

QUARTERLY REPORT #1 for 2016

FOR PERIOD COVERING

Jan 1, 2016 to March 30, 2016

The quarter starts off with the announcement that the Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company will end its sugar production operations by the end of 2016. The company's announcement marks an end of an era as it is the last working sugar plantation in Hawaii.

There's also an announcement that the HISTORIC transfer of the lease of Maui Region Hospitals is expected to close on June 30 and Kaiser is slated to begin operations on July 1, 2016.

Maui Police investigate the murder of a man at Kanaha: The victim of an apparent homicide on Maui was identified by police as Michael Colby, 39, of Kahului.

Jane Sanders, the wife of Democratic presidential candidate, Bernie Sanders visited Maui to rally support behind her husband ahead of Hawai'i's Presidential preference polls taking place. Our news team was on hand to greet Sanders on her arrival for an exclusive interview.

HC&S begins layoffs ahead of the planned closure of Hawaii's last sugar mill. Monday, March 7, 2016, marked the last day for dozens of workers at Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company who were laid off as part of the company's transition away from sugar cane production.

Island Air announced that it will discontinue service to Lāna'i with the last flights to and from Lāna'i scheduled to take place on March 31, 2016.

Also this quarter, there's lots of talk of mosquito borne illnesses including Zika and Dengue Fever. The state Department of Health tells us that they have confirmed a case of dengue fever in a resident of Maui that recently traveled to a country where dengue fever is endemic.

Fire crews battle a stubborn fire at Kahikinui: Maui firefighters responded to a report of smoldering brush on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016, at the same site of a previous 25-acre brush fire reported more than two months ago on Nov. 30, 2015.

THIS INCLUDES A SELECTION OF THE TOP STORIES COVERED BY PACIFIC RADIO GROUP ON THE GIVEN DAYS:

3.31.16	Shark Bite Incident in Olowalu, Maui	Officials with DLNR tell Maui Now that it was a minor incident involving an individual in a commercial tour group.
3.30.16	UPDATE: Makawao Man Dies in Haleakalā Highway Motorcycle Crash	A Makawao man suffered fatal injuries in a motorcycle crash on the Haleakalā Highway on Wednesday morning, March 30, 2016.
3.29.16	Maui Now Exclusive: Names Obtained in Violence Reduction Sweep	Maui Now has obtained the list of names of those arrested on Maui as part of Operation Violence Reduction 12, a six-week effort that resulted in the arrests of 33 individuals on Maui and 162 across the state.
3.28.16	3.6 Earthquake Rattles Maui	There is no tsunami expected following a preliminary magnitude 3.6 earthquake reported at 4:04 a.m. on Monday, March 28, 2016, four miles West of Kīhei.
3.28.16	Weak Cold Front Expected Monday into Tuesday	A weakening cold front will approach from the northwest Monday and slowly dissipate as it moves through the island chain Monday night through Tuesday night. Wednesday...
3.25.16	Archaeological Survey Work Underway at Moku'ula	The team of archaeologists will spend the next 6-8 weeks completing the Archaeological Inventory Survey work that was started last spring.

3.24.16	Millions of Dollars in Federal Funding Approved for HC&S Workers	The US Department of Labor approved a petition for federal aid that will provide millions of dollars in federal funding for displaced workers at HC&S.
3.24.16	Maui Population Grows by 0.8% to 164,637 in 2015	Maui's population grew by 0.8% in one year to 164,637 people in 2015, according to new data released by the US Census Bureau.
3.23.16	Operation Violence Reduction Nets 33 Arrests on Maui	A total of 33 people were arrested on Maui as part of an initiative to reduce violent crime. The arrests were part of a larger nationwide operation...
3.22.16	Maui Police Identify Murder Victim as a Kahului Man	The victim of an apparent homicide on Maui was identified by police today as Michael Colby, 39, of Kahului.
3.22.16	Jane Sanders Visits Maui to Stump for Husband Ahead of Hawai'i Caucus	Jane Sanders, the wife of Democratic presidential candidate, Bernie Sanders visited Maui last night to rally support behind her husband ahead of Hawai'i's Presidential preference polls taking place this weekend.
3.21.16	UDPATE: 14 Stranded by Flood Waters on Maui Airlifted to Safety	A total of 14 individuals were airlifted to safety when they became stranded during a flash flood at Makamaka'ole Gulch (located along the Kahekili Highway between Waihe'e and Kahakuloa) on Monday afternoon.
3.19.16	Murder Investigation Underway at Kanahā	Maui police have cordoned off a section of shoreline off of Amala Place in Kahului while they conduct an investigation in the area. The investigation includes a section of beach between the Kahului/Wailuku Wastewater Reclamation Facility and Kanaha Beach.
3.17.16	Little Fire Ant Intercepted in Hāna	The landscaper, who prefers to remain anonymous, quarantined and tested for little fire ants before even unloading the shipment. His actions along with the rapid response by the MISC crew protected the whole community.
3.17.16	Arrests Made in Armed Bank Robbery	Michael Soto and Sandra Kahikina were charged with first degree robbery in connection with the Feb. 26th incident at the Territorial Savings Bank in Lahaina.
3.16.16	Police Release Surveillance Image in Kahului Burglary, Seek Public Help	The individual appeared to be in their early 30's and was seen carrying crowbars, two of which have been recovered, according to police reports.
3.14.16	Mayor Arakawa: State of the County is "One of Perpetual Change"	The Mayor discussed the expected loss of 650 jobs before the end of the year due to the cessation of sugar operations at Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company. Other recent issues facing the county include the 5,000 acre brushfire at Kahikinui, severe flooding that forced the closure of the main DMV service center in Kahului, and a road that the Mayor said, "threatens to slip into the ocean," in East Maui.
3.14.16	80 Organizations Support East Maui Kalo Farmers Against HB2501	More than 80 organizations signed a coalition statement in support of restoring water to East Maui streams as a group of taro farmers from the region voice opposition to a measure that they say would allow continued water diversions.
3.13.16	First Pitch Thrown at Newly Opened Central Maui Regional Sports Complex	With the first phase of construction now complete, local and visiting teams and the general public can now compete on two softball fields and utilize an open field, two comfort stations and a concession building. These features cover about 24 acres of the 65 acre property.
3.13.16	UPDATE: Overnight Shooting on Waiehu	The incident was reported in the early morning hours fronting Ray's Deli & Lounge at the Waiehu Beach Center.

	Beach Road Under Investigation	
3.12.16	VIDEO: Rescue at "Black Rock" Pu'u Keka'a	Rescue crews airlifted an individual from Pu'u Keka'a "Black Rock" on Saturday, March 12, 2016.
3.11.16	UPDATE: Body Found in Burn Area of Olowalu Brush Fire	The vehicle and body appeared to have been burned as a result of the brush fire, but the actual cause of death of the identity of the individual found is pending autopsy results.
3.10.16	1st Annual "Maui County Carnival" Debuts in April	The Maui County Carnival will be a new presentation but people may best relate to it from past events. You may remember the Little League Carnival which went on for three years, ending in 2006, and the Jaycee Carnival, which ended in 1997.
3.10.16	Landslide to Result in Temporary Closure of Hāna Highway	Hāna Highway will be closed at Mile 6.1 near the Nā'ili'ilihā'ele Stream Bridge, on Friday, March 11, 2016 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
3.9.16	County Defends Solid Waste Costs Following Release of Audit Report	"Unfortunately the audit's findings were skewed because the auditor refused to use the county's evaluation of how much landfill space is worth," county officials contend.
3.9.16	Petition Filed to Increase Water Flow at Nā Wai 'Ehā	The petition states that HC&S's closure presents new circumstances that the Water Commission must address in fulfilling its ongoing public trust duties to restore stream flows to Nā Wai 'Ehā.
3.8.161	HC&S 1st Round of Layoffs Begin	Monday, March 7, 2016, marked the last day for dozens of workers at Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company who were laid off as part of the company's transition away from sugar cane production.
3.2.16	UPDATE: Pukalani Shooting Classified as Miscellaneous Accident	Maui police are investigating an apparent shooting incident at a Pukalani residence reported on Wednesday afternoon, March 2, 2016.
3.1.16	BREAKING: Island Air to Discontinue Service to Lāna'i	Island Air today announced that it will discontinue service to Lāna'i with the last flights to and from Lāna'i scheduled to take place on March 31, 2016.
2.29.16	Hana Man Arrested for Allegations of Meth Trafficking	On Monday, Feb. 29, 2016 at 3:25 p.m., officers from the Hana Patrol district arrested John Christopher NG (35) of Hana following a Grand Jury Indictment
2.29.16	Mā'alaea Pickup Accident Claims Life of Pā'ia Man	A 37-year-old Pā'ia man suffered fatal injuries in a weekend traffic accident on the Honoapi'ilani Highway in Mā'alaea at the North Kīhei Road intersection. Maui police have since identified the man as Ilya Romanovich Vinokur.
2.24.16	Hawai'i State Laboratory Gears Up for Zika Testing	State Health Director Virginia Pressler said that by "providing lab support to these areas, when we can, is critical to controlling the spread of diseases and reducing the risk of introduction to Hawai'i."
2.23.16	Rockies' Jose Reyes Placed on Paid Leave Pending Maui Proceedings	The former Mets shortstop and Colorado Rockies Major League Baseball player was arrested and charged for Abuse of a Family and/or Household Member while on Maui last year.
2.23.16	Suspect in Wailuku Stabbing Arrested	The charges stem from a Jan. 18, 2016 incident in which Santos is accused of breaking into a home, knocking a 29-year-old Wailuku man to the ground and using a weapon to stab the man multiple times, according to Maui police.

	Charged for Attempted Murder	
2.19.16	VIDEO: Kahikinui Fire Update 2/19/16, Multiple Flare-Ups	Firefighters continue to battle a large brushfire in the remote and rugged terrain of Kahikinui, with firefighting operations now entering a fourth day.
2.18.16	UPDATE: Near Fatal Motor Vehicle Accident at McGregor's Point	The Honoapi'ilani Highway is now OPEN in both directions. Motorists are asked to exercise patience and to expect delays as traffic resumes its normal flow.
2.18.16	VIDEO: Maui Visitors Bureau Launches New "Maui Mavericks" Campaign	The Maui Visitors and Convention Bureau today launched its new "Maui Mavericks" public relations campaign and selected 16 next-generation leaders as Maui ambassadors for the program.
2.18.16	Kahikinui Brush Fire Remains Active, 40% Contained	Fire officials say the blaze is still actively burning along the northern, mauka edge, where ground crews were utilizing bulldozers to cut a firebreak.
2.16.16	VIDEO: Maui Welcome's First Neighbor Island Victoria's Secret Store	A crowd of more than 100 people gathered for the grand opening of Victoria's Secret at the Queen Ka'ahumanu Shopping Center in Kahului today.
2.12.16	Governor Signs Emergency Proclamation to Prevent Dengue and Zika	This follows the recent decision by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to open its emergency operations center at Level 1 to prepare for and mitigate the Zika risk.
2.12.16	Maui Pasta Owners Seek Community's Help	Business was growing steadily and it seemed that the couple was on the road to success, when they suddenly experienced a very serious setback.
2.11.16	Kahikinui Brush Fire Likely Rekindle From Fire in November	Maui firefighters responded to a report of smoldering brush on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016, at the same site of a previous 25-acre brush fire reported more than two months ago on Nov. 30, 2015.
2.8.16	Kahului Man Arrested for Alleged Attempted Arson at Maui Oil Company	Maui Oil Company workers observed a male suspect pouring liquid on the company's gas tanks. Police say the container contained motor oil which the suspect allegedly attempted to light on fire.
2.8.16	Hawai'i County Mayor Declares State of Emergency in Wake of Dengue Fever Outbreak	A proclamation signed by Mayor Kenoi today effectively suspends a law currently in place relating to landfills to the extent necessary to effectively control and eliminate the dengue fever virus on the island.
2.4.16	Father and Son Arrested for Suspicion of Arson in Gas Station Fire	Police allege the suspects' sprayed gasoline on the pump, lit it on fire then fled the area.
2.2.16	Virgin America	Virgin America airlines today announced it is expanding its service to Hawai'i with daily nonstop flights from Los Angeles International Airport to Honolulu, O'ahu on

	Launches Daily Flights From Los Angeles to Maui	May 5, 2016, and Kahului, Maui on June 14, 2016.
2.1.16	EXCLUSIVE: Dengue Fever Case Confirmed on Maui	The state Department of Health tells Maui Now that they have confirmed a case of dengue fever in a resident of Maui that recently traveled to a country where dengue fever is endemic.
1.30.16	Maui Set New Visitor Arrival Record in 2015	Maui and set a new record for annual visitor arrivals, which increased 1.5% to 230,868 and visitor expenditures increased 4.9% to \$436.8 million.
1.28.16	UPDATE: Hiker Falls 15-Foot at 'Īao Near Nature Center	Rescue crews are responding to a report of a female who fell about 15 feet near a swimming hole above the Hawai'i Nature Center in 'Īao Valley.
1.28.16	PHOTOS: It was a Big Wednesday at Pe'ahi	It was a "Big Wednesday" at Pe'ahi "Jaws" today. Conditions were challenging to say the least and many are calling what ensued "carnage"...
1.25.16	Group Seeks Full EIS on Proposed 47-acre Mākena "Resort Complex"	The Maui Tomorrow Foundation is speaking out against a planned "Resort Complex" in Mākena that is proposed for development on 47.15 acres of undeveloped land makai of Mākena Alanui Road.
1.25.16	Position Description for New Maui Energy "Czar" Commissioner Announced	The new position was among two announced during a press conference on Jan. 15, in which the Mayor unveiled a report that studied utility options for Maui County. In addition to the commissioner or energy "czar," the county is also looking to hire a utility consultant
1.24.16	Wailea, Maui Shark Incident Update (Sunday 1/24/2016)	State officials reopened a stretch of shoreline in Wailea on Sunday , Jan. 24, 2016, following a shark encounter on Saturday.
1.22.16	1:30 p.m. UPDATE: Fire Flare Up in Mā'alaea; Honoapi'ilani Now OPEN	The Honoapi'ilani Highway is now OPEN in both directions. Motorists can expect a delay in travel as traffic resumes its normal flow.
1.20.16	Wailuku Woman Arrested in Fatal Pedestrian Hit-and-Run	Maui police say the suspect is a 44-year-old female of Wailuku, identified as Dolly Ai, who was allegedly operating the truck at the time of the collision. Ai was arrested for Accidents Involving Death or Serious Bodily Injury and was later released pending further investigation.
1.18.16	UPDATE/FOUND: 3 Missing Divers Near Penguin Bank, Moloka'i	The US Coast Guard reports the missing divers include a 40-year-old man, 30-year-old man and a 17-year-old boy. According to department reports, the three were last seen at 10 a.m., wearing full body camouflage wetsuits and are reportedly "excellent swimmers."
1.17.16	Shark Sighting in Wailea: Witnesses Describe Aggressive Behavior	Witnesses to yesterday's shark sighting incident in Wailea described the shark's behavior as "aggressive," saying a large tiger shark pursued ocean goers in the Ulua and Mokapu Beach areas.
1.16.16	Warning Level Surf Prompts Multiple Rescues on Maui	On Friday, Jan. 15, 2016, fire and ocean safety crews were kept busy responding to multiple ocean related incidents across the island.
1.16.16	Deadly Accident on	On Friday, Jan. 15, 2016 at approximately 9:24 p.m., a Motor Vehicle Collision occurred at Dairy Road (fronting Maui Market Place) and 115 feet south of Ohekanani

	Dairy Road Claims Life of Pedestrian	Street in Kahului. The collision occurred as a pickup truck, traveling north on Dairy Road, collided into a pedestrian crossing westbound on Dairy Road.
1.15.16	VIDEO: Report Recommends Electric Utility Options	A study recommended that Maui County seek an independent systems operator or regional transmission operator to oversee the electric grid and energy market.
1.15.16	Plane Lands Safely After Stored E-Cig Sparks Fire in Baggage	An investigation revealed that the fire started from an electronic cigarette that was stored within one of the checked bags.
1.15.16	State v. Capobianco Trial Set to Start on March 14	A man accused of murdering his pregnant ex-girlfriend will stand trial in March, according to new information released today by the Hawai'i State Judiciary.
1.14.16	VIDEO: Historic Agreement Approved for Management of Maui Region Hospitals	The transfer of the lease is expected to close on June 30 and Kaiser is slated to begin operations on July 1, 2016.
1.11.16	Long-Awaited Kihei High School Breaks Ground	After decades of petitioning and planning, the long-awaited Kihei High School in South Maui broke ground off Pi'ilani Highway at 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 11.
1.7.16	Holiday Checkpoints Result in 49 Arrests, 891 Citations	MPD partnered with the state DOT and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for the holiday season's Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign.
1.7.16	Lt. Gov. Tsutsui: 'Hawai'i is Turning a Page in Its History'	Alexander and Baldwin's announcement is not only upsetting to the employees and their families, but also to our close-knit Maui community."
1.6.16	Gov. Ige: 'A&B Has Played a Significant Role in the State's Economy'	"This is a significant historic marker for Hawai'i, the end of an era that touched the lives of generations of hardworking local families."
1.6.16	Rep. Ing: 'The Writing Was On the Wall'	Rep. Kaniela Ing, who introduced a plan to transition away from cane burning without job loss during the 2016 legislative session, commented on A&B.
1.6.16	Sen. Hirono: 'Today's Announcement Marks the End of an Era...'	Sen. Mazie K. Hirono commented on today's announcement that Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company will end its sugar production operations by the end of 2016.
1.6.16	Stopcaneburning.org: 'Only a Court Order Can Fully Protect the Public's Right to Clean Air'	"I am confident that Judge Cardoza will give us a preliminary injunction to stop burning, since that will actually save A&B money..."
1.7.16	Speaker Souki: 'It is a Sad Day Indeed'	"We will work closely with A&B, the governor, the ILWU, and federal, state and county agencies to ensure that the transition... is as smooth as possible."