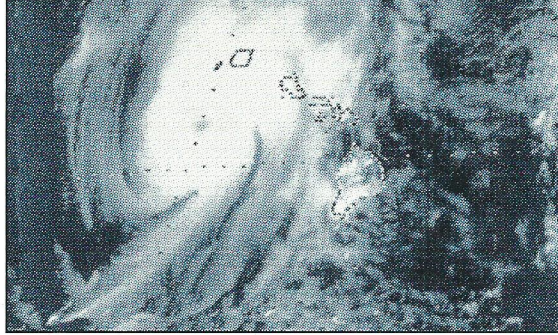
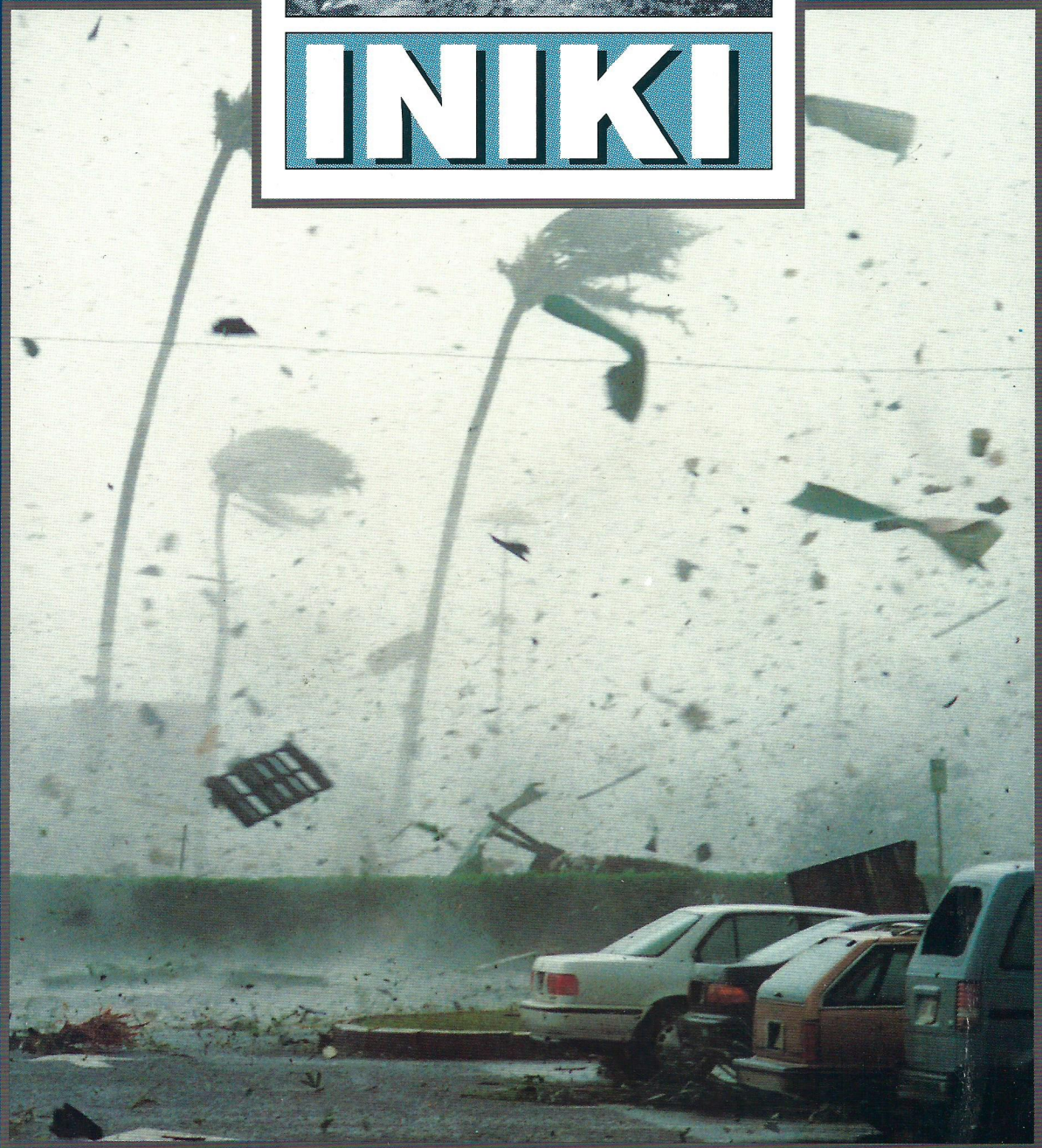


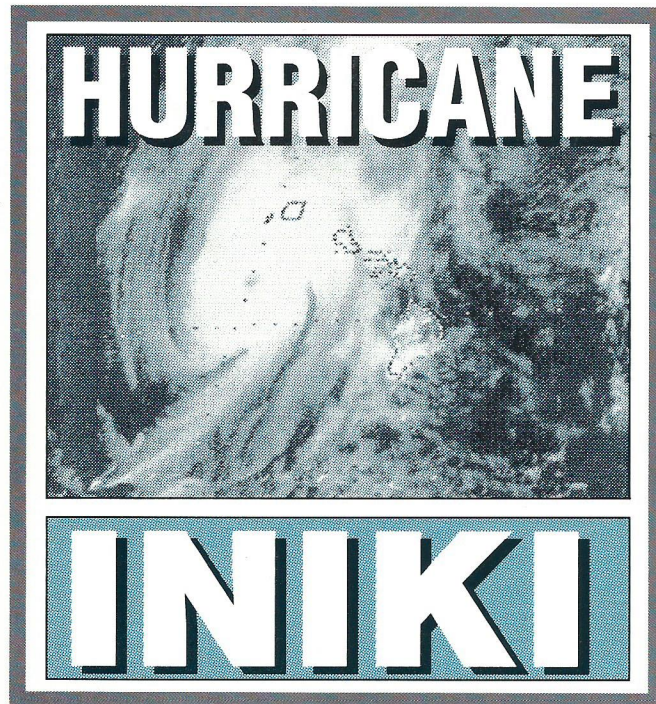
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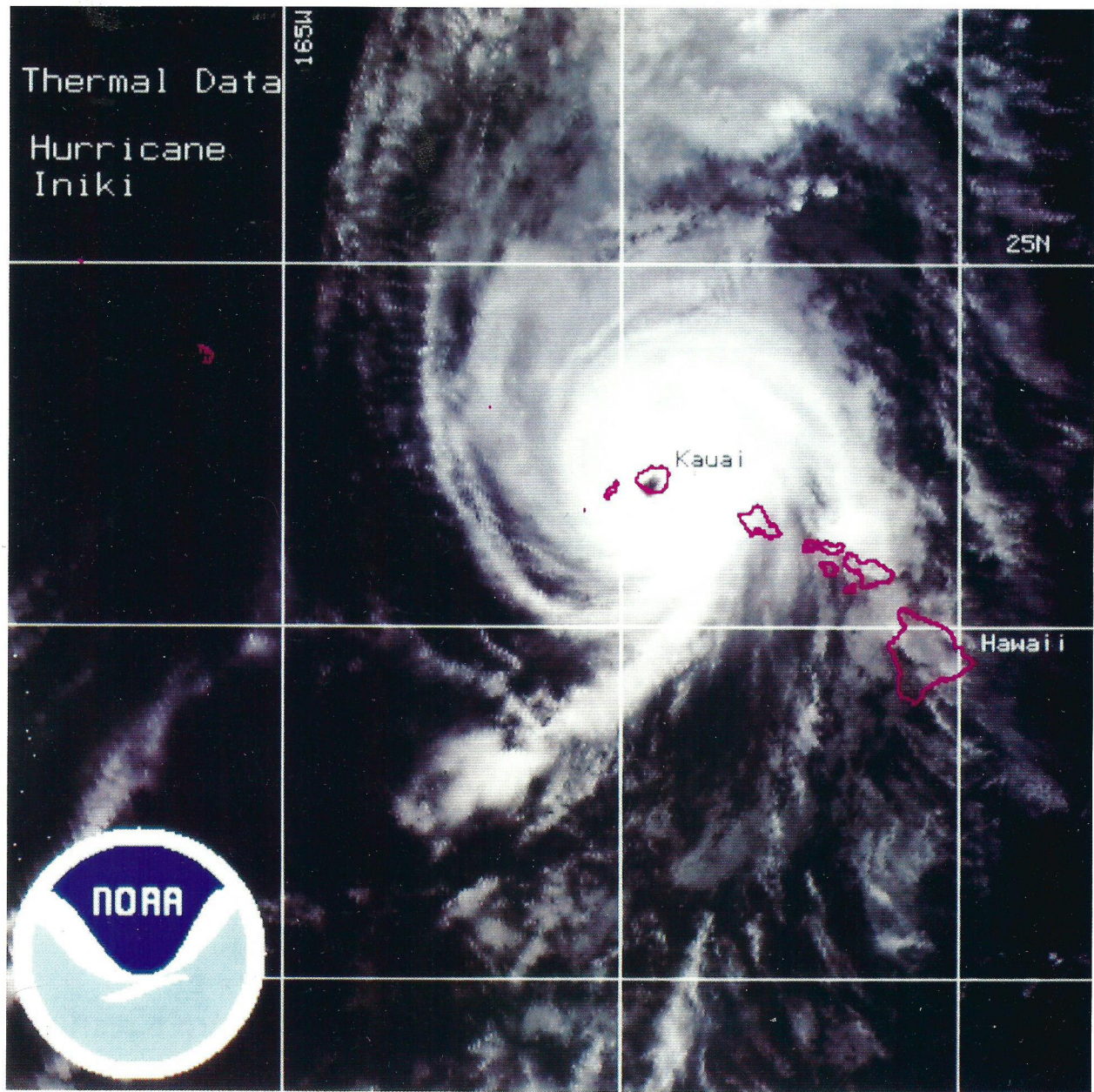
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This thermal infrared photograph, taken by NOAA polar orbiting satellite, shows Hurricane Iniki as the eye passed directly over the island of Kauai. Photo taken at an altitude of 500 miles.
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*This photograph taken after Hurricane Iniki clearly shows the debris line caused by heavy surf surging inland at Poipu, Kauai. Photo taken at an altitude of 3,000 feet.
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INTRODUCTION

The Honolulu Advertiser

In the life of a community, and of its newspapers, the occasional “big story” comes along to test our mettle. So it was in September 1992 when a whirlwind in the Pacific named Tropical Storm Iniki began to flex its muscles and take aim at our small Islands.

A decade earlier, another storm beginning with “I” — Iwa — meandering south of Hawaii turned northward to blast Kauai and, to a lesser extent, Oahu. Could it happen again? Yes, as it turned out.

On the morning of Friday, September 11, Oahu and Kauai were awakened early by Civil Defense sirens, warning us that Iniki was coming. We taped our windows and stayed glued to our radios, while the storm got stronger.

When the sun came up September 12, the old Kauai was gone. The miracle was that Iniki didn’t kill more people on the Garden Island and on Oahu’s Leeward Coast as it raised roofs, flooded seaside buildings and ripped down power lines.

The pages of this book tell the story of Iniki, through the words and camera lenses and graphic skill of the staff of The Honolulu Advertiser. Dozens of them left their own homes and families to tell you this story. Some literally flew into the eye of the storm itself, getting to Kauai just before Iniki did, so they could record what happened there.

After Iniki blew out to sea, thousands of military and National Guard troops, and volunteers from dozens of social agencies, hurried to Kauai to help.

Hawaii’s people — from big corporations to generous individuals to school classes pooling their piggy banks — opened their pocketbooks to help. The Advertiser’s Kokua Kauai Fund raised more than \$1.25 million in a month for hurricane relief, an unprecedented feat for a news media campaign.

Kauai and Hawaii have never seen anything like Iniki, nor do we hope to ever again. We hope this book will help us all to remember to be respectful of nature, to be grateful that we were spared even worse bloodshed, and to recall the incredible outpouring of *aloha* that followed in Iniki’s wake.

TIME LINE

SEPTEMBER 10-THURSDAY

- Hurricane weather here,
but hurricane likely won't show up

SEPTEMBER 11-FRIDAY

- Get ready for Iniki
Hurricane heading our way
- How to ride out a hurricane
*Some safety tips for residents before,
during and after*

SEPTEMBER 12-SATURDAY

- Iniki's Madness
Kauai clobbered, but most of Oahu spared
- Iniki's toll
Tragedy could have been worse
- Agencies, government crank up aid services
- The power behind Hurricane Iniki
- Teenager dies in Kaneohe fire
- Two Kauai boaters swim for their lives
- Waikiki and the beach vanished

SEPTEMBER 13-SUNDAY

- 'It broke my heart'
Kauai mayor: Hurricane left 'total destruction'
- Ill wind blows little good for tourism
- Waikiki's catch of the day
- What to donate and how to help
those on Kauai
- Kauai gets some phones,
but still no electricity
- Some Kauai prisoners may be freed
- Coast Guard, military fly disaster
aid to Kauai
FEMA director, Inouye, Saiki survey damage
- Oahu storm damage confined
- For Leeward side, it was like
Iwa's war zone revisited
- Garden Island awakes and discovers the
isle is a garden no longer
- Kauai's tragedy
We must help and learn lessons

SEPTEMBER 14-MONDAY

- Eerie calm, then laughter,
as Kauai folks cope
- Navy assault ship heads to Kauai's aid

- Communities come together
Survivors pool resources and pick up the pieces
- Food, helpers pour onto Kauai
Electric power still out; communications shaky
- Disaster relief efforts continue
Food, supplies needed to help victims

SEPTEMBER 15-TUESDAY

- Toll mounts as relief aid pours in
332 are hurt, 21,000 homes suffer damage
- Chaos is yielding to a little order
- A long line not short on smiles
- Advertiser's Kauai aid fund
Readers can add to \$100,000 corporate donation
- Fasi: Let's stop storm outages
- Sussel hails teamwork in stormy setting
- Emergency loans offered for storm's victims
- Iniki stirring up waves throughout
Hawaii economy
- Matson cuts Kauai rates for all
to-and-from cargo
- Kauai agriculture losses put at
up to \$150 million
- Some stores open their doors
- North Shore plea: where's our aid?
- Aloha spirit isn't dead on Kauai,
or even faded
- Iniki shredded Kauai tourism
Garden Island may lose up to \$500 million
- Hurricane's welcome to Waiohai
\$1,300-a-night room now a beach

SEPTEMBER 16-WEDNESDAY

- Iniki aftermath
More praise than criticism?
- Iniki questions
Can we do better next time?
- Fewer jobs, but plenty of work
in Iniki's wake
Long recovery seen for agriculture, tourism
- Electricity repairs starting,
but effort will still take weeks
- Nerves are beginning to fray on Kauai
- Hunger apparently not a big problem
Shelter meals, sharing, even Army rations
- State sends in medical help
*Nurses, specialist teams,
supplies flowing into Kauai*

- **Damn the storm: full speed ahead**
Giant steps being taken to get Kauai back on its feet

SEPTEMBER 17-THURSDAY

- **Threat of rain increases**
Urgency of getting cover for beleaguered Kauai
- **Two missing off Kauai identified**
- **All stranded tourists now flown out**
- **Relief agencies' budgets take a beating, too**
- **Guard to help at Kauai polls**
- **Iniki aftermath**
The good, the bad and the ugly
- **Kauai tries to keep dry; rain looms**
Recovery operations gathering momentum
- **Waianae hurricane relief shelves swept bare**
Focus on Kauai assistance leaves Oahu's victims short

SEPTEMBER 18-FRIDAY

- **Portrait of an island struggling to recover**
Life begins to stir again after Iniki
- **Generators worth weight in gold**
- **Is Kauai becoming too crowded?**
It's getting hard to take care of relief workers
- **Help on way to hard-hit Leeward finally**
- **Kohala Coast goes from bust to boom**
Iniki, lower fares up hotel bookings
- **Iniki doesn't stop Kauai voters**
- **Free bus service to cut traffic on Kauai**
- **HAL slashes Isle-bound fares**
\$199 round-trip deal offered to attract tourists
- **One-stop disaster relief starts**
Centers to provide all kinds of aid

SEPTEMBER 19-SATURDAY

- **Marilyn Quayle credits military for speeding hurricane recovery**
- **Hurricane relief pouring into Waianae**
- **Iniki damage estimates continue to grow**
Oahu tops \$25 million, and going up
- **Military in step with Kauai relief effort**
- **Nine rescued at Na Pali**
- **Free-call service extended**
- **Services offered to Iniki victims**
- **Big Island trauma team sets up on Kauai**
- **How to help get your home back in shape**

- **Official warns Kauai not to set hopes too high**
Things will never be the same
- **On Kauai, now's a time for sharing — and creativity**

SEPTEMBER 21-MONDAY

- **Most Kauai power back in 4-8 weeks**
Full service still a half year away
- **Waianae High shelters its condo neighbors**
Hurricane victims complain about slow-paced relief
- **Food donations continue for Kauai**
More than 3,200 members of military aiding in relief
- **Kauai begins moving toward some normalcy**
Schools opening, homes are getting water

SEPTEMBER 22-TUESDAY

- **Wrangling erupts between agencies over Kauai relief**
Feds accused of hindering supply effort
- **Rain douses Kauai**
More misery for Iniki victims
- **2 on Kauai get 5 years for looting**

SEPTEMBER 23-WEDNESDAY

- **Kauai farmers find future threatened; loans hard to get**
- **Kauai mulls problem of rebuilding**
Permits, safety pose dilemma for speedy recovery
- **Air cargo to Kauai backlogged**
Flight space available, but no storage at Garden Isle airport
- **Quick rebuilding poses dilemma**
- **No takers at Waianae shelter; victims urged to get help**
- **Agencies hold summit, end squabble**
FEMA, Salvation Army and Red Cross pledge Kauai cooperation
- **Kauai relief**
Unseemly territorial bickering
- **Long recovery seen for Kauai tourism**
Consultants forecast up to a four-month delay

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- State says price gouging stopped
- Poipu damage hard to believe
Iniki destroyed luxury homes, roads, and half of beach park
- State puts a kapu on Kauai wilds

SEPTEMBER 25-FRIDAY

- Insurance firms expect Iniki tab of \$1.6 billion
- Oahu supply stores feeling Kauai pinch
Plywood is moving fast on Oahu, most of it going to Kauai.
- All Kauai public schools to resume by Wednesday
- Kauai tourism's long recovery
Consultant says pre-Iniki tourism won't come before '94
- Soldiers are happy to assist with efforts for rebuilding Kauai

SEPTEMBER 26-SATURDAY

- Barking Sands area rallied own resources in Iniki aftermath
- Guard members say aloha to Garden Isle

SEPTEMBER 27-SUNDAY

- Iniki toll looks ever bleaker
Kauai tourism, crops, mom-'n- paps all suffering

SEPTEMBER 28-MONDAY

- Worst-scenario Oahu hurricane outlined
CD chief says Iniki left grim lesson for all Isles

SEPTEMBER 29-TUESDAY

- Thousands jobless on Garden Isle
Half of its residents may be out of work
- Kauai one big traffic jam

SEPTEMBER 30-WEDNESDAY

- Military deployment on Kauai to be cut soon
About 1,000 troops will stay on Isle
- Kauai missile launches on long hold
- Agencies bracing for new wave of homeless
- Hawaii's harbors were no refuge from hurricane
State reports major damage at many

OCTOBER 1-THURSDAY

- Governor Waihee orders rent freeze on Kauai
- Post-Iniki building
Storm-resistant and affordable

OCTOBER 2-FRIDAY

- \$100 million sought to study high winds
- Kauai lights return slowly
- Civil Air Patrol quickly flew to Kauai's aid
Communication system was sole link to outside

OCTOBER 3-SATURDAY

- Loan, tax help offered for victims of Iniki
- Westin, Poipu resorts predict prompt reprise
- Power restored to 20% of Kauai customers
80% may have electricity by Thanksgiving

OCTOBER 4-SUNDAY

- After Iniki, rumor ran rampant on Kauai

OCTOBER 5-MONDAY

- Kauai streamlines permit process for Iniki rebuilding
- Kauai's three open hotels cater to aid workers and locals

OCTOBER 6-TUESDAY

- Iniki took Garden Isle's mantle of green
- Kauai opening direct lines to travel world
- Kauai unemployment at 25% in Iniki's wake

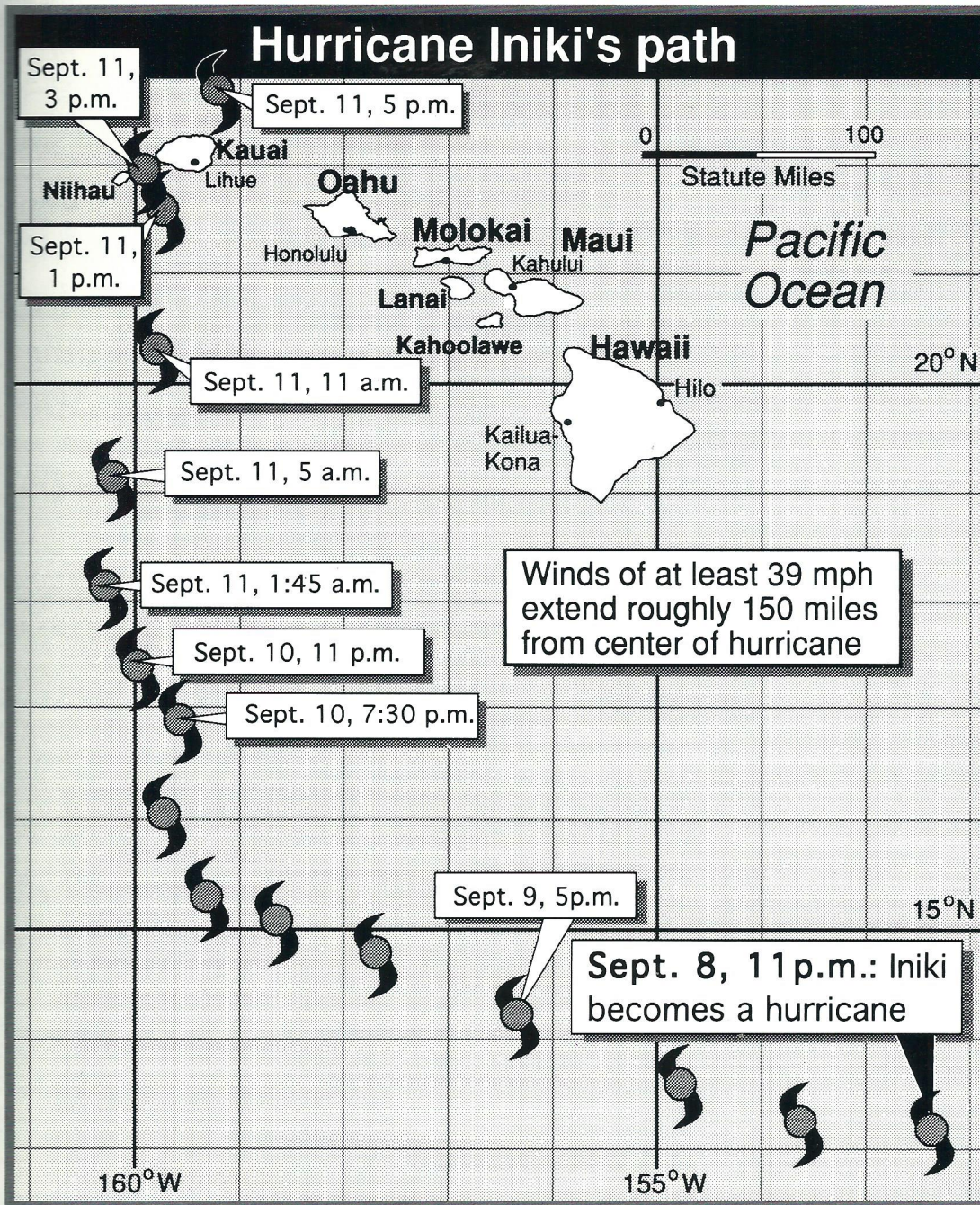
OCTOBER 7-WEDNESDAY

- State senators to probe Iniki price gouging
- Navy clocked Iniki's gust at 227 mph
Weather Service reports sustained winds blew at 145 mph

OCTOBER 8-THURSDAY

- Oahu told how to improve preparedness for disaster

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Herman Lum
Twenty-six years on the bench

Chief Justice Herman Lum to step down

By Kevin Dayton
Advertiser Capitol Bureau

Chief Justice Herman Lum announced yesterday he will not seek another term as head of the Hawaii Judiciary.

Lum, who is finishing up a 10-year term as head of a relatively conservative Supreme Court, will step down April 25. He was appointed to the court by former Gov. George Ariyoshi in 1983.

Lum's announcement means Gov. John Waihee must name

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a new chief justice. That done, Waihee will have been responsible for appointing three of four associate justices and the new chief justice.

In a statement, Waihee said Lum's announcement marks the end of a remarkable career that included a total of 26 years on the bench.

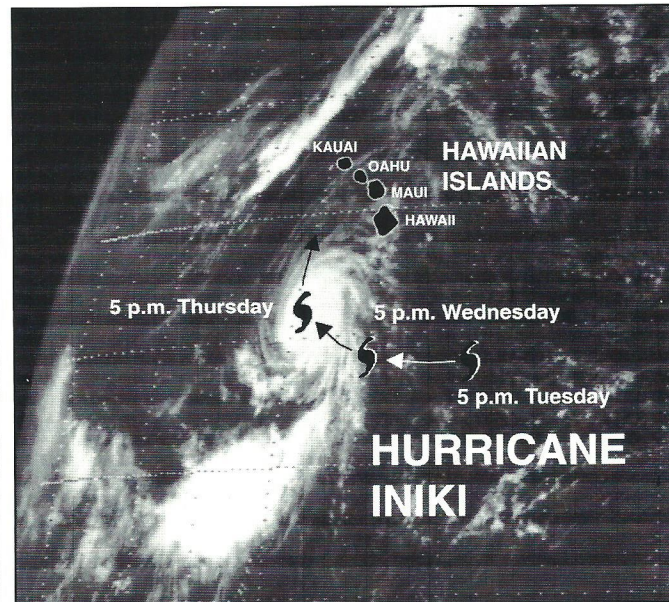
As chief justice, Lum is the administrative head of the state Judiciary overseeing 2,000 employees and a budget of more than \$83 million this year, and Waihee said Lum guided the courts system at a time when the number of cases was multiplying.

Lum assumed control of a Judiciary with large backlogs and other administrative problems, and later became embroiled in the controversy surrounding allegations of ticket-fixing and empire-building against courts official Tom "Fat Boy" Okuda and the Sheriff's Department.

He launched a number of initiatives to streamline cases and made the state a leader in arbitration, mediation and other alternatives to lawsuits, Waihee said.

Lum said in a television interview yesterday he plans to keep "active." He declined to discuss his future plans.

Get ready for Iniki



The path of Hurricane Iniki is shown on this satellite map. Yesterday afternoon it started heading north.

Hurricane heading our way

By Walter Wright
Advertiser Staff Writer

Hurricane Iniki, with sustained winds of 125 mph and 155 mph gusts near the center, will likely hit Kauai and Niihau this evening, the National Weather Service said last night.

The hurricane, pushing a destructive surf of up to 30 feet before it, was described as "very dangerous."

Oahu faces tropical storm winds of at least 39 mph and danger—

What to do in a hurricane. Page A2

ous surf of 10 to 15 feet about the same time, while Maui and Molokai may remain on the fringe of the storm but should remain alert, the service said.

Iniki turned on a more northerly track last night, defying earlier forecasts that it would bypass the state harmlessly, or that it would miss Kauai by 200 miles.

A hurricane warning for Kauai and Niihau was posted at 8:30 p.m. last night.

That means residents of those islands should monitor storm reports and immediately "take action" to assemble emergency survival supplies and gear, to cover windows, secure loose objects and be prepared to evacuate, civil defense officials said.

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EPA: Oahu polluter got off the hook

Claims Justice Department blocked prosecution of Western Steel Co.

By Alicia Brooks
States News Service

WASHINGTON — For several years in its heyday, the Hawaiian Western Steel Co. on Oahu spewed up to 200 pounds of hazardous dust containing high levels of cadmium and lead into the skies each night, according to EPA biologist Dan Horgan.

Indeed, for several nights in 1991, Horgan took ghostly pictures of flames bursting through holes in the roof of the Ewa smelting works, a building that, according to federal law, should have been sealed to prevent release of its toxic dust.

Horgan and David Wilma, special agent for the Environmental Protection Agency, told a congressional hearing yesterday about the numerous violations of environmental law they had found at the now-bankrupt steelworks.

Cadmium, which can cause lung and kidney disease, was found in the steelwork's dust at levels five times higher than allowed by the EPA.

And there was 100 times more lead than allowed. Lead can cause reproductive problems and affect brain development, especially in children.

This dust was hazardous waste and should have been disposed of according to federal regulations, the EPA officials said.

Instead, Hawaiian Western Steel was illegally storing, dumping and emitting the pollutants within miles

of restaurants and military housing, said the EPA agents.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Honolulu was "excited and enthusiastic" about the case, Wilma said. So he and his EPA colleagues set about collecting evidence against Hawaiian Western Steel.

But there would be no case, no trial and no verdict. Although they had seen bags of hazardous waste illegally stored and labeled in the steelworks, and heard managers tell them more than a quarter of the hazardous dust was escaping through the plant's hole-filled roof, Horgan and Wilma didn't count on one thing — the Justice Department.

Horgan and Wilma joined eight other officials from the EPA and the

Washington state Department of Ecology to tell the House panel that their attempts to prosecute companies violating environmental laws were foiled by the Justice Department's Environmental Crimes Section.

In Honolulu, First Assistant U.S. Attorney Elliot Enoki said the U.S. Attorney's Office here was consulting with the Justice Department in Washington when it was decided that "in this particular case... criminal charges at least at that point would not be pursued."

But Enoki would not say who recommended that charges not be pursued or whether anyone suggested that the case be prosecuted.

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Bush will propose sale of F-15s to Saudis to save thousands of jobs

Knight-Ridder Service

WASHINGTON — President Bush plans to announce today that he will approve the sale of 72 sophisticated F-15 fighter jets to Saudi Arabia, a \$5 billion transaction that would save thousands of jobs, administration officials disclosed.

Bush is promoting the sale more as an election-year jobs program than as a strategic foreign policy tool, several senior administration officials conceded privately.

"It's jobs, jobs, jobs," said one official, who did not want his name used. "It can't be justified (solely) on

national security grounds."

McDonnell Douglas and five other key builders of the F-15 have been pressing Bush for months to approve the sale. They estimate the sale would save up to 40,000 aerospace jobs.

With the Air Force's F-15 purchases coming to an end, continued production will be felt across the nation: it is built in 346 congressional districts in 47 states.

The sale would be the latest in a sudden string of presidential announcements in which Bush has used the powers of incumbency to dole out government help to win over voters

concerned about the economy and unemployment.

Last week, the president visited Fort Worth, Texas, to announce the lifting of a 10-year ban on selling 150 F-16s to Taiwan, a deal worth \$6 billion and 3,000 jobs. He also visited Florida, pledging to rebuild hurricane-ravaged Homestead Air Force Base, then went to South Dakota to expand federal subsidies and make American wheat more attractive to overseas buyers.

Israel and its U.S. supporters oppose the sale, but are not expected to mount a major campaign to persuade Congress to stop it.

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CHANNEL 2 NEWS
HAWAII POLL

Coming up Sunday and next week in The Advertiser and on Channel 2 News: the Hawaii Poll — a final pre-primary look at the big races in Election '92.

FRIDAY

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GET READY FOR INIKI

Hurricane heading our way

By Walter Wright
Advertiser Staff Writer

Hurricane Iniki, with sustained winds of up to 125 miles an hour and accompanied by deadly 30-foot surf and torrential thundershowers, will likely hit Kauai, Niihau and Oahu today, with the worst impact between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., the National Weather Service said last night.

All residents were warned to immediately take action to assemble emergency survival supplies and gear, to cover windows, secure loose objects and be prepared to evacuate, civil defense officials said.

Oahu Civil Defense officials said they planned to sound warning sirens at 5:00 a.m. and activate the emergency broadcast radio system. They are recommending that all schools be closed. Kauai schools will be closed today.

A hurricane warning was issued late last night for Oahu, meaning hurricane-force winds are expected to develop in scattered rain squalls along the front of the storm.

Forecasters predicted the center of the storm will slam through the Hawaiian Island chain in the middle of the 25-mile Kaulakahi Channel that divides Kauai and Niihau.

The Weather Service also posted a hurricane watch for the minor leeward islands west of Kauai to French Frigate Shoals, meaning they could experience hurricane-force winds within 36 hours.

A tropical storm warning was issued for Oahu, meaning it could experience dangerous tropical storm winds of at least 39 miles per hour and high surf by this evening.

A tropical storm watch was issued for persons on Maui, Molokai and Lanai, meaning possible high winds and surf within 36 hours.

A high-surf advisory remained in effect for the south-facing shores of all Hawaiian Islands.

"Hurricane Iniki has turned on a more northerly course that will likely bring the eye close to the island of Kauai Friday evening," said lead hurricane forecaster Rich Lay, "along with strong destructive winds and seas.

"Iniki is a very dangerous hurricane and its effects are far-reaching," he said.

The system extends out 200 miles or more from the eye of the hurricane.

On Kauai, a quiet tension drifted in on the sticky air.

Hurricane threats are taken seriously on Kauai. For residents the announcement recalled Hurricane Iwa's devastation of Kauai and Niihau 10 years ago, and for tourists, Hurricane Andrew's destruction in Florida just 18 days ago.

Kauai Mayor JoAnn Yukimura was attending a panel discussion on Oahu sponsored by the Hawaii Women's Legal Foundation when she was handed a note.

She left the stage to talk to civil defense officials on Kauai who told her the hurricane had veered north and the county was under a hurricane warning.

After she returned to the stage, she was asked about the situation. "We should all pray it turns away," Yukimura said. Tom Batey, Yukimura's administrative assistant and former chief of plans and operations for State Civil Defense, said county department heads were briefed at 3:00 p.m. yesterday.

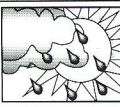
At 5:30 p.m. yesterday, the hurricane's eye was estimated to be 350 miles south of Lihue and moving north-northwest at 14 miles per hour — almost a 50% increase in its speed across the ocean from tracking earlier in the day.

"I hate to say what I am thinking, but this is a storm with 125-mile-an-hour winds, and it could do millions of dollars worth of damage if it moves only slightly," said Lay.

"The strength is holding, the eye is fairly distinct, and Iniki is not weakening. In fact, we wouldn't think it would weaken until it reached colder water north of Hawaii."


It was the second time Iniki defied the forecasters, who had said earlier the hurricane probably would not affect the State other than causing some high surf.

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Mostly fair with occasional showers.

HURRICANE



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INIKI'S MADNESS

Kauai ravaged; Waianae coast hit hard; flooding in Waikiki

Advertiser Staff and News Services

Hurricane Iniki smashed into the northern Hawaiian Islands yesterday, ravaging the Island of Kauai and forcing thousands to flee their homes in the face of fearsome winds and destructive storm surf that surged into beachfront homes and luxury hotels.

There was no loss of life reported and damage on populous Oahu was much less severe than anticipated.

Several injuries were reported on Kauai, where the rake of hurricane winds flattened buildings, bowled down trees and caused major structural damage to many buildings in the business and government center of Lihue.

Damage on Kauai was "just mind-boggling" and "as far as the eye can see," according to Civil Defense officials in Honolulu.

Advertiser Kauai Bureau Chief Jan TenBruggencate reported by radio last night that as many as a third of Kauai's homes suffered severe damage and that destruction was visible everywhere.

In addition to torrential rains and winds gusting well in excess of 100 mph, coastal areas were battered by towering storm surf.

Many Kauai residents opted to stay in shelters last night rather than attempt to make it back to their homes, or what was left of them, TenBruggencate reported.

By contrast, damage on populous Oahu was much less than had been expected. Residents along the Leeward Coast reported substantial flooding, surf damage and lost roofs. Waikiki hotels saw storm waves sweep into their lobbies and across streets in the resort center.

But the true devastation was clear on Kauai, which is still in recovery from the much-less-powerful Hurricane Iwa a decade ago.

Debris littered the roads, power poles and trees were down and even substantial government buildings were ravaged. Because travel and communication were nearly impossible, there was no clear idea of the extent of the damage, the governor's office said last night.

Gov. John Waihee declared the entire state a major disaster area last night because of the direct impact on Kauai and the severe weather conditions caused by Iniki. That declaration clears the way for various rebuilding loans and grants and helps speed the process of possible federal relief.

It was the most powerful hurricane in the Hawaiian Islands this century, said Bob Sheets, director of the National Hurricane Center in Coral Gables, Fla. He said Iniki was about as strong as Hurricane Andrew, which roared through the Bahamas, South Florida and Louisiana last month.

While the digging-out process is just beginning for Kauai, most residents on Oahu face today knowing that they had been spared fearsome destruction and grateful that their time of tension had ended.

Before dawn broke over Oahu yesterday with its gray panorama, heavy humidity and the smell of sea in the air, an eerie siren wailed out its warning at 5:30 a.m.

Within minutes, residents rushed to their cars and to the streets, the jams around stores and gas stations. Others taped windows and cleared yards of loose objects. Containers were filled with water.

Businesses and schools closed and workers were told to stay home, where radio and television stations held captive audiences. As many as 26,000 fled to shelters, while others hunkered at home.

The waiting game had begun. By 11 last night Iniki was weakening and moving north, away from the Islands. The weather bureau had downgraded warnings for Kauai and the rest of the Islands, but warned that occasional heavy showers and local flooding

The damage on Kauai was 'mind-boggling'

remained possible.

Forecasters tabbed Iniki as a Category 4 storm, one short of the "catastrophic" category 5, Hurricane Iwa, by contrast, was a Category 1 hurricane.

On Oahu, wave-driven water washed across Farrington Highway in Makaha and in Kalia Road in Waikiki.

Kalaniana'ole Highway was blocked off, water was reportedly coming over the highway at Maunaloa Bay Beach Park.

At Haleiwa, about 1 p.m., a 30-foot sailboat trying to come into the harbor through high surf went aground on a reef. The people aboard reportedly escaped without injury.

Between 300 and 400 people took shelter at the baggage area of Honolulu Airport.

Two companies of National Guard troops were activated to help evacuation of residents along the Waianae Coast and on Kauai.

Navy ships at Pearl Harbor were sent to sea to ride out the storm. Hordes of tourists were sent away from their beachfront hotels in Waikiki.

"Clear the area immediately! This area is closed," Honolulu police called from their Cushman scooters at 11:20 a.m., as they used sirens and horns to push through crowds reluctant to leave Kalakaua Avenue's shorefront sidewalks.

The impact on Oahu was due to strong wind feeding the storm from the east, said meteorologist Tom Hefner of the National Weather Service.

U.S. Sen. Dan Inouye announced yesterday he had sought to put into motion federal emergency disaster readiness and preparedness measures.

Inouye said the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assured him that emergency disaster operations were focused on Iniki as early as 2:30 a.m. yesterday.

Some 27 federal agencies, including the Defense Department, were prepared to assist.

Mayor Frank Fasi and Waihee were in contact with the White House, advising the president that the Islands would likely need major relief help.

Waihee said he received assurances of help from Bush and federal disaster and military officials even before Hurricane Iniki ripped into Hawaii.

Army Secretary Michael Stone assured Waihee that "all military assets including supplies, equipment and manpower would be available to the state," spokesperson Carolyn Tanaka said.

The storm developed to the south early in the week and was expected to move northwest parallel to the island chain before it changed course late Thursday.

Forecasters feared Iniki could be much more destructive than Hurricane Iwa, a Category 1 storm that caused \$216 million damage to Hawaii in November 1982.

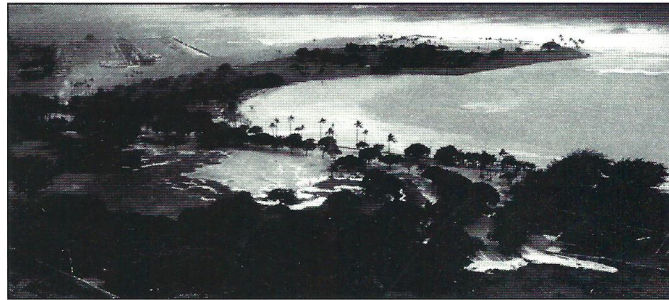
Hurricane Andrew, the nation's costliest natural disaster, swept over the Bahamas, south Florida and coastal Louisiana last month, killing more than 50 people and flattening thousands of homes. The Pacific island of Guam, 3,800 miles west of Hawaii, was hit by Typhoon Omar on Aug. 29.

Incoming flights with tourists from the Mainland continued to arrive at Honolulu International Airport.

(Advertiser staff members Jan TenBruggencate, Kevin Dayton, David Waite, Jon Yoshishige, Stu Glauberman, John Strobel, Jerry Burris and the Associated Press contributed to this story.)



Neighborhood youths stand in the splash zone as storm surf crashes below Pupu Place in Ewa.



Floodwaters cover parts of Ala Moana Beach Park and Magic Island yesterday.

Two Kauai boaters swim for their lives

By Jan TenBruggencate

MANA, KAUAI Two Kauai boaters were forced to abandon their fishing boat and swim for their lives in crashing surf yesterday.

The two, Terry Teves and Chris Kam, were returning from a fishing trip with a good catch yesterday morning but found that hurricane-generated surf had closed all Kauai harbors.

An air traffic controller at the Pacific Missile Range Facility heard their emergency CB call and guided them toward the missile base, where there appeared to be a calm area.

Vida Mossman, public information officer at the missile range, said its heli-

copters had been stored for the storm, but crews rushed to prepare one for an emergency launch.

Mossman said one of the boats engines died as it powered through the stormy ocean.

The control tower made visual contact with the 25-foot boat, the Nalani I, and guided it to within 200 yards from shore.

The men abandoned their ship and started swimming not knowing that a helicopter had just become airborne.

The two, both strong swimmers, made it through the surf onto the beach fronting the missile range without the helicopter's help. Mossman reported both were in good condition.

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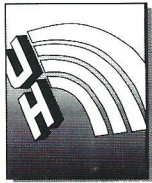
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At least four people are
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Two boaters may be lost
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Damage could reach
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Kauai destruction is
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wash into sea.

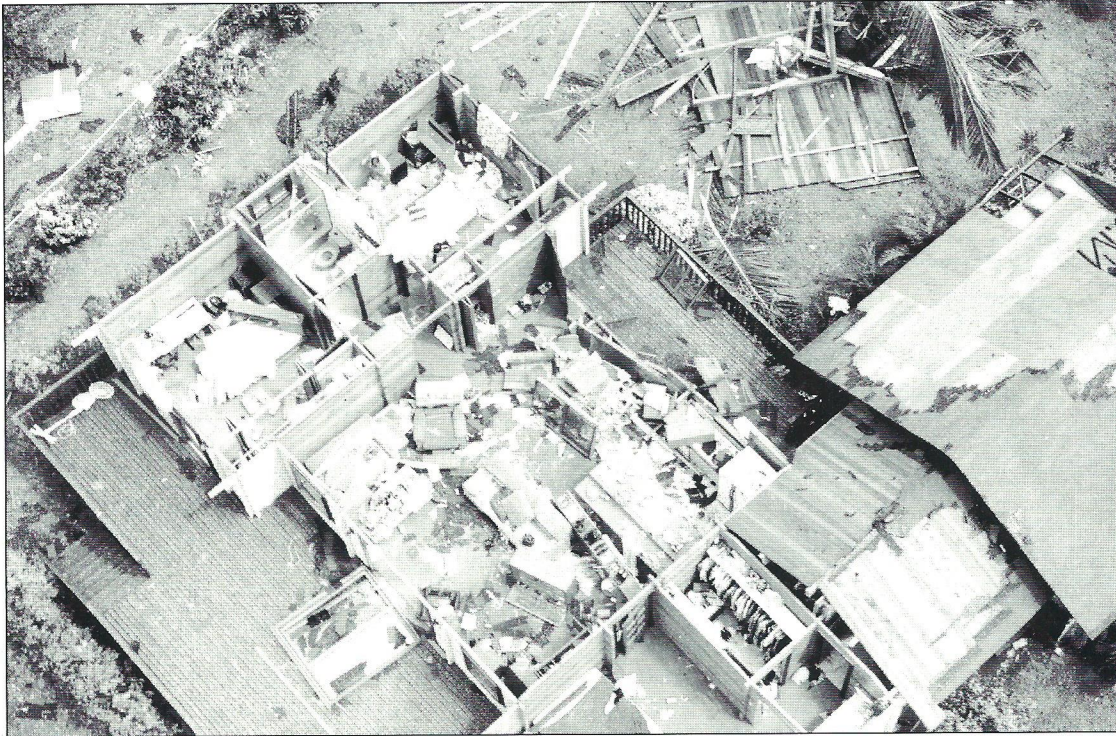
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'It broke my heart'



Advertiser photo by Richard Ambo

A house on Kauai stands open to the elements after its roof was torn away by a gust from Hurricane Iniki. No area of the island escaped devastation by the storm, officials said.

Kauai mayor: Hurricane left 'total destruction'

By David Waite
and Jan TenBruggencate

Advertiser Staff Writers

LIIHUE, Kauai — Hurricane Iniki's rampage across Kauai on Friday was far more destructive than Iwa's was 10 years ago. As news finally filtered out of the Garden Island yesterday, it was all grim.

"I saw total destruction — it broke my heart," Kauai Mayor JoAnn Yukimura said after a 30-minute helicopter flight with Gov. John Waiheae across the island's battered landscape. "There is incredible human suffering in terms of loss of homes and

location of their lives."

President Bush declared most of Hawaii a federal disaster area.

The storm, which slammed into Kauai on Friday afternoon packing winds up to 165 miles per hour, left at least three people dead, according to Bob Blair, spokesman for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Another hurricane-related death was reported on Oahu.

A 91-year-old Kauai woman was killed when her house collapsed and a 76-year-old man died after being hit by flying debris. A third person was reported to have died of a heart attack during the storm, Blair said.

One person was killed on Oahu in a fire caused by a candle used during a storm-related power outage.

Two others may have been lost at sea after the storm smashed their boat off Waimea, the Coast Guard said. One of three aboard the boat was rescued, and a search continued for the others throughout the day yesterday.

At least 98 people were injured on Kauai, said Phil Palmer, president of Wilcox Hospital, the island's largest. Seven people were hospitalized, said Palmer, who added that lacerations were the most serious injuries. Yukimura had set preliminary dam-

age estimates at \$350 million to \$500 million. But after her tour, she said the cost of repairing the destruction could reach \$1 billion.

The storm left at least 8,000 people on Kauai homeless and inflicted perhaps three times the damage of Hurricane Iwa, which smashed Kauai a decade ago, FEMA spokesman Blair said.

"Our initial survey is far from complete, but we expect to be sheltering 8,000 people whose homes were destroyed," he said. Many more homes are partially damaged and may be habitable with minor repairs or plastic covering, he said.

"You might see some tents, but I don't think you'll see tent cities (which cropped up in hurricane-devastated south Florida). People may prefer to stay in their homes while repairs are being made."

Oahu, which appeared to be dead center in Iniki's path on Friday, escaped the brunt of the storm. But officials said there was at least \$2.5 million in damage to coastal areas, particularly along the Waianae coast and in Waikiki.

Kauai was not so lucky. "The destruction was islandwide."

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Poll finds many voters undecided in Honolulu Dem mayoral primary

By Jerry Barris
Advertiser City Editor

More than one-third of Oahu's potential Democratic primary voters still haven't settled on a choice for their party's nominee for mayor of Honolulu, the latest Advertiser/Channel 2 News Hawaii Poll shows.

Among those who do have a preference, political veteran Dennis O'Connor holds a lead of more than 2-to-1 over lawyer Michael Wilson as they approach Saturday's Democratic mayoral primary. But newcomer Wilson is gaining ground, and the huge undecided

bloc gives him theoretical room to catch O'Connor if his "new blood, anti-transit" message catches on.

Interviewers from SMS Research Inc. of Honolulu who questioned 269 potential Democratic primary voters found that Wilson, while still behind, has made substantial progress since the last Hawaii Poll in July, when O'Connor held a dominating 45-8 percent lead.

Wilson is most popular among younger voters and Caucasians; O'Connor draws his greatest strength among older voters and those of Japanese ancestry — traditional Democrats.

The Advertiser CHANNEL 2 NEWS HAWAII POLL

SOURCE: SMS Research Inc. Survey of 269 potential Oahu voters in the Democratic Primary. Margin of error: 6%.



O'Connor	Wilson
38%	17%
Others	7%
Don't know	37%

Coming up tonight on Channel 2: The Honolulu Prosecutor's race. And tomorrow in the Advertiser: The U.S. Senate Primary.

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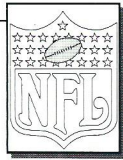
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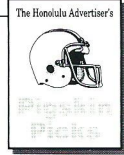
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Neighbor Island Edition Beyond Oahu 40¢

Communities come together

Survivors pool resources and pick up the pieces

By **Jon Yoshishige**
Advertiser Staff Writer

All across Kauai yesterday, Garden Islanders pushed their worries to the back of their minds and continued to clean up in the wake of the worst storm to hit the island in a lifetime.

Almost as soon as Hurricane Iniki's winds abated Friday, everyone from toddlers to great-grandmas — many who cannot forget Hurricane Iwa in 1982. Not in 1982 and the pre-electricity days before that — began working up a sweat cleaning and salvaging what they could.

An 89-year-old Lihue man and his 87-year-old wife collected debris from

their yard in the stifling heat Saturday morning while her elderly brother and sister cleaned the Ohiohi Street home's picture window.

Everywhere, smiles broke across sweating faces when greeting fellow hurricane survivors. Undaunted by the storm's staggering destruction, residents asked about the welfare of others.

At dusk, communities around the island came together as neighbors and families pooled resources — cooking, cleaning or just socializing. With no electricity to power stoves, there seemed to be nearly as many groups barbecuing as you'd find at Aloha Stadium at the height

of UH football season. Despite the immediate unavailability of some food items, a walk down almost any street netted several dinner invitations.

Five families met in Reuben Medina's driveway, creating an incredible aroma as they cooked up an assortment of dishes before food spoiled in powerless refrigerators and freezers.

"We asked everybody to come eat breakfast and lunch here, and now dinner too," said Medina, who lives in Lihue Town Estates, a subdivision of large single-family homes built in the 1970s.

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HURRICANE INIKI

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- Kauai phone service partially restored. Officials say: Don't call in, let Kauai call out.
- Kauai electrical service will take a month to restore totally.
- Lihue airport closed today to commercial flights.
- Public schools on Kauai closed until further notice.
- Official casualty count is 3 dead; at least 100 injured.

Food, helpers pour onto Kauai

Electric power still out; communications shaky



A Kauai resident uses a giant wok to prepare meals in the aftermath of Hurricane Iniki.

Advertiser photo by Bruce Asato

By **David Waite** and **Kevin Dayton**
Advertiser Staff Writers

A massive military and civilian relief effort descended on storm-battered Kauai yesterday, bringing tons of food and building supplies and hundreds of relief workers to the devastated island.

Meanwhile, a steady stream of evacuees — mostly tourists — headed out of Kauai, where food was in tight supply, electrical power virtually non-existent and communications links extremely tenuous.

As the exhilaration of simply having survived the storm began to wear off, Kauai residents slowly began to come to grips with the economic devastation they face and the enormous rebuilding effort ahead.

The tally:
■ The confirmed hurricane death toll remains at three — two elderly people killed on Kauai during the storm and a 16-year-old boy on Oahu who died in a fire that may have started when a candle blew over. The names of those killed on Kauai were still not available for release to the public.

Earlier reports from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials that another person on Kauai might have died of a heart attack proved incorrect, civil defense officials said last night.

■ At least 100 people had been injured, although none of the injuries were believed to be serious.

■ Damage estimates stood at \$1 billion, up from the \$350-to-\$500 million first estimated.

"From our estimations," said A. Roy Kite, a FEMA coordinating officer.

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Eerie calm, then laughter, as Kauai folks cope

By **Jan TenBruggencate**
Advertiser Kauai Bureau

LIHUE, Kauai — The nights are quiet in my neighborhood. The background hum of various kinds of electronic equipment, compressors, generators and the like is missing.

Televisions don't blare, nor do boom boxes.

In the cool of the evening, after another blazing, clear, post-hurricane day, I can hear neighbors talking quietly. And laughing.

There's an interesting realignment of values in the wake of the destruction. People talk about the shattering of their houses calmly, dispassionately, for the most part. As long as their homes are intact.

I asked a man alongside the road if he was all right, not knowing how his house had fared. He didn't even refer to his house. "Oh sure. We can stay at my in-laws' place," he said.

A fair proportion of the island has been forced to resort to some form of camping out. I've seen people bathing in streams, collecting water in one-gallon milk jugs.

One family was eating at the neighbor's roofless house where the gas stove still worked, while everybody trooped over to sleep at the house where the kitchen had exploded but the bedrooms were intact.

At dinner, there were parties up and down the streets. Parties of necessity. Neighbors gathered around gas grills, their cooking lit by candles

and gas lamps. They shared stories, told jokes. It was somehow enormously pleasant to hear the friendly banter drifting from the little enclaves.

In the night, even downtown Lihue was oddly dark. The orange glow of the airport's lights was missing. The red blinkers atop radio towers are gone, as, apparently, are the towers themselves. The street lights and house lights are out. There's only the twinkle of isolated rooms lit by candles or lanterns.

National Guard troops are patrolling our streets at night, blocking access to areas such as those where warehouses are destroyed and their goods are exposed. Having armed troops in camouflage gear at intersections calls

forth odd images of Sarajevo, of South Florida. Not since World War II has a military presence been so strong on our island. Most folks seem to appreciate it.

It'll be a while before there are firm estimates of the damage. Certainly, not every house was made unlivable. Not even most. But there were 7,000 to 8,000 people sleeping in and eating in shelters Friday and Saturday night.

It is notable that in driving around the island I have not run into a single person whose home was not in some way damaged.

I stood on the bluff overlooking Waimea town. It appeared as if roofs were gone or partly gone on maybe one house in 10. At Waimea Heights,

the small subdivision overlooking the town, the rim houses are now a pile of pick-up sticks, with house parts scattered down the side of the cliff.

Mayor IoAnn Yukimura said the island of Niihau seemed to have fared fairly well in comparison with Kauai. Tom Batey, now the mayor's administrative assistant, but 10 years ago an official of state Civil Defense, said Iniki seemed to have done less damage to fewer homes on Niihau than Hurricane Iwa did a decade ago.

Yukimura said she was awestruck by the appearance of even remote parts of the island. The Na Pali Coast, she said, "looked like it had aged 100 years."

The processes of recovery are under way.

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Poll: Race for prosecutor tight

By **Jerry Burris**
Advertiser City Editor

The race for Honolulu prosecutor — to be settled in a winner-take-all election this Saturday — remains a virtual dead heat with more than a quarter of the voters still undecided, according to the latest Advertiser/Channel 2 News Hawaii Poll.

A Sept. 3-10 survey of some 467 likely Oahu voters shows incumbent Keith Kaneshiro with 38 percent of the vote and challenger Randal Yoshida with 34 percent. Fully 28 percent remained undecided.

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gain for Kaneshiro over his standing in July, when the Hawaii Poll showed Yoshida ahead 36 percent to 29 percent.

Kaneshiro took heart at the numbers yesterday while Yoshida said the tightness of the contest indicates many voters are ready for a change in leadership within the Prosecutor's office.

The race is non-partisan and will be decided in the primary on Saturday.

Yoshida has hammered at Kaneshiro on managerial issues, contending he wasted taxpayer money with his long-running corruption investigation into the Honolulu bus system.

Kaneshiro stresses his career as a criminal trial attorney and prosecutor.

A survey of this size has a margin of error of plus or minus 4.5 percent, which means there is only a slight statistical chance that the results would differ by more than that amount if all voters had been surveyed. The poll was conducted by SMS Research Inc. of Honolulu.

The Advertiser CHANNEL 2 NEWS HAWAII POLL

Coming up tonight on Channel 2: The transit project. And tomorrow in the Advertiser: Presidential race and transit.

Kaneshiro 38% **Yoshida 34%** **Don't know 28%**

SOURCE: SMS Research Inc. Survey of 467 likely Oahu voters in the Democratic Primary. Margin of error: 4.5%.

FIRST REPORTS



Hurricane Iniki

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INIKI'S MADNESS

Kauai clobbered, but most of Oahu spared

The damage on Kauai was 'mind-boggling'

Advertiser Staff and News Services

Hurricane Iniki slammed into the northern end of the Hawaiian Islands yesterday, furiously chewing landscape and buildings on Kauai and forcing tens of thousands to evacuate their homes in the face of powerful winds and huge storm surf that surged across roads and into homes and hotels.

As of late last night, there were no reports of deaths on Kauai and limited serious injuries.

Advertiser Kauai Bureau Chief Jan TenBruggencate reported by radio last night that at least a quarter of all homes on the island suffered severe damage.

Downed power lines and blocked highways made it difficult to assess the overall situation, TenBruggencate said. Hundreds of utility poles were uprooted by the blasts of wind and rain.

An unknown number of injured residents were taken to Kauai hospitals, he said.

Wilcox Memorial Hospital in Lihue reported treating three storm casualties, the worst being a person in serious condition with multiple fractures, said state Adjutant General Maj. Edward Richardson.

Lihue Airport was said to be clear and county officials are expecting National Guard troops to arrive on Kauai this morning to begin helping to clear away the wreckage, he said.

Residents at evacuation shelters were reported to be trying to dig themselves out of the shelters during the evening, but all decided to remain at shelters overnight before trying to return to their homes, TenBruggencate said.

Kauai was blacked out, except for emergency generators supporting operations at hospitals, police and Kauai Civil Defense.

On populous Oahu, meanwhile, residents spent a tense day in shelters and in barricaded homes before letting out sighs of relief after the storm failed to deliver what easily could have been a devastating blow to property and lives.

Gov. John Waihee said yesterday he was told by Kauai Mayor JoAnn Yukimura that her county suffered vast destruction, including the loss of roofs on major buildings in Lihue. Limited two-way radio contact made a detailed assessment impossible.

Both microwave towers that carry long-distance signals to Kauai fell to Iniki, cutting off telephone communication with the island. But Yukimura was able to communicate with

Waihee about 4 p.m. as the hurricane's eye passed over the Garden Island.

Her island almost completely cut off from the rest of the world, Yukimura painted a grim picture of widespread damage.

She described the State Office Building in Lihue with its roof torn off, windows blown out of the County Building and debris flying everywhere.

Kauai lost commercial electrical power about 1:20 p.m. and virtually all contact with the outside world shortly thereafter.

The Kauai Civil Defense Emergency Operating Center itself was evacuated due to rain-driven flooding, state Civil Defense officials reported.

Yukimura told Waihee the island badly needs communications equipment, generators, food and assistance from the National Guard.

Waihee assured her that as soon as Lihue Airport was reopened, emergency supplies would begin to flow in and that a Federal Emergency Management Agency representative would be among the first people flown into Kauai this morning.

The eye of the fast-moving hurricane passed over Kauai starting at about 4 p.m. yesterday, according to Andy Chun, lead forecaster at the weather service in Honolulu. An hour later the eye was reported to be about 50 miles north of Kauai, over the North Pacific again.

Oahu's major damage was suffered along the Waianae coast, where waves and rain caused extensive flooding and gale-force winds battered neighborhoods.

But despite the apparent lack of serious injury and Oahu's relative good fortune, Iniki remained the most powerful hurricane to hit the Islands this century, according to Bob Sheets, director of the National Hurricane Center in Coral Gables, Fla.

By 8 last night, the center of Iniki was about 120 miles north of Kauai and moving north at 30 miles per hour, the weather service said.

A hurricane warning remained in effect for Kauai and Niihau, but a tropical storm warning for Oahu and Maui was canceled.

Dangerous tides and life-threatening high surf continued to pound southern and western shores. Civil defense officials maintained a high surf advisory for the south and west-facing shores of all islands. Last night, heavy showers fell in some areas.

Many neighborhoods on Oahu remained without electrical power yesterday. Hawaiian Electric said it would have all crews on the road in an effort to restore power as soon as possible.

Authorities urged residents to conserve water until all power is restored.