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# Extreme dorm makeover

Kris DeRego

News Editor

For residents of the Hale Aloha dormitory complex, modern living has finally arrived.

Work on the long-awaited Hale Aloha modernization project began last month, following a blessing ceremony hosted by the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's Student Housing Services. Projected to cost \$25 to \$30 million, the renovations will be broken into two phases, with phase one covering structural enhancements at the Hale Aloha 'Ilima and Hale Aloha Mokihana residence halls.

"Improvements to all buildings in the Hale Aloha complex are designed to address two primary issues: extending their life cycle by addressing water infiltration concerns and responding to changing student needs," said Laurie Furutani, associate director of operations for Student Housing Services at the Mānoa campus.

Plumbing upgrades replacement of exterior windows will remedy leakage problems that have developed at the dorms, according to Mike Kaptik, director of Student Housing Services.

"There were some leaks from the roof and some of the windows leak in places," he said. "Additionally, there was some damage internally to ceilings and walls due to leaking pipes, but the upgrades to the plumbing and windows will elimi-



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A moderate northwest swell will build Monday and peak near advisory levels Tuesday.

nate these problems."

Dorm rooms will be made more secure during the project, as the university moves to replace standard locks with swipe cards at all residence halls, Kaptik said.

"Hale Aloha's room door locks will be replaced with card access during the renovation," he said. "The front doors and the room doors in Hale Wainani and Hale Noelani are part of another project that Student Housing Services hopes to start in the near future."

Changing student needs, coupled with the installation of keyless locks, require advanced electrical circuitry, according to Furutani, who added that the dorms' current electrical system was designed in 1960.

"The current and projected increase in the number of electrical appliances used by current students, along with the implementation of swipe cards, necessitates an increase to the electrical load capacity of the buildings," Furutani said.

Community bathrooms and laundry areas will also be reconfigured to reflect residents' requests for greater privacy and computer access.

"Future residents will enjoy the use of bathroom pods, which will allow

Construction for phase one of the Hale Aloha modernization project began at Hale Aloha 'Ilima and Hale Aloha Mokihana last month. The project will feature upgrades, including the replacement of exterior windows and electrical wiring, and the installation of keyless locks.

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for private use of showers, toilets and sinks by individual residents," Furutani said. "The laundry facility will also be improved with the inclusion of a study area that provides computer connectivity."

Officials from Student Housing

Services are closely observing the effect of the renovations on dorm residents, according to Furutani.

"Current residents have been impacted by increased construction noise and traffic," she said. "Both are being constantly monitored to minimize the impact upon students as much as possible.'

Despite the project's cost, university administrators believe that the modernization plan will amplify efforts to attract students to UH Manoa.

"This project moves our campus another step toward achieving our goal of becoming a destination of choice for students in Hawai'i and beyond," said Chancellor Virginia Hinshaw.

If the economy recuperates, further upgrades may be made at the Hale Aloha complex, as well as other dorms on campus.

"Several other buildings are being considered for renovations, including repairing the roof and replacing canopies at Hale Laulima and Hale Kahawai, elevator and generator modernizations at Hale Wainani, and ongoing upgrades to public area furniture," Kaptik said. "Currently, Johnson Hall is being assessed by consultants to determine the scope of the upgrades we would like to undertake in the near future."

Phase two of the Hale Aloha modernization, scheduled for spring of 2010, will affect Hale Aloha Lehua and Hale Aloha Lokelani. Funding for both phases of the project has already been approved.

# Mānoa Minute

Compiled by Glendalyn Junio Associate News Editor

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Kids mixed shaved ice with dirt and topped it with dry ice to create comets in space yesterday at the UH Mānoa Astronomy Institute open house. The Astronomy Institute opened its doors to the public with a range of educational activities having to do with astronomy and biology.

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# 'Family Guy' not family enough for AFA

Chris Mikesell

Opinions Editor

The American Family Association is at it again.

The target of their ire this time is the Fox-canceled and famously uncanceled show "Family Guy," for its March 8 episode, where Peter is injected with the gay gene in an effort to prove that homosexuality isn't a choice.

Naturally, this amount of concentrated gayness has the AFA on high alert. The Christian group has set up an automated FCC e-mail complaint form on its Web site, calling this particular episode a "gross violation of broadcast decency standards," while saving their indignant followers the horror of actually having to watch the episode themselves.

Gross indeed. For the AFA, there is nothing funny about being gay.

In one bit of dialogue, the family's oldest son, Chris, asks his newly homosexualized

father Peter for help with his math homework and it quickly degenerates into a word problem about how many rotations it would take for 28 men at a circuit party to all have a turn when there are only three glory holes. (Peter's answer: "Nine, with a remainder of Brent, 'cause Brent can't fit in the glory hole, and that's why we all like Brent.")

In another scene, a horse licks Peter's buttock while he sleeps, an obvious move to pander to the furry demographic.

What's worse, Peter and his gay lover actually make out in one scene! We have sunk so low as a society that we allow kissing to be shown on publicly accessible airwaves between the hours of 7 and 10 p.m., and for that, the AFA contends, we should be ashamed and disgusted.

The AFA is, at the most fundamental level, a Christian organization, so what really makes them mad on top of this indecency is that at some level they feel that this episode misses the mark in its

portrayal of Christians.

At one point in the episode, Peter is kidnapped and taken to a "straight camp." The camp's "Christian" coordinator tells the participants that they are there because they have come to renounce their sinful ways and embrace "Jesus Christ, who hates many people, but none more than homosexuals."

This just rubs them the wrong way. It's a totally unfair portrayal and mischaracterization. You don't see Christians running around the country telling gays and lesbians that Jesus hates them and will condemn them to an eternity in hell, waving around signs reading "God Hates Fags." That just isn't something you see every day, not around here at least.

From what I understand, they just come around a few times a month.



The March 8 episode of "Family Guy" focused on Peter Griffin becoming gay and is now being criticized by the American Family Association.

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# UN recommends ridiculous religion rules

**Taylor Kessinger** 

UWIRE/Arizona Daily Wildcat, University of Arizona

Last Thursday, the U.N. Human Rights Council took another step on the path to insanity by passing a resolution that urges U.N. member nations to pass laws criminalizing the criticism of religion, specifically Islam.

It hardly needs to be said that such a resolution is wholly incompatible with free speech and democracy. As Canadian diplomat Terry Cormier said, "It is individuals who have rights and not religions." Luckily, the resolution, like most U.N. resolutions, has about as many teeth as its representatives do vertebrae – that is to say, none at all.

One has to wonder why an abstract idea is in need of protection. The simplest (but not necessarily correct) explanation is that this is merely another incarnation of Muslim disrespect for free speech, as was displayed in the furor over the 2005 Jyllands-Posten cartoons which featured drawings of the prophet Muhammad. It should be obvious that resolutions encouraging the prohibition of speech which others unjustifiably view as "hateful" or "offensive" are toxic in nature.

But Muslim U.N. representatives, as well as the framers of the resolution, tried to portray the need for protection of religion in a different light by noting that Islam has become associated with the work of a small number of extremists, including Muslim terrorists. To protect the Muslim world from undue harm and association with evil, Islam should be beyond reproach.

This, too, is silly at best and poisonous at worst. No idea is immune to valid criticism; no idea deserves protection from it; and no idea is better served by attempting to stifle it.

Much of the criticism leveled at the Muslim world is valid, as some Muslim states have slid further into insanity in the last few months. Afghani Pres. Hamid Karzai has given a great deal of unnecessary legitimacy to the Taliban, even endorsing laws which would allow the Taliban's brand of argue, effectively legalizes rape.

sharia law to be implemented in with stories reveling in slaughter, Afghanistan - including a recent including slaying innocents and taklaw that, women's rights groups ing women as sex slaves. If your response to this is that I'm misinter-And Amnesty International reports preting the Bible, you may be correct

Never mind that for every Muslim leader who does or says something repulsive, some Christian has matched it. Christopher Columbus, a Catholic, saw little wrong with enslaving and murdering the Haitian Awaraks; Martin Luther, a Protestant, described the Jews as a "base, whoring people" and stated that they are full of "the devil's feces ... which they wallow in like swine." (Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, eat your heart out.)

that several homosexuals in Iraq are currently sentenced to death for their sexual orientation, not to mention the treatment homosexuals receive in Iran.

But what has also been troubling is the Western response to the resolution. Strong reactions to this resolution have come from Christian conservatives who argue that Islam is a hateful religion that is incompatible with democracy and freedom; the problem is Islam itself, not merely a few Muslims. Even Slate columnist Christopher Hitchens, a liberal atheist (albeit one who supported the Iraq War), lamented this resolution and labeled it as just another piece of evidence that something is incorrigibly wrong with Islam.

Never mind that Islam is as diverse as the people who practice it. Statements like "Islam says" or "according to Islam" are incorrect. Islam, as a religion, cannot "say" or "do" anything; it is individuals who say and do things, not religions.

Never mind that the Bible contains passages which are just as ugly as hateful verses in the Quran. True, some Quranic and Hadith passages can be interpreted to advocate the killing of apostates, the oppression of women, and the slaughtering of nonbelievers. But the Bible also contains passages endorsing the killing of miscreants like homosexuals and adulterers, and the Torah is replete - but I'm sure most Muslims would likewise suggest that Westerners

are misinterpreting the Quran. Never mind that for every Muslim leader who does or says

something repulsive, some Christian has matched it. Christopher Columbus, a Catholic, saw little wrong with enslaving and murdering the Haitian Awaraks; Martin Luther, a Protestant, described the Jews as a "base, whoring people" and stated that they are full of "the devil's feces ... which they wallow in like swine." (Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, eat your heart out.)

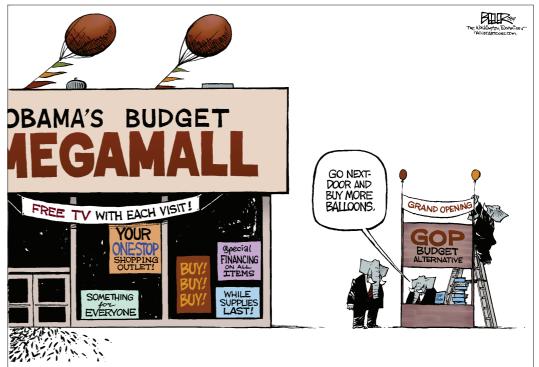
At various points in history, the global human rights situation has been reversed; some medieval Islamic caliphates supported religious pluralism, democracy, free speech, public health and science, whereas some Christian colonies and European kingdoms suppressed all of these things.

Indeed, blanket labeling of an entire religion as though it's somehow especially conducive to terrorism, oppression and hatred is exactly what Muslim U.N. representatives have tried (albeit very poorly) to prevent. And it's arguably one of the main reasons why the United States continues to support a foreign policy that is outright derisive toward many Muslim countries, including Palestine. Rhetoric stating that Islam itself is the problem prevails among far-right thinkers; it's no wonder some Muslim leaders are deluded into thinking that protecting Islam from attacks is a good idea.

The Muslim world would do well to have several more leaders like Atatürk, a devout Muslim who managed to frame his opposition to theocracy in terms of elevating Islam to a supreme status by divorcing it from politics, as well as progressive leaders of other stripes. And it would do well to have Western allies who favor modernizing Muslim countries rather than pushing them into extremism by antagonizing them.

But what Muslims don't need are feeble U.N. resolutions claiming to "protect" Islam. Such acts are steps down a road paved with good intentions.

# **Editorial** Cartoon





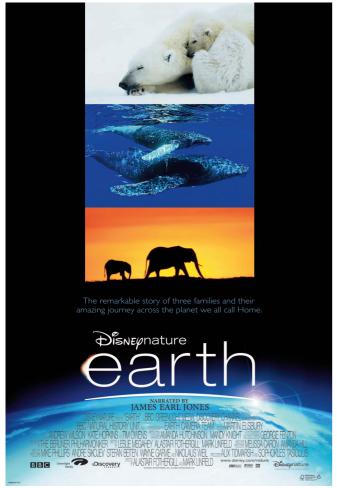
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# Twenty-five and counting

**Chris Mikesell** 

Opinions Editor

Life's pit stops provide little shelter from reality.

Twenty-four years, eleven months, three weeks and seven days is an inelegant way of putting it, but admitting that you are now 25 years old is like committing yourself to the grim realities of that nice round number.

Being 25 is something you have to get used to. It is a denial you grow out of because it signals a desperation to which it is embarrassing to cling, like collecting pogs or HD-DVDs.

Remember, I tell myself, you are only as old as you feel. Acceptance eases the mind. (Cake also helps, I hear.)

One thing you learn quickly about feeling old is that it's only feels. Twenty-five is halfway to 50, someone who is 32. It only serves to spread the depression.

Quecvas James, a 25-year-old student in the Computer Service and Technology Program at the

Brooklyn Education Opportunity Center, speaks with fellow students about an exercise in a Network+ class. At this age, people are just beginning to find their way into leadership roles.

Comets, Are About To Collide With Earth. Disaster is immiall right to feel old when one isn't nent. It is only a matter of time. telling other people how old one You may decide to address yourself, briefing your rapt and trauafter all, but don't try telling that to matized audience on the realities of the situation and the likelihood of survival. There may be You also tend to make time for a Q-and-A session afterwards, if become a "community organizer." It takes a 25-year-old Abraham Lincoln to become a riverboat captain. It takes a 25-year-old Mohandas Gandhi to ... get rejected for a part-time job teaching at a high school after an unsuccessful stint at practicing law.

Maybe it isn't just you, after all. It seems that not even rock stars can be 25-year-old rock stars.

You may only be as old as you feel, but how you feel depends on your own level of self-confidence. Twenty-five years might not be the best yardstick with which to measure your own life. Success, for the most part, comes with time, and if you're at this milestone looking back at your life, thinking that your best years are gone, that says a lot about what you think you're really capable of.

At 25 years old, you have time to kneel, and to rest, and to ask yourself what needs asking. But at 25 years and a day, you have to stand up and keep on walking. Damn the odometer to hell. You may have a respectable amount of mileage on you, but everything still works, and some things may even be getting comfortably worn in. You're on your way to who knows where, and you don't have time to stop if you want to get to where you're going.

After all, 25 may be halfway to 50, but it's only a quarter of the way to 100.

Not everyone can be a 25-year-old rock star, however. It takes a 25-year-old Barack Obama to become a "community organizer." It takes a 25-year-old Abraham Lincoln to become a riverboat captain. It takes a 25-year-old Mohandas Gandhi to ... get rejected for a part-time job teaching at a high school after an unsuccessful stint at practicing law.

introspection when stopping at this time constraints allow. One quesscenic area on the road of life, but tion at a time, please. the questions posed here differ from those you had at 18.

"What have I really been able to do with myself this past quarter-century? Can I still do what I I go from here?"

These are not questions we tones of bygone youth, nor are they uttered with the solemnity of someone being informed of their rather incurable cansomewhat schizophrenically, with so do you. the emotional gravitas expected In Which Asteroids, Or Perhaps a 25-year-old Barack Obama to

Perhaps it is more comforting to approach the impending advance of life's odometer not as the terminal disease it inevitably becomes for all of us, but rather as a herald want to do with my life? Where do of impending doom with Aerosmith tending to the soundtrack.

It is, after all, far more glamorask ourselves in the optimistic ous to be a rock star than a helpless victim. Rock stars save, victims need saving. It's the difference between being Mario and being That Tease Of A Princess Mario Always Has To cer. Rather, they are announced Rescue. Mario deserves better and

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The Shakti Dance Movement is an all-women's dance collective that brings women together for classes, workshops and events.

Tara Green, left; Haunani Ramil, center front; Koalani, center back; and Kalae Kaina, right.

PHOTO COURTESY HAUNANI RAMIL

# Their hips don't lie

Shere'e Young
Staff Reporter

Dance the night away at Pipeline Café with special guests from the Indigo Belly Dance Company and Beats Antique. Members of the Shakti Dance Movement and Origin Dance Collective are coordinating this special event.

"The Indigo are all-around performers who not only provide jawdropping choreography, but incorporate comedic features in their performances, as well," coordinator Haunani Ramil said.

The Indigo Belly Dance Company is a group of internationally renowned belly dancers who are also featured members of Bellydance Superstars. They are currently in Japan, waiting to make their way to the Islands.

"We are just really happy that Dance Company.

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**Kent Nishimura** 

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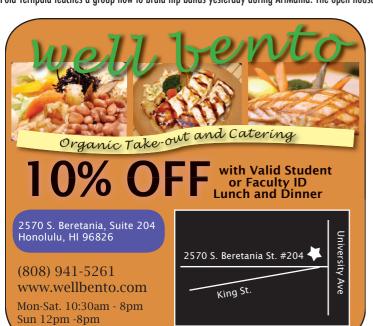


Noah Grandemenge, 2, and his mother Fanny create large soap bubbles on the third floor of the Art Building yesterday afternoon during



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Pola Teriipaia teaches a group how to braid hip bands yesterday during ArtMania. The open house was hosted by the University of Hawai'i department of art and art history.

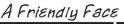




RIGHT: ArtMania volunteer Betsy Curtis and art department chair Gaye Chan lie in the courtyard of the Art Building under a weather balloon that has a camera attached to it. The camera streamed live to a projector on the second floor, where the images were projected onto the ground.

Rhonda Collins, a print-making major, helps Gabriel Tom, 8, with screening his shirt yesterday morning during ArtMania. ArtMania T-shirts were available for \$15. Visitors had the choice of either screening their own shirt or purchasing one





I'VE LOST TRACK OF TIME NOW. THE CARIBOU SEEM TO HAVE MIGRATED TO ANOTHER APEA. IT FEELS LIKE AGES SINCE I SAW ANOTHER HUMAN FACE.











**New to Hawai'i** I'm sorry everyone, I promise this is the last noh joke J. Seymour









SAYING THERE ISN'T A NOH SHOW.



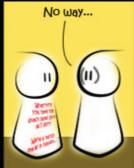


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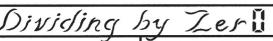
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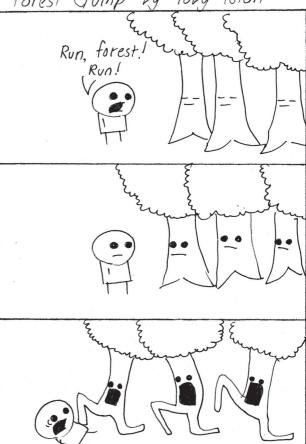


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19 Litter's littlest \*Shari Lewis puppet 22 '50s first lady

23 50-and-over org. 24 Open-bodied truck 26 Moon mission name 29 Photo enlargement

30 No-goodnik 31 Really punch 32 Hosp, scanners 35 Extinguish, with "out"

36 "Shh!" (and a hint to the feature shared by the answers to starred clues)

39 Legal Lance away: hide on a ship 42 Hit, in billiards 43 Paguin and Nicole Smith

45 Jeff Gordon was its 1993 Rookie of the Year 47 Cavern

48 Sold for a big profit, as tickets 50 Gucci of fashion 51 Brit's boob tube

52 \*Act all innocent

56 Miscellany 57 Soft-tipped pen brand

59 Civil War color 60 Dole's 1996 running

mate 61 Give up

62 This, in Tegucigalpa 63 Draws away from

shore 64 Force units 65 Swedish auto

Down 1 Cry loudly 2 On-the-job protection

org. 3 Pillow covering

4 Drummer's crashers 5 Rockers Tull

6 Many a security quard 7 One of AA's twelve

8 Sun. in Spain 9 Building addition

10 Layer 11 \*Duster's find at a

crime scene

12 Tennessee-born country singer Ford

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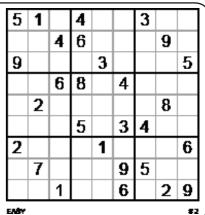
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28 \*Precariously situated 29 More azure

31 Cheerleading unit 33 "Let's leave \_\_ that"

34 Mediocre

37 Pilate's "Behold!"

38 Late 41 Trounces

44 Annoying people

46 James Bond, e.g.

47 Piercing looks

57 Bk. introduction 58 Make, as a wager

Hari

briefly

48 Stir the fire

49 Paparazzi target

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53 Bear among the stars

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55 "We're not serving liquor,"

52 It can be chronic or shooting

# Moroscopes

By Linda C. Black

By Elizabeth A. Long

Today's Birthday (04-06-09) You'll stay busy this year. And you'll encounter just about every setback and change in plans you could possibly imagine. You're forced to be creative on a moment's notice. You're gaining great experience, and also paying dues. 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 7. Can plodding along on the same old path, doing the same old thing, provide the inspiration you need? Yes, it can, as you're about to discover.

Just after boredom comes insight.

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Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is a 7. Others urge you to hurry and take action on a new proposal. You want to think it over and ask a few friends for their advice. You're wise to be cautious now.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 7. Proceed with caution now; you're up against tough competition. Make sure the work you present is perfect. Go over it several times and get a coach to go over it, too.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is a 7. Don't try a bluff, have the facts at your fingertips. Don't take risks or start new projects now. Continue to prepare a strong foundation for your plans.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 7.

all the fine print. Don't take anything on faith; get it all in writing. You can get a good deal, but have your attorney review it before you sign anything

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 7. A happy surprise starts the day out right, but an argument later seems to ruffle your feathers. You and your partner may have to agree to disagree on this one.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 7. After a rather uncomfortable reality check, advance your personal agenda. It may have changed by then, so don't hurry into action. You'll know when the time is right.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 7. It's really not a good time to gossip, even with your fellow workers. Watch out for hidden expenses. Read Don't believe everything you hear, and contradicts with what you've said before

don't pass it along. Don't forget any of it. either.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 7. Continue to watch what's going on without getting involved. Be an observer and possibly a witness, if called. Take notes if you must. Things are changing

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 7. Your frugality is paying off. Keep your treasure carefully hidden. Use some of it to see what's out beyond your familiar territory. Don't go there yet; just have a

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 7. How does new information fit in with what you know? Is your hypothesis flawed? Chase after the truth, even if it Make the necessary adjustments.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Today is a 6. To be a good leader you also need to know when you should listen. That's recommended now, as your team has some good ideas. Incorporate the best into your plans.

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# New Yeah Yeah Yeahs album more of a 'meh'

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I feel cheated. Yeah Yeah Yeahs are going the way of Mooney Suzuki, and nobody who has ever witnessed Karen O's eccentricities should ever be allowed to deal with that.

The band's first album, 2003's "Fever to Tell," was, as Ms. O put it, "a hurricane," and that's what I loved about it. "Fever" was so aggressive and insane and catchy that you had to love it. The frenetic "Tick" and "Date with the Night" seemed to be the resurrection of true punk, in spite of the fact that "Maps' pandered to the crummy new generation. The 2006 follow-up "Show Your Bones" wasn't up to the standard set by "Fever," but at least it managed to provide flavors similar to Franz Ferdinand and early Elastica.

The band's recent offering, "It's Blitz!", feels like "Maps' being played 10 songs straight with four bonus acoustic versions. The crushed egg on the cover is the heart of every fan that bought this album. OK, so I'm exaggerating. The dance-pop edge seems much more motivated by Karen O the performer than Karen O the musical artist. This turns guitarist Nick Zinner and drummer Brian Chase into dance-pop musicians as well, but at least everyone adapts well. But does this swift adaptation to a new style make for a good album? No.

"Zero" and "Heads Roll" are electroclash goodies, while the band finds ways to make songs named "Skeletons," "Dragon Queen" and "Hysteric" into gently paced (boring) ballads. The instrumentation of "Dull Life," one of the few rock tracks on the album, feels under par for some reason when compared to the



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You'll understand how this feels after hearing the newest Yeah Yeah Yeahs album, "It's Blitz!"

guitar work from "Y Control" and the drumming from "No No No" in "Fever." "Shame and Fortune" was the standout of the album for me, returning to aggressive beats with an overwhelming bass rhythm.

What all this comes down to is what the artists in question are truly capable of. The album feels like

Karen O wants to regain the leotardchic persona she recently lost to Lady Gaga. This is their worst album yet, and the "reinvention" of Yeah Yeah Yeahs is killing them. While something tells me the Yeah Yeah Yeahs are just losing their touch, this isn't a band you can simply drop. I just hope the hurricane returns soon.







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# Rainbow Wahine and Warrior Golf Ka Leo Sports Trivia Answers



1. WHO ARE THE TWO SENIORS ON THE WARRIOR GOLF TEAM?

A: Chase Bingham and Cody Pewarchuk.

2. WHERE WILL THE WAC FOR BOTH THE MEN'S AND

#### **WOMEN'S TEAMS?**

A: Men's - Las Vegas; women's - Reno, Nev.

3. WHAT ARE THE NAMES OF THE **HEAD COACHES FOR BOTH TEAMS?** 

A: Men's - Ronn Miyashiro; women's - Lori Castillo.

4. WHAT FORMER RAINBOW WAHINE WAS THE INDIVIDUAL **MEDALIST IN THE 1986 DONNIS** THOMPSON INVITATIONAL?

A: Bobbi Kokx.

5. WHAT ARE THE FOUR COURSES THAT THE GOLF TEAMS HOST THEIR TOURNAMENTS AT?

A: Kāne'ohe Klipper, Leilehua, Kapolei and Turtle Bay Resort golf courses.

+ Thank you for playing Ka Leo Sports Trivia on the women's and men's golf teams. Get ready to tackle some questions next week on the nationally ranked Rainbow Wahine water polo team.

# Defining times for Hawai'i basketball

# **Russell Tolentino**

Associate Sports Editor

"March Madness" began last month as 65 men's and 64 women's teams geared up for their shot at a national championship.

Today (men) and tomorrow (women), the excitement surrounding collegiate basketball will hit its peak as NCAA champions are crowned.

But where were the University of Hawai'i basketball teams during all this, you ask?

Good question.

The 2008-2009 season for the Rainbow Warriors and Rainbow Wahine will probably go down as one of the most controversial ones in school history - and if the bleeding doesn't stop, next year could be even worse.

The Rainbow Warriors finished 13-17 overall and 5-11 in the Western Athletic Conference. The 'Bows lost in the opening round yes, the virtual play-in game - of the WAC Tournament. This was the second season under head coach Bob Nash that the team finished with a losing record.

On the other hand, the Rainbow Wahine were able to win in the opening round, but that was probably the highlight of an 8-23 season (4-12 WAC) that the team ended without a head coach for the last nine games.

Head coach Jim Bolla, who was in his fifth season, was put on paid leave for allegedly kicking a player during practice. An investigation has been ongoing since his suspension, with his status and fate unknown. As a result of Bolla's suspension, associate head coach Pat Charity took over for the remainder of the season.

And what's most unfortunate about the recent decline of success

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is that not too long ago both programs were thriving.

For four straight seasons the Rainbow Warriors made post season appearances. In the 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 seasons, the 'Bows made it to the NCAA Tournament, and in 2002-2003 and 2003-2004, they played in the National Invitational Tournament.

In fact, the 2001-2002 team set a school record with 27 wins, was the first team in program history to win both the regular season and WAC Tournament titles and finished ranked No. 25 in the final AP poll.

And for the Rainbow Wahine. under previous head coach Vince Goo, the biggest controversy surrounding the program was getting snubbed by the NCAA selection committee and having to settle for the Women's National Invitational Tournament.

For three straight seasons (from 1999 to 2002) the Rainbow Wahine posted at least 20 wins, made the WNIT and finished second in the WAC. Overall, the program has made 11 postseason appearances (five NCAA and six WNIT).

The struggles have greatly affected the local fan base as well.

During the four seasons that the men made the postseason, the Stan Sheriff Center averaged 7,178 fans per game. The past two years, the attendance average has been 6,303 – a 12 percent decrease.

🖀 And although the Rainbow Wahine have never drawn the biggest crowds, this year you could literally count the fans in attendance.

Obviously the state of the economy plays a factor, but the fact of the matter is that fans want to watch winning programs.

Nash, who was hired two years ago, is heading into the final year of his three-year contract. And after two losing seasons, Nash must prove that he can win.

Last week he received a one-year extension with a one-year option. The one-year option would give him another extension if his teams over the next two years win 18 games or advance to postseason play at least once.

The extension was a good move by athletic director Jim Donovan, as recruits are less likely to commit to UH this year if Nash's contract isn't renewed.

After all, Nash was hired late in his first year and lost a season in recruiting. Junior college prospect Gary Wilkinson was debating between UH and WAC rival Utah State, but chose Utah State because Hawai'i was still in the process of hiring a head coach.

By the way, he was the WAC Player of the Year and was an AP All-American this season.

And with no seniors on this year's roster and a star player like Roderick Flemings to build around, the program could be solid next year, as long as some basic needs are addressed.

And for the women, one can only imagine what Bolla's controversy has done to recruiting with Signing Day (April 15) a week away.

Don't get me wrong, for the 30 years Nash has invested in the program as a player and coach, I would think most fans, including myself, want to see him succeed.

And despite all the controversy, the Rainbow Wahine did compete hard and do have the talent to succeed as long as their head coach can bring out the best in them.

The bottom line is that this offseason will be a defining time in this era of Hawai'i basketball and Donovan better think and move fast.

It's time to bring back what the fans want and what will cause excitement again in Hawai'i:

Winning teams.

# Ka Leo Sports Trivia

Featured Sport: Rainbow Wahine Track & Field

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# **Questions**

- 1. Where will the 2009 Outdoor Track & Field WAC Championship be held?
- 2. In what place did the indoor track and field team finish at the WAC indoor championships last season?
- 3. Where do the Rainbow Wahine host their meets?
- 4. Which former Rainbow Wahine holds the record for the fastest time in the 100 meter?
- 5. How many medals did the Rainbow Wahine outdoor team win last season at the WAC outdoor championships?

Turn in your completed trivia form and present your valid UH student ID at the BOP Business Office between 12:30pm and 2:30pm this week for a chance to win complimentary tickets to UH sporting events and pizza. You must answer all questions correctly to be eligible. Prizes will be awarded on a first come, first serve basis. Athletes of featured sport, Ka Leo and BOP staff not eligible to participate. Good Luck!