

QUARTERLY REPORT #1 for 2017

FOR PERIOD COVERING

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During the last quarter we forgot to mention that HC&S held its final harvest. We did an in depth video series dedicated to the closure of the mill and the end of an era on Maui. Maui Mayor Alan Arkawa also comes under fire for making comments about rocks in Iao Valley saying there are no sacred rocks. His comments drew a protest outside of his state of the county address, which we covered. During that event, he also came under fire for announcing the proposed closure of the Waiehu Municipal Golf Course in Wailuku. In crime headlines, a Lahaina man and woman were arrested and charged for allegedly kidnapping a California couple at Nakalele Point and holding them captive while making several stops in Central Maui. Surveillance was released of one particular stop at the Maui Lani Longs, leading to the arrest of the woman suspect. The male suspect was arrested in the following weeks. Our ongoing coverage of the Capobianco trial continued as he was sentenced to life in prison, and a request for a new trial was denied.

Also of interest was Hawaii's response to the #boycotthawaii hashtag that became a trending item on twitter after Hawaii challenged Trump's travel ban. And locally, we got news of the closure of Kmart, and broke the story of Savers closing in Kahului. And at Haleakala, the famed sunrise viewing becomes so popular that the NPS implements an online reservation system.

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

3/31/17	<u><a href="#">"Stage 1" Water Shortage Declared for Upcountry, Maui</a></u>	The Department of Water Supply has declared a Stage 1 water shortage in Upcountry Maui, effective April 9, due to reduced surface water flow & a lack of rain.
3/31/17	<u><a href="#">VIDEO: Maui Hospital on Track for July 1st Transition</a></u>	The Maui Memorial Medical Center is on track to transition to Kaiser on July 1, 2017, in just 3 months as part of a public/private partnership approved by...
3/30/17	<u><a href="#">UPDATE: 2nd Suspect in Tourist Kidnapping Investigation CHARGED</a></u>	Phillip Rosenthal, 37, of Lahaina was charged for his alleged involvement in a tourist kidnapping and robbery at Nākālele Point earlier this month.
3/30/17	<u><a href="#">BREAKING EXCLUSIVE: Maui County Carnival CANCELLED</a></u>	The 2nd Annual Maui County Carnival that was scheduled for April 2017, has been cancelled due to a rise in shipping costs that have increased 40% in 3 years.
3/29/17	<u><a href="#">Public Defender Withdraws from Nākālele Kidnapping Case</a></u>	Deputy Public Defender Zach Raidmae withdrew himself from the case citing conflict of interest.
3/25/17	<u><a href="#">Blessing: Maui Medical Cannabis Dispensary to Open this Summer</a></u>	Maui Grown Therapies plans to open its Maui Lani Village dispensary later this summer. A second dispensary site will be announced later this year.
3/24/17	<u><a href="#">Nākālele Kidnapping Suspect Makes Initial Court Appearance</a></u>	Ashley Ramos, 19, of Lahaina made her initial court appearance where her bail was set at \$100,000.
3/24/17	<u><a href="#">Capobianco Sentenced to Life in Prison With Possibility of Parole</a></u>	Steven Capobianco was sentenced today to life in prison with the possibility of parole for the second degree murder charge. He was also sentenced to a maximum period of 10 year term for the offense of arson in the second degree, to be served consecutively.
3/23/17	<u><a href="#">New Maui Law Lifts 11 p.m. Deadline on Sale of Alcohol</a></u>	The Department of Liquor Control on Maui has lifted the time restriction on the sale of alcohol at retail locations and hotels in Maui County.
3/23/17	<u><a href="#">Maui Police Release Surveillance from Pukalani Burglary</a></u>	The Maui Police Department is asking for the public's assistance in identifying a male involved in a burglary reported on Sunday, March 5, 2017 at the Pukalani Superette.
3/23/17	<u><a href="#">Suspect Arrested in Tourist Kidnapping Case</a></u>	Ashley Ramos, 19, of Lahaina was arrested yesterday afternoon in connection with last week's kidnapping and robbery of a California couple at Nākālele Point.

	<a href="#">on Maui</a>	
3/21/17	<a href="#">Rep. Tulsi Gabbard Calls for Decriminalization of Marijuana</a>	Rep. Tulsi Gabbard urged Congress to pass bipartisan legislation to federally decriminalize marijuana.
3/20/17	<a href="#">Investigative Report Seeks Answers to Maui Inmate Death at Mainland Prison</a>	Questions surrounding the death of Maui resident Johnathan Namauleg at a prison in Arizona in 2015 are being brought to light in an investigative article that appears in the March issue of VICE magazine.
3/20/17	<a href="#">New Video: More Details Surface in Nākālele Kidnapping Investigation</a>	Maui police today issued new video of surveillance imagery from a reported kidnapping and robbery investigation involving a California couple who was reportedly held captive and robbed at gunpoint last week.
3/17/17	<a href="#">California Couple Reports Being Held Captive at Gunpoint</a>	On 03/15/17 two visitors from California, a 25 year old male and his 25 year old fiancée reported an unknown adult male and adult female held them up at gun point and stole personal belongings valued at \$9,402.00 total, while at Nakalele Point on 03/15/17 at approximately 6:50 p.m.
3/17/17	<a href="#">Pa'uwela Homes Offers 100% Workforce Housing</a>	"It will not solve the lack of inventory on the island," but developers say it will offer the benefits of home ownership to residents in a market where rents are often in excess of the monthly payment on a home.
3/17/17	<a href="#">Many In Hawai'i Unfazed by #BoycottHawaii Trending on Twitter</a>	While travel ban supporters went viral with their cause to #BoycottHawaii, many of those responding from Hawaii are unfazed by the threat.
3/15/17	<a href="#">Fisherman Encounters Great White in West Maui</a>	Although great white shark sightings are extremely rare in Hawai'i, there have been more documented encounters in recent years.
3/15/17	<a href="#">Kahului Kmart Closing, Liquidation Sale Begins March 30</a>	Kmart is closing its Kahului store, located at 424 Dairy Road in mid-June, with a liquidation sale to begin on March 30, 2017.
3/14/17	<a href="#">Haleakalā Draws 1.2 M Visitors in 2016, Sunrise Viewing Up 21%</a>	Haleakalā National Park recorded 1,263,558 visitors in 2016, the National Park Service's centennial year, up 4% (46,786 visitors) from 2015.
3/13/17	<a href="#">UPDATE: Entangled Subadult Humpback Whale Cut Free Off Maui</a>	A whale was entangled in large gauge electrical cable deeply embedded in its mouth. All gear except what could not be pulled was successfully removed.
3/12/17	<a href="#">Hāna Man Arrested, Charged in Attempted Murder Investigation</a>	Samson Hill, 28, Maui was arrested by Maui Police Department Hāna Patrol Officers at his residence in Hāna at around 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 12, 2017.
3/12/17	<a href="#">Community Rallies to Bring 22 NYC Firefighters to Maui for Trucker</a>	Among those participating in the event were a group of 22 firefighters from New York City. Trucker had become part of their family while receiving treatment at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center for Stage 4 Neuroblastoma...
3/11/17	<a href="#">Trucker's Paddle Out: Flowers and Prayers Scattered in Final Farewell</a>	In a private paddle out of family and close friends, flowers and prayers were scattered as a final farewell to 3-year-old Maui boy Trucker Dukes this morning.
3/10/17	<a href="#">Update: Maui Boy Trucker Dukes Remembered as "Little Warrior"</a>	Family members of 3-year old Trucker Dukes are honoring him during a Celebration of Life at Hope Chapel in Kihei. A live stream of the service is available
3/10/17	<a href="#">Demonstrators at Mayor's Address Want Resolution to "Sacred Rocks"</a>	A group of demonstrators held signs outside the venue for the Mayor's State of the County Address on Thursday, calling for respect of the Hawaiian Culture, accountability, and an apology for comments made about rocks some consider to be sacred at 'Īao Valley.
3/9/17	<a href="#">Mayor Proposes Closure of Waiehu Golf Course</a>	Maui Mayor Alan Arakawa announced the proposed closure of the Waiehu Municipal Golf Course due to continued operating losses.
3/8/17	<a href="#">Wanted: Maui Police Seek</a>	Maui Police are asking for the public's help in locating Samson K. Hill in connection to

	<a href="#"><u>Help in Police-Involved Shooting at McDonald's</u></a>	an Attempted Murder investigation that occurred on at the McDonald's restaurant in Wailuku on Monday.
3/8/17	<a href="#"><u>Nakama Named Coordinator for New Maui Homeless Program</u></a>	David Nakama will lead Maui County's new Homeless Program Division, the first of its kind in the state.
3/8/17	<a href="#"><u>Hawai'i Intends to Pursue Legal Action on Trump's New Travel Ban</u></a>	Hawai'i Attorney General Doug Chin confirmed that the State of Hawai'i intends to pursue legal action regarding President Trump's new travel ban, which was...
3/7/17	<a href="#"><u>7 Rescued From Kihei Flash Flood, Motorists Stranded</u></a>	Maui Now has received reports of heavy flooding from the Maui Lu area of South Kihei Road to Kūlanihāko'i. There are several stranded motorists in the area.
3/6/17	<a href="#"><u>UPDATE: Police Shooting Investigation at Wailuku McDonald's</u></a>	Police say the driver sped away "nearly hitting one officer" who then discharged their weapon at the vehicle. The incident occurred at the McDonald's on Main St in Wailuku.
3/6/17	<a href="#"><u>Capobianco's Request for New Trial Denied</u></a>	Maui Chief Judge Joseph Cardoza today denied a motion for a retrial in the case involving Steven Capobianco, who was found guilty in December of murder and second degree arson in the death of his pregnant ex-girlfriend Charli Scott.
3/6/17	<a href="#"><u>Pi'ilani Hwy Now OPEN, Tourists Temporarily Caught Between Rivers</u></a>	Stranded individuals tell us they were stuck overnight on the Piilani Highway in East Maui where two rivers flooded and washed out a section of the road.
2/27/17	<a href="#"><u>984 Humpbacks Tallied in 2017 Great Whale Count</u></a>	Hundreds of humpback whale sightings were reported during the 2017 Great Whale Count on Maui over the weekend, conducted by the Pacific Whale Foundation.
2/24/17	<a href="#"><u>Pacific Biodiesel Begins Farming State's Largest Biofuel Crop Project</u></a>	Pacific Biodiesel hosted a blessing to mark the beginning of the company's scaled-up farming demonstration to grow biofuel crops in Maui's central valley.
2/23/17	<a href="#"><u>Safeway to Anchor New Ho'okele Shopping Center</u></a>	Safeway will anchor the new Ho'okele Shopping Center, a 94,000-square-foot center located at the gateway to Alexander & Baldwin's Maui Business Park on Maui.
2/21/17	<a href="#"><u>Update: Capobianco Arrested for Promoting Prison Contraband</u></a>	A 49 year old female attempted to pass suspected illegal narcotics to Steven Capobianco during a visitation at the Maui Community Correctional Center
2/18/17	<a href="#"><u>Rep. Ing Responds to Mayor Arakawa's 'Sacred Rocks' Comment</u></a>	The comments sparked a firestorm on social media, and drew instant condemnation from those criticizing Maui County's handling of the flood repair project.
2/14/17	<a href="#"><u>Plans for Old Maui High School Met with Opposition</u></a>	Organizers of a community meeting in Pā'ia were met with opposition from area residents to plans for leasing the Old Maui High campus to TEACH Development LLC..
2/14/17	<a href="#"><u>Second Maui Dispensary Approved to Acquire, Grow Marijuana</u></a>	Pono Life Sciences Maui is the fourth licensee to receive notice from the state and the second Maui licensee to meet all requirements to begin growing marijuana
2/13/17	<a href="#"><u>\$1.8 M Stabilization Project Begins at 'Iao Valley State Monument</u></a>	A \$1.8 million slope stabilization and repair project begins today at 'Iao Valley State Monument.
2/12/17	<a href="#"><u>BREAKING: Kalani Pe'a Wins Grammy Award for "E Walea"</u></a>	Kalani Pe'a became the first Native-Hawaiian recording artist to win the Grammy for Best Regional Roots Album during the 59th Annual Grammy Awards.
2/9/17	<a href="#"><u>Maui Used Motor Oil Program Temporarily Suspended</u></a>	Maui County announced that its Used Motor Oil Program for home mechanics has been suspended immediately, due to increased costs and a lack of available funding.
2/8/17	<a href="#"><u>339 Acres of Former</u></a>	A California company has purchased 339 acres of former Hawaiian Commercial and

	<a href="#"><u>HC&amp;S Land Sold in Pā'ia</u></a>	Sugar Company land in Pā'ia for an estimated \$9.9 million, according to Maui Property Tax records.
2/2/17	<a href="#"><u>PUC Patrolling Hāna to Regulate Illegal Tour Operators</u></a>	The Hāna Highway Regulation organization reported multiple individuals and/or "companies" charging for chauffeured Road to Hāna tours, with no PUC certificate.
1/31/17	<a href="#"><u>Bills to Ban Coral-Killing Sunscreens Advance</u></a>	The House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection passed House Bill 600 which would prohibit the sale of sunscreens containing the chemical oxybenzone.
1/30/17	<a href="#"><u>Body of California Visitor Recovered from Wai'ānapanapa Freshwater Caves</u></a>	Maui firefighters recovered the body of a 33-year-old male visitor from Novato, California, Sunday afternoon at the Wai'ānapanapa Freshwater Caves in Hāna.
1/27/17	<a href="#"><u>Modified Access to 'Īao Valley State Monument Expected in Summer</u></a>	The state hopes to reopen 'Īao Valley State Monument to modified public access sometime this summer. A \$1.8 million stabilization project begins Feb. 13, 2017.
1/27/17	<a href="#"><u>Zuckerberg Decides to Drop Kaua'i Land Lawsuits</u></a>	Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg has reportedly decided to drop lawsuits to acquire kuleana land on Kaua'i's north shore...
1/19/17	<a href="#"><u>Zuckerberg Uses Facebook to Respond to Kaua'i Land Dealings</u></a>	Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg used his own Facebook page today to defend his Kaua'i land dealings, which have drawn widespread media attention after he filed several "quiet title" lawsuits against small landowners in the area.
1/12/17	<a href="#"><u>Thar She Blows! Maui Whale Season in Full Bloom</u></a>	Peak whale season is now underway as the humpback whales make their annual migration to the Hawaiian Islands. Here's a look at what's coming up for the whales
1/10/17	<a href="#"><u>Haleakalā Sunrise Viewing Reservation System Begins Feb. 1</u></a>	The public is reminded that the National Park Service will begin implementing a sunrise viewing reservation system on Feb. 1, 2017.
1/9/17	<a href="#"><u>898 Citations, 43 Arrests During Holiday Drive Sober Campaign</u></a>	Maui Police issued 898 traffic citations and made 43 DUI arrests during the Holiday Season Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign.
1/8/17	<a href="#"><u>Maui Now Exclusive: Grammy Nominee Kalani Pe'a</u></a>	Grammy nominated singer and songwriter, Kalani Pe'a shares with us his journey as he prepares for the 59th Annual Grammy Awards.
1/5/17	<a href="#"><u>Coffee Berry Borer Confirmed on Maui</u></a>	The coffee berry borer was detected in December 2016 on a coffee farm in Kīpahulu on Maui. A neighbor of the 13-acre farm reported the infestation.
1/3/17	<a href="#"><u>Capobianco Trial: Murder was "Heinous"</u></a>	The jury in the state vs Capobianco trial has answered "Yes" to the question of whether the murder of Carly "Charli" Scott was "especially heinous, atrocious and cruel."