The 2016 Central Pacific Hurricane Season began June 1, following a hurricane forming southwest of Hawai‘i early this year, and 2015, an El Nino year marking one of the most active on record. The map of 2015 cyclones shows the Hawaiian Islands looking like a kipuka of calm in the middle of many tropical storms and hurricanes spinning around the islands.

Tropical weather jumpstarted 2016 with Hurricane Pali forming south of Hawai‘i on Jan. 7 and becoming the earliest Central Pacific tropical cyclone on record, demonstrating that tropical cyclone formation is possible all year long. She did no damage.

The Central Pacific Hurricane Center released its 2016 predictions on May 25, forecasting a 40 percent chance of normal hurricane activity and a 40 percent chance of above-normal activity, with only 20 percent likelihood of a below-normal season. Normal is about four or five tropical cyclones.

The season ends on Nov. 30. The Central Pacific Hurricane Center recently issued this message: “Are you prepared for a hurricane? You’ll need supplies not only for the duration of the storm but also for the potentially lengthy recovery period that could follow. Have enough non-perishable food, water and medicine to last each person in your family a minimum of one week. Electricity and water could be out for at least that long. You’ll need extra cash, a battery-powered radio and flashlights.

Industrial Solar in Ranchos Draws More Opposition

Maile David, Ka‘ū’s Hawai‘i County Council member, in May wrote to the Public Utilities Commission about the industrial sized solar project proposed for the Hawaiian Ranchos neighborhood. She asked the PUC to “seriously consider the voices of the many residents directly impacted by this flawed proposal and deny the application.”

David’s letter was in response to an application by Hawai‘i Electric Light Co. to build a high-voltage overhead transmission line, along with a new substation to tie a proposed 27-site solar project to the grid. This project has proved to be very unpopular in Ocean View, as the proposed two-acre sites are scattered among homes throughout the Ranchos subdivision. David’s letter also stated: “At the outset, there have been procedures that give rise to valid questions whether such a development (despite its permitted use under state law) met all the lawful requirements to qualify as a participant in the FIT (Feed In Tariff through which the utility buys electricity from customers) program. There are existing issues that raise valid questions regarding that: 1) the project was not shovel ready; 2) it exceeded the maximum size for projects; 3) the developer did not obtain authorization to combine permits; and 4) the project exceeds the five megawatt requirement for competitive bidding. It was also brought to the attention of the Commission via written testimony that ‘site-control,’ a basic pre-qualification requirement for the Feed-In-Tariff program, was not secured.

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Miss Ka‘ū Coffee Pageant participants gather on stage at Ka‘ū Coffee Mill after receiving scholarships, crowns, lei, flowers, balloons and gifts.

Rochelle Koi Named Miss Ka‘ū Coffee 2016

Miss Ka‘ū Coffee 2016 is Rochelle Koi, 22, daughter of Rory Koi, of Nā‘ālehu, and Michelle Ortega, of Pāhala. She was crowned by Miss Ka‘ū Coffee 2015 Maria Miranda at the pageant held May 14 at Ka‘ū Coffee Mill. Koi won the Interview and Evening Gown titles and tied for the Career Outfit title at the pageant directed by Ka‘ū Coffee farmer Trini Marques.

Koi, whose talent is singing, is a University of Hawai‘i student and works at Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park as a ranger. Koi takes home scholarships totaling $2750 from the Edmund C. Olson Trust, Pacific Quest and Ka‘ū Chamber of Commerce.

For all scholarships, sponsors and the pageant program, see http://www.kaucalendar.com/MissKauCoffeeFest_Program2016.pdf.

First Miss Ka‘ū Coffee Princess is Casey Koi, 21, daughter of Corey and Connie Koi, of Pāhala. She tied in Career Outfit and Miss Photogenic categories. She is a student at University of Hawai‘i at Hilo.

Jami Beck, 17, is Second Miss Ka‘ū Coffee Princess and daughter of James and Sharon Beck, of Nā‘ālehu. She won the Swimsuit competition and tied in the Talent competition. Beck is a student at Ka‘ū High School.

Third Miss Ka‘ū Coffee Princess is Shaira Panganiban Badua, 18, daughter of Mario and Lucia Badua, of Pāhala. The senior at Ka‘ū High School tied in the Talent competition.

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**Miss Ka‘ū Coffee 2016 Rochelle Koi receives her crown from Miss Ka‘ū Coffee 2015 Maria Miranda.**

*Photo by Michael Worthington*
A new National Park Service report shows that 1,832,660 visitors to Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park in 2015 spent $151,246,200 in communities near the park. That spending supported 1,834 jobs on island and had a cumulative benefit to the local community of $189,391,100.

The park’s 2015 visitation is up 8.25 percent from 2014 (1,693,005 visitors) and reflects a steady trend of rising visitation to Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park since 2009. The park, which celebrates its 100th anniversary this year along with the National Park Service, shares two of earth’s most active volcanoes, Hawaiian culture and native ecosystems with local residents and visitors.

“We are pleased to again report an increase in both visitation to Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park and the important economic impact park visitors have by spending money and creating jobs in our local community,” Park Superintendent Cindy Orlando said. “National park tourism is a significant driver in the national economy, returning $10 for every $1 invested in the National Park Service, and it’s clearly a big factor in our local economy as well. We appreciate the partnership and support of our neighbors and are glad to be able to give back by helping to sustain local communities.”

The peer-reviewed visitor spending analysis was conducted by U.S. Geological Survey economist Catherine Cullinane Thomas and National Park Service economist Lynne Koontz. The report shows $16.9 billion of direct spending by 307.2 million park visitors in communities within 60 miles of a national park. This spending supported 295,000 jobs nationally; 252,000 of those jobs are found in these gateway communities. The cumulative benefit to the U.S. economy was $32 billion.

According to the 2015 report, most park visitor spending was for lodging (31.1 percent) followed by food and beverages (20.2 percent), gas and oil (11.8 percent), admissions and fees (10.2 percent) and souvenirs and other expenses (9.8 percent).

Report authors this year produced an interactive tool. Users can explore current year visitor spending, jobs, labor income, value-added and output effects by sector for national, state and local economies. Users can also view year-by-year trend data. The interactive tool and report are available at the NPS Social Science Program webpage: http://go.nps.gov/vse or https://www.nps.gov/subjects/socialscience/vse.htm.

To learn more about national parks in Hawai‘i and how the National Park Service works with Hawai‘i communities to help preserve local history, conserve the environment, and provide outdoor recreation, see www.nps.gov/hawaii.
The eighth annual Kaʻū Coffee Festival drew record turnouts at many of the events over ten days in May. Sold out were hikes to agricultural water sources in the rainforest. A night sky event took participants to aheimai on Makana. Residents created many kinds of foods using Kaʻū Coffee for the annual Kaʻū Recipe Contest. A Pa’ina kickoff event featured Puerto Rican and Hawaiian music and was attended by farm leaders from around the state. A ranch lunch offered hay rides deep into the pastures and coffee farms.

New coffee farmer Delvin Navarro serves up an iced coffee drink from his family company. Photo by Denise Laitinen/Kaʻū Coffee Festival

Kaʻū Coffee farmers, many of them celebrating the 20th year of the industry, were honored at the annual Kaʻū Coffee Festival Hoʻolauleʻa in Pāhala.

Kaʻū Coffee & Gifts
808-927-2252

Lyric Oliveiros, 15, is Second Miss Kaʻū Coffee Princess. She is the daughter of Jon and Saydi Llanes. Oliveiros won the Hobby Outfit Competition and attends Kaʻū High School.

Third Junior Miss Kaʻū Coffee Princess is Helena Nihipali-Sesson, 14, daughter of Guy Sesson and Sherraine Nihipali-Sesson, of Pāhala, and Bradford and Jadelyn Moses, of Pāhala. She is a student at Kaʻū High School.

Miss Kaʻū Peaberry 2016 is nine-year-old Chazlynn Pua-Queja, daughter of Chad and Queja and Jerilyn Pua, of Pāhala. She won the Character Outfit category and attends Pāhala Elementary School.

First Miss Kaʻū Peaberry Princess is eight-year-old Jazymn Navarro, daughter of Jonathan and Jennifer Navarro, of Pāhala. Navarro won the Talent competition. She is a student at Pāhala Elementary School.

Second Miss Kaʻū Coffee Princess is six-year-old Khloe Moses, daughter of Jack and Brenda Moses, of Pāhala. She won the Evening Gown competition. Moses attends Pāhala Elementary School.

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Volcano:
• New Hope Christian Fellowship ........................................... 956-9114
• Volcano Assembly of God .................................................... 967-8191

Pāhala:
• United Methodist .................................................................... 928-0606
• New Hope Christian Fellowship ........................................... 967-8191

Ocean View:
• Sacred Heart ........................................................................... 928-0606
• Volcano Assembly of God ...................................................... 967-8191
• River of Life Assembly of God ................................................ 928-0606

Pāhala Hongwanji
• Holy Rosary ............................................................................... 928-0606

Mountain View:
• Iglesia Ni Cristo ......................................................................... 928-0606
• Assembly of God .................................................................... 928-0606
• Jehovah’s Witnesses .................................................................... 928-0606
• Kauaha‘ao Church ....................................................................... 928-0606
• Light House Baptist.................................................................... 928-0606

Hānauma Bay:
• Nä‘ālehu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple - 95-5693 Mamalahoa Hwy., Nä‘ālehu, Hi 96772

Pāhoehoe:
• United Methodist ..................................................................... 967-9949
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Ocean View:
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Volcano:
• Back to the Bible! 9 am, Bible class studying Romans. Worship 10A.M. Study. Call for more information. Ocean View Community Center 10 am Sundays, Children, Youth, Bible Study. Call for more information. Church of Deliverance 956-9114

Kahuku:
• Kahuku UCC ............................................................................... 928-0606

Kapolei:
• Christian Church Thy Word Ministry .............................. 936-9114
• Ocean View Baptist Church .................................................... 928-0606
• Divine Faith Ministries 929-8570 (non-denominational) meets every Sunday at 11am. All are welcome!
• Hawaii Community Church ...................................................... 929-8570
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CO is to approve an overhead 69kV transmission line specifically to accommodate this developer under the FIT program, if requirements of qualification have not been met by this developer under the FIT program, then I submit that the proposed mini substation and overhead line being proposed to handle the power generated by such a non-conforming company is therefore unnecessary and should be denied.

“As decision-makers, I believe it is incumbent upon all of us, and particularly in this application, that we recognize and acknowledge that the intent, as beneficial and supportive of our goal to achieve energy self-sufficiency and protect our environment may be, our decisions cannot be made at the expense of the health, safety and welfare of our community.”

David also wrote about the demise of a bill introduced to the recent state Legislative session by Ka‘ū’s state Rep. Richard Creagan. It died, without explanation, on the last day of the session. If it had passed, it would have required a developer who intends to build a large solar farm in a non-conforming subdivision to get a county permit.

“Finally, from a legislator’s point of view, it is very disappointing that our Senate and House Conference Committees were unable to come to an agreement regarding the intent of House Bill 2636 HD2 SD2, and the measure died,” she wrote. “HB 2636 added an important component that would have expanded HRS Section 205-2 to require a special permit approval when the capacity of solar energy production totals more than twenty-five kilowatts. This would have created a much needed check and balance in the governmental approval process and would have required the Hawai‘i County Planning Commission’s review and approval of certain uses within agricultural and rural districts. More importantly, review and authority at the county level would afford an impacted community its right to participate and to have their voices heard.”

Jeff Barger, interim President of Ranchos Community Association, praised David’s letter.

“Maile hit the nail on the head,” he said. “The developer broke FIT rules to get the lucrative permits and is only building this boondoggle project to qualify for Federal and State tax credits. We all need to write to the PUC and let them know we are wise to all this. This docket is the closest we have come to due process.”

Six hundred thirty residents have signed a petition against the project, and scores have been filed, the vast majority of whom have written in favor of the project. As writer opposed to the project.

In May, public comment protesting HELCO’s application were received from Ka‘ū Scenic Byway Committee, Steve Smith, Bob Werner, Tomislav Gracanin and Veda Hackell, Tim and Linda Shut, Daine Ware, Sandra Mayville, James Cohn, Ray and Linda Raquinio, Sammi Fo, Ron Rigg, Bob South, Susan Moss, Phil and May Flanders, Barbara Winch, Michelle Ball-O’Connor, Larry & Sandra Shelton, Jay Hribbard, Peter and Ann Bosted, Bobbi Wood, Jeffrey Barger, Cynthia Cohn and Vernon Harvey. No public comment in favor of the project was filed during the month.

Ka‘ū residents and others wanting to voice opinions can email puc.comments@hawaii.gov with docket number 2015-0229.

Consumer Advocate Questions HELCO

Hawai‘i Consumer Advocate’s office, headed by Jeffrey Ono, asked Hawai‘i Electric Light Co. for answers to tough questions, including who owns the Ocean View solar project, who benefits from the project, how power will be curtailed, and the cost of restoring residential land that the solar project would industrialize.

The CA’s questions quizzed HELCO about some aspects of the project, but wide areas of concern from residents were not included, such as fire danger, the cost of compensating residents forced to move, and how power from the project would drive up the cost of retail power on Hawai‘i Island.

HELCO has applied to the Public Utilities Commission for permission to construct an overhead transmission line to serve 27 photovoltaic projects slated to be built on 19-three-acre housing lots scattered among existing homes in Ocean View Ranchos and eight lots in Kona South, an undeveloped subdivision without legal access. The PUC has opened a docket for the case. The CA has filed 24 pages of questions for HELCO in docket number 2015-0229.

The Division of Consumer Advocacy’s role is that of a watchdog, and it is mandated to act in the “public benefit.” Executive Director Jeffrey Ono attended the PUC’s public hearing in Ocean View on Feb. 15, when many residents complained about having their rural neighborhood industrialized, the fire danger, the loss of property values, and the way HELCO’s Feed-in-Tariff program had been confounded. Since then, about 50
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Ka‘ū Boys Reach State Volleyball Semi-Finals

Ka‘ū volleyball players attending Kamehameha Schools-Hawai‘i led their team to the Big Island Interscholastic Federation championship and played for the state finals on O‘ahu. They are Addison Enriques, of Punalu‘u – hitter; Avery Enriques, of Punalu‘u – hitter; Kameron Moses, of Pāhala – setter and libero; and Naia Makuakane, of Nā‘ālehu – setter. Kamehameha, coached by Punahu‘u resident Guy Enriques, was undefeated in regular season play.


Ka‘ū volleyball players attending Kamehameha-Schools-Hawai‘i led their team to the BIFF championship before playing in state championship matches. Photo by Coach Richard Lau.

Ka‘ū’s Middle Girls Win the Title

Ka‘ū’s Middle School girls brought home the trophy on Saturday, May 7, when the basketball team defeated Pāhoa at their championship game. The match was close, with a score of 14-12. Throughout the season, the girls had multiple games against Kea‘au and Pāhoa Middle School teams.

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Keiki Learn to Swim this Summer

Keiki can learn to swim at Pāhala Pool this summer. Sessions begin on June 6 and continue through July 29. Fee is $15 for each two-week session.

Registration takes place on Thursday and Friday, June 2 and 3. For more information, call Rina Martineau at 928-8177.

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Seventeen Win Kaʻū Chamber Scholarships

Seventeen higher education scholarships were awarded last month by Kaʻū Chamber of Commerce at a dinner at Pāhala Plantation House.

Scholarship Chair Lee McIntosh, Chamber President Donna Masaniai and scholarship committee members Alan and Nancy Stafford commended many of the students for their determination to bring their new skills back to the Kaʻū community. Following are the winners, their majors and their campuses, some of them continuing college and others graduating this year from Kaʻū High School:

Jary-R Abalos, a Pāhala resident and University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa marketing student;

Tyler Amaral, a Nāʻālehu resident and UH Hilo computer engineering student;

Lexis L. Andrade, a Waiʻōhinu resident and architecture student at Walla Walla College in Washington, transferring to California Polytechnic University-San Luis Obispo;

Tiani L. Castaneda-Naboa, of Nāʻālehu, a UH Hilo marine biology major;

Monica Lynn Pascual Cavarrubio, of Pāhala, a UH Hilo nursing student;

Ty Alfred De Sa, of Pāhala, a Hawaiʻi Community College nursing student;

Charlotte Faye Esquida, of Nāʻālehu, a UH Hilo nursing student;

Sheilla Mae Felipe, of Nāʻālehu, a UH Hilo nursing student;

Annie Mae Flores, of Nāʻālehu, a University of Nevada political science major;

Leaokalani Hashimoto, of Waiʻōhinu, a UH Hilo education major;

Kaweni Christopher Ibarra, of Pāhala, a California State University at Sacrament electronic engineering major;

Kamrie Koi, of Pāhala, a UH Hilo political science and administration of justice and pre-law major;

Rochelle Koi, of Nāʻālehu, a UH Hilo English and history major and 2016 Miss Kaʻū Coffee;

Crystal McIntosh, of Discovery Harbour, an HCC culinary arts and Spanish major;

April Joy D. Miguel, of Pāhala, an HCC Administration of Justice major;

Tière-Lee Shibuya, of Nāʻālehu, an HCC and UH Hilo student in nursing and nursing administration; and

Jennifer Flores Tabios, of Nāʻālehu, a St. Johns University-New York City major in biology.

Leaokalani Hashimoto’s winning essay is entitled Great Teachers Make Great Leaders.

Leaokalani Hashimoto Wins with a Kaʻū Teaching Goal

Leaokalani Hashimoto won the 2016 Kaʻū Chamber of Commerce Essay contest, taking home a Ken Wicks scholarship in May. Seventeen Kaʻū scholars received scholarships for higher education at the annual dinner at Pāhala Plantation House. Scholarships are provided through community support of The Directory, the Kaʻū business and resource guide, published each year by the Kaʻū Chamber and Local Productions, publisher of The Kaʻū Calendar newspaper.

The winning essay is entitled Great Teachers Make Great Leaders and presents Hashimoto’s personal quest as a mother of two and native Hawaiian of Waiʻōhinu, to help her community by becoming qualified to teach at Nāʻālehu Elementary School. Hashimoto has worked her way through college with jobs at ACE Hardware and the Punaluʻu condos, followed by six years with Tūtū & Me, the early childhood education pro-
Events & Activities

Birds on the wing and students launched from high school after the Kaʻū Trojan graduation.

Martinez Inspires 48 Grads

Forty-eight students graduated from Kaʻū High School on Friday, May 20. Deisha Gascon, who graduated with academic honors, is valedictorian, and is a Class of the 2016.

Students heard a commencement address by Big Island Honda Hilo Assistant Manager Kiko Martinez. The keynote speaker graduated from Kaʻū High 19 years ago, in the Class of 1997. Martinez discussed Things that Help Me Get to Where I Am Today.

“This is a world right here, this gym,” Martinez told graduates. “Any type of career you guys want to get into, it’s a world, …

“I’m trying to share my vision with the world. When you try to share your vision with the world, people are going to feel that you’re crazy. … What you find out is that, slowly, people are going to start enjoying it a little bit, and the world starts to see your vision, and the world

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gram. She is currently a student and mom seeking a bachelor’s degree in elementary education.

Here is her essay:

Great teachers are the unsung heroes of the world. They play an important and difficult role in our society. Many of us can recall a teacher who has influenced the course of our life. However, quality teachers are becoming harder to find and keep here in Hawai‘i. I want to become an elementary school teacher so I can help fill the need for qualified teachers and inspire the youth of Kaʻū.

The ancient African proverb says, “It takes a village to raise a child,” but what has happened to our “village”?

According to Hawai‘i News Now, Department of Education officials expect as many as 1,600 vacancies throughout the state next school year. Corey Rosenlee, president of the Hawai‘i State Teachers Association, shared that “Hawai‘i has the highest turnover rates in the nation, and this is more so for people that come from the mainland.” Corey added that recruiting teachers from the mainland is an ongoing cycle.

Teachers who are recruited from the mainland are often placed in rural schools, like Nā‘ālehu Elementary and Kaʻū High School. New teachers are often surprised by Kaʻū’s unique, rural lifestyle as well as the state’s high cost of living. I was raised in Kaʻū and attended Naʻālehu Elementary School and graduated from Kaʻū High. As a native, I can relate to and understand the racial and cultural background of our youth. I live in Wai‘ohiu and hope to teach at Nā‘ālehu Elementary, one of Hawai‘i’s public schools that need qualified teachers. I want to use the knowledge I have acquired to inspire students of Nā‘ālehu Elementary and Intermediate School and help them identify their strengths and reach their full potential. I want to create a great classroom for students to learn, feel successful, and achieve.

I am grateful to say that I am the product of great teachers, including my parents who successfully fulfilled their role as my first teachers. I am passionate about education because of the time and energy these wonderful teachers invested in me. They helped me acquire the skills, knowledge, and expertise needed for success in college, career, and life. Great teachers do not receive a high salary or get praised daily for their contribution. However, they enjoy what they do and are passionate about education. Great teachers are sustained daily by the outstanding opportunity to change a student’s life. I hope to be as great as the teachers who have inspired me.

Hashimoto said that the Ken Wicks Kaʻū Chamber of Commerce Scholarship will help her to achieve her educational goals with minimal impact on my family. My academic studies are a major part of my professional development.

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Contemporary Cordage, Sat, June 11 – Sun, July 17, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Volcano Art Center Gallery in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Tsoupouri Tanganu’i & Kealii Reidel’s exhibit highlights ritual and regalia of hula and the ancient art of traditional Hawaiian cordage techniques with contemporary twist. Opening reception 5 – 7 p.m. Free; park entrance fees apply.

Hiʻaka & Pele, Sat, June 11, 9:30 – 11 a.m., Kahuku Unit of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Participants discover the Hawaiian goddesses and the natural phenomena they represent on this free, moderate, one-mile walk. nps.gov/

Mongolian BBQ, Sat, June 11, 5 – 8 p.m., Kilauea Military Camp’s Cruiser Rim Café in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park; 967-8356. Open to authorized patrons & sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply; 967-8371.

Realms & Divisions of Kauhuku, Sun, June 12, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., Ocean View Community Center. For more information, call 939-2015.

Ocean View Neighborhood Watch meeting, Thu, June 2, 7 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. For more information, call 928-2015.

Make a Hū Kukui, Wed, June 8, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., Center Gallery in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Marion Berger glasses & medications. 808-874-6035

Architectural Tour, June 3, 11, 17, & 22, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Kilauea Visitor Center and Whitney Vault in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Architect Boone Morrison offers a rare look inside four historic and environmentally homes. $40 fees support a scholarship fund. nps.gov/havo

Sunday Walk in the Park, Sun, June 5, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., Kahuku Unit. This free, guided, 2.5-mile, moderately difficult hike over rugged terrain focuses on the area’s human history. For ages 60 and over. 928-3100

Mr. Kiko Searches for Aloha, Tue, June 14, 12 to 1 p.m., Pāhala Public & School Library. Former Pāhala resident Marion Kittleson-Villanueva read her recently published book. Free. 985-7470

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Mr. Kiko Searches for Aloha is a children’s picture book, for ages four to eight, which the author described as having “cultural implications and highlighting the values of individual differences. In the story, the coqui, a singing tree frog of Puerto Rican fame, finds himself as a misfit in Hawai‘i.” Not by choice, Kiko faces the other species in the rainforest and comes to know true rejection. Will there ever be any aloha for this new arrival?”

Kittleson-Villanueva, a retired teacher and librarian, was born in Hawai‘i of Puerto Rican and Portuguese descent. She has traveled to Puerto Rico several times and has worked on many projects to perpetuate the Puerto Rican experience in Hawai‘i. The author shared Ka‘u’s Puerto Rican heritage at past Ka‘u Plantation Days at Pāhala Plantation House. As president of the Puerto Rican Heritage Society of Hawai‘i, she unveiled a historical plaque in Qua-nica Bay commemorating the exodus of Puerto Ricans to the Hawai‘i in the 1900s. As chair of Boricua Hawai‘i, she coordinated and organized an educational exhibit capturing the emigration of 5,000 Puerto Rican sugar laborers in Hawai‘i from 1900 to 1910. The exhibit has traveled throughout Hawai‘i and was featured at the Plaza de Americas in San Juan, PR. The author was also a member of a committee that spearheaded rededication of the Cartwright Monument at Francis Wood Stadium in Hilo.

Kittleson-Villanueva suggested that the intercultural story would be an excellent selection for schools’ Book of the Month. It is available at amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com and authorhouse.com. Contact the author at 938-8774 or kunumari-oni@gmail.com.

A copy of the book has been donated to both Pāhala Public & School Library and Nā‘īlau‘u Public Library and is available for borrowing with a Hawai‘i State Public Library card.

After the program, there will be a simple craft for children. For more information, call Pāhala P&S Library Manager Debbie Wong Yuen at 928-2015.
Douglas Davenport displays his artwork to raise funds for the Ka‘ū Hospice Charitable Foundation.

HOVE Road Maintenance board of directors meeting, Tue, June 28, 10 a.m., St. Jude’s Church.

Ocean View Transfer Station Meeting, Tue, June 26, 6 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. County officials update residents about status of the planned station.

After Dark in the Park: Landscape Restoration, Tue, June 27, 7 p.m., Kilauea Visitor Center Auditorium in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Chief of Natural Resource Management Dr. Rhonda Loh discusses Special Ecological Areas and decades of successful restoration of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park’s rich biological resources.

EXERCISE & MEDITATION

Pāhoa Pool Schedule: Public Recreational Swim Mon – Fri, 6:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.; Closed Mon, June 19; 928-8177 or lawaiicounty.gov/pr-recreation

Gentle Senior Yoga, Mon/Wed, 2:30 – 4 p.m., Nā‘ālehu Hongwanji. Senior price $10 for 10 missions. Stephanie Pepper, 937-7940

Pilates Plus, Mon/Wed, 4 – 5 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall. Open to all ages. Exercise by DVD; bring your own equipment, ball and mat. Free w/donation of non-perishable food. Judy Kram, 939-8149

Youth Volleyball, Mon – Thu, 4:30 – 7 p.m., Nā‘ālehu Community Center. For ages 8 – 12. 939-2510

Zumba Fitness, Mon/Thu, 5:30 p.m.; Sat, 9 a.m., New Hope Christian Fellowship in Volcano. Certified instructor Linda Fanene, 990-3835

Zumba, Mon, Thu, 6 – 7 p.m., Nā‘ālehu Community Center. Certified Zumba instructor Erin Cole, 938-4037

Art Fridays, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m., Kahuku Park. For ages 5 – 12. 929-9113

Ka‘ū ‘Ohana Band Rehearsals, Fri, 4 p.m., St. Jude’s Church. Instruments provided; no partner required.

Aloha Band Rehearsals, Fri, 5 p.m., 967-8371

Baptist Church Choir Practice, Wed, 6 – 8 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Nonprofit Family Support Hawai‘i sponsors this free talent group, with Chassie Cantineros teaching song and dance. 430-7886

Game Night, Wed, 6:30 – 9 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Hall. Fun games & great conversation. Open to the public. Potluck first Wednesday of each month begins at 5:30 p.m.; bring a favorite dish for six. Sherry, 929-0256

Ka’ū Live Performers, Thu, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Discovery Harbour Community Center. 238-0505

Val Center for Veterans, Thu, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Ocean View Community Center. Drop-in for coffee. 329-0574

Color Me Happy, Thu, 3 – 6 p.m., Nā‘ālehu Library. Coloring club for all ages. 939-2442

Donorly Seeking Sponsorship for AFG meeting, Thu, 5 p.m., St. Jude’s Episcopal Church in Ocean View. Sandy, 557-9847

Women, Infant, Children Services, Fri (except holidays) at various locations. 965-3030 or 934-3209

Aloha Fridays, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Ocean View Art Center Gallery porch at Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. Variable hula art offerings. Everyone welcome. Free; donations welcome; park entrance fee apply. 946-8371

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Kilauea Buffet & Hula Show, Fri, 5 – 8 p.m., Kilauea Military Camp’s Cruzer Rim Café & Lava Lounge in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park. 967-8356. Open to authorized patrons and sponsored guests. Park entrance fees apply. 967-8371

Live Entertainment at Hana Hou Restaurant, Fri, 5:30 p.m. in Nā‘ālehu. 929-9717

Ocean View Farmers Market, Sat, 7 a.m. – noon, Pohue Plaza.

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“I understand how to influence people. … Don’t chase the money; chase wisdom, because everything follows wisdom. Success follows wisdom,”follows wisdom; great kids follow wisdom. Success follows wisdom; everything money; chase wisdom, because everything things that I had to learn. … Don’t chase the hard. Life is a journey, not a destination. That’s why I feel like I’m not successful. I’ll keep going until it’s my time.

“Understand that the hardest thing in life is, understand yesterday is yesterday. You guys have a new opportunity every day to change your life. What you were yesterday is not going to dictate what you are in the future. … “Eliminate your bad habits, and replace them with good ones. Tell yourself what am I good at, what am I bad at, and what should I change. Change what you need to change. I promise that if you do that, you will be successful in whatever you do.”

“Learn to turn all negatives into positives. Make negatives your best friends; make failures your best friends. Keep them close. Failure is the way to get better; failure will test your character. The bigger the challenge, the bigger the blessing.

“I view negatives as a video game. … Just like one video game, if you don’t pass all the levels, what are you going to do? Stay up all night. Practice. Figure it out. … If you are struggling, do whatever you can to get past it, because there’s another level waiting for you, a bigger and better level.

“Do not make any excuses. … By blaming others, you lose the chance of learning or building your character. Do not cheat yourself out of that.

“Find your passion. When we have passion, we have sacrifice.” Martinez said that when he found his passion, he devoted himself to it, even when it meant missing family gatherings year after year.

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people and organizations have contributed “public comment” to the PUC’s docket on the case. With two exceptions, all are against the overhead transmission line, the substation and the project.

In a set of Supplemental Information Requests, the CA asked detailed questions about the cost of not only placing the high voltage transmission line underground but also maintaining it for twenty years (the life of the project) and then removing the substation, transmission line and the project from home sites and restoring the sites. The CA has, as a participant in the FIT program, argued for lower rates to be paid to developers of PV projects for their wholesale power and has opposed the rate of 23.8 cents per kilowatt-hour. When the standardized rate was set, it was argued that the high rate was needed to allow the developer to cover the cost of building the PV installations. “The CA appears to be using this high rate to justify requiring the developer to cover all the costs of the project, including its dismantling, for twenty years, so that the costs are not passed on to future HELCO ratepayers,” said Ranchos resident Ann Bosted. “If the solar project goes forward and this tab is picked up by the developer, it will represent a huge saving for ratepayers down the line.”

The CA also raises questions of “curtailment” – the process by which HELCO can turn off power from generators when the grid is “full.” This happens during the day and after 10 p.m. when the supply of power exceeds the demand or the “load.”

“If the CA finds that this power is not

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needed, he could recommend that the project not go forward as it is not in the public interest to build unneeded power generators,” Bosted said. “The developer, however, stands to gain from building PV generation projects, thanks to the very generous solar tax credits, by which 65 percent of the cost of the project will be paid back by state and federal governments, amounting to a subsidy by taxpayers. The CA will need to evaluate if the coming of these tax credits by the developer serves the public interest, in view of the fact that the Big Island is decades ahead of the state mandated renewable energy goals.”

The FIT permits were issued in 2011. Since then the “load” has decreased by about 20 percent, and several renewable energy facilities have been constructed, including a 1.25-megawatt solar farm at Miloli’i.

The CA also quizzed HELCO for details about its claim that the substation is of benefit to the community because it will improve “reliability and power quality.” Ocean View residents have told HELCO representatives at public meetings that they do not have power outages and do not want the substation. The CA is now asking HELCO to document complaints over the last five years.

While eliciting responses to many issues, the CA’s questions did not address several concerns of Ocean View-area residents, according to Ranchos resident Ann Bosted.

One of those concerns is fire danger. Ocean View is prone to fierce winds and dry brush that can be a fatal combination. “Solar installation fires have been caused by electrical faults. Defective solar panels can also cause problems, and with 30,000 panels to be installed, the risk of even a small percentage being bad is significant,” Bosted said.

At the Public Utilities Commission’s public hearing in February, an Ocean View firefighter said, “You are going to get someone killed if you put all that (photovoltaic equipment) down there.” He said that each year the firefighting budget gets smaller, yet the amount of work grows larger. In letters to the docket, residents have called for an independent fire hazard study of the area.

Also left off the CA’s list of questions was the cost of reimbursing property owners who may leave their homes because of the project. Many chose Ranchos for its rural, ranch-like atmosphere, low crime rate, wide-open vistas and ambience. “From published comments by Ranchos residents, it is clear that many will move if the project is built,” Bosted said. “Added to the fire risk is the eyesore problem. Each PV site will be levelled edge-to-edge and surrounded by a six-foot chain link security fence. Herbicides will be used to control over 60 acres of weeds, so groundwater contamination is a risk for the whole town. The unwanted project will be a magnet for crime and vandalism. Some handgun owners have talked of using the solar panels for target practice. This is not what residents signed up for.”

According to Bosted, the CA asked questions about the 26 owners of the project, but allowed the answers to be filed electronically, “thus keeping the tangle of related and associated corporations a mystery,” she said. “It is assumed that 17 of the 26 owners are shell companies incorporated in Delaware, owned by another shell company, Calwaii, that is owned by SPI Solar, headquartered in Shanghai. The eight Kona South lots are supposedly leased from the Doolittle Trust, but county records do not indicate that. They appear to be under the control of Hawai’i FIT Twelve LLC, which appears to be a shell company of Green Island FIT LLC. The 26th site is supposedly under the control of South Point FIT LLC, also owned by Green Island, but county records show it belongs to Jasmine Drive Aina LLC. Does SPI Solar also own Green Island? The spokesman for the 26 owners, Ian Craig, of Roseville, California, refused to speak at the PUC’s public meeting, failed to show up at a community meeting he called in September and has declined to answer questions from West Hawai’i Today.”

The CA did not ask how the developer intended to access the eight sites in Kona South, for which FIT permits have been issued. Each subdivision in Ocean View is a “stand alone,” and it is not legal to access one from another, Bosted said. “Craig has asked the Hawaiian Ranchos Road Maintenance Corporation for permission to access this subdivision from Ranchos and has been refused. Mats Fogelvik, President of HRRMC, was walking his dog when he encountered a surveyor staking out a route to be bulldozed from Ranchos to Kona South. Mr. Fogelvik ‘ran him off.’ Craig later claimed that the surveyor had ‘lost his way,’” Bosted said.

Responses will be filed in the docket. See puc.hawaii.gov for more on docket 2015-0229.
Disappointed! When I joined *Sky and Telescope* magazine’s webcast of the transit of Mercury on May 9, it was late in the event. I was disappointed by the quality of the images shown. The steadiness of images, termed “seeing,” wasn’t good, even from the McMath Solar telescope on Kitt Peak in southern Arizona. This telescope frequently has excellent seeing. However, there are excellent images published by both amateur astronomers and professional observatories. Here is an image a friend of mine took who had clouds for the first part of the transit. He took around 100 images, and this is the best of the bunch.

Have you noticed how bright Mars is lately? My wife said, “That can’t be Mars. Mars is never that bright!” I told her it was. She wasn’t firmly convinced. Why do you suppose Mars is so bright now? Could it be that Mars is closer to the sun than it was a few months ago? Mars’ orbit is elliptical (egg-shaped), ranging from 155 million miles from the sun to as close as 128 million. So an observer on the surface of Mars would see that the sun was over twice as bright than when it is farthest from the sun. It is also brighter because it is closer to Earth. This means that each square kilometer on Mars appears larger, and, consequently, Mars is brighter than it has been in several years.

The star chart is produced from a sky Atlas program written by Jerry Hudson, who has given us permission to publish it. Thanks, Jerry!

The constellations are presented with their three-letter abbreviations, with (usually) the Latin names shown in the margins. Stars as faint as magnitude-six are shown. This is done to take advantage of the truly dark skies Ka’ū is blessed with when there is no bright moon and the skies are clear of vog.

**Stars over Ka‘ū - June 2016**

by Lew Cook

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**Constellations**

The moon tours around the sky every month and can be used to highlight stars and planets around the zodiac. We begin this tour on the evening of June 9. As soon as the sky is dark, about 8 p.m., the crescent moon is near Regulus, the brightest star in Leo. However, it isn’t the brightest star-like object in Leo, which will be highlighted by the moon on the next two evenings. That object is the planet Jupiter, and the moon will be between it and Regulus on June 10 and will be east of Jupiter the next evening, when it is at First Quarter phase.

Three nights later (June 13), when the moon is in its gibbous phase, it will have passed Spica, Virgo’s brightest star. Look for Spica about six degrees southwest of the moon. On the 17th, the nearly full moon completes a lop-sided diamond, with Sat-
An upcoming exhibit at Volcano Art Center benefits Ka‘ū Hospital Charitable Foundation. ‘Ka‘ū and Kilauea Reflections’ features works by former Ka‘ū Hospital Dr. Douglas Davenport in an effort to raise funds for the foundation.

From June 25 through July 10, Davenport’s paintings and ceramics by will be available for viewing Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at VAC’s Niaulani campus in Volcano Village. The works display his appreciation for the unique district of Ka‘ū through a multitude of landscapes.

“I came to the Big Island with my wife and three children 25 years ago and fell in love with Volcano,” Davenport said. “We built a small house as a refuge from the busy life on O‘ahu. Volcano became a place for us to be together as a family. We worked the land, the children included, hand-clearing the forest of ginger and tibouchina. As the years went by, our love of the place grew, as did our family.”

Davenport retired as an ER doctor after 25 years on O‘ahu and took up a part-time position at Ka‘ū Hospital. With his background as a professional painter on O‘ahu’s North Shore and a family history in oil painting from his grandfather and brother, Davenport said his artistic endeavors in Ka‘ū were “a natural progression.”

“The paintings and painted ceramic vases depicting scenes around Ka‘ū and Hawai‘i’s Volcanoes National Park are the result of my time here,” Davenport said. “These works reflect the varying landscapes that grace this land, which I have been so lucky to experience.”

“I feel fortunate to have been able to work in Pāhala and, in my small way, give back to the community and to the island that has enriched my life immeasurably.”

“Volcano Art Center is pleased to support Ka‘ū Hospital through this exhibition of art by Dr. Douglas Davenport, MD. The hospital provides invaluable resources to the people of Hawai‘i’s Island when they need it most,” VAC’s Executive Director Michael Nelson said.

Proceeds from artwork sold as well as donations received go directly to Ka‘ū Hospital Charitable Foundation and its mission “to be the very best it can be for the community,” Nelson said.

The internship is an outreach to the underserved, geographically isolated communities and minorities who are in dire need of access to health care,” Marques said. “The students learn about telehealth alternatives while connecting residents to doctors and specialists.”

The kiosk will be located in a separate room to ensure privacy. It’s a self-guided touchscreen with a high-definition webcam that lets residents use Online Care to see health professionals.

For more information, call 928-0101.
Nēnē have begun to reappear in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park after being less visible since fall and winter, when they hunker down to nest, raise goslings and grow a new set of flight feathers (molt).

Nēnē have started to flock, and younger nēnē are taking their first flights. Drivers are reminded to slow down and watch out for the native geese on roadways in and out of Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park.

An unknown motorist killed two fledglings last Saturday on Crater Rim Drive between Kīlauea Overlook and Jaggar Museum. A park ranger discovered the young birds, which were around six months old.

“Young fledglings test out their wings and explore new territories this time of year,” said Wildlife Biologist Kathleen Misajon, Manager of the park’s Nēnē Recovery Program. “The park uses nēnē crossing signs to alert motorists to key areas, however, until the young birds learn the ropes they can be unpredictable. It’s so important to be extra vigilant when driving so these kinds of accidents don’t happen.”

Nēnē, the largest native land animal in Hawai‘i, are present in the park and other locations on Hawai‘i Island year-round. They blend in with their surroundings and can be difficult for drivers to spot. They are federally listed as endangered.

Nēnē crossing signs posted throughout the park call attention to roadside areas frequented by nēnē. These include Crater Rim Drive, Chain of Craters Road and sections of Hwy 11. Motors are urged to use extra caution in signed nēnē crossing areas and to obey posted speed limits.

By 1952, only 30 birds remained statewide. Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park began efforts to recover the species in the 1970s. The Nēnē Recovery Program continues today, and more than 250 birds thrive in the park from sea level to around 8,000 feet.

The Nēnē Class of 2016 Takes Flight, Caution Advised

A young nēnē fledgling tests its wings in Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park.

NPS Photo by Kathleen Misajon

More than 2,500 exist statewide.

Wild nēnē, the world’s rarest goose, are only found in Hawai‘i and are the last survivors of several other endemic geese. Their strong feet sport padded toes and reduced webbing, an adaptation that allows them to traverse rough terrain like lava plains. Most nēnē fly between nighttime roosts and daytime feeding grounds.

To report nēnē on the road in the park, call 985-6170. Outside the park, call 974-4221.

Call for Volcano Runners, Walkers and Volunteers

It’s time to get out your running shoes, tie up those laces, and begin training as the seventh annual Volcano Rain Forest Runs Half Marathon, 10K and 5K will be here on Saturday, Aug. 20.

Cooper Center will be the happening place for the Start/Finish for all three races and where the very popular free Volcano Keiki Runs for ages one to seven is held. Sponsored by Kilauea Lodge – where every keiki is a winner.

Volcano Rain Forest Runs’ Half Marathon is the third leg of the Big Island Triple Crown Series. Participants who ran the Hilo Half and plan on running the Kona Half and the Volcano Half can sign up for the Triple Crown Series. Final ceremony will be at the Volcano event.

Register online for all events at volcano-rainforestruns.com.

See Rivers and Tides in Volcano Village

Rivers and Tides is an award-winning documentary film about the famed British artist, Andy Goldsworthy. Directed by Thomas Riedelsheimer, the film depicts the engaging and interactive relationship between art and nature and follows Goldsworthy all over the world as he opens up about his unique creative process and demonstrates how he engineers and collaborates with nature, space and time.

Rivers and Tides will be shown at Volcano Art Center’s Niaulani Campus on Thursday, June 9 at 7 p.m. Local earth-media-based artist Liz Miller, who has done many earthwork installations, will present the film and moderate a discussion afterward. There will also be a book collection of Goldsworthy’s work to peruse that show pictures of Goldsworthy’s latest works as artist-in-residence at The Presidio/Golden Gate National Park.

The film received a number of awards, including the Best Documentary awards of the San Diego Film Critics Society and the San Francisco Film Critics Circle. It is an Anglo-German co-production by Mediopolis Film and the British independent film company Skyline Productions.

Local Artist Awards will be given for male and female runners who place first, second and third in each race and first and second in 10-year age divisions for all three.

Rotary Club of Volcano will serve a BBQ lunch on race day. There will also be health and fitness booths, entertainment and much more. “Make it a family affair, and bring everyone for a fun-filled day,” Race Director Sharron Faff said. “We would like to thank the community for last year’s overwhelming support of this event, and we sincerely hope that you will join us again for this year’s festivities as a runner, walker, volunteer or spectator.

For more information, call Faff at 967-8240.
Pauahi Foundation Offers Hawai‘i Island Students Sci Camp Scholarships

The Pauahi Foundation has announced a June 15 deadline for Hawai‘i Island students of Hawaiian ancestry between the ages of 13 and 17 to apply for full scholarships to Science Camps of America. Science Camps are ten-day overnight experiences that start June 29. They are based in Ka‘u.

In support of its mission to support the educational needs of people of Hawaiian descent, and through funds provided by the TMT International Observatory, the Pauahi Foundation will sponsor 12 students to attend Science Camp in 2016 – six for Land & Sea camp and six for Air & Space camp through the Pauahi Foundation.

“We at the Foundation are so proud to be able to offer this funding in support of STEM programs on Hawai‘i Island,” said Mavis Shiraishi-Nagao, Scholarship Services Manager for Pauahi Foundation.

At Science Camp, students go outside to learn about the volcanoes, mountains, ocean, forests, plants and animals of Hawai‘i. “Science Camp is a unique experience for teens to learn and do science while having fun. Each day, we head out on field trips from our base camp in Ka‘u to science destinations across Hawai‘i Island, where we explore new environments, help collect scientific data for research, meet working scientists, and experience and study Hawai‘i’s unique natural environment.” said founder and Executive Director Michael Richards. “We are very excited by this opportunity that Pauahi Foundation is providing to Native Hawaiian students interested in science. We are proud to be part of the greater effort to encourage young people in Hawai‘i to embark on science careers that will help them have a long-term positive impact on our local environment.”

Interested students can learn more at http://Science-CampsAmerica.com. Additional information and application forms for the scholarships offered by Pauahi Foundation may be found at http://www.pauahi.org/science-camps-of-america.

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