," said Representative Mahina Poepoe (D-13, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, Kaho'olawe, portion of Kahului, Ha'ikū, Pe'ahi, Huelo, Nāhiku, Hāna, Kīpahulu).</p>	<p>2023/03/25 at 11:03 am</p>
<p><u>Wailuku restaurant reopens under yellow Conditional Pass placard</u></p>	<p>The establishment was re-opened under a yellow "Conditional Pass" placard. An inspector will be conducting additional follow-up inspections to assess the establishment's progress.</p>	<p>2023/03/25 at 10:00 am</p>
<p><u>Ha'ikū house fire destroys two-story home, family of four displaced</u></p>	<p>Four residents were displaced following a house fire in Ha'ikū that destroyed a two story home on Thursday afternoon.</p>	<p>2023/03/24 at 4:23 pm</p>
<p><u>Mayor Bissen presents FY 2024 Budget Proposal</u></p>	<p>The proposed budget totals \$1.227 billion and represents an increase of \$15.6 million or 1.3% compared to the Council's adopted budget for Fiscal Year 2023 of \$1.211 billion.</p>	<p>2023/03/24 at 3:01 pm</p>
<p><u>Schedule: Class of 2023 high school graduations for public schools in Maui County</u></p>	<p>High school graduation ceremonies for Maui County public schools have been scheduled for the Class of 2023 with date, time and location information listed below.</p>	<p>2023/03/24 at 12:23 pm</p>
<p><u>More than 100 attend Kula meeting on water issues, axis deer and traffic safety</u></p>	<p>More than 100 upcountry residents gathered for a community update Wednesday night, organized by the Kula Community Association.</p>	<p>2023/03/24 at 6:57 am</p>
<p><u>Haleakalā NP to move forward with plan to use mosquitoes to reduce the transmission of avian malaria in forest birds</u></p>	<p>The NPS will use an incompatible insect technique (IIT) which consists of repeatedly releasing incompatible male mosquitoes into the wild to reduce the reproductive potential of female mosquitoes in the project area.</p>	<p>2023/03/23 at 12:47 pm</p>

<u>Maui vacation rental supply and unit demand up from 2022, but down from pre-pandemic</u>	<p>While gains were realized in month-over-month data, Maui's vacation rental supply, unit demand and occupancy in February remained down double-digits from pre-pandemic levels in 2019.</p>	<p>2023/03/23 at 11:46 am</p>
<u>Maui's February unemployment rate at 3.2%</u>	<p>Maui County's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for February was 3.2%, down from 3.1% in January, and down from 3.5% at the same time last year.</p>	<p>2023/03/23 at 9:50 am</p>
<u>Maui physician charged with unlawful distribution of controlled substances</u>	<p>A Maui physician has been charged with unlawful distribution of hydrocodone and other controlled substances, according to a criminal complaint and affidavit.</p>	<p>2023/03/23 at 6:48 am</p>
<u>Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death has killed more than 1 million 'Ōhi'a trees since 2014</u>	<p>The Continued Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death Response Act of 2023 authorizes \$55 million in federal funding over the next 11 years to support ongoing efforts by federal agencies including the US Geological Survey, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and US Forest Service, working in partnership with state agencies, to help combat 'Ōhi'a tree death in Hawai'i.</p>	<p>2023/03/22 at 1:08 pm</p>
<u>Gov. Green announces Kūlanihāko'i High opening agreement</u>	<p>The State and Maui County have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement in which the Department of Education will receive a temporary certificate of occupancy in exchange for the State temporarily agreeing to indemnify the County against theoretical future claims of liability.</p>	<p>2023/03/22 at 9:47 am</p>
<u>Polynesian Voyaging Society launches a four-year Moananuiākea Voyage</u>	<p>The Polynesian Voyaging Society announced that it will launch a planned circumnavigation of the Pacific upon arrival in Juneau, Alaska on June 10, 2023. PVS spent five years planning for the Moananuiākea Voyage, which will take four years to complete.</p>	<p>2023/03/22 at 8:34 am</p>
<u>Mayor Richard Bissen, Jr. identifies priorities in his first State of the County Address</u>	<p>In his address, Mayor Bissen described work by his administration in priority areas of housing, water, infrastructure, economic development, and environment. He also discussed work to find a resolution surrounding the opening of the long-awaited Kūlanihāko'i High School in South Maui.</p>	<p>2023/03/22 at 5:05 am</p>
<u>Maui hotels lead the counties in February 2023 Hawai'i Hotel Performance Report</u>	<p>Maui County hotels led the rest of the counties throughout the state in the February 2023 Hawai'i Hotel Performance Report published by the Hawai'i Tourism Authority with a RevPAR of \$465, ADR of \$655, and occupancy of 71%.</p>	<p>2023/03/21 at 3:30 pm</p>

<p><u>Striking UPW workers reject latest contract offer from Maui Health</u></p>	<p>With an overwhelming number of members voting NO to the latest three-year offer, the strike continues with no clear timeline on where contract discussions go from here.</p>	<p>2023/03/21 at 7:14 am</p>
<p><u>Maui Land & Pineapple announces leadership transition</u></p>	<p>Maui Land & Pineapple announced today the appointment of Race Randle as CEO and Scot Sellers as Chairman, effective April 1, 2023. Warren Haruki, who led the company for the past 14 years, will continue to serve as a senior advisor, assisting Race and Scot as they assume their new roles.</p>	<p>2023/03/20 at 11:30 am</p>
<p><u>Health Dept. issues green placard to Pā'ia restaurant following corrective actions</u></p>	<p>The Hawai'i Department of Health Food Safety Branch issued a green placard to a Pā'ia restaurant today, allowing the business to reopen to the public following completion of corrective actions.</p>	<p>2023/03/20 at 8:40 am</p>
<p><u>The Adventure Park on Maui re-opens with new look and management</u></p>	<p>The Adventure Park on Maui, a zipline and climbing adventure experience in Lahaina, re-opened for operation on Friday, March 17, with a new look to the brand and its courses.</p>	<p>2023/03/19 at 8:01 am</p>
<p><u>Founder of Pe'ahi Big Wave contest retires, looks back at Maui surfing pioneers</u></p>	<p>Rodney Lash Nui Kilborn was a firefighter on Maui and had sponsored a number of amateur surfing events as a volunteer organizer on the Valley Isle, when he led a number of other watermen to help to start the first annual Pe'ahi surfing contest in the mid-1990s. Maui Now writer Gary Kubota interviewed Kilborn for our People of Maui feature.</p>	<p>2023/03/19 at 6:49 am</p>
<p><u>State takes control of vessel grounded in Lahaina, Maui near Hauola Stone</u></p>	<p>In addition to the immediate hiring of a contractor to move the vessel away from the birthing stone, DOBOR will hire a salvage contractor to remove the vessel "by any means necessary," state officials said in a news release today.</p>	<p>2023/03/18 at 4:00 pm</p>
<p><u>Maui just got sweeter with new Momona Bakery and Coffee Shop in Kahului</u></p>	<p>When it comes to Momona Bakery and Coffee Shop, customers must decide what they desire more: Sleep — or flaky, doughy, sweet croissants stuffed with liliko'i and other flavors. Judging from long early-morning lines over the last week, people are choosing the latter.</p>	<p>2023/03/18 at 7:43 am</p>
<p><u>Maui Brewers Festival fundraiser set to return after 3 year absence</u></p>	<p>After a three year absence, the popular Maui Brewers Festival is returning to the Maui Arts and Cultural Center's A&B Amphitheater & Yokouchi Pavilion, Saturday, May 20. Early entry 'Beer Lover' and general admission tickets go on sale online only on Tuesday, March 21 at 10 a.m.</p>	<p>2023/03/17 at 4:55 pm</p>

<p><u>10 new officers joined the ranks of the Maui Police Department</u></p>	<p>Ten new officers joined the ranks of the Maui Police Department as the graduates of the 93rd Recruit Class. A ceremony was held Friday, March 17, 2023 at the Grand Wailea - A Waldorf Astoria Resort.</p>	<p>2023/03/17 at 3:57 pm</p>
<p><u>Maui's Pan-STARRS telescope helps log largest catalog of exploding stars</u></p>	<p>The Pan-STARRS telescope atop Haleakalā on Maui has collected data that is now being released as the largest catalog of exploding stars. The data from the University of Hawai'i Institute for Astronomy's Pan-STARRS telescope contains three years of research and is now publicly available via the Young Supernova Experiment.</p>	<p>2023/03/17 at 8:42 am</p>
<p><u>Old Maui Palms Hotel site in Kahului will be new 136-room Hampton Inn and Suites</u></p>	<p>After several ownership changes, the old Maui Palms Hotel site between Maui Beach and Maui Seaside hotels in Kahului is under construction to become Maui Palms Hampton Inn and Suites by Hilton.</p>	<p>2023/03/17 at 6:00 am</p>
<p><u>Michelle L. Drewyer appointed to fill judicial vacancy created by now-Maui Mayor Bissen</u></p>	<p>Governor Josh Green, M.D. has selected Michelle L. Drewyer to serve as Circuit Court Judge for the Second Circuit, to fill the vacancy created by now-Maui County Mayor Richard Bissen Jr.</p>	<p>2023/03/16 at 4:30 pm</p>
<p><u>Hawai'i Department of Health issues red placard to restaurant in Pā'ia</u></p>	<p>The Hawai'i Department of Health issued a red "Closed" placard to Café Mambo to protect public health. The restaurant, owned and operated by Betham Pacific LLC, is located at 30 Baldwin Avenue in Pā'ia.</p>	<p>2023/03/16 at 8:56 am</p>
<p><u>Latest agreement between UPW and Maui Health goes to vote</u></p>	<p>The Maui Health and United Public Workers bargaining teams reached an agreement following lengthy talks on Tuesday, March 14. Striking Maui Health employees will now review the agreement and vote on whether or not to ratify it. Voting takes place over three days, March 16, 17 and 18.</p>	<p>2023/03/15 at 7:28 pm</p>
<p><u>Earth Day Sunflower Farm Music Fest to support food security in Hawai'i. April 22</u></p>	<p>Pacific Biodiesel founders, Bob and Kelly King, announced today they will partner for a second consecutive year to present a benefit farm tour and festival event, this time supporting the critical issue of food security in Hawai'i. The "Sunflower Farm Music Fest" will take place in a blooming field of sunflowers at the Kings' family farm in Maui's Central Valley on Earth Day – Saturday, April 22, 2023 – from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p>	<p>2023/03/15 at 12:00 pm</p>
<p><u>Chopped Champion! Chef McKenna Shea of Maui wins with Abalone on Food Network</u></p>	<p>Maui Chef McKenna Shea of Pacific'o on the Beach was crowned the champion of Food Network's Chopped Tuesday night. She won the episode entitled "A Bunch of Abalone!" and took home the \$10,000 top prize.</p>	<p>2023/03/15 at 8:32 am</p>

<p><u>Maui hotels and restaurants dominate USA Today's 10 Best lists</u></p>	<p>Sheraton Maui Resort & Spa was named the Best Hotel in Hawai'i by USA TODAY in the publications 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards. The resort was selected for its "plush ocean view rooms, lagoon-style pool" and location at Kā'anapali Beach.</p>	<p>2023/03/14 at 7:17 am</p>
<p><u>High school senior raised \$10,000 to benefit Habitat for Humanity Maui</u></p>	<p>In an effort to raise awareness around the affordable housing crisis in Maui County, St. Anthony student Edward Oliveira launched a fundraiser, Paddle for Roof, to benefit Habitat for Humanity Maui.</p>	<p>2023/03/13 at 12:41 pm</p>
<p><u>Pause in eruptive activity continues at Kilauea despite earthquake swarm</u></p>	<p>"Resumption of eruptive activity at Kilauea summit no longer appears to be imminent, although it is possible that another intrusion or resumption may occur in the near future with little or no warning," according to an update from the Hawaiian Volcano Observatory.</p>	<p>2023/03/12 at 3:30 pm</p>
<p><u>Bicyclist suffers critical life-threatening injuries in Honoapi'ilani crash on Maui</u></p>	<p>A 67-year-old Kihei man suffered critical, life-threatening injuries when he was struck by a vehicle while bicycling along the Honoapi'ilani Highway on Saturday afternoon. Police say a preliminary investigation reveals the bicyclist was traveling westbound on the shoulder, made a left into the roadway where he was struck by a black 2020 Nissan Maxima sedan, which was traveling westbound.</p>	<p>2023/03/11 at 9:00 pm</p>
<p><u>UPDATE/OPEN: Honoapi'ilani Highway traffic accident at Mile 8.5</u></p>	<p>UPDATES: (5:09 p.m., March 11, 2023). The Honoapi'ilani Highway is now open in both directions. It will take some time before traffic resumes its normal flow. The highway was closed for several hours since around 1:30 p.m. following a motor vehicle accident near Mile 8.5.</p>	<p>2023/03/11 at 1:42 pm</p>
<p><u>Pukalani cottage fire causes \$72,000 in damage</u></p>	<p>A cottage fire in Pukalani early Saturday morning caused an estimated \$60,000 in damage to the structure and \$12,000 in damage to its contents, according to Maui fire officials.</p>	<p>2023/03/11 at 9:15 am</p>
<p><u>County Council urges Maui Health to resolve labor dispute, vows to seek help at state level</u></p>	<p>After emotional testimony from Maui Health employees about low wages and long hours, some council members Friday said the state should re-evaluate whether Kaiser Permanente is equipped to continue managing Maui County hospitals.</p>	<p>2023/03/11 at 6:00 am</p>
<p><u>Helping homeless cancer patients on Maui gain access to safe, clean housing</u></p>	<p>Ka Hale A Ke Ola is ready to make beds available at its Hale Ho'ola Medical Respite Shelter at its Waiale Road facility in Wailuku for homeless cancer patients on Maui to get safe, clean housing for life-saving medical treatment.</p>	<p>2023/03/10 at 11:07 am</p>

<p><u>Maui unemployment rate drops to 3.1% in January 2023</u></p>	<p>Maui's January unemployment rate dropped to 3.1% in January 2023, down from 3.3% in December and down 3.6% from a year ago.</p>	<p>2023/03/10 at 10:21 am</p>
<p><u>Relief may be in sight for Hawai'i food, rent prices; new UHERO forecast more optimistic</u></p>	<p>Relief may be in sight for Hawai'i at-home food prices, gas, new and used cars — and even rent, according to the latest economic forecast released today by University of Hawai'i Economic Research Organization.</p>	<p>2023/03/10 at 6:00 am</p>
<p><u>DLNR: Yacht grounding at Honolua caused "significant damage" to live rock, coral colonies</u></p>	<p>A post-grounding damage assessment conducted by divers from the DLNR Division of Aquatic Resources, found that the yacht Nakoa caused damage to corals and reef live rock covering at least 19,434-square-feet, according to state officials.</p>	<p>2023/03/09 at 3:13 pm</p>
<p><u>\$10M Kā'anapali beach nourishment project called 'waste of tax dollars' ahead of meeting</u></p>	<p>Some residents want the state to draw a line in the sand when it comes to how much taxpayer money will go toward costly beach nourishment in Kā'anapali that isn't guaranteed to work. "Previous projects have proved to be a waste of tax dollars," Maui community organizer and Lahaina native Tiare Lawrence said on Wednesday. "There are better and less invasive ways to mitigate sand loss."</p>	<p>2023/03/09 at 6:00 am</p>
<p><u>Update/Canceled: Maui Flood Advisory until 10 a.m.</u></p>	<p>The National Weather Service has canceled the Flood Advisory that was in effect earlier today for the island of Maui. The NWS reports that weather radar shows the heavy rain has diminished and flooding is no longer expected to pose a threat at this time.</p>	<p>2023/03/08 at 8:56 am</p>
<p><u>Maui County condo median sales price sets all-time record at \$908,000</u></p>	<p>Maui County condo prices increased nearly 25% year over year to \$908,000, according to a Realtors Association of Maui market activity report released this week. About a third of the condos that sold last month were in luxury areas with medians well over \$1 million to \$2 million.</p>	<p>2023/03/08 at 6:00 am</p>
<p><u>Speed limit reduction along Ka'ahumanu Avenue takes effect March 22</u></p>	<p>The Hawai'i Department of Transportation notifies Maui motorists of a speed limit change on Ka'ahumanu Avenue (Route 32) between Kainani Street/Lunalilo Street and Mile Marker 1.96 (vicinity of Mile Marker 2). The speed limit will be reduced from 45 mph to 35 mph in both directions. The speed limit signs will be changed on Wednesday, March 22.</p>	<p>2023/03/07 at 2:43 pm</p>
<p><u>Monday's talks break down between UPW and Maui Health, negotiations to resume on March 14</u></p>	<p>Talks between United Public Worker employees and Maui Health resumed on Monday, March 6, but broke down after just two hours.</p>	<p>2023/03/07 at 5:27 am</p>

<p><u>Excavation starts at site of fuel spill atop Haleakalā</u></p>	<p>Excavation for cleanup of the Haleakalā fuel spill site began March 2, 2023, at the Maui Space Surveillance Complex following approval of a work plan. The Pacific Air Forces reports the excavation was delayed due to inclement weather at the summit.</p>	<p>2023/03/06 at 12:17 pm</p>
<p><u>Man cited for pursuing wildlife at Kealakekua State Historical Park</u></p>	<p>A man who lives on Maui and refers to himself as "Dolphin Dave," on Facebook, was cited Monday morning at Kealakekua Bay on Hawai'i Island after state conservation officers received numerous calls reporting alleged wildlife harassment.</p>	<p>2023/03/06 at 3:12 pm</p>
<p><u>Pu'u Kukui Elementary, Hāna High principals honored as among top in state</u></p>	<p>Hāna High and Elementary principal, Christopher Sanita, and Pu'u Kukui Elementary principal, Chad Okamoto, were among 15 top public school principals recognized by Island Insurance Foundation as nominees for the 17th Masayuki Tokioka Excellence in School Leadership Award.</p>	<p>2023/03/06 at 8:51 am</p>
<p><u>UPDATE: Grounded yacht scuttled at sea after it was freed from Honolua Bay</u></p>	<p>The DLNR Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation reports the yacht, Nakoa, was scuttled in 800 feet of water after it was freed from the rocky shoreline near Honolua where it had been grounded for nearly two weeks. "It had taken on water, was listing starboard and riding bow high after being pulled free by a tractor tug early this afternoon," according to an update issued by DLNR.</p>	<p>2023/03/05 at 1:00 pm</p>
<p><u>Maui County 'behind eight-ball' on plan to create 5,000 affordable homes in 5 years</u></p>	<p>Maui County is far behind its goal of creating 5,000 affordable homes for local people over five years, according to an update this week on the Maui County Comprehensive Affordable Housing Plan. Since the plan was finalized a couple years ago, 675 homes are being built and another 943 homes are approved for construction. Assuming that 600 rent and homeownership opportunities are secured through other projects outlined in the plan, roughly 3,000 homes are needed in under three years.</p>	<p>2023/03/04 at 6:00 am</p>
<p><u>Justice Department: two Maui men sentenced for 2014 racially motivated attack in Kahakuloa</u></p>	<p>Two men from Maui were sentenced in federal court for their racially motivated attack on a white man who was attempting to move into their neighborhood of Kahakuloa. Kaulana Alo-Kaonohi, 33, was sentenced to 6.5 years in prison; and Levi Aki Jr., 33, was sentenced to four years and two months in prison.</p>	<p>2023/03/03 at 4:08 pm</p>

<u>Hospital, Olowalu fire station, among priorities for Pluta's West Maui group</u>	"We're looking for equitable, humane care for residents and visitors to West Maui, where more than 50% of the county and state income on Maui is derived from taxes," said Joseph Pluta, president of the West Maui Taxpayers Association. Maui Now's Gary Kubota interviewed Pluta, who is working to ensure West Maui gets its fair share of improvements.	2023/03/03 at 5:19 am
<u>Oprah buys 870 acres of land in Kula for nearly \$6.6 million over recent months</u>	Media mogul and billionaire Oprah Winfrey recently purchased about 870 acres of Kula agricultural land for nearly \$6.6 million in recent months, adding to hundreds of acres of real estate she already owns in Kula and in Hana. Winfrey bought four parcels total, according to sales deeds.	2023/03/02 at 3:20 pm
<u>Three Maui men honored with Kahuola Award for heroic acts and bravery during house fire</u>	Kalaheo Oliveira, Daryl Kawaiaea, and Derek Kawaiaea were recognized for their bravery and heroic acts on Sept. 3, 2022, risking their lives to successfully rescue an elderly woman from her home in Hāna, which was heavily involved with fire.	2023/03/02 at 10:15 am
<u>Maui chef and restaurateur, Mark Ellman remembered for his culinary legacy</u>	The recent passing of Maui restaurateur, Mark Ellman, has left a void in the culinary community and a legacy of life and love that he poured into his creations.	2023/03/02 at 8:58 am
<u>Striking UPW workers at Maui Health System to resume negotiations on Monday, March 6</u>	Negotiations are set to resume next week for hundreds of Maui Health System workers who have been on strike since last Wednesday. Negotiations with a Federal Mediator are set to resume on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 10 a.m.	2023/03/01 at 4:52 am

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TITLE	DESCRIPTION	DATE
<u>Visitor Industry on Maui experiences continued recovery in January 2023</u>	There were 228,743 visitors to Maui in January 2023, up nearly 25% from the 183,278 visitors who arrived in January 2022, and down -2% from the 233,422 visitors who came in January 2019.	2023/02/28 at 5:07 pm
<u>Update/recovered: Armored Humvee stolen from National Guard Armory in Pu'unēnē, Maui</u>	Maui police have launched an investigation into the theft of an armored Humvee from the Maui National Guard Armory in Pu'unēnē overnight.	2023/02/28 at 11:12 am

<p>Waiehu Municipal Golf Course to begin pilot online reservations program starting March 15</p>	<p>Waiehu Municipal Golf Course will accept online reservations for tee times beginning March 15, in a pilot program that will allow golfers to more easily see what times are available, county officials announced today. The pilot program will be re-evaluated after 60 days.</p>	<p>2023/02/28 at 9:11 am</p>
<p>Maui's Kā'anapali Beach ranked best in the US, and No. 10 in the world by TripAdvisor</p>	<p>Maui's Kā'anapali Beach was ranked the best beach in the US, and the No. 10 beach in the World by TripAdvisor. Also making the US ranking was Kaua'i's Hanalei Beach at No. 4, and Maui's Ho'okipa Beach Park at No. 5.</p>	<p>2023/02/28 at 5:15 am</p>
<p>Theo Morrison: Helping to weave Maui history into keiki educational programs</p>	<p>Theo Morrison has been a staunch advocate for the restoration of historic buildings and the preservation of Maui history, through her work as executive director of the Lahaina Restoration Foundation for the past 15 years. Morrison, once a fiber artist creating baskets from a variety of natural materials, has helped to successfully weave the stories of Lahaina's past into an amazing tour through history. Maui Now's Gary Kubota conducts this People of Maui interview.</p>	<p>2023/02/26 at 7:56 am</p>
<p>997 whales spotted during 2nd Sanctuary Ocean Count and Great Whale Count</p>	<p>A total of 596 humpback whales were observed during the Great Whale Count on Maui, for a grand total of 997 spotted throughout the state. On Maui, Great Whale Count volunteers collected data from 12 sites during 15-minute intervals between 8:30 a.m. and 11:50 a.m. A total of 105 whales were observed during the 11:30-11:45 a.m. time period, the most of any time period throughout the day's count.</p>	<p>2023/02/26 at 7:18 am</p>
<p>Update: West Maui network outage caused by break in fiber</p>	<p>Hawaiian Telcom spokesperson Ann Nishida tells Maui Now the company has located the source of the problem, a break in a fiber in Lahaina. Service was restored to the remaining affected customers by 9 p.m. on Saturday.</p>	<p>2023/02/25 at 5:24 pm</p>
<p>Defueling of grounded yacht at Honolua continues; Owner to be charged \$460,000 for salvage cost alone</p>	<p>Work to remove fuel, other pollutants, and batteries from the grounded 94-foot-long luxury yacht Nakoa, will continue today (Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023) at Honolua Bay in northwest Maui. The State will bill the yacht's owner for reimbursement of the \$460,000 salvage cost, and for additional staff and administrative costs, and take legal action if necessary.</p>	<p>2023/02/25 at 7:26 am</p>

<p>State: High visitor satisfaction for Hawai'i visitors overshadows effects of inflation</p>	<p>The most recent Visitor Satisfaction and Activity Survey released Friday surveyed visitors from the U.S. West, U.S. East, Canada, Japan, Oceania, Korea, and China who visited Hawai'i from October to December 2022. More than 60% of visitors from all markets indicated they were "very likely" to return to Hawai'i in the next five years, a news release from state DBEDT said.</p>	<p>2023/02/25 at 7:00 am</p>
<p>Suit claims Grand Wailea owners avoided pay, benefits for hundreds in 'fraudulent scheme'</p>	<p>A worker at one of Maui's largest private employers, Grand Wailea, A Waldorf Astoria Resort, filed a class-action lawsuit Friday alleging owners of the luxury hotel giant misclassified hundreds of spa and salon workers, groundskeepers, facilities maintenance personnel and window washers as independent contractors in a "fraudulent scheme" to avoid pay and benefits at two of its landmark hotels, the Grand Wailea and Beverly Hills Waldorf Astoria.</p>	<p>2023/02/25 at 6:00 am</p>
<p>Statewide release of wasp to fight damaging coffee borer beetle inches closer to launch</p>	<p>The statewide release of a small wasp to battle the devastating berry borer beetle — which causes millions in Hawai'i coffee crop damage — moved another step closer to taking flight.</p>	<p>2023/02/24 at 7:00 am</p>
<p>Hundreds of Maui County healthcare workers leave jobs to strike as hospitals feel ripple effect</p>	<p>Even though she's not represented by the union on strike, Angela Weldon, a charge nurse on the hospital's fifth floor, joined the demonstration on her day off to show support. Weldon said the strike is being felt across the hospital. "Hells yeah it's going to have an impact," she said. "I have to go to work tomorrow night and I'm scared."</p>	<p>2023/02/23 at 6:00 am</p>
<p>Pentagon official embarrassed by Haleakalā fuel spill on Maui; contract secured for excavation</p>	<p>A contract has been secured to excavate the contaminated soil around a generator at the summit of Haleakalā where an estimated 700 gallons of diesel fuel spilled at the Maui Space Surveillance Complex late last month. A Pentagon official flew in to Maui on Wednesday, apologizing for the incident, and expressing embarrassment by the fact that it occurred. Full story by Wendy Osher at mauiNOW.com.</p>	<p>2023/02/23 at 4:37 am</p>
<p>500 healthcare workers at Maui Health System begin strike today over pay</p>	<p>Nearly 500 frontline healthcare workers at Maui Health System are set to begin a strike today amid a dispute in pay and failed contract negotiations.</p>	<p>2023/02/22 at 5:13 am</p>

<p>County issues emergency permit for removal of private yacht grounded at Honolua Bay</p>	<p>The County of Maui issued an emergency permit to assist in the removal of a private charter yacht that went aground on rocks in the area of Honolua Bay, officials said. The action comes after attempts to remove the vessel during high tide Monday afternoon failed.</p>	<p>2023/02/21 at 5:03 am</p>
<p>Hawai'i's first Sonic restaurant on Maui opens to crowd — and repeat first customer</p>	<p>Hawai'i's first Sonic restaurant opened today in Kahului to crowds of people, a performance by Sonic owner and award-winning Maui musician Glenn Awong of Maoli, a debut of the chain's Hawai'i-only teriyaki burger — and new local celebrity Frank Barbosa. Barbosa, who's from Maui, gained popularity in 2020 when he was first in line at Jollibee's opening in Kahului. Since then, he's been first in line at subsequent fast-food openings Chick-fil-A, Raising Cane's and now Sonic. "I'm 4-0," Barbosa said.</p>	<p>2023/02/20 at 5:22 pm</p>
<p>Vessel runs aground at Honolua Bay on Maui</p>	<p>A vessel has run aground at Honolua Bay on Maui, the state Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Aquatic Resources has confirmed.</p>	<p>2023/02/20 at 10:12 am</p>
<p>Pedestrian struck by a vehicle in Kahului Sunday night remains in critical condition</p>	<p>A 30-year-old Kahului man sustained critical life-threatening injuries after he was struck by a vehicle while crossing the roadway on West Kaemhameha Ave. in Kahului, Maui on Sunday night.</p>	<p>2023/02/20 at 9:48 am</p>
<p>Kaiser mental health therapists in Hawai'i vote to ratify contract, ending 172-day strike</p>	<p>Kaiser mental health therapists in Hawai'i voted overwhelmingly Saturday to ratify a new three-year contract, effectively ending a 172-day strike--the longest by mental health care workers in US history, according to union representatives.</p>	<p>2023/02/19 at 4:09 pm</p>
<p>New Maui manapua shop Happy Opu hopes Hawai'i comfort food brings family, friends together</p>	<p>The leader of Maui's new manapua shop — Happy Opu — takes the snack very seriously. After all, the savory or sweet treat is one of the main comfort foods to come from Hawai'i's ethnic and cultural melting pot.</p>	<p>2023/02/19 at 7:11 am</p>
<p>E Ola Ka 'Ōlelo Hawai'i! Community event at QKC celebrates Hawaiian Language Month</p>	<p>In recognition of Mahina 'Ōlelo Hawai'i (Hawaiian Language Month), community organizations hosted Ola Ka 'Ī Maui Nui at Queen Ka'ahumanu Center on Maui, Saturday.</p>	<p>2023/02/18 at 8:28 pm</p>
<p>Hawaiian Electric achieves 32% renewable energy in 2022</p>	<p>Aided by new grid-scale and rooftop solar capacity, Hawaiian Electric achieved a 32% consolidated renewable portfolio standard (RPS) in 2022.</p>	<p>2023/02/18 at 2:30 pm</p>

<p><u>Yuki Lei Sugimura named Maui County Council vice chairperson with 7-2 vote</u></p>	<p>Maui County Council on Friday night named Upcountry Council Member Yuki Lei Sugimura as council vice chairperson. Sugimura's nomination for vice chairperson didn't go without pushback, though. The 7-2 vote reflected opposition by council members Keani Rawlins-Fernandez and Tamara Paltin.</p>	<p>2023/02/18 at 7:00 am</p>
<p><u>Public urged to conserve water ahead of storm impacts</u></p>	<p>Because of the forecast of widespread heavy rain and the possibility of power outages that would disrupt water pumping and distribution, the County of Maui Department of Water Supply on Thursday issued a countywide request for customers to conserve water and reduce consumption through Sunday, Feb. 19. Conservation measures include refraining from washing cars, washing [...]</p>	<p>2023/02/17 at 9:59 am</p>
<p><u>Kona low to force a "plume of deep tropical moisture" over the islands</u></p>	<p>"Light to moderate rain may be locally heavy at times over Kaua'i and O'ahu while periods of heavy rain will result in much greater flash flood potential over windward and southeast-facing slopes of the Big Island and Maui," according to an update issued by the National Weather Service on Friday morning.</p>	<p>2023/02/16 at 7:16 pm</p>
<p><u>The median sales price for a Maui County home is only one in state to top \$1 million</u></p>	<p>Although some counties saw a drop in home prices at the start of the new year, Maui County was the only one in the state to exceed a \$1 million median for single-family homes.</p>	<p>2023/02/16 at 6:00 am</p>
<p><u>Paltin to administration: Set up homeowner's assistance program before federal money is lost</u></p>	<p>With more than \$8 million in federal funds that need to be used by Sept. 30, 2025, Maui County Council member Tamara Paltin is urging the administration to set up a program in order to administer a homeowner's assistance fund. "The most heartbreaking part to me is that we know we have residents going into foreclosure, behind on HOA fees or property taxes and we have wasted a whole year already of being able to help them," she said. "This is super urgent to me."</p>	<p>2023/02/15 at 4:01 pm</p>
<p><u>Space Force retains Maxwell as cultural advisor following 700 gallon fuel spill at Haleakalā</u></p>	<p>The US Space Force finalized a contract with CKM Cultural Resources Feb. 14 to provide a cultural advisor and monitor in support of the remediation project atop Haleakalā following a fuel spill at the site.</p>	<p>2023/02/15 at 10:06 am</p>

<p><u>Maui community steps in to help get Makawao bike shop back on road to recovery</u></p>	<p>After a recent fire severely damaged Makawao bicycle shop Krank Cycles, the shop, which focuses on community outreach, is on the road to recovery. Owner Aaron "Moose" Reichert said his flagship Makawao location nearly lost everything, but people in the community stepped in to help and he's now opened a temporary location a couple doors down.</p>	<p>2023/02/14 at 12:00 pm</p>
<p><u>Gov. Green transmits budget requests on housing, healthcare and infrastructure</u></p>	<p>These requests support Gov. Green's priorities for affordable housing and infrastructure, reducing homelessness, protecting natural resources and climate, education, improving access to healthcare including mental health services, government efficiency, and reducing the cost of living.</p>	<p>2023/02/13 at 1:30 pm</p>
<p><u>Hawai'i's first SONIC Drive-In opens in Kahului, Maui, Feb. 20</u></p>	<p>Hawai'i's very first SONIC Drive-In opens on Maui, Monday Feb. 20, 2023. The opening will feature the debut of the new SONIC Teriyaki Burger, developed exclusively for the Maui drive-in in partnership with the Aloha Shoyu Company.</p>	<p>2023/02/13 at 10:45 am</p>
<p><u>Sen. McKelvey calls for audit of DOE for roundabout construction and delayed opening of Kūlanihāko'i High School</u></p>	<p>"The fact that they would ask for funding to cover the plan and design for the grade-separated crossing instead of funding the entire project will set us back another five years," said Sen. McKelvey. "This is unconscionable, considering this school has been in the works for the past ten years. It is a travesty that this money was taken from our children and used to fund a DOT project when they have their own budget," he said.</p>	<p>2023/02/12 at 8:10 am</p>
<p><u>Update: Alcohol suspected as a factor in Waiehu crash, moped operator dies</u></p>	<p>A Waihehu man who was ejected from his moped during a motor vehicle crash on Friday night, has succumbed to his injuries and died, police said.</p>	<p>2023/02/11 at 8:57 am</p>
<p><u>Maui Health names interim CEO</u></p>	<p>Maui Health has announced the selection of Kerry Watson as its interim CEO as a national search is underway to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Michael Rembis this spring.</p>	<p>2023/02/11 at 8:01 am</p>
<p><u>'Aunty Barbara' is retiring from Maui mom and pop market, Pukalani Superette after 57 years</u></p>	<p>After 57 years, Barbara Silva, known affectionately by customers as "Aunty Barbara" is retiring from Pukalani Superette later this month. Silva started working at the mom and pop market in 1965, and has been a welcome face to so many customers and employees over the years.</p>	<p>2023/02/10 at 2:38 pm</p>

<p>Kīhei Roundabout to partially open Feb. 10, full completion slated for Feb. 24</p>	<p>On Friday, Feb. 10 when work concludes at 3:30 p.m., the contractor will open all lanes through the roundabout. There will be two lanes open in each direction through the roundabout. The right turn lane in and out of Kūlanihāko'i Street will be closed during daytime work hours from 7 a.m to 3:30 p.m. and re-open at close of business each day.</p>	<p>2023/02/10 at 5:23 am</p>
<p>Bill for local minimum wages introduced in state legislature</p>	<p>The minimum wage in Hawai'i is currently \$12 an hour, and will increase to \$14 an hour beginning Jan. 1, 2024. The self-sufficiency hourly wage in Maui County for a single adult was \$17.84 an hour in 2020, according to the most recent DBEDT Self-Sufficiency Income Standard report published in 2021. Since that report, Johnson said, costs have only continued to rise in the County, meaning that workers' wages are falling behind the cost of living.</p>	<p>2023/02/09 at 11:58 am</p>
<p>'Welcome to Paia, Do Not Feed the Hippies' sign doesn't reflect the town, residents say</p>	<p>While some got a laugh out of a new Pā'ia road sign that mocks hippies, longtime area residents said it's derogatory and divisive during a time when the historic town needs help.</p>	<p>2023/02/09 at 6:00 am</p>
<p>Former Maui official sentenced to 10 years in federal prison for fraud, accepting bribes</p>	<p>A former Maui official was sentenced today to 10 years in federal prison after pleading guilty to honest services wire fraud involving the acceptance of multiple bribes totaling up to \$2 million.</p>	<p>2023/02/08 at 3:59 pm</p>
<p>Kīhei power outage leaves 3,000 South Maui customers in the dark</p>	<p>Crews with Hawaiian Electric Company on Maui are responding to a power outage in South Maui. Residents from the Kaonoulu Estates subdivision in North Kīhei and nearby neighborhoods report the outage started at around 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023.</p>	<p>2023/02/07 at 2:23 pm</p>
<p>Maui County testifiers passionate over freedom to choose birth practitioner</p>	<p>Fervent testifiers over many hours at Maui County Council sought the freedom to choose birth practitioners regardless of licensure status. Apprenticeship-trained midwives would be criminalized after July 1 — when the current exemption expires — if the state doesn't approve pending legislation.</p>	<p>2023/02/07 at 7:15 am</p>
<p>Power surge likely a contributing factor to fuel spill at Haleakalā, official expresses remorse</p>	<p>Brigadier General Anthony Mastalir, commander of the US Space Forces Indo-Pacific, said equipment failed in a "catastrophic way," and said a power surge during severe weather reported last weekend, was a likely contributing factor.</p>	<p>2023/02/07 at 4:30 am</p>

<p>Maui dog kennels are over-capacity, urgent request made for SOS Fosters</p>	<p>Maui Humane Society currently has 105 dogs in their care--that's well beyond the kennel capacity of 40 dogs at the facility.</p>	<p>2023/02/06 at 1:09 pm</p>
<p>Predator-proof fence installation begins at Kanahā Pond State Wildlife Sanctuary</p>	<p>Work is currently underway to replace an old, rusty fence that surrounds the sprawling Kanahā Pond State Wildlife Sanctuary on Maui. The old fencing is being replaced with predator-proof fencing to keep rats, cats, mongoose, and dogs from attacking ground-nesting birds.</p>	<p>2023/02/05 at 12:51 pm</p>
<p>Catching up with Maui Grammy winner Jason Baum</p>	<p>Maui born Jason Baum has been a presence in the music and film industry as a producer for more than a decade. The Maui High school graduate has been nominated for four Grammys in his career thus far, and is up for another Grammy this year with hip-hop artist Kendrick Lamar's "The Heart Part 5" in the category of Best Music Video. He was interviewed by Maui Now's writer Gary Kubota.</p>	<p>2023/02/05 at 7:10 am</p>
<p>Family of Maui firefighter, Tre' Evans-Dumaran confirms his passing</p>	<p>"It is with a heavy heart that we offer news of firefighter Tre' Evans-Dumaran. The 'ohana of Tre' Evans-Dumaran has confirmed the passing of Tre' this morning."</p>	<p>2023/02/04 at 2:13 pm</p>
<p>Waiehu land dispute lingers as 'ohana group begins retrieval of removed items from MEO</p>	<p>More than a dozen people involved in a Waiehu land dispute with nonprofit Maui Economic Opportunity, showed up at the organization's Pu'unēnē baseyard Friday to retrieve items removed last week from the subject property.</p>	<p>2023/02/04 at 8:47 am</p>
<p>Maui County Council appoints new clerk, deputy clerk in wake of election challenge</p>	<p>The decision comes in the wake of an election contest that questioned the previous county clerk's handling of invalid ballots that had mismatched signatures and unsigned envelopes.</p>	<p>2023/02/04 at 6:00 am</p>
<p>Maui police thank the public following successful recovery of baby in custodial case</p>	<p>Maui police extended thanks to media partners and the community for their assistance in locating a missing infant who was the subject of a county-wide Maile Amber Alert search and custodial interference case.</p>	<p>2023/02/03 at 4:46 pm</p>
<p>'Īao Valley State Monument closure extended to April 15, 2023</p>	<p>The closure of the 'Īao Valley State Monument has been extended to April 15, 2023.</p>	<p>2023/02/03 at 9:30 am</p>
<p>UPDATED/LOCATED: Maile Amber Alert canceled for missing/endangered 3-month-old child Hoku Nui Pueo Wada</p>	<p>UPDATE/LOCATED: Nadira Rosado and her son have been located. Police say the baby, 3-month-old Hoku Nui Pueo Wada, is in good health. The Maile Amber Alert is canceled as of 6:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 3, 2023.</p>	<p>2023/02/03 at 2:37 am</p>

<p>The late US Rep. Patsy T Mink of Maui to be featured on US quarter collection</p>	<p>The US Mint today announced that its 2024 American Women Quarters collection will include a quarter honoring Rep. Patsy T. Mink of Maui, the first woman to represent Hawai'i in the US Congress and the first woman of color to serve in Congress. A separate commemorative quarter honoring Edith Kanaka'ole, is scheduled to be put into circulation later this year.</p>	<p>2023/02/02 at 9:43 am</p>
<p>Marine debris ingested by 60-ton sperm whale believed to be a contributing cause of death</p>	<p>"In addition to squid beaks, fish skeletons and other prey remains, we found at least six hagfish traps and we also found significant amounts of at least seven types of fishing net, at least two types of plastic bags, a light protector, fishing line and a float from a net. We did find a number of things in the stomach of the sperm whale that may have contributed to its death and are certainly disturbing," said Dr. Kristi West, the Health and Stranding Lab Director.</p>	<p>2023/02/02 at 5:54 am</p>
<p>Entangled subadult humpback whale freed of gear off Hawai'i Island</p>	<p>A subadult humpback whale was freed from a life-threatening entanglement of rope and buoys during a NOAA-led team response on Tuesday off Hawai'i Island's Kona coast.</p>	<p>2023/02/01 at 1:20 pm</p>
<p>Stabbing in Wailea reportedly started as an argument over parking and escalated</p>	<p>A 29-year-old Kihei man is recovering from a stab wound after an argument over parking escalated into a physical altercation in Wailea Tuesday night, police said.</p>	<p>2023/02/01 at 10:01 am</p>
<p>700 gallons of diesel fuel spilled at Maui Space Surveillance Complex at Haleakalā</p>	<p>An estimated 700 gallons of diesel fuel spilled at the Maui Space Surveillance Complex located at the summit of Haleakalā. Authorities pointed toward a mechanical issue in which a diesel fuel pump for an onsite backup generator failed to shut off on Sunday night. The spill was identified on Monday morning.</p>	<p>2023/02/01 at 4:50 am</p>

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<p>GoFundMe set up for Maui firefighter, Tre Evans-Dumaran</p>	<p>A Maui firefighter who was swept into a storm drain during flood response in Kihei Friday, continues to fight for his life. A GoFundMe account has been established to help.</p>	<p>2023/01/31 at 1:17 pm</p>

<u>February is Mahina 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, Hawaiian Language Month</u>	In celebration of Mahina 'Ōlelo Hawai'i, Hawaiian Language Month, the Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, together with Native Hawaiian organizations, will host Ola Ka 'Ī events, Hawaiian language fairs, on O'ahu and Maui.	2023/01/31 at 10:49 am
<u>Alice Lee re-elected as Maui County Council chair during often-heated marathon meeting</u>	In a marathon Maui County Council meeting of nearly 15 hours Friday and into Saturday, the council unanimously voted to approve Alice Lee's re-election as chairperson.	2023/01/31 at 8:47 am
<u>Maui has a 95.1% recovery in visitors in 2022 compared to 2019</u>	Maui had a 95.1% recovery in visitors in 2022, compared to 2019, with 2.9 million people visiting Maui last year. Total visitor spending was \$5.69 billion in 2022, up 11% from 2019. The year-end data was released by the state Department of Business Economic Development and Tourism.	2023/01/31 at 8:28 am
<u>3 days of downpours bring 23.61" of rain to Pu'u Ali'i, Moloka'i, up to 15" to parts of Maui</u>	Preliminary data from the National Weather Service shows rainfall from Jan. 27-30 was measured at 23.61 inches at Pu'u Ali'i, Moloka'i, and from 5 to 15 inches over parts of Maui.	2023/01/30 at 6:51 pm
<u>Maui firefighter injured in flood response remains in critical condition</u>	A Maui firefighter injured during storm response in Kihei remains hospitalized in critical condition, and is making "positive and promising signs of progress," according to county officials. Tre Evans-Dumaran, 24, has been with the department for more than three years.	2023/01/30 at 5:38 pm
<u>Boaters urged to slow down, steer clear of whales in Hawai'i waters</u>	With increased whale activity around the islands, NOAA's Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary and state managers remind boaters to be on the lookout for humpback whales and their calves.	2023/01/30 at 1:10 pm
<u>Surface trough near Maui County slowly moves west</u>	A surface trough near Maui County continues to bring cloud and shower development over the islands as it moves slowly west through today, according to the National Weather Service. A strong upper-level low to the west is destabilizing the atmosphere, with a Flood Watch in effect for all islands through this afternoon.	2023/01/30 at 6:10 am
<u>Update: Multiple Moloka'i schools will be closed Monday due to severe weather</u>	The Hawai'i State Department of Education's five public schools on Moloka'i will be closed for students and staff on Monday, Jan. 30, due to impacts from severe weather. The impacted schools are: Kaunakakai Elementary; Kilohana Elementary; Maunaloa Elementary; Moloka'i Middle; and Moloka'i High.	2023/01/29 at 5:40 pm
<u>Maui County sees largest vacation rental supply, occupancy, average rates in state</u>	Maui County had the largest vacation rental supply, occupancy and average daily rates of all four counties last month, according to a recent state report.	2023/01/29 at 6:00 am
<u>Video: Sperm whale carcass washes up on Kaua'i beach, prompts agency response</u>	A 120,000-pound sperm whale that washed up on the shore of Lydgate Park on Kaua'i Saturday, prompted agency response.	2023/01/28 at 9:40 pm
<u>Ordinance limiting commercial bicycle tours takes effect Feb. 1</u>	The ordinance will require commercial bicycle tours to obtain a permit on county and state property, including Haleakalā Highway, Baldwin Avenue and Olinda Road.	2023/01/28 at 6:00 am

<p>Breaking: Maui firefighter hospitalized in critical condition after being swept in storm drain</p>	<p>The County of Maui issued a statement on Friday evening after a Maui firefighter was swept by flood waters down a storm drain while responding to flooded residences in South Maui.</p>	<p>2023/01/27 at 6:30 pm</p>
<p>Maui Flood Warning until 1 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 28</p>	<p>At 9:36 p.m., radar showed heavy rain over the slopes of Haleakalā, falling at a rate of 1 to 2 inches per hour with locally heavier rain up to 3 inches per hour.</p>	<p>2023/01/27 at 12:09 pm</p>
<p>Hawai'i economist: Working from home likely to remain for post-pandemic Aloha State</p>	<p>After the height of remote work due to the pandemic in 2020, Hawai'i now has about 20% of its workforce still working remotely, at home or in a hybrid arrangement — and that may not change much in the future, according to Hawai'i economist Paul Brewbaker.</p>	<p>2023/01/27 at 6:00 am</p>
<p>Bernard Brown sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole for death of Moreira "Mo" Monsalve</p>	<p>A sentence of life in prison with the possibility of parole was handed down to Bernard Brown, who was found guilty of second degree murder for the death of his ex-girlfriend Moreira "Mo" Monsalve.</p>	<p>2023/01/27 at 5:38 am</p>
<p>Maui cohort formed to help address the shortage of Licensed Practical Nurses</p>	<p>Kaiser Permanente, UNITE Here! Local 5 and the University of Hawaii Maui College are launching a program to train current employees to become Licensed Practical Nurses. Once licensed, the cohort participants will have the opportunity to apply and fill critical open Kaiser Permanente LPN positions. The program aims to address the state's nursing shortage which was exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>2023/01/26 at 1:00 pm</p>
<p>Maui bicycle shop owner watches Makawao store 'go up in flames'</p>	<p>Krank Cycles, one of Maui's original bicycle shops, gives away bikes to kids and helps repair bikes free in Maui County communities each year.</p>	<p>2023/01/26 at 6:00 am</p>
<p>PVC pipes resembling improvised explosive devices discovered during crash investigation</p>	<p>Maui police evacuated nearby residents and closed area streets following a single vehicle accident in which police, while conducting a crash investigation, discovered two PVC pipes resembling improvised explosive devices within the involved vehicle.</p>	<p>2023/01/25 at 2:19 pm</p>
<p>Update: Police respond to terroristic threatening incident in Wailuku</p>	<p>The Maui Police Department has classified this morning's incident at the Kalana O Maui County Building, as a first degree terroristic threatening incident, which is a Class C felony. The investigation is continuing.</p>	<p>2023/01/25 at 10:36 am</p>
<p>2 arrested, others rally outside Waiehu land at center of Native Hawaiian ownership debate</p>	<p>Two people were charged with trespassing while others rallied holding signs Tuesday outside Waiehu land at the center of an ownership dispute between Native Hawaiians and nonprofit Maui Economic Opportunity Inc.</p>	<p>2023/01/24 at 4:34 pm</p>
<p>Feeding and careless driving cause undue risk to nēnē population on Maui</p>	<p>A female nēnē was struck and killed by a passenger truck on Haleakalā Highway near the Dairy Road/Keolani Place junction in Kahului last Tuesday, according to state officials.</p>	<p>2023/01/24 at 10:43 am</p>
<p>Local chefs start #MauiEatLocal for economy, health</p>	<p>When seven new fast-food companies opened in Kahului and Wailuku this summer, local chefs took notice. Local chefs banded together, forming #MauiEatLocal, a movement that encourages dining out at local restaurants.</p>	<p>2023/01/24 at 4:36 am</p>

<p><u>Maui women surf with men in historic 'Eddie' big-wave contest today at Waimea Bay</u></p>	<p>Maui's accomplished big-wave surfers Paige Alms and Andrea Moller are among six total female invitees at the 34th annual Eddie Big Wave Invitational. It is the first time the women will surf alongside the men in the history of the competition at Waimea Bay that honors the memory of surfing great Eddie Aikau.</p>	<p>2023/01/22 at 9:29 am</p>
<p><u>Flipped truck snarls traffic for hours Saturday along "Pali" section of Honoapi'ilani Highway</u></p>	<p>A motor vehicle accident involving a flipped truck snarled traffic for hours along the "Pali" section of the Honoapi'ilani Highway on Saturday morning.</p>	<p>2023/01/21 at 6:50 pm</p>
<p><u>State's highest court decides Alice Lee won Maui County Council seat</u></p>	<p>Saying the plaintiffs failed to establish a viable election challenge that would "cause a difference in election results," the Hawai'i Supreme Court decided Friday that defendant Alice Lee received the majority of the votes and has been elected to Maui County Council's Wailuku-Waihe'e-Waikapū seat.</p>	<p>2023/01/20 at 4:28 pm</p>
<p><u>"Over here you still get aloha": Maui man helps elderly couple stranded on Hāna Highway</u></p>	<p>A state parks caretaker in East Maui is being praised for his acts of kindness after helping an elderly couple who became stranded by a flat tire along the Hāna Highway on a fateful night in mid-December.</p>	<p>2023/01/20 at 3:23 pm</p>
<p><u>Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Visitor Center reopens in Kihei</u></p>	<p>NOAA's Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary has reopened its Sanctuary Visitor Center in Kihei with a new design and new interactive exhibits. Over the past five years, the sanctuary has worked on a full redesign of the visitor center, highlighting whale biology, research, disentanglement and the importance of the sanctuary.</p>	<p>2023/01/20 at 10:03 am</p>
<p><u>In election challenge, state's highest court questions Maui County on ballot breakdown</u></p>	<p>The Hawai'i Supreme Court on Thursday questioned whether County of Maui officials could explain why certain ballots were deemed deficient during a county election challenge that has kept the council's Wailuku-Waihe'e-Waikapū seat vacant.</p>	<p>2023/01/20 at 6:00 am</p>
<p><u>18 individuals arrested in warrant sweep on Maui</u></p>	<p>A total of 18 individuals were arrested in Maui County during a warrant sweep conducted in partnership with the US Marshals Service. The interagency crackdown was conducted between Jan. 9-11, 2023, and was done in partnership with the Maui Police Department's Crime Reduction Unit, Special Response Team, and the US Marshals Service.</p>	<p>2023/01/19 at 3:26 pm</p>
<p><u>6th Emergency Relief Period declared for axis deer crisis in Maui County</u></p>	<p>Measures may include corralling of axis deer, culling of deer to sustainable levels, clearing vegetation along fence lines and constructing or reinforcing fence lines to protect roadways, airports and runways from axis deer incursions.</p>	<p>2023/01/19 at 9:40 am</p>
<p><u>Coast Guard partners tracking Russian vessel off the coast of the Hawaiian Islands</u></p>	<p>In recent weeks, the US Coast Guard has continued to monitor a Russian vessel, believed to be an intelligence gathering ship, off the coast of the Hawaiian Islands. The Coast Guard continues to coordinate with Department of Defense partners, providing updates to foreign vessel movements and activities and to appropriately meet presence with presence to encourage international maritime norms.</p>	<p>2023/01/18 at 2:24 pm</p>

<p><u>Five tons of marine debris removed from Kaho'olawe</u></p>	<p>An estimated five tons of marine debris was airlifted this morning from Kaho'olawe to Maui, with most of it destined for recycling as "new life" products, according to the state Department of Land and Natural Resources.</p>	<p>2023/01/18 at 2:13 pm</p>
<p><u>Maui duo crowned: Savannah Gankiewicz named Miss Hawaii USA, Noelani DeNisi earns Miss Hawaii Teen USA title</u></p>	<p>Maui's Savannah Gankiewicz and Noelani DeNisi returned to a homecoming celebration at Kahului Airport on Tuesday evening after earning coveted titles of Miss Hawaii USA and Miss Hawaii Teen USA respectively over the weekend.</p>	<p>2023/01/18 at 12:10 pm</p>
<p><u>Maui Memorial Medical Center reports a seasonally high patient census</u></p>	<p>Maui Memorial Medical Center is experiencing a seasonally high patient census. The medical facility reports that the high census is expected for the winter months.</p>	<p>2023/01/18 at 4:27 am</p>
<p><u>Statewide plan unveiled for universal preschool, 80 new classrooms by next year</u></p>	<p>Ready Keiki, a public-private partnership led by Luke, would eventually have 465 Pre-K classrooms for 3- and 4-year-old students by year 2032, with 20 students per class. State leaders touted the project as one that will prepare children for educational success, while saving money for families who need children to have a safe space during working hours.</p>	<p>2023/01/17 at 2:26 pm</p>
<p><u>Four Seasons Resort Lāna'i becomes first resort certified as Reef Friendly by MNMRC</u></p>	<p>Maui Nui Marine Resource Council's Reef Friendly Landscaping Certification Program announced its first fully accredited resort partner, Four Seasons Resort Lāna'i. The resort was awarded Gold Certification for its new efforts to manage the property grounds organically.</p>	<p>2023/01/17 at 12:25 pm</p>
<p><u>State Reps from Maui County hold key positions in 2023 legislative session</u></p>	<p>All six of Maui County's State Representatives hold leadership roles in six different House Committees for the 2023 legislative session.</p>	<p>2023/01/16 at 10:38 am</p>
<p><u>Small plane crashes on approach to Moloka'i Airport</u></p>	<p>A single-engine Cessna 208 crashed while on approach to Moloka'i Airport in Ho'olehua at around 5 a.m. HST on Monday, Jan. 16, 2023, federal officials tell Maui Now.</p>	<p>2023/01/16 at 6:46 am</p>
<p><u>House Majority top priorities for 2023 legislative session include affordable housing</u></p>	<p>The House Majority will continue to support funding to build more affordable rental and for-sale housing for low- and moderate-income families in Hawai'i. The State legislature's past investments will yield over 7,000 affordable housing units over the next few years. Due to the length of time it takes to develop housing, supply chain issues, and inflation, the House believes financing must be in place to keep the pipeline of affordable housing projects moving forward.</p>	<p>2023/01/14 at 12:00 pm</p>
<p><u>Opening of Kūlanihāko'i High School campus delayed due to unresolved pedestrian safety issues</u></p>	<p>The opening of the new Kūlanihāko'i High School campus in Kihei is delayed due to outstanding issues related to requirements for a grade-separated pedestrian crossing across the Pi'ilani Highway to access the campus.</p>	<p>2023/01/14 at 6:17 am</p>
<p><u>Rescue at "Olivine Pools": 3 visitors knocked down by large wave, treated for injuries</u></p>	<p>All three were transported by the Emergency Medical Service for treatment of injuries. Fire officials say one woman suffered lacerations, one had an arm injury, and the man had injuries to his head and neck. All were described as visitors in their mid-20s.</p>	<p>2023/01/13 at 6:17 pm</p>

<u>363 acres returned to DHHL on Moloka'i in a US Military move to "right-size" its footprint</u>	<p>More than 363 acres is being returned to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands on the island of Moloka'i as the US Air Force moves to "right-size" its footprint.</p>	<p>2023/01/13 at 3:15 pm</p>
<u>Snorkeler rescued in Nāpili: 3 people aboard capsized Jet Ski at Kanahā brought to safety</u>	<p>County of Maui ocean safety officers rescued a snorkeler caught in a rip current and three people aboard a capsized jet ski Thursday, during a second day of high surf from a north-northwest swell.</p>	<p>2023/01/13 at 8:24 am</p>
<u>Hawaiian Airlines Outlook includes Amazon partnership, infrastructure investment</u>	<p>Maui Now's Wendy Osher talked one-on-one with Hawaiian Airlines CEO Peter Ingram, who shared a business update and what's to come for Hawaiian Airlines in 2023, including a new partnership with Amazon that will help to diversify the airline's portfolio.</p>	<p>2023/01/13 at 6:03 am</p>
<u>Photos: XL swell brings epic surf to Pe'ahi "Jaws" on Maui's north shore</u>	<p>Wednesday's extra-large swell brought epic surf conditions to Maui's famed Pe'ahi "Jaws" surf break. Big wave surfers were captured charging the mountainous waves as safety crews stood by to assist. Photographer, Martin Caprile shared these photos with us.</p>	<p>2023/01/12 at 8:56 am</p>
<u>One of priciest home sales in Maui history, Mākena mansion sells for \$32.76M</u>	<p>In one of the priciest sales in Maui history, a Mākena mansion overlooking the ocean was purchased for \$32.76 million Friday. The 7,400-square-foot home known as "Mākena Modern" at 4572 Mākena Road was the highest listed property sale recorded on Maui, according to listing agent Chelsea Dimin of Compass. Other top-dollar property sales were done off the market and not posted on the Multiple Listing Service (MLS).</p>	<p>2023/01/10 at 6:00 am</p>
<u>Death of a Maui big-wave surfing pioneer sends shockwaves through community</u>	<p>A Maui pioneer of paddle-in surfing at Pe'ahi and longtime Hawaiian Canoe Club paddler Marcio Freire died Thursday while riding big waves in Nazaré on the central coast of Portugal, officials confirmed.</p>	<p>2023/01/06 at 4:28 pm</p>
<u>NTSB: witness from another aircraft observed plane impact water off Maui</u>	<p>Based on the NTSB report, the airplane wreckage sank in the "open ocean" in an area known as the Maui Channel, with an estimated water depth of 6,000 ft. "Deep water search and recovery efforts are pending," according to the agency.</p>	<p>2023/01/05 at 7:41 pm</p>
<u>Maui's Brandy Nālani McDougall is named Hawai'i State Poet Laureate for 2022-2025</u>	<p>Maui's Brandy Nālani McDougall has been selected as the next Hawai'i State Poet Laureate. She will be the state's second Poet Laureate, succeeding Kealoha who served from 2012-2022.</p>	<p>2023/01/05 at 12:23 pm</p>
<u>Hawai'i sees more out-of-state homebuyers: Canadians, Californians purchase on Maui</u>	<p>More out-of-state residents bought Hawai'i houses in the first three quarters of last year compared with the same time in previous years, according to a state report.</p>	<p>2023/01/05 at 6:00 am</p>
<u>Maui police release body cam footage of officer involved shooting</u>	<p>*NOTE: This video and story contains graphic details. Maui police released body cam footage today of an officer involved shooting reported at a home in Central Maui on Dec. 29, 2022.</p>	<p>2023/01/03 at 5:51 pm</p>

<u>Maui's first baby of 2023 arrives at 2:25 a.m. on New Year's Day</u>	<p>Kristine Norita had to watch the New Year's Eve fireworks from her car as her husband drove her to Hilo Medical Center after going into labor with their fifth child.</p>	<p>2023/01/02 at 6:13 pm</p>
<u>Maui Health Foundation raises \$5.25M toward MMMC's planned Clinical Decision Unit</u>	<p>The planned Clinical Decision Unit will add 12 observation beds, including a specific area for patients with chest pains, allowing physicians and staff to monitor patients who do not meet the criteria for inpatient admission but are not well enough to go home.</p>	<p>2023/01/02 at 12:34 pm</p>
<u>Maui Now: Top 22 stories of 2022</u>	<p>As Maui rings in the new year, we take a moment to reflect on 2022--a year that brought highs and lows, challenges and triumphs, and shed light on erosion and the economy. Here are Maui Now's top 22 stories of 2022...</p>	<p>2023/01/01 at 8:55 am</p>
<u>DHHL plans new \$75M Villages of Leialii subdivision with up to 250 units in Lahaina</u>	<p>Saying that DHHL beneficiary demand for homesteading opportunities is "very high," Villages of Leialii 1-B units would go toward beneficiaries currently on the waitlist for a residential lease on Maui. Approximately 3,891 beneficiaries were on the wait list for a residential homestead as of June 30, 2021, the report said.</p>	<p>2023/01/01 at 6:00 am</p>
<u>Video: Maui rings in 2023</u>	<p>Video footage from across Central and South Maui shows fireworks being set off to ring in the New Year.</p>	<p>2023/01/01 at 1:18 am</p>