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coming out," he said. "The choreography alone: There were so many different elements going on at once that trying to keep track of everything was pretty wild."

HAWAII'S youngest TV journalists are back for a second season on PBS Hawaii.

"Hiki No" brings together middle school and high school students — and this season, a few elementary students — for weekly half-hour newscasts in prime time.

During its inaugural 13-episode season, which ran from February to May, the students conceived, reported and edited more than 100 stories.

Their topics included sea

turtles, the ban on plastic bags on Maui, and features about classmates rebounding from devastating setbacks.

And they weren't shy, either, asking hard questions of politicians, community leaders and business executives.

The second season, which starts Thursday in its regular 7:30 p.m. time slot, will run through Jan. 5. The episodes will be repeated through April.

The public television station held the students to professional standards, something that initially surprised their teachers. Stories typically went through five drafts.

"What our team told them was, 'When you turn in a version, don't expect it to be the last,'" said Leslie Wilcox, president and chief executive officer of PBS Hawaii. "You can always strive harder."

AND that's a wrap ...

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