



Quarterly Report July 1, 2007 to September 30, 2007

Story: Oahu Wildfires
Reporter: Brooks Baehr/Jeff Booth
Date: July 6, 2007

Wildfires were being fought by fire fighters at Waahila Ridge near UH Manoa as well as another fire outbreak at Iroquois Point. The Waahila Ridge fire burned about 50 acres of land while the Iroquois Point fire consumed 5 acres of sugar cane land. Honolulu Fire Department had 25% of their crews dispatched to fight these wildfires.

Story: New Teachers in Leeward Oahu
Reporter: Lisa Kubota
Date: July 18, 2007

Seventy plus teachers were recruited from the mainland to teach on the Waianae Coast due to teaching shortages on the Leeward side. This recruitment program was made available utilizing \$2 million worth of state and federal funding.

Story: Fighting Spirit
Reporter: Stacy Loe
Date: July 29, 2007

The United Cerebral Palsy Association of Hawaii and Abilities Unlimited sponsored a special martial arts tournament called "Possibilities Unlimited". For the first time, this national tournament was held in Hawaii. Participants with disabilities such as mental retardation and cerebral palsy learn an adaptive form of martial arts tailored to their abilities with a focus on standard martial arts values such as determination and perseverance.

Story: Murder Registry
Reporter: Brooks Baehr
Date: August 6, 2007

Senator Wil Espero introduced a bill to initiate an online murder registry for convicted murderers similar to the sex offenders online registry. The American Civil Liberties Union is opposed to the sex offenders registry but has not yet expressed an opinion on the murder registry.

Story: Food Bank Shortage
Reporter: Kim Gennaula
Date: August 6, 2007

The Hawaii Food Bank usually feeds 30,000 people a week. However, even after the annual food drive, the current supply will last only 15-16 days. During the summer months, there is a higher demand as children are out of school. The Hawaii Food Bank is seeking monetary donations to help with this shortage.

Story: On-Time Arrivals
Reporter: Kim Gennaula
Date: August 6, 2007

Two local airlines receive national recognition for on-time arrivals for flights between January and June of 2007. Hawaiian Airlines and Aloha Airlines ranked first and second, respectively. Both airlines each had over 90% of on-time arrivals compared to their closest competitor, Southwest Airlines which came in third at 80%.

Story: Leeward Oahu Wildfire
Reporter: Tina Chau/Ramsay Wharton/Sabrina Hall
Date: August 14, 2004

Wildfires continue to burn out of control on the Leeward side of Oahu strengthened by winds from approaching Hurricane Flossie. The fires have been going on for three days damaging crops, farmland and equipment and possibly killed livestock essential to the residents' livelihood. The thick smoke and ash from these wildfires have become a health hazard resulting in school closures.

Story: Endangered Monk Seals
Reporter: Kim Gennaula
Date: August 22, 2007

It is estimated that there are only about 1,200 Hawaiian Monk Seals left -- a number that could easily diminish to fewer than 1,000 over the next few years. NOAA Pacific Center has proposed a recovery plan: (1) ramp up captive care, (2) increase efforts to reduce marine debris, and (3) reduce shark predation. NOAA has one goal in mind -- saving the Hawaiian Monk seal from extinction.

Story: Oahu Ferry
Reporter: Tim Sakahara
Date: August 31, 2007

Mayor Hannemann announces the launch of the new Oahu ferry, The Boat, beginning September 17. The Boat can seat up to 149 passengers and will transport West Oahu commuters to downtown Honolulu, and will run Monday through Friday, including holidays.

Story: Hawaii Superferry
Reporter: Kim Gennaula
Date: August 31, 2007

The legal battle over The Hawaii Superferry continues with the revision of the temporary restraining order on its trips to Maui to allow The Superferry to return once to Maui in order to pick up stranded passengers and vehicles. At the same time, the Hawaii Supreme Court released its opinion as to why services were halted for environmental impact review. According to the Hawaii Supreme Court, the State made a mistake in bypassing public input requirements.

Story: Hawaii Superferry - Kauai
Reporter: Tim Sakahara
Date: September 7, 2007

The judge denied protestors' request for a temporary restraining order to ban The Superferry from docking in Nawiliwili Harbor on the island of Kauai.

Story: Internet Safety Awards Program
Reporter: Kim Gennaula
Date: September 7, 2007

The FBI is teaming up with teenagers for a campaign that is first of its kind in the nation. The Internet Safety Awards is aimed at local middle- and high school students are being asked to create a 27-second PSA covering one of three topics:

(1) Cyber bullying (2) plagiarism and piracy and (3) online safety. The winner will be honored at a scheduled gala with the winning PSA airing on local TV.

Story: Controlling Feral Pigs
Reporter: Julia Norton Dennis
Date: September 15, 2007

As the state continues to allow controlled pig hunts in an effort to control the feral pig population in Manoa, residents are speaking out. Some residents feel that the controlled pig hunts are hurting more than they are helping while others feel that it is their cultural right to continue these hunts.

Story: Cleaning Slipper Island
Reporter: Stacy Loe
Date: September 15, 2007

Slipper Island located at Keehi Lagoon has become an illegal dumping ground where the trash can be seen from both the land and the air. An international coastal cleanup effort has been ongoing for the last three years under the "Get the Drift and Bag It" program.

Story: Hawaii Superferry Saga
Reporter: Tim Sakahara
Date: September 26, 2007

Hawaii Transportation Director, Barry Fukunaga, testified in Maui court today on the issues surrounding the Hawaii Superferry. The State could stand to lose out on its \$40 million loan if The Hawaii Superferry does not get up and running.

Story: Kulana Malama
Reporter: Tim Sakahara
Date: September 26, 2007

A newly created healthcare facility located in Ewa is the first of its kind in the Pacific which caters to medically fragile children who have been discharged from the hospital but cannot be cared for at home. The facility can hold up to 30 patients.

Story: Hawaii Foods
Reporter: Sabrina Hall
Date: September 26, 2007

New website lists dietary and nutritional information on local Hawaiian foods such as spam musubi, chicken katsu, and loco moco. The website address is www.hawaiifoods.hawaii.edu.