

QUARTERLY ISSUES – APRIL-JUNE 2018

KAPA Hawaiian FM (KAPA-FM / KAGB-FM)

- One-minute newscasts, featuring local, statewide, and/or national stories, air at the following times every weekday: 6:20 a.m., 6:50 a.m., 7:20 a.m., 7:50 a.m., 8:20 a.m., 11:20 a.m., 11:50 a.m., 3:50 p.m., and 4:50 p.m.
- Additionally, a surf report is aired within one of the morning local newscasts everyday
- Kokua Calendar: A :60 second station spot which rotates with different Public Service Announcements. Two PSA's air in each spot, with 25 seconds given to each announcement. The segment runs multiple times from Midnight-Midnight, seven days a week.
- Run informational messages from the Hawaii County Civil Defense agency covering local hazards when applicable, such as High Wind Warnings, Flash Flood Watches and Warnings, Road Closures, and High Surf.
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The Beat (KPV5-FM / KLUA-FM)

- A one-minute newscast, featuring local, statewide, and/or national stories, airs weekdays at 8:40 a.m.
- A one-minute surf report airs every weekday morning at 6:45 a.m.
- Athlete of the Week, highlighting a local athlete in the community, airs weekday mornings at 6:50 a.m. and 7:50 a.m.
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- September 20th – Interviewed Kelton Chang of the Hawaii County Fair Foundation
- September 21st – Interviewed Ross Birch of the Hawaii Island Visitors Bureau about the “Pono Pledge” for visitors coming to the islands

KBIG FM (KKBG-FM / KLEO-FM)

- One-minute newscasts, featuring local, statewide, and/or national stories, air at the following times every weekday: 5:50 a.m., 6:50 a.m., 7:50 a.m., 8:50 a.m., 4:50 p.m., and 5:50 p.m.
- One-minute newscasts also air on Saturdays at 6:50 a.m., 7:50 a.m., and 8:50 a.m.
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- Run informational messages from the Hawaii County Civil Defense agency covering local hazards when applicable, such as High Wind Warnings, Flash Flood Watches and Warnings, Road Closures, and High Surf.
- Interviewed Justin, a member of the Waimea Community Theatre, on March 23rd to promote the 501c3's upcoming production of “Rumors”
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- June 28th – Interviewed Renee Bafalis of FEMA and Garth McDonald from the Small Business Administration on its work through the Kilauea eruption.
- August 1st – Interviewed Renee Bafalis of FEMA for the latest updates on its work in the community surrounding the natural disasters.
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Scheduled Public Service Announcements:

The following public service announcements were scheduled to run in commercial inventory:

- Hui Malama O Na Oiwī's Second Annual Malama Na Keiki Festival – Ran from July 14th – 20th
 - o 84 30-second commercials aired on all stations
- Honokaa High School's Summer Festival – Ran from August 2nd – 10th
 - o 36 30-second commercials ran on each station
- HI-Plan University of Hawaii Business Partnership – Ran from August 14th – September 7th
 - o 40 30-second commercials on KAPA Hawaiian FM, 32 30-second commercials each on KBIG FM and The Beat
- HI-Plan University of Hawaii Business Partnership – Ran from September 24th – 30th
 - o 24 40-second commercials aired on each station
- Pink Out Color Run – American Cancer Society Color Run – Ran from September 26th – 30th
 - o 35 60-second commercials aired on KBIG FM

Kokua Calendar – Public Service Announcements:

The following submitted public service announcements were used in our Kokua Calendar segments:

July

- Richardson's Rough Water Swim, held at Richardson Ocean Park
- Kailua-Kona Public Library's "Living a Healthy Life with Diabetes," a workshop for adults who suffer from or care for those with diabetes
- Kailua-Kona Public Library's "E Kokua Mai, Ala Kahakai," an opportunity for residents to learn about the Ala Kahakai National Historical Trail and upcoming hikes.
- West Hawaii Community Health Center and Donkey Mill Art Center's "Art is Healing: 'O Wai Au: Who I Am," a juried exhibition.
- Kailua-Kona Public Library's Little Mermaid Movie Event, a free movie screening with free popcorn for kids.
- Huggo's Wahine Tournament, an all-female fishing tournament, which is a benefit for Family Support Services

- WhyHunger Hotline PSA, connecting people in need of food assistance with food pantries, soup kitchens, and other key organizations
- Dairy Queen's Annual Miracle Treat Day, benefitting local children's hospitals.
- Waiakea High School's online meal application service. Students and families could register at ezmealapp.com
- Kealahou Public Library will host a pre-school story time for children between the ages of 2-5 and their caregivers, featuring activities that promote brain development.
- Kahilu Theater presents the production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific," which ran for three days over the course of a weekend.

August

- Hawaii Island Festival of Birds, located at the Sheraton Kona Resort & Spa at Keauhou Bay
- New Hope Waimea Christian Fellowship Ho'olaulea, benefitting the medical expenses for Terence Kalani Benenua
- Halau Na Lei Hiwahiwa O Ku'u Aloha All-You-Can-Eat Ice Cream Jam at Sangha Hall in Hilo
- Kailua-Kona Public Library's pre-school story time
- A portion of the County's Coordinated Services for the Elderly Senior ID schedule across the island
- West Hawaii Explorations Academy Middle School's 2018 Kanikapila Jam & Ho'olaulea Fundraising Event
- Cool Fusion: Festival of 1000 Bowls, a benefit for the Donkey Mill Art Center

September

- American Job Center Hawaii's Job Fair and Job Workshop in Hilo
- Kealahou Public Library's "A Quiet Place" Movie event. The movie is for all ages, and there is fresh popcorn for those who attend while supplies last.
- Nā Kalai Wa'a- Mauloa Sail- educational community reach

Sampling of news stories aired of local interest:

The following stories of local interest were used during newscasts:

July

- The United State Postal Service announced that mail delivery from the Pahoa Post office was being suspended because of air quality concerns from the Kilauea Lava flow on July 2nd.
- The Waimea Community Association held a "Speed-Dating Forum" at Hawaii Preparatory Academy's Taylor Commons. The forum featured candidates running for U.S. House of Representatives, State Senate, and County Council seats.
- The Small Business Administration announced that over \$5 million in Disaster Assistance Loans had been approved for residents affected by the Kilauea Lava flow. In the break down, \$73,700 went to businesses and \$4,948,200 to residents to help rebuild and recover from this disaster.
- The State Office of Elections signed a supplementary proclamation on July 6th, designating the Pahoa Community Center as a dual-precinct polling place, covering precincts 04-03 and 04-04.

The proclamation was signed after Hawaii County Civil Defense said that the lava flow had stabilized, making it possible to operate a polling place in the Puna district.

- Governor David Ige signed four bills into law on July 6th during separate ceremonies, covering rescue tubes, family member notices on mental health emergencies, an alzheimer's state plan, and the approval of a pilot project for the Hilo Community Economic District.
- Keck Observatory announced that Honokaa High School graduate Keilani Steele became the first graduate to observe at the facility BEFORE taking classes in college.
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency announced new hours for its Disaster Recovery Center, effective July 7th.
- The Hawaii County Fire Department issued a statement on Battalion Chief Jesse Ebersole, who was named in the legal cases against former Honolulu Police Chief Louis Kealoha and his wife, Katherine Kealoha. Fire chief Darren Rosario said that Ebersole was placed on paid leave.
- Governor David Ige vetoed 8 of the 11 bills placed on his desk on July 10th. He did not sign a bill that would appropriate money to form a Law Enforcement Standards Board, allowing it to go into law, but vetoed bills involving consumer protection, technology, medical cannabis, the environment, County land use requirements, the Transient Accommodations Tax, public libraries, and campaign finance.
- The Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce announced that it was holding an East Hawaii Candidate Forum, highlighting the governor's race, on July 20th. It was held at the Arc of Hilo's Event Center.
- Hawaii County and the Department of Health opened up an Information Booth at the Volcano Farmers Market on July 15th. It covered eruption related issues and information regarding seismic activity.
- The County scheduled a lava informational meeting on July 19th at the Pahoa Community Center. The meeting was slated to cover the possibility of another explosive event at the Halemaumau Crater.
- Senator Brian Schatz co-wrote the Reliable Emergency Alert Distribution Improvement (READI) Act of 2018 in the U.S. Senate, seven months after the false missile alert message was spread to Hawaii residents.
- Puna District Police Officer Bronson Kaliloa was shot and killed during a traffic stop on July 18th. The shooting led to a days-long manhunt for the suspect, who was subsequently killed. Others who were connected to the suspect, Justin Waiki were arrested by police officers. Several organizations offered rewards for information leading to the suspect.
- Hawaii Electric Light announced road and lane closures because of utility pole removal along Kawailani Street in Hilo. Construction work was done for seven days in the month of July, with the schedule of dates adjusted days later.
- Hawaii Lodging and Tourism Association announced its endorsements for the 2018 primary election, endorsing incumbent governor David Ige, Bernard Carvalho Jr., and a number of state and county politicians
- Representative Colleen Hanabusa, a democratic candidate for Governor, received an endorsement from the Sovereign Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations.
- Several female politicians rallied at the State Capital to condemn comments made in a political ad by Governor David Ige, in which it calls opponent Colleen Hanabusa "too critical" in her responses to Ige's policies.

- County and State crews were keeping a close eye on Highway 11 in Volcano, near the Namakani Paio Campground, after cracks developed on the road following continued seismic activity.
- Non-profit HawaiiKidsCan organized a televised forum on K5 television, which featured candidates for Governor and United States Congress District 1.
- The Hawaii Police Department released DUI statistics for the week of July 16-22. 11 motorists were arrested in that week for driving under the influence. DUI arrests and major traffic accidents were down, year-to-date.
- The U.S. Senate passed legislation authored by Senator Brian Schatz to provide federal damage assessments in the Kilauea eruption. The bill would “assess damage being done to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, visitor industry and the local economy, and how to rebuild.”
- Attorney Jeffrey Foster announces that he is representing two clients that are suing Lloyd’s of London for “failing homeowners” by not honoring homeowners’ certificates of insurance following residence damage from the Kilauea eruption.
- The FEMA/State Disaster Recovery moved to a new location on July 30th, relocating to the Pahoehoe Neighborhood Facility.
- The Department of Public Works scheduled a 24-hour road closure in Hilo on West Kawaihewa Street starting July 30th. The week-long closure is for the Kawaihewa Street Improvement Project, with road improvement projects scheduled.
- Hawaii’s US Representatives Colleen Hanabusa and Tulsi Gabbard introduced a bill that aimed to improve the Nationwide Emergency Alert System. The bill comes seven months after the false missile alert in Hawaii.
- BUSINESS NEWS: First Hawaiian Bank announced a second quarter net income of \$69.1 million dollars, an increase of 1.6% from the first quarter and 21.4% from the previous year.
- The Hawaii Police Department brought Brian Smith back in custody, days after he was mistakenly released from prison. He was awaiting trial on charges of first and second-degree murder and firearms charges, including Ownership or Possession of a Firearm, and Carrying a Firearm in the Commission of a Separate Felony
- The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency cancelled the August test of the Emergency Alert System. It was done to observe a ceremony to repatriate the remains of U.S. Service personnel from North Korea.
- Governor David Ige announced that his administration would join other governor’s in denouncing President Donald Trump’s proposal that would prohibit health care service providers who receive funding under Title X, from referring their patients to abortion providers.
- The Kohala Center in Waimea received \$869,000 in federal funding to promote land management and business development. The funding came from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- The Waimea Community Association announced that its August meeting would highlight the cost of residential photo voltaic systems, along with other community concerns.
- Mayor Harry Kim underwent an out-patient procedure, which inserted a defibrillator as a precautionary device
- The Hawaii County Fire Department and American Red Cross announced that it was responding to a fire in Kona.

August

- The State received nearly \$2.5 million dollars from the Department of Health and Human Services to fight infectious diseases, according to US Senator Brian Schatz. It will help the state fight diseases such as Zika.
- The Department of Transportation's Airports Division scheduled a community meeting on commercial helicopter flights in Hilo. The meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 14th at Nani Mau Gardens.
- President Donald Trump signed into law the Knowledgeable Innovators and Worthy Investors Act, which was co-signed by Senator Mazie Hirono. Hirono says the act, which will extend to New Zealand, will bring more job creation to the islands.
- The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement considered filing a lawsuit against Aloha Poke of Chicago. The company used legal threats against Native Hawaiian businesses who serve poke and have Aloha in its name.
- The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency issued an advisory to residents to be prepared for Hurricane Hector, who was approaching the state as a strong storm.
- The National Park service said that it was setting up funeral services for Fire Captain Brian Hughes. The Hilo native died while battling a large wildfire in California.
- Gubernatorial candidate Rep. Colleen Hanabusa blamed Governor David Ige's administration for the delay in paying National Guard members who worked through the Kilauea lava eruption on the Big Island. Through her campaign, she issued a statement saying "Under my leadership, our Guard members would not have been told to wait in the first place."
- On August 5th, the County announced that lava activity at Fissure 8 in Puna had greatly diminished, and that the activity at the summit of Halemaumau Crater had gone quiet.
- With Hurricane Hector approaching, the County announced it would cancel its August 7th informational meeting in Pahoa regarding the Kilauea Lava flow.
- The Department of Transportation says it will suspend construction related closures across the state from August 20-24. It is part of the "Beat the School Jam" initiative, which aimed to alleviate traffic congestion at the start of the school year.
- FEMA Announced that it would be closing its Disaster Recovery Center on August 8th due to the threat of Hurricane Hector
- Hawaii Volcanoes National Park announced that the brush fire in Keauhou Ranch had burned approximately 1,495 acres. Part of the damage included 1,250 acres of native forest land along Mauna Loa Road
- With the threat of Hurricane Hector passing, the County announced that absentee walk-in voting sites at the Pahoa Community Center and the Pahala Community Center would open on August 9th, prior to the state's primary election. Both sites were closed a day earlier as Hurricane Hector approached the island.
- The State Supreme Court ruled that a contested case hearing was not required for those who opposed the building of the Thirty Meter Telescope on Mauna Kea. In the case, which was brought up by E. Kalani Flores, the court said that a previous contested case hearing had taken place, and Flores was "afforded a full and fair opportunity to express his views and concerns"
- The Department of Transportation held a ceremony on August 9th to celebrate the addition of two lanes to the Queen Kaahumanu Highway in Kailua-Kona between Kealakehe Parkway and Keahole Airport Road

- Governor David Ige announced on August 9th that flags across the state would fly at half-staff for fallen fire fighter Brian Hughes.
- The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency announced it would conduct siren testing between August 14th and 16th at various sites, including Ho`opuloa, Ho`okena Beach Park, Hawaiian Ocean View Estates, Honoka`a High School, Honomu, Cooper Center, and Mountain View.
- The United States Postal Service announced that it would convert its USPS facility in Ocean View from a contract postal unit to a USPS-operated retail facility.
- August 13th – Hawaii Volcanoes National Park updated the status of the Keauhou Fire, which was 80 percent contained at the time. The fire had burned 3,739 acres near the northeastern slopes of Mauna Kea.
- The Department of Transportation said that it was preparing for possible impacts from Hurricane Lane at its airports, harbors, and highways
- In a statement, County Councilwoman Jennifer Ruggles says that she “may be in violation of her oath of office to uphold the United States constitution and may be incurring criminal liability for war crimes under both U.S. federal law and international law.” She posted reasoning for those concerns on her website.
- Governor David Ige signed an emergency proclamation on August 21st ahead of the arrival of Hurricane Lane. The proclamation declared the state as a disaster area.
- August 21st – Libraries across the island, as well as some in Maui County, closed down ahead of the arrival of Hurricane Lane. Also closed were Pu'uuhonua o Honaunau, the Kahuku Unit of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Kaloko Honokohau NHP, state judiciary buildings, and Kamehameha schools.
- The Hawaii Police Department announced that it had arrested four additional individuals in connection to the shooting death of Puna Patrol Officer Bronson Kaliloa.
- All County transfer stations were kept open on Wednesday, August 22nd, despite the near arrival of Hurricane Lane. Non-essential government personnel were asked, however, to stay home.
- The Department of Education closed all public schools on August 23rd and 24th ahead of Hurricane Lane. Public charter schools were also closed.
- President Donald Trump approved the Emergency disaster disaster by the state because of Hurricane Lane, activating federal resources to help the state in its recovery.
- Various private businesses announced closures and cancellations because of Hurricane Lane. The County announced that all of its beach parks were shut down because of the storm
- Because of Hurricane Lane, the United States Postal Service cancelled mail delivery and operations on August 24th
- Verizon announced that it was eliminating data caps for first responders dealing with Hurricane Lane. The decision came days after the wireless company was criticized for keeping data caps up in California while emergency personnel were working on wildfires.
- Governor David Ige helped form a streamlined military presence in response to Hurricane Lane. The “Dual-Status Command” was approved by Secretary of Defense James Mattis and established a clear chain of command for military response
- Untreated wastewater was released from three different sewage plants, caused by Hurricane Lane. The wastewater was released from the Pauka`a, Wailuku, and Pua sewage pump stations, and went into the ground and shoreline.

- The County returned to normal operations on Saturday, August 25th. That included the re-opening of all solid waste transfer stations
- Post offices and postal services re-opened to residents in West Hawaii on Saturday, August 25th. East Hawaii offices, however, remained closed because of the impacts from Hurricane Lane. The Hele-On Bus returned to operations, but under a modified schedule.
- The Army's Pohakuloa Training Area scheduled a series of informational sessions to discuss the awareness and cultural understanding of its cultural resource responsibilities. One meeting each was scheduled in Hilo and Kailua-Kona
- County Councilwoman Jen Ruggles announced that the County's Corporation Council cleared her of committing any war crimes under law as she was serving in public office. Ruggles, however, said that the Corporation Council's answer was "inconsistent" with the "Hawaii Rules of Professional Conduct"
- The County's Department of Parks and Recreation announced that it be closing its Pahoa shelter on September 17th. The shelter had been opened since May 3rd for those displaced by the Kilauea lava eruption.
- The Solid Waste Division of the County's Department of Environmental Management said it would hold a public meeting regarding a Draft Environmental Assessment for the proposed East Hawaii Organics Facility. The meeting was held in Keaau at the Community Center on September 6th.
- Governor David Ige's Task Force created new guidelines for dealing with diseases, such as Rat Lungworm Disease. The task force was led by University of Hawaii professor Kenton Kramer, Ph. D.
- The Hawaii Island Humane Society said it would be reducing operating hours at its Lava Rescue Request Hotline. From the beginning of May through the end of August, 367 pets and animals were rescued from the lava inundation zones.
- As of August 30th, a total of \$30 million in Disaster Assistance Loans were approved by the Emergency Management Agency.
- On August 31st, the County removed inundation zone checkpoints at Highway 137 at Papaya Farms Road and Opihikao as the lava threat subsided.

September:

- Several University of Hawaii schools, including all campuses on the Big Island, made the top of the The Chronicle of Higher Education's 2018 Almanac's diversity rankings. The University of Hawaii at Hilo was the top-ranked in four-year schools, and Hawaii Community College was ranked highest for two-year institutions.
- The next Waimea Community Association Town Meeting is scheduled for October 6th. One of the main topics is the \$800 million the County was asking for to aid in the recovery from the Kilauea eruption.
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency set the deadline for Disaster Assistance applications for September 12th
- A Brown Water Advisory was issued for most areas from the Hamakua Coast to Hilo because of heavy rains and runoff on September 4th

- Hawaii Volcanoes National Park says it is working to relocate the Jaggar Museum, which faced damage from the Kilauea eruption. It was working with the Mainstreet Pahoa Association to find a new home for the museum.
- Lieutenant Governor Doug Chin says he is seeking a legal opinion on the authority of police chiefs on the different islands to issue licenses permitting individuals to carry unconcealed firearms. This filed the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals siding with a Big Island resident who won a case wanting a license to protect himself
- Hawaii's congressional delegation urged President Donald Trump to approve Governor David Ige's request for a presidential disaster declaration following the impact caused by Hurricane Lane.
- Hawaii Electric Light says that 28 percent of its residents lost power on September 7th because its Hill Plant and Keahole Plant tripped offline. Service was restored within 12 minutes.
- Hawaii State Teachers Association president Corey Rosenlee applauded a court ruling allowing a constitutional amendment on the November ballot which would tax those who have investment properties to be taxed, with that money going to benefit public school education.
- The mandatory evacuation order for Leilani Estates residents was lifted on September 8th. Hawaii Electric Light also said it would start work to re-energize the subdivision once the order was lifted.
- Governor David Ige signed an emergency proclamation on September 9th ahead of potential impacts from Hurricane Olivia
- The Public Charter School Commission announced that Connections Public Charter School in Hilo would close on September 11th ahead of Hurricane Olivia. Kamehameha Schools, however, said it would remain open.
- The Department of Transportation announced its preparations for Hurricane Olivia. It warned that operations could be impacted at the Ellison Onizuka Kona International Airport as potential winds could hamper open-air boarding on flights.
- The Public Charter School commission announced that Kua O Ka Lā New Century Public Charter School in Hilo, Connections Public Charter School, and Laupāhoehoe Community Public Charter School would close on September 12th.
- No one utilized the lone Red Cross shelter that opened on the Big Island. The shelter was located at the Waimea Community Center. 78 people stayed across the other 15 shelters statewide.
- 100 customers in Honokaa lost power during Tropical Storm Olivia. Hawaii Electric Light says the outage was caused by branches falling on power lines.
- Cabins at the Mauna Kea Recreation Area were being made available for lodging starting October 1st.
- According to the Small Business Administration, hours for the Kilauea Disaster Recovery Center were changing, effective Monday, September 17th. The center would no longer be in operation on Saturdays.
- Council member Jen Ruggles announced that she will hold a public community meeting to speak with constituents about her recent decision to refrain from voting on legislation until the County Council's attorney assures her, in writing, that she is not committing war crimes. That meeting was scheduled for September 24th at the Keaau Community Center
- The Department of Veterans Affairs allocated nearly \$1 million for the expansion of the West Hawaii Civic Center in Kailua-Kona.

- The Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce scheduled a community forum on a ballot question that would amend the state constitution, taxing those with investment properties and giving the money to the state's public schools. The forum was scheduled for Wednesday, October 3rd, at the West Hawaii Civic Center.
- Hilo's Carvalho Park partially re-opened to the public in late September. Damage was caused by the recent Hurricane to the park's baseball/softball field, as well as other portions of the facility, forcing quick repairs to be made.
- Hawaii Police Department's DUI statistics – For the Week of September 17-23, 24 people were arrested for driving under the influence on Big Island roads. Major traffic accidents and DUI arrests remain down year-to-year.
- The US House of Representatives passed legislation on September 26th to boost relief funding to Hawaii following several natural disasters. Hawaii was slotted to get its share of \$1.7 billion spread out throughout areas of need.
- Hawaii State Teachers Association President Corey Rosenlee responded to an appeal by the four counties on a constitutional amendment that help fund public schools by placing additional taxes on those who own investment properties. Rosenlee said "It is disappointing that the counties are wasting tax-payer dollars to fight for wealthy outside investors and illegal vacation owners, rather than Hawaii's own keiki.
- County Councilwoman Jen Ruggles says she sent a letter to the Queen's Health Systems accusing them of violating the rights of protected persons in Hawaii. The claim in her letter is that the company changed its narrative from the "treatment of indigent sick and disabled
- Hawaiians, as well as such foreigners and others who may choose to avail themselves
- of the same," to "for the treatment of sick and disabled persons."
- Lieutenant Robert Fujitake was named Officer of the Month for August by the Aloha Exchange Club of East Hawaii.
- State leaders oversaw a new sister-state relationship between Hawaii and Goa, India. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard started the process of forming the relationship in India, and Governor David Ige and others signed the agreement at Washington Place on September 28th.