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## Da Vinci days to bring music, art and science to Corvallis

**da Vinci Days**  
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Friday Keynote Speaker  
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■ The 23-year-old festival will feature performances by Bobby McFerrin, a poetry slam, activities for children, films, a kinetic sculpture race

By Courtney Nikolay  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Wondering where to find Grammy Award-winning music, a poetry slam, whimsical art and the largest kinetic sculpture race in Oregon? Look no further than the 23rd annual da Vinci Days Festival taking place on the OSU campus this upcoming Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Whether you are interested in science, the arts, technology or all three, da Vinci Days is a highlight of the many festivals Corvallis plays host to. Tickets are available for purchase at local vendors for \$15 so that attendees can enjoy all of the venues, events and performances of the weekend-long festival. Otherwise, tickets can be purchased online for \$16 or at the gate for \$20.

To kick off the da Vinci Days weekend, this year's keynote speaker Michael Epstein will be speaking at the LaSells Stewart Center on Friday at 7 p.m. Epstein, an Academy Award-nominated and Emmy-winning director, writer and producer, will be exploring this year's festival theme "Connectivity in Art, Music and Film."

Beginning Friday at 5 p.m. and ending on Sunday at 5 p.m., da Vinci Days is jam-packed with entertainment for adults and children. While pets are not allowed within the festival gates, there will be a Frisbee-catching competition Saturday morning for dogs and their owners.

Attendees will be able to enjoy the diverse musical lineups of da Vinci Days, which include The Young Dubliners and the Portland-based band Dorado. If you begin to whistle when you hear the song "Don't Worry, Be Happy," then you can whistle along with Bobby McFerrin and the Yellowjackets, who will be performing on the main stage Saturday starting at 8:30 p.m.

Executive Director of da Vinci Days, Brenda VanDevelder, is looking forward to this year's festival, especially with the high energy that attendees bring to the event.

"We are hearing a lot of excitement for our main stage music and are encouraging people to buy their ticket in

advance to avoid lines at the ticket booth," VanDevelder said.

For those who are not able to attend evening shows, there are nonstop performances throughout the weekend during the day — when the forecast is for sunshine — including street and stage performers, as well as a poetry slam Sunday which is open to poets of all ages, styles and forms.

The Children's Village will be available for children to play in, as well as more than 20 art and science exhibits and activities that range from making and blasting off paper rockets, learning how to juggle and touching a variety of bugs with the OSU Bug School.

Indoor options for the weekend include the 13th annual da Vinci Film Festival, taking place downtown at Darkside Cinema and the Majestic Theater. With more than 33 featured shorts and documentaries from around the country, including animation and narratives, the film festival also includes a special film category throughout the weekend for young filmmakers who are in middle school and high school.

VanDevelder recommends that those who are hesitant about paying to attend the event at least check out the free events.

"Once you are there, you can decide if you'd like to buy a ticket," Vandevelder said. "One of the great things about da Vinci Days is that you can buy a weekend ticket for a great price and come and go all weekend to all of our venues including films, exhibits, daytime performances and two main stage acts. It's a pretty great way to spend a summer weekend in Corvallis."

To purchase da Vinci Days Festival tickets in advance for \$15, stop at one of the following vendors before Friday, July 15: First Alternative Co-op, Corvallis Tourism, the Majestic Theater, Footwise, Gracewinds Music, The Book Bin or OSU Federal Credit Union. Tickets can also be purchased online for \$16 or at the main gate for \$20, located at 11th Street and Monroe Avenue. To read more about this year's da Vinci Days Festival, check out the full weekend schedule on their website at [www.davincidays.org](http://www.davincidays.org).

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### Pet of the Week: Bubby



Bubby, an adorable Shih Tzu, laps up the sunshine outside in summertime Corvallis  
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■ Bubby becomes the latest OSU pet of the week, will your pet be next?

By Courtney Nikolay  
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Bubby recently had surgery at the OSU Lois Bates Acheson Small Animal Teaching Hospital. He is a 4-year-old Shih Tzu who had snored and snorted for most of his life. His symptoms had escalated in the last two months to a point that surgery was required to allow him to breathe and swallow without obstruction. OSU's renowned soft tissue specialist, Dr. Bernard Sequin, performed the surgery to alleviate the problem — and it was a monumental suc-

#### Bubby

Sex: Male  
Breed: Shih Tzu  
Age: 4 years old

cess! Bubby and his brother Charlie will soon be able to resume playing ball and walking around the OSU campus like the good old days.

Want to see your pet in The Daily Barometer? Send us the best photos of your pet with its name and a brief story about what makes your pet worthy of being named the Pet of the Week to [managing@dailybarometer.com](mailto:managing@dailybarometer.com).

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## College of Public Health and Human Sciences to become first in state

■ The college looks forward to collaborating with public health officials throughout the state

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Oregon State University has started down the road to becoming the first nationally accredited College of Public Health and Human Sciences in Oregon. OSU will work over the next two years to meet the accreditation standards set by the Council on Education for Public Health.

Although there are 48 accredited colleges of public health throughout the nation, this will be Oregon's first.

"Over the next two years we'll need to meet the milestones required and have these written and recorded in a self study," Marie Harvey, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs for the College of Public Health and Human Sciences, said. "The good news is that many of the criteria are already met."

The college has been working hard over the last few years to get to this far. The college has already established a masters of public health with five different areas of concentration and a doctoral program with three different areas of concentration. Also last year, it hired 10 new faculty members as part of the effort and plans on hiring two more in the near future. The college is also looking to increase its research capacity and visibility in order to attract quality faculty and students.



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As an accredited school of public health, The College of Public Health and Human Sciences will be able to attract more research and grant money to help make Oregon a healthier state.

"Being accredited opens doors and opportunities for students and faculty to be involved in cutting edge research in public health," Tom Eversole, Director of Strategic Development for the College of Public Health and Human Sciences, said. "As an established college of public health, we can apply for research grants, service contracts and prevention research centers."

As part of OSU's responsibility as the state's land grant university, the College of Public Health and Human Sciences is especially looking forward to collaborating with OSU Extension Services to help

bring the learning and research performed at the university to public health departments and communities throughout the state.

"Part of our academic mission is to make research available in communities, and we want to make training available to public health workers throughout Oregon," Eversole said.

Having a college of public health will help OSU train future public health professionals in Oregon and address many of the public health issues affecting Oregonians,

# UK lawmakers summon Murdoch over phone hacking

British lawmakers investigating a phone hacking scandal Tuesday asked media baron Rupert Murdoch, his son James and former News of the World editor Rebekah Brooks to testify before them; hours after former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown accused their newspaper group of illegally obtaining private information about him.

Parliament's Culture, Media and Sport Committee asked the three to appear in a week, on July 19, a representative told CNN.

"Senior executives" of Murdoch's British newspaper company "will cooperate," News International said in a statement, without specifying who.

If the Murdochs and Brooks do not answer the summons, Parliament can compel them to do so, Labour lawmaker Chris Bryant said on Twitter. He added that he believes he too is a hacking victim.

The chairman of the committee, John Whittingdale, told CNN that he has plenty of questions to ask. "The first thing is that James Murdoch has said he has discovered that Parliament, and that means my committee, was misled by some of the executives who have given us evidence in the past," he said. "So we will obviously want to know who has misled Parliament and what it was they said which was untrue."

Meanwhile, a Downing Street source told

CNN the British coalition government will vote in favor of a parliamentary motion, by the Labour opposition calling on News Corp. to withdraw its bid for satellite broadcaster BSkyB.

Whittingdale predicted any vote would be lopsided, if not unanimous, against the elder Murdoch. "I would have thought that, if Parliament sends a signal as strong as is likely, he would be very foolish to ignore it."

Officials must first establish who authorized the "very serious criminal activities" under scrutiny, Whittingdale said. "Anybody who was complicit in that, who knew about them, potentially is vulnerable."

The news represents a further threat to Rupert Murdoch's plans to create Britain's largest media company by acquiring the satellite broadcaster. News Corp. has been seeking to buy the 60.9 percent of the BSkyB shares it does not already own.

Labour leader Ed Miliband and Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg are among lawmakers who have already urged Murdoch to reconsider the bid.

Brown, speaking Tuesday to the BBC about allegations that The Sunday Times illegally obtained private information about him, accused Murdoch's newspapers of having "links with criminals."

Brown said the paper appeared to have got-

ten access to his legal files. He said he was "genuinely shocked" by its methods.

The Sunday Times denied Brown's allegations and said it pursued the story about him in the public interest.

"We were told that Mr. Brown had bought a flat cheaper than any normal valuation and that he obtained it through a company in which Geoffrey Robinson, a close ally, had been a director," it said Tuesday in a statement.

"We had reasonable grounds to investigate this matter ... We believe no law was broken in the process of this investigation, and contrary to Mr. Brown's assertion, no criminal was used and the story was published giving all sides a fair hearing."

Brown's allegations, however, widen the scandal that brought down Britain's best-selling newspaper, News of the World, to other newspapers also owned by Murdoch's News International media group.

Suspicious that News International would fill the Sunday tabloid gap by publishing its six-day-a-week tabloid The Sun on Sundays were reinforced by the company's acquisition on Monday of the domain name thesunonsunday.co.uk.

News International's parent company, News Corporation, announced Tuesday it would buy back \$5 billion of its own shares over the coming year, after a fall in its share price since the

phone hacking scandal exploded last week.

Top Metropolitan Police officers testified before lawmakers Tuesday about their investigation into illegal breaches of privacy by News of the World, following accusations police did not probe deeply enough when they first looked into matter.

Assistant Commissioner John Yates, who concluded in 2009 that there was not enough evidence to pursue an investigation, admitted to the Home Affairs Select Committee that his decision was "crap."

And he said he believed his own phone had been hacked "in the period 2005-2006."

He blamed News International for not handing over all the documents they had.

But lawmakers hammered his decision.

"Why did you not look at the information that was sitting in bags at Scotland Yard?" demanded conservative lawmaker Michael Ellis.

Yates insisted he had "never, ever, ever" received a payment from a journalist, but said it was "highly probable" that there were some corrupt officers among the 50,000 in the Metropolitan Police.

News International is accused of attempting to bribe police officers for information — including personal contact details for members of the royal family — in addition to the violation of privacy allegations.

— CNN

# Speakers remember Betty Ford's love for family, those struggling

Former first lady Betty Ford was remembered Tuesday as a woman whose disclosures about her personal battles showed courage and grace and brought encouragement to others.

"She was a tireless advocate for those struggling," said former first lady Rosalynn Carter. "She was never afraid to speak the truth."

Ford, who died Friday at age 93, raised awareness of issues involv-

ing women's rights, cancer, alcoholism and substance abuse during and after her stint as first lady.

Carter, close friends with Ford, also recalled their work together as advocates for those with mental illness.

A former president and first ladies present and past joined family members Tuesday afternoon at the first of two services for Ford.

It may have been the words of a

board member at the alcohol and substance abuse treatment center in Rancho Mirage, Calif., which bears Ford's name, that most captured her spirit and devotion to others.

"Good afternoon. I'm Geoff. I'm an alcoholic," Geoffrey Mason said to mourners at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, nestled among the arid mountains in Palm Desert, Calif.

Addressing her casket, Mason talked about how Ford encouraged

others to peel away sadness, anger and guilt as they regained sobriety.

He cited the former first lady's battle with alcohol and painkiller abuse.

"Maybe, just maybe if we worked at it like you told us to, maybe we also could get some relief from the darkness that we had become almost comfortable with."

"Thank you God for bringing us this extraordinary lady," Mason said.

"This brave and inspirational pioneer into our lives."

Among those attending were former President George W. Bush, who escorted former first lady Nancy Reagan to a pew, current first lady Michelle Obama and former first lady Hillary Clinton.

A military honor guard escorted Ford's casket, covered by a white shroud bearing a large blue cross.

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# Advisories issued in 23 states as dangerous heat wave spreads

It's hot. Not "How 'bout this weather?" hot, but buckle-the-pavement, too-hot-even-for-frozen-lemonade, three-showers-a-day hot, and it's that way across a broad swath of the country.

"I just had to stop once in a while and catch a breath, it was just that tough to breathe," said Marion, Illinois, resident Cesar Maragni, who opted to stay inside Tuesday after a swampy Monday evening trip to the Williamson County Fair. Even the frozen lemonade vendor was lagging with few customers in the nearly 100-degree evening heat, he said.

In central Oklahoma, temperatures in some places shot past the 100 mark for the 14th consecutive day Tuesday, while afternoon thunderstorms brought the thermometer down in other spots. Highs in much of the state are likely to flirt with triple digits for nearly another week, according to the National Weather Service.

Crazy demand for water amid the heat wave and problems with soil shrinking as the ground warms has resulted in burst pipes and low water pressure in Oklahoma City, prompting officials to issue

mandatory water-use restrictions for the first time in at least a decade, according to utilities department spokeswoman Debbie Ragan.

More than 200 people have suffered from heat-related emergencies in Tulsa and Oklahoma City since June 17, when the agency issued its first heat alert, said Lara O'Leary, spokeswoman for the Emergency Medical Services Authority of Oklahoma.

The heat has been so extreme that a portion of the Cimarron Turnpike in Pawnee County, Oklahoma, buckled on Sunday, creating a 2-foot ramp that sent a motorcyclist flying 150 feet through the air. The searing temperatures are also being blamed in at least one death in Granite City, Illinois.

The National Weather Service issued a heat advisory for parts of 23 states and the District of Columbia, with parts of 10 Midwestern and Southern states getting a more extreme excessive heat warning, as well.

The areas covered by the excessive heat advisory — parts of Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee,

Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina — can expect the heat index to rise above 110 degrees Tuesday, the Weather Service said.

The hottest of the hot looks to be Mississippi and parts of Tennessee, where forecasters warned the heat index could soar to 116.

Other states included in the heat advisory are Connecticut, Delaware, Kansas, Louisiana, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia.

Newark, New Jersey, broke its previous record of 98, set in 1966, when it hit 99 degrees Tuesday.

JFK Airport and Islip, New York, did the same, reporting 97 and 93 degrees respectively, beating out records of 94 degrees at JFK and 91 in Islip, both set in 1993.

In addition to the discomfort and potential danger, the heat could wreak havoc on crops, especially corn, said Chad Hart, assistant professor of agricultural economics at Iowa State University. The heat wave comes at a sensitive time for corn, he said.

"That's why markets are watching the heat wave. We're

entering a period of time when corn pollinates, and so if you get a heat wave in the early- to mid-part of July across Iowa, Illinois and Indiana, it can have a big impact," he said.

"The last time we had a big heat wave and drought was in 1988, and that year we saw corn production fall off by over 30% ... so if we think of where we are today with already high corn prices, a true drought scenario can push prices to highs we've never seen before."

Temperatures will return to nearly normal summertime levels by Wednesday throughout the Northeast, said Chris Vaccaro, a spokesman for the National Weather Service.

High pressure over the Plains is keeping the weather pattern stable, allowing heat to build and expand up the Eastern Seaboard. A cooler, dryer weather system is nibbling at the northern edges of the heat wave, threatening to exchange high temperatures for potentially dangerous thunderstorms, according to forecasters.

There's not quite so much relief in store for residents of the lower Midwest and South.

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## Newly released videos were taken by Dugard's captors

In a shaky videotape released Tuesday, the couple who kidnapped Jaycee Lee Dugard can be heard discussing how to operate their new camera as they zoom in to capture images of children in a playground.

In another, taken some years later, Phillip Garrido accompanies a parole agent who is searching their home as his wife, Nancy Garrido, films the search, mere yards from the outbuildings where Dugard is hidden.

The videotapes were released Tuesday by the El Dorado County, California, district attorney's office in response to media inquiries under open-records laws, and "to highlight the gravity and severity of the mistakes made" by law enforcement in the 18 years the Garridos held Dugard captive, during which time she gave birth to two children by Phillip Garrido.

Dugard and her children do not appear in the videos released Tuesday.

Dugard was just 11 years old when she was abducted in 1991 from the street in front of her South Lake Tahoe, California,

home by Phillip Garrido, a convicted sex offender who had served 11 years for rape. Despite the fact that as a parolee he was regularly visited by police, he and his wife held Dugard and her daughters in a hidden compound of sheds and tarpaulins until 2009.

Last month, a judge sentenced Phillip Garrido, 60, to 431 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to one count of kidnapping and 12 counts of sexual assault. Nancy Garrido, 55, got 36 years to life in prison for her role in the crimes, including kidnapping and one count of rape by force. The couple had pleaded guilty in late April in El Dorado Superior Court.

A statement from Dugard, read by her mother at the sentencing hearing, called the Garridos "evil" and described her kidnapping by them as a "sexual perversion."

In a statement accompanying the release of the videos, the DA's office said it had decided to reveal "certain details of this horrific case" at the request of Dugard's family "in hopes of improving the supervision and

detection of sexual predators."

In one of the three videotapes, taken sometime between 1989 and 1993, the Garridos can be heard talking in low tones about how the autofocus and other features of the camera work. Meanwhile, the jostled camera catches fleeting images of children playing in a playground some yards away -- then settles on a small girl playing in the sand as older girls gambol on a tire swing.

Then, Phillip Garrido stands against a tree, and begins playing the guitar and singing while the camera pans to either side, pushing his face to the margins and centering on the children in the background.

"You got me real good?" he asks at one point while barely on camera.

"Yeah," she responds, "I can see you really good."

Another brief and inept video, apparently taken from a car in which the Garridos are sitting, shows a girl getting onto a bicycle and people in a parking lot. The camera zooms in on the legs.

— CNN

## HEALTH

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like nutrition, smoking, obesity and many chronic diseases.

"It will help us create a strong public health system in the state," Harvey said. "There needs to be an academic partner for local health departments."

In addition to its masters and doctoral programs, the college has also begun to offer dual degree programs in pharmacy and veterinary medicine.

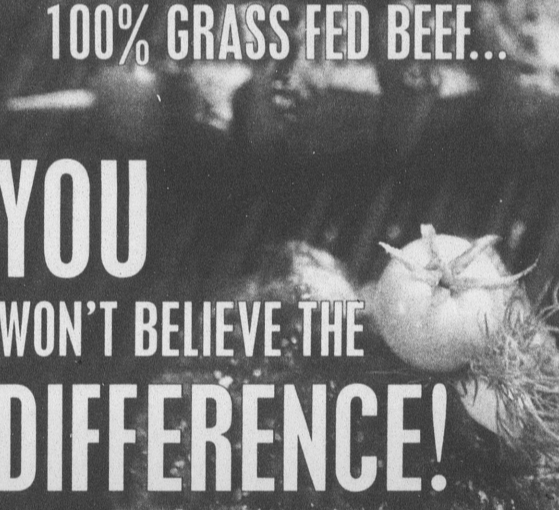
For those involved, and with all the changes in health care reform that have been happening at the state and federal level, the college is viewed as an opportunity to improve public health standards in the state as it grows and changes.

"Being a native Oregonian, I've always cared about Oregon," Harvey said, "and to have the ability to be a part of building something new is a great opportunity."


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## Reflecting on life, after death of a celebrity

News stands are filled with their faces; nightly news casts and morning shows report on stories and interview them to boost ratings; entire television stations are devoted to covering their every move and airing programs about their daily lives — the celebrity life is a public life. But should Americans continue this trend of constant peeping into the panopticon of fame?

Just a few short weeks ago, the entertainment world and its fans were shocked by the untimely and sudden death of "Jackass" member Ryan Dunn. Dunn, 34, lost control of his car while under the influence of alcohol. Driving at nearly 140 mph, he crashed into the side of the road, killing himself and a passenger.

His unforeseen passing was difficult for many fans to accept, but for his family and friends it was unbearable. Numbers of photos flooded in of the mangled and burned car being towed away, videos of April and Phil Margera — friends of Dunn who broke the news to a local radio station — being interviewed and talking about Dunn's life, and perhaps the most heart-wrenching, interviews of Bam Margera at the very site where his best friend lost his life.

Immediately, articles, tweets, Facebook posts and status updates erupted with thoughts and prayers for the family, giving voice to the friends, family and fans who had lost someone important to them. Unfortunately, this was not the only response heard.

As the news spread, many of the replies and comments to these articles or videos became hostile. Some expressed hesitation at the passing of someone who'd be part of something called "Jackass," others spitefully attacked Ryan Dunn's use of alcohol, going so far as to say he deserved it. Many condemned the well wishes of commentators offering their condolences, accusing them of supporting drunk driving or crude behavior.

Sitting behind their computer screens, responding with keyboard strokes and taps, people on the Internet were buzzing with arguments about his death and the ethics of such comments. Was this avoidable? Should we feel sad? Did Ryan Dunn actually deserve such a fate?

While I was disappointed to hear about the circumstances of his death, it did not make me any less sad at Ryan Dunn's passing. He was an entertainer and host to a number of shows which I grew up with, and very few other celebrities

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## Strategies to avoid the summer slowdown

It is finally the season of barbecues and sunscreen — summer is upon us. I hope that everyone is outside, enjoying these long, warm summer days.

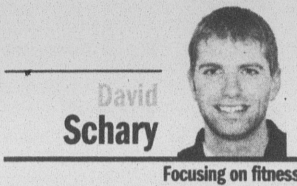
But whatever your summer plans entail, I hope you avoid the "summer slowdown." Not quite a scientific term, but a phenomenon that is all too common.

So, what exactly is this summer slowdown? Essentially, it's a decline in activity that sneaks into our lives from summer's downshift of responsibility. Students no longer have the same demands that they had during the normal school year. Sure, you might be taking a couple classes, but let's face it, summer school is just not the same.

Without the constant deadlines, people have a tendency to become a little lazy. Staying up later, sleeping in longer, and watching countless reruns on daytime TV are just some of the many things that occupy the summer day. Physical activity begins to slip down the priority list. Hence, we begin to slow down.

Although college students are most susceptible around this time of year, they are not the only ones at risk. Professionals, recent graduates, or really anyone can easily fall into the lure of summer laziness. When you work all day, most people do not want to go and work out, especially if it's beautiful outside. Many of us would rather just sit and take in the nice weather.

Similarly, if it's too hot, no one wants to venture out under the



David Schary

Focusing on fitness

scorching sun. Not to mention vacations, when we relax and eat, but rarely increase our activity levels. The summer slowdown seems unavoidable, but there is hope.

Instead of avoiding physical activity (even if unintentionally), you just need to incorporate it into your summer life. There is no one-size-fits-all approach to this step; it is all personal preference. All you need to do is find little ways to stay active. Eventually, all these little activities will add up to significant gains. But the best part is you will not even realize that you are working out.

Yes, this sounds vague and too good to be true, but it is really easy to do. Let me give you college students a step-by-step example.

Step 1: turn off the TV. Step 2: call a friend and make plans to meet at an open space (park, the quad, etc). Step 3: grab a Frisbee or bocce ball set. Step 4: be active and enjoy the nice weather.

This does not even take a lot of planning; you can do it on the fly. Plus, you get to see your friends and have fun.

For those non-college students that have to work, it is just as easy. However, it may require a little more

planning. For example, instead of eating your lunch in the break room or at a restaurant, pack a lunch and go for walk. Or if you want to avoid the heat, get up a half hour early and explore one of the many parks around town. Invite your significant other, co-worker, or friend to go with you. Not only will you increase your physical activity, you will feel better and have a chance to catch up with your friend.

If you are going on a vacation, it does not mean you have to stop being active. On the contrary, you can build activity into any vacation. Wherever you go, you can plan one day where you will sightsee on foot. If you are staying at a hotel, you can even use the fitness center.

But I would recommend that you try to avoid the gym while you are away. Instead, focus on things that you cannot do at home. If you are camping, go on a hike. If you are on a cruise, explore the cities where your ship stops. If you are visiting family, encourage a group outing.

These are just some of the many things you can do to avoid the summer slowdown. I hope that you pick something you like to do and run with it (literally).

Do you have ideas on how to avoid the slowdown? Please share any ideas, questions or comments for next year's columns. E-mail David at forum@dailybarometer.com.

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## Foreign aid and our lost art of proactivity

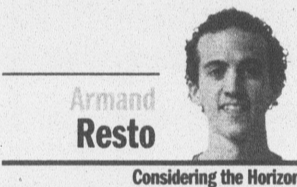
If it's not broke, don't fix it: In American policy, nothing needs to be fixed unless it breaks into a million pieces that could never be rearranged again, completely throwing some past order out of balance. Only when a certain law or bill, some allocated funds or a social issue gets exposed will our government act on it.

This procrastination puts heat in our debates, and significance in our news. It's as if we enjoy forcing ourselves into policy decisions at the last minute — our government has always worked on quick feet, right? Take the last few years in review:

Airport security only gets stricter as new terrorist plots come up. Liquid explosives mean no more carry-on liquids (though, 3 oz. containers in a bag are still acceptable). A shoe bomb means shoes go through the scanner. An underwear bomb may have led to the all too controversial full-body scan.

Supported by a scientific majority, we're facing one of the most extreme changes in climate ever documented. Yet nothing will be done until the East Coast doesn't see a single snowflake, Florida is a halfway Atlantis, and the Great Lakes have all dried up.

It wasn't until April 20, 2010 that much of the public considered where all that oil comes from. It could have been Chevron, ExxonMobil or any of the international oil companies, but poor BP got caught umber-handed in a flawed practice that the U.S.



Armand Resto

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government supposedly regulated. On quick thinking, Obama decided a six-month moratorium ought to teach the industry a lesson. Surely the nearly 4,000 other active oil and gas platforms in the Gulf of Mexico could go off any moment, on queue from the Deepwater Horizon. At least we felt safer, right?

And conservatives only recently took opposition to the government's up-and-down funding of NPR over the years after learning of liberal bias through a taped meeting and infamous firing of a news analyst, Juan Williams, who was also employed by Fox News. Taking a few minutes to listen to NPR programming, and they could have heard a bias, but the recent controversies would do just fine for defunding purposes.

And finally, as current as it gets, the debate over the debt ceiling only comes up as the deadline fast approaches. This issue was never addressed last election, last year or even last semester. Yes, this has happened 74 times before August 2011's deadline, but the spaces in between each vote haven't been filled with political contemplation.

It's as if we enjoy the rush of a

forced, swift decision. No need to proactively try to prevent complications in our policy. We'd rather solve the issue as it breaks the door down. Clearly, our government — the public and the politics — runs on reaction. And worse yet, it's often a delayed and incomplete one.

Then, on that note, after learning about Osama bin Laden's complex in Pakistan, and our longstanding military and economic aid funneling into the country — calculated to roughly \$12 billion since 2002 by a Harvard University report — our government would be wise to reconsider the \$800 million aid package for Pakistan that was approved by the Defense Department nearly a year ago. And justifiably so, this past Sunday, the Obama administration did confirm that the aid would be held back.

We could have expected this sudden retraction of our foreign investment, but it's unfortunate that it takes an instance like bin Laden's death to tell our government that we should be paying closer attention to where our bonds, or (optimistically) our money, is going.

Yet what's most disheartening is the blatant double standard staring us in the face: our other foreign aid programs. Pakistan gets cut off from the American doll because we found public enemy number one hiding there. But haven't we been fighting an enemy spanning throughout the

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Molly Jones  
The Summer Barometer

## More than enough reasons to start cycling

Now that the sunshine has finally established its presence and the Tour de France is in full swing, it seems that cycling in Oregon is everywhere. Yet even in Portland, which Bicycling Magazine ranks as the second most bike-friendly city in America, cycling isn't nearly as common among young adults as it is for people their parents' age.

As someone who detested any form of cardiovascular exercise until discovering the joys of viewing the countryside from the saddle of a bicycle, I'm curious as to why biking is so rare among people in my age group. Considering the high price of gas, insurance, and other expenses of car ownership, traveling by bicycle should be a college kid's dream.

Besides the transportation aspect, the benefits of cycling as a form of exercise seem tailor-made to meet the needs of stressed-out students. For example, a recent joint study conducted by the University of Illinois and the University of Pittsburgh found that physically fit people performed 40 percent better on memory tests. It would seem that cycling serves as a perfect complement to mental activity.

And while physical activity in general has been found to improve cognitive processes, specific activities that require balance, quick reactions, and decision making skills — like gymnastics, martial arts and cycling — are especially recommended by psychologists to help curb Attention-Deficit Disorder in children.

A study by Vanderbilt University found that such activities had a powerful effect on concentration and focus in adults. Participants who took part in these forms of exercise were 40 percent more likely to solve a complex puzzle than those who did not. Next time you're stumped on a tough assignment, ditch the desk and try soaring down a hill on your bike; you might actually be better off doing so.

Furthermore, college students are the most sleep-deprived age group in America. And not only is this a hindrance to our mental abilities, but lack of sleep has been linked to depression and anxiety. In a recent study published in the Journal of American College Health, a third of respondents took more than 30 minutes to fall asleep and 43 percent of participants woke multiple times throughout the night. Vigorous exercise such as biking has been shown not only to increase energy levels during the day, but to facilitate more sound sleep during the night.

Finally, and perhaps most applicable to all of us, riding a bicycle

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# Observations of American pop culture from Australia

When living in America, all we get is America.

Sarah Creedican  
**The Summer Barometer**

Our television shows are American, our music is American and our books are American. Occasionally, a BBC show will be a hit, like "Planet Earth," and a British band will make it big in American mainstream music, like Coldplay. But on the whole, Americans mostly absorb our own, homegrown pop culture.

The rest of the world, however, is very different.

At the moment, I'm studying as an exchange student in Melbourne, Australia, through Oregon University System, a program that allows students to study abroad and on exchange in a variety of countries. I've only been here for about a week, but three of those days were spent at a beachside orientation led by former study abroad and exchange students.

During the course of those three days, I spoke with many Australian, British, Korean and European people. I was baffled by how many of them would suddenly start quoting "Anchorman," "The Hangover," or "Bridesmaids." Too add to my amazement, they brainstormed how they could best watch the next "South Park" episode, or who had a box set of "Friends."

Whenever the radio was turned on, familiar tunes wafted through the air. Katy Perry singing "California Girls" and Lady Gaga's "Edge of Glory," were merrily blasting through

the car speakers just as they did before I left. The general rule is that if you've made it big in America, you've made it big in the English-speaking world too — seems so.

But before dismissing these observations as mere narcissism and rushed conclusions over three days, consider the fact that I am also staying with an Australian family.

At first, I assumed that I would have to adjust to hearing accents on the radio, and perhaps different musical artists on the "top hits" types of shows. Instead, to my surprise, the voices of the characters on "That '70s Show" can often be heard from the living room, as well as reruns of "Chuck" and "The Simpsons." Some drop quotes from "Gilmore Girls" into conversation, and they hum tunes of "Death Cab for Cutie." It all continues to reinforce the observation that American pop culture is widely popular.

But curiously, Australians are just as clueless about our physical landscape as we are theirs.

As I try to explain to friends where I'm from: "I'm from Oregon, the state right above California." A light turns on for some, but when others continue to stare blankly, I say, "I live a 15 hour drive away from L.A." Now, they all brighten up. "Oh, L.A!" They would say, nodding agree-

ably. "Is it like the O.C.?"

Many of us have been guilty of the same thing. When I told people in the U.S. that I was going to be studying in Australia, they conjured up pictures of Crocodile Dundee and Steve Irwin — assuming that most Aussies wore wide-brimmed hats, were comfortable handling ridiculously poisonous animals and wore thick boots, khaki shorts and collared, button-down tan shirts. In reality, Australia is very different.

Furthermore, it's rather interesting to see that although many foreigners have no problem consuming our media and pop culture, they also love to bash on American politics. I suppose I'm not the biggest politically minded person, but it is interesting to watch foreigners complain about America only to go home later and watch the entire last season of "Gossip Girl" on their computers.

Many Americans who haven't traveled outside the U.S. don't realize the great deal of influence we have on those in other areas of the world through our pop culture media. It's wonderful news to those in America who wish to "make it big," because if they are successful in America, they'll be stars all around the globe as well.

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region? To try and reason that retracting Pakistan's aid is a step in the right direction would be to claim that al-Qaida's sole base is in that country — quite naïve. There is a great deal of aid trimming we could get to.

According to the U.S. Agency of International Development (USAID), the leading recipient of U.S. economic and military assistance in 2009 was none other than Afghanistan. The country we've spent the past 10 years in received around \$8.6 billion in 2009 alone. It took the top spot in the year before as well, but in 2003-2007, Iraq was the leading recipient — recently \$6 billion in 2009.

The next closest U.S. aid recipient, behind our two favorite enemies, would be Israel at around \$2.4 billion. Then Egypt at \$2 billion, and finally, the one we picked to scrutinize, Pakistan, at a measly \$1 billion.

We're creatures of the moment — the recent news gives us a reason to reconsider our foreign aid investments, something that obviously needs to be kept in check. But even with our current military situation in those

countries, the sad fact remains that our government won't be renegotiating other foreign aid programs anytime soon.

For instance, what if we found bin Laden in Afghanistan? Would we be focused on them, ignoring Pakistan's expected aid? Why should this reevaluation stop here?

There's this underlying assumption that we're making some progress here, that halting this \$800 million allowance changes how we view foreign aid investments. But in reality, there are dozens of countries still relying on our financial support, many of which have ties to our enemies, just like Pakistan. There's no money saved here, no clearing of our conscience; it's merely a consequential reaction to an outdated bureaucratic system that needs to be monitored consistently.

Moreover, it doesn't seem likely that our public would mind the government rethinking some of that aid toward those other Middle Eastern nations. Besides providing for our military — a significant portion of the tab — the public would overwhelmingly support a reduction in foreign investments. Sad thing is we'll

just have to wait until another news event breaks that locked box, spurring a little government reaction.

But if there are positives to be found, it's that the aforementioned programs have political reasoning behind them — supporting our military. Obviously, there's plenty of debate over our military involvement, but the foreign aid is mainly a result of that decision.

On the contrary, we still send aid to countries that are arguably more powerful than us. According to the Congressional Research Service, China — the country gripping our leash — received \$27.2 million in aid from the U.S. in 2010. Quite a step down in amount from the military states, but as of last year, China also held an estimated \$1 trillion in U.S. Treasury bonds.

We're producing debt by handing out money to the country that owns our debt — now, what sort of event will it take for the U.S. to decide to react on that one?

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is the perfect outlet for reducing high stress levels. When our minds are stressed, our bodies react accordingly, preparing us for intense physical activity. Our cells pump fatty acids into our blood to fuel the muscles, while our adrenal glands churn out cortisol and other stress hormones to prepare our bodies for "fight or flight."

When we're stressed, our bodies are perfectly prepared for exercise. When we don't use this fuel, our bodies begin to produce excess fat, while the surplus of stress hormones wreaks havoc on our immune systems. Aerobic exercise is necessary to rid our bodies of excess adrenaline and reduce cortisol production, while stimulating the production of endorphins and other feel-good chemicals.

And consider cycling outdoors, as exposure to the open environment heightens these benefits. A study published in the Environmental Health and Preventive Medicine Journal revealed that simply walking through wooded areas decreased cortisol levels and lowered stress.

Nevertheless, the most attractive part of cycling is simply the fun it brings. If the sport can convert me — a woman who hasn't visited a gym since 2008 and staunchly refuses to run unless chased — into an enthusiast who willingly gets up at 6 a.m. on weekends just to get a ride in before the traffic hits, there must be something worthwhile in it.

Maybe it's the blue sky and that country morning smell of honeysuckle and hay. Maybe it's the flying feeling of speeding down the road at 40 miles an hour after huffing and puffing up a hill. Maybe it's just the sense of escape, of getting on your bike and leaving everything behind, that somehow melts every worry away. Whatever it is, it feels good — shocking that more people my age haven't discovered it.

I'd like to see more kids our age on the roads. I can't think of a form of exercise more perfectly fitted to the college lifestyle. Give it a try, and you might just find that you need that free membership to Dixon like a fish needs a — well, you know.

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had been as predominant in my adolescence and early adulthood as Ryan and the "Jackass" crew.

I do not condone drunk driving, nor do I feel he deserved what happened. The death of any person, whether a friend or family member, or celebrity who you grew up watching and laughing with, should not be overlooked just because of the circumstances.

While Ryan Dunn is a recent example, an even more current one is the death of former First Lady Betty Ford. Again, as the news spread, comments ranged from sadness to ire based solely on political bias. It shouldn't be so easy to hate someone, yet the anonymity of the Internet grants us the gift of masked judgment, passing it onto others with no consequence or ownership for our words.

Life is something that should be cherished, not mocked. The loss of it is to be mourned, no matter what your political standing or if your morals don't "match up." Someone died; let others give their wishes, and let negative comments stay out of it.

Furthermore, the actions taken in life should not be so easily attacked. Just because someone is famous doesn't mean they should be exempt from the same courtesy and kindness you would offer to those who have never stepped foot in front of a camera.

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# Anthony cops defend case to reporters

The detectives who built the murder case against Casey Anthony said Tuesday they stand behind their evidence but urge the public to respect the jury's acquittal of her.

"In any case — especially a case with this many witnesses and this much evidence — you can always look back and improve on what you have done," Orange County Sheriff's Office Sgt. John Allen told reporters. "I don't know if anybody up here can think of anything we could have done differently that would change the outcome."

Anthony was found not guilty last week on felony charges, including capital murder, in the death of her 2-year-old daughter, Caylee. She was convicted of four misdemeanor counts of lying to investigators. In a related issue, prosecutors announced Tuesday that Anthony's mother, Cindy Anthony, won't face perjury charges stemming from her testimony in the trial.

The verdict followed three years of intense publicity surrounding Caylee's death and provoked outrage among many who watched the case closely.

"I wish there was something I could say that would bring closure to everyone, but there isn't," another of the investigators, Cpl. Yuri Melich, said Tuesday. "I just know that, unfortunately, people are going to have to come to their own sense of closure within themselves and understand that as far as this case is concerned, as far as the judicial system is concerned, there's nothing else we can do."

Anthony, 25, was given the maximum sentence on each of the misdemeanor counts — a total of four years. But with credit for the time she has spent

jailed since her 2008 arrest, she is slated to be released Sunday.

"I think all of us respect the jury system, and we respect the jury's verdict," Allen said. "I would hope that people who followed us, people in the community, would also respect the jury's verdict and our process."

"But for us, I certainly don't have any doubt after working on this," he said. "I felt our case was solid."

Orange County Sheriff Jerry Demings said that despite the "plethora of chatter" surrounding the controversial verdict, investigators have not received any "credible threats" to Anthony and won't offer any special protection to her upon release.

In a case built on circumstantial evidence, prosecutors accused Anthony of using chloroform to render her daughter unconscious, then duct-taping her mouth and nose to suffocate her. They alleged that she put the child's body in the trunk of her car for a few days before disposing of it.

Her lawyers argued that Caylee accidentally drowned in the Anthony family's above-ground pool, and that Casey Anthony and her father, George Anthony, panicked and covered up the death — something George Anthony denied on the witness stand.

Meanwhile, prosecutors had raised the possibility of perjury charges against Cindy Anthony after she testified that she — not her daughter — was responsible for Internet searches about chloroform on the family's home computer. She said that evolved from a search for "chlorophyll" as she was trying to determine if her dog's habit of eating bamboo plants in the back yard was making it tired.

— CNN

# Report: CIA organized vaccination drive for DNA from Osama bin Laden's home

Pakistani security forces have detained a doctor who is suspected of helping the CIA try to collect DNA samples from people who lived in Osama bin Laden's compound before the terrorist leader's death.

A senior Pakistani security official confirmed the detention to CNN on Tuesday, but did not identify the doctor. The news was first reported by Britain's Guardian newspaper.

A May 2 raid by U.S. special operations forces killed the al-Qaida leader at his compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan.

The Guardian said that in the course of gathering intelligence for the raid, the CIA recruited a Pakistani doctor to run a vaccination program in the area. The goal was to try to obtain DNA evidence from

bin Laden family members, the newspaper said, citing unnamed Pakistani and U.S. officials.

Any DNA obtained from the people in the compound could then be compared with a sample from bin Laden's sister, who died in Boston in 2010, as evidence the family was in the compound, the newspaper said.

Neighborhood residents told CNN that two women who appeared to be nurses visited homes and offered free vaccinations.

Shazia Bibi, 27, said she was vaccinated for hepatitis B in April when two women came to her home near bin Laden's compound and identified themselves as health workers. "Whoever gets this vaccina-

tion will never get hepatitis B," said one of the women.

Bibi said the health workers spoke in a local dialect and asked for detailed personal information and said a vaccination would not be possible without the information. She said the women were accompanied by a man who stood outside their house.

Bibi received one injection. The rest of her family was not at home at that point. She said the women left behind two vaccines but that her relatives refused them. The vaccines are still sitting in her refrigerator.

The Guardian said it isn't known whether the CIA "managed to obtain any bin Laden DNA, although one source suggested the operation did not succeed."

CIA spokeswoman Jennifer Youngblood declined comment.

After the raid, Pakistani officials took into custody several people who are suspected of helping the CIA. The doctor is one of them.

One rented a safe house to the CIA in Abbottabad, a Pakistani source familiar with the arrests said last month.

Some of the CIA sources in Pakistani custody were low-level and not considered crucial, a senior administration official told CNN.

Pakistan has protested unilateral action by the United States in the country. The United States did not tell Pakistan about bin Laden until the raid was over.

— CNN

# Florida police arrest suspect in Louisiana priest's death

Polk County, Fla., detectives arrested a man Tuesday in connection with the slaying of a priest in Mississippi.

Jeremy Manieri, 31, was wanted by Waveland, Miss., police in connection with the Rev. Edward Everitt's death Sunday, said Donna Wood, a Polk County Sheriff's officer.

"Mr. Manieri was one of the last people ... that we know of to see Father Everitt," said Waveland Police Chief James Varnell. "We believe that his motive is robbery."

Everitt, 70, was found dead Monday in the Dominican Retreat house in Waveland, Varnell said. He presided over the Holy Ghost Catholic Church in Hammond, La.

"This tragic loss of Father Ed's life leaves a deeply felt void in all our lives," said Bishop Robert Muench of Baton Rouge.

Everitt was spending a few days of vaca-

tion at the Waveland house, which had been rebuilt after Hurricane Katrina, said a statement from the Southern Dominican Province, an order of friars.

Everitt and Manieri had met two weeks before the death in Waveland. Everitt was going to hire Manieri to do a construction project there, Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd said.

Judd said police got a "very detailed confession" out of Manieri upon his arrest.

Sunday, Manieri and Everitt argued in the Waveland house, according to the confession, Judd said. Manieri found a firearm and shot Everitt twice. Manieri took Everitt's wallet and his vehicle, a 2011 silver GMC HHR, then called his ex-wife, Judd said.

Manieri told his ex-wife he was working on an oil rig and would take her, her

son and his daughter to Disney World in Florida when he got his first paycheck, Judd said. The family left Sunday night after the homicide, stopping in Mobile, Ala., for one evening.

Manieri and the family arrived in Polk County, about an hour southwest of Orlando, early Tuesday and stopped at a Days Inn, Judd said.

The family had planned to buy three-day passes to Disney on Tuesday, he said. Police found the suspect by tracking Everitt's stolen vehicle, pinpointing it within 20 minutes via a GPS tracking system.

Around 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, the Polk County SWAT team arrested Manieri.

"Quite frankly, he left a trail of evidence that a blind man could've followed," Judd said.

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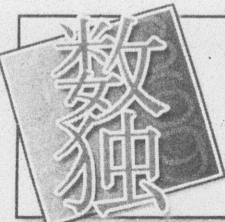
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ish athleticism and speed, with a great ability to hit for contact. He led the Beavers to their first College World Series appearance in 2005 and was drafted by Boston with the 23rd overall pick in the MLB Draft that year.

Ellsbury made quick work of the minors. He broke out in 2007 as a late-season call-up with the Red Sox and was an integral part of Boston's second World Series title in four years, batting .438 with four doubles and a stolen base in four World Series games.

In the two years that followed, he was a constant in the Red Sox outfield and lead-off spot. Ellsbury led the A.L. in stolen bases with 50 in 2008 and 70 in 2009.

Things were looking great for the former Beaver. Then 2010 came, and it all came crashing down.

After missing almost the entire season, Ellsbury went public about his disagreements with the Red Sox medical staff. Ellsbury believed the medical staff misdiagnosed

him and were untruthful when explaining his injury.

The fallout from last year's season loomed large into this year. He was a player quickly on the rise, and with one collision, became an afterthought.

Ellsbury was rumored to be moving to San Diego in the eventual Adrian Gonzalez, but ended up staying in Beantown. Then the Sox also went out and signed outfielder Carl Crawford to a 7-year, \$142 million free agent contract. Manager Terry Francona even said Ellsbury would have to reclaim his leadoff spot in spring training.

Ellsbury proved the doubters wrong by getting off to a scorching start to the first half of the season. He's hitting .316, with 62 runs, 11 homeruns, 49 RBIs, and 28 stolen bases. He's gotten even hotter in July, hitting at a .447 clip with 1.327 OPS for the month. The season has been quite an unexpected turnaround.

As of today, the Ellsbury situation from last year is considered water under the bridge by teammates, coaching, upper management and Ellsbury himself. Maybe it

doesn't turn out this way if Ellsbury is not putting up All-Star numbers. It is hard to say and impossible to know, but it makes you wonder how much of the "happy Red Sox family" is true. Success cures everything, after all.

Motivation may be the biggest factor in Ellsbury's case. An All-Star selection is a well-deserved vindication for last year and will certainly have greater meaning.

Being doubted while being unable to prove the doubters wrong at the same time would get anybody's blood boiling. Imagine proving those naysayers wrong the next chance you have. That is what Ellsbury has done this year.

You can blame last year's fallout on Red Sox doctors, on the rest of the clubhouse, on Ellsbury or on some combination of those elements if you want to.

The fact is, he's an All-Star now, and it doesn't seem like he will be slowing down anytime soon.

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Day 13, "Off the glass" has 113,700 more views than the 13 other videos combined.

It's four minutes and 32 seconds of raw footage of Nelson's ordeal. Nelson narrates the film.

The incident occurred when football player Garrett Hall threw Nelson an alley-oop off the backboard. A collective gasp was heard when Nelson was showered with glass.

A bloody Nelson was immediately taken to a nearby hospital.

"It was kind of scary at first, but it is kind of cool now that it happened," Nelson said.

It certainly gives him some bragging rights.

"I guess you can say breaking a rim was on my bucket list," Nelson said. "It's every basketball player's dream."

"People break rims but nobody shatters a backboard like Roberto did," Burton said. "That's like Darryl Dawkins stuff, Kevin Love stuff."

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me in to do," Woods said.

Agnew, who described himself as a "smaller speed back who can also hit it inside," is excited by the thought of playing right away.

"It's the opportunity of a lifetime and I can't wait to go out and compete," Agnew said.

With a dad who played 11 NFL seasons and is a current scout for the St. Louis Rams, Agnew knew from a young age he was doomed for the gridiron.

"When I was way younger I thought about being a racecar driver," Agnew said with a laugh. "But no, I always knew I was going to be a football player."

Back on signing day in February, coach

Mike Riley raved of Agnew's general football IQ, saying that it will "be easy for him to transition to college."

That characteristic is what helped Rodgers onto the field as a true freshman, a year he rushed for 1,253 yards and captured Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Year honors.

Woods and Agnew - who each have received tips from Rodgers, most notably, "be able to pass block" - agree it's bitter-sweet that their 5-foot-6 predecessor is now in Atlanta rather than Corvallis.

"It's a double-edged sword," Agnew said. "Who wouldn't love to learn from Quizz? Then again, it opens an opportunity to play."

One is to wonder what late-night roommate conversations will center around if one seizes the opportunity while the

other takes a backseat.

"Deep down we know we're competing against each other for a spot, but there's no hard feelings," Agnew said. "Everything is good."

Woods, who said he was happy when he found out Agnew was his roommate, recalled the two's first night together. Right before bed, Agnew cranked out 200 push-ups. Stuff like that, Woods said, will help the two even more.

"He's going to push me and I'm going to push him," Woods said. "But at the end of the day, we're still going to be real good friends."

"Hopefully we'll both get playing time."

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## Two more added to the equation



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True freshmen Storm Woods (left) and Malcolm Agnew (right) are two of seven running backs that will compete to fill Jacquizz Rodgers' void when fall camp opens August 8. Both backs are excited at the prospect of being able to play right away.

### True freshmen roommates Storm Woods and Malcolm Agnew will compete for time in a wide-open running back race

By Grady Garrett  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

It's possible that Jacquizz Rodgers' successor resides in a certain Finley Hall third-floor dormitory room.

Play strictly by the numbers, and the odds are 28.6 percent — or two in seven.

Seven Oregon State University running backs will vie for the starting gig when fall camp begins Aug. 8.

The Beavers know, to some extent, what five of those seven have to offer.

But no one knows what to expect of the two that are new to Corvallis.

Meet Storm Woods and Malcolm Agnew: 2011 signees, Finley Hall roommates, and intriguing wild cards in the wide-open running back race.

Woods has a made-for-television name and played at a high school — Pflugerville High in Texas — eerily similar to the school depicted in the 1990 nonfiction novel "Friday Night Lights,"

as well as the school depicted in NBC's hit series of the same title.

The 5-foot-11, 205-pounder, who's heard the "Friday Night Lights" comparisons before and said people called him (FNL star running back) Boobie Miles growing up, rushed for 1,259 yards and 20 touchdowns as a senior last year.

Agnew is a 5-foot-10, 189-pound product of St. Louis, Miss., the son of former NFL defensive tackle Ray Agnew, a devout Christian and one of the most habitual tweeters on campus.

After averaging 9.2 yards per carry and rushing for 17 touchdowns as a high school junior, Agnew's final prep campaign was marred by injuries; he pulled each hamstring once, missed seven games and finishing with 505 yards rushing and seven touchdowns on 70 attempts.

Agnew said he's back to full strength, "for the most part."

The two 18-year-old ball-carriers — who, along with the rest of their class, began school and workouts Monday — will compete for playing time out of the chute.

The current cast of candidates have combined for just 41 carries the last two seasons.

Who will line up behind — or next to — Beaver

quarterback Ryan Katz for the first series vs. Sacramento State Sept. 3 is anybody's guess.

Senior Ryan McCants saw a good amount of action as a redshirt freshman in 2008, but has carried the ball just 10 times since. Junior Jordan Jenkins (four career carries) was forced out of spring ball after injuring his shoulder the first day of practice.

Jovan Stevenson (26 career carries) missed all of last season with a shoulder injury and enters camp as a sophomore for the second consecutive year.

Freshman Malcolm Marable redshirted last year. Terron Ward greyshirted, meaning he still has five years to play four.

With such a crowded depth chart, somebody's bound to get left out of the mix.

"It's going to be hectic," Agnew said.

Woods, who said his strength is his versatility (in high school, he played fullback in the Wing-T and H-back in the spread), can envision himself stepping onto Reser on a Saturday this fall.

"I think I have a pretty good chance of playing (this year) if I show up and do what they brought

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## Ellsbury's redemption

Last July, Kevin Youkilis didn't shy away from giving his honest opinion of Jacoby Ellsbury's decision to rehab his fractured ribs in Arizona rather than in Boston like the rest of his injured teammates.

"The one thing I say is there's a lot of guys here that are hurt and supporting the team," Youkilis said, "and we wish Jacoby was here supporting us, too."

Needless to say, a lot of people were not happy with the former Oregon State star.

His commitment to the team was in question.

After finishing the season with only 18 Major League appearances — he fractured five ribs when he collided with third baseman Adrian Beltre in April, which is what started the saga — his toughness was questioned.

While Youkilis was the only outspoken player about Ellsbury from within the clubhouse, it was clear there was a lot of animosity toward his willingness to play and his disappearance from the team in Boston.

Tuesday night, Ellsbury represented the American League All-Star team in Phoenix, Ariz. It was the first All-Star appearance of the 27-year-old's career.

In doing so, he became the first Beaver since 1981, and just the third Beaver ever — joining Don Johnson (1944) and Ken Forsh (1976, 1981) to play in a Major League All-Star game.

Before delving into this, I first want to say that I've never been the biggest Jacoby Ellsbury fan. I loved him as a player — he's exciting to watch — but his attitude always turned me off. To call him confident is an understatement. Not to mention, he charged fans \$125 for him to sign their copy of a World Series DVD at multiple signings in local Boston stores in the winter after their World Series title.

Personal opinions aside, his redemption this season has been incredible to watch.

As the centerfielder for Oregon State, Ellsbury was known for freak-

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## The glass-shattering, backboard-breaker

By Grady Garrett  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Craig Robinson thought it was all a joke.

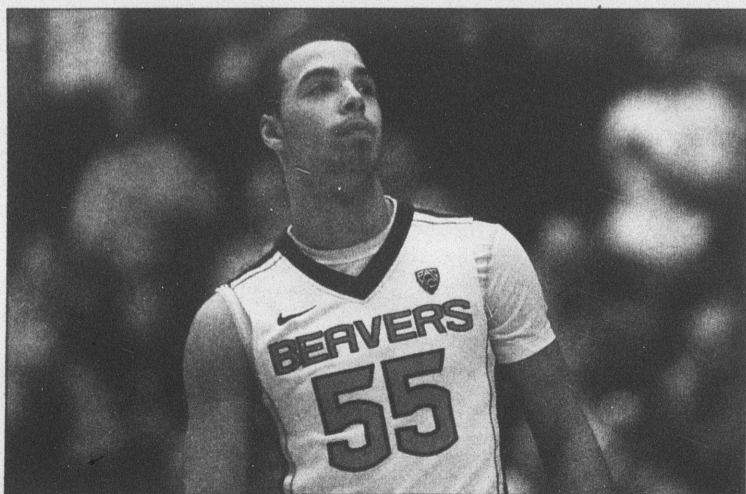
Roberto Nelson and Joe Burton, in Skopje, Macedonia at the time, were

video chatting with their head coach.

Nelson's arm was wrapped in bandages, and his face was bruised and bloody. Nelson and Burton claimed Nelson suffered the injuries when he shattered a backboard in a pickup game

### Beavers Without Borders

Check next week's Daily Barometer for a complete story on the 14 OSU student-athletes that ventured to Skopje, Macedonia for a two-week long international service trip in June.



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Roberto Nelson said breaking a rim was on his bucket list. Now maybe he can accomplish something else that's perhaps on his bucket list: an NCAA Tournament berth?

the night before.

Robinson wasn't buying it.

"He thought we'd just bandaged Roberto up; he thought it was all a joke," Burton said with a laugh. "He even thought we used makeup."

But the 6-foot-4 Beaver guard unwrapped the bandages and unveiled 20 stitches to his coach. It was at that point that Robinson believed the two.

Nelson and Burton just as easily could have sent Robinson a link to the YouTube video of the play. A video that has over 125,000 hits to date.

The Beavers Without Borders two-week international service trip to Skopje, Macedonia is chronicled on YouTube.

Each video features a highlight from that particular day and is narrated by one of 14 Oregon State student athletes.

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### Look at this All-Star - Jacoby Ellsbury



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- The third Beaver ever (Don Johnson in 1944, Ken Forsh in 1976 and 1981) to play in the Major League Baseball All-Star Game.
- Replaced Curtis Granderson in centerfield in the 5th inning of Tuesday's game.
- Struck out in both plate appearances in the 5-1 loss to the National League.