

QUARTERLY REPORT #4 for 2016

FOR PERIOD COVERING

Oct 1, 2016 to Dec 31, 2016

As we head into the final quarter of 2016, Maui Now created a special Maui Sugar: End of an Era section that honors the industry, its workers and the plantation roots that have become a part of the last 145 years of Maui's history.

News coverage this quarter focused on the Capobianco murder trial with testimony from witnesses presented by the prosecution. Capobianco is accused of murdering his pregnant ex girlfriend, Charli Scott, in February of 2014 and setting her vehicle on fire. Also this quarter, a historic 100-year-flood affected the Iao Valley area of Central Maui, resulting in a presidential disaster declaration. Recovery efforts continue. Two major storms came dangerously close to the Hawaiian Islands in August/September as we continue to monitor systems during the Hurricane season, which continues through the end of November.

Also this quarter: The first opinion unanimously agreed that the management plan for the Haleakalā summit provided a sufficient assessment of potential environmental impacts from the Telescope. The opinion was issued by the state supreme court.

In news from the crime front, Chad Reardon, 44, of Ha'ikū was arrested and charged for the offenses of Impersonating a Law Enforcement Officer in the Second Degree and Resisting an Order to Stop a Motor Vehicle in the Second Degree.

And the state DLNR issues an advisory on what Native Hawaiian traditions have known that the chance of being bitten by a shark in Hawaiian waters is small, but does increase during this time of year.

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

12/30/16	UPDATE: Crews Respond to Report of Downed Aircraft off Molokai	The Coast Guard is responding to a report of a possible downed aircraft with three people aboard approximately four miles east of Ilio Point, Molokai, Friday.
12/30/16	Traacherous Conditions: Hāna Hwy Landslides	In Honomanū at MP13, there is a large landslide and a tree is blocking the Hāna bound lane. Also at MP16 there is a smaller rock slide blocking the Hāna bound lane.
12/30/16	Whale Carcass Prompts Closure at 'Āhihi-Kina'u, Maui	Shoreline access at 'Āhihi-Kina'u on Maui has been closed due to a whale carcass on shore. This is the 5th dead Humpback report since Nov. 11 in Hawai'i.
12/29/16	Capobianco Trial: Jury to be Asked if Murder was "Heinous"	A day after finding Steven Capobianco guilty of 2nd degree murder and 2nd degree arson, the jury has yet to hear arguments on an enhanced sentencing allegation.
12/28/16	Capobianco Verdict: Guilty as Charged	Jurors have reached a unanimous verdict on both charges: finding Steven Capobianco guilty as charged for murder in the second degree of Carly "Charli" Scott...
12/27/16	Capobianco Trial: Jury Deliberations Resume Today	Jury deliberations resume at 10 a.m. today in the trial of a man accused of murdering his pregnant ex-girlfriend.
12/21/16	Capobianco Trial: Jury on Break Until Dec. 27	The jury in the ongoing State v. Capobianco trial is taking a break through the holiday weekend, as some jurors had previously scheduled plans.
12/19/16	Maui Dispensary Unveils Cannabis Education Center	Pono Life Sciences Maui, LLC, one of two marijuana dispensaries approved for operation in Maui County, showcased its cannabis education center in Kahului.
12/16/16	5,058 Lose Power: Outages Caused by Palm Fronds, Cable Fault	Maui Electric crews restored power to customers in Makawao and Napili after an interruption in electrical service for about 30 minutes in the two separate incidents on Friday, Dec. 16, 2016.
12/16/16	Last Load of Sugar Departs from Kahului Harbor	The final load of sugar from Maui went out of port at Kahului Harbor this morning. Blaring boat horns could be heard throughout central Maui as the departure marked the end of an era for sugar in the islands.
12/14/16	Maui Medical Cannabis	The company expects to sell cannabis and cannabis-derivative products approximately

	Dispensary Located at Maui Lani	112 days after it receives a "Notice to Proceed with Cultivation" from the Hawai'i State Department of Health.
12/14/16	Maui County Proposes Purchase of 8,764 Acres From Wailuku Water Co.	Maui County Mayor Alan Arakawa discussed the proposed purchase of property and infrastructure from Wailuku Water Company, LLC during a press conference this afternoon.
12/14/16	Capobianco Trial: Jury "Divided," Deliberations Continue	The jury has decided to continue deliberations after receiving a communication from the court today asking if they are deadlocked or if more time would help them in coming to a decision.
12/12/16	End of an Era: HC&S Completes Final Harvest	Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company commemorates its final sugar harvest today following months of transition work.
12/11/16	Stalled Motorists, Flooded Bridge in South Maui	We received reports of flooding near the Kihei Bay Vista property as well as the wetland area just south of the old Maui Lu property in North Kihei.
12/9/16	Deliberations Continue in Capobianco Murder Trial	The jury in the ongoing State v Capobianco murder trial continues to deliberate and is expected to deliberate well into the coming week, sources tell Maui Now.
12/8/16	Accident, Boulders Result in Mid-day Delay on Honoapi'iiani	Traffic on Honoapi'iiani Hwy in the area of the Scenic Lookout is slowed in both directions due to inclement weather and a large boulder on the Lahaina-bound shoulder. Police and State Highways crews are working to remove the boulder. Motorists should expect delays and use caution while driving.
12/8/16	TSUNAMI WATCH CANCELLED: After 7.8 M Solomon Islands Quake	The magnitude has been downgraded from an 8.0 to a 7.8. Based on all available data from the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center there is no tsunami threat to the State of Hawai'i. Therefore, the tsunami watch is cancelled.
12/1/16	Capobianco Defense Closing Arguments: "Facebook-ed Into Believing"	The Defense presented its closing arguments on Wednesday in the ongoing murder trial of Steven Capobianco.
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12/2/16	Only 9% of Sex Assault Evidence Kits on Maui Tested	According to the document only 15 of the 166 kits filed on Maui, or 9%, were tested since the department began using the kits in 1999.
12/2/16	Maui Crime Rate Leads State, Arson Skyrockets by 86.4%	Maui County's crime rates increased for six of the ten Index Crime offenses, with a notable increase of 86.4% for arson.
12/6/16	Kihei Man arrested in Connection to Fatal Hit-and-Run	A Kihei man has been arrested in connection with a fatal hit-and-run accident that claimed the life of 16-year-old Hannah Simmons of Maui.
12/6/16	Maui Sugar: End of an Era – HC&S Operations Nearing End	The company plans to commemorate the closure on Monday, Dec. 12, 2016 with a tourhauleder bringing in the last load of sugarcane to the Pu'unēnē Mill. During an earlier visit, we learned about several trial crops under rotation in Central Maui.
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11/30/16	Women Helping Women's New Lāna'i Shelter Receives Support	The new Women Helping Women's emergency domestic violence shelter on Lāna'i will receive support from volunteers during a service project this weekend.
11/30/16	Prosecution Closing Statements: Capobianco had Motive, Opportunity and Intent	During his closing argument, Rivera noted that there wasn't much physical evidence that was left of Scott, but asked jurors to look at the inconsistencies in Capobianco's account and consider the forensic evidence that exists.
11/29/16	Arrest Made in Fatal Kahului Hit-And-Run Crash	Maui police have made an arrest in connection to a hit-and-run crash on Friday night that resulted in the death of a 30-year old Maui woman...
11/29/16	Snowfall Experience at Maui's Queen Ka'ahumanu Center	"Let it Snow!" is a snowfall experience occurring on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from Dec. 1 through Christmas Eve as part of the Queen Ka'ahumanu Center's "Let's Celebrate the Holidays Together" yuletide program.
11/29/16	Maui Man Airlifted: Falls 20-Feet from Waterfall in Kailua	A 38-year-old Maui man was airlifted to the hospital after falling 20 feet into a pool at the base of a 60 foot waterfall over the weekend in Kailua.
11/28/16	Capobianco Trial: Closing Arguments Start Tuesday, Alternate Juror Placed	The court will proceed with the prosecution's closing arguments at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 29. The defense will present their closing arguments the following day, on Wednesday, Nov. 30.
11/28/16	16-Year-Old Pedestrian Dies in Hit-and-Run Accident in Kihei	A 16-year-old girl succumbed to injuries sustained in a hit-and-run crash on Sunday night on the Pi'ilani Highway (31) in Kihei, police said.
11/28/16	Haleakalā to Launch Reservation System for Sunrise Viewing	The reservation system at Haleakalā National Park will go live on Dec. 1, 2016 at a cost of \$1.50 per car, with full implementation on Feb. 1, 2017.
11/28/16	Closing Arguments Expected in State v. Capobianco	Closing Arguments Expected in State v. Capobianco
11/27/16	Maui Sugar: End of an Era – What Will Happen to the View From Above?	Maui Sugar: End of an Era – What Will Happen to the Green View From Above?
11/26/16	Pedestrian Killed in Hit-and-Run in Kahului	Details online
11/25/16	Capobianco Trial: Rebuttal Witnesses say Evidence Not Consistent with Boar Activity	Two rebuttal witnesses for the prosecution testified on Wednesday, including Dr. Kanthi De Alwis, who provided testimony as an expert in forensic pathology; and Maui Police Officer Brandon Rodrigues who testified on his experience as a hunter of wild boar and wild pigs, who also searched the Nua'aillua area where remains, clothing and personal belongings were recovered.
11/24/16	Ukumehame-Olowalu Fire Burns 15 Acres, Mop-Up	Fire crews in West Maui responded to a 15 acre brush fire in the Olowalu-Ukumehame area mauka of Honoapi'ilani Highway at 7:56 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2016.

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11/23/16	Capobianco Trial: Defense Rests, Forensic Anthropologist Testifies as Rebuttal Witness	The defense has rested its case in the ongoing murder trial of Steven Capobianco. Forensic anthropologist Nicholas Passalacqua, testified on Tuesday as a rebuttal witness for the prosecution.
11/23/16	Ukumehame Brush Fire: Fire Under Control, Hwy OPEN	As of 9 a.m., West Maui motorists are being advised that a brushfire on the mauka side of Honoapiʻilani Highway in Ukumehame may force the closure of the highway if the blaze is not contained within the next hour.
11/22/16	Melon Headed Whale Stranding Off Sugar Beach, Maui	Members of the Pacific Islands Region NOAA Response Team received the call for assistance at around 7:30 a.m. reporting a stranded marine mammal. Officials say crews attempted to assess and stabilize the animal upon arrival, but say it had to be humanely euthanized and passed away about two hours later.
11/22/16	Pedestrian Dies, Struck by SUV at Kahului Intersection	A 64-year-old Kula man suffered fatal injuries in a weekend crash on the Kahului Airport Access Road at the intersection of Hāna Highway in Kahului.
11/21/16	2nd Hāna Highway Landslide. Now Passable at Mile 14.5	The Hāna Highway is now OPEN in both directions as of 5:21 p.m. Maui police tell us that the landslide in the Haʻikū area has since been cleared. Motorists are advised to drive with caution as the road is open, but the remains wet. Please drive with caution.
11/20/16	Capobianco Trial: Defense Witness Says Injuries Point to Wild Boar	Laufer disputed expert testimony presented by the prosecution relating to jawbone injuries and blood stain patterns on jeans.
11/18/16	Maui Sugar: End of an Era – Mill Tour	Robert Luuwai, vice president of factory operations at HC&S give us an inside look at mill operations and a bit of history about the original 1890 building.
11/17/16	Little Fire Ant Infestation Found on 12 Acres in Kapalua, Maui	An estimated 2,000 samples were collected and the little fire ant infestation is estimated to be 12 acres in Kapalua, though that acreage may increase as further surveys are conducted.
11/16/16	Surviving Twin in Deadly Maui Cliff Crash Faces Murder Charge Again	Alexandria Duval (also known as Allison Dadow), 37, was arrested on Friday, Nov. 11, 2016 in Albany, New York on the strength of a warrant issued in connection with a grand jury indictment late last month for second-degree murder.
11/16/16	Police Issue Safety Reminder After Suspicious Incident at Maui School	An unidentified male drove up in a gold-colored SUV (unknown license plates, make/model) and approached the students. The male claimed the student's father was hurt and that he would take them to him.
11/16/16	UPDATE: Helicopter Crash Site Located on Molokaʻi, No Survivors	At 1:31 p.m. Wednesday, the fire department's Air 1 helicopter located the wreckage of the missing helicopter.
11/16/16	UH Study First to Show Extent of Injection Well Impact in Kahului	The study is the first to show the extent of the impact of wastewater injection wells at Kahului Wastewater Reclamation Facility on Maui.
11/14/16	Oregon Visitor Dies on Maui, Assisted to Shore at Waipuilani	A visitor died after experiencing difficulty while snorkeling in waters outside of Waipuilani Park at around 10:05 a.m. this morning, Monday, Nov. 14, 2016.
11/14/16	Shark Attack: Kama'ole Closed, Woman Hospitalized	Kama'ole Beach Parks 1, 2 & 3 have been shut down due to a shark attack reported at around 10 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 14, 2016. Emergency crews are on scene. DLNR is monitoring the area.
11/13/16	Casey Sales-Salcedo Named Miss Maui 2017	Sales-Salcedo will be the only entry from Maui at the Miss Hawai'i Pageant in June. If Sales-Salcedo becomes Miss Hawai'i, she will represent Hawai'i at the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City.
11/13/16	Keiki Hula Champs Selected at Maui's 2016 Hula O Nā Keiki	Jaelynn Marie Kalea Nobriga of Hālau Hula Kauluokalā under the direction of Uluwehi Guerrero and Justin Kalani Brache of Hālau Hula Keali'i O Nālani under the direction of Keali'i Ceballos won the overall wahine and kāne titles respectively in the 26th annual Hula O Nā Keiki competition.
11/11/16	Maui Sugar: End of an Era	As the last harvest at Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Company nears its end, we had

	– Diversified Agriculture Trials Underway	the opportunity to document some of the work that goes into the operation, and discuss the company's new venture into diversified agriculture.
11/10/16	Capobianco Trial: Defense Questioning Focuses on Masking Tape	The next phase of the ongoing murder trial of Steven Capobianco got underway on Wednesday with the defense calling to the stand a GIS map specialist and two employees from Mana Foods who had worked with the defendant.
11/19/16	Voter Turnout Up Across the State: Maui at 56.4%	Maui's voter turnout improved from 52.7% in 2014 to 56.4% this year. Of the 93,912 registered voters in Maui County, 52,969 cast ballots in the General Election.
11/8/16	Trump Wins Presidency, Calls for Unity	"To all Republicans and Democrats and Independents across the nation, it is time for us to come together as one united people. I pledge to every citizen of our land that I will be president for all Americans, and this is so important to me," said Trump
11/8/16	Maui General Election Results 2016 – FINAL PRINTOUT	Please Check back frequently for updated results, which are posted as they become available. Our priority is to post Maui County race results first, with additional state and national races to be updated thereafter.
11/7/16	Engineers to Assess Flood Damage from Kepaniwai to Flood Control at ʻĪao	This week on Wednesday, Nov. 9 and Thursday, Nov. 10, engineers and a GIS specialist will be assessing sites along the river bank to determine areas that qualify for their program.
11/3/16	Maui Sugar: End of an Era – Part 2	HC&S General Manager, Rick Volner tells Maui Now that the company had a couple of major goals that they set out at the beginning of the year. "One was obviously finishing this last year and getting the sugar production and the crop through."
11/2/16	Capobianco Trial: Prosecution Rests; Defense to Call Witnesses	The prosecution has rested its case in the ongoing murder trail of Steven Capobianco, after presenting dozens of witnesses over the course of 18 weeks.
11/1/16	Halloween on Front Street Arrest Free in 2016	Police say there were no arrests made during this year's event, but there were three traffic citations issued on Front Street.
11/1/16	Honoapiʻilani Accident Claims Life of Wailuku Man	At 7 a.m., police closed the Honoapiʻilani Highway (30) in both directions following a fatal motor vehicle accident reported at around 6:50 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2016.
10.31.16.	Maui Police Respond to Report of Alleged Abduction in Kahului	To date, no victim has been identified or reported and nothing was found to indicate a crime related to the original call was committed.
10.30.16	Attempted Murder Investigation Launched into Fatal Traffic Accident	
10.28.16	Maui Visitor Spending Up 9.3% to \$3.4 Billion	Total visitor spending in the Hawaii increased 10.4% to \$1.2 billion in September 2016, setting a new record and making it the 4th straight month of year-over-year increases.
10.28.16	Rally for ʻĪao: Today Fronting County Building	Rally for ʻĪao: Today Fronting County Building
10.27.16	Maui Sugar: End of an Era – Part 1	As we head into the final quarter of 2016, Maui Now created a special Maui Sugar: End of an Era section that honors the industry, its workers and the plantation roots that have become a part of the last 145 years of Maui's history.
10.26.16	Maui Nō Ka ʻŌi: Ranked Best Island in US— Again	Maui was ranked "Best Island in the U.S." for its 23rd consecutive year.
10.24.16	Capobianco Trial: Ultrasound Shows Fetal Heart Rate, Age	A Maui radiologist testified that Charli Scott's unborn baby was 19 weeks old nearly a month before she disappeared.
10.23.16	Maui Unemployment Rate 3.3% in September	Maui County's 3.3% unemployment rate for September was down slightly from the 3.4% reported a month earlier, and down from the 3.8% reported at the same time last year.
10.22.16	County of Maui Flood Recovery Forums	There will be two Flood Recovery Forums held, one in Central Maui and the other in West Maui, both open to the public from 3. to 7:30 p.m.
10.20.16	Wet Season Rainfall Outlook for State of Hawaiʻi	NOAA reports that Hawaiʻi is coming off of the second wettest dry season in the last 30 years, based on rankings from eight key sites.
10.29.16	County to Restrict Overnight Access to Kanahā Park Starting Nov. 1	
10.17.16	4,600 Gallons of Wastewater Overflows in Kihei	The overflow was caused by a deteriorated section of a force main located on the mauka side of the road, just north of Kilohana Drive.
10.14.16	Female Snorkeler Bitten by Shark in Kihei, Maui	Shark warning signs were posted this morning by Maui County Ocean Safety lifeguards and Department of Land and Natural Resources staff on the Kihei coastline from Kalama Park to Kamaole Beach Park III.
10.6.16	State Supreme Court Issues Opinions on	The first opinion unanimously agreed that the management plan for the Haleakalā summit provided a sufficient assessment of potential environmental impacts from the

	<u>Haleakalā Telescope</u>	Telescope.
10.6.16	<u>Kaiser to Discontinue “Basic” and “Enhanced” Senior Plans on Maui</u>	Kaiser's "Basic" and "Enhanced" senior plans on Maui will be discontinued. The Basic (\$38) and Enhanced (\$180) plans will be replaced with the Kaiser Permanente Senior Advantage Maui (HMO), which has a \$194 premium.
10.6.16	<u>Capobianco Trial: Cross Exam of Evidence Specialist, Trial Takes 2 Week Break</u>	The ongoing murder trial for Steven Capobianco is scheduled for a two week break due to juror schedules. Maui Police Department evidence specialist Anthony Earls returned to the stand several times last week with questioning focused on the police processing of evidence in the case.
10.5.16	<u>Ha'ikū Man Charged with Impersonating a Law Enforcement Officer</u>	Chad Reardon, 44, of Ha'ikū was arrested and charged for the offenses of Impersonating a Law Enforcement Officer in the Second Degree and Resisting an Order to Stop a Motor Vehicle in the Second Degree.
10.4.16	<u>Restoration Project Underway Following Historic 'Āo Valley Flood</u>	When a slow moving thunderstorm dropped an enormous amount of rain on Maui Sept. 13-14, the Wailuku River and several of its tributaries escaped their banks and not only significantly widened the river bed, but caused hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of damage in 'Āo Valley State Monument.
10.3.16	<u>Shark Incidents Peak This Time of Year, Caution Advised</u>	The chance of being bitten by a shark in Hawaiian waters is always extremely small, but does increase a bit during this time frame, DLNR officials say.