

HAWAII REPORT

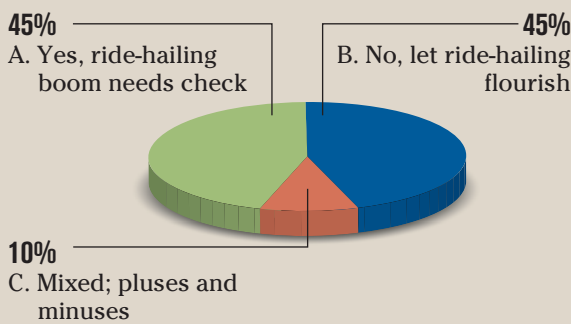
BIG Q

Do you agree with the proposed creation of a U.S. Space Force?

- A. Yes; ensure U.S. dominance in space
- B. No; expensive, wrong focus
- C. Skeptical, but open to idea

THURSDAY'S BIG Q:

Should Oahu follow New York City's lead and adopt caps and pay rules on ride-hailing like Uber and Lyft?



Total votes as of 6 p.m. yesterday: 640

Vote by 6 p.m. today on our website at staradvertiser.com. Results will run in tomorrow's edition and online. This is not a scientific poll; results reflect the opinions of only those voting.

NEWSWATCH

Millionth Biki Hawaii rider to win Tokyo fare

Bikeshare Hawaii, which runs the Biki bikeshare in Honolulu, says it is poised to log its millionth ride soon. The nonprofit is offering the millionth rider a prize in partnership with All Nippon Airways (ANA): two round-trip tickets from Honolulu to Tokyo and a Biki adoption that inscribes a name or message on the bike, valued at \$1,000. The millionth rider also will be recognized at a ceremony and showcased on Biki's social media outlets. Bikeshare Hawaii said more than 971,000 Biki trips have been logged so far and that it has been averaging about 3,000 trips a day, depending on weather and other factors. Bikeshare Hawaii offers 100 stations with about 1,000 bikes from Diamond Head to Chinatown. The top Biki stations are in Waikiki and the Ala Moana/Kakaako neighborhood, with Fridays being the most popular day of the week to ride, according to a recent trend report. To qualify for the prize, the rider must be at least 18 years old, have an active Biki membership and go for a ride lasting at least two minutes. The winner will be notified by the Biki crew within 24 hours of the millionth ride.

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911 REPORT

Suspects involved in officer shooting charged

Police have charged two people in connection with an alleged car theft incident that resulted in an officer-involved shooting on Wednesday in Kaaawa. According to police, plainclothes officers were attempting to detain a person who had been seen breaking into a car. The suspect attempted to flee in another car, which then struck two police vehicles and an officer, who fired his gun in response. Police arrested three people at the scene. There were no injuries. Stewart Basso, 44, was initially arrested on suspicion of first-degree attempted murder of a law enforcement officer but was charged with first-degree vehicle break-in and first-degree resisting an order to stop a vehicle. He is being held in lieu of \$100,000 bail. Edwin Kalai, 40, was charged with third-degree promotion of a dangerous drug. His bail was set at \$11,000. The third person, a 21-year-old woman, was released pending charges.

2 arrested in Ewa brush fire released

Honolulu police released two people arrested Wednesday in connection with a brush fire in Ewa. The suspects, a man and woman both age 37, were arrested on suspicion of second-degree arson. They were released Friday pending further investigation.

Firefighters rescue 8 lost hikers

Honolulu firefighters rescued eight hikers in separate incidents in Kalama Valley and Kailua on Friday. Two women wandered off trail after reaching the Koolau Summit Trail and hiked another ridge to Kalama Valley, said Honolulu fire spokesman Capt. Kevin Mokulehua. Both were located and airlifted to a designated landing zone. Also, firefighters escorting two lost hikers off of Olomana Trail encountered a party of four hikers who were also lost. All six were able to exit the trail safely.

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Kauai police issue warning of sextortion scam on internet

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Kauai police are warning the public about an email sextortion scam that threatens to release "compromising video" of the recipient. The scammer claims to have a video of you after hacking into your computer and webcam and threatens to release the video unless a payment is made to a Bitcoin account. Acting Deputy Chief Rob Gausepohl said, "If you receive this type of extortion email, do not respond to the sender. These claims are false, and you should never engage with a suspected scam artist."

- Police offered the following tips to avoid online scams:
- >> Do not open suspicious emails, click on suspicious links or post sensitive information online.
 - >> Do not provide user names, passwords and/or personal information to any unsolicited requests.
 - >> Check your bank, credit card and phone statements regularly for any unknown or unauthorized charges. Immediately notify your bank or service provider of any unauthorized charges.
 - >> Reset your password if you receive scam emails.

CORRECTIONS

The Honolulu Star-Advertiser strives to make its news report fair and accurate. If you have a question or comment about news coverage, call Marsha McFadden, managing editor/news, at 529-4759 or email city editors at cityeditors@staradvertiser.com.

- >> City Councilman Trevor Ozawa says he did not specifically request deferral of two bills on homeless camping on sidewalks during a July 25 meeting, as stated in Friday's editorial on Page A14, and in a July 29 Page B2 story, which cited Mayor Kirk Caldwell.
- >> Sandra Wright is from Kilauea, Kauai, not Hawaii island, as was listed on her letter to the editor on Page A14 Friday.

KILAUEA ERUPTION

SBA approves \$25 million in disaster loans

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The U.S. Small Business Administration said Friday it has approved more than \$25 million in federal disaster loans for Hawaii businesses and residents affected by the Kilauea eruption.

Tanya N. Garfield, director of the SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center-West, said the SBA has approved about \$6.5 million for businesses and about \$18.5 million for residents to help rebuild and recover from this disaster.

Businesses and residents who sustained damage are encouraged to register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency at disasterassistance.gov prior to the Monday deadline.

"SBA's disaster assistance employees are committed to helping businesses and residents rebuild as quickly as possible," said Garfield in a news release. "Don't miss out on any assistance you may be entitled to by not registering for help. You don't need to wait for your insurance to settle or obtain a contractor's estimate."

Businesses of all sizes and private nonprofits may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets.

Disaster loans up to \$200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace their damaged or destroyed primary residence. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property.

The deadline for residents, renters, businesses and nonprofits to apply for property damage assistance is Monday. The deadline for businesses and nonprofits to apply for economic injury loans is March 14.

SBA continues to provide one-on-one assistance to business owners and individuals at the Disaster Recovery Center in Pahoa at 15-3022 Kauhale St. The center is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Applicants can also call SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.



USGS VIA ASSOCIATED PRESS

The U.S. Small Business Administration has OK'd \$25 million in Kilauea disaster-related loans. In this aerial photo, lava from the last active eruption site on Kilauea Volcano is shown Sunday near Pahoa, Hawaii island.

Most isle teens not getting HPV shots, study shows

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The majority of Hawaii teens are still not getting vaccinated against the controversial human papillomavirus, or HPV, a cancer-causing sexually transmitted virus, a new University of Hawaii study shows.

That's primarily because "parents don't know enough about the vaccine and doctors aren't recommending the shots," according to the report by the UH Office of Public Health Studies, which surveyed 800 parents of children between ages 11 and 18 over the phone.

The study, which focused on Native Hawaiians, Filipinos, Japanese and Caucasians, found that only 35 percent of girls and 19 percent of boys had received the three recommended shots of the vaccine.

"Parental reticence in vaccinating their children was especially prevalent among Filipinos and Native Hawaiians," May Rose Dela Cruz, an assistant researcher and co-author of the study, said. Japanese parents were the most likely to vaccinate their children, with pediatricians promoting and educating parents being the most critical factor to increase vaccination rates, the study said.

Part of the hesitance is concern among parents that the HPV vaccine could increase promiscuity

among children. "There is a critical need in Hawaii for better public education about the HPV vaccine," Dela Cruz said. "A doctor's strong recommendation for the HPV vaccine is crucial and doctors should recommend the vaccine equally to both females and males at the ages of 11 and 12."

HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection known to cause cancers in the cervix, penis, anus, mouth and throat. The vaccine can prevent most of those cancers, UH said.

In June the UH Cancer Center and 69 other National Cancer Institute facilities began urging providers to help increase HPV vaccinations, following a statewide survey of primary care doctors who identified attitudes and perceptions and the absence of school-based requirements among the barriers to getting higher vaccination rates.

"These institutions collectively recognize insufficient vaccination as a public health threat and call upon physicians nationwide, parents and young adults to take advantage of this rare opportunity to eliminate several different types of cancer in men and women," the Cancer Center said.

HPV infects nearly 80 million Americans — 1 out of every 4 people — with more than 41,000 projected to be diagnosed with an HPV-related cancer each year.

Lopresti removes rival's flyer, then apologizes

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State Rep. Matt Lopresti issued an apology to constituents for removing an opponent's campaign flyer from a constituent's door in Ewa Beach recently.

Lopresti made the apology on his Facebook page Friday afternoon after Alicia Maluafiti, his Democratic primary opponent for the state Senate 19th District (Ewa, Ewa Beach) seat, and others posted a video, taken from the property's security camera, showing him pulling a brochure from his door crack and tucking it under his own materials just before the resident opens the door.

The video went viral Friday, and someone even re-posted it on the popular Stolen Stuff Hawaii Facebook

page before it was taken down by the page's administrator.

Maluafiti said on her page under a copy of the video. "My opponent, Matt Lopresti, stealing my walking piece which I use when I go door to door: walking, knocking, and talking. Who knows how many more went missing?"

Lopresti said on his page that he returned the flyers the same day and included a video of him apologizing to a couple for taking their flyer. The couple, he said, appreciated his honesty and told him they would vote for him. "Political campaigns can be intense and emotions can cloud otherwise good judgement (sic) of even the best people. I sincerely apologize and have deep regret over my having taken some of those (flyers)."

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