

QUARTERLY REPORT #4 for 2014
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THIS INCLUDES A SELECTION OF THE TOP STORIES COVERED BY PACIFIC RADIO GROUP ON THE GIVEN DAYS.

DURING THE 4th QUARTER,

The Hawai'i State Department of Health confirmed three cases of measles in the state, one on Maui and two on Kaua'i, for a total of five confirmed cases reported in the state this year, according to state health officials.

There was a rash of shark encounters in October forcing beach closures in Maui County.

With hurricane season in full effect, Maui braces for Ana as its unpredictable path is monitored on its approach to the Hawaiian Islands.

A decade long battle over water rights in Central Maui comes to a climax with the historic release of water at Iao. "We're hopeful that with the return of stream flow to Nā Wai 'Ehā (The Four Waters) that this can be the latest in the ripple that will create a wave that carries forward for many generations yet to come," said Kapua Sproat of Earthjustice. Our news team covered the historic release with video and audio interviews for our various platforms. "For the first time in more than a century," there will be a continuous flow of water from mauka to makai into the 'Iao Stream on Maui.

The GMO debate heats up as: Proponents of the recently passed GMO Initiative on Maui are seeking intervention in a federal court lawsuit filed by Monsanto Hawai'i after a judge granted a request preventing the referendum from taking effect until the full legal merits of the lawsuit are considered.

The November elections saw a rise in voter turnout for Maui, which historically has the worst turnout across the state: GMO vote is a YES with 50% of the vote; Cochran wins West Maui; Mayor Arakawa re-elected to another term.

The issue of homelessness also took center stage as a report was released: There were 445 sheltered and 514 unsheltered homeless individuals on Maui in 2014, up 9.47% from the previous year. That's up from counts over the past two years, but down from the more than 1,000 homeless individuals counted in 2009 and 2011.

...and Maui selects a new police chief: Maui Police Chief Tivoli Faamu and newly selected Deputy Chief Dean Rickard were officially sworn in to their respective posts today during a ceremony held at the Kihei police station in South Maui.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS AND THE DATES THAT THEY WERE REPORTED ARE INCLUDED BELOW:

10.31.14	Lahaina Man Arrested After Alleged Machete Attack	An 18-year-old Lahaina man was arrested on assault charges for allegedly attacking a man and woman with a machete during an altercation in Lahaina late Thursday night, Oct. 30, 2014, police said.
10.30.14	BREAKING: Additional Measles Cases Confirmed on Maui and Kaua'i	The state Department of Health has confirmed four additional cases of measles on Maui and Kaua'i, bringing the total number of confirmed measles cases in these two separate clusters in Hawai'i to seven, and the total reported cases for the year to nine.
10.28.14	LIFTED: "Alleged Threat" Prompted Lockdown at Maui High and Kahului School	Maui Police say an alleged threat prompted the lockdown today of two Central Maui schools. An investigation revealed that there were no threats at the schools and the incident was determined to be unfounded.
10.25.14	Rally for Stream Restoration Held Across Central Maui	The group Hui o Nā Wai 'Ehā joined community members, concerned citizens, and kuleana lo'i kalo farmers in conducting a rally at various streams across central Maui on Friday, Oct. 24, 2014.
10.23.14	Measles Cases Confirmed on Maui and Kaua'i	The Hawai'i State Department of Health has confirmed three cases of measles in the state, one on Maui and two on Kaua'i. Hawai'i now has a total of five confirmed cases reported in the state this year, according to state health officials.
10.22.14	UPDATE: 3rd Shark Encounter on Maui Prompts Beach Closure	The closure related to Wednesday's shark incident off Waipu'ilani Beach Park has since been lifted. Nothing further was observed that would warrant the continuation of the closure.
10.20.14	2nd Maui Shark Bite Incident, This Time at Kahului Harbor	A 58-year-old stand up paddle boarder is safe after a shark encounter at Kahului Harbor on Maui this morning, in which a shark reportedly bit the man's board, state officials confirmed.

10.18.14	PHOTOS: 12-14 Foot Shark Bites Board of Surfer in Mā'alaea, No Injuries	A surfer is safe after a 12-14 foot shark bit his board. Officials say he had to shove the board into the shark to fend off the attack.
10.17.14	Ha'ikū Man Indicted on Attempted Murder for Allegedly Stabbing Wife	A Ha'ikū man was arrested following a grand jury indictment for second degree attempted murder in the alleged stabbing of his wife in August.
10.17.14	Maui Mayor Urges Vigilance as Unpredictable Ana Advances	It is very important that our community remains vigilant due to the fact that storms like this are very unpredictable, said Mayor Alan Arakawa
10.16.14	Maui County Makes Preparations Ahead of Storm	All state forest managed lands on Maui, Moloka'i and Lāna'i were closed today until further notice. All Maui County parks and recreational facilities will close beginning on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014.
10.16.14	Maui Police Anticipate Crowd of 30,000 at Lahaina Halloween	Maui police anticipate a crowd of at least 30,000 at the upcoming Halloween festivities in Lahaina this year, in part because the event falls on a Friday, just ahead of the weekend. The projections are slightly ahead of last year when an estimated 28,000 people attended the event.
1-/15/14	Malika Dudley Hired as Chief Meteorologist	Maui Now and Big Island Now are pleased to announce a new addition of Malika Dudley to our news team as the Chief Meteorologist for both online publications.
10.15.14	Maui Residents Asked to Prepare Now for Possible Storm Impacts	County officials are urging Maui County residents to prepare now for possible storm impacts from Ana. The Mayor advises the public should prepare in advance by getting your seven day supply of food, fueling your vehicles, securing your homes and making sure you have an evacuation plan ready.
10.13.14	VIDEO: Water, Tears Flow After Decade Long Battle at 'īao	"We're hopeful that with the return of stream flow to Nā Wai 'Ehā (The Four Waters) that this can be the latest in the ripple that will create a wave that carries forward for many generations yet to come," said Kapua Sproat of Earthjustice.
10.11.14	Body Recovered from Submerged Vehicle off of Scenic Lookout	Skin divers who were spearfishing in the area, found the vehicle underwater with a person still inside. The vehicle was found about 40 feet below the cliff, submerged in about 10 feet of water, and was 30 feet off the shoreline.
10.9.14	State to Announce Preservation of Historic Līpoa Point	Acting Governor Shan Tsutsui will announce the state's plan to preserve historic Līpoa Point during a proclamation presentation today.
10.8.14	Close Eye on Compliance as Historic 'īao Release is Planned	With the planned historic release of mauka to makai stream flow at 'īao planned on Monday, the state Commission on Water Resource Management is seeking assurances that compliance is clear and that the agreement is carried out by parties involved in the contested case.
10.6.14	Historic Water Release Planned for Monday at 'īao	"For the first time in more than a century," there will be a continuous flow of water from mauka to makai into the 'īao Stream on Maui.
10.6.14	UPDATE: Man Charged in Alleged Stabbing of Lahaina Woman	A 26-year-old Lahaina man is being held in lieu of \$250,000 bail after being charged in the alleged stabbing of a 64-year-old Lahaina woman on Saturday.
10.3.14	Maui Police Release Suspect Sketch in Attempted Kidnapping Case	Police described the suspect as local, with a tribal diamond shaped tattoo running along the outside of his right arm. Police say the man is approximately 5 feet 5 inches tall, in his 30's, weighing 240 pounds, with medium brown colored skin, and bald with patches of black hair.
10.3.14	Little Fire Ants Found in Forested Area of Nāhiku, Maui	A new infestation of little fire ants has been confirmed in a large forested area of Nāhiku in East Maui. Authorities say the infested area covers at least 20 acres along the Hāna Highway, according to initial estimates.
10.3.14	Maui Council Candidates Reveal GMO Stance at Business Fest	Maui county council candidates clarified their stance on the proposed GMO moratorium during a candidate forum hosted by the Maui Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce during their 2014 Business Fest.
11.26.14	Kahului Robbery Under Investigation	Police say an investigation revealed a 62-year-old male victim was approached at a bus stop, by an unknown man that demanded money, while brandishing a hand gun which was later determined to be a BB gun.

11.25.14	VIDEO: Stranded Kayakers Rescued from Molokini Crater	The Coast Guard and Ocean Safety crews rescued two kayakers stranded on Molokini Crater on Monday afternoon, Nov. 24, 2014. Coast Guard officials say the kayakers were forced onto the rocks at around 3:20 p.m., during 29 mph winds and three foot seas.
11.22.14	GMO Initiative Backers on Maui Seek Intervention in Federal Court Order	Proponents of the recently passed GMO Initiative on Maui are seeking intervention in a federal court lawsuit filed by Monsanto Hawai'i after a judge granted a request preventing the referendum from taking effect until the full legal merits of the lawsuit are considered.
11.19.14	Delta to Begin Seattle to Maui Service on Dec. 20	Delta will begin service from Seattle to Maui, and add a second daily flight from Seattle to Honolulu on December 20, as part of its expanded service to sun and ski destinations.
11.13.14	GMO Initiative Backers File Lawsuit To Assure Transparency	Five Maui residents filed a lawsuit in Second Circuit court on Wednesday, seeking "declaratory relief to assure transparency and the proper implementation," of the newly passed initiative that places a moratorium on GMO cultivation in Maui County.
11.13.14	UPDATE: Kā'anapali Beaches Re-Opened After Apparent Shark Encounter	A 50 year old Homer, Alaska man, snorkeling in the ocean off of Kahekili "Airport" Beach in the Kā'anapali area of West Maui, reported being bitten by a shark at around 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13, 2014.
11.10.14	Maui Hospital Execs Call for Support of Public Private Partnership	A standing room only crowd showed up to testify at an informational briefing and hearing on Maui focused on the state health system and district plans to address anticipated budget shortfalls.
11.10.14	Briefing to Include Discussion 959 Homeless on Maui	There were 445 sheltered and 514 unsheltered homeless individuals on Maui in 2014, up 9.47% from the previous year. That's up from counts over the past two years, but down from the more than 1,000 homeless individuals counted in 2009 and 2011.
11.6.14	Mobile Measles Treatment Area Set Up as Precaution	A mobile measles treatment area has been set up outside of the Kaiser Maui Lani Clinic in Wailuku as a precautionary measure to prevent additional exposure, officials tell Maui Now.
11.5.14	Monsanto to File Lawsuit Challenging Maui GMO Moratorium	Monsanto executives said "We believe this referendum is invalid and contrary to long established state and federal laws that support both the safety and lawful testing and planting of GMO plants."
11.5.14	Maui County No Longer in Last Place for Voter Turnout	Turnout in Maui County was still low, but bucked it's recent trend as the lowest in the state. That title went to Hawai'i County this time around, which recorded a 47.7% turnout.
11.4.14	2014 General Election Results – FINAL SUMMARY	GMO vote is a YES with 50% of the vote; Cochran wins West Maui; Mayor Arakawa re-elected to another term.
11.3.14	PHOTOS: Maui Police Chief and Deputy Officially Sworn In	Maui Police Chief Tivoli Faaumu and newly selected Deputy Chief Dean Rickard were officially sworn in to their respective posts today during a ceremony held at the Kthei police station in South Maui.
12.30.14	Slew of Advisories Posted Ahead of Front	A front is expected to move down the island chain today and tonight bringing gusty winds and periods of rainfall. Heavy rainfall and thunderstorms are not...
12.27.14	UPDATE: Demonstration Seeks Visitors' Support of GMO Moratorium	A peaceful demonstration seeking visitor support of the recently passed GMO moratorium in Maui County, will take place at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Dec. 28, 2014.
12.25.14	PHOTOS: Santa Claus Shaves Head for "Team Trucker"	Today Santa Claus shaved his head in support of "Team Trucker" and to bring awareness to childhood cancer. Trucker Dukes is a 20-month-old Maui boy...
12.19.14	8 Rescued After Being Swept into Current at Pu'u Keka'a "Black Rock"	Eight individuals were assisted to shore after being swept out by the current at Pu'u Keka'a or "Black Rock" in Kā'anapali.
12.19.14	Wailuku Man Arrested After Standoff at Paukūkalo Home	Maui Police arrested a Wailuku man for terroristic threatening after an incident at a Paukūkalo home last night.

12.18.14	<u>Maui Man Convicted of Meth Distribution to Moloka'i</u>	A 33-year-old Wailuku man was found guilty by a federal jury today of possession and conspiring to distribute methamphetamine from Maui to Moloka'i, justice officials said.
12.13.14	<u>VIDEO: Mariner Adrift off Maui Rescued in Waters Near Kaho'olawe</u>	After nine hours of searching, a coast guard air crew located the man about 46 miles southwest of Kaho'olawe, when members noticed him waving a flashlight from the 19-foot boat.
12.13.14	<u>Maui Police Launch Maliko Murder Investigation</u>	Maui police launched a murder investigation after finding a Maui man unresponsive with suspicious injuries off of the Hāna Highway in Maliko Gulch on Thursday.
12.12.14	<u>Moloka'i Man Indicted for Allegations of Murder in Mapulehu</u>	A Moloka'i man was arrested on Friday, Dec. 12, 2014, on the strength of a grand jury indictment for second degree murder in a case involving the the death of a 20-year-old resident earlier this year.
12.12.14	<u>PHOTOS: Yearling Whale off Maui Disentangled from Fishing Line</u>	Officials say the yearling whale had multiple wraps of heavy gauge, red monofilament longline wrapped around its tail, with bundles of gear trailing behind.
12.10.14	<u>Four Fishermen Charged for Alleged Confrontation in Moloka'i Waters</u>	All were indicted by a grand jury and were charged in connection with the May 2014 incident in which they are accused of illegally boarding a vessel in state waters.
12.10.14	<u>VIDEO: Mariner Safely on Moloka'i After 12 Days Lost at Sea</u>	Ron Ingraham, 67, who has been missing since Nov. 27, has since been transported via Coast Guard Cutter to Moloka'i with his 25-foot sailboat, the Malia in tow.
12.8.14	<u>43% of Maui Truck Drivers in Violation of Uncovered Cargo Law</u>	Maui Police found that 43% of truck drivers did not have their cargo loads properly covered and secured during a three hour educational effort held at the Central Maui Landfill on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014.
12.8.14	<u>Mokulele Begins Third Daily Flight from Kahului to Hāna</u>	The flight brings to three the total number of daily trips from Kahului to Hāna offered by the carrier since it reestablished regular flight service to the rural location in October of 2012.
12.4.14	<u>VIDEO: Target Kahului Draws 1100 Online Applicants</u>	Target has already attracted 1,100 applicants online, and had hundreds of interested job seekers attend the first day of a four-day job fair on Maui.
12.3.14	<u>UPDATE: Man Charged With Attempted Murder in 'Āhihi Kīna'u Police Chase</u>	A car theft suspect has since been formally charged for allegations of first degree attempted murder after a police chase in South Maui on Tuesday, in which one officer reportedly sustained minor injuries.
12.2.14	<u>Target to Host Jobs Fair in Hopes of Hiring 250 on Maui</u>	Target is looking to hire approximately 250 team members for its new Kahului store at the future Pu'unēnē Shopping Center, which is currently under construction and is set to open in March, 2015.
12.1.14	<u>Ige & Tsutsui Take Reins, Outline Goals of New Administration</u>	Hawai'i's newly sworn in Governor, David Ige and Lieutenant Governor Shan Tsutsui of Maui delivered their inaugural addresses at the Hawai'i State Capitol this afternoon.