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Parents and students rally over furloughs at state Capitol

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Last Friday, as public school classrooms remained empty, hundreds of parents, students and public school supporters gathered in front of the state Capitol to protest Hawai'i's first furlough Friday school closure.

Coordinated by Hawai'i Education Matters, a newly created group consisting of "concerned public school parents," the rally was held in conjunction with a "walk-in" that occured at Noelani Elementary School in Mānoa earlier that morning.

An attendee of both events, Patricia Halagao, a parent and associate professor at the College of Education, commented, "I hope the state legislators are seeing the power and number here. Don't piss off parents. Don't piss off moms."

The rally at the state Capitol was held between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. with a steady turnout of about 150 people. Volunteers clad in yellow T-shirts walked around asking people to sign the petition against furloughs and dozens of protestors lined the sidewalk in front of the Capitol, carrying signs sporting anti-furlough phrases, such as "My Child Left Behind" and "We Need Schools To Learn."

Throughout the day, a scheduled list of speakers organized by Education Matters voiced their concerns over the harm that the 17 scheduled furloughs will have on the students and educational system of Hawai'i.

One speaker, Terri Zucchero, a faculty member for the Department of Nursing, spoke about the relationship between healthcare and education, citing the detrimental impact that the Friday school closures will have on homeless and underprivileged public school students.

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Kylie Corea, 6 (L), and Kiki Mickens, 6 (R) sit underneath a replica of the Liberty Bell in front of the Hawai'i State Capitol where hundreds of parents, students and teachers gathered to protest the "furlough Fridays" that started Friday, October 23, 2009 in public schools statewide.

Said Zucchero, "health has to do not only with medical status, but also with your psychological and social wellbeing, which includes education."

According to information from the DOE, as of June 2009, there were over 1,700 homeless children in the public school system on O'ahu. Zucchero discussed the dire implications that 17 fewer days of school will have on the health and wellbeing of these children, many of whom rely on their schools not only for meals, but also for comfort and support.

Said Zucchero, "Promoting academic achievement is an investment in our nation's health... For at risk, vulnerable populations, school is health. Where will homeless and impoverished children get nutritious meals when they aren't allowed to go to school?"

Another speaker at the event was Alapaki Nahale-a, the executive director of the Hawai'i Charter Schools Network, who addressed his concerns over the children's future.

"Furloughs are yet another symbol of a broken educational system that does not put kids first," said Nahale-a.

Although the charter schools of Oahu will not be affected by the furloughs, Nahale-a explained that he was speaking at the rally because he believes "that there is a better way to deal with the state's financial struggles than to punish the most innocent among us, our children."

The aim of the rally, as explained by Jo McGarry Curran, a spokeswoman for Hawai'i Education Matters, was to send a message to the state legislature and public worker union leaders to come up with an alternative to the budget crisis other than the unpaid furlough days. A majority of the protestors also favored pressuring Governor Linda Lingle into releasing more funds to the state DOE.

In a statement released later that day, State House Speaker Calvin

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Fiscal exigency statement catches faculty by surprise

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The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Faculty Senate didn't know that the UH Board of Regents (BOR) declared that the university is in a state of fiscal exigency because at a July 23, 2009 BOR meeting the decision was made in executive session and there is nothing about it in the minutes for the meeting.

"We didn't expect to be facing this this month," said UHM Faculty Senate President David Ross at a UH Faculty Congress meeting last Wednesday. "To be honest, this caught a lot of us by surprise."

Ross said that he learned about the decision when BOR Chair Howard Karr announced at the last BOR meeting on Oct. 15 that the BOR declared a state of fiscal exigency, or that the University doesn't have enough revenue to cover expenditures.

The American Association for University Professors (AAUP), which

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ISOLATED SHOWERS
H:85° L:75°

NORTH	1-3+	WEST	0-3
SOUTH	1-3+	EAST	1-3+

SOURCE: NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

No significant surf is expected until a series of northwest swells begin arriving Thursday, with a long period northwest swell anticipated by Friday night.

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Say responded to the protester's concerns, stating that "solutions to the budget crisis will require a better, more thoughtful and balanced approach." He suggests, "combining revenue enhancement and expenditure reductions," and reminded the public "since the Legislature was not involved in the negotiations, it is inappropriate to engage in after-the-fact criticism of blame."

Say finished his statement with a proposal on how the Legislature should resolve the problem. Said Say, " ... the Legislature will have to be innovative and courageous enough to make difficult decisions that will inevitably create hardship, but will serve the good of the general public."

In another statement released that day, President Obama's sister, Maya Soetoro-Ng, addressed her dismay over the challenges faced by the public school system of Hawai'i.

"The public school system is the responsibility of everyone in the community and it's clear we've been irresponsible ... I know that the budget cuts are real and complicated, but there must be another solution," said Soetoro-Ng.

Around noon, students and parents were treated to a special performance by local musician Jack Johnson, increasing the attendance of the protest to over 500. Younger students were also entertained throughout the day with an arts and crafts table and an occasional dance performance. There was also a limited number of free water and mini bento boxes provided for the attendees.

Pre-rally events held earlier that morning included a "walk-in" at the Noelani Elementary School in Mānoa. Vernadette Gonzalez, assistant professor of American studies, organized the walk-in along with other parents whose children were students at the school.

Said Gonzalez, "If the state's going to walk out on our kids, we still plan on going to school. So, at eight o'clock we all went to school and held school as usual, right there on the front lawn."

Gonzalez compared the event to the teach-in held a few a weeks ago on the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's campus. "We had speakers for the parents, and for the kids we had a postcard table so that they could send postcards to the governor and a poster table for art," she said.

There were over 200 attendees and after the event, free rides were offered to the state Capitol in busses that were donated by the Bus Driver's Association for use that day.

WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS

The question of what kind of impact the protest will make on the state Legislature was on the minds of many of the organizers throughout the day. Theo Gonzalves, associate professor of American studies, believes that even though the turnout was large, parents and educators have a long way to go before any changes will be made.

"I think this crowd realizes that there's not going to be a quick fix to this. ... These folks need to keep building. This is really just the beginning," Gonzalves said. The state Legislature will be out of session until January and right now, according to Gonzalves, "much of our hope is on the lawsuits that are currently being made against the furloughs."

Halagao shares the same view, echoing the belief that the only ways to make a change in the immediate future will be "through a law suit ... or if the legislature calls a special session."

For now, the consensus appears to be that for every furlough held, a rally and/or a walk-in will also be staged.

Said Gonzalez, "For every furlough Friday that there is, we're hoping that there will be one school that takes up the banner ... that we started today. Kahala wants to have one next Friday. ... We're hop ing this takes off statewide."

BOR

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Ross said most major universities use for guidance, define fiscal exigency as "an imminent financial crisis that threatens the survival of the institution as a whole."

AAUP also states that before retrenchment should occur, a state of fiscal exigency should exist.

Ross said in a follow-up e-mail that a representative from the UH Faculty Senate is at every BOR meeting and reads the agendas and meeting minutes. He said that he and other faculty senators were at the July 23 meeting "and we never saw any suggestion that this would be discussed, or had been discussed, in a BOR meeting, either in the open or closed sessions. That is why we were blindsided when BOR Chair Karr made the statement he made last Thursday."

Presley Pang, interim executive administrator and secretary of the Board of Regents, directed questions to Carolyn Tanaka, UH associate vice president of external affairs and university relations.

Tanaka said that the BOR authorized former UH President David McClain to make the announcement in a statement, which he did on July 28, three days before his term as UH president ended.

The BOR agreed and approved of McClain's statement, said Tanaka.

"The declaration was very public," Tanaka said, adding, "It was not done in secret or anything like that. We were open about it."

McClain said in the July 28 statement, "For the foreseeable future, there is an imbalance between projected general funds revenues and planned general funds expenditures that cannot be addressed solely by increased efficiencies, or by drawing on the university's reserves or alternative revenue flows, such as tuition or research funding."

But for a state of fiscal exigency to exist it must be cleared by the BOR, which the statement by McClain didn't acknowledge.

Ross said that there was some language confusion between whether the BOR actually declared fiscal exigency or if they just authorized McClain to do so.

"If we are really in a state of exigency, then we shouldn't be spending any money on anything which isn't urgently required, since exigency means that the money doesn't exist," Ross said in the e-mail. "The declaration might also affect extramural funding and overhead rates, as well as our bond rating (which I thought was still rather good). If we are not in one but declare that we are, that is an obvious problem in and of itself."

Travelogue: Maui, unsheltered

T. Gavin Nevill
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Normally 3 a.m. isn't the ideal time to start your day, yet there we were, on a Lahaina beach being busted for camping without a permit. The fine could have cost $500; the permit would have put us back $8.

The police officer decided that 3 a.m. was a good time for us to get moving. Waves gently breaking behind him, the shadowy figure shined a flashlight in our faces as we packed up our stuff.

I was nervous - I could feel my hands shaking.

It wasn't exactly how I pictured spending my last night on Maui.

A typical tourist's vacation to Maui usually involves staying in a hotel. Expedia.com listed 34 options in the Kā'anapali and Lahaina area ranging in price from $105 to $389 per night. But having already spent $110 on plane tickets, we decided a hotel room was a cost that could be cut out completely. Camping was our cheapest option.

My friend and I had decided to take a weekend trip to the Valley Isle with no forethought. No plans, no itinerary, no tent. We decided to bum it out.

For three days and two nights we experienced what it was like to be without a place to stay.

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Our first night, we ate dinner at a plate lunch shack in the middle of a grocery store parking lot. It was the best loco moco I've ever had, but the grocery store and the parking lot I ate in were nothing special. The loco moco cost $10.

Afterwards, we trekked along the Hāna Highway, car headlights and cell phones illuminating our path. We found a grassy field next to a cow pasture outside of Ha'ikū to rest for the night. Sleeping under the stars was peaceful enough, but rain forced us to stumble under a tree for cover.

My rule for camping was to hide from everybody. The only other people we saw were a few late-night divers holding flashlights. I took that as a positive. You never know who wants your digital camera, cell phone and money more than you do.

Our second day, we ended up seeing a movie at The Wharf, a mall in Lahaina. We saw "Where the Wild Things Are" - a ticket was $10 - and we ate at a Coldstone. I got Birthday Cake Remix. That was around $7.

We imagined that this was what we had fantasized about - sleeping under the stars, doing whatever we wanted, living without rules, without the constraints of a roof and walls, all for the price of a plane ticket and an Andrew Jackson.

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Our run-in with the police was the third time we had been startled awake that evening. The tide creeping against our feet had been responsible for the first two.

We made our way to the banyan tree by The Wharf, where we sat on the benches for a little more than an hour.

My traveling companion wandered away from the bench area to read a placard in front of a statue. While my friend was reading, a middle-aged man approached him and explained that a local church offered free breakfast, lunch and laundry services. He would walk away, hesitate, and return to remind us of what he had just said, as if it were of critical importance. The church. Free breakfast and lunch. Get your laundry done. He repeated this cycle two or three times before he felt it had sunk in. For the homeless, I realized, knowing a place where food and clean clothes were readily available would be vital.

I thought back to the first loco moco I had on the island. I couldn't even remember where I had eaten it.

Another homeless man had spoken to us, just outside a drug store. He emptied the unburned tobacco from used cigarettes from an ashtray atop a rubbish bin into a tobacco pouch, mumbling to get our attention. He told us that in Alaska, if someone walks on your lawn, you can shoot them. During our five minute chat it was unclear whether or not he was speaking from experience.

From the banyan tree, we made our way to the bus stop outside the mall to wait out the night. After about half an hour, a security guard told us we couldn't be there. My buddy told the guard we were waiting for the bus. He didn't buy it. It was 4:30 a.m., he said, and the bus wasn't coming by for another two hours. Again, it was time to move on.

Our wandering led us back to the bus stop at The Wharf. The first bus of the morning was able to take us back to the Queen Ka'ahumanu Center, and we caught a 4:45 p.m. flight back to O'ahu.

As the sun rose over the bus stop, however, an average-looking local man wearing a fluorescent yellow construction shirt spoke to us in heavy pidgin. He had once sailed a 14-foot boat from O'ahu to Kaua'i by himself, under the same sky we had been wandering under for three days.

He was able to get home on his own, with the stars as his only plan.

T. GAVIN NEVILL/KA LEO O HAWAI'I

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I was delighted by the overwhelming feedback from the e-mail blast I sent out on October 15, entitled, "ASUH – Response to UHM Faculty vs. Administration." I would be lying if I said that I expected the vast amount of feedback that I've received during the past few days! The responses from students have been inspiring, and for the most part, responses from faculty and administration have actually been surprisingly pleasant as well. Both entities seem to understand ASUH's objectives as an agent for students.

However, there has been some contention to ASUH's message of student empowerment and I want to clarify that ASUH's "neutrality" in the UHPA negotiations with administration should not be confused with "inaction" concerning the budget crisis.

Students have a plan of action that rises above taking a side:

- ASUH has set up a public meeting on Tuesday, October 27 at 4:45 p.m., to discuss possible solutions to restore UH's budget. Students and faculty members are encouraged to attend, especially if they would like to present any ideas or would like to hear our proposals. ASUH will then present ideas to Senator Jill Takuda, State of Hawai'i Chairperson for High Education, during a subsequent meeting.
- ASUH has successfully lobbied for a seat in the Budget Process Workgroup, and has been actively participating in it among top campus administrators. We had to fight for this opportunity to be heard by executive administration, as our interests don't always coincide, and we will do the same at the State level.
- ASUH is also in the process of passing a resolution "urging the governor to rescind the fiscal restrictions to our university system" (where the majority of the cuts were made). This reso will be followed up with a media blitz and extensive lobbying. This is an initiative that could greatly benefit from faculty and administrative support.
- ASUH will continue to meet with key legislators to help generate or divert funds for specifically earmarked areas of student interests in preparation for the upcoming legislative session starting in January. ASUH has come up with numerous ideas and has been exploring other methods of lobbying and possible protests.
- ASUH Senators have met with various grassroots groups of students who plan and organize mobilizations opposing various levels of administration. ASUH will continue to help them achieve their goals through sponsorship or political power if the means of doing so is appropriate.
- ASUH Senators have been meeting and collaborating with both members of Faculty Senate and administration here at Mānoa, and although we don't agree with every issue, we are establishing a common ground to move forward together.

This is a call for solutions. If you feel the need to respond, ASUH greatly appreciates productive, solution-oriented responses. However, professors attacking students is discouraged. If we were to put aside our existing minute, personal, and often irrelevant disparages, tens of thousands of voters (who make up the UH community) will surely leave an impression on the decision makers of our State.

For information on student mobilization efforts, how to become involved, or any of our other initiatives, please contact asuh@hawaii.edu or visit the ASUH office in Campus Center 211A.

Also, subscribe to my blog if you are interested in campus issues such as the excessive bureaucratic structure of UH (there seems to be some misconceptions here), faculty/student interests, Zipcar, Bikesharing and so on.
markingmanymilestones.wordpress.com/

Mark Ing
Senior Undergraduate
ASUH President

First, I would like to thank our ASUH president, Mark Ing, for being an excellent role model by encouraging us to stand up and voice our opinions.

In response to our budget crisis, I would like to propose that the administration should agree to an additional 3 percent cut (total 10 percent) and teachers have a total 3 percent cut in their salary to have a fair ratio in salary cuts. Of course, administration will earn more but that is due to respect of their profession along with education and experience that comes with the position.

In general, I think it would be best if both the administration and instructors could make a compromise that would result in a fair contribution on both sides, without severely hurting or degrading their profession in terms of salary. The main goal is to sustain and prolong the life of our university.

Even if it means reducing funding for recreational centers and activities for students, we all have to pay a price to keep education alive. Perhaps this will encourage all the departments in the university to promote more fundraising which would be a good way to get students in the same area to connect and interact with each other.

If there is a true concern for students and the belief of education, all parties under the UH system should be willing to sacrifice for the benefit of the whole, including students. Administration and faculty should stop being selfish and arguing over money matters and start focusing on ways they, and all of us, can contribute to make UH Mānoa a desirable place to live, learn and thrive.

I understand that this is a complex topic with many sides to lie on, but overall, I think it is really important to sustain the quality and diversity of our education because it gives many students hope to achieve their dreams.

Lauren Huynh
Junior Undergraduate

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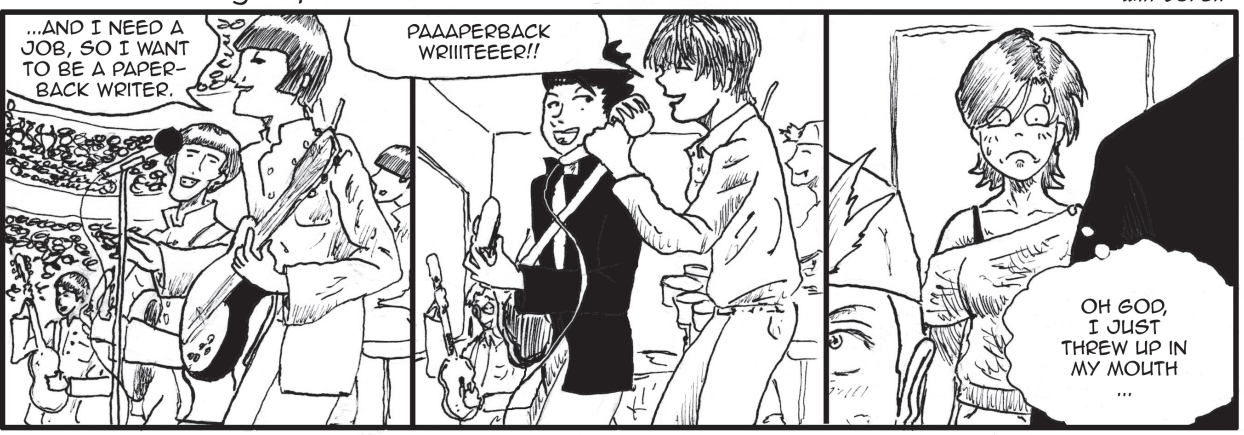

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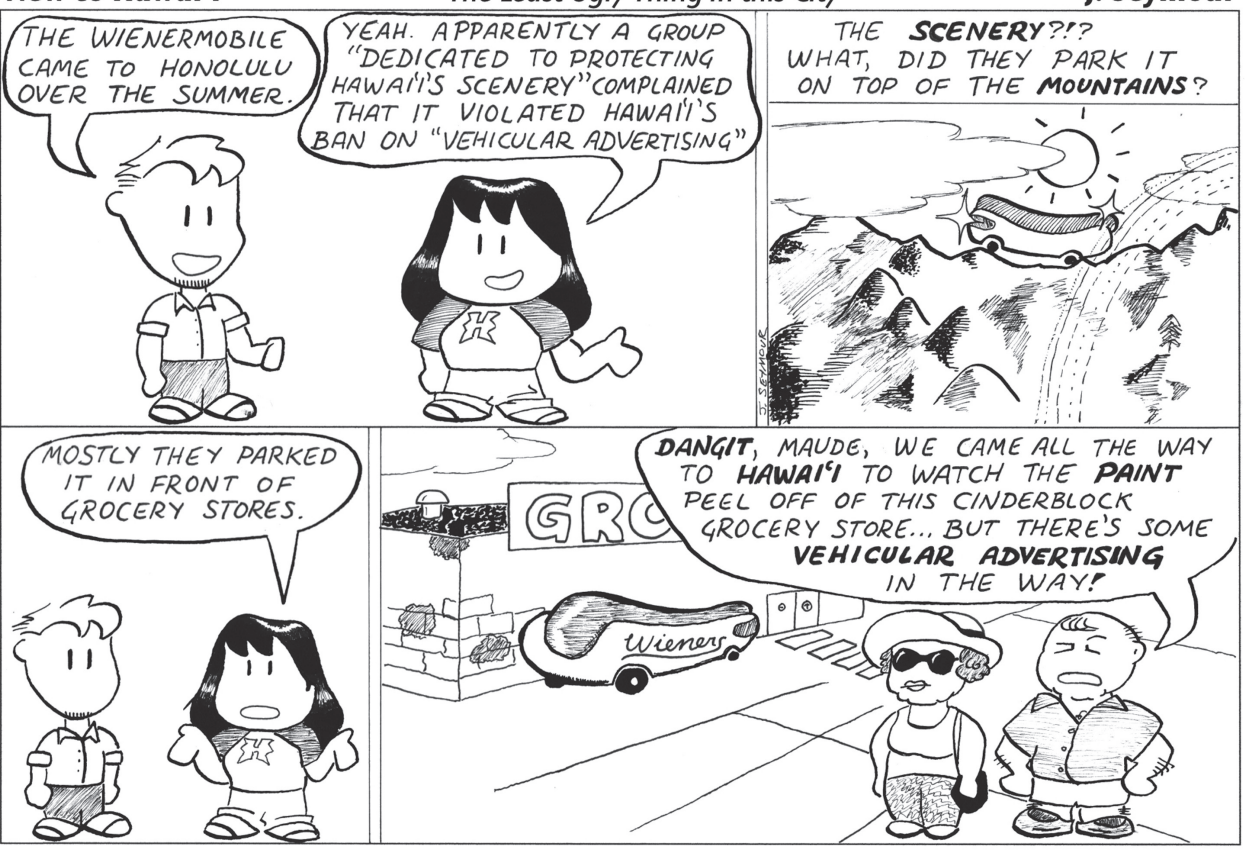

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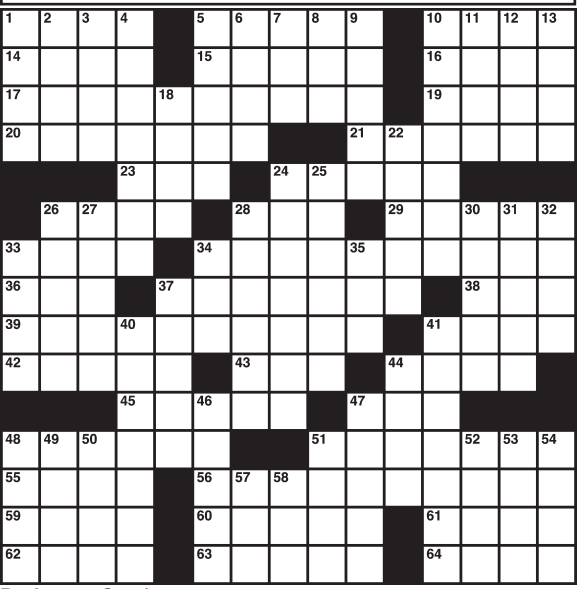

By Jerome Gunderson 10/26/09

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5 Cut off
10 "__ Silver, away!"
14 Gas in a sign
15 Utah city
16 Sign of the future
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19 Fill to excess
20 "Cats" poet
21 Gum arabic tree
23 Adviser Landers
24 Traffic cone
26 Knight's lady
28 Slimy stuff
29 Relative known for quitting?
33 Run the country
34 Scout's motto
36 Kimono sash
37 Air ace's missions
38 Climbing vine
39 How duelists begin
41 Baseball stats
42 "Old MacDonald" refrain
43 Rile up
44 Ado
45 Resided
47 Dance from Ireland
48 __ Tar Pits
51 Daybreak
55 French franc successor
56 With "The," Schwarzenegger film released 10/26/1984, and a hint to the puzzle theme found in the first words of 17-, 34- and 39-Across
59 Ford Explorer Sport __
60 Storage room
61 "Star Trek: T.N.G." counselor Deanna
62 Armored vehicle
63 Snappish
64 Lip-__: mouth the words

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1 Grumpy mood
2 Morays, e.g.
3 Lawn burrower
4 Arouse, as passion
5 Watch covertly
6 The E in Q.E.D.
7 Solemn promise
8 Sister of Zsa Zsa
9 Fit for a king
10 Biblical cry of adoration
11 Popular Apple
12 Himalayan giant
13 Fit to be drafted
18 Queue
22 Political takeovers
24 Kellogg's toaster pastry
25 "Alas, poor __!": Hamlet
26 Persian Gulf emirate
27 Wonderland girl
28 Rodent kept as a house pet
30 Baby beds
31 Lee jeans alternative
32 Ice cream brand
33 Judge's attire
34 Scarer's shout
35 Scared response
37 Uncle Tom's creator
40 Duettist with Sheryl Crow in the song "Picture"
41 Toon babies of '90s-'00s TV
44 Sawyer's friend
46 Frequent, as a diner
47 Like ripe peaches
48 Riga native
49 Distinctive emanation
50 Muffin ingredient
51 Infatuated, old-style
52 "This is my best effort"
53 Any minute now
54 Guitarist Clapton
57 Somme summer
58 Privileges: Abbr.

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Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black
Tribune Media Services (MCT)

Today's Birthday (10/26/09) This year is a bit difficult at first. Consult a teacher to resolve a problem instead of letting it fester. Imagination provides just what you need to increase your income now. Buy some new power clothes.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is a 9. The name of the game today is passion. Arrange your environment and your attire appropriately.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is an 8. Notice how easy it is to fall into step with a female friend. The two of you take off in a whole new direction.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is an 8. Your energy is running away with you. A female can help you get more centered and grounded. Ask for suggestions.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 7. If you've been doing your homework, you needn't sweat the details. Everything falls into place for the two of you.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 7. Forward movement is impeded by emotional resistance. Who's resisting? Check that out with your partner.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 7. You know what you want. Find out what your partner wants. See if you can add two and two to get four.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is an 8. Go for broke. The gods are on your side, and so are other people. Go out to dinner to celebrate!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is an 8. You see that someone else is suffering. Lift that person's spirits with nourishing ideas -- and food.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is an 8. You see a way to transform a problem into an elegant solution. A female provides just the right touch.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 7. Others can accomplish a lot more than you can today. Don't worry. You'll get your work done in plenty of time.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is an 8. Choose your actions to appeal to both male and female. Guys want action. The ladies prefer elegance.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is an 8. Everybody loves a lover. Polish your romantic act and make progress in every work and social situation.

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Weekend Rundown

Alex Aguirre
Staff Reporter

FOOTBALL

After some rough losses in WAC play, the Warriors have a tough task ahead of them if they want to get a bid in postseason play. The Warriors are currently 2-5 overall and 0-3 in WAC play and is riding a 5-game losing streak.

Their most recent loss was dealt to them by the No.4 Boise State on Saturday night at Aloha Stadium. The 9-54 loss, marked Hawai'i's 10th largest loss of all time and the five-game losing streak is the longest since the 1998 season, a season where the Warriors were winless.

KENT NISHIMURA/THE ARBITER

Senior wide receiver John Medeiros pulls in a touchdown over Boise State's Cederic Febris during fourth quarter action against the Boise State Broncos on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009 at Aloha Stadium.

Starting sophomore quarterback Bryant Moniz was taken out of the game in the first quarter and was replaced by fellow sophomore Shane Austin, who made his first collegiate appearance.

The Warriors are trying to shake their five-game losing streak and finish the season strong. They will have two more road trips to Nevada on Oct. 31 and San Jose State on Nov. 21.

Homecoming is scheduled for the next home game on Nov. 7 against Utah State and will commence at 5:05 p.m. The Warriors will also be facing off against the Navy on Military Night, Nov. 28 at 5:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

With an 18-2 overall record and a 8-0 WAC record, it's no surprise that the Rainbow Wahine volleyball team was able to give their coach, Dave Shoji, his 1000th win. Ranked third in the nation, the only question now is, will they take the WAC championship once again? There are two more road trips ahead for the 'Bows where they will face Fresno State, Nevada, San Jose State, Boise State, Idaho and Utah State.

Seniors Amber Kaufman, Stephanie Brandt, Aneli Cubi-Otineru, Catherine Fowler and Jayme Lee have but two home matches left on Nov. 6 against Fresno State and Nov. 8 against Utah State.

The WAC tournament will be held at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas, Nev. on Nov. 23 through Nov. 25. There are high hopes that this will be the year that Coach Shoji and the Rainbow Wahine will bring home an NCAA championship.

The 'Bows are riding a 14-match winning streak and picked up a convincing 25-14, 25-11, 25-17 win over the Division II BYU Hawai'i Seasiders Friday night at the Stan Sheriff Center.

The Rainbow Wahine wore pink uniforms donated by Asics in support of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Sophomore outside hitters Kanani Danielson and Stephanie Ferrell recorded 11 and 10 kills each. Danielson hit .435 in the match, and Ferrell, who only played two sets, hit .412.

Coming Wednesday:
Profile on senior cross-country member Jessica Forrester

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
8:30 - 11:30 am 1:00 - 3:30 pm

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CAMPUS CENTER BOARD
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Aloha,

Do you have a great idea? Have you thought of a program of your own that you want to launch, but need help doing so? If you have a great idea, but need support, then think about co-sponsoring your program with the Campus Center Board!

The Campus Center Board (CCB) is here to listen to your programming ideas and help make them a reality in order to enhance the Student Union and the University. The Activities Council, one of the subcommittees under the CCB, can provide your idea with the programming support it needs to succeed. The CCB, on the other hand, can supply your idea with the facilities, the equipment, and the manpower you need to get your program going.

Interested? The process to get a co-sponsorship with the Campus Center Board is simple.

You will need to contact the Campus Center Board or the Activities Council and write a proposal that describes what your event is about and what type of support you are requesting. If the Board deems the proposal worthy of a co-sponsorship, then you are good to go!

So if you have a great idea that can better the Student Union, but need support, what are you waiting for? The Campus Center Board is here to serve you. Look into a co-sponsorship!

Get connected. Get inspired. Get involved.

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'Bows dig Deptula's defense

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Staff Reporter

After growing up in Mililani playing softball and basketball, Rainbow Wahine soccer junior defender Chelsea Deptula set her heart on soccer.

"My parents signed me up for soccer when I was four years old and I fell in love with the sport," Deptula said.

The influence of her parents has played a huge role in Deptula's drive and intensity.

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Deptula has one goal on 14 shots this season.

"Both of my parents were athletic," Deptula said. "My dad played baseball and football and was on the swimming and diving team here at UH. My mom ran track and played basketball in high school.

"My parents were my first coaches and they've been supporting me ever since," she continued.

Her parents get to see her play every time the 'Bows have a home game. Roadtrips and school limit visitations on the weekend, but she still takes advantage of having them nearby to watch her accomplishments in soccer.

"I'm fortunate enough to be playing in front of my family here in Hawai'i. They come to all my home games and support me and I am able to see them almost every weekend," Deptula said.

One of Deptula's brothers, Peter, is running track and cross-country at University of California – Berkeley.

"My siblings and I always loved competition and we would just play backyard ball every day after school. It's influenced our interest in sports," Deptula said.

PREPPING AT PUNAHOU

A 2007 graduate of Punahou School, the list of Deptula's athletic accomplishments runs down the page. She was a three time all-state honoree in soccer, helping Punahou to state titles in 2004 and 2005 and won another two state titles as a basketball player. She also earned varsity letters in cross-country and kayaking and was named the 2004 Punahou Sportswoman of the Year.

"Punahou (gave) me so many opportunities academically and athletically. The diversity of the school is so great and I am so appreciative," Deptula said.

Aside from school, Deptula was also a member of the Leahi Premier '89 club soccer team that won back-to-back United State Youth Soccer state championships.

"I think I took a little bit of something from every team I have been on," Deptula said. "Whether it was playing with childhood friends or new friends, I was able to learn and cope with different types of people and that's what has made me who I am today.

"You're not going to have that perfect team every time but you do what you can to make the most of it," Deptula continued.

AN INSPIRATION TO THE TEAM

Deptula has started every game since her freshman year and with a never-say-die attitude, is a force on defense for the UH soccer team. But the expectations of being a three-year starter have not affected her.

"It has not put any more pressure on me. It's no different than it was last year or the year before," Deptula said. "If anything, ... it made me more confident playing this year as a junior. I have two years under my belt working with this (defensive) formation and it's comfortable for me."

Deptula (right) started the first two games at goalie this season because the team's two freshmen goalies did not pass fitness tests at the time. Deptula played just over five minutes in the two contests at goalie.

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KA LEO O HAWAI'I

Senior forward Ambree Ako praised her contribution on and off the field.

"She is one of the leaders because she is older and more experienced, especially on the defensive line," Ako said. "Off the field, a lot of the younger players look up to her and she looks out for them. She helps them out in any way she can."

And she's even inspired the seniors as well.

"Being on the field with Chelsea is an experience like no other," Ako said. "She chases down every ball no matter where it goes and exemplifies what it means to push until the final whistle.

"Chelsea's attitude is 'never give up.' She'll pick up the team and lead by example," Ako continued. "She's not the most vocal on the field but she keeps people in the game by saying 'Come on, we need you, you gotta pick it up.'"

Even though she is a defender, Deptula has been known to hunt the ball down to score a crucial goal.

"My primary position is defense but I am always willing to help out on offense if the opportunity comes," Deptula said. "I really enjoy my defensive position and I love denying players on the other team a chance to score."

Deptula also has one of the team's highest goal percentages.

"I try not to focus on shooting; instead I focus on where the goalie isn't and aim for that opening," said Deptula.

So why did Deptula choose to pursue soccer over basketball?

"I love playing physical. I think soccer is just a beautiful game where anyone can beat you on any given day," Deptula said. "No matter if you have the best players on your team, anyone can beat you if you're not in the right mindset."