



Quarterly Report July 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008

Story: Transit Vote
Reporter: Tim Sakahara
Date: July 18, 2008

Council member Charles Djou expressed the best way to end the transit issue is to put it to a public vote by adding the question to the general election ballot in November versus holding a special election which would cost the city over \$1 million.

Story: Honolulu Advertiser Union Talks
Reporter: Kim Gennaula
Date: July 18, 2008

The Honolulu Advertiser union talks are on hold. The focus is on saving jobs. The newspaper announced it would be laying off about 54 people. The announcement about the layoffs are bringing them closer to a strike.

Story: Kihei Beach Algae Clean Up
Reporter: Kim Gennaula
Date: July 18, 2008

Volunteers cleared algae from Waipuhilani Beach Park in Kihei, Maui with the utilization of a "super sucker". This invasive algae grows on every island and can double in size in two days. This algae clean up was part of a 3-day collaborative effort between the State County and the University of Hawaii.

Story: Hawaii Tourism Authority
Reporter: Kim Gennaula
Date: July 18, 2008

Flight Center Ltd., a global travel agency held a convention with the purpose of selling Hawaii as a hot vacation spot. Rex Johnson of HTA said tourism is a little slow but he remains hopeful it will pick up at the top of 2009.

Story: Kamehameha Schools Lawsuit
Reporter: Tina Chau
Date: August 6, 2008

The Kamehameha Schools lawsuit states that John and Jane Doe breached a confidential clause. John Doe claim his civil rights were violated by the school's Hawaiian First admission policy. Settlement was reached in May 2007 but a confidentiality agreement kept both parties from releasing details of the settlement. The attorney states there was no breach because he was no longer representing the student when the settlement was reached. Kamehameha Schools was required to make certain disclosures but it was not required to reveal the settlement amount.

Story: Oahu Transit
Reporter: Kim Gennaula
Date: August 6, 2008

The City Council vote was unanimous to pass it on to committee. Council members expressed concern about the wording and debated about a resolution that would create a Public Transit Authority to oversee construction and operation of a system. Problem is 5 different versions of the resolution were introduced. Council did not vote on it but decided to send it back to committee. A rail lawsuit was filed by the group Stop Rail Now asking the judge to force the City Clerk to process a petition. The City Clerk refused to accept the petition because it asks for a special election not a general election. Because of that, it missed the deadline to put the question of rail to voters.

Story: Anniversary of Hiroshima Bombing
Reporter: Kim Gennaula
Date: August 6, 2008

Religious and community leaders gathered to remember the bombing of Hiroshima. On this special day, people lined up to ring The Peace Bell. Japanese priests held a blessing and purification ceremony in honor of the 140,000 people killed. This event resonated with many people in Hawaii who have personal ties in Hiroshima.

Story: Stop Flu at School Campaign
Reporter: Kim Gennaula
Date: August 6, 2008

The 2nd year for the Stop Flu at School State vaccination program was launched. Free flu vaccinations were offered to students 5-13 years old. Last year more than 60,000 students participated (about 45% of students in Hawaii's private and public schools). The goal is to raise this percentage to at least 50%.