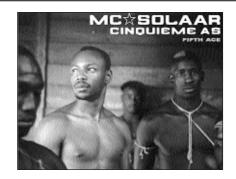
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French hip-hop star releases new album

Yo, Ca Vas?! MC Solaar, the infamous French MC with a tres-cool lyrical style, does it again. His latest record, "Cinquieme As," while not his most original work to date, is still a must-have.

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NCAA doesn't ask Rainbows to 'Dance'

The Rainbow Wahine get snubbed from NCAA Tournament, again. Instead, they are headed to the WNIT to face the Oregon State Beavers.



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UH looks to add school of religion

New school requires no extra funds to support it, yet

By Sacha Mendelsohn KA LEO ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Everything is connected by politics or religion, said University of Hawai'i President Evan Dobelle.

Dobelle has proposed that the university establish a school of religion. He said the future for students is the connection that religion studies has to other academic subjects.

George Tanabe, professor of religion, is a supporter of the project. He said the religion department is putting together a proposal for the project. The first step is to have interdepartmental discussion about what shape this might take.

"We don't know what form it here," he said.

Tanabe is careful not to call the new project a divinity school, which is a term commonly used for schools that train people to be ministers.

He said he hopes that by the



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- Tanabe

end of April the department will have spoken to experts that have experience with establishing religion programs in schools. They also will solicit ideas from the UH and the surrounding local community to formulate the plan for the new school of religion.

"I hope that by the end of the term we still at least know what all the ideas are out there. We will look at all the possibilities during the summer and next semester. By then we will have it shaped in a more specific way," he said.

It is important to understand how religion interfaces with public life, the center will address that, he said.

"The study of religion is important especially now," Tanabe said.

Tanabe said that no extra money

is needed now to develop the plan for the school, but depending on the structure of the school, funding will have to be sought. He expects that outside fund-raising will be necessary before the project is completed.

Tanabe said there are three possible models for the school. The first model is to keep everything within the

and coordinating with many other

The final option is to keep it within the department and make use of resources outside the department. The model chosen would depend on whether it is a program or a center, said Tanabe.

current department of religion. The second is a center not based within the department but outside it

IN BRIEF

Hawiian Dredging/ Kajima selected to begin desgining new UH health center

Hawaiian Dredging/Kajima, a joint venture, has been selected to work on the design process for the first phase of construction for the University of Hawai'i Health and Wellness Center in Kaka'ako.

UH President Evan Dobelle said he was pleased that local firms will take the lead in this project.

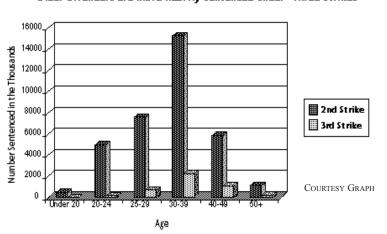
"I want to emphasize that the on-the-ground work is all local," he said. "There is some management offsite, but the work will be done by local tradesmen and will benefit the local economy. From the beginning, this was a project by Hawai'i for

Hawaiian Dredging/Kajima will work with architects and designers in overall project development. At the same time, it will begin negotiations with the university on a guaranteed maximum price for the project, with construction costs expected to be in the \$110-\$120 million range.

Permitting, environmental impact assessment and bond sales will be con-

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Older offenders are more heavily sentenced under "Three Strikes"



Proposed bill would change three strikes law

Many feel three strikes law should be applied only to violent felons

By Crystal Betz

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(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES - Opponents of California's three strikes law rallied and marched through Westwood, Calif. on Saturday, calling for reform to legislation they call cruel and unusual punishment that targets poor and underrepresented citizens.

Currently under this law, an offender who is convicted of at least three serious or violent crimes is required to serve a jail sentence of 25 years to life.

The protest was organized by FACTS — Families to Amend California's Three Strikes — who said the purpose of the rally was to draw attention to the proposed Assembly Bill 1790, introduced by state assemblywoman Jackie Goldberg, D-Los Angeles. AB 1790 would make the three strikes law only applicable to violent felons.

"We want the time to fit the crime," Goldberg said to the crowd of marchers on the lawn at the Wilshire Federal Building.

"It's not fair to spend the rest of

your life in jail for bad check writing," she said. "It may be illegal but should be punished to fit the crime."

Goldberg and members of TS may be facing a difficult uphill battle. Gov. Gray Davis has said he won't sign any amendment

A 71.9 percent majority of California voters approved the three strikes law in 1994, shortly after the kidnapping and murder of 12-yearold Polly Klaas of Petaluma. Richard Allen Davis, convicted of the murder, was a repeat offender on parole at the time of the kidnapping.

But according to a FACTS survey, over 60 percent of Californians would vote "yes" on an amendment to the three strikes law.

The crowd of protesters, estimated to be about 200 people, made its way from the Federal Building through Westwood Village chanting phrases like "Educate don't incarcerate; end three strikes" and drawing many people out of coffee shops and stores to watch the protest.

Speakers talked to the crowd about their support for three strikes

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Protest: California needs less prisons, more programs

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reform.

"On behalf of UCLA as a community, I'm glad that the community can come and take over our streets," said Karren Lane, Undergraduate Students Association Council president

While addressing the crowd, Lane discussed the issue of what the state has done to invest in California's future, pointing out that in the last 10 years California has built 21 prisons and only one university.

"I'm here representing youth students," said Lane. "Our resistance to three strikes is our commitment to humanity," she added.

Protesters marched with pictures of family and friends who are serving life terms by three strikes legislation for nonviolent crimes such as drug possession and theft.

Pola Rich, a member of FACTS, said, "I'm here today because this law is wrong." Rich's son received 38 years in prison after his third conviction for minor drug possession.

"I'm paying for my son to be in jail because I'm a law-abiding citizen," Rich said. "The primary reason these people are in jail is because of drug addiction; I rather see money go to rehabilitation."

After appeals and review of Rich's son's case, one of his strikes was thrown out, and his sentence was reduced to 24 years with an opportunity for prohibition.

Marcher Fred Zullo spoke to the crowd of protesters, calling three strikes "a very cruel law that needs to be changed." Zullo's mentally ill son Phillip is currently facing a 90-year sentence for making terrorist phone threats against the Ventura County Sheriff Department.

"He was trying to commit suicide by cop; he has never hurt anyone or done anything violent in his life," Zullo said. Phillip was diagnosed with bipolar disorder in 1999, and all three of his strikes stemmed from his efforts to commit suicide, according to Zullo.

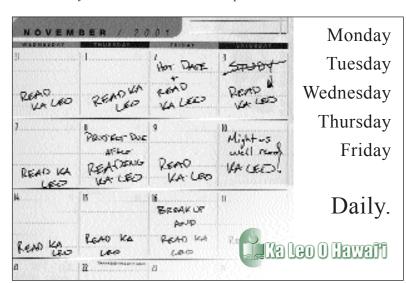
Almost 75 percent of second strikes and 50 percent of third strikes in California are for nonviolent offenses, according to the FACTS organization.

Currently in California, 6,700 people are serving life sentences under the law, including 340 whose offense was petty theft, a representative of FACTS said.

Last month, the Federal 9th Circuit Court of Appeals struck down two 25-life sentences on two men convicted for petty theft, stating it was "cruel and unusual punishment." The courts said it will not overturn the three strikes law in general, but only in these cases.

Green Party candidate for lieutenant governor, Donna Warren, referred to three strikes as "the most evil, mean and vicious law ever passed."

Marchers protesting the eightyear anniversary of the three strikes law were not met with any counter opposition during the rally and there were no confrontations with police, according to the Los Angeles Police Department.



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One of the many participants in the Honolulu Festival parade which took place on Kalakaua Avenue on Sunday.

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IN BRIEF

Japanese Americans' WWII experience captured in a quilt

Leila Meyerratken, a middle school teacher and Christa McAuliffe Fellowship winner from Indiana, will speak at the "Universal Values for a Democratic Society — Nisei Veterans Forum Series."

Meyerratken, along with her students, created the "120,000 Tassel Tapestry" quilt, which is made up of tassels and panels representing the experiences of Japanese-American soldiers and internees from WWII.

The winners of the "2002 Values for Life" statewide high school essay contest will be announced during the forum.

The event is open to the public and will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Hawai'i Convention Center's Kalakaua Ballroom.

Boxed lunches will be available for \$14 at the forum. The RSVP deadline is Wednesday, March 20. Call 944-7773 to RSVP and place a lunch order.

School of Scoial Work expands its ties with Thailand

A newly established agreement expands the relationship between the University of Hawai'i at Manoa and the Thammasat University in Thailand in the field of social work.

The new agreement establishes a relationship between the UHM's School of Social Work and the Faculty of Social Administration at Thammasat.

"The School of Social Work is anxious to begin developing collaborations with social work programs in the Asia-Pacific region, and this agreement represents the school's first international partnership," said Interim Dean Jon Matsuoka.

In addition to collaboration involving joint research, faculty exchange and student practicums, the partnership will provide a means to recruit international students to do graduate study at UHM, the only graduate program in social work in the Pacific region.

UH co-sponsering series to highlight Okinawan culture

The Hawai'i United Okinawa Association will launch an educational series for its members and the community at large on Monday, March 18.

The "Okinawan Discovery Series" will be an ongoing program highlighting Okinawa and Okinawan-related topics. The HUOA's partner in the program is the University of Hawai'i, which has offered to share its experts with the HUOA. Most programs will be free and open to the public.

Ken Y. Kaneshiro, an entomologist who worked with Okinawan scientists in 1988 on the eradication of fruit flies in Okinawa, will open the March 18 program.

The second lecture, presented by Tokiko Y. Bazzell, the Japan Specialist Librarian at UH's Hamilton Library, will focus on the Sakamaki/Hawley Collection. Hawaii's Okinawan community was directly involved in the acquisition of the collection which includes rare and ancient Ryukyuan manuscripts, maps, scrolls and prints by raising \$5,000 of the total \$20,000 purchase price.

The March 18 event will open at 6:30 p.m. with light refreshments and a program of Okinawan music and dance at the Hawai'i Okinawa Center in the Waipio Gentry Center at 94-587 Uke'e St. The presentation is at 7 p.m. Admission is free and the program is open to the public.

Asian-Americans in aftermath of 9-11

Journalist Helen Zia will give a speech titled, "Asian-Americans After 9-11" on Friday, April 19, at 12:30 p.m. at the Hawaii Institute of Geophysics, room 110.

Zia has written two critically acclaimed books, "Asian American Dreams" and "My Country Versus Me: The Story of Wen Ho Lee." She is an authority on Asian-American and women's issues.

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French rapper's new CD a bit mainstream

Smooth vocals, emotion persist but MC Solaar no longer extraordinaire

By Jason Paz Ka Leo Staff Writer

The French have scammed Americans for decades: French fries, French toast and the French kiss. Are these really French? Well, they might finally be offering us something authentic this time: French hip-hop.

Some may scoff at the idea, but France, like America, has a large black community. The African-French community faces the same sort of racial problems that African-Americans face on a day-to-day basis. The angst of second generation Congolese and Senegalese kids in Paris' rough outer neighborhoods was a natural magnet to the message of the America hip-hop movement. This spawned the establishment of France's underground hip-hop revolution, and eventually, Senegalese MC, Claude M'Barali better known as MC Solaar.

Although Solaar was a huge success in France, it wasn't until he appeared on Guru's (a member of the hip-hop group Gang Starr) 1993 quantum album, "Jazzmatazz," that American listeners discovered the savvy vocals of Solaar.

Back in France, Solaar's debut, "Que Seme le Vente Recolte le Tempo," became the first French hip-hop album to go platinum. He later released two more equally

successful albums.

Fast forward to the year 2002: Solaar is the grizzled veteran of the French hip-hop scene. His latest release, "Cinquieme As" — "Fifth Ace" for those of you who don't parlez — attests to his new mature sound.

This album is a pleasant surprise for those discovering French hiphop for the first time, but a letdown for those who are familiar with Solaar's previous work.

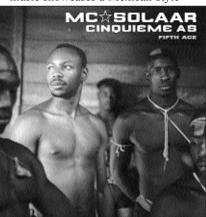
Although the lyrics may be foreign to the ears of American listeners, the raw emotion and catchy beats transcend language barriers. It is easy to infer that Solaar is pissed off about something.

"Solaar Pleure," loosely translated as "Solaar weeps," demonstrates intense emotion. Solaar's flow begins as robotic and effortless. The new-school beats and hard bass lines magnify the beauty of the French language in this track.

Female R&B vocals add a nice layer. Then Solaar's voice moves along like a slow-burning dynamite wick. Suddenly Solaar whips out angst-ridden pleas in French. Listeners will be clueless as to what Solaar is ranting about, but the raw emotion of his voice becomes a shot of adrenaline to the heart.

"Solaar Pleure" follows the footsteps of the musical epic ideas of Led Zepplin and translates well into the French hip-hop dialect. This track is, without a doubt, a cornerstone in hip-hop. Unfortunately, what Solaar builds, he breaks down. He attempts to allure the mainstream American market by redoing the song in English. His English sounds about as bad as Jackie Chan singing "War" in "Rush Hour." Press the fast forward button on this one, because it is a little painful on the ears.

"Hasta la Vista Mi Amor" reveals the fun-loving side of Solaar. The music showcases a Mexican-style



Ka Leo O Hawa

Claude M'Baralli, aka MC Solaar, is a successful veteran of French hip-hop. He has released a new album entitled, "Cinquieme As" (Fifth Ace).

influence. "Hasta la Vista Mi Amor," translated to "See You Later My Love," unleashes latent memories of a loco fiesta in the barrio. The song is performed in Spanish, and its addicting melody will urge a finger to press the replay button when the song is finished.

Even in Spanish, Solaar has no problem flowing with the same flu-

idity as he would in French. The title track "Le Cinquieme As" is a testament to the creative force that Solaar is.

The sample used in this piece is a sample reminiscent of those perfected by sample king Jay-Z. Solaar uses a cinematic orchestra that sounds like the music from an old war movie and layers it over ultracool hip-hop beats. His cosmopolitan flow over the music gives listeners a theater-like feel in surround sound. Then, out of the blue, he throws in a chorus of macho voices that sound like a German anthem on the march to Rhineland.

This accomplishes the epic feel of the song. It is as if we were watching a World War II movie in the '60s, and Solaar is the hero of the French Revolution.

Despite these innovative sounds, Solaar strays from the normal course of his music. His jazzy trademark has been replaced with half experimentation and half radiofriendly rap. The few evolutionary melodies are pleasant for the ears.

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for the rest of the album. Solaar's vocals give all of his songs shine; it's just that the shine on some tracks are a little duller. Solaar overuses the cliche combination of a slow R&B beat behind a smooth sounding voice.

Although the ladies may find these particular songs to be quite

sexy, most guys will find this sound to be a little annoying. Songs like "Baby Love" and "La La La" may be enough to get people dancing but definitely aren't anything special.

Solaar follows the lead of his American hip-hop counterparts by putting out manufactured hip-hop. For the most part, "Le Cinquieme As" possesses unimaginative beats and melodies and simple samples that can be found at the local Wal-Mart store. Perhaps like most veterans, Solaar has grown up and realized that mainstream is money.

Yet Solaar is still on top of the game. The prose within the lyrics still makes up for the fact that his lyrics are in French.

The few cuts where Solaar does use creativity are off the hook. These tracks are the pinnacle of his work, containing some of his most creative sounds.

The CD, when placed in a computer, automatically directs you to Solaar's Web site, which provides a music video and an interview.

Since Solaar's new album is somewhat mainstream, you may find yourself dancing under disco lights. Whatever the case may be, Solaar is an essential to any hiphop collection.

Final Grade: B+



Cutting vacant state positions a smart, temporary solution

THE ISSUE: House Republican leaders announced this on Sunday that they advocate cutting nearly 2,000 vacant state positions in order to partially make up for the expected \$315 million budget shortfall.

The proposal suggests that the state government fill only half of the 3,000 current vacant positions, and then fill only half of the positions that become vacant next year.

By doing so, Republican leaders have estimated the state can save \$73 million.

If these jobs were eliminated, the remaining 41,000 state workers would be forced to cover those positions, which account for just under 4 percent of all state workers. The proposal would not mean layoffs and would not affect pay raises.

The Republicans are also proposing that the University of Hawai'i, the Public Safety Department and public classroom be firewalled from the proposed cuts.

Though somewhat worrisome for state workers, we feel this proposal is a creative and well-planned sacrifice to ease the budget shortfall.

This term, the state Legislature has considered several quick means to balance the budget. Most of them have included finding new ways to take revenue out of taxpayer pockets. One of these proposals was to raid the Hurricane Relief Fund — created by a 1 percent mortgage tax on home owners - to the tune of \$100 million. Other proposals included raising existing taxes or initiating new

What the Legislature should have been considering was a close examination of its own workings to find cuts that could be made without eliminating essential social services.

This is a perfect way to start. The proposal would eliminate vacant positions. This means no layoffs, no pay reductions, no lost programs or closed departments. These are positions we're already functioning without. By eliminating these positions, we can save a projected \$73 million without a single person losing a job or an existing program being cut. As a bonus, state departments would have to rethink their managerial

scheme in order to operate more efficiently.

Of course, the plan does have drawbacks. Existing state workers - some of whom work very hard — would have to find a way to make up for lost positions on a permanent basis. And the job market — which is already difficult — would be downsized by 2,000 jobs.

But this is the nature of a budget shortfall. We have to make sacrifices; at least this downsizes only non-existing workers.

And when the economy picks up — which we hope it will — we can look at making these positions available once again. It's quick, it's efficient, it's temporary.



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No rights for prisoners

Without habeas corpus, detainees subject to illegal imprisonment in U.S.

By Christopher Johns KA LEO STAFF COLUMNIST

Illegal detention, months of solitary confinement, secret evidence presented against you at a trial you are not allowed to attend, prohibition of outside contact, no right to legal representation, illegal searches (conducted without search warrants), death, allegations of torture, arrest without any charges being levied against you ... overall denial of habeas corpus.

Where is this? Nazi Germany? A South American military dictatorship? Communist China? No, this is all occurring in America — the supposed "land of the

Walter Duranty, a reporter for the New York Times, once excused Stalin's responsibility for the purges by saying, "You can't make an omelet without breaking eggs." It would seem that this idea is prevalent in America today.

The idea that it is acceptable to sacrifice some to — supposedly – save many is justified by rhetoricspouting politicians who claim that it's all in the name of national security. Of course, those who excuse the sacrifice of Middle Easterners and Muslims, are themselves not the target of the assault

> Since the Sept. 11 tragedies, it is estimated that the INS, aided by the Justice

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> Department, has rounded up 2,000 people. This is only an estimate because in November the Justice Department, under John Ashcroft, decided that it was prudent to conceal the number of detainees; at that time the Justice Department had detained 1,200 individuals.

Why is this type of Orwellian

detention allowed to happen in a land where people allegedly have the right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness"?

One reason is that in this hyperfanatical time Americans are willing to "break eggs" (sacrifice habeas corpus rights and/or people) to "make an omelet" (American safety). The government, media and ultra-conservatives are effectively convincing Americans that the suspension of habeas corpus is necessary to prevent another Sept. 11.

In the aftermath of Sept. 11, there are many Americans who do not feel safe - and they should not. However, illegal detentions, racial profiling, mass deportations, invasions, bombing campaigns, starvation of children, covert operations and such are not going to make Americans safe. In fact, these actions, which lull Americans into a false sense of security, are going to threaten Americans more than they already are.

Another reason why these "eggs" are sacrificed is that it is not "Americans" who are being detained. Now, before you get up in arms

over this statement, let me qualify it. "Americans" are white and they are Christian. An African-American

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We're interested in what you have to say. Here are some ideas:

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In the pursuit of safety, U.S. sacrifices lives over rights

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American is often considered first and foremost black, then American. The same goes for Middle Easterners, Muslims, Asians and Pacific Islanders. Muslim Americans are Muslims, then they are Americans.

A helpful historical anecdote would be the detention of Japanese Americans during World War II. The Japanese Americans were not viewed as Americans of Japanese ancestry, they were

viewed as Japanese

Americans must make a choice ... will they silently bear the oppression of others or stand up for equal human justice?

claiming American citizenship. This view is still popular today.

A recent survey asked African-Americans at airports if the racial profiling of Middle Easterners/ Muslims was appropriate in the wake of 9/11. The overwhelming majority answered yes. Following this they were asked if profiling African-Americans for traffic stops was justifiable to stop drug trafficking ... the majority answered no! For many Americans, when it is not our "group" being targeted, profiled, illegally detained, tortured or facing suspension of all legal rights, it is acceptable.

Rabin Haddad has been imprisoned since Dec. 14; he is in solitary confinement 23 hours each day; he is allowed to see his family for four hours each month; and he is only allowed to talk on the phone to his family for fifteen minutes each month. Haddad has been charged with no crime. The Justice Department and the INS have detained him on a simple visa irregularity ... a matter usually handled by a letter and a fine.

Mohamed Chehade was questioned by the INS in his home while his house was ransacked by officials ... he was never shown a search warrant. Haddad and Chehade have been harassed because of their affiliation with the Global Relief Foundation, a charity organization accused of having al Qaeda ties. This accusation has no basis. No investigation has thus far not shown that the Global Relief Foundation has conducted any business with al Qaeda.

If any evidence does exist, it has not been made public. Why not? If this charity does in fact

have ties to al Qaeda then it would be in the government's interest to release this information.

Anser Mehmood was detained for three months without any contact with his family simply because of his Pakistani ancestry. His family, lacking any type of financial support, are now in the process of returning to Karachi. Rafiq Butt died of heart failure while in confinement in New

According to the Wall Street Journal, two Pakistani were held for 49 days before being charged with overstaying their visas. And on Sept. 13, Egyptian dentist Tarek Mohamed Fayad was arrested, held in such secrecy that it took his lawyer a month to find him.

John Ashcroft has stated that they know of another 6,000 Arab men who have overstayed their visas and are thus targets for illegal detention. This means that the number of abuses will skyrocket. When will the number of "eggs" broken be considered too many?

There is a ray of hope, however, Michigan congressman and senior Democrat on the House Judiciary committee, John Conyers, has publicly spoken out.

'The treatment of Rabih Haddad ... has highlighted everything that is abusive and unconstitutional about our government's scapegoating of immigrants in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack," Conyers said.

Americans must make a choice ... will they silently bear the oppression of others or stand up for equal human

Haddad, Chehade, Mehmood and Butt are only a few KNOWN cases,

yet they stand for the multitude of voices silenced by Ashcroft, Bush, Cheney, the INS and the Justice Department. These detentions have not met silent acceptance by some, however. In addition to Congressman Conyers, activists have formed Solidarity USA to fight for the rights of those detained.

During the Vietnam War, the Chinese used a persuasive device known as the "foot in the door policy" to

Few seem to care about these illegal detentions. Americans are happy in their ignorance

get American POWs to help them out. Essentially, what the Chinese did was have an American POW do a favor for them, a small inconsequential favor, and once the POW had done this favor it was much easier to gradually increase the importance of the favors until the POW was making defeatist statements on film or informing on their fellow POWs

Once Americans have allowed their government to illegally search and detain Middle Eastern and Muslim people, it will be easier for the government and the Justice department to gradually expand their scope. First it will be other ethnic groups targeted, (South East Asians have already been targeted), next Filipinos, then Chinese (after all, they are a Communist country), then Koreans (North Korea has been grouped with the "axis of evil" — in the minds of Americans what is the difference between North and South Koreans after all?). Following Koreans, perhaps African-Americans, then Hispanic Americans, followed by political dissidents (those "anti-American" liberals) and on down to those conservatives not-quite-conservative-enough.

Few seem to care about these illegal detentions. Americans are happy in their ignorance. Our government becomes more and more totalitarian as the days pass. Whether or not this current administration takes full advantage of the despotic powers it now possesses remains to be seen. If this current administration does not, then future ones most assuredly will. We must stand up for all liberties. We must hold the government responsible for all of its actions. We must insure the illegal practices cease immediately and that those illegally detained receive their full rights. Americans need to cast off their apathy and ignorance.

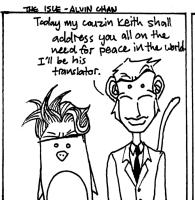
For more information, consult "The Disappeared" by Andrew Gumbel. Much of the information for this piece was from this article, which can be found at http://news. independent.co.uk/world/americas/ story.jsp?story=139913

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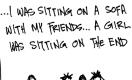
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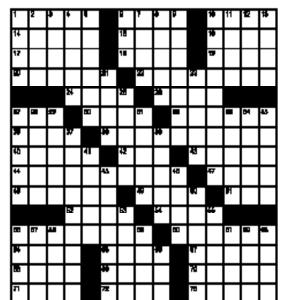
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SPORTS

Did the 'Bows get hosed?

HOT



Steve Murray

Oh, what to do with 11 inches of column space?

Brian Dennehy as The General is a possibility. The Rainbows getting spanked by Rice is another. But with the 'Bows getting ready to dance, we've got important concerns. Did the 'Bows get hosed?

The hardest thing to master this time of year is critical thinking. It's easy to jump on the bandwagon and say the 'Bows got slapped in the face once again. It's easy to say that the WAC champion deserves more respect than it obviously gets. But what's the truth? Did the 'Bows get hosed?

Obviously the WAC isn't as bad as people seem to think, but neither is it the ACC. Our big teams are Hawai'i and Tulsa, not Duke and Maryland. We realize that. But still we need to know. Did the 'Bows get hosed? You know what? They did. Sort of.

With a 27-5 mark, a 24 and 25 ranking in the polls and a 27 in the old RPI, the University of Hawai'i should be at least a six or a seven. And I'll prove it to you. How? By comparing two worthless rating systems; mine versus the NCAA. Here's how it works.

I base my worthless system on the granddaddy of all worthless systems, the BCS. I take the team's RPI and the AP and coaches polls to come up with a ranking. For instance, Duke's RPI is four, and they're ranked number one in both polls. So 4+1+1=6.

You following me so far? Now six divided by three equals two. Therefore, according to my worthless system, Duke is the number two team in the country and deserves a number one seed. Easy, isn't it? Now lets see where UH stands.

With their RPI and poll numbers, my worthless ranking average gives them a score of 25.3, which is good for a seventh seed. There it is. Proof the 'Bows got hosed.

Now instead of the 'Bows playing a 10th seed, the NCAA is making them play Xavier while putting the 'Bows four seeds lower than they deserve to be. And what do the 'Bows get if they beat Xavier? A game against Oklahoma. If they used my worthless system they would have only had to play the bracket's number three seed.

Injustice that bad is enough to get even Vince Goo's dander up. Talk about being hosed.

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Forward Natasja Allen leans in for a shot over Baylor's Brooke McCormack as the Rainbow Wahine's Christa Brossman looks on. Hawai'i plays Oregon State tomorrow night in the first round of the Woman's National Invitational Tournament.

Rainbow Wahine face Beavers in WNIT play

By Stanley Lee Senior Staff Writer

Would you rather go to the senior prom or freshman banquet?

After another season of trying to prove they belong with the big girls, the Rainbow Wahine basketball team (22-7) was left dateless for the fourth straight year after Sunday's revealing of invitees to the NCAA Tournament.

"When you get turned down from a date so many times, it kind of takes a toll on you," said Rainbow Wahine coach Vince Goo.

So instead of visiting exotic locales like Ames, Iowa; Nashville, Tenn.; or Palo Alto, Calif., the Rainbows start their third consecutive and uncertain journey with 31 other stags in the Women's National Invitational Tournament.

Their first stop on what could be a tour of College Town, USA is Corvallis, Ore. where they will face Oregon State (16-14) on Thursday.

While waves of green and white won't be present at Gill Coliseum, expect a decent sized Hawai'i fan base since many of the Rainbow Wahine are from Washington, California and Oregon. Guard Chelsea Wagner's hometown of Springfield is a little more than two hours away.

"(Chelsea) is ecstatic about it," said forward Natasja Allen. "She's like, 'yeah, we're going to my place, we're going to my place.""

Oregon State's offense goes through senior All-America candidate Felicia Ragland. The 5'9" senior averages 20 points per game, 2.6 steals and 2.3 3-pointers — all tops in the Pac-10 conference.

Behind Ragland offensively is

freshman reserve Hollye Chapman. At 6'2", Chapman averages a little more than nine points per game but also poses a matchup problem because of her size, quickness and shooting range. She can post up inside for short range shots or taking it further out for midrange jumpers, evident with her 48 shooting percentage.

The battle of the UH-OSU post players is another interesting matchup. Height-wise, Allen and Christen Roper and OSU's Ericka Cook and Brina Chaney are similar. But with Allen and Roper being more offense-minded than Cook and Chaney, and with Rainbow Wahine reserve Kim Willoughby showing signs of brilliance at the post position at last week's conference tourney, it would not be surprising to see the Rainbows pass the ball inside for a high percentage shot.

"They've got a lot of talent. They've got some good offense, very quick defensive players, and play a lot of pressure. Plus we're playing at their place and I don't think they've got any plate lunches in Corvallis," said Goo.

Both squads defeated Portland State, Washington State and Wyoming this season, while the Rainbow Wahine fell to Stanford 70-61 back in November. On the other hand, the Beavers lost three times to Stanford by an average of 25 points.

Three years ago, the Rainbows defeated the Beavers 75-69 in the Hawai'i Invitational. The series record between the two squads is tied at three wins apiece.

A victory in Corvallis will mean a date with the winner of the Oregon (17-13)-St. Mary's (Calif.) (16-12) match. Two years ago, the Rainbow Wahine fell at St. Mary's in the opening round of the WNIT. The Gaels are led by 6'2" and 6'3" twins Jerkisha and Jermisha Dosty and have six players over six feet. Guards Edniesha Curry and All-America candidate Shaquala Williams lead Oregon.

Unlike the NCAA Tournament where sites are predetermined, teams in the WNIT play at each other's campuses. Thus, if the Rainbows make it past the banquet sign-in table, future dance sites could include Moraga, Calif.; Denton, Texas; or at worse, visits across the dance floor to Bowling Green, Ky. and Burlington, Vt.

Last season, the Rainbow Wahine hosted the first three rounds of the WNIT, attracting three of the largest crowds in UH history before losing at New Mexico in the tournament semifinals. But a glance at the WNIT matchups indicates they are following the NCAA's travel policy of scheduling teams within proximity of each other to minimize air travel. Factor in the costs of flying teams down to Honolulu, it's questionable whether the Rainbows will host a WNIT game this season.

Once again, the Rainbow Wahine are dateless, but their determination is still intact. Added Goo, "We're going to take a deep breath, let it out and go up there and play with pride."

Hawai`i Ties

Beavers assistant coach Stephanie Norman was a graduate assistant for the Rainbow Wahine from 1991-92. In 1992, the Rainbows compiled a 25-7 record and

STARTING

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Rainbow Wahine Starting Lineup

G Janka Gabrielova, 5'6", Sr.
G Chelsea Wagner, 5'10", Fr.
C Christen Roper 6'5", Jr.
F Natasja Allen, 6'2", Jr.
F Karena Greeny, 6'0", Sr.

Top Reserves

F Kim Willoughby, 6'0", Fr. G Michelle Gabriel, 5'6", Jr. F Christa Brossman, 5'10", So.



Beavers Starting Lineup

G Juleen Smith, 5'5", Fr. G Leilani Estavan, 5'7", So. G Felicia Ragland, 5'9", Sr. C Ericka Cook, 6'3", Sr. C Brina Chaney, 6'5", So.

Top Reserves

F Hollye Chapman, 6'2", So. C Kristina Rukstelyte, 6'4", Jr.

The Rainbow Wahine are 5-6 all-time in four WNIT appearances. Their best finish was runner-up in the 1992 tournament in an eight team field. Hawai'i advanced to the tournament semifinals in the expanded 32 team field last year.