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Hawai'i not overlooking E. Illinois



Troy Maben / Associated Press

Hawai'i quarterback Colt Brennan tries to get a pass under pressure from Boise State's Kyle Gingg during the second half of the Warriors-Broncos contest Saturday.

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Space tourist, U.S. Russian crew return to earth
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Gunman assaulted student hostages
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TODAY'S CHOICES

Aloha Friday Night on the mall

Natural Harmony performs tonight at Aloha Friday Night. It's entertainment to chase away the weekday blues. Live entertainment starts at 7 p.m., and shopping goes until 9 p.m.

Slack key concert

Songs and Stories of Kaua'i, a slack key concert, runs from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. today at the Hanalei Family Community Center. Tickets are \$10 and \$8 for keiki and seniors. Portion of proceeds supports Hale Hala-wai Ohana O Hanalei. Call Aloha Plenty, 826-1469, for more information.

Golf tournament deadline

The deadline to register for the 1st Annual Kaua'i High School Football Boosters Golf Tournament at the Mokihana Course at Kauai Lagoons Golf Club is today. \$95 per player includes lunch, cart and greens fees. Call 482-0282 for more information.

WEATHER

TODAY



High 85 — Low 72
Partly sunny with occasional showers

Winds
East northeast 8-16 knots
Waves
North 10-12 East 2-4
South 1-3 West 4-7

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A fatality on Kuhio Highway stopped traffic from Wailua to the Lihue Airport for about two hours yesterday. The garbage truck at left broadsided the SUV at right as it attempted to turn onto the highway. A passenger in the SUV was killed, marking the 12th road fatality in Kaua'i this year.

Eastside crash claims life of Lihue man

Ford Gunter

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WAILUA — A Lihue man is dead after a two-vehicle crash on the Eastside yesterday afternoon.

The 38-year-old man — who was sitting in the back seat of a four-door 2004 Suzuki SUV — was dead at the scene, Kaua'i Police Department Lt. Mark Scribner said.

The driver, a 64-year-old Lihue woman, was in good condition at Wilcox Memorial Hospital. Because of her age, she was held overnight, Scribner said.

Around 3:50 p.m., the Suzuki attempted a left turn out of North Leho Drive onto Kuhio Highway near Lydgate Park when it was broadsided by a northbound Garden Isle Disposal truck, county spokesperson Mary Daubert said.

Scribner said the truck slammed on its brakes but it was too late. The 22-year-old driver was not injured.

"Alcohol and speed do not appear to be factors," Scribner said.

Police reopened all lanes around 6:30 p.m., but traffic remained backed up for several hours.

The accident marks the 12th traffic fatality on Kaua'i this year, and the first since three visitors from California were killed on the Westside in late August.



Ken Posney / The Garden Island

The SUV in which a 38-year-old Lihue man was killed in when it was struck by a garbage truck yesterday afternoon. Police said the truck attempted to stop, and that alcohol and speed did not appear to be factors in the accident.

Equestrians again plead for use of Eastside trail

Lester Chang

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Equestrians came out in force at a Kaua'i County Council meeting Wednesday asking horseback riding be allowed on the second phase of an 18-plus-mile Eastside coastal pathway.

"Animals and people can co-exist happily," Dale Rosenfeld, owner of Esprit De Corps Riding Academy in Wailua, said during the meeting at the historic County Building. "There can be balancing of exercising and enjoying our coastal views."

The council heard public

comments on a proposal to prohibit equestrian use on 1.8 miles of a 4.3-mile segment of the pathway, also known as Ke Ala Hele Makalae.

Lailani Sim-Godbehere, a veterinarian and co-chairperson of the Equestrian Friends branch of Ke Ala Hele Makalae, joined 10 other equestrians and supporters in lodging objections and submitted more than 280 letters opposing the proposal.

"We would like it to be revised to have horses," she said.

Councilman Mel Rapozo

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Ken Posney / The Garden Island

Horse riders are once again pleading with the County Council to be allowed to use the Eastside coastal pathway.



Lester Chang / The Garden Island

Mayoral candidate Jesse Fukushima told reporters yesterday at his Lihue campaign headquarters that he may seek a recount of Saturday's primary results.

Fukushima may ask for recount

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Mayoral hopeful Jesse Fukushima isn't giving up without a fight.

Or is he? In spite of a decision that incumbent Mayor Bryan Baptiste won the mayor's race in Saturday's primary election with more than 50 percent of the vote.

At his Lihue campaign headquarters yesterday, Fukushima told reporters he won't legally challenge the results because of previous federal and state court decisions that disqualified over votes in elections. But he said he may file a "cause for audit" with election officials that could lead to a recount of the votes.

"I am looking at it," Fukushima said. "I am serious-

ly looking at filing." He has until 4:30 p.m. today to file — the last day of a six-day challenge period allowed by law.

Fukushima said three other mayoral candidates — John Hoff, Bruce Pleas and Janee M. Taylor — may pursue the same action because they may have the same concerns over the way election officials interpreted the results.

Following a legal review of them with the County Attorney's Office, county clerk Peter Nakamura said Baptiste won at least 50 percent plus one vote, enough to reclaim the seat outright before the Nov. 7 general election.

Had blank election ballots been counted, however,

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Arinaga investigation dropped

Amanda C. Gregg

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Just two days before the statute of limitations expired, a criminal investigation involving Acting Police Chief Clayton Arinaga was dropped.

On Thursday, county officials announced there was not enough evidence to support an investigation into an incident that allegedly involved Arinaga on Sept. 15, 2000.

The investigation was launched in September 2005 to determine whether Arinaga hindered prosecution in a case where a suspect allegedly fired a weapon in Anahola.

"A criminal investigation into the allegations against Clay Arinaga for conduct that allegedly occurred on Sept. 15, 2000 concluded there was insufficient evidence to prove a felony offense beyond a reasonable doubt," Mary Daubert, county

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Touching Kaua'i, one life at a time

Cynthia Matsuoka

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Editor's note: This is last in a three-part series on Kaua'i's Child & Family Service organization, which aims to help parents foster healthy child development. Part 1 discussed the common problems of funding and recruitment; Part 2 touched on some of the individual programs. Part 3 explains the rest.

Numbers to know

CFS Kaua'i: 245-5914
Nana's House: 338-0252
Hale Ho'omalua: 821-2520
The Parent Line: (800) 816-1222

Mardi Maione is the supervisor for Baby SAFE, the Kaua'i Child & Family Service program for pregnant and post-partum women with past or present substance abuse or tobacco use.

It is a non-threatening, voluntary program. Clients come through referrals from various places, like medical clinics, health fairs, community outreach and word-of-mouth.

The program's offerings include classes, counseling and referrals to other services and support.

"If you've touched one life and one baby is born without being drug exposed, that's a beautiful thing," Maione said.

Maione was able to experience a number of beautiful things as 14 babies born in the last fiscal year to Baby SAFE mothers tested negative for drugs at the time of their births. "That's a big accomplishment," she said.

The numbers of mothers needing services is increasing. "If we had more funding, we could have more staff and that would enable us to service more of the community," Maione said.

A huge turning point for the program came this year with the opening of a new transitional living house program, Ke Ala Hoku. The program provides a safe place for Baby SAFE mothers and their babies. For homeless moms, it provides a safe, clean environment.

Maione said she is the chairperson of the mayor's drug task force treatment committee. The director of Ke Ala Hoku sits on the same committee. The program was on the five- to eight-year plan, but they were able to accomplish it in three years.

"We make a difference, one mommy at a time," Maione said.

With the increase in the diagnosis of autism and related dis-

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