



Quarterly Report April 1, 2007 to June 30, 2007

Story: Wahiawa General Hospital suspends labor and delivery services
Reporter: Jim Mendoza
Date: April 3, 2007

Wahiawa General Hospital suspends services in its labor and delivery wing due to high costs of healthcare. The hospital plans on continuing its services through the end of June, after which the hospital will only deliver babies on an emergency basis. Wahiawa General averages about 25-30 deliveries per month, whereas at its peak would average 50-60 deliveries per month.

Story: Tougher Graffiti Penalties
Reporter: Kim Gennaula
Date: April 3, 2007

A tougher graffiti penalty is the goal of a bill moving forward in the State Legislature. The bill passed both the Senate and House and would require offenders to spend as much time as it takes to cover up their graffiti, cleaning up someone else's tagging work.

Story: Testing Warning Sirens
Reporter: Keahi Tucker
Date: April 12, 2007

The State has taken steps toward solving the risky problem during the October 15, 2006 earthquake that knocked out power throughout the Hawaiian Islands. Over 40% of the State's warning sirens were ineffective as a result of the power failure. The improvements made would allow the sirens to work without electricity.

Story: Tsunami Buoys
Reporter: Guy Hagi
Date: April 12, 2007

NOAA adding more safety measures including a ring of tsunami buoys across the Pacific. A network of tsunami buoys located farther away from Hawaii will give us an even earlier warning to allow us to prepare.

Story: Hokulea Experience
Reporter: Tina Chau
Date: April 12, 2007

Students from Mililani High School communicate via satellite phone with the Hokulea crew en route from Hawaii to Okinawa. It gave them the opportunity to be a part of the crew and learned what they are seeing, what they are eating and why they are doing this.

Story: HSTA Tentative Agreement
Reporter: Kim Gennaula
Date: April 20, 2007

Hawaii State Teachers Association has reached a tentative 2-year agreement with the state effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009. The agreement includes a 4% raise in Fall of 2007 and another 4% raise in Spring 2008. Under this agreement the teachers would have to submit to random drug testing.

Story: Water Main Break – Kapiolani Blvd. & Ward Ave.
Reporter: Lisa Kubota
Date: May 14, 2007

A 12-inch water main burst near Kapiolani Blvd. and Ward Avenue closed down three lanes at 4:00 pm. This is in addition to ongoing sewage repairs in the same area affecting local business. The entire pipe, which was built in 1935, is expected to be replaced some time in 2008 as part of the Kapiolani Water and Sewer project.

Story: Kamehameha Schools Admissions Policy Settlement
Reporter: Brooks Baehr
Date: May 14, 2007

Kamehameha Schools' civil rights case challenging their admissions policy by a non-native Hawaiian student will not be heard in the U.S. Supreme Court as the school has reached an out-of-court settlement. The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals upholding the admissions policy will go unchallenged.

Story: Rare Diagnosis: Inflammatory Breast Cancer (IBC)
Reporter: Tina Chau
Date: May 14, 2007

In 2000, 70% of women over the age of 40 received mammogram screening annually. In 2005, the percentage dropped to 66% and doctors worry that this drop will lead to an increase in breast cancer death. One of the rarest forms of breast cancer which is often misdiagnosed is Inflammatory Breast Cancer or IBC. This form of breast cancer accounts for less than 2% of all breast cancers and is often not found as a lump and can be missed.

Story: Sign Squabble
Reporter: Sabrina Hall
Date: June 7, 2007

Under City Ordinance, Waikiki businesses located on the second floor are not allowed to have a sign advertising their business. According to City Ordinance, business cannot have signs larger than by 6x6 feet, no illumination, and no sign is allowed if building is over 4 stories tall. Some say the purpose of the ordinance is to protect the visual environment.

Story: Kauai Missile Test
Reporter: Jim Mendoza
Date: June 20, 2007

The Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF) located at Barking Sands on the island of Kauai is the best place to test missile systems according to the Defense Department. Additionally, it is a great money maker for Kauai's economy, a training ground for aspiring engineers and a safe haven for endangered species. The Defense Department conducts about 6 to 8 missile tests a year.