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Blaze contained



Firefighters look out onto Kalo Place, which was crowded with concerned residents, after a fire was put out from an apartment in the University Villa located across from the UH Manoa Campus, yesterday afternoon. The Honolulu Fire Dept. said last night that the cause of the fire was still being determined.

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East and West meet at UHM

Alexandre Da Silva

Ka Leo Assistant Editor

Three panels at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa today will kick off a three-day international conference addressing black issues in the 21st century.

The conference, which starts this morning and runs through Saturday, will serve as a summit for black scholars to explore undocumented history of African Americans in Hawai'i and the Pacific and discuss current international issues.

"It's historical in the sense that I don't know that the university has ever had a gathering of so many black Ph.D. scholars together," said Kathryn Takara, a UH Manoa interdisciplinary studies professor and the conference's creator and main organizer.

Takara said she envisioned the conference a year and a half ago as a way to strengthen communication between Asians and African Americans.

"A lot of black people don't know what China's issues are although a lot of Chinese people know what African issues are," she said.

Worries over who would fund the conference almost forced Takara

to abandon the project this summer. But the conference was saved when the university recently announced they would back it.

Hawai'i's location between East and West is often treasured by organizers such as Takara, who see the Pacific as an ideal place for scholars from other continents to meet and discuss not only African American issues but also affairs involving Hawaiian, Japanese and Indian cultures.

In the conference, native Caribbeans and African scholars who teach in the United States are expected to join UH scholars and the university's seven black faculty.

"We are talking about Asia, Africa, the Pacific Island region and the Americas," Takara said. "So I'm thinking global because that's how I'm thinking that we need to forge our links."

Takara hopes the event will encourage black scholars to teach and do research here and in places such as Melanesia and Fiji.

She said the islands' aloha spirit "wore out" for blacks partly as a result of the military presence here, and that their presence in the islands has been

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Rebel attacks continue

By Dogen Hannah

Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. and Iraqi officials claimed near-victory in their campaign to dislodge insurgents from two key cities yesterday, even as fresh rebel attacks peppered Iraq with violence elsewhere.

Reports also emerged that as many as 60 Iraqi police recruits were abducted as they returned from training in Jordan earlier this week. Neither Iraqi nor U.S. officials could immediately confirm the incident. If true, the abduction would be the insurgents' biggest seizure of government forces.

In Mosul, about 225 miles north of Baghdad, U.S. military officials reported facing only light resistance as U.S. troops reclaimed police stations and neighborhoods that had been overrun by insurgents last week.

In Fallujah, about 40 miles west of Baghdad, U.S. and Iraqi forces warily patrolled neighborhoods and continued their treacherous building-to-building, street-

by-street search for rebel diehards, weapons caches and homemade bombs. Intense mortar and artillery barrages and close cover from U.S. aircraft backed up troops on the ground.

"Fallujah is secured," said U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. Steve Boylan. He acknowledged, however, that "there are still pockets of fighting that are occurring. ... There's still holdouts that they (U.S. and Iraqi forces) are going after."

Despite the military successes in Fallujah and Mosul, violence continued elsewhere in the country yesterday.

In the mostly Sunni Muslim town of Baiji, about 150 miles north of Baghdad, militants reportedly attacked a U.S. convoy with a suicide car bomb, leaving at least 10 civilians dead and nine injured. Three U.S. soldiers reportedly were wounded in the explosion and subsequent gunfire. A U.S. military spokesman had no immediate information on the report.

The road between Baghdad and its main airport again came under attack. In the morning, a

suicide car bombing on a convoy of armored vehicles injured three private security guards. In the afternoon, gunmen sprayed another convoy with machine-gun fire. No one was injured.

In Iskandiriyah, a roadside bomb targeting an Iraqi national guard convoy killed two soldiers and wounded three. In Ramadi, gunmen armed with rifles and rocket-propelled grenades clashed with government forces.

After initially intense fighting in the mostly Sunni Muslim city of Mosul, insurgents have given way to two brigades of U.S. and Iraqi forces, which include special Iraqi units dispatched from Baghdad and American soldiers redeployed from the Fallujah offensive.

The counterinsurgency operation focused on securing police stations in half of Mosul, then moved on to stations in the other half yesterday. Troops encountered "relatively little" evidence of insurgents who'd slipped into Mosul from Fallujah, the U.S. commander in Mosul said.

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Youth voters now more politically engaged

By Tim Jones

Chicago Tribune (KRT)

CHICAGO — Young people who voted on Election Day were more democratic, less religious, less likely to be white and trusted faux news anchor Jon Stewart more than two of the Big Three network news anchors, according to post-election surveys released Tuesday.

The portrait drawn of young voters — from the Emerging Electorate Survey and the Declare Yourself 2004 Campaign Evaluation Survey — suggests that 18-to-29-year-olds, who voted in record numbers Nov. 2, are

more politically engaged than critics complain about and history would indicate.

After aggressive voter registration efforts, about 21 million people younger than 30 voted, an increase of about 4.6 million from 2000. Turnout among registered voters in that age group was 51.6 percent, up more than 9 percentage points from 42.3 percent in the last presidential election.

"This basically throws down the gauntlet to both political parties," said Frank Luntz, president of Luntz Research, one of the surveys' co-

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CampusBeat

Monday, Nov. 8

6:22 p.m. — A man reported the suspect that had assaulted him on Oct. 31 was sitting on the trunk of a white Honda parked in the Noelani parking lot. Campus Security checked the area but found no one.

Wednesday, Nov. 10

3:27 a.m. — A suspicious man wearing a green and white jacket with a green cap was roaming in the Agricultural Science building

area. Campus Security responded but had negative findings. The East-West exit door was open due to cables and Campus Security made a sweep of the building but found nothing.

Thursday, Nov. 11

10:25 p.m. — Campus Security spotted a maroon Chevy van in the Post parking lot. The van was involved in a suspicious activity two weeks ago. Campus Security

checked on the occupants but had negative findings — and the hood was cold.

Friday, Nov. 12

6:54 p.m. — A woman athlete was injured at the softball field. The Emergency Medical Service transported the victim to Queen's Medical Center.

7:35 p.m. — A fight was reported in the Hale Wainani courtyard. Campus Security met with the call-

er but found no one.

Saturday, Nov. 13

1:27 a.m. — A fight was reported in the Hale Aloha courtyard. Upon the arrival of security, the parties fled the area toward Dole Street.

10:11 p.m. — The Emergency Medical Service sent an ambulance because of a report of a woman falling and hitting her head. She was transported to Straub Hospital.

Monday, Nov. 15

2:13 a.m. — The Emergency Medical Service sent an ambulance to the Hale Wainani courtyard area regarding a woman who cut herself. Campus Security found the woman with a razor and she had cuts on both her wrists. An attempted suicide report was filed.

9:51 p.m. — A large tree fell, hitting the rear of a vehicle in the Astronomy parking lot. Damages were to the rear top of the vehicle.

Iraq: U.S. and Iraqi forces combat violent insurgents

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“We think that most of the insurgents we’re faced with here are local,” Brig. Gen. Carter Ham, of Task Force Olympia, told CNN.

U.S. and Iraqi forces were fighting pockets of insurgents on Mosul’s west side, with 90 percent of the city stable, the Iraqi minister of provinces, Judge Wael Abdel-Latif, told Knight Ridder. However, a nighttime curfew remained in effect and bridges over the Tigris River remained closed, he said, to “corner the terrorists and not allow them any reinforcements, any food, any weapons.”

“The terrorists in Mosul seized the chance (to attack) while the government was busy with Fallujah,” Abdel-Latif said. “They managed to take over some police stations and they tried to use them as fortresses but ... they encountered a massive military force. They couldn’t fight back. They lost.”

Residents of Mosul said many stores and gas stations were open yesterday and relatively few U.S. and Iraqi troops visible.

Conflicting and unconfirmed reports emerged yesterday that militants had kidnapped policemen in far western Iraq. Gunmen reportedly confronted the policemen at a hotel in the turbulent Anbar province.

According to one news report, which cited unnamed police sources,

about 20 gunmen stormed a hotel Sunday in Rutba, near the Jordanian border. The gunmen placed hoods on 31 policemen, bound their hands and whisked them away.

In another report citing police sources, gunmen briefly detained 35 policemen in the Rutba hotel Tuesday but released them after the policemen convinced the gunmen they were traveling businessmen.

In yet another report, citing a man who said he was one of the policemen, gunmen abducted about 65 recruits Sunday from a hotel in Trebil, also near the Jordanian border and in the Anbar province. He said he was one of three men who’d escaped abduction.

Iraqi Interior Ministry spokesman Sabah Khadim said he hadn’t been able to confirm the abduction. The U.S. military couldn’t confirm it either, Boylan said.

On Oct. 23, gunmen ambushed about 50 unarmed Iraqi soldiers returning from training and killed them on a road east of Baghdad. Also last month, gunmen west of Baghdad killed nine policemen returning from training in Jordan.

(Knight Ridder Newspapers special correspondent Huda Ahmed contributed to this report.)

Vote: Parties’ approach challenged

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Research, one of the surveys’ co-authors. “This is an opportunity for (democrats) to build on their support for the next generation (and) this is a challenge for the republicans to communicate to the next generation, not to write them off.”

Young voters shared many of the concerns of their parents and grandparents about the economy, the war in Iraq, terrorism and moral values, but no single issue dominated. Twenty-one percent chose Iraq and moral values, followed by the economy at 16 percent and terrorism at 12 percent. Among those who said moral values were their top concern, 32 percent described moral values as “personal beliefs and character of the candidate.” Abortion followed at 24 percent and gay marriage at 18 percent.

Those most concerned about

moral values were the most likely to vote. The economy was the top issue for 18-to-29-year-olds who did not vote, the surveys found.

In a potentially ominous sign for traditional news media, young voters were much more inclined to learn about the candidates and the issues from the Internet, which the authors said is emerging as a counterbalance to cable television and talk radio.

Young people who listened to at least four hours of talk radio a week narrowly preferred President Bush over Sen. John Kerry. Those who cited the Internet as their primary source backed Kerry over Bush, 62 percent to 36 percent.

When asked which network news source they trusted most to give them information about politicians and politics, the top choice was volunteered — 26 percent said none of them.

The emergence of cable TV’s

John Stewart, host of Comedy Central’s “The Daily Show,” as an alternative source of information underscored both a level of distrust with traditional media and the changing media tastes of younger voters.

Stewart tied NBC’s Tom Brokaw at 17 percent. ABC’s Peter Jennings received 15 percent and CBS’ Dan Rather followed at 10 percent.

“They’re more likely to trust a fake anchor on a fake news show. That, to me, is incredible,” Luntz said.

Jefrey Pollock, president of Global Strategy Group, one of the authors, said the young voters are, as a group, less religious than their parents. About 21 percent were African-Americans. And about 80 percent of those surveyed said they plan to be politically active.

“I don’t expect these people to be going away very soon,” Pollock said.

Black: Conference to raise awareness

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nearly forgotten since the surge of Asian immigrants in the mid-1800s.

“There was no community and there was no community encouragement,” Takara said. “There was a stigma, and that stigma was passed on to island people.”

Today, African Americans represent 3 percent of Hawai’i’s population but less than 1 percent of students and faculty at UH, according to the university.

Takara said the conference should raise awareness on what she said is a serious lack of black presence and scholarships in the islands. A future goal down the line would be to establish an International Center for African Studies and Research at UH Manoa.

“That’s a dream, it’s a vision and hopefully I’ll get to see it happen,” Takara said. “It would be exciting, there is so much unexplored research” on the African American community.

Titles and times of today’s

forums, all at the East-West Center Pacific Room Imin Center and free to the public, are:

“Intersections: African Diaspora, Asia and Pacific Islands” from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

“Poets Speak: Forging Links, Writing Difference” from 12 - 1 p.m.

“Africa in the Pacific” from 2:30 - 4 p.m.

There also will be a welcome reception and awards ceremony with pupus being served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for \$10.

NewsBriefs

By Alexandre Da Silva

Ka Leo News Editor

The Keller Hall 213 computer lab extended its operation hours to provide students additional online access while Hamilton Library

remains closed due to flood damage.

The lab has 29 computers and will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Thanksgiving, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The lab will return to its regular operating hours once Hamilton reopens. Regular hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and on Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Vega to play a special show on O'ahu

By Jessica Yeh

Ka Leo Staff Writer

The first time I saw Vega, they were covering Blink 182's "Dammit" in my high school gymnasium. That was almost three years ago. Since they have been together, Vega has transitioned from a small cover band to an original, finely-tuned ensemble.

This Friday, Vega will be playing a special show at Rhythm & Blues Club on Sand Island Access Road. Other local acts like El Enemigo (from the Big Island), Youth In Asia and Pacifica will join them from 6 - 10 p.m., all ages, for \$5. Vega will be selling their CD at the event.

All members of the band hail from Hilo, Hawai'i and have been friends since meeting at Waiakea High. The band started in 2001 when Alexei Samimi, guitar; Tyler Wolff, vocals; Chris Formanek, bass and keyboards; and Joe Formanek, drums started to play punk covers in the Formaneks' extra room. Originally, Formanek played guitar, but they recruited guitarist Waiaka Kealamakia several months later, and Formanek moved to bass. Soon after, Samimi's brother, Kamran, started playing bass on some of their songs while Formanek played keyboard.

All members except Kealamakia attend school at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. This posed a problem for the band last year when Wolff and Kamran went off to school, leaving the band without a singer or fifth member to play bass. During Wolff and Kamran's absence, the band played shows in Hilo with local talent David Hashimoto. By this time, the band had changed its style from punk to a different sound.

Their new style was influenced by bands such as the Mars Volta, King Crimson, Pink Floyd, Mercury Program, Death Cab for Cutie, Led Zeppelin, At the Drive-In and Kalapana.

Initially, listeners on the Big Island were shocked at the new style the band played and were not very



Vega, a band which hails from Hilo, Hawai'i is scheduled to play this Friday, Nov. 19 at the Rhythm & Blues Club on Sand Island Access Road. The band has drawn its "fusion" sound from jazz, Latin, reggae and hardcore.

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receptive. Eventually, due to their intense energy, they acquired a large fan base that appreciated their distinct sound, and the band went on to win the Battle of the Bands on the Big Island in April, 2004, which gave them a \$1,000 prize, which most of them used to buy new equipment. Shortly after the contest, Hashimoto left the band, but Wolff and Kamran rejoined them during the summer, which is when they began recording their debut CD, "Colours."

They finished the 14 track project several weeks ago, and the band describes their unique style of music as "progressive rock" that integrates a mix of jazz, Latin, reggae and hardcore. They've often been called a "fusion" band, a label they're comfortable with. Their influences can be heard in many of their tracks and especially in their guitar riffs.

When I first listened to the "Colours," I thought of the Mars Volta, Kalapana, as well as traces of Thursday, in their songs. I even noticed Reggie and the Full Effect in one track. The keyboards add a unique flair to their sound.

Other listeners feel that Vega's experimental CD is "different" and "interesting." The way that they blend each different genre of music together makes for a distinctive sound that separates them from most local bands in Hawai'i. My roommate, Amy, who is not a fan of hardcore, said she "liked the different sounds of the album, especially the slower songs, which were more mellow."

The album offers a very diverse, hourlong earful with several bonus tracks. Diversity is one of the key elements in Vega.

Regarding their music, Vega says "We present integration of cultures in

our sound, with the hope of getting our audience to branch out."

The varied amount of people they appeal to can be seen at the few shows they play.

Because Kealamakia still attends school on the Big Island, the band rarely plays together, except when they're all home. This past summer, they played several shows in Hilo and Kona at the local bandstand and Palace Theater.

Vega is here to stay and will continue to thrive as one of the most original bands to come out of Hawai'i in a long time.

If you'd like to listen to them without having to pay any money, check out their Web site where you can hear some of the tracks on their album and check out some information on members.

Their Web site is www.myspace.com/vega.

Convention 'links' voices of minorities

By Matt Ishitani

Ka Leo Staff Writer

Starting today, "Forging Links," a convention directed toward minority issues, will take place at the University of Hawai'i's East-West Center. Admission is free for all presentations except for the welcome reception and farewell celebration, which cost \$10 to attend.

The primary focus of the convention is the diversity of Hawai'i and the desire to bring recognition to the voices of all nationalities. Minority Writers will offer lectures regarding the sociological perspectives of race. In hopes of increasing ethnic diversity, the conference aims at linking Africa, North and South America, Asia and the Pacific Islands.

One draw of this convention is an address from the conference's keynote speaker, Ishmael Reed. Reed is a renowned author who incorporates satire into his take on literature. He has been a major figure among minority writers like Toni Morrison, and he is regarded as a leading influence in contemporary literature. He will be addressing an excerpt from one of his greatest works, "Japanese By Spring."

The event kicks off today at 10 a.m. with "Intersections: African Diaspora, Asia, and the Pacific Islands" and ends on Saturday night with the farewell celebration from 4 - 6 p.m. The Welcome Reception on Thursday at 5 p.m. will serve food and beverages to its attendees. The address by Ishmael Reed is on Friday, starting at noon.

Pregnancy is a responsibility



Stout Minds
Christopher Mikesell
 Ka Leo Opinions Editor

Depending on who you are asking, the dialogue on abortion has largely been the concern of one gender. Some will tell you that only men have been making decisions for women on abortion policy and, unrightfully so, others will tell you that the only place for a discussion about abortion is among women, since they are the ones who have uteruses.

I say both positions are unfairly exclusive. Men should not be deciding for women what they can and cannot do with their bodies, but at the same time it takes two people to make a baby, both a man and a woman.

“ Every time a man and a woman have sex, there is a chance that a pregnancy can occur, and both men and women need to ... accept the responsibility. ”

It is not as if abortion is a new issue to tackle. In fact, for better or worse, the process has been around for as long as there have been pregnancies. It is only relatively recently in the long span of human history that abortion has become such a hot-button issue, but that only gives us the opportunity to finally discuss it in a civil manner.

On that note, I'm not going to go and tell women what they should or should not do. I'd simply like to ask those of you who happen to be women to consider something when you make that

decision. I'm not trying to be some chauvinistic, stereotypical uterus-less male when I say this, although I don't intend to apologize for the inherently male parts I was born with, either. This is simply something for your consideration.

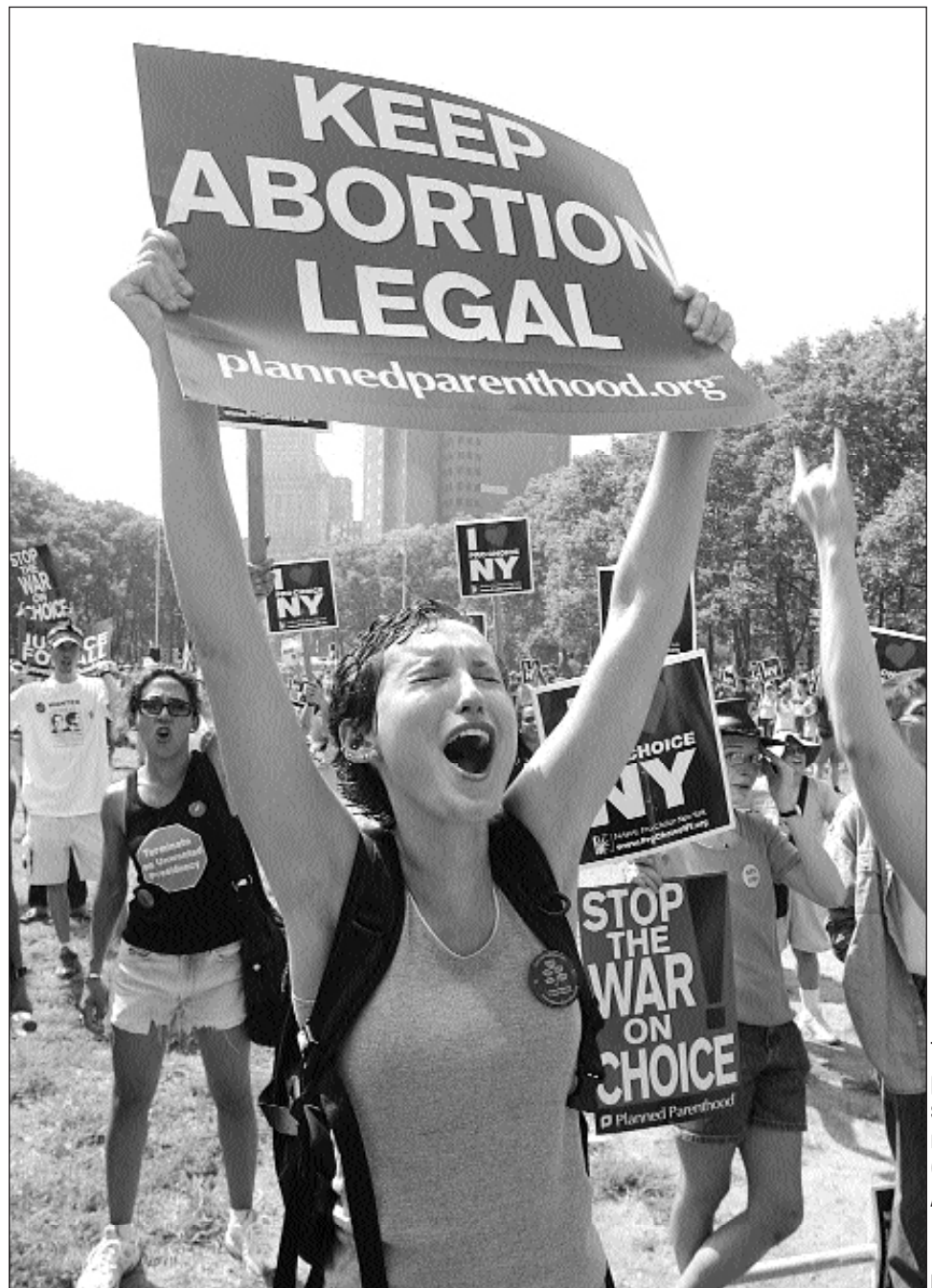
Men are not born with the capacity to give birth. "Big deal," you say. "We already know this. We're women, remember?" Well, I say this because it means that men don't get to have the kind of maternal connection with a child that women do. Also, there are a lot of single men (and women) out there who would like to be parents but cannot because they are unable to conceive a child or are socially prohibited from doing so.

There are also a lot of male homosexual couples who would like to have children just like any other couple would, but unfortunately because males are, sadly, uterus-less, they are not able to

have children outside of an adoption venue and even then there is a social prohibition in place that prevents them from doing so.

This is something that saddens me greatly. There are so many people out there who would like to have children but cannot, but at the same time there is this large population of women who do not want to even give their children a chance in the world.

Do not misunderstand me, I am very supportive of the practice of contraception should people choose to undertake it. I do, how-



Thousands of protesters demonstrate for abortion rights in New York City on Saturday, Aug. 28.

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ever, contend that there is a certain responsibility involved in making the decision to perform sexual intercourse.

Every time a man and a woman have sex, there is a chance that a pregnancy can occur, and both men and women need to recognize, acknowledge and accept this responsibility.

Men who have sex without knowing that they have either the means to support a child or the discipline to use an external or internal contraceptive method — yes, they exist — are making poor decisions about sex. That same standard should apply to women as well.

I also acknowledge that there are circumstances that change the situation a bit when considering abortion. There must be a provision for it in the cases of rape, incest or

the development of serious birth defects in the child. Neither you nor I can ever take

“ It is a life both for the potential child inside you and for the people who are unable but very willing to nurture a life of their own. ”

defects in the child. There should also be a provision for it in cases where the health of the mother is in jeopardy.

And even though this saddens me, ultimately I think it should be a woman's right to choose even if it isn't one of any of the above situations. No matter how irresponsible the choice may be, it is still a choice that needs to be made.

it upon ourselves to make that kind of decision for another person.

But since it is a choice, I am asking those of you who may find yourselves in that situation to choose in favor of life. It is a life both for the potential child inside you and for the people who are unable but very willing to nurture a life of their own.

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Bush's foreign policy morally charged

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Bush administration foreign policy has a well developed and well researched political philosophy behind their actions. It subscribes to the belief that the countries who are the strongest militarily and economically are the ones who survive. Their policies are formed around the belief that enemies will always be lurking in the corners and it is imperative for a country, if it wants its own people to prosper, to be ever-vigilant and constantly aware of opportunities to destroy these threats.

The role of the government, then, is to protect its people by staying in power, and to protect its resources and territory by squelching the constant threat of attack. This makes War and even pre-

wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have put troops and bases on two of Iran's borders. It has helped Israel deal with Syria and it has forced Saudi Arabia, the country primarily responsible for 9/11, to begin dealing with terrorism. The United States now has military alliances with each country on the Eastern Saudi border, (Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, and the U.A.E., collectively known as the Gulf Cooperation Council, G.C.C.), and the invasion of Iraq has put almost 200,000 troops on the Saudi northern border as well.

To the Bush administration, seizing a stronghold amidst a hornets' nest of America's enemies, while removing Saddam Hussein from power was a strategic stroke of genius.

Contrary to a very popular opinion among anti-Bush admin-

plify the complexity of the human condition. Although I do believe in the existence of evil, as humans we believe the majority of our actions are righteous, and we use our ideologies and philosophies to justify them.

If we do not agree with the philosophies and ideologies of the Bush administration, we need to examine our own and figure out where they differ. More importantly, we need to know why they differ and why ours would be a better way to run our country than the actions of the current president and his staff.

We must be careful not to deflect the logic behind current foreign policy with simple arguments like, "war is just wrong" or "Bush is a moron." Saying these things, while having no other argument behind them other than, "There should just be World Peace Dammit!" is like trying to break down a fortress wall by throwing pebbles at it.

The Bush administration's foreign policy is a heavily fortified

moral and philosophical argument. Such reasoning cannot be rebutted against with brash, emotional responses.

If we wish to stand up against the actions of the current and perhaps future presidential administrations, then we need to start asking ourselves some very hard questions:

How do we deal with the threat of terrorism?

If war and retaliation is not the answer than what is? How exactly do we begin to rebuild world alliances, and who should we build them with? How do we explain the inherently violent trends in human history? Is world peace truly possible and if so, how do we make it happen?

These are just a few of the questions so many of us do not ask ourselves, but to answer the most important ones, we do not need a complex understanding of the political situations going on in the world today.

The nature of humanity can be contemplated while working in

our gardens, or while we are bored in class. But too often, we don't challenge our beliefs because we risk finding out we're wrong.

For others, the thought of some of these topics causes feelings of desperation. But it is imperative, that the people of our nation be versed in these types of conversations. Otherwise, other people will make up our minds for us. Humanity will stay stuck in a state of perpetual conflict and we won't understand why. And those against the Bush administration will only be spouting more rhetoric, just like their political counterparts whom they are so ardently against.

For those who wish to gain an understanding of the philosophies held by people in the Bush administration, a great place to visit is www.newamericancentury.org. This is a Web site for a neo-conservative think tank of which many members of the Bush administration belong to. Pay attention to the names on the site and search for articles written by the people you see.

“ **The Bush administration is not inherently evil. They do not meet in back rooms and delight themselves with vicious cackles while fiendishly plotting to control and destroy the world.** ”

emptive strike inherent and necessary parts of life.

This does not mean those who believe in a philosophy similar to the Bush administration want to go to war. Most of them have families, and other loved ones they wish to protect. To those who feel threatened by the likes of Osama Bin Laden and Saddam Hussein, retaliation has been a tragic, yet necessary part of the cycle of human history.

From the perspective of Bush administration policy gurus, the

istration advocates, Bush and his Administration are not stupid.

The behind-the-scenes men and women of the oval office are incredibly intelligent. Collectively, they have entire libraries of books they have written on their political philosophies, and policies.

The Bush administration is not inherently evil. They do not meet in back rooms and delight themselves with vicious cackles while fiendishly plotting to control and destroy the world.

Such generalizations oversim-

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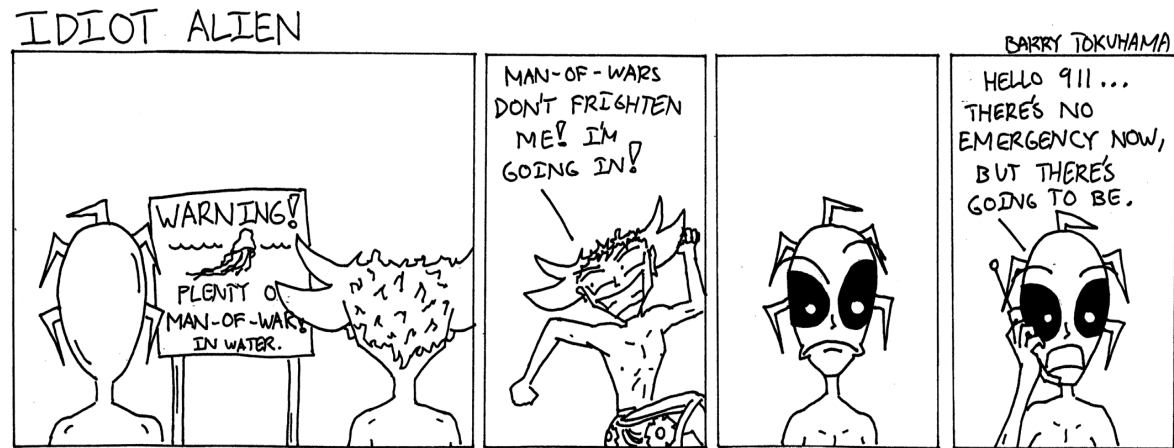
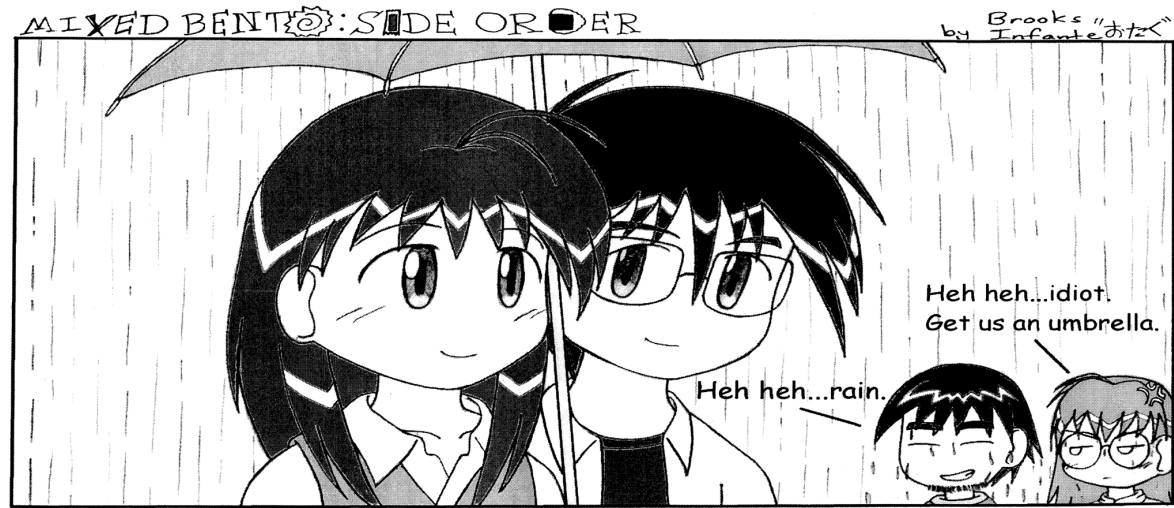
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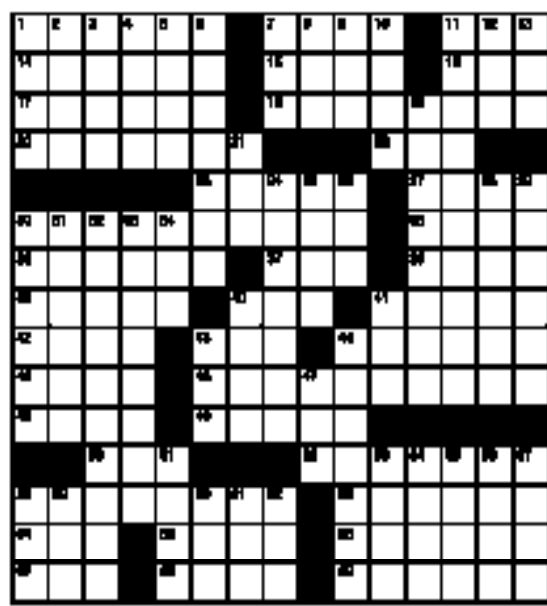
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 - 48 Allured
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 - 26 Silly person
 - 28 Jacob's favorite wife
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SportsBriefs

'Bows, Warriors sign two players

Ka Leo Staff

The University of Hawai'i men's basketball team received its second National Letter of Intent yesterday, signing Matt Lojeski of Eastern Wyoming College.

Lojeski, a 6-foot-5 guard, averaged nearly 17 points and six rebounds per game. When he joins the team, he will have two years of eligibility.

"He has good size and tremendous athletic ability," head coach Riley Wallace said. "He's a slasher and has good ball-handling skills. He comes from a good program that is well-coached. We're not only getting a skilled basketball player, but most importantly we're fortunate to be getting an all-around good student-athlete."

Meanwhile, the Rainbow Wahine volleyball team received a letter of

intent from Punahou's Aneli Cubi-Otineru.

The 5-foot-11 outside hitter, tabbed as the 2003 Hawai'i State Player of the Year, was named all-state in each of her first years of playing, and has helped lead the BuffinBlu to back-to-back state championships in 2003 and 2004.

"We're happy to add Aneli Cubi-Otineru to our volleyball family," Rainbow Wahine coach Dave Shoji said. "She's an outstanding all-around player who will add depth to the outside hitting positions. She has excellent back-row skills as well as being a physically-gifted athlete."

The Rainbow Warrior basketball team starts regular season play next week Tuesday, Nov. 23, against Mississippi Valley State. Tipoff is scheduled for 7:05 p.m. at the Stan Sheriff Center.

The second-ranked Rainbow Wahine volleyball team play Southern Methodist tomorrow in the first round of the Western Athletic Conference Tournament in Reno, Nev.

Freshmen qualify for Walker Award

Freshman group of running backs inspires change

By Jeff Wilson

Knight Ridder Newspapers

DENTON, Texas (KRT) — A brilliant group of freshman running backs this season inspired changes to the qualifications needed to the win the Doak Walker Award for the nation's top running back.

Freshmen, the Southern Methodist University Athletic Forum's members decreed Monday night, should be eligible to be recognized as the Doak Walker Award winner. One first-year player was added to the list of semifinalists, and to the dismay of North Texas coach Darrell Dickey, his wasn't picked.

Jamario Thomas won't win the Dallas-based award this season, even though he has emerged as the leading rusher in the nation while etching his name in National Collegiate Athletic Association history books. Oklahoma freshman Adrian Peterson remains a candidate despite averaging 46.7 yards fewer per game.

"If you're going to tell me (Thomas) is not one of the eight best running backs in the country, I'd say you're crazy," Dickey said Tuesday. "For him to be left off ... it's ridiculous."

Thomas leads Division I-A with 1,709 yards in nine games (189.89 average), including games of two carries for minus-1 yard against Texas and 10 for 58 before leaving injured against Baylor.

He is one of only three Division I-A freshmen to ever gain 1,700 yards in a season, and he trails former Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne's record by only 154 yards.

He tied former Heisman winners and Pro Football Hall of Fame running backs Marcus Allen and Barry Sanders for the I-A record for consecutive 200-yard games (five) and can break the record today at Arkansas State.

But he won't be joining Dayne as a Walker award winner this season.

"There was a keen recognition that (Thomas) was a very worthy candidate," said Chris Rentzel, the chairman of the forum's board of directors. "When the list was handed to me at the end of the meeting, there were eight top-drawer semifinalists there. I just don't know who you exclude from that. In another year, I am sure he would have made it."

The eight who did make it are J.J. Arrington (California), Cedric Benson (Texas), Ronnie Brown (Auburn), Reggie Bush (USC), Ryan Moats (Louisiana Tech), Peterson, Carnell Williams (Auburn) and DeAngelo Williams (Memphis).

With the exception of Moats, who played at Bishop Dunne High School in Dallas, the semifinalists "were (playing) absolutely in the heat of a national spotlight, turning in big performances one after another," Rentzel said.

He said award voters knew that Thomas had gained 247 yards in his first college start against Colorado, but the Mean Green is out of the national spotlight as a member of the lower-tier Sun Belt Conference.

"In the final analysis, that probably played a role," Rentzel said.

Freshmen previously had been ineligible for the award because academics, leadership and character are also considered, Rentzel said, and freshmen didn't have a track record in the off-the-field criteria.

Coach: Discrimination often 'below the radar'

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Eustachy, when Houston recycles former Texas and George Washington coach Tom Penders and when University of Nevada, Las Vegas recycles former Illinois coach Lon Kruger.

"The common people say, 'Why are you upset?'" said Keith, illuminating just how far below the radar the issue of race flies. But his BCA is working, sponsoring tournaments like the Classic that closed Tuesday in Milwaukee and looking for ways to improve minority chances in all sports.

"Football defies the imagination. It's not even real," Keith said. "How in this country can you have a greater chance to be a general in the U.S. Army (than you do to be a college football coach)? Twenty-six percent (of the Army is African-American) and 8.3 percent are generals.

"Now here we are in football, almost 50 percent Division I participation, and out of I-A and I-AA, five of 220 coaches (are African-American). We're talking generals, someone who can make a difference between living and dying. Then we're talking about the two-minute drill,

this game. Something's seriously wrong in the culture of American sport when you have that injustice."

There are other concerns of the BCA — the paucity of African-American conference commissioners, of African-American athletic directors, of African-American women's basketball coaches, yet they also are tucked away too often in a closet corner right next to the ancient scrapbook. This, after all, is an age that seeks comfort, an age that seeks escape from any questions that cause discomfort, so those issues can be ignored easily as well.

In their place are visions of Smith, Barnes, Amaker, Leitao and others like them working the sidelines. This leaves the impression that all is well, that the problems have been solved and the struggle is over.

"But there's perception, and perception is not reality," Keith said. "It's our job to say, 'This isn't the way it is.'"

The BCA has to keep at it. "When the group started (in 1987), there was a sense of urgency," Barnes said. "That's what we have to try and develop in our organization now, more of a sense of urgency. Things are better. But there are problems we still have to deal with."

Dive: UH shows they can contend

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WAC Swimming and Diving Athlete of the Week honors for her performance at the USC Invitational.

"I was pretty excited to be athlete of the week," said Haung. "I don't know how I got it. But (it) was a happy thing, cause I saw a lot of swimmers, good swimmers, last year they all got athlete of the week. I always wondered how I can get one and finally I got one. So I was happy, yeah it was a pretty good start."

Although questions arose in the beginning in regards to the men's side after losing valuable swimmers from season, and high expectations for the women's side this season, the Hawai'i squad is showing they can live up to the preseason notions and be tough competitors.

"I guess it shows we're a young, upcoming, aggressive team, that isn't afraid to swim anybody," Anderson said.

The team will next face Pacific this Friday at the Duke Kahanamoku Aquatics Complex at 6 p.m.



WANG

UH diving team continues to improve

By Brandy Flores

Ka Leo Associate Sports Editor

Only two meets into the season and the University of Hawai'i swimming and diving team has already shown signs of an even better season than last year. Bolstered by new recruits, the women's side is stronger than before, and the men's side has gained depth though they are still a fairly young team.

After facing No. 4 Stanford in their opening meet and coming off a solid sweep in the Big West Shootout, newcomers Thomas Winkler and Melanie Schlanger, along with diver Rui Wang, have made their presence known to their teammates and competitors.

"Right now on the girl's side, the standout on the swimming side is Melanie Schlanger," Hawai'i swimming coach Mike Anderson said. "She made an A-cut already. She's the only person on the team who automatically qualifies for the NCAA Championships and set a new school record, and she's been in the country for three months. It's fantastic, my hats off to her."

Schlanger, a new member to the UH squad this season, has already demonstrated her skills to her coaches, teammates and opponents. In the meet against Stanford, she won the 50 and 100-yard free and met the National Collegiate Athletic Association B-standard qualifying times in both events. She also set a new school record in the 100 free with a time of 49.49 when swimming in the Big West Shootout.

"(It was) pretty much a relief, to kind of get qualifying early in the season, so I don't really have to worry about it," Schlanger said. "I wasn't really expecting to do that ... so it was a bit of an excitement as well."

Although she has already proven herself in relation to winning and records, she continues to work hard to meet other goals for herself.

"It's more of a stepping stone," said Schlanger, "cause my goals are a bit more oriented toward swimming faster. Basically every time I race I want to get a bit faster."

The Rainbow men are also excelling with the help of a new swimmer making his mark on the team. Thomas Winkler, a native of Germany, set a new school record in the 200 back with a time of 1:45.17 in the Big West Shootout in Irvine, Calif.

"(That's) a time that will get him in NCAA's," Anderson said. "It's a consideration time, but its fast enough to get in. I have no doubts he's going to go much, much faster as he progresses."

Winkler came into the UH program with a solid background — he won gold in the European Short Course

Championships as part of a 4x50 relay team and placed fifth in the 100-meter free in the 2000-2001 FIONA swimming World Cup. He was also part of the 1999 European Junior Champion 4x100 relay team. With his experience and knowing the expectations that would be set on him this season, Winkler admitted the pressure was on him to perform. But after coming out and setting a new record, things have changed.

"Actually I wanted to break (the record)," said Winkler. "I didn't know that it might happen that fast. (It was) quite a surprise. I thought if I'm lucky I could break it this season, but I broke it already. All the pressure is gone, so I just can go on and swim and ... its more relaxed now."

Winkler swims both backstroke and freestyle and says he performs based on what is needed.

"It depends on the team," said Winkler.

"I've been a backstroker for my whole life so I used to do some freestyle for events like the European Junior Championships. Then we had a freestyle relay, I wanted to take part in that one so I had to swim freestyle."

The swimmers aren't the only ones making noise, as two female Chinese divers are getting their sport more attention. Qiongjie Huang, an All-American selection in the 1-meter springboard and honorable mention All-American in the 3-meter springboard, was named Western Athletic Conference Diver of the Year and continues to add accolades onto her career.

Together with the newest dive member, Wang, the two swept both days' events at the USC Invitational with Huang earning wins in both the 1-meter and 3-meter events, Wang taking the top spot in platform.

Said Huang: "(I won) the first event because the Olympic diver from Canada (USC's Blythe Hartley), she didn't dive the 3-meter, so that first place was not that hard to get. But the next day it was exciting, because (it was) the best performance I ever did in my diving career. I never though

I could win, or beat her, cause she's very good. So I just told myself do what I have to do and do the best I can. But it turns out I was very, very lucky. (To win by) 0.05, it's mostly lucky, and we will meet again at Zone and NCAA's."

"I'm so happy because I didn't practice last year," Wang said. "So I just restarted my body and just practiced for two months for this meet."

Wang was surprised at taking the win in the platform since she had only prepared for the 1-meter and swimming, though her background as a tower diver helped to secure the win. Wang's specialty is the platform, and it was the first time she had competed in the event in two years.

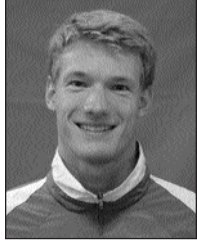
Wang chose Hawai'i because she liked UH and had been here once before and enjoyed it. So when she was asked to join and transfer, she immediately agreed. Wang said it is different for her in Hawai'i in respects to training, and that she enjoys going to practice and working hard. It also doesn't hurt to already have a friend on the team as she does in fellow teammate Huang.

"If I dive with her she's my friend," said Huang. "I've known her since we were back in China. I want to come practice, because I have a friend here. (If) I don't feel good or I'm not confident about a meet, I'll talk to her and she will give me more confidence, and tell me what to do and don't worry about it."

That extra confidence boost is becoming apparent as Huang earned



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Junior Qiongjie Huang of the Rainbow Wahine diving team and WAC Swimming and Diving Athlete of the week during practice on Wednesday.



Nicole Mackey competes in the 100 yard backstroke against Stanford Saturday.

TONY BLAZEJACK
Ka Leo O Hawai'i

Black coaches still struggle to get rehired

By Skip Myslenski

Chicago Tribune

MILWAUKEE (KRT) — They are faded pictures in an ancient scrapbook that has been tucked away in a dark corner of the closet.

There is John Chaney lingering for long seasons at Division II Cheyney University, awaiting the chance Temple finally gives him.

There is Nolan Richardson busting down barriers as he works his way up to Arkansas, where he wins the national title in 1994.

There is, most publicly, Georgetown's John Thompson boldly walking off the court and

boycotting one of his team's games to protest National Collegiate Athletic Association regulations.

That last snapshot was taken in 1989 and much has changed since then. Tubby Smith was hired by Kentucky, once the plantation of a biased baron named Adolph Rupp. Rod Barnes was hired by Mississippi, once the bastion of vicious and virulent racism.

Michigan hired Tommy Amaker, DePaul hired Dave Leitao and, all across the country, many other black men were hired to lead college basketball programs.

"But where we still struggle

is the guys don't get rehired," said Floyd Keith, the executive director of the Black Coaches Association (BCA). "Classic example. Here's Nolan Richardson (whom Arkansas fired in 2002). He proved himself. Had no violations. ... Then I look around, I'm not going to mention names, but here's a coach (Larry Eustachy, recently hired by Southern Miss.) that, at Iowa State, hugged and kissed coeds, got drunk, and he's working again (while Richardson isn't). There's something wrong here."

Barnes agrees.

"When you look at the work

that still needs to be done, that's one of the issues," he said. "Wade Houston, a great basketball coach in our league at Tennessee, he's out, hasn't been able to get back in. Randy Ayers (the former Ohio State coach). You have guys who have been in this business, who have been successful, they don't get a chance. They don't even get midmajor jobs. And that's just one area where work needs to be done."

Yet it seems that the work already is done. Smith, Barnes, Amaker and Leitao traveled roads far easier than those Chaney, Richardson and Thompson trod.

Today African-Americans coach 25 percent of the teams in college basketball, and there is comfort, too, in that number.

When another white coach is recycled to fill a college football vacancy, the question of race may be raised. But no other hot-button issues exist, so nothing is said when Southern Miss. recycles Eustachy, when Houston recycles former Texas and George Washington coach Tom Penders and when University of Nevada, Las Vegas recycles former Illinois

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