



Celebrating sexuality

OSU Pride Week continues, events throughout campus



BRAD ANDERSON | THE DAILY BAROMETER

(TOP) One of the sex toys made out of Play-Doh and glitter and ping pong balls at the event that put on as part of Pride Week. (BOTTOM) Students and community members gather in the Pride Center for the Make a Sex Toy event Tuesday.

By Sarah Weaver
News Reporter

On Tuesday, Oregon State University students and community members gathered at the Pride Center to work with various craft supplies, with a bit of a twist; the craft was sex toys.

As a Cultural Resource Center, OSU's Pride Center is known by many students as a place to go for resources centered in the LGBTQ+ community.

As a part of Pride Week, the Rainbow Continuum, a student organization for LGBTQ+ students, and the Pride Center staff hosted the Make Your Own Sex Toy event, an event that invited students to come into the Pride Center and make sex toys, according to the event's web page.

According to PJ Harris, a peer facilitator at the Pride Center, the Make Your Own Sex Toy event has gained notoriety amongst the OSU and Corvallis communities.

"It's one of the favorites of the recurring events," Harris said.

Make Your Own Sex Toy serves multiple purposes, Harris said. The event brings attention to the often expensive prices of sex toys as well as the lack of availability of sex toys for people of different shapes, sizes and identities, Harris said.

Harris also noted that the event also gives attendees a sense of community, which is a large part of what Pride Week is about.

Around 15 OSU students and community members came to the Pride Center to participate in Make Your Own Sex Toy with one attendee who came from Washington.

"That's why Pride Week exists," Harris said, "it's not just visibility, it's about creating a sense of joy."

The event was also designed to tackle stereotypes centered around sex toys and sexuality, Harris said.

"One of the direct educational purposes is encouraging sexuality and deconstructing the stigma and the fear of it," Harris said.

The Pride Center provided all of the necessary supplies for the Make Your Own Sex Toy event including Play-Doh, glitter, sequins, ribbons and more.

Pride Center staff members also put safe sex sup-

plies such as condoms and lubricant on the table for attendees to take with them after the event.

The Rainbow Continuum has been planning the event in addition to all other events for Pride Week, Rainbow Continuum Assistant Director Keyawna Williams said.

According to Williams, who has been working with the Rainbow Continuum since the beginning of fall term, events such as the Make Your Own Sex Toy event require months of planning—Rainbow Continuum has been planning the event since the beginning of February.

"With an event like this, you have to reserve the space, make sure you have enough volunteers, make sure you have enough advertising so people actually come and lastly, buy the supplies," Williams said.

Many students, including freshman pre-computer science major Tamera Satchell and freshman women gender and sexuality studies major Hailey Brooks came to the event out of curiosity.

"I was too curious not to see what it was about," Brooks said.

Pride Week events will continue for the remainder of the week, and will include the Blind Condom Challenge in the MU Quad on Wednesday afternoon.

On Thursday, there will be a panel discussion on the experiences of non-binary people, "My Pronouns Aren't Preferred" in the Native American Longhouse at 4 p.m. There will also be a movie night in the MU Horizon Room from 7 to 11 p.m.

On Friday, there will be a drag closet in the MU Quad from 1 to 3 p.m.

The OSU Spring Drag Show will be on Saturday, May 7 at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6 p.m. at the LaSells Stewart Alumni Center. Admission is free for OSU students with valid IDs and \$5 for non-students.

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Wednesday, May 4

Blind Condom Challenge
1 - 3 p.m. | MU Quad

Thursday, May 5

My Pronouns Aren't Preferred
4 - 5:30 p.m. | Native American Longhouse
Movie Night
7 - 11 p.m. | MU Horizon Room

Friday, May 6

Drag Closet in the Quad
1 - 3 p.m. | MU Quad

Saturday, May 7

Drag Show
Doors 6 p.m., Show 7 p.m. | LaSells Stewart Center

Calendar

WEDNESDAY, May 4
Meeting
 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Death Cafe Corvallis
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THURSDAY, May 5
Discussion
 12:30 p.m. - 1 p.m. Baha'i Campus Association
 Location: Talisman Room; Memorial Union 105
 Discussion Topic: The Importance of the Global Education of Women

WEDNESDAY, May 11
Meeting
 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Death Cafe Corvallis
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FRIDAY, May 12
Discussion
 12:30 p.m. - 1 p.m. Baha'i Campus Association
 Location: Talisman Room; Memorial Union 105
 Discussion Topic: The Nature of a Global Commonwealth

SUNDAY, May 15
Event
 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Ettihad Cultural Festival 2016
 Location: Memorial Union Quad
 It's a great opportunity for the both OSU and Corvallis community to experience the dynamic and diverse cultures of the region of Southwestern and Central Asia, as well as Northern Africa.

MONDAY, May 16
Speaker
 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. ASOSU
 Location: MU 206
 During this event students will learn about credit, how to get it, and why you should care. Refreshments will be provided.

WEDNESDAY, May 18
Meeting
 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. Death Cafe Corvallis
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Event
 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Home Life
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Today's Crossword Puzzle

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 6 Dali works, por ejemplo
 10 Drug cop
 14 Some storytellers
 15 Middy
 16 Chevy hatchback
 17 New York City park that hosted two world's fairs
 20 Current fashion
 21 Put on any old way
 22 Permissible
 23 Ordinal suffix
 24 First-rate
 25 Albania's capital
 26 Dry out, so to speak
 28 Fall behind
 29 Periodontist's deg.
 30 "How Deep Is Your Love" group
 34 Wks. and wks.
 35 Rice cultivation lands
 37 Prefix with life or wife
 38 Star in Scorpius
 39 Voice legend Blanc
 40 U-verse provider
 41 "Not just a scooter, a way of life" brand
 45 Kind of surprise kick
 47 Popular berry
 50 Trawler's catch
 51 Present moment
 52 Farm implement
 53 Coil in a garden
 54 More exciting circumstances
 57 Tan tone
 58 Scale for rock hounds
 59 Alaskan native
 60 Filing tool
 61 Petty fight
 62 Señorita's parent

Down

1 Valet at Wayne Manor
 2 Hand-washer of the Gospels
 3 All for ___ in vain
 4 Celtic language
 5 Volcanic cloud that can disrupt flights
 6 1997-2006 U.N. leader
 7 Disobedient way to go
 8 Mummy's resting place
 9 Yakima-to-Spokane dir.
 10 Low point
 11 Guacamole ingredients
 12 Goes back a scene or two
 13 Bob of "Football Night in America"
 18 Words before a kiss

19 Sacha Baron Cohen alter ego
 24 Shown the office door
 25 Stun gun brand
 27 Bk. after Amas
 28 Daughter of Darth
 31 Bit of online courtship
 32 Ibsen's "Peer ___"
 33 Young newt
 34 Inventory: Abbr.
 35 Tapered beer glasses
 36 Big name in jeans
 37 One of Las Islas Baleares
 39 Fish tail?
 40 Yemen coastal city
 42 Made a point
 43 One with affectations

Tuesday 5/3/16 puzzle solved

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — You may not know your own strength. Push, but don't force (or risk breakage). Flow around obstacles like water. Look for where you can be responsible, rather than blaming others. There's more power there.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 5 — Slow down and tie up loose ends. Do the filing. Organize for what's ahead. Emotions can feel overwhelming. Hide out and get a job done, and then sink into something peaceful.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Today is a 7 — Teamwork handles a

tough job. Make sure what you build is solid. Take time to resolve disagreements between partners. Gentle persuasion works better than force. A careful work-related investment could help. Encourage another's creativity.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Today is an 8 — Take advantage of a professional opportunity over the next few days. There's a deadline or challenge to overcome. Invest in your career. Track budgets and schedule accordingly. Apply elbow grease.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — Get into expansion mode. Travels and long-distance communications flow with greater ease. Save more than you spend. Discover new efficiencies, or another revenue source. Favor experiences over stuff. Try exotic flavors.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — Study ways to make and keep money. Handle financial matters, and settle accounts. Don't be afraid of hard work. Get a good referral from a friend. Work with someone who sparks your creativity.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — Work with your partner to solve an emerging problem. Do it by the rules. Make sure you have all the facts. Research the subject, and consult an expert. Find practical solutions together.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Get support from your team on a tough job. There's plenty of work, and you could be pressed for time. Having a meticulous co-worker helps. Focus on urgent priorities, and clean up messes later.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Spend time with your sweetheart, family and friends. You're especially lucky in love. Practice a favorite game. Benefits come in unexpected ways. Discover a treasure hiding in the garbage. Clean up messes.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 5 — Work from home or make domestic changes. Family comes first. Postpone travel for now. Wait for the full picture to develop. Figure out what you want. Listen for the hidden elements.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Throw yourself into a creative project. Words come with ease; write them down. Reduce internal tension through meditation. Friends help you make a connection. Keep up the good work.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — Business looks good. Smile and thank your clients. You're motivated to accept a challenge. Go for it! A new revenue source is possible. It's better to lose than to never compete. Learn your game.

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JOSHUA LUCAS | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Eva Kor, a Holocaust survivor, provides insight to a full crowd in LaSells Stewart Center on Monday May 3, 2016. She detailed her experience at Auschwitz.

By Sarah Weaver
News Reporter

To commemorate the beginning of Holocaust Memorial Week, Oregon State University and Corvallis community members gathered to listen to Holocaust survivor Eva Kor tell her story of survival and forgiveness on Monday night at the LaSells Stewart Alumni Center.

Kor's lecture, "The Triumph of the Human Spirit: From Auschwitz to Forgiveness" was the first of several on-campus events put on by the OSU Holocaust Memorial Week Committee.

Austin Auditorium was filled to the brim with audience members that showed up more than half-an-hour in advance to get a seat and many were forced to sit on the floor in the aisles and in the balconies above the stage.

Kor's lecture at OSU on Monday night marked her 59th lecture since the beginning of the year, Kor said. Her most recent was at Congregation Beth Israel in Portland, on Sunday May 1.

Prior to Kor's lecture, Corvallis Mayor Biff Traber issued a proclamation of remembrance in which he proclaimed that the week of May 1-6, 2016 will officially be Holocaust Memorial Week and will be observed by all of Corvallis.

After arriving at Auschwitz in 1944, 10-year-old Kor and her twin sister, Miriam, were separated from their parents and two sisters, never to see them again, Kor said.

The two sisters were put into a group that was comprised of sets of twins ages two to 16 and spent the following months being experimented and tested on by Nazi doctor Josef Mengele, Kor said.

According to Kor, her determination to survive the ordeal came after she and her sister were going to the latrine and came across the bodies of three children on the floor.

"I immediately made a silent pledge that night that I would do everything in my power to make sure that we did not end up on that latrine floor. I never let go of that image until we were liberated," Kor said.

Kor said that her determination grew as time went on. When she was taken to the Auschwitz hospital with a fever Mengele told Kor she had two weeks to live, however, she remained resolute and as a result survived illness and the rest of her time at the camp, Kor said.

"I refused to die," Kor said, "I would do everything in my power to prove Mengele wrong."

Kor stated that after Auschwitz was liberated on Jan. 27, 1945, both Kor and her sister moved from Romanian refugee camps to Tel Aviv, Israel.

From there, Kor moved to Terre Haute, IN with her husband where she founded Children of Auschwitz Nazi Deadly Lab Experiments (CANDLES) in 1984, Kor said, adding that in six years she found 122 surviving twins.

Kor said that founding CANDLES also helped her with the anger she was feeling.

Kor and Miriam didn't talk about the atrocities they experienced until 1985. It was then Kor learned that while she was in the hospital that her sister was subjected to two weeks of constant testing while held in isolation followed by three weeks of what Kor described as "constant injections."

To this day, Kor does not know what she or her sister were injected with while in Auschwitz.

According to Kor, her sister was suffering from kidney problems which worsened every time she got pregnant. After her third pregnancy, her kidneys began to deteriorate, Kor said.

'I refused to die'

Eva Kor retells her survival and forgiveness of the Holocaust

"I realized that I have the power to forgive—no one could give it and no one can take it away."

*Eva Kor
Holocaust Survivor*

It was soon discovered that her sister's kidneys never grew past the size of those of a 10-year-old child, Kor said.

After her sister's kidneys developed cancerous polyps and learning she was a perfect match, Kor donated her left kidney to her sister, Kor said.

However, the cancer metastasized and Kor lost her sister in June of 1993, the loss of her sister, according to Kor, inspired her to forgive.

Kor said she learned three life lessons from her experiences in Auschwitz and after her liberation: to never give up on yourself or your dreams, the dangers of prejudice and the importance of forgiveness.

In 1993, Kor met with one of Mengele's colleagues in Auschwitz, Hans Münch, in Germany. According to Kor, Münch treated her with the utmost respect and consideration.

Kor stated that Münch had struggled with what he had done and that he described it as a nightmare he dealt with every day.

Their meeting ended with Münch signing a document at his former station in Auschwitz with Kor and six witnesses, acknowledging what had happened there, Kor said.

Four months later, Kor wrote a letter to Münch giving him her forgiveness, Kor said.

According to Kor, her English professor helped her revise the letter and then asked her to consider writing a letter to Mengele but not send it, in order to help her forgive him and his actions.

Kor found a copy of the dictionary and wrote a list of "very nasty words" to Mengele and ended the list by writing that in spite of everything that had happened she forgave him, Kor said.

"I realized that I have the power to forgive—no one could give it and no one can take it away," Kor said.

Holocaust Memorial Week Coordinator and history professor Paul Kopperman had been wanting to have Kor speak for several years now and has had survivors speak at past Holocaust Memorial Week events.

"I had been wanting to bring her out for some time now," Kopperman said.

Kopperman has been working on the Holocaust Memorial Week Committee since 1987, when OSU first started observing Holocaust Memorial Week, Kopperman said.

All events for the Holocaust Memorial Week will be free, as it's committee policy to not charge for admittance to the events in order to promote education, according to Kopperman.

Kopperman had been receiving calls from people all over the state, some as close as Eugene and as far as Klamath Falls asking how much it would cost to see Kor's lecture. He was happy to inform them that the event would not require the purchase of a ticket.

"(Kor's) event will be free (Monday night) and all of the other events will be open to the public," Kopperman said.

According to Kopperman, the Committee has a backlog of speakers and events planned for future Holocaust Memorial Weeks.

"It's not that we don't have ideas, it's that we don't have space," Kopperman said.

The next event for Holocaust memorial week will be a panel discussion on the history of eugenics in the United States and at OSU. The panel will be on Tuesday May 3 at 7:30 pm in the C&E auditorium at the LaSells Stewart Alumni Center.

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Climate change shrinking South Florida reefs sooner than expected

By Jenny Stalefovich
Miami Herald

MIAMI—South Florida's shrinking reefs may be vanishing faster than expected.

In a new study published Monday in the journal Global

Biogeochemical Cycles, researchers found that climate-related coral erosion projected to start between 2050 and 2060 has already started near Miami. The situation is better moving south

and away from Miami's dense coast, where pollution may be worsening conditions. But researchers say Miami could serve as a glimpse of things to come for the Florida reef tract.

"We tend to think we have a lot of time and this study shows we have maybe 30 years less time," said lead author Chris Langdon, a University of Miami marine biologist. "We need to get serious sooner rather than later."

Monday's report comes just days after another study concluded a reef tract near Miami took a hit from another unlikely threat: the U.S. government.

In its first assessment of a \$205 million dredging of PortMiami, the National Marine Fisheries Service last week concluded that sediment stirred up by the work smothered and killed many of the coral near the Government Cut channel. The report contradicts findings earlier this year by the U.S. Corps of Engineers, which managed the project and blamed the deaths for an outbreak of white plague disease.

The findings follow months of warnings from NMFS and environmentalists, including the Miami Waterkeeper, that dredging the channel to 50 feet, and then barging that sediment to an offshore dump

site, was spreading a plume of sand damaging far more coral than anticipated, including some threatened species.

NMFS divers surveyed more than 165 acres north of the channel that was hardest hit by the work and found sediment on about 158 acres, the report said. Sand piled up on more than six acres so thickly that the habitat is no longer functioning as a reef and likely won't until the sand is removed. Divers also found severe to moderate damage from sediment on about 120 more acres.

Corps officials, however, defended their assessment that included more than 7,000 dives covering 252 acres and concluded white plague, not dredging work, killed 85 percent of the coral.

The Corps "performed significant mitigation for the Miami Harbor deepening up-front and also during the project. Those efforts have been very successful and will lead to a net increase in the amount of listed staghorn coral colonies and seagrass beds," spokeswoman Susan Jackson said in an email. "Completed mitigation features of the project include the creation of 17 acres of new seagrass beds and more than 11 acres of new artificial reef with thousands of coral relocations."

In environmental circles, the debate over damage has sometimes turned bitter, with the Waterkeepers suing over management of the project and Corps' contractors crying foul. Ecologist Bill Precht, who supervised the Corps' assessment, plans on making a presentation later this month at a Coconut Grove restaurant to defend what he described in an email as "dramatic statements by project opponents."

Florida's reef tract once stretched from the Dry Tortugas north to Palm Beach County but has shrunk to just a fraction of that historic range, pounded by pollution, over-fishing and damage from anchors.

A year ago, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Science researchers warned that warming temperatures could cause an increase in bleaching events for the region a dozen years sooner than expected.

Langdon's findings are even more alarming: Fowey Rocks, a popular dive spot in Biscayne National Park off Key Biscayne, is disappearing today, he said.

Typically reefs flourish in the summertime, when temperatures rise and plants grow, soaking up carbon making conditions just right for tropical coral to grow. In win-

ter, the opposite can happen. Langdon said. Seagrass and other marine life dies, putting carbon back into the water. Historically, summer growth outpaced winter die-offs. But increasing acidification is expected to start slowing summer growth and worsening winter erosion.

Langdon's team found patterns both seasonal and geographic. Reefs closer to Miami's polluted coast did the worst with reefs getting progressively better heading south. That trend may reflect pollution, he said, as well as its unique position: most reefs are tropical and South Florida's set on a gradient range of sub-tropical.

The study also found that transplanting corals or finding hardier species won't be enough to protect a \$7.6 billion asset estimated at creating 7,000 South Florida jobs.

"Those will have short-term benefits. But if the reef framework is dissolving under them, that's not going to be a solution. So we really need to get serious about the carbon solution," he said. "We have a real financial stake in trying to keep this ecosystem healthy."

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Beavers currently sit third in the conference and ranked no. 11 in the country according to D1baseball.com.

Beavs look to boost RPI



By Brian Rathbone
Sports Contributor

What do you know? Another weekend of baseball, and still little movement in the Pac-12 standings. At a point where the contenders are supposed to be separating themselves from the pretenders. Only that's not happening.

Oregon State beat Washington, Washington beat Cal, Cal swept Oregon State, Washington State won two of three against Oregon State, Oregon State beat first-place Utah on the road. The list continues, but the point has been made.

Four weeks are left in the college baseball regular season and the 'Conference of Champions' is in utter chaos. It's chock full of pretenders. Or is it full of contenders? It's anyone's guess.

OSU players are aware of parity that's currently taken over the conference. One slip up in a series, could see a team plummet in the standings, or a series win could catapult a team to

the top.

"It's a tight Pac this year," said freshman pitcher Bryce Fehmel after earning his team-high eighth win of the season in the Beavers 11-4 win over Stanford on Sunday. "We just gotta keep winning series and sweep some series."

No surprise, the 11th-ranked Beavers are right in the thick of the postseason discussion. Just not the way one would expect from a team as high ranked as OSU.

Based on their rank and record, the Beavers should be in the conversation for one of the eight national seeds to host a regional and super regional, in hopes of reaching the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

That is not the case in 2016. While OSU's rank and record may stack up favorably across the nation, it's their Rating Percentage Index score that has OSU on the outside looking in when it comes to hosting a regional according to projections from several online publications.

The RPI is a common formula used in college sports; football and basketball implement it as well. What it calculates is a team's strength of schedule and how a team performs in that schedule. All wins are not treated the same in the RPI, wins on the road are valued more than home wins and home losses hurt your RPI score more than road losses.

The ten teams ranked ahead of Oregon State in the polls all have RPIs ranked in the top-13. As of today, eight

of those teams are virtual locks to hear their names called on Memorial Day as the national seeds. OSU doesn't even crack the top-40, coming in at No. 41. Barring some crazy chain of events, earning a national seed is not in the stars.

But being selected to host a regional round, is very much a possibility. If there is ever a series that the Beavers' need to win or sweep, as Fehmel suggests -- the series in the desert against Arizona is the one to do it.

Not only is it a crucial series in the Pac-12 title race, but the series also serves as the final chance for OSU to improve their postseason resume. OSU's RPI would take a "big boost," according to D1Baseball staff writer Kendall Rogers, assuming they clinch the series in Tucson.

Arizona has an RPI of 33, eight clicks higher than OSU. The three remaining Pac-12 teams on OSU's schedule -- Oregon, USC and UCLA -- have an average RPI of 97. Those won't provide much help in the Beaver's RPI. The only thing those final three teams can do to OSU's resume, is hurt it.

Win that series and the Beavers could be in the driver's seat on their way to becoming the only Pac-12 school to host a regional, even if they aren't thinking that far ahead.

"I don't think we are paying much attention," said Fehmel "We are just trying to do what we can do as a team and control what we can control."

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Catcher Logan Ice scores against Stanford on May 1.

The Bottom Line

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OSU softball's opponent batting average. Good for second best in the Pac-12.

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Baseball	5/6-5/8 @ Arizona

Sports

Softball power rankings

By Josh Worden
Senior Beat Reporter

#1 No. 3 Oregon (38-6, 16-2 Pac-12).

Last weekend: 3-0 vs Arizona. This weekend: at California.
Oregon shut out Arizona this weekend — no, not just in Sunday's game. Not in two of the games. Yes, all three; not once did Arizona cross the plate this weekend in Eugene. The Ducks scored 17 runs in the three games, but they could have tried to win 1-0 in each game just to make things interesting. Instead, they capped off the weekend with an 8-0 mercy-rule win on Sunday and Oregon pitcher Cheridan Hawkins won Pac-12 Pitcher of the Week honors by tossing two complete game shutouts. Speaking of hardware, you might as well consider the Pac-12 title already Oregon's. Nobody is catching the Ducks this year in the regular season.



#4 Utah (31-15, 12-6).

Last weekend: 1-2 at Washington. This weekend: vs UCLA.
After getting throttled in the first two games in Seattle, losing the pair of contests by a combined 14-0 score, Utah salvaged the series by beating Washington 6-5 on Sunday. Overall, the Utes revealed the spot they really deserve in the Pac-12: competitive, but not one of the best teams yet. Still, Utah has been one of the most consistent squads in the conference and there's no reason why the Utes should be counted out against UCLA this weekend and even Oregon the following week. Actually, that series is in Eugene and the Ducks haven't lost a game in seemingly three years. Maybe Utah should just focus on the Bruins for now.



#7 No. 18 Arizona (32-17, 9-9).

Last weekend: 0-3 at Oregon. This weekend: vs Oregon State.
Arizona was outscored 17-0 by Oregon this weekend. Put it this way: if a team's best offensive game included five hits and no runs scored — that was Arizona's stat line on Saturday — something is wrong. Or maybe, something is very right on the opposite end. Oregon's pitching staff looked like Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling on the 2002 Arizona Diamondbacks. That's right, Arizona, it was a pitching duo from your own state that apparently taught Oregon how to shut you out.



#2 No. 11 Washington (32-11, 13-8).

Last weekend: 2-1 vs Utah. This weekend: at LSU.
The positives for Washington after beating Utah two games to one: the Huskies have won six consecutive series. The negatives: Washington won five of those series 2-1 and notched just one sweep. Put those two together and you've got a good team that hasn't reached championship-caliber yet. There's no mistaking who's on top of the conference; Washington got swept in its first Pac-12 series this year by Oregon, so the Huskies are lucky to be in second place. With a trip to Louisiana on the docket this weekend and an easy matchup with Stanford following that, Washington could make some noise as the regular season closes and the NCAA Tournament begins May 20.



#5 California (28-18-1, 9-7-1).

Last weekend: 3-0 at Stanford. This weekend: vs Oregon.
It was the weekend of three for California: three wins over Stanford in three games and freshman infielder Lindsay Rood recorded three hits in a game three different times this week. Cal also beat UC Davis twice last Tuesday, so the Bears are rolling on a five-game win streak and should make it six on Wednesday night against the University of the Pacific. But then comes the Real University of the Pacific Northwest: the Oregon Ducks, who seem about as beatable as a healthy Golden State Warriors team against a pack of fourth graders. You should better savor your win over Pacific on Wednesday, Cal fans.



#8 Arizona State (27-22, 3-15)

Last weekend: 0-3 at UCLA. This weekend: vs Stanford.
Okay, okay, let's wait a minute here. Yes, Arizona State has lost 12 straight games. Sure, they're arguably the most pitiful team in the Pac-12 (Stanford makes a strong case of its own, though). But look on the bright side, Sun Devils: your team hasn't gotten shut out in any of those 12 games! That's definitely something to take pride in. Or if not, maybe ASU will actually get a win or two this weekend against the lowly Stanford Cardinal.



#3 No. 14 UCLA (33-13-1, 14-5-1).

Last weekend: 3-0 vs Arizona State. This weekend: at Utah.
Sure, UCLA swept an Arizona State team that has spent most of the season in the NCAA's Top-25. But ASU has been slipping down the standings the last few weeks harder than a greased pig on a waterslide, and UCLA's overall 23-15 scoring margin in the series was surprisingly slim. Honestly, the Bruins should be somewhat ashamed themselves. Sure, sweeping a Pac-12 team is admirable no matter what, but if UCLA plays against Utah like it did against ASU this weekend, there's no reason why the Bruins shouldn't tumble to the bottom half of the Pac-12 rankings.



#6 Oregon State (27-16-1, 6-12).

Last weekend: bye. This weekend: at Arizona.
Oregon State has won five of its last twelve Pac-12 games, a pretty good mark considering that three of the four teams the Beavers faced were in the Top-25 nationally. It doesn't get easier this weekend with a trip to face Arizona, but it will get much more manageable in the final week of the regular season when Arizona State travels to Corvallis. But that's two weekends away, let's focus on the now: if OSU is serious about its NCAA Tournament hopes and its ability to make some noise in the postseason, a strong showing against the Wildcats is key. On a sidenote: OSU is still on pace to break the program record in batting average for the fourth consecutive year, hitting .319 compared to .298 last season.



#9 Stanford (13-29, 0-18).

Last weekend: 0-3 vs California. This weekend: at Arizona State.
The series of the century. The matchup of the millennium. It's what we've all been waiting for. That's assuming you only want to watch the two worst softball teams in the conference play each other in a battle for last place, because who doesn't want that? Stanford and Arizona, with a combined 3-33 mark in Pac-12 contests, will end up with a combined 6-36 mark after the weekend. Doesn't that sound a little better? Not really? Yeah, not really.



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The Oregon State softball team's infielders meet at the mound to strategize.



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Eva Kor event informed, inspired



By Jackie Keating
Forum contributor

Every year since 1987, Oregon State University and the Corvallis community have observed Holocaust Memorial Week, which "grows from the belief that educational institutions can do much to combat prejudice of all kinds, and to foster respect for the diversity that is America, by promoting an awareness of the Holocaust," according to the program's website.

This year, the annual event kicked off on Sunday, May 1, with a lecture in Portland by Eva Mozes Kor, which she also gave on Monday, May 2, at the LaSells Stewart Center.

I attended her lecture, which is titled "The Triumph of the Human Spirit: From Auschwitz to Forgiveness," on Monday.

The turnout was incredible.

People were packed to the gills inside the Austin Auditorium, and according to the event's Facebook

page, some audience members were coming from as far as Eugene and Medford to attend. Audience members sat along the walls and lined the railings of the upper level, opting to stand for an hour and a half rather than to miss what this incredible woman had to say.

Despite the tragic and somber subject about which she was to speak, Kor had a calm and casual stage presence, and even inserted some humor into her lecture, as she began by stating that she had survived Dr. Mengele, and "now, at 82 years old, I am trying to survive old age. It's harder than I thought!"

She began by recounting her experience in her year at the camp. Kor was taken with her father, mother, and three sisters to Auschwitz when she was just ten years old. Although she was separated from her father, mother and two sisters that first day in the camp in 1944, never to see them again, she and her twin sister Miriam were spared to be used in experiments by the infamous Nazi Doctor Mengele, also known as the angel of death.

During his time at Auschwitz, Mengele experimented on roughly 1,500 sets of twins in the concentration camp, and only about 100 sets, or 200 twin children, made it out alive when Soviet soldiers freed the camp in 1945, according to Kor. She and Miriam were among that number, but not without having been subjected to

"If you give up,
nothing will happen."

Eva Mozes Kor
Holocaust survivor

numerous experiments. They were injected with substances the contents of which are still mysteries today, and which made them both very ill and caused health complications later in their lives.

Still, the main focus of the lecture was not about what had happened to Kor and her sister, but rather how to find strength in forgiveness, and how to combat prejudice that exists today. She condensed these issues into three life lessons.

Life lesson one was to never give up on yourself or your dreams, because "if you give up, nothing will happen," she said. Not giving up can be hard, she explained, even if "your parents can afford to buy you designer jeans with holes in them," but she urged that if you have a goal, to pursue it with a fiery determination.

Life lesson two was to be able to recognize prejudice, which she defined as judging people before you know

them, and to put a stop to it. Here she confessed that she sometimes feels herself judging others, particularly those whose forms of dress she find abhorrent ("I don't like baggy pants," she said, referencing some youths who she didn't know but who she said looked like bums). However, she stops herself, and recognizes that it is not up to her to come to conclusions about anyone she doesn't know, since she herself used to wonder why the Nazis hated her when she had never done anything to them. "It only takes a little bit of kindness to make the world better," Kor concluded.

Finally, life lesson three rounded out the lecture. According to Mozes Kor, the third life lesson is to forgive anyone who has hurt you. "I forgive the Nazis," she proclaimed. "I forgive everyone." Despite this, she says she didn't always feel this way. 25 years ago, she hated everyone who was involved with Nazi Germany and was in a world of hurt. The change came when her sister Miriam died from cancer in 1993.

She opened a Holocaust museum in Indiana where she was living at the time, and even went to Germany to speak one-on-one with a former Nazi who had worked in Auschwitz. She said that he treated her with the utmost respect, and said the things he had seen and done in the camp haunted him every single day. At this point, a friend told her to write a let-

ter to the deceased Mengele (he died in Brazil in 1979) to see if she could forgive him. Although the process was hard, and not instant, Mozes Kor said that she did end up forgiving him, and afterwards decided to forgive anyone who had ever hurt her.

"Every single one of you has the power to forgive," she said. "No one can give it to you, and no one can take it away." She said that once you have forgiven someone who has caused you pain, they don't have a hold on you anymore. "Forgiveness is the best revenge," she concluded.

She ended the lecture by congratulating the audience for surviving her lecture and was met with a standing ovation, after which there was a segment for a Q&A and a book signing.

Overall, attending Eva Mozes Kor's lecture was a treat. She is a survivor of one of the darkest pieces of history in the last century, and it is crucial that we don't forget her life lessons. If you missed her talk but would still like to attend an event during Holocaust Memorial week, there will be lectures on May 4 and May 5, the details of which can be found on the OSU Holocaust Memorial Program website: <http://holocaust.oregonstate.edu/#eventstart>

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Exploring the wonderful world of patents

By Dr. Jon Dorbolo

Ask Dr. Tech

Have you ever heard the rhetorical question "What will they think of next?"

Viable answers to that question may be gleaned by perusing applications filed with the U.S. Patent Office.

A patent is an assignment of exclusive intellectual property rights by a government to an inventor for a specified time period, in the U.S. and Europe for 20 years.

When someone files a patent on an invention or process, others are prohibited by law from creating and selling products derived from that intellectual property.

Inventors cannot patent ideas alone, they have to demonstrate how the invention will work and that it is feasible.

The word patent stems from the Latin word "patere" meaning "to lay open."

This etymology reflects the public nature of patents and distinguishes them from trade secrets which are kept private and guarded.

In addition to sheer curiosity you can make powerful uses of the information at uspto.gov.

Some investors make profitable uses of that information in deciding what industries to put their money into.

Writers can gain excellent topics for analysis and writing from patents because successful future products are communicated to us in the present.

For instance, student s may develop presentations and papers based on patent information.

Suppose that you have a class presentation or paper to prepare and need a strong topic.

Browsing through recent proposals at the USPTO you find a patent filed in 2015 by Boeing Inc. for "Infectious Disease Detection."

This proposed invention would use sensors to detect traces of specific pathogens; bacteria and viruses.

Why would a company that makes airplanes invest in disease detection?

Because infectious disease is spread significantly by air travel leading to pandemics which are global outbreaks of illness.

To turn this idea into a paper or presentation, think through the conditions and implications of effective disease detection at the primary points of transmission.

Detecting disease allows for intervention and preventing its spread which may dramatically impact the global health situation.

Think of other situations where the spread of disease is significant, such as hospitals, daycare and University residence halls where the Norovirus runs rampant.

The analytic strategy of turning a proposed patent invention into a top-rate paper is to produce a reasoned analysis based on the problem, the proposed solution and the implications of a successful solution. Break it down like this:

1. The problem: describe the circumstances that occur without the invention; e.g. infectious disease spreads rapidly and is hard to control leading to deaths, illness, increased health care costs and other economic impacts.

2. The proposed solution: explain the proposed invention and how it will solve or change the problem; e.g., a system of disease agent detection and intelligent alerts will recognize when a severely contagious disease is present and allow for immediate interventions to help infected people and prevent further contagion.

3. The implications of a successful solution: speculate on the social impacts that will occur if the invention works and is used

effectively; e.g., by detecting and managing disease at the primary points of transmission the spread of infectious disease can be significantly contained and prevented. The gains to human welfare in terms of health will be great and economic benefits from lower health care and lost productivity will add significantly to the general welfare.

You can totally make an interesting paper or presentation with a strong analysis and argument from this by filling in the details and backing up your claims with facts, such as the current costs of infectious disease to the economy.

You might also think of potential negative effects of such inventions, which is how writers like Michael Crichton (Jurassic Park, Prey) make great stories and tons of money.

Now that you see how such analysis and future casting works, try your mind some other fascinating recent patent filings.

"Multi-Part Navigation Process by an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle for Navigating to a Medical Situation": Google filed a patent for a drone with navigation and flight control processes capable of reaching an emergency with appropriate medications and medical equipment. Imagine in the future subscribing to a medical response service that responds immediately to your crisis based on your medical profile.

"System in Space for Reinforcing Photosynthesis and Method": Airbus, a European airplane maker, may have a way to collect sunlight by satellites in orbit and retransmit the energy to Earth to re-enforce photosynthesis and crop growth. I wonder whether this technology can also boost solar energy collectors.

"Fact Checking Using and Aiding Probabilistic Question Answering": IBM filed a recent patent for a use of its Watson artificial intelligence program that won the Jeopardy game show. In its role as fact-checker Watson will "decompose a statement into sets of question and answer pairs for each of which it then determines a confidence value from which is calculated a probability that the statement is true." Imagine this at work in newsrooms and Presidential debates.

"Gamma Secretase Modulators": Pharmaceutical giant Merck filed a patent for a compound that "targets amyloid beta, a metabolite of amyloid precursor protein which is considered to be of great importance regarding the degeneration and loss of neurons in Alzheimer's patients." This may lead to a treatment and even prevention of Alzheimer's disease.

It does not follow from the fact that a patent was filed that the proposed concept will really work, be practical and economically feasible.

Patents do show us the realm of the possible driven by human imagination.

Here are some titles of patents filed in the last few years to peak your interest:

"Method and Apparatus for Delivering Energy to an Electrical or Electronic Device Via a Wireless Link"

"Devices and Methods for Transferring Data Through a Human Body"

"Method for Personalizing an Appliance User Interface"

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"Aerial Display System With Marionettes Articulated and



Supported by Airborne Devices."

"Systems and Methods for Fabricating Products On Demand."

"Self-propelled unicycle engagable with vehicle."

"Telescopic Contact Lens."

"Virtual Universe Teleportation Suggestion Service."

Links to these patent filings and sources used for this article are on my blog.

Find many more filed patents at: uspto.gov > Patents > Patent Search (Search for Patents) > Seven Step Strategy.

For patents filed since March 2001 be sure search the AppFT: Applications database.

Understand that patents are legal documents and not designed for easy reading, but you are smarter than the average duck and can hone in on the key points, especially the "abstract" or "summary" sections.

Make sure that you access the images linked at the top and bottom of the patent text.

Learn to access these ideas directly from the USPTO and you will gain a wealth of future potentials that you may talk and write about.

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‘Elvis and Nixon’ is well-acted, sometimes entertaining utter nonsense

By **Elise De Los Santos**
RedEye

What happens when the King and the president meet? Everything and nothing.

That’s exactly what happens in the 86 minutes of “Elvis and Nixon,” a fictionalized account of the meeting between Elvis Presley (Michael Shannon) and Richard Nixon (Kevin Spacey) at the White House in 1970.

Nixon didn’t begin his infamous secret recordings until 1971, so the only record of the meeting is a now-famous photo of the two men shaking hands in the Oval Office. Taking it from there, writers Joey Sagal, Hanala Sagal and Cary Elwes (yes, the “Princess Bride” and “Saw” actor, in his screenwriting debut) create something that wavers between historical fan fiction and a serious character study of two larger-than-life figures.

The path to this unlikely meeting starts when Elvis, no longer the young pop idol of “Jailhouse Rock” and on the cusp of becoming the bedazzled caricature that launched a million impersonators, feels the urge to do something for his country after seeing drugged-up, draft card-burning hippies on TV. For unclear reasons, he hops on a plane to LA, gets arrested for carrying guns, is bailed out by his friend Jerry Schilling (Alex Pettyfer) and then hops on another plane with Jerry to Washington D.C.

En route, he pens a letter to Nixon, offering up his services to his country and requesting to be named a “federal agent at-large” so he can go undercover in the war on drugs (yes, really). P.S. He really wants a badge

to go with the title. Through the machinations of Jerry, Nixon aide/Elvis fan Egil “Bud” Krogh (Colin Hanks) and Nixon’s assistant Dwight Chapin (Evan Peters), Nixon reluctantly agrees to the meeting.

The climactic meeting is well-acted, well-written utter nonsense, an awkward yet moderately entertaining pissing contest between two men who have no business being in the same room together. Their conversation, supposed to take five minutes, evolves into a bit of a saga as they meander among a series of topics that touch upon everything. And nothing.

Superficially, it’s a stretch to see Spacey and even more so Shannon as the figures they’re portraying. (In one of the first scenes, Spacey just looks like an older Frank Underwood hunched behind his desk in the Oval Office.) But the acting chops of both help overcome the wide visual gap.

Shannon in particular slips easily among the different shades of Elvis’ character: the arrogant pop icon who can charm his way through anything, the delusional washed-up superstar possibly going off the deep end and the lonely man trapped behind the facade of his fame. Even if the whole time you can’t help but think he just looks like a half-baked impersonator on his way to an Elvis convention.

Likewise distracting is the writing, which flip-flops between slick and sly dialogue (“Thank you, thank you very much,” Elvis unironically says at one point) and stilted monologues that make everyone sound like self-analyzing pseudo-psychologists. Yes, people often think about their feelings



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Liza Johnson and Kevin Spacey in “Elvis & Nixon.”

and why they do things; less likely is sharing these thoughts with others, especially strangers.

If you like history and have a tolerance for the wacky, this movie is right up your alley. If you like movies

that have some sort of a point, then perhaps it’s better to wait until “Elvis and Nixon” has left the building.

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