

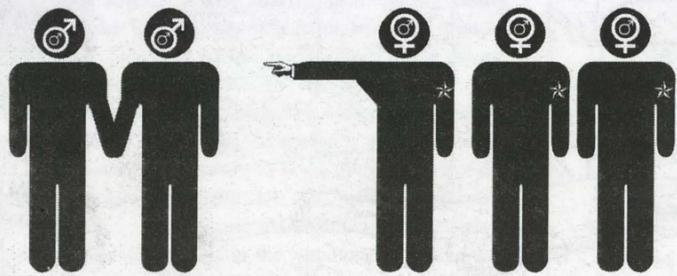
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## DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL DON'T RECRUIT



Third Circuit Court of Appeals's ruling allows colleges to prevent military from recruiting on campus. UH law school could follow suit.

By Paul Kolbe  
NEWS EDITOR

A recent ruling by a Federal Appeals Court came down in favor of a lawsuit allowing academic institutions to bar military recruiters from recruiting on their campuses. The suit, which was filed against the 1995 Solomon Act, allows law schools to deny military recruiters access to their career service facilities and programs.

The suit was filed by the Forum for Academic and Institutional Rights (FAIR), whose members consist of faculty from various law schools. Many of the law schools were not willing to be named, but schools such as New York University, Stanford and Georgetown have been publicly identified.

The Solomon Act was passed to counter law schools ability to deny access to military recruiters who would not sign their anti-discrimination statements. Under the bylaws of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), schools must require all employers to sign a non-discrimination statement. These statements must include sexual orientation as a stipulation, usually preventing military recruiters from signing it, and thereby forcing the schools to deny access to their programs. The Solomon Act forced law schools to allow access to military recruiters or face losing federal

funding such as work-study, loans and grants.

The recent 2-to-1 decision by the Third Circuit Court in Philadelphia was filed in favor of the schools having a First Amendment Right to not associate with groups whose policies they oppose or find discriminatory. The ruling was based on a 2000 Supreme Court ruling allowing the Boy Scouts to exclude gay scoutmasters.

Currently the William S. Richardson School of Law at University of Hawaii at Manoa is still in compliance with the Solomon Act.

"As of today we are not planning to follow suit," said Amy Ono, Director of Career Services and Assistant Director of Student Services at the UH law school. "We require all employers to sign a nondiscrimination statement. The military will frequently amend it in accordance with the Solomon Act, but they do sign it."

Ono added that she allows informational sessions and interviews with military recruiters in October immediately following the main recruiting program in September, and she lets the student know there is a reason why she allows them on campus, saying there are students who are genuinely interested in that career path. However, Ono is sure to tell students to be prepared to deal with the government as they do discriminate on the basis of sexual

orientation, age, and physical ability, a warning also displayed on the school's non-discrimination policy.

It is unclear whether military recruiting efforts and goals in Hawaii would be affected should the UH law school decide to follow suit and bar military recruiters.

The Army Judge Advocate General's recruiting office did not respond to a request to comment on the issue.

The Department of Defense, who was the defendant in the lawsuit, gave a written response stating, "The Department is studying the opinions of the court, which decided this case on a 2-1 split, and will consult with the Department of Justice. We therefore cannot comment on the decision at this time."

Students at the William S. Richardson School of Law gave mixed reactions to the possibility of UH barring military recruiters.

"I think it's a complicated issue," Joshua Williams-Como said. "From my point of view the recruiters make it easier, I came here to go into federal service. It is a public law school and it represents the community. If they're barring recruitment from any viable opportunity because of politics, then they're not really serving the entire public."

Student Kara Young feels differently.

"I think schools should be given the discretion to decide who recruits on campus," she said.

## Students face problems during peak holiday travel

By Berkeley Fowler  
STAFF WRITER

With thousands of college students out of school and ready for a winter break, peak travel season begins. Students will be flying to the mainland with their families on ski trips, for family visits or just to go back home. Security checkpoints will clog, seats will fill, and airports will swell with travelers.

Peak season for outbound flights from Hawaii starts around Dec. 18 when most of the local schools and colleges start their holiday break. Peak season is described as a time when tickets are generally more expensive, and airlines make back money lost during sluggish sale months during the year. Peak season generally ends on Jan. 10, when most schools are back in session.

During this time, travel can be a more stressful for unprepared travelers. Long waits at security

checkpoints and crowded overhead luggage space are all things that many have come to expect during the holidays. Delayed flights are more frequent, and overbooking conflicts happen often.

Airlines regularly overbook flights by approximately 5-10 percent, meaning that if a plane has 100 seats, the airline expects five to 10 people to show up too late to board, or not at all. So to keep turning a profit, they book an extra five to 10 seats. Problems arise when too many people show up wanting to board the plane.

Lori Dohi who arrived in Hawaii in late November to care for her mother is planning to fly back to San Francisco just after Christmas.

"I had no idea that airlines did that!" she said when informed about overbooking. "Now that I think about it, last year during Thanksgiv-

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## Transgendered prostitute shows an alternative to living the American dream

By Chad Thomson-Smith  
STAFF WRITER

Humans of all shapes, colors and sizes have pursued the American Dream for centuries. The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines the American dream as a social ideal that stresses egalitarianism and especially material prosperity. Egalitarianism is defined as a belief in human equality especially with respect to social, political, and economic rights and privileges.

Many professions in the United States are economically suited to obtain the American dream. Only a small percentage of Americans have the financial capitol and educational background to pursue these professions. Doctors, attorneys, and other professionals often spend tens of

thousands of dollars to obtain the required education to work in their respective fields. Once the student becomes the professional, a moderate percentage of their paycheck often goes to pay back student loans. It is not uncommon for an individual seeking a law or medical degree to accumulate more than \$100,000 in student loan debt.

One profession in Hawaii economically provides for the American dream without the educational overhead. In pursuit of the American dream former KCC student Tiana Lamoure worked a number of jobs including positions at Starbucks, Zippys and right here on campus. Lamoure found each one of these jobs insufficient to meet her financial

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A Washington state man was killed after the lava lamp he placed on a hot stove exploded and a glass shard pierced his heart.

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ILLUSTRATION KARI WRIGHT

## Colleges can and should bar military recruiters

When 11 states voted not to allow gay marriage in the Nov. 2 elections, it seemed that the majority of Americans were set on not allowing homosexuals to have the same rights of all others in this country.

However, with the recent news that the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit ruled that universities can bar military recruiters from their campuses without jeopardizing any funding that they may be receiving from the government, hope may still exist for the equal rights of gays.

While the ruling may not seem like it should have much effect on the civil liberties of homosexuals, it is undoubtedly a step in the right direction. The ruling challenges the Defense Department's policy of excluding gays from the military, by modifying the Solomon Amendment, a 1995 law that prohibits the federal government from disbursing

money to colleges and universities that do not allow campus recruiting. Now, if campuses see fit, they can bar the military from recruiting on their grounds in protest of their recruiting policies, namely for discrimination over one's sexual orientation.

Although the military has tried to reduce the amount of discrimination that it shows to those living alternative lifestyles with its "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, the lessening of bigotry is nevertheless still unsatisfactory to many who believe gays deserve the same rights as all others. According to the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, members of the military are to refrain from

pursuing investigations or revealing information about their or another's sexual orientation. However, if a service member acknowledges or is caught participating in any sort of homosexual activity, they are subject to be discharged from the military.

It is about time that someone stepped up and challenged the rigid policies of the military — or at least the ones that single out members based solely on their sexual orientation. No evidence corroborates the military's reasoning that openly gay people are a detriment to the service, and no scientific support has shown that homosexuals cannot perform their duties as

well as any other person.

With that being said, it is clear that this is an issue of discrimination, nothing more and nothing less. And until the military sees fit to follow the Constitutional guidelines of this country, such as "All men are created equal," perhaps the universities that provide some of their best and brightest students should shun them. After all, these schools are trying to teach their students to decipher between what is right and wrong, and discrimination without reason is clearly wrong.

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### SPEAK OUT

Should KCC bar military recruiters because the military excludes gays?

Question and Photos:  
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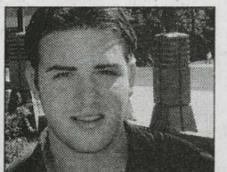
I don't think they should be on campus. They have other venues to find people.  
—Gerry Vasquez



Yes, because I don't think they should exclude gay people.  
— Jennifer Izumi



Yes! It's a bad example to the students (for the military) to be prejudiced.  
— Maile Arakaki



Yeah, because they are discriminatory.  
— Wes Young



No. We are all adults. You have a right to not join, but others might see it as a viable option. It also opens an avenue for students to be active on campus and protest what they don't like.  
—Andrea Stewart

**MY TWO CENTS**  
 by Clint Kaneoka



**Steroids: A major league problem**

By Clint Kaneoka  
 COPY EDITOR

Although spring training is still months away for professional baseball players, the league has nevertheless still managed to make the front page of just about every sports publication in America. Unfortunately, such coverage wasn't gained through the dignified actions or respectable conduct of their athletic elite, but rather through the disgrace and ignominy of steroid abuse.

Allegations regarding the use of performance-enhancing drugs among some of baseball's greatest players have been a nuisance to the league for years now. However, the recent admission of steroid abuse by New York Yankees star Jason Giambi, and the acknowledgement by Giants slugger Barry Bonds that he too may have unknowingly used these drugs, shows that the problem is much more than a mere nuisance.

Truth be told, baseball is a far cry from the somewhat respectable institution that it once was. This isn't the same pastime that once banned Pete Rose from baseball and the Hall of Fame simply for gambling, accusing him of having corrupted the game. Long gone are the days when integrity was considered a cornerstone of the sport, and players were role models and acted upon this responsibility.

These days, many players are too caught up in their own legacies to be concerned with the fact that they are being looked up to as role models by the younger generation. Even fans are willing to discount the reality that a growing number of these athletes are proving to be no better of an influence than the WWF — as long as their team is winning. In fact, despite the deplorable nature of steroids and its widespread use in baseball, some have even pushed the idea that these performance-enhancers should be legitimized because they make the players better, and thus improve the game.

Such a belief could not be further from the truth. While the use of steroids may make a player bigger, stronger, and faster, it is ridiculous to think that the use of these dangerous chemicals are an improvement to the game in any way.

Although the use of these drugs may allow players to hit more home runs or steal more bases, the plain reality of it all is that these players had to cheat to get these stats. People frown upon batters that use corked bats to hit more home runs and pitchers who use sandpaper to scuff the ball, making their pitches nearly impossible to hit, but aren't these all far less severe offenses than the use of steroids?

Clearly, this widespread use of steroids in baseball is one of the worst events to occur in the history of the game. Not only because it reveals a significant number of the best players in the game were cheating, but because it legitimizes the use of these hazardous drugs to put forth a "better" game. Many networks, including CNN and ESPN, have asked in polls whether viewers thought steroids should be legal in baseball, and an alarming number voted "yes."

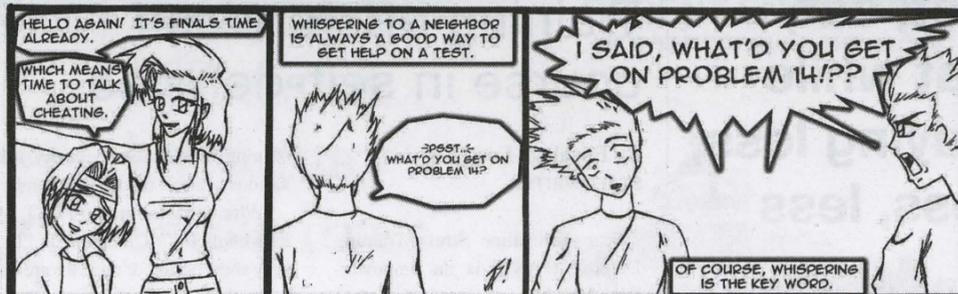
This is idiotic. If the league and fans want to see more action in baseball and are willing compromise the traditional rules of the game, there are much better and safer ways to go about this.

Allowing batters to use modified equipment, such as corked or aluminum bats, and pitchers to scuff the ball would surely add entertainment value to the game. Furthermore, there would be no health risks involved either, unlike steroids, which have been shown to cause cancer and impotence along with a host of other problems. No parent wants their child to idolize a player that is a walking Petri dish, and no athlete should feel the need to become one in order to be a better player.

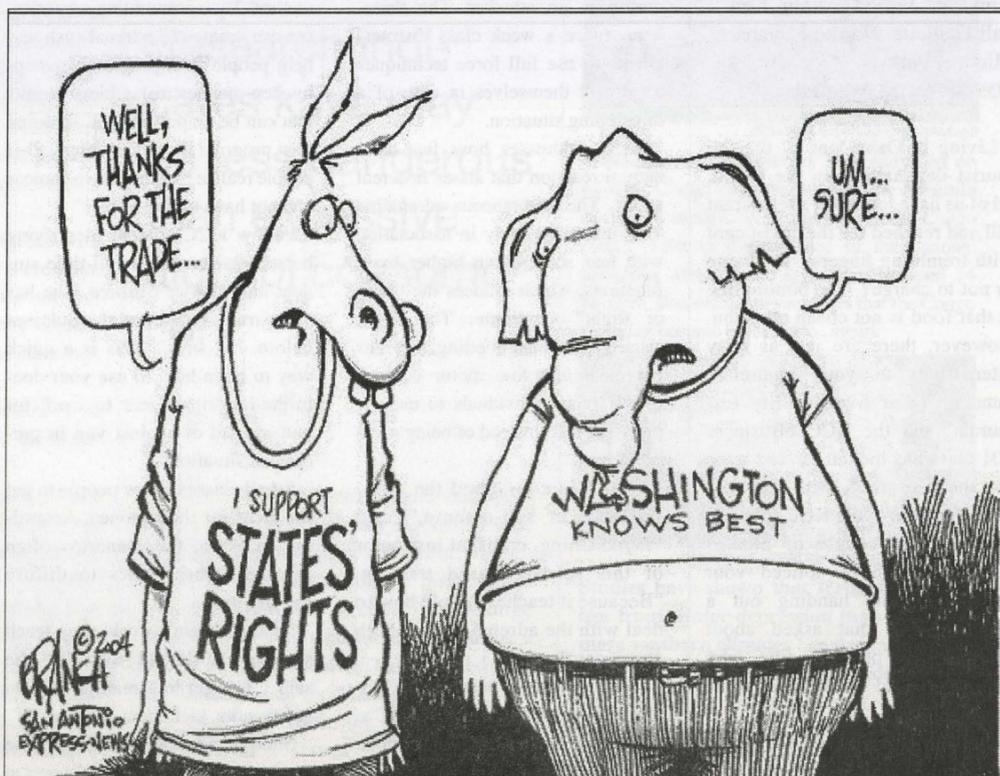
It is inconceivable to think that the use of steroids could be a good thing for baseball. Nothing that compromises the health of its athletes in such a detrimental way, and provides such a morbidly skewed version of what is right in sports can ever be positive for the game. If the majority is in agreement that baseball needs more excitement in the way of home runs and strike outs, then shouldn't they try to augment the equipment before they augment the players?

**THE SCHOOL SURVIVAL GUIDE**

COMIC JOSH SHIMOMURA



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**Thank You**

Mahalo to all the students, faculty and staff who generously donated money to bring our Hawaii National Guard members training in Texas back for the holidays. They will be deployed to Iraq in January. Approximately \$1,500 was collected, enough for one and a half plane fares. Contributions will be accepted at the Bank of Hawaii, Home for the Holidays fund until Dec. 20. The contributions are tax deductible.

**We've got mail: Games, jobs and food**

Although it's nice, the school is far from anything other than here. The school needs a place for exercising or games. I know there are malls and fitness centers close by, but some people don't want to lose their parking. I'm suggesting we have a game room to help pass the time between classes.

— Scott Sakaguchi  
 KCC student

I think a good improvement would be putting out more job placements on bulletin boards around campus. Just so people can see that there is a place where they can find jobs. Plus there should be a variety of jobs on the boards. I think this would be really good because there are a lot of students looking for jobs, either on campus or off. Maybe the school could also put out more classifieds for job placement in the Kapi'ō.

— Kristina Lontayao  
 KCC student

KCC is the best community college on the island. Like all other schools, this one is not perfect. The most noticeable flaw I can see about KCC is the breakfast. The assorted fruits are good but the eggs, fried rice, and breakfast meats taste like shit. Sorry, no other way to describe it. KCC has one of the best culinary schools in the nation, and we can't even have a quality breakfast buffet. What's up wit dat!!

— Heath Lopez  
 KCC student

## Eat, eat, eat while paying less, less, less

By Adam Havrilak, Valentyna Pishchalenko, Ellen Kim, Jeri Ann Poti, Jasha Giramur, Kendall Danielle, Noriko Miyahara, Michael Park  
CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Living in Oahu, one of the top tourist destinations in the world, all of us have looked at a restaurant bill and reached for the credit card with trembling fingers: to charge or not to charge? The bottom line is that food is not cheap on Oahu. However, there are just as tasty alternatives to your high-class hundred-dollar five-star city restaurant, and the KCC eBusiness 101 class has looked far and wide for the best food with the best deals for you — the KCC scholar.

In the last couple of months perhaps you have noticed your fellow students handing out a quick survey that asked about your favorite place to dine, why you like it and a few other basic questions.

The time you spent answering these surveys was not spent in vain! The students of the eBusiness 101 class compiled all the results of your surveys and found the top five restaurants of your choice. What's the reasoning behind all of this? To offer KCC students a website that will provide dining ideas for a date with that special someone or just some late night grindz with friends, not to mention discounts, descriptions, ratings, cool links and many other fun food facts.

The eBusiness 101 class is set up in such a way that the students can get very hands on and enjoy teamwork and interesting lectures from the teacher Mrs. Dik. There are 3 teams, PR team, Website Design, and Research. Everyone has a role to play and everybody has to pull their own weight to ensure that the job gets done. The project has required strict communication between all teams. If we did not have this key skill, it would be off to the kiddies table or into the corner for a time out.

Within the next month, all of this work will have paid off when we launch our website. It's going to be extremely satisfying watching our ideas take flight, but knowing we did something for our peers will be the true reward. We look forward to getting student reactions whether it is good or bad (preferably good!), but either way we hope you at least check us out at [www.cheapgrindz4dimez.com](http://www.cheapgrindz4dimez.com).

The contributing writers are students in the eBusiness 100 class.

## Training offers crash course in self-defense

By Elizabeth Lee  
STAFF WRITER

Fear Adrenaline Stress Training Defense (FAST) is an empowerment-training seminar dedicated to teaching people how to effectively disengage an attacker. The three-hour, twice a week class instructs clients to use full force techniques to protect themselves in case of a threatening situation.

FAST addresses how fear is a natural reaction that arises in a real attack. The spontaneous adrenaline that rushes the body in association with fear shuts down higher brain functions, which induces the "fight or flight" syndrome. The stress caused by adrenal flooding, impedes judgment and fine motor control. FAST trains individuals to use the power of fear, instead of being paralyzed by it.

"FAST is considered the missing link in self-defense," said Wayne Ching, certified instructor of this scenario-based training. "Because it teaches people how to deal with the adrenal rush in high stress conflict."

In his course he teaches his students about what he calls the ABC's: awareness, boundaries, and combat.

Ching started his personal training in 1977 with Aikido, then moved on to Wing Chun Kung Fu and learning Gracie Jiu-Jitsu. He is certified in Jeet Kune Do from Richard Bustillo, one of Bruce Lee's original students. He has had extensive

training in executive security from various schools on the mainland.

"What attracted me to FAST was its simplicity," Ching said. "In a very short period of time we are able to produce results that are difficult to produce in a traditional teaching method. By incorporating scenarios, we can create the adrenal rush and help people in a progressive, step-by-step manner (to) achieve results that can be empowering.... In doing this program it is our hope, that people realize that they have choices and not have to live in fear."

Fellow KCC student identifying herself as Shoo, is a full-time student and mother of three. She has taken traditional martial art classes before, but says, "This is a quick way to learn how to use your do-in-the-headlights fear to work for you instead of against you in precarious situations."

Small classes allow people to get the most for their money. According to Shoo, the scenarios often involve verbal tactics to diffuse the situation.

"If that doesn't work, they teach you how to defend yourself," she said. "You get to scream at men in safety suits, kick them, hit them."

Shoo decided to take this course because she attends night courses at KCC.

"I don't think self-defense is limited to women or a mother," Shoo said.

She states that anyone can be attacked or disabled.

## INTERNATIONAL WEEK RECAP



PHOTO CARL HEFNER

Ha Thi Nguyen (right) from the East-West Center demonstrated the cooking of Vietnamese Pho with Frank Noji (left).

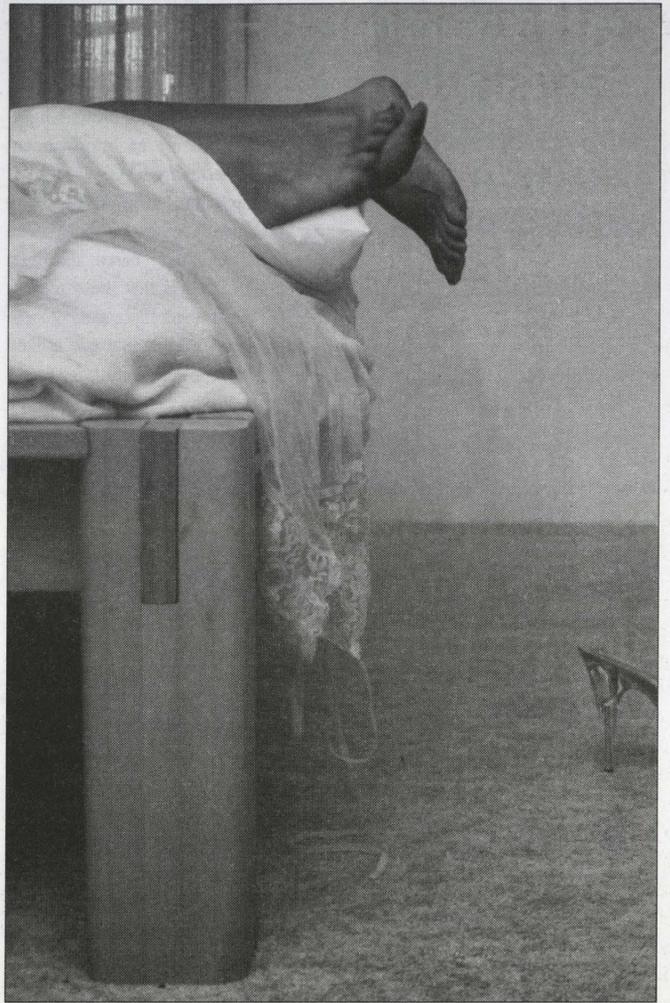


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## Prostitute:

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needs and made the decision to take a road less traveled.

Working as a transgender prostitute six and seven days a week for more than a year, Lamoure has accomplished financial independence but is still seeking the American dream.

"My ultimate goal in life is to become a full fledged women," Lamoure said. "Get my total sex change and transition into working forces, either become an executive or own my own company. I want to get the other girls off the street and get them a real job with real equality."

Born here in Hawaii, 21 year-old Lamoure earns on average \$200 a night and more than \$3,000 a month, performing a variety of services for tourists, military, and locals.

"The summer and holidays are the most popular times, along with military paydays," Lamoure said. "The typical night I will go out around 3 a.m. to catch the early rush

and usually stay out until 7 a.m., it's not unusual to be out until the afternoon." Lamoure's typical client usually claims to be straight and is married with children. On rare occasions Lamoure has provided services to women.

Lamoure recently took second place in the Hawaii Miss Venus pageant, a popular and prestigious event within the transgender/transsexual world. In addition, Lamoure currently holds the title of Miss Gay Pride Hawaii.

"Miss Gay Pride Hawaii is great because the proceeds we raised went to non-profits and charities," Lamoure said. "The one thing I want the readers to understand is although my profession is illegal I am not dependent on welfare or my parents. I am living the life I want to live and my profession provides me with what I need. This life is a hard one. That queen on the street could be anyone, it could be your dad, brother or even your son."

## Travel:

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ing when I went to Florida, there was a man who had the same seat number on his ticket as I did. It took us about 20 minutes to figure out who was going to sit where."

A moment later she said, "Hopefully they don't do it that much."

Overbooking is one of the ways that airlines make sure that a profit is made, and no seats are wasted. The other way they make money during the holiday season is the price of the seats. If you buy tickets direct from the airline, they

have a set price that they cannot go below. However, the airlines also work with travel agents, offering agents a reduced bulk price for an allotted amount of seats. This bulk price allows the agents more flexibility, and ultimately lower cost for the customer.

"Book early, you will get better prices and less hassle," said Bob Hayashi, a local travel agent regarding peak season travel tips. "Also, use the Internet to shop around, the prices are much, much better."

## Location of adult stores limited by legislation

**Point:** "Adult-entertainment facilities are not the kind of businesses that should be located in close proximity to schools and churches."

By Eric Chima  
DAILY ILLINI (U. ILLINOIS)

(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN, Ill. - Public outcry in Oakwood, Ill., over plans for an adult-entertainment facility just outside city limits has prompted a new state law prohibiting adult stores from opening within 3,000 feet of schools, churches and other public places.

The law, which was co-sponsored by state Sen. Rick Winkel, R-Champaign, and state Rep. Bill Black, R-Danville, came in response to complaints that the store was opening within sight of the front porch of a Methodist church. Oakwood is located about 25 miles east of Champaign.

Marilyn Brewer, the pastor of the church, said she was thrilled with the law.

"I was delighted with Bill Black for bringing in the legislation and the speed with which it was passed," Brewer said. "Stores like that are not something you want in the community, and fixing it with the legislation was a brilliant idea."

The prior county code imposed a small buffer zone between adult stores and public places, but legislators felt it needed to be increased.

"Adult-entertainment facilities are not the kind of businesses that should be located in close proximity to schools and churches," Winkel said in a press release. "The current mandatory setback for adult-entertainment centers is 1,000 feet. We think 3,000 feet is more reasonable."

Raven Stewart, manager of the Illini Arcade, an adult store in Champaign, said she agreed with the law.

**Counter point:** "What people do on their own time with their own body parts, that's their business. There's no reason to bother them."

"I think that it's probably a good idea, especially as far as schools are concerned," Stewart said. "The vast majority of the people that come to our type of store are very nice, good people, but there is a very small portion, 1 or 2 percent, that might prey on kids. The last thing we need is more milk cartons."

However, Stewart said she disagreed with the circumstances behind the law's creation.

"As far as a church, though, it's not that big of a deal," Stewart said. "They created the law for the wrong reasons. The store was off of a highway, not in the town."

"What people do on their own time with their own body parts, that's their business. There's no reason to bother them."

Because the new law permits existing adult stores to remain in place, it has not been determined whether it was passed in time to prevent the Oakwood store from opening. When the law was signed, the building had already been erected, but its use had not yet been declared.

"I'm very concerned about that," Brewer said. "They're still finishing the building and the work on it. We're hoping that because they never officially declared what it was going to be, it will be stopped."

The owner of the new store is listed as Frank M. Lipovsky of Champaign. Lipovsky, the former owner of the Illini Arcade and other businesses in the Champaign area, has refused to comment on the issue.

Stewart said opening a store near a public place would not be ideal anyway.

"After all," Stewart said. "Who wants to walk out of a porn store and see their daughter coming out of school next door?"

## Long term effects of kava may cause liver damage

### Research indicates kava may be less dangerous than excessive alcohol consumption.

By Elizabeth Lee  
STAFF WRITER

Kava, a root from the pepper family, is widely used for conditions associated with anxiety, sleep disorders, and stress. Its popularity is worldwide, sold in many stores in a pill, liquid, and powder form. A surge of kava bars, where customers may drink a traditional kava tea brew, have opened both in Hawaii and on the Mainland.

In March of 2002, the Food and Drug Administration issued a warning about the possible damaging effect of kava on the liver. This report followed a European trend that scared the public. Germany, France, Ireland, Switzerland, and the UK have since then removed all kava related products off the marketplace. The media, including Time Magazine, USA Today, The New York Times, and Washington Post reported on kava and its possible link to liver damage.

Since kava's first documented usage in 1777, worldwide research has found 32 cases of liver damage in association with kava usage. Thirty-one out of the 32 reports involve the consumption of kava as an herbal extract. Traditional kava consumption involves powdered kava while popular herbal kava extract can be found in tablets that may also include a variety of other plant extracts. In none of these cases, was there support that a healthy human being would suffer liver damage due to long term usage of drinking a traditional kava brew. Development of liver problems may be caused by alcohol, illicit drug use, side effects from other medications, genetics, or general poor health.

The FDA's possible warning has led to a loss of \$200,000 a month in kava sales in the local Hawaiian economy. Kava is exported from many of the Pacific islands such as Pompeii, Fiji, and Tonga where they have been used for centuries at wedding ceremonies, funerals, and other traditional gatherings.

As a natural plant, kava may still be safer than consuming alcohol or pharmaceutical anti-anxiety drugs. So far, there is no convincing evidence that directly links traditional usage of kava with liver toxicity. The data concluded does not justify the ban on kava products, although more research on herbal kava extract could be done for more conclusive results. As with all medicines, kava should be taken responsibly.

## RECENT SNAPSHOTS OF EVENTS AROUND THE GLOBE

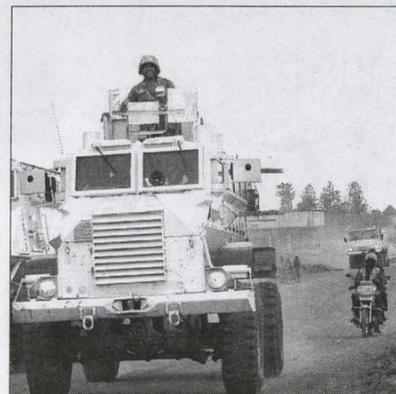


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Thousands of civilians last Thursday fled an eastern Congo battle zone near the Rwanda border. Rwandan troops that crossed the Congo border were in disobedience of international principles and a peace agreement between 14 nations. This incident raises fears that the Congo war may become ignited once again.



PHOTO YONI BROOK/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Studies have shown that Icelanders suffer less from winter-depression than people in more southern climates like the coasts of the United States. Many Iceland residents claim the winter is their favorite season, finding the darkness more cozy and comforting in its solitude. Though depression is not entirely lacking in Iceland, studies indicate that residents there are accustomed to the darkness, and have become comfortable in their climate.



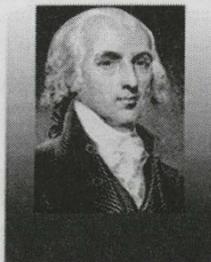
PHOTO STEPHEN CROWLEY/THE NEW YORK TIMES

President Bush claimed Wednesday in a speech in Nova Scotia, Canada, that his new term would focus around diplomacy, and would "reach out" to friends. His visit was primarily to thank the Canadians who took in the American citizens whose flights were diverted after September 11. He also state his thanks to Canada for its support in challenging the nuclear programs of Iran and North Korea.

Nearly 1,000 people have died from storm damages in the northern Philippines. Four storms have hit the Philippines in two weeks, causing landslides and flash floods. President Arroyo blamed much of the damage on illegal logging, which damages the lands natural defenses to storms.

World Health Organization official Dr. Shigeru Omi warns of a potential flu epidemic among humans if the avian influenza virus should mutate. Omi asserted that the mutation of the virus, which has widely spread among bird populations in Southeast Asia, is highly probable and could infect up to 30 percent of the world's population.

One hundred sixty six miners are still missing from a coal mine blast Sunday in China. On Monday, 127 of 293 miners were rescued, with many still trapped in 4-mile long tunnels. While this accident is one of many occurring in China every year, it is one of the few reported incidents.



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## THAT WAS THEN **1941**

By Paul Kolbe  
NEWS EDITOR

**ON** December 7, 1941 2,403 American service members lost their lives in the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Sixty-three years later 1,102 are still entombed inside the Arizona Memorial (shown top left).

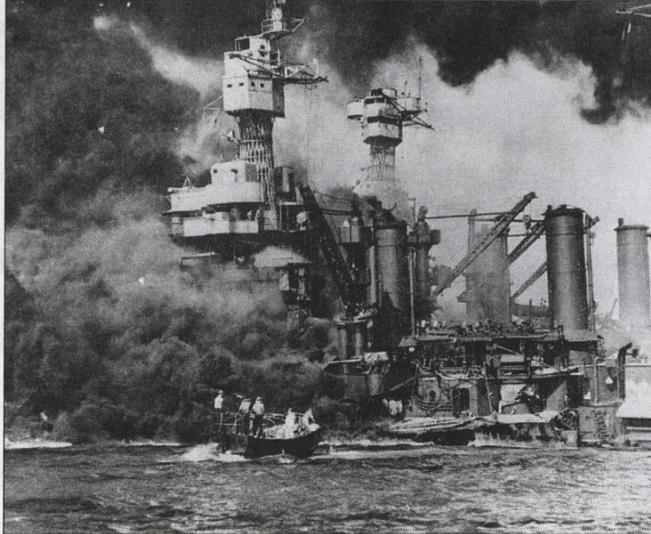
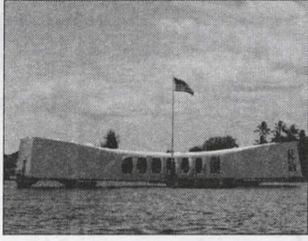
The fleet of 353 Japanese aircraft, led by Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, struck 8 a.m. on a Sunday morning in a surprise raid. No formal Declaration of War had been made. The attack also severely damaged the US Navy's operational capability, sinking or beaching 12 ships, while damaging nine others.

Yamamoto's attack forced the US to enter the war in the Pacific, as well as the war already raging in Europe.

The US involvement in the war greatly contributed to the defeat of Japan and the Axis Powers in Europe, effectively ending World War II.

Winning did not come without sacrifice: 405,399 Americans lost their lives, along with over 40,000,000 others in a campaign stretching across almost every continent.

"The Kapi'o Newspress" greatly acknowledges the sacrifice of all service members, then and now, along with the sacrifice of all people made during times of war.



## THIS IS NOW **2004**

By Vuong Phung  
LAYOUT EDITOR

**IT** was their moment of truth. What they would say to each other, they have not figure out yet.

In our final part of "Stories from the Frontline," it was home-sweet-home for Marine Corporal Nhat-Giao Nguyen.

These photos had little to say, but a lot to show — because moments like these need not words.

Nguyen said there were times he thought he was in Iraq. One morning, according to his wife, Nguyen opened his eyes while he lied in bed. He asked her how did she get here.

"I reminded him that he was no longer in Iraq, but rather at home," she said in Vietnamese. "Of course I would love to tell him that he's living in a dream."

She was also living her dream, having finally reunited with him after his 12-month tour in Iraq.



## 'Family Guy' returns

By Chad Thompson-Smith  
 STAFF WRITER

The animated television show "Family Guy" is back on air. Thirty-five new episodes have been produced and are scheduled to air on Fox and The Cartoon Network's late night Adult Swim in 2005.

The Fox Network canceled the series in 2002 after three controversial seasons. Since the cancellation, a very vocal fan base stepped forward demanding the show's resurrection.

Marking the first time a television show has been un-canceled based on high DVD sales, "Family Guy" was the number one selling TV-DVD in 2003 with more than 1.6 million copies sold.

Recognizing the frantically strong fan support for "Family Guy," Fox released the show into syndication on the Cartoon Network's late night Adult Swim. The 50 "Family Guy" reruns are the biggest draw of the late-night programming, drawing more than two million viewers.

Known as cutting edge when it comes to political and social satire, "Family Guy" tested the censors and drew attention from the FCC on numerous occasions. One episode, titled "When you wish upon a Weinstein," was originally not allowed to air because censors felt the episode harbored an anti-Semitic theme. Previously the episode was only available in the "Family Guy" DVD box set. However, the controversial episode will soon air on Dec. 10 on Fox. The first new episode to be aired since cancellation.

A martini slurping talking dog, a diabolic infant hell-bound on world domination, and a baby sitting pedophile are just some of the characters "Family Guy" brings to the table. The family patriarch, Peter Griffin, often steals the spotlight. A beer swilling New Englander, Peter often draws mindless laughter with his crazy antics like holding the current record for the longest televised



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fart. Peter also has a seldom seen enlightened side where viewers see he is more informed than he lets on. One episode places Peter in the position of coach for his good friend Joe, a paraplegic police officer, who is competing in the special person's Olympics. Feeling defeated and considering quitting, Joe requires a quick pep talk before the 100-meter dash. On cue Peter steps in and delivers one of his patented thought provoking speeches:

"What kind of talk is that? It's un-American. Did George W. Bush quit even after losing the popular vote? No. Did he quit after losing millions of dollars of his father's friends' money in failed oil companies? No. Did he quit after knocking that girl up? No. Did he quit after he got that DUI? No. Did he quit after getting arrested for drunk and disorderly conduct at a football game? No."

Currently reruns of "Family Guy" can be seen on The Cartoon Network, TBS, and Fox. The new season is scheduled to start early next year along with a new animated series titled "American Dad." "American Dad" shares the same creator as "Family Guy," Seth Macfarlane. Macfarlane performs many of the voices for "Family Guy," along with Seth Green of "Austin Powers," Mila Kunis of "That 70's Show" and many others. More information regarding "Family Guy" and "American Dad" can be found at [www.planet-familyguy.com](http://www.planet-familyguy.com) and [www.fox.com/familyguy](http://www.fox.com/familyguy).



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## You will know when you get there

A tasty, leisurely journey that knows where it's going—'Sideways'

By David Namiki  
 STAFF WRITER

Two former college roommates take a drive up from Southern California to the Central Coast wine country to share a little quality time as they each approach crossroads in their lives. Thus begins "Sideways," a witty journey of self-discovery that, oddly, also resembles the kind of road trip where dudes go after wine, women, and adventure. It's all that, and an oak barrel.

Miles (Paul Giamatti) has just finished a manuscript, which if published, would be his second book. While Miles awaits word from his agent, it is revealed that he is divorced, works days as an eighth-grade teacher, and is a dedicated wine taster. This pleasant week-long getaway is his wedding gift to his soon-to-be married buddy.

The buddy, Jack (Paul Haden Church), is a sometimes recognized TV actor, who tells Miles he wants to let loose in his final week of freedom, though it is soon apparent that an excuse to let loose is never necessary. He also pledges to get his uptight friend laid.

While cruising the wine circuit, the guys hook up with Maya (Virginia Madsen), a warm-hearted waitress, and Stephanie (Angela Oh), an

**"SIDEWAYS"**  
 ★★★★★  
 Running time: 123 min.  
 Director: Alexander Payne  
 Writing: Alexander Payne,  
 Jim Taylor, Rex Pickett  
 (novel)  
 Cast: Paul Giamatti, Thomas  
 Haden Church, Virginia  
 Madsen, Sandra Oh  
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articulate wine seller who provides a few surprises, but like everyone else in this gathering, always remains real. Both are attractive people, but they're not there for eye candy, but rather as character foils for the two men who have experienced life, but seem not to have grown up since their college days. Perhaps they've only grown sideways.

Writer/Director Alexander Payne, using a keen ear for real spoken language and an observant camera, has somehow put together a reflective, revealing film without ever allowing his characters to fall into the routine of deliberate reflection. It's a marvelous way to observe charac-

ters that haven't taken a good look at themselves in awhile, and occasionally say things that may not be exactly true.

Miles, while waiting for his writing career to take off, must reassess his place in the world and his relationships with the people in his life. The darker side of alcohol consumption, mostly hinted at, comes into full view in an episode where Miles visits the various stages of drunkenness until he finds himself at a pay phone, making a call to someone who doesn't want to be called.

Fortunately, the ongoing dialogue avoids settling in melancholy, and stays on the crisp and entertaining path. There's also just enough explanation of wines and wine-tasting to add extra zing to the story. In one scene, Miles and Maya exchange thoughts on the difference between Pinot and Cabernet, but even oenology-ignorant viewers can see that they're talking as much about themselves as they are about grapes.

"Sideways" is a finely composed, smart, yet never pretentious treat that should leave most viewers with an agreeable aftertaste. It may be wise to pay special attention during the wine discussions — just in case you find yourself contemplating a wine stop on the way home.

## Introducing the undisputed champion of boxing Web sites

By Koji Dusich  
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Koji Dusich is a student in Susan Inouye's English 100 class.

Maxboxing.com is the best Web site for everything from the weigh-ins, press conferences, videos, and exclusive interviews that illustrate the fighters' personalities. The content is updated daily and it includes everything from mailbags, the subplots of an upcoming fight, and also articles straight from the fighters' themselves. I've visited this Web page for many years. I love the sport of the sweet science, and the chance to critique a site I know so well, it's a great opportunity to brag about my knowledge a little bit.

I would describe this Web site as an advocacy/news Web page. It provides very current information regarding the fight game and yet some of the stories try to influence you (the reader) on certain things. That's why I love the site. You

never know what's going to be on next. There is more than one webmaster doing all the writing. Under the "Maxboxing Team" I counted 27 different contributors/writers to the site.

By far the most respected writer on the site is Michael Katz. Also known as the "dean of boxing writers," Katz has written for the New York Times and the New York Daily News and has been writing for Maxboxing since its first days in 1996.

This alone gives instant credibility to a site known only for the sport of boxing. Each of the writers has their own e-mail so you can contact them. These writers aren't just your high school graduates who just love the sport of fisticuffs. These are universally respected journalists, and many of them have been writ-

ing on the sport longer than I've been alive.

The Web site is very accurate regarding up to date news. It has a newswire link that has up to the minute boxing news from other sites.

Although the grammar is usually correct, Doug Fisher, a writer and author of the Mailbag sometimes states before answering our e-mails that he's had a late night out so his spelling may not be perfect. But for the exclusive articles and stories, it's clear each of the writers took the time to check the grammar and spelling.

The site can be biased, but in the cases I've seen this was purposefully done. For example, for an upcoming fight one writer would state that this is a fighter last chance at glory, so

he's going to win. But the next day another writer would write a story on how the other fighter has the physical superiority, so it should be apparent that this man is going to win. These types of stories give insight into the fighter's heart and what's going on outside the ring. It's done like this so the reader can form his/her own opinions and get more hyped about seeing the upcoming fight.

While there is advertising on the site, most of it is about upcoming matches on television. Fortunately there aren't any ads trying to sell you anything like clothing, etc.

There is no evidence whatsoever showing that the site is still under construction. It's almost an insult to say otherwise. It's easy to get

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around and it is so well designed that you can't wait to dive in the available links.

The videos are the most entertaining I've seen. There are fighter profiles, pre and post fight press conferences, training videos, sparring, etc. Recently they added a weekly half-hour show hosted by two of the younger writers. They discuss what's happening in the sport, answer our e-mail questions, and give predictions on upcoming fights. It's like your watching a boxing program on ESPN,

very professionally done.

Overall, this is one of the best boxing Web sites out there. Anything you need regarding boxing, it's all right here. One drawback is that it does cost a monthly fee to watch the in-depth videos and to read some of their articles. It's \$5 a month but you receive a free t-shirt, and of course the best content out there. It's well worth the money.

I've watched boxing since I was little. My dad and I would get all the big fights on Pay Per View and I would in a sense look up to my favorite fighters. There would be sort of an emotional connection to that fighter for the talent he possessed and the character he showed. When he won, I felt like

I won and we beat the evil-doer, but if he lost a part of me lost with him. I've been boxing for about a year and in my amateur fights, the roar of the crowd was one of the greatest feelings I've ever had. It's that same emotional connection.

For me, without this Web site, there is no question that I wouldn't have been following the sport as passionately as I do now. The sports programs on ESPN never show a back-story on my favorite fighters for their upcoming fights. To go to this site and to listen to the fighters talk personally, to see how they train, what they eat, etc., is like having a different role model every single day.

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