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Limited space in SEC leaves some groups homeless

The Food Pantry searches for a new location as the demolition date of Snell Hall inches closer

By David Ard
THE DAILY BAROMETER

In preparation for the Student Experience Center replacing Snell Hall, student groups are busy securing prime campus locations for the future.

But not all organizations in Snell Hall will be allowed a spot in the multimillion dollar student building and the Oregon State University Food Pantry might be one of them.

The Food Pantry is a student-run nonprofit organization that offers free food to students and residents in need.

The organization will move when Snell Hall is demolished in June 2013, but they don't know where they'll end up.

"The best place for us would be a place accessible to those on and off campus," said Laura Pick, Food Pantry coordinator. "We serve people as far away as Philomath and Harrisburg."

The nonprofit has applied to be put in the Student Experience Center, but has not been guaranteed anything.

The Food Pantry would like to stay with other ASOSU organizations because many people who use the Food Pantry also receive or need other ASOSU services.

"The need for food, space and volunteers is just going up because the demand is just really increasing," said Tassnym Sinky, Food Pantry volunteer coordinator.

With an increase in the number of clients to the Food Pantry, the organization is looking for more freezer and dry stock space. The Food Pantry requires a dock where Linn-Benton food trucks can unload and a waiting area for clients and their families to use until they can be helped.

The Food Pantry is open to everyone at OSU and the community.

The Food Pantry does not require income verification and clients are asked to fill out a form on their first arrival. Everything written on the application sheets is taken at face value.

"It's better to help one person who may not need it, than to turn away a lot of people who do need it," Pick said.

The Food Pantry makes every effort to take religious and cultural considerations, as well as medical conditions and allergies into account when distributing food.

They use a USDA form to determine the approximate grain, protein and other nutritional requirements of their clients. If a client cannot eat a certain type of food, other foods will be given to compensate.

"They choose and pack their own food as if they were going to a supermarket," Sinky said. "We go out of our way to make sure you can eat what we provide."

The Food Pantry receives food donations from a variety of sources. It has a contract through the Oregon Food Bank and receives money and donations from the community and students.

"The Food Science Technology Club donated over 200 jars of jam," Pick said. "(Students in Free Enterprise) has donated over 1,000 pounds of food."

The Food Pantry pick-up times

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Innovative approach to online learning

Yael Begeed-Dov mixes love of culture with new technologies to help students learn Hebrew

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Hanging outside the door of the foreign languages department in Kidder is a flyer for a class recently made available to students pursuing comprehension of the Hebrew language.

According to the flyer, "By the end of this term, students will be able to write and read sentences in block and script form."

To many of us, this means nothing, but to students currently enrolled in Hebrew 111 under the teaching of Yael Begeed-Dov in OSU's Ecampus, it represents a great accomplishment.

Instructor Begeed-Dov, whose family immigrated to Israel from Morocco before she moved to the U.S., received the position at Oregon State University in the spring of 2010. The current winter term is not only the first in which Hebrew 111 is being taught, but also the

first term the course is listed in the general "catalog" @ OSU.

Given that the class is only currently available online, there are many developments prospective students have to look forward to.

"At this time, we're offering first-year online Hebrew and working on the second-year Hebrew language course, where the emphasis is going to be on Israeli culture," Begeed-Dov said.

She explained that the progression of language classes is based mostly on student demand.

"The foreign language and literature department will decide what the future holds for Hebrew," she said. "If the course turns out to be popular it might be offered on campus in the future as well as Ecampus."

Based on Begeed-Dov's history with the language and her imaginative teaching techniques, it would be no surprise if a desire for additional Hebrew classes is expressed among the student body.

Though her first language was French, Begeed-Dov grew up speaking Hebrew with her family and is

able to understand Arabic due to her years in Morocco. The beginnings of her English came during secondary education, as every Israeli student is required to take English classes.

Begeed-Dov has been in the Corvallis area, involving herself in the growing Jewish community called "Beit-Am," for 20 years. She has also remained true to her passion for art, as evidenced by the colorful stained glass creations that line the windows of her home.

"I grew up in Israel and graduated from an Israeli college majoring in art with a teaching certificate. I worked in Israel as a teacher for several years and once I immigrated to the U.S. I started teaching Hebrew," Begeed-Dov said of her Hebrew background. "I've been teaching and tutoring modern and some biblical Hebrew for the last 20 years in the U.S."

Biblical Hebrew refers to the ancient language written in the Jewish Torah. What is spoken and taught now in Israel is an altered version that over time has come to be known as "modern" Hebrew,

which is what Begeed-Dov is teaching her students in her online introductory class.

Yael Begeed-Dov has not only conquered the intimidating task of being the first to teach Hebrew at OSU, but she is also ingeniously dispelling the myth that online courses are by definition impersonal and impractical.

"I provide two weekly hours of Skype time where students can participate and practice speaking Hebrew. And just like other courses, there are quizzes and tests," she said about the online system, which she refers to as beneficial and flexible. "Ecampus and I developed some really wonderful interactive tools such as how to pronounce letters and vowels by using soundboards."

Such things are essential to any language class at the introductory level where students are not expected to have any background or experience in Hebrew or Jewish culture.

"This class is for people without any knowledge in Hebrew, not even the alphabet," she said.

Begeed-Dov, who helped develop a Hebrew curriculum as co-principal for a Jewish Sunday school, is deeply rooted in her family's religious background. However, she makes a point not to ask her students about their religious affiliations.

"One student is taking my class because she frequently visits Israel," Begeed-Dov said. "She wanted to learn the language out of respect for the culture."

Though a personal Jewish history is not by any means a requisite for Hebrew 111, students are guaranteed to gain familiarity with the Israeli culture.

Instructor Begeed-Dov is very enthusiastic about educational opportunity in her home land.

"There are many opportunities for learning and collaboration in Israel as it is a world leader in technological development. The knowledge of Hebrew will aid students seeking international opportunities and can only enhance their experience," she said.

In her expert opinion, students aren't the only ones on campus who would gain an advantage from picking up Hebrew and employees within OSU's foreign languages



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Yael Begeed-Dov, Hebrew instructor at Oregon State University, stands in front of glass artwork she created. Begeed-Dov is the first Hebrew instructor at OSU and aims to make the online class personal and practical.

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Corvallis public transportation goes fareless

Rides will be free on Feb. 1 as new taxpayer transit operation fee covers the cost of Corvallis Transit System, Beaver Bus

By Colin Bowyer
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On Feb. 1, users of the Corvallis Transit System and the Beaver Bus will no longer have to pay a fare.

The Corvallis Public Works Department announced earlier this month that because of a reallocation of taxpayer funds to the new Transit Operations Fee, voted on by the City Council, passengers will be able to ride for free.

Originally, the city's general fund, from property taxes, provided for transit costs. Now with the Transit Operations Fee in place, that money from the general fund can be put toward the library, parks and other social services, according to Transit Coordinator Tim Bates.

Unfortunately, the Philomath Connection,

Linn-Benton Loop and the 99 Express will still charge a fee because they are not owned and operated under the City of Corvallis.

Because the Beaver Bus is 30 percent funded by the City of Corvallis and 70 percent funded by the students, that will also be free of charge.

The Corvallis Transit System services an average of 2,280 people a day and stretches out to a majority of the Corvallis neighborhoods and the Hewlett-Packard facility on the North side of town.

Bates is optimistic about the change. "I hope that it gets new riders on the busses," Bates said. "I would hope that people that ride it now will continue to ride it and bring in more people who don't ride it now."

Additionally, CTS riders with monthly passes containing an expiration date past Jan. 31 will be refunded their money.

Eighteen-year-old CTS bus rider McKenna McDougall offered her opinion while waiting for a bus at a downtown Corvallis station on Saturday night.

"It doesn't really make a difference to me but

other people who ride it would ... I think it would be a positive change," McDougall said.

She also said that if she could make one change to the system, it would be to extend the night hours of the Beaver Bus.

Twenty-year-old mechanical engineering student David Burr was unaware of the Feb. 1 changes and said he rarely rides the Beaver Bus or CTS busses.

"I think it's great that I don't have to pay for transportation as a student ... but I would like to see the cleanliness of the busses improve," Burr said.

The Beaver Bus' hours vary slightly according to which route you choose — North, Southeast or Southwest — but typically run Thursday, Friday and Saturday between 9 p.m. and 2 a.m. and CTS busses run daily.

For more information concerning the Feb. 1 change or general inquiries, please visit CorvallisTransit.com or call 541-766-6919.

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US torn between supporting Mubarak, democratic ideals

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Egypt's roiling political unrest is causing the United States to fine-tune a foreign policy equation that for 30 years has valued strategic partnership with President Hosni Mubarak over democratic ideals, experts said Monday.

The widespread street demonstrations demanding Mubarak's ouster have so far drawn a measured U.S. response that advocates step-by-step reforms for pro-democracy changes while maintaining stability.

Even hawkish conservatives generally opposed to Obama administration policies have backed the U.S. response, citing the overarching need to prevent an unpredictable power vacuum if Mubarak were to be quickly forced out of power.

It is one of the most complex issues facing President Barack Obama, with Egypt — the main Arab ally of the U.S. — inexorably linked to neighboring Israel — the main U.S. ally in the Middle East — by a peace treaty that guarantees more than \$1 billion a year in U.S. military aid to Mubarak's government.

Egypt also provides vital logistical and intelligence assistance to the United States, which has urged Mubarak for years to implement democratic reforms but always put the strategic benefits first.

"We have to balance our ideals and also our strategic interests," former U.S. Defense Secretary William Cohen said Monday on CNN. "That balance might have been too far in one direction and not the other."

Daniel Kurtzer, the U.S. ambassador to Egypt from 1997-2001, said the administration wants to both support "an exceedingly strong ally" and promote democratic reform and more openness in "a closed authoritarian

society."

"The United States is trying to find comfortable ground in which we can argue for both without abandoning an ally and without abandoning our principles," Kurtzer said in a telephone interview.

The unrest in Egypt follows years of social, political and economic grievances that fueled the street protests that began last week and have since escalated. After ruling with an iron fist for three decades, Mubarak has given no indication of giving up power.

Demonstrators in Egypt question why Obama, who championed human rights and democracy in a 2009 speech in Cairo, isn't condemning Mubarak and applying pressure to help bring the changes they seek.

"People need to see that you not only talk the talk, but walk the walk, and people need to understand and believe that you really, seriously take democracy, rule of law, freedoms seriously," said Mohamed ElBaradei, the former head of the International Atomic Energy Agency who returned to his native Egypt last week as an opposition leader. "... To say that we are asking a dictator who's been in power for 30 years to implement democracy is an oxymoron, frankly."

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton outlined the administration's stance in separate interviews Sunday with five television networks, saying the "complex, very difficult" situation in Egypt requires careful progress toward a peaceful transition to democracy rather than any sudden or violent change that could undermine the aspirations of the protesters.

"There's no easy answer," Clinton said on CNN's "State of the Union." "And, clearly, increasing chaos or even violence in the streets, prison breaks,

which we've had reports about — that is not the way to go.

"We want to see this peaceful uprising on the part of the Egyptian people to demand their rights to be responded to in a very clear, unambiguous way by the government, and then a process of national dialogue that will lead to the changes that the Egyptian people seek and that they deserve," she said.

On Monday, White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said Egypt's government should engage in "meaningful negotiations with a broad section of civil society, including opposition groups," and hold "free and fair elections" in September.

The transition called for by Clinton "means change, and what we've advocated from the very beginning is that the way Egypt looks and operates must change," Gibbs told reporters.

At the same time, he said it is not the place of the United States to support or oppose the possible ouster of Mubarak.

Allies concurred, with German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle calling Monday for future "free and fair elections" in Egypt.

"We are also interested in a stable situation in the Middle East because, of course, Egypt is a key player for the whole region," Westerwelle said.

Even administration critics such as conservative Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona have backed the U.S. response so far.

"I hope we all understand how important Egypt is as an ally, as a center of culture," McCain said Sunday on CNN, later adding that "what we need to do now is to lay out a plan for Mubarak to lift the state of emergency, announce that elections — free and fair — will be held in September, which were already planned, allow an open

and free democratic process — which I think we could have some confidence (in) if it was an open process that you would see a free and fair election — and that we make sure that the aspirations of the Egyptian people are realized finally."

But some U.S. politicians disagreed. Democratic Sen. Bill Nelson of Florida said that "Mubarak will have to go — but not without an exit strategy that prevents the government from falling and leaving the door open for extremists."

The next presidential election in Egypt is scheduled for September of this year, Nelson said. "Right now, there are no term limits in Egypt's Constitution restricting Mubarak from running for re-election for the sixth time. Mubarak must immediately open these elections to international observers and give his written assurance that his name won't appear as a contender. I believe this could help quell the protests."

And McCain's Republican colleague from Arizona, Sen. Jon Kyl, sharply criticized the Obama administration for not promoting democracy as strongly as his predecessor.

"We might be in a better position if we had more closely followed President Bush's prescription for support of greater democracy in all parts of the world," Kyl said as he stepped off the Senate floor Monday. "If we had maintained that position and had that reputation in the world ... then our calls today for restraint would have more credibility because the people of Egypt would know our heart was with their desire for greater representation."

To Marina Ottaway, director of the Middle East program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the U.S. position amounts to fence-sitting.

—CNN

US.Park Police chief: First day on the job, again

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Seven years after the federal government fired her, the chief of the U.S. Park Police was sworn in for the job, again. Earlier this month an appeals panel ordered that she be restored to the position and be given back pay.

"Certainly a roller coaster of emotions," Chief Teresa Chambers told reporters moments after being sworn in Monday by Interior Secretary

Ken Salazar. "I felt driven to make sure that justice was done. This is much larger than me, so I'm glad for the message that it sends a lot of people, that employees should be rewarded for honesty."

In a 53-page opinion, the Merit System Protection Board ruled that Chambers had wrongly been dismissed for complaining about budget cuts in an interview with the Washington Post, and it

ordered the government to restore her to a job she last held in December of 2003.

"It's the end of a very long journey but a journey that was worth it. There are some things in life worth fighting for," Chambers said.

Since 2008, Chambers has been chief of the Riverdale Park Police Department in Maryland, a department with about 20 officers.

The U.S. Park Police, consist-

ing of some 800 officers, falls under the National Park Service and protects public lands in Washington, D.C., New York and San Francisco. It is most prominent in Washington, where Park Police officers patrol the National Mall and numerous monuments.

The dismissal of Chambers was the result of an interview with the Washington Post in which she argued the department needed an additional \$8

million. On the day the article was published, the deputy director of the National Park Service, Donald Murphy, sent Chambers an e-mail instructing her not to grant any more interviews without approval. Two days later, Murphy placed Chambers on administrative leave and proposed her firing on six grounds, all relating to Chambers statements about the budget.

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Tuesday, Feb. 1

Meetings

Chess Club, 4pm, MU Commons. Casual chess matches with everyone and all skill levels welcome.

Educational Activities, 6pm, MU Board Room. Budget hearings.

Speakers

Women's Center, 5:30-7pm, Willamette East & West Conference Rooms, Valley Library 2nd Floor. Women from around the globe will speak about international women's health and social justice issues. Q&A follows. Snacks & beverages served.

Events

Student Events and Activities Center and the Memorial Union, 7:30pm, MU Trysting Tree Lounge. MUvie — The Expendables.

Women's Center, 9:30-10:30am, Women's Center. Finding Balance Through Yoga. Take advantage of this opportunity to come together, slow down and practice yoga. No experience necessary. Come as you are!

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 11:30am-1:30pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd St. "Come & Go" lunch. Good food and informal table talk.

Wednesday, Feb. 2

Meetings

Active Minds, 6pm, 5th Floor of Snell Hall. Join our group meeting! We will be finalizing plans for upcoming events and discussing different mental health topics!

The Pre-Law Society, 6:30pm, Kelley 1003. Weekly meetings followed by Mock Trial team practice.

Educational Activities, 6pm, MU 110. Budget hearings.

Speakers

Women's Center, 4-5:30pm, Women's Center. The Women's Leadership Initiative Speakers Series. The WLI engages students in conversation & action with women leaders from OSU and around the state.

Events

Student Events and Activities Center and the Memorial Union, 7:30pm, MU Trysting Tree Lounge. MUvie — The Expendables.

Native American Longhouse, 1-2pm, Native American Longhouse. Learn about the different ways to compost on campus.

Thursday, Feb. 3

Meetings

College Republicans, 7pm, MU Council Room. Join in our meeting where we discuss and debate hot topics in the news and grow in friendships.

Student Health Services, Noon-1pm, MU 212. Annual Open Hearing for Fiscal 2012 Budget.

Educational Activities, 6pm, MU Board Room. Budget hearings.

Speakers

History Department, 4pm, MU Journey Room. "History and Ecology" workshop: keynote address by Eric Higgs, "History and Novelty in Ecological Restoration."

Events

Student Events and Activities Center and the Memorial Union, 7:30pm, MU Trysting Tree Lounge. MUvie — The Expendables.

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 5:45-7:30pm, Luther House. Q.U.E.S.T. — Simple supper, spiritual discussion.

Police investigated abuse case weeks before mom allegedly killed kids

Police opened, and then dropped, an investigation of physical abuse involving a Florida mother against her teen daughter, closing the case weeks before the woman admitted killing the girl and her brother because they were "mouthy."

Julie K. Schenecker, 50, is charged with two counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of her 13-year-old son, Beau Powers Schenecker, and her 16-year-old daughter, Calyx Powers Schenecker.

She was denied bond at a court appearance Monday, a court spokesman said.

"Our belief was that she didn't snap — she planned this," Tampa, Florida, police spokesperson Laura McElroy told HLN's Vinnie Politan on Monday.

New details emerged about the alleged murder as well as a run-in Schenecker had with police months earlier, regarding her treatment of her children.

In November, police opened a child abuse investigation into allegations Schenecker had abused Calyx, according to a report from the Tampa Police.

A responding officer, Julie Becker, wrote that she didn't see any "visible injuries" on Calyx, nor did the girl complain of any. "She seemed cautious of what was saying, and at times began to cry," Becker said in her report.

Calyx told police that days earlier her mother repeatedly hit her while they were driving home, before she was able to run to a safe spot in her room. The girl said that a month and a half earlier, her mother had hit her so hard in

the face it caused her lip to bleed.

Julie Schenecker told police she had hit the girl three times in the first incident after the girl told her, "You're disgusting," and "You're not my parent," according to the police report. She said Calyx was not bruised or bleeding afterward.

The mother also admitted hitting the girl once more than a month earlier, according to her police statement, but she again denied that Calyx had bled.

Becker noted, "There is no prior history (related to) this location and the family."

On Dec. 21, having found "no evidence of a criminal offense," authorities ended their investigation of the case.

McElroy, the Tampa police spokeswoman, said Monday that the daughter's seeming "regret" over her comments and the fact no wounds could be seen prompted the investigators' decision.

"Parents can discipline their children using physical force, as long as there's no injury," said McElroy. "That's why there was no criminal offense at that time."

But McElroy said police determined on Jan. 28 after they arrived at the family home that Schenecker had plotted to kill the teens. Authorities went to the house after getting a call from the suspect's mother who, after e-mail communications the previous night, was worried her daughter was depressed.

Officers arrived at 7:45 a.m. to find Julie Schenecker on her home's back porch, "a little combative" and her clothing soaked in blood, McElroy said.

Police then found Calyx's body in an upstairs bedroom. She had been shot twice in the head, police said. Beau's body was later found in the front seat of an SUV inside the home's garage, police said. They said he was shot while he was being driven to soccer practice.

A preliminary investigation indicates the teens were killed Thursday night, the police statement said, but the county medical examiner will determine their time of death.

Schenecker confessed to killing the children, according to a police statement, eventually recounting her rationale and thought process "in detail," according to a press release.

"She did tell us that they talked back, that they were mouthy," McElroy told CNN affiliate WTSP late last week. "But I don't think that will ever serve as an explanation to the rest of us of how you could take a child's life."

Schenecker had initially planned what she called the "massacre" — killing the children and then herself, McElroy said on Monday — for Jan. 22, but she put it off after learning there would be a three-day check before she could buy a gun.

Police later found writings in the house, thought to be from Schenecker, in which she spelled out her intentions in detail.

"There are definitely indications that she planned this," McElroy said. "(The writing) was devoid of emotion."

Schenecker's husband, Parker, is a colonel in the U.S. Army. He is a member of U.S. Central Command and police told CNN affiliate WFTS that he was in Qatar when his chil-

dren were killed.

Schenecker appeared in court Monday via video link from jail, WFTS reported. She held a tissue and wept softly during the two-minute appearance.

Judge Walter Heinrich said at the hearing that Schenecker likely will undergo a psychiatric evaluation, according to CNN affiliates WTSP and WFTS.

She did not enter a plea because of that likelihood, according to Hillsborough County Court spokesman Calvin Green.

No new court dates are set in the case, Green said. Prosecutors have 21 days to present the case to a grand jury.

The mourning for the young victims continues in West Florida, where a vigil was held Friday night.

On Monday — their first day back since the shootings became public — students at Liberty Middle School in Tampa, wore blue and black in memory of Beau, an eighth-grader at the school.

"We wanted to show him that we miss him and he didn't deserve this," Jae Shim, the boy's classmate and friend, told CNN affiliate WFTS.

Those students had responded to postings on Facebook, where a page had been set up to honor the boy and his sister, a sophomore and cross-country standout at King High School.

"Heaven is now home to two new angels," read one post, from Ron Taskey. "May you both rest in peace!"

— CNN

Federal judge tosses out sweeping health care reform act

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A federal judge in Florida has tossed out the sweeping health care reform law championed by President Barack Obama, setting up what is likely to be a contentious Supreme Court challenge over the legislation in coming months.

Monday's sweeping ruling came in the most closely watched of the two dozen separate challenges to the law. Florida, along with 25 states, had filed a lawsuit last spring seeking to dismiss a law critics had labeled "Obamacare."

U.S. District Judge Robert Vinson declared unconstitutional the key provision of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act — the so-called "individual mandate" requiring most Americans to buy health insurance by 2014 or face penalties. Vinson also declared unconstitutional the section of the act that withholds Medicare funds from states that refuse to participate.

But unlike another federal judge who ruled the individual mandate unconstitutional last month, Vinson ruled that the unconstitutionality voided the entire act.

"I must reluctantly conclude that Congress exceeded the bounds of its authority in passing the Act with the individual mandate. That is not to say, of course, that Congress is without power to address the problems and inequities in our health care system," wrote Vinson.

"Because the individual mandate is unconstitutional and not severable, the entire Act must be declared void. This has been a difficult decision to reach, and I am aware that it will have indeterminable implications," Vinson wrote, adding, "At a time when there is virtually unanimous agreement that health care reform is needed in this country, it is hard to invalidate and strike down a statute titled 'The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.'"

The Justice Department declared its intentions to appeal the ruling to the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals.

"We strongly disagree with the court's ruling today and

continue to believe — as other federal courts have found — that the Affordable Care Act is constitutional," said department spokeswoman Tracy Schmalzer.

"This is one of a number of cases pending before courts around the country, including several that the government has won in the district courts that are now before the courts of appeals. There is clear and well-established legal precedent that Congress acted within its constitutional authority in passing this law and we are confident that we will ultimately prevail on appeal."

Schmalzer added that the department is determining what other steps to take "including seeking a stay ... while the appeal is pending to continue our progress toward ensuring that Americans do not lose out on the important protections this law provides, that the millions of children and adults who depend on Medicaid programs receive the care the law requires, and that the millions of seniors on Medicare receive the benefits they need."

Sen. Marco Rubio, the Republican freshman senator from Florida, praised the ruling and called on the Senate to take up the recently approved House bill repealing the act.

"ObamaCare was a mistake," he said. "However, we cannot leave this decision in the hands of judges alone. The Senate Democrat leadership should follow the House's lead and hold an up-or-down vote to repeal ObamaCare. The optimal outcome for Florida and the American people is to repeal the federal health care law and replace it with common-sense reforms that will lower health care costs and get more Americans insured."

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, agreed that the Senate should take up the repeal bill, saying it was "the easiest way to protect the American people."

"Today's decision affirms the view, held by most of the states and a majority of the American people, that the federal government should not be in the business of forcing you to buy health insur-

ance and punishing you if you don't," he said. "It's not only unconstitutional, it's also unaffordable. This health care law remains a major source of uncertainty for small businesses, which is why all parties involved should request that this case be sent to the U.S. Supreme Court for a swift and fair resolution."

Newly elected Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus joined the call for the Senate to vote on repeal — after Senate Republicans noted earlier in the day that all of them would vote in favor.

"The new Republican House majority has already fulfilled its promise to the American people and voted to repeal this unaffordable, unconstitutional legislation and it is time for the Senate to follow suit," he said. "Senate Democrats cannot continue to defend the indefensible and keep a law on the books that is not only opposed by the American people but also raises clear constitutional concerns."

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada, however, disagreed that Americans want the act repealed.

"This lawsuit is nothing more than an attempt by those who want to raise taxes on small businesses, increase prescription prices for seniors and allow insurance companies to once again deny sick children medical care," he said. "Health care reform is the law of the land and, now that Americans see its benefits, a majority of them oppose Republicans' dangerous plans to repeal a law that put patients in control of their own health care. Rather than

focusing obsessively on the past and pushing a plan that will add \$1 trillion to the deficit, Republicans should join Democrats in working to create jobs and strengthen the middle class."

And Rep. Pete Stark, D-Calif. and ranking member of the House Ways and Means Committee, pointed out that Vinson's 78-page ruling went against several other district court rulings.

"Republicans have no problems with activist judges as long as they're taking rights away from the American people," he said. "Several other judges across the country have ruled that health reform is clearly constitutional, a viewpoint that will win the day at the end of all this partisan posturing."

The states bringing suit in this appeal are Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Virginia and Oklahoma have filed separate challenges, along with other groups and individuals opposed to the law.

A federal judge in eastern Virginia has also found the health care law unconstitutional, while two other federal judges, one in western Virginia and one in Michigan, have ruled just the opposite. Additionally, according to the White House, 12 other federal judges have dismissed challenges to the law.

The two judges who ruled

against the law were appointed by Republican presidents; the two who ruled in favor of the law were appointed by Democratic presidents.

Such disagreements almost ensure the high court will take up the issue. The various cases will likely have to go separate federal appeals courts before the justices would take up one or more of the cases.

There was no indication when the Supreme Court would take the case, although it could be as soon as later this year.

In the Florida case, opponents were targeting not only that individual mandate, but also the law's requirement that each state expand Medicaid to cover more of the low-income uninsured.

"It's an enormous burden on the states that they never agreed to," then-Florida Attorney General Bill McCollum said last month after oral arguments. The Medicaid expansion, he said, amounts to "the compulsion and coercion of the states, in violation of the 10th Amendment."

Under the law, the federal government is supposed to pay states for most of the cost of the Medicaid expansion — an estimated 95 percent over the first five years, according to an analysis by the Kaiser Family Foundation. However, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott estimated the expansion could cost his state up to \$25 billion over 10 years.

In his ruling Vinson seemed almost apologetic that he had to rule against the government on an issue he repeatedly referred to as monumental. But he said forcing Americans

to buy a product like health care insurance that they may not want or need clearly violates the Constitution.

"I will simply observe, once again, that my conclusion in this case is based on an application of the Commerce Clause law as it exists pursuant to the Supreme Court's current interpretation and definition," he wrote. "Only the Supreme Court (or a Constitutional amendment) can expand that."

Obama has said the requirement is justified for the overall good.

"All we've said is, everybody has to get some basic insurance, so that we're not paying for you when you get sick," he said in an interview last month. "It's the right thing to do, and I'm confident that the courts will uphold it."

The mandate on individuals to buy insurance is not scheduled to go into effect until 2014. But if that portion of the law is ultimately struck down, analysts say it would make it difficult to pay for the law's other, more popular provisions.

In the meantime, the public will already benefit from several other provisions of the law, according to White House health care policy director Nancy-Ann DeParle. Those include requirements that insurers offer coverage to children of beneficiaries until age 26, not deny coverage for pre-existing conditions and not place a lifetime cap on benefits.

The case is Florida v. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (3:10-cv-91-RV/EMT).

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are from 5 to 8 p.m. every third Wednesday and every fourth Thursday of the month. They are also open the first Thursday of each term.

Donations are accepted from 4 to 5 p.m. on the same days and by appointment. The International Forum room in Snell Hall is the waiting room for everyone interested in receiving food from the Food Pantry.

"As long as there's a need from students for more food, we'll be here," Pick said.

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department are heartily supportive of Beged-Dov as an addition to their team.

"I think that more faculty members at OSU can benefit from learning the language by working with Israeli researchers," said Beged-Dov. "OSU's initiatives to expand its international student population, enhance the diversity of both the student and faculty population and maintain its international lead on research can all be improved by Hebrew and other foreign language programs."

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Editorial

PETA really loves its vegetables

As Super Bowl Sunday fast approaches, the week leading up to it is often filled with excitement and anticipation. Most of this excitement and anticipation accumulates because football fans can't wait to see a great game, but other people would rather tune in for a different reason: the commercials. The million-dollar, 30-second advertising spots played throughout the game make up a large portion of the water-cooler talk at the office the next day. Everyone has their favorites, whether you're a GoDaddy.com supporter, a Doritos fanatic or a patriot who loves their Budweiser commercial, there are always a few that seem to turn heads.

This year may already have a winner in the head-turning category. The People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals produced a rather interesting advertisement for this year's contest, which is no surprise, seeing that this very outspoken organization has been in the news for their antics in the past.

This year's commercial consists of several bikini-clad women "auditioning" before a camera in which they are instructed to pick from an assortment of vegetables to "show their love for." And that's when things get saucy.

These girls, sometimes two girls at a time, begin to become frisky with their chosen veggie, and they seem very, very happy about it. This goes on for about a minute, the awkward vegetable fondling that is, then a shirtless guy and a squash of some kind finally deliver the message of the advertisement.

"Vegetarians have better sex." That's the hook.

We know that the world of high-stakes advertising is in full force since the invention of the DVR, but come on, let's be a little classier than that. The message is just plain silly. They could take the high road, be classy and deliver an educated message as to why being a vegetarian is better. But no, they settled on sex, and lots of it.

In 2009, the organization had their "Veggie Love" commercial banned from NBC and their billboards often play host to naked celebrities making us hold on to a fraction of our imagination. As most of you may already know, PETA invites controversy.

How many borderline vegetarians is this commercial going to push over the edge? Probably none, as they all watch the game scarfing down buffalo wings while they wait for their burgers and hotdogs to be done. PETA is willing to spend millions of dollars on an advertisement that plays during an event known to be heavily associated with meat.

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Exercise system that guides but doesn't teach

In the last four months, I have not gone a day without hearing a reference to P90x. For those of you not aware of this fitness craze sweeping the nation, please let me introduce you.

According to the official P90x website, it is a "revolutionary system of 12 sweat-inducing, muscle-pumping exercises designed to transform your body from regular to ripped in just 90 days."

Now in non-marketing lingo, P90x is a 90-day at-home DVD workout program that whips your butt into shape. Not to mention it has a nutrition plan, dietary supplements and an online community.

P90x is the brainchild of Tony Horton. He leads every workout, which ranges from strength training to yoga to kick boxing. In addition, Tony does an excellent job of tailoring the workouts to different fitness levels. Having personally done the program last summer, I can attest that it does challenge you, leaving your legs shaky and shirt soaked (too much detail?).

I loved the challenging workouts, especially the "plyometrics." In addition, the program makes it easy to



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work out because it can be done in your living room with minimal equipment.

No, this is not a paid endorsement or an advertisement for the program. And although I enjoy it, I do not think it is perfect.

The P90x website claims that the program is so effective because of an advanced training technique they dub "muscle confusion." In fact, they believe in this technique so much that it's trademarked.

This technique works the body in so many different ways that it cannot adapt, thus never plateauing. I think it's a great concept and I feel that P90x accomplishes it over 90 days, but then it leaves you hanging.

For three months the program plans your workouts and holds your hand through each progression. But it neglects to teach you how to work out. It is similar to receiving a cal-

culus textbook with every problem solved for you. Yes, it saves you time on your homework but you never learn the material for yourself. So once the class is over, you still do not know how to solve an integral. P90x does a great job of diversifying your workouts and confusing your muscles, but what do you do after day 90?

If you can't think of an answer, do not fear, the creators have developed P90x Plus. It is marketed as "the next level." P90x Plus is specifically designed for graduates of the original program. Again, it provides a challenging, but pre-planned, workout. But again, by failing to teach you how to workout, the system guarantees you will keep coming back for more.

Before too many P90x disciples flood my email with hate messages, I want to be clear about something. This is not unique. I am picking on P90x because it is currently the most popular home workout, but you can fill in any program you want.

The majority do not teach you anything about your body besides that it must become ripped or toned. Instead of encouraging participants to learn about fitness and nutrition,

these programs merely dictate how we should work out and what we should eat.

The reasoning behind this lack of teaching is simple. The programs, P90x included, are about making money. I can't tell you how many times Tony Horton mentions his recovery shakes or protein bars, which of course are for sale. I am all for the entrepreneurial spirit; if you can make a buck — great. But be smart consumers. Understand it is a product to be sold.

Again, I am not trying to dissuade anyone from trying P90x. It's an awesome, intense workout. My point is, do not rely solely on P90x. Instead, use it as a tool. It is a great way to kick-start your workout routine. It can break up the monotony of the gym.

Just please do not blindly complete every workout without thinking about how this is going to help improve your fitness or well-being. Don't be afraid to say no to Tony Horton every once and awhile.

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LIFE IS WEIRD

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Where do the failures of politicians stem from?

Previously, I examined the numerous scandals and flaws in recent political matters. Now questioning where the flaws of our politicians stem from, let's take a look at the many possible explanations — and hopefully, solutions — for our politicians' mishaps.

First, there is a lot of money flowing through politics. It begins at the commitment to campaign for public office. Campaigns don't run on willpower; they run on cash. Advertisements and broadcasts don't come cheap. To reach out, garner support and find voters, the campaign needs a steady and consistent flow of money.

This is not necessarily a knock on the individual at all, more of a knock on our society and how it functions. Nevertheless, money continues to play a significant role in decision-

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making. But it is not the core reason for political failures; rather it leads to other factors that could explain the inconsistencies of politics, the most direct connection being debt.

With the need for a steady flow of money and support, politicians fall behind in campaign contributions and corporate investments rather quickly.

Take for example the all too common scenario of a debt cycle. The politician needs support — both people and monetary — so they will reach out to a business that seems to follow similar political ideals. After negotiations, the politician will get the support they need — typical-

ly money — and the business gets an IOU. These IOUs become earmarks, "yes" and "no" votes, essentially favors to be repaid later within policy.

The cycle continues on, spinning right into the aspect of pressure to perform, the third explanation.

Are politicians stressed? Do they fear their contributions and donations may be publicized? Will their support fall out from under them?

With pressure to repay their investments, while also needing to please the constituency, the burden may become too much to handle. This stress can drive them to make irrelevant attacks or irrational decisions.

A slipup in wording, a brief instance of temper — these are common occurrences of pressure situations. Public perception is strong. Reputation is important. But does

public pressure lead to a sex scandal? Does it lead to greed? Certainly not; the pressure to perform is only a piece of the puzzle in solving political failure.

Which leads to the intangible, yet most significant reasoning: Politicians have power.

They hold the position of public policy, debate and issue. It rests upon them whether their constituents get heard. It may be a global environmental issue, a war halfway across the world or a radical group disturbing peace in the county next door — the politician always takes blame and scrutiny. Quick and correct response is necessary to voice concerns and act for the good of the "majority."

While the burden is great, this

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Chinese culture ready to usher in the New Year

In the United States, many of us welcomed the New Year on Jan. 1. Some of us took the more festive approach while others adopted a more relaxed stance. Now, as we are into February, still many of us are preparing to take part in a different welcoming of the New Year: the Lunar New Year.

In China, the Lunar New Year is the most significant and longest celebration on the Chinese lunar calendar. This year, beginning on Feb. 3, the year of the rabbit, the festival will span the customary 15 days and conclude with the Festival of Lanterns.

This centuries-old celebration is rich with both mythology and traditions that are still practiced to this day. Many of these traditions involve cleansing, banquets, family dinners, the color red (as in clothing and decoration) and prayers that tie in to each of the 15 days. In addition, the days may also designate actions and behaviors to either engage in

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or abstain from.

The conclusion of the festivities, the Lantern Festival (also known as the Spring Festival), always takes place on a full moon. Similar to the New Year that it concludes, the Lantern Festival has its own history rich in mythology and tradition, and grand parades are sometimes held.

On this day, colorful lanterns portraying birds, beasts, historical figures and various themes are hung in and outside of homes, buildings and temples. People may walk around outside carrying homemade lanterns, and various lantern competitions may be held in different places.

A food item called tang yuan is also prepared and consumed at this time. Tang yuan is a glutinous rice ball, and it's considered an important practice to consume them because of

the symbolism involved: They are representative of family reunions and their shape resembles that of a full moon.

The Lunar New Year is also celebrated in Vietnam, Taiwan, Singapore and other regions that have a significant Chinese population, such as Australia and Canada. Though it is not recognized as a national holiday in the United States, the Lunar New Year is nonetheless celebrated in grandeur by many of the ethnic groups that do recognize it as a holiday.

The Oregon State University campus also has a large student population that celebrates this holiday. A few such students were kind enough to share their customs. Connie Tran, a junior, said in the days leading up to the New Year, there is extensive cleaning of the household.

This is done so the New Year may be started without blemish. On the eve, everyone on her mother's side of the family gathers at her grandmother's

for dinner. When midnight arrives, they travel to a Buddhist temple to watch a Lion Dance performance. Family members return to her grandmother's on the following day and typically wear the color red.

This day also includes family activities, one of which is exclusive to the married couples and younger generations; nieces and nephews receive red envelopes containing money from their married relatives. The remaining days are usually reserved for visiting family members that aren't often seen.

Another student, Linh Duong, a freshmen-standing student, offered her experiences. Every year, the house is decorated with fruits in various, but specific, orientations and red clothing is prominent.

Her family also celebrates by attending a church event on the eve. Among the proceedings at the church event is also a Lion Dance presentation. In addition, different festivals are attended throughout Portland

Correction

Last Wednesday in Abraham Mooney's column, "Engery Advocates; volunteers with an impact," he stated house pressurization was included in the Home Energy Review.

However, house pressurization is not actually included in the review.

The Daily Barometer staff regrets any misunderstanding or inconveniences caused by this error.

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Sure, they'll get people watching, until the out-of-shape shirtless guy enters with his squash, then all intended audiences feel disappointed, men and women, and will probably disregard the message if they even see it.

We haven't even touched on the fact that kids will be watching. Subtracting the bikinis from this commercial, you inevitably get porn, and no parent wants their child watching porn, bikinis or not.

GoDaddy.com gets their fair share of disapproving spectators, sure, but PETA's commercial makes GoDaddy's look like a Disney movie.

Sex does sell, but what is PETA even selling? They are willing to spend millions of dollars in an attempt to sell an idea, not a product. If Inception taught us anything, it's that ideas are hard to make stick, and making the idea of being a vegetarian stick seems like quite the long shot. Especially to the carnivorous population it's planning to advertise to.

The commercial will most likely be the most Googled or YouTubed, but those hits won't be from people fed up with meat, they'll be from people with a different agenda, and maybe some kind of vegetable fetish.

But, then again, maybe they didn't even plan to have it picked up for the

Super Bowl. Most companies keep their Super Bowl spots pretty hush-hush, and this one is far from that.

If you find yourself at a Super Bowl party testing the vegetable platter with some friends and things become uncomfortable, the commercial probably found its way into the lineup.

There's a good chance this commercial, like the one in 2009, won't air, especially after the fallout of Justin and Janet's "boobgate" during the 2004 Super Bowl.

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power brings with it a sense of dependability. It's as if they hold the position of the greatest importance. Without their sacrifice and contribution, society could not prosper.

This sort of thinking brings a sense of invincibility, a sense of rationality to their deeds, a power equivalent to that of Tiger Woods — justified, untouchable and protected — rather than a super villain, choosing to use power for their own mischievous deeds.

However, in reality, it is most likely a culmination of all the prior factors that explains politicians' flaws.

The money, the debt, the stress and the power — it would be expected for anyone to falter under such circumstances.

The exact reasoning for all the mistakes: Politicians are just people. They have two eyes, two legs, half a brain, a big heart and an even bigger ego. All they have is perception.

Politicians seem to discuss and debate in extraordinary fashions. They seem to know all the facts and issues at hand.

They speak so eloquently and persuade with the best of intentions.

But if these prior political mishaps — such as Eliot Spitzer's affair, Rod Blagojevich's scam or Michele Bachmann's history lesson — shed light on anything, it's that none of these perceptions are real.

Put it this way: If someone were to order a sandwich with olives on it, only to instead bite into a pitted olive, would you be surprised if that person sued? Of course not, so why should we be shocked if Dennis Kucinich filed a lawsuit?

Let's face it, people are pretty much — well, dumb. People make poor and irrational decisions, react on emotion and hold the world as their own — revolving around their big ol' heart.

It's our society that defines our "leaders," not the "leaders" who define our society. We as a country allow actions, such as misguided statements, financial scams and blatant lies, to occur because we don't condemn them. We continue to reelect and support individuals that we don't know enough about.

Do we follow our candidate's history?

Do we listen to different news stations to get a variety of biased reporting? Only with an unbiased and educated perspective will public policy produce a legitimate result.

Unfortunately, the people of America run on the same hypocritical, selfish and holier-than-thou diet that our politician's follow — a diet that leads to the many flaws of our politicians.

However, even with the subtle connection, for good reason, politicians still deserve to be held to a higher standard.

Everyone makes bad decisions and regret is natural, but what separates the public from them is that we aren't in power. We didn't choose to take on a responsibility of leading and molding our country.

With their job comes the responsibility to act professionally. Their job does not bring along excuses.

Sorry, Dennis, Michelle and Rod — the shots are going to keep on coming. We all expected better.

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Airlines brace for snowstorm

Here we go again. More of the bad weather that has delayed, bumped and stranded passengers this winter is on the way, forecasters said Monday.

With a snowstorm of historic proportions expected in Chicago and large sections of the country's midsection, some airlines are already allowing passengers to change plans.

The storm will affect about three-quarters of the United States, from New England all the way to New Mexico, said CNN meteorologist Rob Marciano. Travelers should brace for a "three, three-and-a-half day event," he warned.

"Travel will likely be difficult to impossible in many areas," the National Weather Service said.

Snowfall, primarily on Tuesday, could be more than 12 inches in parts of Missouri and Illinois. Chicago-area airports are monitoring the forecasts and preparing accordingly, officials said.

"We certainly are concerned any time there are inclement weather conditions," said Karen Pride, a spokeswoman for the Chicago Department of Aviation. "We add additional staff as the conditions warrant."

O'Hare International and Midway International are also ready to implement a passenger assistance program in the event the storm leaves travelers stuck at the airports. Hundreds of cots will be available and some concessions will remain open to accommodate

any stranded passengers, Pride said.

Nearly all flights from Oklahoma City's Will Rogers World Airport have been canceled for Tuesday morning, airport spokeswoman Karen Carney said. Late in the afternoon, Frontier still had a departure scheduled, but it will likely be canceled later Monday. No arrivals are expected before 10:30 a.m., Carney said.

If you have plans to fly in the region this week, several carriers will let you make changes to your itinerary.

Continental Airlines will allow changes for travel to, through and from nearly three dozen airports, including the airline's hubs in Newark, N.J. and Cleveland, Ohio, for travelers scheduled to fly between Monday and Thursday.

US Airways has also relaxed its change-fee policies for passengers scheduled to fly Monday through Thursday to or from 27 cities from Portland, Maine, to Akron, Ohio.

Travelers on JetBlue flights to and from six cities and metropolitan areas in the Northeast on Tuesday and Wednesday will also be able to change their plans with no fees.

United Airlines has issued travel waivers for passengers traveling to, from or through Chicago and 17 states in the Midwest and Northeast as well as five Canadian cities. Travelers will be able to alter their plans without fees or get a full refund if their flight is canceled.

—CNN

Obama, big business team to aid entrepreneurs

NEW YORK — A campaign to promote new businesses and create jobs, bringing together government agencies and high-powered businesses such as Intel and IBM, was launched Monday by the Obama administration.

The Startup America Partnership aims to support overall entrepreneurship — with a focus on high-growth, job-creating industries such as clean energy, medicine advanced manufacturing and information technology. The partnership will rely on various means to achieve its goal, including funding, training and mentor programs.

From the private sector, the partnership said Intel committed \$200 million to expand startup investment and IBM will invest \$150 million in business mentoring programs.

"The investment will help us greatly expand the work we're doing to build business skills and provide market opportunities for the most innovative new companies in the country," said James Corgel, IBM's general manager for developer and academic relations, in a written statement. "These start-ups are tackling some of the country's most pressing challenges and opportunities."

Also participating are Hewlett-Packard, which is investing \$4 million, and Facebook, which launched a series of mentoring events across the country.

On the government side, the adminis-

tration offered a handful of policy suggestions and new investments.

The White House said the administration's new fiscal 2012 budget will propose permanently eliminating capital gains taxes on investments in qualifying small businesses. The tax elimination was introduced as a temporary provision in the Small Business Jobs Act signed into law in September, but this new proposal would make the tax break permanent.

"Entrepreneurs embody the promise of America: the belief that if you have a good idea and are willing to work hard and see it through, you can succeed in this country," President Obama said in a written statement. "And in fulfilling this promise, entrepreneurs also play a critical role in expanding our economy and creating jobs."

The Startup America Partnership will be chaired by Steve Case, the co-founder of America Online who now heads an organization that invests in innovative people and ideas.

What does it do for me and my idea? With so many organizations, agencies and companies involved, the partnership's benefits come in a handful of different shapes and sizes.

Here are some examples of how the partnership intends to make capital more accessible and put entrepreneurs in touch with a support system.

— The Small Business Administration

will commit \$2 billion as a match to private sector investment over the next 5 years through the existing Small Business Investment Companies program. SBICs are licensed, privately owned and managed investment firms that have helped companies such as Intel and FedEx get off the ground.

— Facebook, which was a startup itself only a few years ago, has pledged to launch Startup Days, a series of 12 to 15 events across the country. The events will offer training in new technologies, guest speakers from Facebook and networking opportunities, among other resources.

— The Department of Veterans Affairs will start two new programs to help vets launch high-growth businesses: an interactive website walking entrepreneurs through the various resources available to them and a business incubator in Waukesha, Wis.

— The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is offering an alternative for "prioritization examination," giving entrepreneurs with an idea for an invention a plan for a fast-track approval process.

— Fashion designer Marc Ecko is launching a program at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia aimed at training would-be entrepreneurs in marketing, design and social media skills. Over the next five years, the program will invest in 750 startups.

— CNN

NY state senator's video shows parents how to snoop on their kids

NEW YORK — A New York state senator defended an "informational video" he posted Monday urging, and teaching, parents how best to snoop on their children — a message that the head of a leading youth rights group criticized as dangerous.

Senator Eric Adams, who served 22 years on the New York City police force before being elected in 2006, put the controversial YouTube video on his official website Monday. It is part of what he described as a "multimedia initiative," which also includes billboards around the city, "to call for an end to gun violence."

In the video, the senator checks pillows, behind pictures, inside jewelry boxes and a doll's clothes inside his home, only to find hidden handguns, bullets, a crack pipe and a bag of what appears to be marijuana. His message is that evidence of trouble could be anywhere, and that it is parents' duty to check on their children and search their rooms, even if they object.

"You write the Constitution: There are no 1st Amendment rights (of free speech) inside your household," Adams says

in the video.

Yet Alex Koroknay-Palicz, executive director of the National Youth Rights Association, said Adams' message, which quickly caused a buzz in New York and beyond, is off target and potentially perilous if parents follow through.

The biggest risk of poking around a child's room, he said, is breaking down that same child's trust.

"Rifling through their stuff isn't going to make (children) any safer," said Koroknay-Palicz. "It's just going to drive them away from their parents and away from their home."

The director of the Washington-based group, which boasts 10,000 members in chapters at high schools and colleges in all 50 states, also questioned why Adams chose to send his message now. On HLN, the group's 17-year-old president Jeffrey Nadal said that statistics showed 2009 was "the safest year in the country in terms of crime" and drug use has fallen sharply in the last three decades.

"There's no great crisis that this is responding to: Crime has plummeted over the last 30 years, as has drug use," said

Koroknay-Palicz. "(Kids now) are actually safer than their parents were growing up."

But Adams, in an interview Monday with HLN's Vinnie Politan, defended the video. He insisted that there has been more than enough unnecessary gun violence involving young people in recent years, and that steps need to be taken.

"I'm an adult, I have an obligation and a responsibility not to look to stats to try to beautify or to give a dream environment," said Adams.

"Guns are killing our inner cities. Some parents won't have to do this, fine. But those that do, there's a YouTube video that will help them."

The video begins with Adams outside his Brooklyn home, alluding to a recent shooting nearby, holding up a bulletproof vest and urging people to "join me in this crusade of removing illegal handguns off our streets." He then goes inside, promising to "show you how to search a room."

Besides looking for signs a child is using drugs or has a gun, Adams said such searches are needed to ensure the safety of anyone else in the house.

At one point, he holds up a gun and states that a youngster might find it, think it's a toy, turn it so the barrel is facing them and shoot.

"Expect your children to do what's right, but you also have to inspect what you expect," he says in the video. "That's the key to preventive safety."

The video is not Adams' first slightly unconventional initiative as it relates to gun use. In another YouTube video, from May 2008 and set at the state capital in Albany, he pitches an idea — with a working prop included — to have cameras installed on police firearms.

Speaking Monday on HLN, Adams said he was inspired to do his latest video, in part, by a woman in his district who told him that, after her son was arrested for selling drugs from their house, she looked in his room and found drug paraphernalia and a firearm.

This kind of story, he said, shows the value of parents being proactive to protect their household, claiming this responsibility trumps whatever rights their offspring might claim.

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Volleyball's Woods honored at Oregon Sports Awards

SPORTS INFORMATION

PORTLAND, Ore. — Redshirt freshman Tayla Woods (Corvallis, Ore.) was named the recipient of the Johnny Carpenter Female Prep Athlete of the Year 4A-1A Award at the 59th Annual Oregon Sports Awards on Sunday evening inside the Stanford Theatre at the Nike World Headquarters.

Woods, a 5-11 setter for the Oregon State volleyball team, garnered 3A Player of the Year and PacWest Conference Player of the Year awards in basketball, as well as being unanimously named to the All-Tournament First Team in 2010. She led the Santiam Christian

basketball team to a runner-up finish in the state tournament after leading the volleyball team to a state title. Woods was also named the 2009 OSAA 3A Volleyball Player of the Year.

Woods joined 21 other award recipients at the award banquet, hosted by Ahmad Rashad. Former Oregon State baseball player, Darwin Barney, was also involved in the event, presenting an



Tayla Woods

award.

For more information on the Oregon Sport Awards, visit oregon-sportsawards.com. The show will air on Comcast SportsNet Northwest

Dates and times of show

- Monday, Jan. 31 at 8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 1 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 6 at 6 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 11 at 9 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

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really stepped up there at the end and then we won the last relay and really that was the meet."

Freshman Aya Fujimura recorded the third win of the season and first of the meet in the 1,000 freestyle in her first time swimming the event this season. She finished the event with a time of 10:41.49. She took home her second win of the day in the 200 butterfly with a time of 2:08.55 after being added to the event late. She now has four dual wins on the season.

Rachel O'Brien recorded her ninth and 10th dual wins of the Saturday meet by winning the 200 freestyle and the 500 freestyle with times of 1:54.02 and 5:04.78

respectively. Her 10 dual wins of the season is a team high.

Kerekanich won the 50 freestyle for the second time in two days with her time of 24.69, while Warman won the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:23.88 for her first dual win of the season.

The Beavers showed well in their second team dual win of the season winning six of the nine individual events while splitting the relays.

"It was a kind of meet that you love and you hate at the same time," Liebowitz said. "I just think that we swam very well today. I think were in a good position."

Next weekend, the Beavers jump back in the pool Feb. 5 in Seattle, Wash., when they take on Seattle University with Boise State starting at 12 p.m.

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had that kind of charisma and emotion throughout his career. He made people believe that he could, and would, make things happen on the court.

When you look at the greatest athletes, there is a theme of extreme emotion and investment in the game. The athletes who are remembered are the ones who gave their absolute everything and played with all the passion and emotion in the world. Being fundamentally sound goes without saying, but to play with your heart on your sleeve is what sets the best apart from the rest.

Turn on ESPN or FOX Sports and there will be an athlete leaving it all on the field. Even at the lower levels of sports, there has to be a leader who steps up and gets their

team to believe.

I think that's the ultimate key to success. A team or individual cannot be successful if they don't have the will, the desire and the heart that it takes to win. For solo athletes like Serena Williams or Rafael Nadal, they're the only people who can be attributed for a win or blamed for a loss. They give absolutely everything and you see all the emotions of great plays and bad calls. It's captivating, but it's also what inspires others.

Hard work is a given if you want to be an elite competitor. Determination — well, that's going to be a necessity in order to make it to the next level. But passion and emotion — that can't be taught. That's a result of not just wanting, but needing to win. It comes down to do or die. For some athletes, it's a turning point, where they simply say "I will not lose." Can you say

Tim Tebow?

In essence, you can relate that to the real world as well. You can work your tail off, but if you're not emotionally invested in what you're doing, you will never make it as far as someone who is. It has to be a requirement. Succeeding in what you do has to be the result of pouring everything you have into meeting that goal.

It's a heavy thing to be "The Greatest," but Muhammad Ali was one of the best because of how he competed. Athletes don't become icons because of their abilities; they're in the spotlight because they compete with their hearts. Talent and ability is what initially gets an athlete noticed, but heart is what makes an athlete unforgettable.

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Oregon State football season ticket renewals available starting today

SPORTS INFORMATION

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Have you wanted to visit Madison, Wis., since it was announced that the Oregon State football team would be making the trip to Big Ten country? Or how about seeing the Beavers play at Memorial Coliseum, home of USC, or AT&T Park, which California is utilizing in 2011 and is the permanent home of the World Champion San Francisco Giants?

Maybe you want to head to Eugene to see the Civil War, presented by PacificSource Health Plans, or you've always wanted to sit in the club section for a game at Reser Stadium.

Renew your season tickets online for the 2011 season by Feb. 16 and you'll be entered in a drawing for the following prizes: Fans can get a trip

for two to any away football game, four tickets to the Civil War or four club tickets to any game at Reser Stadium. If fans also make their BASF donation by that date, they will be entered twice.

Season tickets are \$254 this season and include games against Sacramento State, UCLA, Arizona, BYU, Stanford and Washington.

Paper renewals will be sent on Feb. 22, with a renewal deadline of March 31.

Single-game tickets for the 2011 season will be available online starting July 11.

For fans interested in season tickets and who did not purchase in 2010, please contact a Beaver ticket associate at 1-800-GO-BEAVS or email beaver.ticket@oregonstate.edu to learn more or to receive a ticket brochure.

WOMEN'S RUGBY

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to back me up," Hausmann added. "They're family."

Another challenge that faces the club on the recruiting front is funding. The team receives a few thousand dollars from the OSU Department of Recreational Sports per year, which covers no more than a portion of the team's travel expenses. Players must pay dues to help out with the rest of the team's needs, including jerseys, equipment, and additional travel.

"We set up our own match schedule," said sophomore club vice president Izzie Hoffman. "If someone from Cal says 'come play us,' funding determines whether we can get vans and go down there."

The club's inability to travel to more matches outside of the region can become a hindrance to the development of its players. The University of Oregon has the only other Division-1 women's rugby club in the entire Pacific Northwest Rugby Football Union. This means the OSU women only get one league game each season, and must schedule friendly matches to fill out their schedule.

While a few other Oregon and Washington schools have collegiate women's rugby squads, they don't offer the same level of competition as some of the more established rugby programs in other states.

"Right now, we're raising money so we can travel to places like Idaho and California to play teams that are going to make us better," Lockwood said. "Last year, we beat Western Oregon University something like 75 to zero, which doesn't really do anything positive for us."

"It teaches us bad habits in the end, because you can get away with more things and you don't have to try as hard," added rookie freshman Haley Dietz.

One of the reasons that the established programs in California are so competitive and successful is that they have the funding to hire full-time coaches and trainers and to maintain rugby-specific fields and locker rooms for practices and matches, both of which are luxuries unavailable to the OSU club. Both coaches who work with the women's team are volunteers. Finding grass field time for practice is a constant struggle, especially because firm artificial surfaces can cause extra wear and tear



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Pictured in a scrum, the Beavers are in need of practice time on grass fields like the one above.

on a rugby player's body.

"We aren't allowed to practice on any grass during the winter," Ludwig said. "The university is afraid of field destruction."

"It's frustrating for us that they're cramming all of the different clubs into Truax and Reser. Contact is part of the game, but when you have to push yourself beyond that just to keep up your skills, it's a challenge."

Even with the obstacles facing them, the OSU Women's Rugby Club continues to put in the effort on and off the field to make the team competitive. Being completely student run,

the officers must manage every aspect of the team's affairs. They say that it's worth the time and effort to be able to play the sport they love.

"We put in at least a couple of hours a week to do that stuff just out of passion for the game," Lockwood said. "If it didn't get done, we wouldn't have a program right now."

"Our team has become a sisterhood," Dietz added. "When you join rugby, you're not just joining a sport, you're joining a family."

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The women of OSU rugby

■ Despite financial struggle the Beavers have become a family, made a name for themselves

By Samuel Nicholas
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Asking around campus, you probably won't hear about one of the most successful sports teams at OSU. You won't hear that they beat No. 2 Stanford at the beginning of the Pac-10 tournament in mid-January. You won't hear that they only lost one match last fall — against their own alumni. You won't hear about how many obstacles they continually overcome to be as successful as they are.

The Black Plague, Oregon State's Women's Rugby Club, has built a competitive program over its relatively short 18-year existence. The women have finished top five in the nation twice, and have won five Pacific Northwest Rugby Football Union titles since 2000.

This record of success has not come easily. The club has continuously overcome challenges in funding, recruiting and a lack of university attention or publicity. Maintaining consistent membership in the club, as successful as it has been, is difficult since many women don't know about the club or even about the sport itself.

"It's funny, because rugby is one of the top two sports in the world along with soccer," said club president and OSU sophomore Hannah Lockwood. "It's one of the world's most popular sports and half of our country doesn't know what it is."

Even trying to recruit women who know something about the sport can be challenging. Stereotypes and misconceptions tend to keep women who are new to the sport from exploring further.

"I think that a lot of girls feel that



Oregon State's Liz Freund (left) and Jennifer Ludwig tackle a defender last Saturday. The Beavers beat Western Oregon 24-0. The rugby club has been around for 18 years, but still has trouble financing things like travel and uniform cost.

they can't play rugby because they're not big enough, or they feel that they can't compete with other girls that are bigger than them or more athletic," said rookie freshman Rachel Hausmann. "The thing about rugby is that there's a position for everybody, no matter what body size you are."

It's a feeling with which many orga-

nizations can relate - the desire to share a great thing with those who don't understand. The rugby club feels that the sport can help women improve themselves off the field just as much as in competition.

"You have to debunk all of the rumors when you're recruiting," said team captain and senior Jennifer

Ludwig. "It's definitely a sport that builds self-confidence. It pushes women to do more than whatever they believe their capabilities are."

"I have way more confidence now knowing that I can bring down a girl twice my size and that I have a team

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Tori Hill

No excuses, play like a champion

It comes from the heart

There is pretty much one thing that separates ordinary elite athletes from the extraordinary—a reason why some are held to a higher standard or looked to as leaders. The thing that makes athletes great is emotion.

When a player gets fired up or invested in a game and shows emotion, it creates a sense of anticipation and, as an observer, I become so much more engaged and involved in the game.

For example, Tiger Woods. I'm going to go ahead and put it out there: I hate golf. Watching a golf match is about as fun for me as going to the dentist. But something about seeing a clip on SportsCenter of Tiger making a putt for the lead, his fist going into the air and a current of emotion going through the entire crowd, gets me pumped. That's when he's juiced. There's no denying it, and he has no problem sharing those feelings with all the onlookers.

But in all reality, it's that kind of energy that frames an athlete in the minds of the fans. Anyone who watched Michael Jordan win his ring in 1998 against Utah will remember his reaction at the end of the game. The Bulls won by one point and it was because with 30 seconds left, Jordan got a steal and made a field goal that left eight seconds on the clock. Utah wasn't able to convert and when the buzzer went off, MJ went wild. He

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Beaver swimmer Ivette Dailey-Deaton competes last weekend at Dixon Recreation Center in Corvallis.

Swimming comes out with a win against Idaho

SPORTS INFORMATION

CORVALLIS, Ore. — The Oregon State women's swim team defeated Idaho by a final score of 111.50-93.50 Saturday morning at the Stevens Natatorium in Dixon Recreation Center.

The score was close throughout the entire meet. Through the first four events the Beavers had a narrow two point lead over the Vandals. The Beavers extended their lead to four points following the ninth event with only two events to go.

With only a four point lead in the meet, it came down to the 200 breaststroke and the 200 freestyle relay. Oregon State stepped up when they needed to most with sophomore Marisa Warman and freshman Crystal Kibby finishing first and second respectively in the 200 breaststroke, which increased the lead for the Beavers to 14 points.

Again the Beavers stepped up in the final event of the day with the team of Keri Holmstrom, Ashley Kerekanich, Ocean Trail and Jenni Dole winning the 200 freestyle relay in a time of 1:35.77 to secure the win for the Beavers.

"That was a great meet; it was very hard fought," Oregon State swimming head coach Larry Liebowitz said following the meet. "The breaststrokers

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Men's golf opens 2011 spring season in Hawaii

SPORTS INFORMATION

CORVALLIS, Ore. — The Oregon State men's golf team will begin its 2011 spring season at the 21st Annual Amer Ari Invitational in Kona, Hawaii, Wednesday through Friday.

The three-day, 54-hole tournament will be played at the par-72, 7,074-yard Waikoloa Kings Course with tee times beginning at 7:30 a.m. each day. Five players will play per team with the four lowest scores counting toward the team score. The 20-team tournament is hosted by the University of Hawaii-Manoa and the University of Hawaii-Hilo.

"I'm excited to get the season started," Oregon State head coach Jon Reehoorn said. "We open the season with probably our two strongest fields we will see until the Pac-10 Championships. It is going to be a good barometer to see where we are right out of the gates. I expect us to go there and play well."

"The weather at home has been great and really allowed the guys to have plenty of opportunities to play and practice really whenever they have wanted. All of the guys are really motivated to go there and play well."

The Beavers will go with juniors Alex Moore and Jonnie Motomochi, sophomores Nick Sherwood and Jeff Petroff and freshman David Fink. Morten Madsen turned pro after the fall season, opening up an opportunity for other players on the roster to compete this spring.

"In our lineup, one to four (Moore, Motomochi, Sherwood, Fink), I expect them to continue to get better and really provide a

great nucleus for our team for two seasons," Reehoorn said. "These four together can really be a very strong group. Where we are going to be looking for someone to step up is in the fifth spot. With Morten leaving the team, the fifth spot is really wide open and we are going to need someone to make the most of the opportunity."

"In Hawaii, it will be Jeff and for the rest of the spring season I can see Jeff, Casey (King), Travis (Milleman) or Connor (Huser) all getting their shot to show what they can do. All four of them know they have the opportunity to play and contribute with Morten's departure and the competition for that last spot will make each of them better."

Oregon State competed in four fall tournaments, finishing sixth at

the Husky Invitational, third at the Cabo Collegiate, third at the Alister MacKenzie Invitational and second at the Pacific Invitational.

"Every time we compete, I expect that we play well and put ourselves in position to compete for a win," Reehoorn said. "I know the team expects the same. We had a very good fall season considering how much the team lost from the previous year. We just need to focus on getting better and better each day and preparing ourselves for another run into the NCAA Championships."

Live scoring throughout the tournament, beginning at 5:30 a.m. PST each day, will be available at www.golfstat.com.

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Junior Alex Moore hits balls during practice at Trysting Tree golf course earlier this season. The Beavers will be playing in Hawaii this week.