The following are short summaries on the candidates running in the primary election on Aug. 11. Kaʻū was split in two by redistricting of state House and Senate districts following the 2010 U.S. Census, giving the district two senators and two representatives. Here are the candidates:

**Senate District 2: Punaluʻu - Puna**

*Bob Herkes (D).* Of Volcano, currently is state Representative for District 5 from Puna to North Kona. He has chaired the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce and serves on Energy and Environmental Protection, Housing, Judiciary and Water, Land and Ocean Resources Committees. As a representative, he has worked for funding for hospitals, preservation of land, a mobile medical van for rural areas, funding for ag water, funding for Kaʻū District Gym & Shelter and vog legislation. No campaign website found.

**Wendell Kaʻehuʻaeʻa (D),** of Hilo, is co-founder of KAHU, Kaʻū Community Radio. Kaʻehuʻaeʻa is a U.S. Navy veteran and co-founder of Hilo Veterans Day parade. He earned bachelor’s degrees in communications, political science and economics from UH Hilo. He said he wants to protect public radio and TV, which are losing chann-

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Wind-driven fires that began on Monday, June 18 challenged firefighters, residents and farmers in Pāhala, forcing evacuation of Kaʻū Hospital and cutting off the main thoroughfare around the island. Fires burned for more than a week, roaring through macadamia orchards, pasture and wildlands makai of Hwy 11. Another torched stands of eucalyptus and damaged award-winning Kaʻū Coffee farms and more pasture. Ash from the fires reached as far as Ocean View; and conservationists worried about harm to Kamehame turtle nesting grounds on the Kaʻū Coast makai of Pāhala. More than 5,300 acres burned and by Sunday, June 24, most flames were out, with a few fires puffing along the coastal plane, sending smoke, ash and dust inland.

Firefighters came from county and volunteer units around the island, including Hawaiʻi Volcanoes National Park. Heavy equipment operators and farmers helped build firebreaks and water down dry lands as the fires approached buildings, farms and ranches.

Police limited travel up Wood Valley Road as smoke filled air mauka of Pāhala, sending smoke, ash and dust inland.

The U.S. government’s air quality website AirNow showed particulates in the orange level and advised that people with heart or lung disease, older adults and children should reduce prolonged or heavy exertion. Ironically, the SO2 level, which is the usual air quality concern in Pāhala, was low during the fires.

Guy Enriques’ youth camp for the Southside Volleyball Team evacuated the old Pāhala gym as it filled with smoke and resumed practice after smoke cleared. The free school lunch program for children also shut down during the fire emergency. Residents closed their windows as ash and fumes blanketed the village.

Firefighters saved the homes of Ann Fontes and Lisa and Jimmy Dacalio and their Kaʻū Coffee roadside outlet along Hwy 11. When the eastern makai fire burned up Paʻauʻau Gulch and reached the highway, police shut it down between mile markers 46 and 51. Police escorted one lane of traffic at a time to allow cars to travel between Volcano and Pāhala.

**Kaʻū Hospital Evacuated**

After cleaning out Paʻauʻau gulch, one fire jumped Hwy 11 and headed up the Volcano side of Kamani Street, threatening not only the hospital but four homes owned by Al and Kelly Galimba. Firefighters quickly doused the flames and sprayed white, foaming retardant along the roadside. They also stopped fires on the hospital lawn that threatened “new subdivision” houses and coffee growing on Pāhala Plantation Cottages land. Helicopter pilots lifted water from an inflatable reservoir set up in the parking lot of Kaʻū Hospital and carried it to mauka and makai fires to douse hot spots.

However, smoke engulfed the hospital, shutting down its long-

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Photo by William Neal

Paʻauʻau Gulch burned right up to Pāhala town.

*Photo from Hawaiʻi County Fire Department.*

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term care facility, clinic, emergency room, laboratories and pharmacy – some of them for days. Long-term hospital residents returned after spending two nights at Nā'ālehu Community Center. The hospital required extensive cleaning of ash, removal of smoke and purification of air. A project to make windows airtight and to install air conditioning and air cleaning systems is expected to begin at the end of summer. Had the improvements been made before the fire, “we probably would not have evacuated,” said administrator Merilyn Harris. “The good news is that there was no damage to the facility.”

Makai Fire Damaged Macadamia

ML Macadamia workers and coffee and truck farmers dug firebreaks with bulldozers and other equipment around their properties and a 10,000-gallon diesel tank on the makai side of the highway in the middle of the company’s orchards. Between the orchards, fires raged through Pa’au’au and nearby gulches. The blackened Pa’au’au Gulch and singed orchards. Randy Cabral, senior vice president and orchard manager for ML Macadamia, said that all macadamia trees just makai of houses and Ka’ū Hospital stand as stark reminders of a real hazard to life and livelihood.

Some 150 acres of ML Macadamia trees were heavily damaged by flames, which burned their trunks as the fire swept through orchards. Randy Cabral, senior vice president and orchard manager for ML Macadamia, said that all of the 800 acres in orchards makai of Hwy 11 suffered some damage. Some trees burned to the ground, mostly in the lower orchards that have been out of production since the 2000 flood – orchards that ML had been working on to bring back to life.

ML’s irrigation system inside sections of the orchards sustained severe damage as lines and pipes melted in the inferno. The wells and diesel tanks protected by firebreaks are fine, and pipes melted in the inferno. The wells and diesel tanks protected by firebreaks are fine, and adding up the damages. When macadamia trees die, the losses can go on for eight years as it takes many years for macnut trees to mature and become productive, should they have to be replanted.

Mauka Fires Damaged Ka’ū Coffee

Ka’ū Coffee grower Bong Aquino said he fled from his R&G Royal Ka’ū Coffee farm as flames came to the gate. The Miranda family, with three farms, fled the area known as Pear Tree as fire, fueled by nearby eucalyptus and gulches full of brush, raged toward their orchards. Fire marched into a eucalyptus stand adjacent to Ellis and Sokha Hester’s commercial vegetable plantings above Pāhala but spared their farm.

The most affected coffee farms, with many trees unlikely to recover, are those of Godofredo Miranda, Rosita Avenue, Sixto Asencion and Melchor Fernandez, Aquino reported. Ka’ū Coffee Growers Cooperative president Gloria Camba described Godofredo Miranda’s 5.7-acre farm as one-third good and two-thirds damaged by the fire. “Cherries in the burnt area are cooked,” she said.

Ford Leadership Training Available

Ka’ū and Volcano residents can register for the Ford Institute Leadership program to build skills for community service, jobs and personal life. The value for each person attending is estimated at up to $2,000 per person. Training takes place one weekend per month for four months, Aug. 11-12, Sept. 15-16, Oct. 13-14 and Nov. 17-18. Those interested must commit to all sessions and to completing 20 to 40 hours on a class project. Class location will be 160 Baker Avenue in Hilo at the office of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands. Maximum class size is 30. Contact Gigi Cairel for application forms at 596-8990, Ext. 1004. Or gigioc@hiile.org.

The program is sponsored by Hi’ilei Aloha, LLC and Hawai’i Alliance of Community-Based Economic Development. Funding comes from DHHL, the county, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development and Aherton family Foundation. See Hiilei.org.
Camba reported seeing green coffee beans in the midst of brown and blackened, singed leaves. She said she was told that as long as branches of trees are more yellow than brown, “they should make it.”

Asuncion reported 500 trees burned, and Avenue suffered charred windbreaks and several rows of damaged coffee trees. Fernandez suffered more than 200 trees damaged. A few trees burned on the farms of Jeffrey Gascon and Efren Abellera. Camba said that about 30 of the trees on the farm she operates with Aquino suffered heat damage. She said farmers have taken photographs and are working on crop insurance claims.

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Volunteer work, being a local community activist, also brings Mr. Jeff LaFrance a great deal of satisfaction. “I feel I’m making a difference,” he said. “We need to make important issues known in our towns.” He believes the word of mouth is most effective when it comes to making political decisions. “If we can make the right connections and get in touch with the right people, we can make a difference in the political world.”

For Mr. Jeff LaFrance, volunteering his time to serve the community is a win-win situation. He gets to make a difference in his community, and at the same time, he gets to be part of a larger political organization. He believes that it is important for everyone to get involved in the community, and that it is up to all of us to make a difference in the world.

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energy and housing, health and assisted living for older persons. “We have serious education problems. We import oil for energy, leading to some of the highest energy prices in the nation, instead of using our abundant natural resources. We import most of our food from foreign countries or other states, instead of using our abundant natural resources. Our local economy is weak: We export our children, and our money. This needs to change,” states his website, jefflafrance.com

Michael Last (N), of Nā‘ālehu, complains the county has a tax collector out of state. He talks about Buy Local: “just how serious are we in doing just that?” He takes on electricity: Why is pricing different than other commodities? Last year, HELCO changed how it calculates residential bills. A simple constant rate for each kWh consumed became a tiered price structure. As consumption increases, the rate billed changes; a type of energy pricing “not restricted to HELCO or the other investor-owned electric utilities in Hawai‘i.”

John Totten (R), of Kailua-Kona, retired after 22 years as a real property appraiser for the Hawai‘i County Real Property Tax Office. Totten graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in business administration. He is a United States Marine Corps veteran who served with an infantry unit in Vietnam. “I am a Christian and pray regularly for the knowledge of God’s will for me and the power to carry it out,” he states on the League of Women Voters website, lwv-hawaii.com. No website found.

House District 5: Honu‘apo - Keauhou
Dave Bateman (R), of Holualoa, owns Heavenly Hawaiian Coffee Farms. He is a former lawyer of 30 years who earned his degree from Georgetown University Law Center. A retired U.S. Air Force colonel, Bateman began working with the state Legislature as a member of coffee boards, giving ideas, advice and testimony on a number of bills to help farmers and veterans, some of which have become law. “Now I believe it is time to do more. I believe that together we can move the Big Island forward and make a better West Hawai‘i for our children,” his website states, bateman2012.com

Denny Coffman (D), of Kailua-Kona, has served in the state House of Representatives since 2008. Coffman is chair of the House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection and a member of the House Committee on Water, Land and Ocean Resources. He is a United States Marine Corps veteran who served with an infantry unit in Vietnam. “I am a Christian and pray regularly for the knowledge of God’s will for me and the power to carry it out,” he states on the League of Women Voters website, lwv-hawaii.com. No website found.

Leolani Oyama (D), of Nā‘ālehu, worked for state Sen. Suzanne Chun-Oakland for years, commuting back and forth to O‘ahu. Oyama worked seven sessions at the Legislature. “I am from Ka‘ū, aware of needs and wants of the people.” Her main focus is education, preventing teacher furloughs...
Miss Ka‘u Coffee Pageant, originally scheduled for Aug., is being moved to early 2013 in anticipation of the winner qualifying for 2013 Miss Hawai‘i Pageant.

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Fun on the Fourth in Ka‘ū, Wed, July 4, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Silent Auction, Wed, July 4, 9 – 11:30 a.m., Cooper Center.

Bay Clinic in Nā‘ālehu, Sun, July 1.

Bay Clinic Mobile Dental Van, Sun, July 1, 9:30 a.m., Nā‘ālehu.

Ham Radio Operators Potluck Picnic, Sun, July 1, Manukū Park. All American Radio Emergency Service members, anyone interested in learning how to operate a ham radio and families are invited to attend. Dennis Smith, 989-3028

Jungle Tales, Mon, July 2, 9:30 a.m., Nā‘ālehu Public Library and 12 p.m., Pāhala Public & School Library. Antonio Roocha evokes the sights and sounds of the rainforest and its inhabitants. Free: 939-2442 or 928-2015

After Dark in the Park: Virtual Seismology, Tue, July 3, 7 p.m., Kilauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Hawaiian Volcano Observatory seismologist Wes Thelen introduces new online tools available to interpret earthquakes. Two-dollar donations support park programs; park entrance fees apply. 987-7373 or admin@fvhp.org

Volcano Village’s Fourth of July Parade & Celebration, Wed, July 4, Parade begins at 9 a.m. at post office and follows Old Volcano Rd. to Wright Rd., turning left to Cooper Center, site of craft fair, entertainment, food, games and silent auction. 967-7800 or info@the-coopercenter.org

Silent Auction, Wed, July 4, 9 – 11:30 a.m., Cooper Center on Wright Road in Volcano Village. BK&J stays, adventure tours, massage and acupuncture sessions, golf packages, admissions to area attractions, retail store and restaurant gift certificates, original art, photography, prints, jewelry, crafts & more. Supports volunteer and educational projects in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. 987-7373 or admin@fvhp.org

Fun on the Fourth in Ka‘ū, Wed, July 4, 4 – 10 a.m., Nā‘ālehu Park. Senior Bingo & free lunch for kupuna; free games, hot dogs & shaved ice for keiki. Sponsored by ‘O Ka‘ū Kākou. 937-4773 or okaukakupuna; free games, hot dogs & shaved ice for keiki.

Fourth of July Country Hoedown & Western Dance Party, Wed, July 4, Kilauea Military Camp’s Lava Lounge in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Hoedown 5 – 7 p.m. with BBQ pork on a hoagie bun, corn, baked beans and warm buttermilk biscuits. $10. Western Dance Party 7 – 11 p.m., no cover charge. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8371

Ocean View Neighborhood Watch meeting, Thu, July 5, 7 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. 939-7033

First Friday, July 6, 6:30 p.m., Kilauea Art Center’s Ni‘anu Campus in Volcano Village. Kumu Maile Yamana-ka shares history, legends and songs of Hilo. 937-2429

Fourth of July Roden, Sat/Sun, July 7/8, Nā‘ālehu Area. Slack roping at 8 a.m.; show at noon. $6 presale; $8 at gate.

Dancing on the Earth, Sat, July 7, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Shi Shi Beach Park. Slack roping at 8 a.m.; show at noon. $6 presale; $8 at gate.

Iwao Yonemitsu and Toku Nakano, Ka‘u vets of the 442nd, were honored at Kīlauea Military Camp’s Memorial Day ceremonies.

Ka‘u Vets Honored

Independence Day will be celebrated in Ka‘u with a Saturday, June 30 parade in Na‘alehu and a July 4 parade in Volcano. Ka‘u veterans were recently honored during Memorial Day Ceremonies at Kīlauea Military Camp in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Rep. Jerry Chang gave the keynote speech, praising the “Go for Broke” Japanese American members of the 442nd Regiment during World War II. Honorees Iwao Yonemitsu and Toku Nakano enjoyed special seating near Rep. Bob Herkes.

Chang noted the excellent health care and educational opportunities given to veterans in past wars and called for more help for veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. He said there is a new epidemic in mental health problems and that many vets wind up in the judicial system. Major Darrin Cox, executive officer of the 1st Squadron, 299th Calvary, also spoke. A high school Naval JROTC posted colors, with member Jayko Cheney singing Freedom is Not Free. Patrick Inouye sang Amazing Grace, God Bless America and This Land is Your Land.
Rocha Brings Jungle Tales to Ka‘u Libraries

The jungles of Brazil and Africa come to life as Antonio Rocha evokes sights and sounds of the rainforest and its wildly entertaining inhabitants, uniquely blending movement with storytelling and sound effects. Rocha, a native of Brazil, began his performing arts career in 1985. His solo shows of stories and mime have been performed at public libraries throughout the United States and at national and international Storytelling Festivals. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in theater from the University of Southern Maine and studied with the late Marcel Marceau, one of the world’s best-known mime artists.

Performances take place Monday, July 2nd at 9:30 a.m. at Nā‘ālehu Public Library and 12 p.m. at Pāhala Public & School Library. All ages are welcome.

Call 939-2442 (Nā‘ālehu) or 989-2015 (Pāhala) for more information.
Southside Volleyball Faces the Best at USA Junior Nationals

The Southside Volleyball Club, based in Ka‘ū and led by Head Coach Guy Enriques, is headed to the 33rd annual USA Volleyball Boys Junior National Championships with their sights set on bringing Ka‘ū a national title. This is Southside’s fifth year at the competition, which brings the top young players from across the country to play July 1-8 in Dallas, TX. Last year, Southside’s Under-12 and Under-13 teams won third and fourth place, respectively.

This year, the teams move up into the Under-13 and Under-15 bracket. Ka‘ū players include Brian Gascon, Grant Galimba and Kai Enriques, all of whom played on the 2012 Ka‘ū High Varsity volleyball team as freshmen. Also from Ka‘ū and attending Kamehameha Schools at Kea‘au are Kameron Moses, brothers Nai’a and Kana Makuakane, twins Avery and Addison Enriques and their brother Emmett, a freshman setter for the Varsity Warriors.

Following the tournament, the three Enriques brothers will venture up to Des Moines, IA to train with the USA High performance team, which is “a pipeline to the national team,” shared father Guy. This will be Emmett’s second year making the cut for the team and the twins’ first.

“There is very little opportunity for boys youth volleyball on the island,” said Guy Enriques. “There is a club in Hilo, but our Ka‘ū kids didn’t have anything.”

Enriques to Defend 4-Yr National VB Title

Sixteen-year-old Evan Enriques, of Punalu‘u, faced a difficult decision: Continue on to the USA Boys Junior National Championships to help his team defend it’s four-year winning streak or compete for USA at the Junior Olympics Volleyball Championship in Mexico? Both toursneys landed on the same dates. These are the questions you face when you are that good.

While honored to make the cut for Junior Olympics, Enriques decided loyalty to his team, Ka Ulukoa, was his priority. Ka Ulukoa, a volleyball club based in Hawa‘i Tourism Authority, LAVA 105, GU Energy Gel, Ultimate Replenisher Drink and Kona Marathon.

There are many ways to participate in the event: runner, walker, volunteer, sponsor or spectator. For details and more information, see www.rainforestruns.com, or contact Faff at 967-8240 or raceinfo@volcanocenterart.org.

Family Fun at Rain Forest Runs Aug. 18

The 34th Annual Fourth of July Rodeo rides into town Saturday and Sunday, July 7 and 8 at the Nā‘ālehu arena. Slack roping starts at 8 a.m., with the show kicking off at noon. The Ka‘ū Roping & Riding Association are spicing up this local tradition with new events, including chute dogging - wrestling a steer, charging out of a chute, to the ground - and rescue race - paniolo race across the arena to their partner, lift them up onto the back of their horse and race back.

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Three young ladies are vying for the title of Rodeo Queen. Candidates are Kassey Hanou, of Hilo; Chloé Velez, of Discovery Harbour; and Leahì Kaupu, of Pāhala. Whoever sells the most rodeo tickets will reign as queen and ride in the Grand Entry ceremony to start the rodeo each day.

Tickets are $6 presale, and $7 at the gate. Ono food will be available for purchase and other vendors will be on site.

The rodeo arena is located behind the Nā‘ālehu Park.

FREE Family Fun Runs will see one- to four-year-olds running in the 100-yard dash and five- to seven-year-olds running a 200-yard dash, sponsored by the Kīlauea Lodge. “Every child is a winner,” said Race Director Sharron Faff. The Rotary Club of Volcano will be serving up a delicious BBQ lunch at the finish line, along with a silent auction fundraiser for the Cooper Center, health and fitness

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Dress for Success: P.E. Uniforms & Shoes Mandatory for Ka‘ū High Students

Ka‘ū High students will be looking sharp and ready to play in new P.E. uniforms. The uniform is mandatory for P.E. class, starting the 2012-2013 school year, which begins on July 30.

Uniform shirts are $10 and shorts are also $10. Students can also opt to borrow uniforms instead of purchasing. Tennis shoes will also be mandatory for class.

“P.E. is essential for student health. Students deal with obesity, asthma and other ailments,” aid P.E. teacher Dr. Angie Miyashiro, also a world class runner. P.E. gets students moving, teaches discipline, how to exercise properly and introduces them to a variety of sports, she added. Without uniforms, students often came in their school clothes with inappropriate foot wear, limiting their ability to participate.

“We want to keep the program quality up. By doing that, we can possibly apply for grants and continue to improve the program” said Miyashiro.

For more information, contact the Ka‘ū High & Pāhala Elementary office at 928-2088.
Trojans Seek X-Country and Baseball Coaches by Aug. 1

Donald Garo Garners BIIF VB Player of the Year

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The Hawai‘i Football Club will be hosting July football clinics, starting with three clinics from July 15-17. The first clinic was held at Mauna Loa Elementary School on Sunday, July 15. This clinic is designed to teach young athletes the basics of football. The second clinic will be held on Tuesday, July 17 at Paschal Park in Waialua. This clinic will focus on improving players’ skills and teamwork. The third clinic will be held on Wednesday, July 18 at Waialua High School. This clinic will be geared towards developing and refining players’ skills. All clinics are open to boys and girls age 7-14. For more information or to register, please visit www.hawaiifootballclub.com.

Football Fuels Up in July: HFC Clinics & Ka‘ū Conditioning

Trojans enthusiastic for their programs

The team is looking forward to the upcoming season with high spirits. They are very excited about the opportunity to improve their skills and work towards becoming better players. The team believes that through hard work and dedication, they can achieve their goals and reach their full potential.

The club season starts in January, and runs until July with the culmination event. Informal workouts will continue until Monday, July 30. "It is still okay to go to practice even if they did not have a physical," said Garo. "The club season starts in January and runs until July with the culminating event. Informal workouts will continue until Monday, July 30."
Marlene Hapai (R), of Kūtistown, has a doctorate in biology and has taught at UH Hilo and Mānoa. During a visit to Pāhala, Hapai said she plans to engage the community in determining its wants and needs in the way of jobs. She also said she wants to make higher education more affordable and accessible by “bringing the campus to the people.”

Kim said he is not against geothermal and renewable energy sources, but wants to ensure they are done safely and efficiently. Fogel earned his Master of Science degree in Systems Management at USC. He says he is known as a “watchdog” for Hawai‘i taxpayers due to his “outspoken scrutiny of government spending.” He projects himself as an independent, business-minded candidate who will focus his time, if elected mayor, on cutting county expenses and reducing electric bills.

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Rand Walls, of Hilo, known as “Baker Tom,” said, “We always want to focus on the words Truth, Trust and Respect.” He said, “You earn in the community with people around you. Loyalty can be earned with hard cash or from the heart.” Baker Tom does not have a website for his campaign but displays a sign in front of his bakery on Hwy 11 at Papaikou that says, “Baker Tom’s turning a little bit dough into a lot of bread feeding the village with aloha.” No website found.

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Brenda Ford said she advocates and supports cultural sustainability and economic self-sufficiency; sustainable diversified agriculture; programs that utilize natural and cultural resources as learning classrooms; energy sustainability programs; product branding and truth in labeling; aggressive federal, state and county collaboration to address and minimize the impact of invasive species; wateshed protection; preservation of natural and cultural resources; safe routes to school programs; and planned growth consistent with Community Development Plans. David stresses her heritage and connection with Hawai‘i. mailedavid.com

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calls a liberalism dominating Hawaiian politics. Carroll wants to focus on the economy and limiting taxes on businesses. Carroll said he wants to fight the “dumbing down” of America and focus on revitalization of the educational system. http://carroll4senate.wordpress.com

Ed Case (D) is former member of the U.S. House of Representatives for Ka‘ū, Volcano and the rest of rural Hawai‘i. He worked to preserve the Ka‘ū Coast and initiated a National Seashore plan. Advancing women’s rights, protecting natural resources, higher education, balancing the budget, meeting energy needs, fixing Washington, enhancing Hawai‘i’s defense community, strengthening tourism and growing the economy are goals. He points to his many community meetings in Ka‘ū and Volcano while in Congress and said they will continue should he win. www.edcase.com

Charles Collins’ website says: “First you must believe in yourself, then you have to believe you’re capable of accomplishing great things. Then you have to believe, with the help of others, and the help of God, that we can face the challenges before us.” Illustrations are a Hawaiian sunset with palms, Tibetan prayer wheel and illustrations of Five Tibetan Rites of Longevity. The headline on his website is “Believe!” Collins also proclaims: “Protect the ‘āina (the land).” He is a retired veteran, businessman and artist.

Michael Gillespie (D) is described on an election Facebook page as “an educated and complex thinker, Michael Gillespie has real solutions that can be implemented effectively to help America’s recovery. He is an eclectic professional with a great deal of knowledge about many aspects of life. Trust a senator who understand [politics in Hawai‘i], U.S. policies and international issues. If you’re fed up with politicians that get nothing done but spend money, make the change to something new and better.” michaelgillespieforoffice.org

Antonio Gimbernat (D) is a former lifeguard and navy man, home remodeler, commercial truck driver and community television producer. He said he wants to use technology like email and video conferencing to save wasteful travel for elected officials between Hawai‘i and Washington, D.C. He said he supports rail in Honolulu and a Superferry between Hawai‘i and Washington, D.C. He said he opposes civil unions and the use of the rainbow as the gay community’s symbol. He is also for the legalization of gambling in Hawai‘i.

Mazie Hirono (D) is the serving congresswoman from Ka‘ū, Volcano and the rest of rural Hawai‘i. She said economic recovery cannot be left up to the private sector. Hirono said she wants government to help with research and development, including clean energy and food self-sufficiency. She said she fights for better education, which will lead to a stronger economy, protects Social Security and pushes for progressive health care. She opposed the Iran and Afghan wars and supports taking better care of veterans. www.mazieforhawaii.com

Linda Lingle (R) is Hawai‘i’s former governor. She said her number one issue is jobs and economy. She wants to reform the tax system and push for energy security. She wants to bolster Asia-Pacific economic relations and make a stronger commitment to seniors, Honolulu rail, and environmental stewardship. She said she works well with Democrats and Republicans. Lingle said she wants to strengthen the visitor industry, national security and defense, healthcare and education. She said native Hawaiian federal recognition is on her political agenda. www.lingle2012.com

Eddie Pirkowski (R) talks about the country maintaining a strong defense and limiting or eliminating all cuts in military budgets. He said he wants to emphasize solid education with efficient teachers in order to
Stars Over Kaʻū July 2012

by Lew Cook

After the transit last month, Venus has become a morning star along with Jupiter. Did you see the transit? We went to Waikoloa Village beach near the petroglyph trail to view it. We found a small group of amateur astronomers who were glad to share their telescopes with anyone who wanted to look at the transit. One telescope had a visible light filter and another had a deep red filter that allowed only hydrogen alpha light to pass through the optical system. This provided dramatic differences in the contact times. The transit was over in the visible light filter several minutes before it ended in H-alpha.

There were sunspots visible, and we got a good look at them through the telescopes. We also used a small snapshot camera that had a 12x optical zoom and a 4x digital zoom (total of 48x) and even captured the umbra and penumbra (the dark center surrounded by a less dark area around the center of the spots).

Mars has escaped the claws of Leo, and far from behaving like the god of war he is supposed to be. He is now running from Leo the lion like a scared dog, while Saturn hasn’t wandered much.

Remember, the name for planets came from the Latin name for wandering stars. Our evening stars are Mars and Saturn, and the morning stars are Jupiter and brilliant Venus.

Somewhat north of directly overhead is M13, a grouping of 300,000 stars in a ball of 145 light years diameter 22,000 light years distant. It is barely visible on a clear, dark night without optical aid. Through binoculars, it is impressive. It is shown as M13 in Hercules on the star chart.

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Moon Phases

- Full Moon: July 3
- Last Quarter: July 10
- New Moon: July 18
- First Quarter: July 25

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Venus’ transit of the sun. 

Photo by Lew Cook

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Lew Cook operates a modest size computerized telescope that looks deep into our galaxy from Pāhala. He emails measurements of his images and research to astronomers. For more information, visit www.lewcook.com/pahala.htm. Some info has been obtained from Wikipedia.com.
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get out of the smoke. Some volunteer firefighters took off work to help out. Some employees of area businesses and public agencies were sent home during the fire.

Volunteer and county Fire Departments are adding up bills for operations to kill the fires including water drops from two helicopters, crews from county and volunteer fire departments islandwide and private and public operations with heavy machinery to build firebreaks.

Regarding cost of water drops, County Council Finance chair Brenda Ford said Chopper One cost the county $1.5 million to purchase in 2010 and that a second helicopter used during the first day of the Pahala fire was contracted from a private owner and pilot.

Ford said there is not only an expense from fires that spread from gulches but a possible liability. If someone dumps rubbish, agricultural or yard waste into a stream, drainage-way or floodway, causing a fire to burn onto another person’s property, the perpetrator could be held liable.

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Big Island Candidate Marx on Issues in HI-02 Race

Bob Marx, candidate for Hawaii’s Second Congressional District has always supported local agriculture and agribusiness. As a democrat, Marx knows that whoever goes to congress must be fiscally responsible, but able to temper that responsibility with compassion, preserving essential government programs such as social security, Medicare, and Medicaid.

When asked about what he would do about America’s suffering economy, he outlined a three-step plan to get us back on track.

“First, we must cleanse our government of waste and inefficiency, starting at the federal level and working our way down to individual communities.”

For Marx, cutting waste is only the first step. “We need to implement programs that strictly monitor government agencies and departments to ensure that waste and inefficiency doesn’t creep in.” Finally, Marx noted: “It is vital to encourage growth after we’ve eliminated the waste and established procedures to prevent it from happening again.

Marx, being a small business owner himself understands the issues facing business owners, and has pledged to support small business by creating tax incentives. Furthermore, noting the importance of agriculture and agribusiness to the second district, Marx has noted numerous times that a priority for him is passing legislation that will allow small farms to receive low-interest loans for development as well as implementing disaster-assistance programs that can provide relief in times of crisis. Unlike his opponents, Marx has made numerous appearances at candidate debates and forums. At the State Convention, Mr. Marx spoke out against former Honolulu-Mayor-turned-candidate Matt Homanmann’s $5 Billion rail project, noting that even according to the State’s own report, the project would reduce congestion by only 1.7 percent by 2030 compared to no construction at all.

As a fiscally responsible democrat, Marx has pledged to bring federal transportation funds to the second district, ensuring that communities have multiple access routes in the event of emergencies, noting that as congressman, he would be “glad to help find alternatives to a project that is irresponsible and ineffective in its goal.”

The race for the CD2 seat is particularly important because it is currently a contest between six candidates for a vacant seat. Of all the candidates, Bob Marx is the only one who actually lives in the district, which is composed of parts of Oahu and all the neighbor islands. As a Big Island resident, Marx said that “living in the district gives me the perspective [my opponents] don’t have.” A local attorney and negotiator, Marx has represented clients for over 30 years. Marx believes his leadership and experience negotiating as an attorney will be vital to solving the problems faced by our congress.

“Gridlock and partisanship have plagued our Congress,” said Marx. “I know that if elected, I will be able to make some actual change. I know how to compromise.” Marx later discussed the particular nature of career politicians and how their policymaking is “characterized by worrying over their own reputations...not about the people they claim to represent.”

Unlike his Honolulu-based rivals, Marx has done more than simply pledge to support the people. Marx has been representing Big Island residents in his law firm for over 30 years. In 2008, he was awarded the Hilo Na Loio Pu‘u Hawai‘i Aloha Award for his volunteer legal work and commitment to equal access to justice. Marx was also named by the Hawaii Tribune-Herald as the “Best Attorney” and his firm “Best Law Firm” eleven times. Mr. Marx is also recognized on the list of “America’s 100 Best Trial Lawyers” published by the American Trial Lawyers Association.
better educate youth. Pirkowski says he has leadership skills and core family values. He says he is fiscally conservative and believes in little to no taxes and that elimination of corporate taxes is the path to a fiscally healthier economy. He advocates renewable energies particularly wind and solar for greener cities. http://eddieussenatehawaii2.wix.com

Art Reyes (D), a U.S. Navy veteran

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able for damages. Ford, who also chaired the County Council Public Works Committee, said county ordinance also requires private landowners to clear obstructions in the waterways and that members of the public can call the Department of Public Works to make a complaint. The county can clean the waterway and charge the landowners, should they not respond to the request to remove obstacles within 30 days. Ford described gulches and waterways as natural firebreaks when kept clean.

Aftermath of Fires

Kamehamea Preserve was a major concern of firefighters and conservationists worried about fires meandering toward the coast through gulches below Pāhala. Managers from the Hawkbill Sea Turtle Recovery Project and The Nature Conservancy, which owns the 26-acre property, visited the site to assess smoke and ash conditions at the beach, and a former surface warfare specialist and physician, said there is no better solution to revenue generation than to “hire one hundred percent. When people are working, we get over 1,000 percent return on investment in revenue and income tax deductions. He said employment makes “coffers healthy and robust and makes each individual endowed with resources within reach.” He said hiring transient personnel including migrants and where hawkbill turtles nest and green sea turtles and monk seals rest. Lauren Karpita, coordinator of the Turtle Project, said that turtles are currently nesting there. They found no damage.

Were the fires started by someone? This is a major question by fire investigators, landowners, farmers and ranchers, as trees still smolder, the fire still travels makai of the village and residents hope that winds stay calm and avoid another flare-up. Some residents talked about putting together funding for Crimestoppers to give a reward for turning in evidence. Others talk about keeping gulches clean near agriculture and residential areas. Coffee farmers are looking for help to repair their farms, and ML Macadamia, LLC is looking at heavy losses with as much as $200,000 in crop loss on some 150 acres of trees makai of Hwy 11, plus huge costs in rebuilding irrigation systems.

Coffee farmers were offered help from tourists “would enhance and energize the dynamics of a Healthy Economic Country.”

John Roco (R) is a second generation Filipino-American raised as a devout Catholic and is running a conservative-based campaign. He believes in withholding the creation of new taxes to promote innovation. He is a pro-lifer with the exception of rape, incest or the mother’s life is in danger and says Obamacare will just “increase costs and increase levels of health care.”

Kawika Crowley (R) is a Big Island resident, musician, actor and smokers’ rights

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Pāhala and other units around the island. He noted that Discovery Harbour, Nā‘ālehu, Pāhala, Ocean View and Volcano volunteer firefighters helped win the battle.

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Niaulani Rain Forest in Volcano Village has officially been designated as a site of historic significance, with latest addition to the Hawai‘i Visitor and Convention Bureau Warrior Marker program. While Volcano Art Center currently serves as its official caretaker, the active nurturing of Niaulani began around the same time as the Warrior Marker program itself. The familiar figure of King Kamehameha has been used since the early 1930s to mark Hawai‘i’s safe, accessible areas that are deemed to be of unique cultural, historic and scenic value.

In 1920, Niaulani was first recognized by the state Department of Land and Natural Resources as a forest reserve and headquarters for island foresters. For decades, foresters restored and protected Niaulani, removing invasive kahili ginger and other problematic plants. They also sheltered the acreage from the cattle grazing and harvesting of old-growth "ōhi‘a and koa trees that plagued the surrounding rain forests.

When VAC expanded beyond Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park into Volcano Village, it was with the understanding that the organization continue to carry out the generational legacy of forest stewardship and help the community connect with this rare natural resource on educational and experiential levels.

According to Tanya Aynessazian, VAC’s chief executive officer, Niaulani Rain Forest attracts individuals who seek out profound inspiration by a true native Hawaiian rain forest. Guests are introduced to a native forest floor consisting of indigenous flora such as flowering shrubs, ferns, mosses and opportunistic fungi. It is because of this variety of native plants that Niaulani also fosters diverse populations of native bird species.

“We are honored to be facilitators between Niaulani and the steadfast people who devote an average of 800 annual volunteer hours to help restore and protect this rare treasure,” said Aynessazian. For more information, visit volcanoartcenter.org or contact her at 967-8222 or director@volcanoartcenter.com.
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Bob Marx (D), of Hilo, is an attorney who earned the Na Loi Pu‘uwa award for commitment to equal access to justice. He advocates for education and environment. He represented Save the Naawale forest to preserve one of the few remaining natural hardwood forests in Hawai‘i. He sponsors college scholarships, with more than 70 awarded. He said that with Marx in Congress, “hard-working Americans won’t be left in the dust while special interests and corporate lobbies gazebos, lanai, W/D $850+ utilities available July 1st email: tim@berkophoto.com 330-449-7190

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Miles Shiratori (D) shares his fix for Congress: “The 26th amendment (granting the right to vote for 18-year-olds) took three months and eight days to be ratified! Why? Simple! The people demanded it. That was in 1971…before computers, before email, before cell phones…” He supports term limits of 12 years for members of the U.S. House and Senate. He says they should receive no retirement, only earn salaries while in office, and should not be able to vote themselves a pay raise. shiratori-congress.com

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Rafael Del Castillo (D) is a Honolulu attorney who specializes in health care and has also worked as a teacher, raising competency and enjoyment of math and science for teachers as well as small groups of K-6 students. He said his goals are to re-employ Americans, re-energize the economy sustainably, reform education for the next century, and penetrate foreign jobs. He said he wants to restore the environment, the tax code to fairness and the financial system to the purpose it is meant to serve – “you.” rafaeldelcastillo.org

Matthew DiGeronimo (R), of O‘ahu, is a retired navy submarine officer and business owner. He said he would like to lower the cost of living in Hawai‘i for all islands, all walks of life; revive the fragile and beat-up economy; increase transparency and lines of communication between constituents and the congressman; stop the rail project in Honolulu and “increase the pride, confidence and connection you will feel with your U.S. Congressman.” He said he is “genetically predisposed to seek out positions of service.” md4congress.com

Tulsi Gabbard (D), of Kapolei, is an Iraq war veteran and Honolulu County Council member. She was the youngest person to serve in the state Legislature and worked as a teacher, raising competency and connection your will feel with your U.S. Congressman; stop the rail project in Honolulu and “increase the pride, confidence and connection you will feel with your U.S. Congressman.” He said he is “genetically predisposed to seek out positions of service.” md4congress.com

Mufi Hannemann (D), of Aiea, is former Honolulu mayor. He emphasizes Hawai‘i’s “number one industry,” tourism and wants to open “America’s arms to Asia” to expand it. He would make Hawai‘i’s economy more green through tax incentives. Hannemann says he wants “sensible processes for evaluating school readiness for our youngest keiki” and “to fight for teachers to earn fair, professional wages.” Hannemann wants to reduce Congress members’ salaries in light of tough economic times in an effort to lead by example for fiscal responsibility. mufi.hannemann.com

Esther Kia‘āina (D) worked 20 years in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. She is known for expertise in federal policy toward Native Hawaiians, Asian and Pacific Islanders, U.S. Pacific Territories and Freely Associated States of
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• July 30 - Walk-in/mail-in voting starts
• August 4 - Last day to request an absentee ballot
• August 11 - Primary Day! Don’t forget to vote for Brenda Ford

Brenda’s Top Priorities for the Upcoming Term
• Construct the Ocean View Transfer Station.
• Build the Captain Cook Police Station.
• Create a teleconferencing site in Kaʻū so local residents can conveniently testify before government agencies.
• Complete the Bypass Road to Napoʻopoʻo Junction and allow access for bicyclists and pedestrians on the entire road.
• Complete construction of the Pahala Emergency Shelter and Gym.
• Pass the Volcano Long Range Plan.

Endorsed by Brittany Smart, Current Council Member, District 6

“Brenda Ford is completely dedicated to this job and has my utmost confidence in accurately representing the district. She is very knowledgeable in issues that face rural areas. Brenda has promised to follow through on any projects that may remain at the end of my term, such as the Pahala Emergency Shelter and Gym, the Ocean View Transfer Station, and last, but not least, a Kaʻū Council office for public testimony.”

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