Democrats sweep U.S. Congress

Abercrombie to take sub-committee chair for Armed Forces tactics

By Justin Hedani
Ka Leo Senior Reporter

After senatorial recounts in Virginia and Montana, the Democratic Party has gained control of the U.S. Congress as the party majority in an electoral sweep. Democrats took the U.S. House after taking about 26 seats from the Republicans, and, in a neck-and-neck decision that went down to the wire, individual vote reporting states, Democrats became the majority with a 51 to 50 seat victory.

In Hawai‘i, newcomer Mazie Hirono, a Democrat, has won the seat for the 2nd Congressional District in Congress, maintaining Hawai‘i democratic presence after Congressmand Ed Case dropped out to unsuccessfully run against Democrat Sen. Daniel Akaka for a seat in the U.S. Senate.

Eighty percent of Americans across the nation implemented the use of new electronic ballot machines — which, as some experts cautioned, caused some unnecessary problems. According to the New York Times, several states will likely face recounts. Included are the states that will determine the party majority results for the U.S. Senate.

Most Hawai‘i polling precincts mainly relied on the traditional paper ballot, and no major problems with electronic ballots were reported, according to Hawai‘i State Office of Elections spokesman Rex Quidilla.

Because of the influx of Democratic seats in the House, Congressional Neil Abercrombie is expected to head the Armed Forces subcommittee as part of the Congressional majority.

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One in four employers will google potential hires

Photos and blogs on social networking sites could cost you your job

By Charlotte Marten
Ka Leo Staff Reporter

You might want to think about what kind of information and photos you post on the Internet. There is a new trend in the workplace, one which finds employers turning to social networking sites and social networking sites, such as Facebook.com, MySpace.com, or even Myspace.com, for screening backgrounds of job applicants as a way of saving money and time while recruiting.

Many members of social networking Web sites present themselves as “party animals.” Imagine not getting the job you always wanted because a potential employer found your party pictures after a simple Google search.

Twenty-six percent of hiring managers said they have used Internet search engines to research potential employees, and 12 percent said they have used social networking sites, according to an online survey released by CareerBuilder.com.

Of those hiring managers who used social networking sites in their screening, 63 percent said they did not hire a person based on what they found. This survey was conducted online by Harris Interactive on behalf of CareerBuilder.com, the nation’s largest online job recruitment Web site with more than 23 million visitors and over 1.4 million jobs. It included 1,150 hiring managers nationwide and was completed in September.

According to the survey, many companies strongly believe they are entitled to as much information as they can find about job candidates, and that reviewing these personal Web sites is fair game to find out who will be the best fit for their organization. Internet screening has evidently evolved to eliminate candidates early on in the hiring process.

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By Matthew K. Ing
Ka Leo News Editor

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State of Hawai‘i General Election 2006
Final Statewide Results

U.S. Senator
(D) Akaka, Daniel K. 209,939 60.3%
(R) Theilen, Cynthia 115,843 36.1%

U.S. Representative, Dist. 1
(A) Abercrombie, Neil 112,587 66.4%
(R) Hough, Richard (Noah) 49,723 29.3%

U.S. Representative, Dist. 2
(D) Horono, Mazie K. 106,814 59.8%
(R) Hough, Bob 68,165 38.1%

Governor and Lieutenant Governor
(L) Lingle, Linda/AIONA, Duke 214,872 61.7%
(D) Iwase, Randy/LOOMON, Malama 121,516 34.9%

State Representative, Dist. 23
(Waikiki, Ala Moana, Kaka‘ako)
(D) Brower, Tom 2,453 49.6%
(R) Stevens, Anne V. 2,243 43.3%

State Representative, Dist. 24
(Mānoa, Mānoa/Wai‘alae, Punahou)
(C) Caldwell, Kirk 6,751 77.6%
(R) Nimito, Rose I. Alarcon 1,458 16.8%

State Representative, Dist. 30
(Kalākaua Valley, Fort Shafter, Alewa Heights)
(D) Mizuno, John 3,040 61.1%
(R) Manayan, Rick 1,487 29.9%

Office of Hawaiian Affairs
At Large Trustee
Akana, Rowena M. Moelele 112,040 10.7%
Waihe‘e, John IV 102,091 9.8%

State Representative, Dist. 16
(Waikīkī, Ala Moana, Kaka‘ako)
(D) Patiño, DANA 110,513 15.4%
(R) Patria, Kim Coco 81,532 11.4%

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In December, Quidilla did admit that the electronic might have contributed to a minor slow-down in the counting system, as paper ballots and electronic ballots were counted.
In terms of effectively accomplishing goals laid out by the Hawaiian government, Case conceded that he lost for three reasons: that people were not ready for a senatorial transition, that Akaka "could do a better job than Akaka" in terms of effectively accomplishing goals laid out by the Hawaiian government. However, the result of elections hasn't so much affected Hawaiian residents as it has affected the nation as a whole. Bush emphasized the fact that, although the election has affected much in Washington, it has not deterred his main focus — to protect the Americans from attack.

Robert M. Gates, former director of central intelligence, will replace Rumsfeld as Secretary of Defense for the time being. That is, "if confirmed by the Senate," Bush said. Bush said that Gates has over 25 years of national security experience and that he feels that Gates is an "effective leader with sound judgment." Bush said he was disappoint ed with the outcome of the election. Despite the fact, he intends to work with the Democratic Party in a "bipartisan way" to resolve issues addressing the country, he said. "The American people," Bush said, "want their leaders in Washington to set aside partisan differences, conduct ourselves in an ethical manner and work together to address the challenges facing our nation."

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“Hiring managers want to find the right candidate the first time around,” said Laura Morsch, the career adviser for cbcampus.com. “Thus, it makes sense for employers to use every tool available to them to find the candidate. Fair or not, if employers are checking what you write to friends and family, you have to assume they will do the same for the employer you are interviewing with and make sure they’re not divulging any information they don’t want employers to see. The bottom line here is that when you put your personal information online, you are essentially handing it over to an unknown person to look through and make whatever determination they want, based on the information you post.”

Tracee Paknis, a business student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, does not feel comfortable with employers probing into her private life.

“It is an invasion of privacy,” Paknis said. “Everyone have a private life, and for employers to look into this is not fair because it doesn’t say anything about the type of worker I am. There is a difference between work and private (life), and it has always been that way. Just because the Internet is available shouldn’t change the way to hire. I would feel mistrusted from the start if I knew someone had been looking around in my private blogs to my friends.”

There are currently no laws stopping employers from searching social networking profiles, and there is nothing illegal about employers Googling job candidates’ names to see what they might have posted on the Internet.

“As long as there are profiles of candidates easily accessible on the Web,” Morsch said, “employers will likely be checking them.”

Hiring managers have reported finding information online that adversely affected their decisions to hire candidates, including candidates lying about qualifications, bad吸毒/illegal activities, employers, provocative photographs and inappropriate screen names and e-mail addresses.

Survey
A new survey by CareerBuilder.com indicated that one in four employers will screen a potential employee using Internet search engines. The information found has led to both confirmations of candidates and revocations of job offers.

Hiring managers have revoked applications after finding:
• candidates lying about qualifications
• candidates’ poor communication skills
• information linking candidates to criminal behavior
• candidates bad-mouthing their previous companies
• evidence of candidates drinking or using drugs
• candidates lying about an absence in the past
• provocative or inappropriate photographs
• unprofessional screen names and e-mail addresses.

Hiring managers have confirmed applications after finding:
• background information supporting candidates’ professional qualifications
• candidates’ well-roundedness
• candidates’ good communication skills
• candidates’ personal Web sites that convey a professional image
• candidates’ personality to be a good fit with company culture
• references from other people
• candidates’ awards and accolades

Web sites, I think the privacy concern must be minimal if a person put their information out there for all to see anyway.”

Kathleen Dow, speech instructor at UH, finds the incentive for employers to search networking sites for job candidates unclear.

“The image presented by someone on a MySpace account is probably not job-related,” she said, “and does not necessarily have anything to do with someone’s work abilities.”

Rosemary Haefner, the vice president of human resources for CareerBuilder.com, recommends being careful about what type of information you post on your site.

“As long as there are profiles of candidates easily accessible online, it is an invasion of privacy,” she said, “and therefore the employer’s first impression of you, so be very wary of posting anything seductive or showing you clearly drunk.”

Because what you write is a reflection of your communication skills, Morsch stressed writing well whenever online, which means that all postings on a social networking profile should not include swearing, derogatory language or excessive abbreviations and misspellings.

“The candidate who describes his interests as ‘tequila’ and ‘sleeping through class’ Morsch said, “is going to appear less professional than the candidate who describes his interests as ‘running’ and ‘travel’.”
Sustainability courses span from art to engineering

By Alexandria Ham
Ka Leo Staff Writer

In the last 10 years there has been a huge increase in the number of universities offering courses and programs related to sustainability. Next fall, the University of Hawai‘i is looking to join those numbers with the addition of a sustainability designation to indicate courses (both old and new) that deal with issues related to sustainability. Sustainability studies are not just for environmental science majors. The issues and concerns that fall within the scope of sustainability extend to virtually every department. Interior design students can learn how to work with green materials like bamboo and non-toxic finishes. Architectural design students can learn to design green buildings geared towards maximizing efficiency and increasing durability. Engineering students can learn to further incorporate the values of sustainability into their profession in many ways, like turning old mechanical parts into new products. Urban planning students can study how to revitalize old neighborhoods with sustainable urban development.

Courses focusing on sustainability could also be incorporated into Hawaiian studies, biology, philosophy, English, political science, economics, education and agriculture. In the United States, not only is it possible to get undergraduate certificates, minors and majors in sustainability, but master’s and doctoral degrees as well.

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Top three winners will win a prize pack and be recognized in the paper. First place winner will receive a prize pack and a $25 gift certificate to the UH bookstore.
Finger-wagging not to the point

Okay, okay; I know how these sounds, but I swear this is a 90 percent genuine question and only 10 percent backhanded critique: is Justin Hahn’s job at Ka Leo to be the resident “edgy, controversial guy”? I’ve read three articles of his and every time I finish one I think, “Oh, I get it. You’re a champion of contrary public opinion — like George Carlin without the fury. Enough already!” And the next day, I’ll invariably open up an issue of Ka Leo only to find Hahn’s latest bit of finger wagging draped across the pages, bashing overexposed women or Dog the Bounty Hunter a week after South Park did.

Anyway, because I like to help out where I can, I am including some potential headlines and story ideas for Hahn, should he stumble into a case of writer’s block:

- George Walker Bush: brilliant public speaker
- Fire: not really hot, anyone who’s burned by it is just too weak

- The Duke Lacrosse Team: framed by a petty woman
- Angelina Jolie: Homely looking, and she should really put some clothes on lest she distress Brad Pitt from operating at his maximum potential ... Well, I guess that one’s already been covered.

I’m just saying.

Roger Nakamine
Senior Academy for Creative Media and Religion

Great crash course in English conversation

I was very impressed by your Special English Program of Outreach College of Hawai‘i University at Mānoa. I have never experienced anything like this in my life.

In fact, I could not imagine how much I would get from this short five-day program, including 20 hours of class, the interchange. American culture, hula workshop, with the welcome reception, orientation and campus tour on the first day, and graduation luncheon on the last day.

Visiting Hawai‘i and studying English conversation at a foreign university were firsts for me. I met, studied and chatted with the instructors, the staff and students. On the bus I met many people and talked about everything with young, elderly, students, sightseers and local residents. They were very joyful happenings for me.

The greatest lesson was the interchange. I tried to talk about everything with some students. I asked them many questions.

I really felt I was in Hawai‘i. For example, trying to hula and eating poi, pipi kaula and lau lau were valuable experiences. Especially in the hula workshop, I tried the dance joyfully. I did not know that each hand and arm gesture, the many stepping and hip movements all had different meanings. I learned that the dance was spiritual. This was very interesting to me.

During our class time, we also guided ourselves around campus. We used the campus map, and guided our classmates to some buildings. It was difficult for me because there were so many buildings and it is a very large campus. I have learned a lot about many things that stimulated me to learn hard and enjoy English conversation.

I would like to thank Ms. Chris Marcello very much for teaching English conversation in various situations. And I am also thankful to all the other members for planning and practicing this special English program.

Yoshio Kato
Chigasaki city, Japan

Studies

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environmental and social implications of building for the future. Stanford University also has an interdisciplinary graduate program in environmental studies and research, which offers master’s and doctoral degrees. Prescott College in Arizona offers a Ph.D. in education with an emphasis on sustainability education. Not all of these programs are new, however. Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania has housed a master’s degree program that integrates agriculture, natural resource management and the man-made environment with an emphasis on systems design and management since 1990.

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Anxious animals

Increase in adult anxiety may call for more pets in dorms

By Candice Novak
Ka Leo Associate Chief Copy Editor

In an age of colossal pharmaceutical companies, easy-to-get medicine and the United States’ current trend of increased anxiety and depression, some people with disorders have found alternative solutions.

Instead of relying on pills for mental stability — especially after the Food and Drug Administration linked some anti-depressants to increased suicidal thoughts in 2004 — many young adults are turning to a less synthetic solution.

Namely, pets.

Anxiety, which disturbs approximately 40 million American adults, poses extra trouble for young adults who are often prescribed pills before receiving therapy. Some students at the University of Hawai‘i have even received free sample packets of drugs like Prozac on their first visits to off-campus psychologists.

Taking things into their own hands, some students with anxiety problems practice the homeopathic method of petkeeping, which some therapists prescribe for depressives and dozens of hospitals use as a way to help heart patients in recovery.

But the 3,000-plus students who dorm have a problem. The student housing pamphlet every student gets when they move into a dorm or campus apartment says the only pets allowed are fish.

The question of special pet ownership was raised recently in a conference on campus. This was the beginning of a policy draft to guide student housing administration officials in responding to residents who want to live with their service or comfort animals. Associate Director of Student Housing Richard Ross participated in the conference by telephone and said the policy makers — himself included — would “focus [their] efforts primarily on accommodating specially trained service animals.”

The only official rules on animal ownership were established by the Americans with Disabilities Act, which says that service animals shall not be excluded from university/college facilities or activities.

The ADA defines a service animal as “any animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including, but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals who are hearing-impaired to intruders or sounds, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair or fetching dropped items,” all of which are physical tasks.

The key term for students wanting to keep pets for anxiety reasons is “not limited to,” meaning the physical assistance of a seeing-eye dog, for example, can be weighed equally to the mental assistance of a cat helping a student with an anxiety disorder.

But this interpretation has scarcely been explored. One female student suffering from anxiety was allowed to take her ferret to classes only after filing a civil rights complaint against her Texas university.

Another woman, in a 1994 landmark case, was allowed to keep her pet when a judge ordered an apartment complex to waive its no-pets rule because of her severe depression.

The judicial process and the time it takes to register a pet as a service animal have been major deterrents for some students at UH.

A student who keeps a cat in his dorm room against housing rules says he “doesn’t believe in medicine.” He wished to be called by his middle name, Ken, to avoid losing his dorm, and because he doesn’t talk much about his simultaneous depression and anxiety.

He wouldn’t have a very strong argument for keeping the cat because he’s never been diagnosed.

“But,” he said, “I’ve studied a lot of psychology, so I might be able to diagnose myself as depressed.” He’s had his cat for about three months so far and said it’s “helped relieve stress to have her around.”

Most prescribed anti-anxiety and anti-depressive drugs do adjust bodily functions, Ken agreed, but said that “that’s a forced and short-term solution.” Even when it comes to the common cold, Ken said he prefers to sleep more and eat better instead of taking medicine.

Though he spoke strongly about his pet-owning reasoning, he admitted that if everyone in his dorms had pets, there would be, as he put it, “crap everywhere.” But he said that his roommate doesn’t mind his cat. Cats, he said, keep to themselves a lot more than barking dogs or chirping birds.

Another UH student with a
Adoption

Pet stores are an option, but the Hawaiian Humane Society is attending a greater need—finding owners for abandonned, homeless animals.

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Kat said it’s almost impossible to live with another person in the dorms, much less an animal. “Plus,” she said, “everyone’s always partying there. It’s not the most responsible place and kids there know they can get away with trashing the place. I can just imagine the mad stoners getting the pets high.”

To limit pet owners who may abuse the special circumstance, Ross said, “Such requests will be fielded on a case-by-case basis,” adding that this is newer ground for UH and many other universities. Residents who wish to bring service animals into the dorm halls must be sure to apply early so that the necessary authorization may be obtained.

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If the draft Ross and SHS are working on is approved, the possibility for housing residents with a physician-documented anxiety disorder to be able to keep a service/comfort animal will greatly increase. In the past, animals recommended for therapeutic intervention were generally not allowed on campus or in dorms nationwide.

Pet Costs

Each animal adopted from the Humane Society has been neutered, de-wormed, has a microchip and comes with a leash.

Adoption prices reimburse the Society for medical inspections of each animal and the above services. Price by species:

- Dogs $60
- Cats $60
- Rabbits $25
- Guinea Pigs $25
- Rats: fees vary
- Turtles: fees vary
- Mice: fees vary
- Birds: fees vary

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Behind the scenes: an actress talks craft

By Nina Buck
M.F.A. Acting Student

“I open up my rib cage,” said a fellow actress. “And let the character walk in.”

I have never forgotten that image. I have kept the idea of gripping ribs and pulling apart the wish-bone, allowing the spirit of another human being to settle against my chest and lungs, to take up residence in that mysterious cavern between the heart and tissue and tracheas as a pretty good definition of acting.

Of course, every actor has a different understanding of craft, a different way to connect with character. Each has their own means of entering the world of the play. Sir Laurence Olivier used to change his character’s nose. Christopher Kristian used to drink a lot. A girl swong open her sternum.

I met the rib cage actress years ago and faraway at an audition for “A Streetcar Named Desire.” She was, as she said, “southern belle-ing it up.” She used southern belle like that, as she said, “southern belle-ing it up.”

The rib cage actress was up for the role of Stella Kowalski.

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By Jessica Namamoto
Ka Leo Staff Writer

Performing after a disaster

The idea to do “Streetcar” came to O’Malley after the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina devastated her hometown last year.

“It all came together after Hurricane Katrina struck in 2005 when I was still in school here. I didn’t think then that it would be so soon. It was shocking. I didn’t think we were that close to the hurricane. It was remarkable, O’Malley said.

Blanche (Gwen Montgomery) and Mitch (Jeremy Dowd) share a knowing moment.

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Dear Wala ‘au,

I’m going to be married in a few months. We’ve decided not to be sexually active because of our faith. I want our wedding night to be fantastic, but I am afraid that it won’t be — partly because we’ve never had sex together, although neither of us are virgins - and partly because it’s been such a long time since either of us has had sex. I know we have the rest of our lives to practice, but... it’s my wedding night. What can I do to make this a night to remember?

Signed,
Abstinent Fiancée

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**Tapping into viable iPod video**

**Kaipo’s Computer Column**

If you believe in tradition and don’t see each other before the ceremony, begin the teasing even earlier when you have the opportunity.

Now, put your ideas into writ-

ing if you have to, but begin with envisioning the environment that you will probably end up in. A honeymoon suite in the Kahala Mandarin? An upscale cabin aboard a luxury cruise liner? Or perhaps the simple-yet-effective classic: on a blanket in front of a crackling fireplace, within a rented log cabin far up in the mountains. Pick something together — or if you are two partners, you will have to decide for the sake of sur-

prise; but make sure that the loca-

tion is one where two can sprawl out and be comfortable. The area should be naturally dim, or at least have some controls for the light-

ing; pool dilution stemming from low lights increase sexual attrac-

tion and intimacy. Prologue — one of the more important things to remember within your game plan is to watch the sexual energy up by flirting with your partner and being romantic. Whether you want to do this in your room. Soft bedding will make you more sexu-

tal and intimate even in a room full of friends and family.

**Jodex Free iPod Video Converter**

This program is free and for Macs only. The program is very easy to use; all you have to do is drag and drop the video files into it and click Start. There are several options that you can choose to affect the quality of the video you are converting.

- **Settings:** Jodex has two encoding options. If you plan to watch movies on a TV, then you can select the Optimize for TV option. If you plan to watch movies on your iPod, then select Optimize for iPod. If you select the TV option, Jodex will make the video larger in pixel size so they will look better when played on a TV. The drawback is that the movie will take up much more hard drive space.
- **Add to:** Jodex allows you to automatically add the converted video to your iTunes library.
- **H.264 Encoding:** If you select the H.264 option, the encoded video will look better and have a smaller file size. If you do select this option, the video will take much longer to encode. If you receive an error message that says “odd numbers of frames,” then enabling this option should take care of it.

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**Q:** “Hey computer guy, I have had my video iPod for a while and I am ashamed to say that I still don’t know how to put videos on it. Can you please tell me what I need to do?”

A: There are probably hundreds of programs on the Internet that can convert videos to play on an iPod. However, some are much easier to use than others and about half of them are not free. Here are two programs that will do what you are asking, one for Windows and the other for Mac.

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[www.isquint.org](http://www.isquint.org)

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[www.ipod-video-converter.org](http://www.ipod-video-converter.org)

This program is free and for Windows only. And, as the name indicates, it’s free. Like iSquint, this program is easy to use and supports many video types. All you have to do is click the Add Files button, select the video(s) that you want to convert and set the quality settings you want. For a picture step-by-step tutorial on how to use this program, go to [http://www.digital-digest.com/articles](http://www.digital-digest.com/articles).
**Streetcar**

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In the lobby of the UH Kennedy Theater during the run of the program, O'Malley likes to take the actors on imaginary journeys to New Orleans. He says the eye of the eye while she describes the city, the French market, the river and the sound of jazz coming through the balcony.

Williams’ original idea for the play’s title was “Poker Night,” but it was the names of the streetcars that run along Royal Avenue that inspired him to change it.

**Life in New Orleans**

In a 1947 National Public Radio interview, Williams said, “There are two streetcars that run along one track — one is named Desire, the other one is named St. Louis (clinging to and haunted by the ghosts of her past) and Stanley Kowalski (Blanche’s rough but vibrant brother-in-law). Tickets: $16 regular, $14 senior, military, UH faculty/staff, $11 non-UH Mānoa students, $5 students with validated UH Mānoa ID. Also performs Nov. 10, Nov. 16, Nov. 17 and Nov. 18, 8 p.m., Nov. 19, 2 p.m., Kennedy Theatre box office, 956-7655, http://www.hawaii.edu/kennedy.

“Them Pain,” a student play, tomorrow, 8 p.m., Kennedy Theatre — Earle Ernst Lab Theatre. Two monologues are delivered in which a man casts a wary glance at childhood, yearning, disappointment and loss. Tickets: $10 regular, $8 UH faculty/staff, seniors, military, non-UH Mānoa students, $4 students with validated UH Mānoa ID. Info, Kennedy Theatre box office, 956-7655, http://www.hawaii.edu/kennedy.

The Ying Quartet will discuss their music and place in the chamber music world Saturday, 6:30 p.m., Music building, room 36, Info, University of Hawaii Outreach College, Charlene Lee, 956-8426, cifie@hawaii.edu, http://www.outreach.hawaii.edu/com-munity.

Ying Quartet, Saturday, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., Dole Auditorium. Performers: Timothy Yang, violin; Janet Ying, violin; Phillip Ying, viola; David Ying, cello. Admission: $15 general, $12 student. Info, Music at Mānoa, 956-MUSIC, ummusic@hawaii.edu, http://www.hawaii.edu/uhmusic.

**SpeedLimit performs tonight, 9 p.m. to 12 a.m., Cheerleaders, 21+.** A discussion of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex employment, gay and lesbian issues and a showing of the 60-minute film “Out at Work,” tomorrow, 7 to 10 p.m., The Center, 614 South Street, #105. “Out at Work” is about the lives of three work-er topics. Topics that will be addressed include job discrimination, health care, transgender medical coverage, domestic partnership benefits and union representation. Info, Camaron Miyamoto, 956-9250, ljbbq@hawaii.edu.

“A Streetcar Named Desire,” a student play, tomorrow, 8 to 10:30 p.m., Kennedy Theatre. Set in New Orleans, the play is the story of the conflict between Blanche and her brother-in-law.

Streetcar

**Varisty Sport of the Mind**

By April Randolph
Ka Leo Contributing Writer

The Activities Council at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa is preparing for the annual nationwide College Festival of A Thoroughbred. It is a competitive question-and-answer game in which two teams compete to see who is the smartest and quickest. “It is a good experience and a lot of fun,” said student Eli-Tsukayama, whose team placed second last year.

The Activities Council is encouraging anyone interested to sign up for this year’s event. Each team must be composed of four people and one alternate. There is a limit of one graduate student allowed on each team, either as a member or an alternate.

“If you want to enter but are not quite sure if you are smart enough, there are some sample questions online to test yourself,” said Jake Miyasato, an Activities Council organizer. The questions are available at http://www.collegebowl.com.

In the game, a moderator asks a variety of questions, and the fast-est team to buzz in with the correct answer will receive the points.

“The questions are really broad,” Miyasato said, “anything from sports to science, it’s kinda a trivia game.”

There are two types of questions: toss-ups, which are worth 10 points, and bonuses, which are worth 20 to 30 points, depending on the question. After buzzing in, the team has only a few seconds to give an answer.

Preparing for a trivia game like this, it’s important to know that the questions can be about any topic. Tsukayama said, “Although it is helpful to know a lot of facts,” Tsukayama said, “a lot of it is simply luck. Games like this are good for those people who have loads of information that is practically ‘useless’ 99 percent of the time. This is one percent where trivial knowledge is actually useful.

I have a lot of friends who know tons of obscure facts, so this is one opportunity to show it off.”

Each student participating will receive a Subway student pack from the Activities Council. The number of teams that sign up will determine how long the competition will last. The winning team will go on to compete in the regional championship tournament on the mainland, and has a chance at the national level.

The council is also looking for volunteers to read questions and keep score.

The event, which takes place at universities across the U.S., will be held at Campbell Center Monday at 6 p.m. All UH students are eligible to participate.

For more information about the College Bowl or if you want to be a volunteer, please contact Jake Miyasato at collegebowl@uhmanoa.com.

Applications are available at the UH-Campus Center ticket office. The deadline is today at 4:30 p.m.

**Quiz yourself with these toss-up questions**

1. It’s the usual word spoken when answering a phone in Italy and literally means “ready.” English, however, has borrowed the same word from Spanish with the addition of “come” to make it coincide. What is this six-letter, two-syllable word?

2. There were six plaintiffs when the suit was filed. What are they?

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**Cemeteries ... To me, they sum up all of life.”**

O’Malley’s best friend, O’Malley is spotted as a child in a black-and-white photograph of Williams taken more than 30 years ago. It is a shot of him in Jackson square, right in the middle of the French Quarter. Williams is standing in front of a statue of Andrew Jackson on horseback, while pigeons are seen flying through the air. The photograph, signed by Chris Harris, a friend of her father’s, now hangs above O’Malley’s desk. She shares her husband with almost 24 years and four-year-old twin daughters, O’Malley has Williams’ old coffee table. Her father sent it to her as a gift.

When asked if her parents would be coming to see her play, she said, “No, they’re worried about the hurricane season coming up, and they don’t want to leave the dog ... a streetdog named Desire.”

**Computer**

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These programs encode video much faster and are much cheaper (free) than QuickTime Pro (530). QuickTime Pro is what Apple wants people to use to make videos since they made the program. These programs are also much easier to use since you probably mostly have to select which videos you want to convert and click Start.

Speed

The faster your processor (CPU) is, the faster the videos will be converted. If you wonder if it is taking too long, you shouldn’t be running any other CPU-intensive tasks while encoding. Also, the higher you set the video quality settings, the longer it will take to encode. That’s because quality and file size go hand-in-hand. The better the quality, the larger the file size. That’s why DVD movies take up over 5 gigabytes while iPod movies take up about 300 megabytes.

For more computer questions, email Ka Leo at computery@hkaleo.org.

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**World War II. Name this Nordic but not Scandinavian nation.”**

This Latin word for a pair of tongs has been adopted unchallenged into English for a device with two handles or sides, each attached to a dull blade. Some look like tweezers; others may not have the two sides joined at a base. This common and varied surgical apparatus.

5. Through 2004, it’s made exactly one three-point shot, back in 1996. He had better luck making MVP, doing so three consecutive times in the finals. Who is this 300-plus-most celebrated player in Miami?

6. By mid-2004, John Kerry had begun using “Let America Be America Again” as his campaign slogan. He also began using other lines from the 1938 poem whose title gave him that slogan. That poem is by what noted American poet, essayist and creator of the black everyday “Simple?”

7. You will be seeing more and more of the imitation flavoring, as the price has dropped quite a bit in recent years.

8. This species is a most popular flowering that comes from a tropical climbing orchid.

9. Its namesake is fast disappear- ing. Of 150 just over a century ago, only 35 are left, and they are continuing to melt. Name this million-acre U.S. National Park in northern Montana.

10. The first trans-Atlantic radio message between two heads of state was sent on Jan. 19, 1903. What President of the U.S. sent a message to what King of England via this new technology?

Answers: 1 pronto, 2 Wal-Mart, 3 Iceland, 4 forceps, 5 Shaquille O’Neal (or Shaq), 6 Langston Hughes, 7 vanilla, 8 Glacier National Park (or Glaciers), 9 Theodore (or Teddy) Roosevelt & King Edward VII

*Quiz questions by Leilani and batter*
Poems for lunchtime

Poets take the stage

By Tracy Chan
Ka Leo Staff Writer

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa English department will be presenting a poetry reading in the Kuykendall Auditorium with English professor and Citizens' Chair Albert Wendt, English professor Brandy McDouggall and several student poets.

Meet the poets

Wendt, an established Sāmoan writer, has five novels, three collections of short stories, four volumes of poetry and a play to his name. His most recent book of poetry, “The Book of the Black Star”, draws on Sāmoan language and myth, as well as dreams and memories from the poet’s daily life.

“I write because I can’t stop writing,” Wendt said, “and it also helps keep me alive.”

Several of his students and teachers from the English department will be joining Wendt for the reading. Kimo Armaitage is working on a master’s degree in English and creative writing. His most recent book, “Akua Hawai'i: Hawaiian Gods and Goddesses”, can be found on http://www.amazon.com.

Emelih Kihleng was born in Pohnpei, Micronesia, and raised in Guam, Pohnpei and Honolulu. Kihleng is also working on a master’s degree in English and creative writing.

McDouggall has an M.S.A. in poetry from the University of Oregon and has been a Fulbright Scholar in Austria. She recently participated in the Bamboo Ridge Writers Institute workshop Try 4 Writel, which was held at the UH Campus Center. McDouggall also holds a Ph.D. in English.

Ryan Oishi, a student working on his master’s degree in English, grew up in Kapaa. He and several other students organized last week’s Lunch Poems event.

Tammie Oka, also working on an English and creative writing master’s degree, began her writing in a confessional poetry.

The event, which will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., is free and open to the public.

Poems

Destiny Fulfilled?

By Emelih Kihleng

blue seas
green mountains
home
the CD a small distraction from falling bombs
I’ve thought about the hit song “Soldier” being on a CD titled Destiny Fulfilled wherein women are described as needing thugs soldiers to protect them soldiers who “carry big things if you know what I mean” my friend is a petite soldier she is a citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia “freely associated” with the United States of America she could die for America our friendly thugs soldier that continues to decrease its Compact Aid to its “Coalition of the Willing” Island Nations this thugs soldier has already shot down young Micronesian lives like hers 1 Palauan, 1 Pohnpeian, 1 Yapese... with thousands more stationed across oceans fighting for a foreign freedom and meanwhile the Marshallese, Jimmy Mote, was just released from Carter County Jail wrongly imprisoned by Homeland Security for trying to get a North Dakota State ID the smiley thugs soldiers keep recruiting on Saipan, Majuro and Palaubrown—islanders signing away their freedom on islands seized by “liberation” 60 years before

I ponder these statistics as she sends me e-mail forwards about “friends vs. best friends” postcards that read “On Patrol: Operation Iraqi Freedom” is she the same woman I met when we were ?? neighbors in our small kousap of Salalāk on the island of Pohnpei during those carefree kool-aid, ice kehki, and mango days we never heard of distant lands called Afghanistan and Iraq our futures never given thought

Poems

Father's Nightbird Song

By Tammie Oka

In the stairwell father strums his guitar, closes his eyes, takes a puff of True 100. Smoke transpurses us and we are surrounded by neon lights. Father extends his arm towards the dart board, as I peel the labels off brown bottles. One more round, one more bull, then we can finally go home. In the elevator, father sings Kalapana songs to a stranger and fed him, the next morning with his arms sprawled out, over the tub like a nightbird fly on, fly on.
Warriors seek recognition, hope for big numbers

UH eager to wreak revenge on Louisiana Tech

By Rebecca Gallegos
Ka Leo Sports Reporter

This Saturday, when the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs (3-6, 1-3 Western Athletic Conference) enter Aloha Stadium to play the University of Hawai‘i (7-2, 5-1 WAC) football team, they will face a team hungry for redemption. It isn’t the roster that has changed, nor is it the uniform. Rather, it is the attitude and the record that puts the ’05 and ’06 UH Western Athletic Conference) enter Aloha Stadium to play the University of Hawai‘i (7-2, 5-1 WAC) football team, they will face a team hungry for redemption. It isn’t the roster that has changed, nor is it the uniform. Rather, it is the attitude and the record that puts the ’05 and ’06 UH Warriors seek recognition, hope for big numbers.

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Up For Grabs

“Season-Ticket Holder & Military Appreciation Night,” Nov. 11

2006-07 UH season-ticket holders in the sports of football, women’s volleyball, and men’s & women’s basketball will receive two tickets for the price of one (maximum of 12) for the football team’s contest against Louisiana Tech Saturday, Nov. 11, at 6:05 p.m. Also, in honor of Veterans’ Day, members of the Armed Services will receive the same ticket discount.

UH season-ticket holders can purchase their tickets in advance (Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.). Advance purchases are encouraged. Tickets are in special locations. Click on the “Season-Ticket Holder Appreciation” button and enter your ticket account information.

Members of the Armed Services, both active and reservists, will also receive two tickets for the price of one (maximum of 12). A valid military identification card is required when purchasing tickets at the Aloha Stadium Box Office in advance or on game day. This discount is only available at the Stan Sheriff Center Box Office online or at Hawai‘iAthletics.com.

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To her friends and family, she’s an ordinary girl who enjoys the sun, wake boarding and all the comforts of life. But to others, senior Dale Gammie is considered to be one of the top golfers at the University of Hawai‘i.

Born in Pukalani, Maui, to Nancy and Paul Gammie, she started playing golf at an early age, with her father taking her out to the golf course whenever he could.

“My dad started taking me out when I was about six,” Gammie said. “I started picking it up when I was about 10. I started playing competitively when I was 12.”

While attending Saint Anthony Junior Senior High School, Gammie garnered much attention for her abilities with a golf club, earning four letters and the U.S. Army Scholar-Athlete Award. She was also ranked among the top 100 junior amateurs. Her abilities were so impressive, she became the top recruit from Hawai‘i.

Upon graduating in 2003, Gammie was recruited by a UH coach who presented her with her best scholarship choice. She already knew some of the players on the team and felt it was best to come to UH.

For Gammie, playing golf at the college level is a totally different experience than high school golf. At the start, she felt that it was a lot more serious and competitive.

Gammie admits to getting the occasional nerves when she steps out onto the golf course, but said she enjoys the feeling.

“There’s a lot of anxiety,” she said. “Butterflies in the stomach sort of thing, but I like that. I laugh it off. When I go out, I just try to have a lot of positive thoughts and set my goals.”

Aside from the different atmosphere, Gammie said she gained a lot from her experience at UH. Ashley Biffle, current head coach for the Rainbow Wahine golf team, was impressed with how far Gammie has come in the three years that she coached her.

“She gives 110 percent in whatever she does,” Biffle said. “She’s a very hard worker, and the girls look up to her.”

In the four years that Gammie played for UH, she has garnered an impressive list of accomplishments, including second team All-WAC honors in 2003, first team All-WAC honors in 2004 and 2005, and becoming UH’s top finisher in many tournaments. She also holds many team records, including the lowest round, 68.

Her most recent and biggest accomplishment was placing first at the Heather Farr Memorial tournament in Colorado on Oct. 3. Her victory made her the first UH golfer to come in first since 1986, ending the longest streak in Rainbow Wahine sports history. She shot a 2-under par 214, giving her a five-stroke victory.

“I was pretty ecstatic,” Gammie said. “I had no idea [that I won], and when I came into the clubhouse, my coach and teammates were yelling. They knew [that I won] because they kept score throughout the tournament.”

To her teammates and coach, it’s not her killer swing, but her winning personality that makes her great.

“She’s a great team leader,” Biffle said. “She leads by example. She gets to practice on time, does what she has to do and gets along great with the other girls. The younger players really look up to her.”

Although she’s taking the college golfing world by storm, Gammie sees no plans to play on the LPGA Tour any time soon.

Majoring in business management, she plans on focusing on her career for the moment.

“Who knows?” Gammie said. “Maybe I’ll take a couple months off, and realize this is something I want to do.”

Gammie said her most memorable experience was simply bonding with her fellow teammates.

“I really enjoyed the team over the four years,” she said. “The relationships that I’ve gained from my teammates are memories for a lifetime.”
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Coffee Talk

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"Warm, intelligent man seeks similar woman." Short and sweet, ok?

That ad makes you sound so boring. I'm beginning to wonder why I even know you. Men, girls don't go for nice-you gotta be more about it. Say, "Strong, dominant "big man" seeks hot, stellar T&A required." Chicks dig that stuff.

Six years ago...but she had stellar T&A.

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By Orlando Carino

Universal Traveller

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September 23 - October 22
Listen to the gossip but do not add to it. Others are impressed by you.

Aquarius
January 20 - February 18
Make sure no one is watching you. Look for the eyes peeking out of closets.

Gemini
May 21 - June 20
Think it all the way through before deciding. Control your generosity.

Scorpio
October 23 - November 21
A friend will say nasty things about you. Try to see the good in your family. You're stuck with them.

Pisces
February 19 - March 20
Don’t be forced into anything. Take the time for a long hot shower.

Cancer
June 21 - July 22
You may be pulled over by an officer. Keep a low profile at work.

Sagittarius
November 22 - December 21
Don’t let anyone come to your residence. Try something creative.

Aries
March 21 - April 19
People are not as sincere as you might think. She wasn’t really sorry.

Leo
July 23 - August 22
Mind your own business.

Capricorn
December 22 - January 19
Tears will flow due to your sensitive emotions. Organize your projects and keep an eye on due dates.

Taurus
April 20 - May 20
Don’t put off seeing the doctor. That green lump on your toe is not normal.

Virgo
August 23 - September 22
Stop allowing yourself to be mistreated. Be careful, though - an evil scheme could backfire.

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Rainbow Warriors tip off season in Sin City

By Christopher Ramelb

Las Vegas is a town known for its great shows. On Friday night, one of the greatest shows in Vegas will include forwards that own the boards, lightning quick backcourt play and two great tacticians leading their troops into battle.

The University of Hawai‘i Rainbow Warrior men’s basketball team will tip off their regular-season play on the road against the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Runnin’ Rebels.

The road has not been kind to the Rainbow Warriors in the past. Last year, the Warriors finished with a 3-7 record when not on the familiar Stan Sheriff Center hardwood.

On the other hand, the Runnin’ Rebels have had two key ingredients on their side in winning 18 of 27 games this season. Ahmet Gueye (shoulder injury and staph infection, respectively) this season. Ahmet Gueye, who scored his career high (20 points) at UNLV last year, is also back from his torn ACL injury, which left him_red in the end of last season. Expect his return to be a block party, as the reigning WAC leader in blocked shots (2.5 per game) will match up against a fairly new UNLV frontcourt — Louis Amundson, their leader in scoring, blocking, and rebounding. Last year, he was a menace to the Warriors, garnering a double-double both times the teams played.

Picking up the slack for Amundson will be the dynamic guard duo of returnees Michael Umeh and Jo’Van Adams, who pressured the Rainbow Warriors guards (combined 11 steals in last year’s meetings with the Rainbow Warriors) and scored against them (44 points in the two games). The addition of UNLV head coach Lon Kruger’s son, Kevin Kruger from Arizona State University, also makes a huge impact on the Rebels. Kruger took advantage of a new NCAA rule that states if an athlete has already earned a bachelor’s degree, he/she can transfer and play immediately, as opposed to sitting the first year out. Before Kruger left ASU, he averaged 15 points and 3.5 assists a game and was the team’s leading scorer.

The guards are very quick and Kruger’s son is very good,” Wallar pointed out. Wallace also was quick to say that although “[The ‘Bows], rebounding is okay, [both teams] will probably be mix-and-matching big men.”

The newer forwards who are most likely to see play time are Stephan Ververs, Todd Follmer and P.J. Owsley. They will be called upon to replace former All-WAC first team player Julian Sensley and productive big men reserves Chris Botez and Matthew Gipson, who all exhausted their eligibility last year.

On the other hand, the type of victory the Warriors are seeking leaves little room for relaxation.

UH leads the nation in passing, total offense and scoring, averaging 47.3 points per game. Brennan has been spreading the wealth with his receivers, as Ryan Grice-Mullins and Jason Rivers both scored two touchdowns in their most recent outing.

Versus the Bulldogs, the offense is not only seeking a win, but is also looking to do so with big numbers.

“It’s a payback week for Louisiana Tech because they got us pretty good last year,”放入 our way. “We’re just looking to return the favor.”

The often-times overshadowed UH defense, who held their last two opponents to 10 points each, also forced six combined turnovers in those games, leading five to Warrior touchdow

The defense will look to tackle LTU’s quarterback Zac Champion, who is currently fourth in the conference in passing. The Bulldogs are coming off a 34-31 win at North Texas after a five-game road losing streak.

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