



Corvallis police use of radar under scrutiny

■ Lt. Dave Henslee assures CPD officers have certification for use of radar on patrol vehicles

By Craig Bidiman
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Students at OSU know that the Corvallis police department has a reputation for being a strict enforcer.

The daily barometer was contacted by a private investigator who was involved in a series of internal investigations of CPD after he was wrongfully issued a speeding ticket.

"As a private investigator licensed by the state of Oregon," said the investigator, who wished to remain anonymous, "I own a vehicle equipped with GPS track-stick technology. Meaning my direction, time, latitude and longitude, and altitude are continually recorded."

The investigator found that CPD does not keep up with radar gun protocol.

CPD lieutenant Dave Henslee admitted there can be some errors made with radar technology, namely through what is called the cosine effect.

"With handheld radar guns, a direct line will provide the most pure reading," Henslee said. "Anything over a ten percent angle will begin to show signs of a slower reading."

"This often benefits the car and not the officer," he said.

The cosine effect occurs because the measured speed is directly related to the cosine of the angle between the radar gun and the target's direction of travel.

In essence, it shows the measured speed decreasing as a car begins to move off the center line or target.

The investigator claimed the officers at the CPD were not properly trained to use radar guns. Lt. Henslee doesn't agree with the investigator's claim.

"Any equipment our officers use requires them to have certified training in that piece of equipment before

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The cause of the massive landslide over winter break on US Highway 30 near Clatskanie, Ore. is being investigated, and has yet to be determined.

■ Clean-up, investigations into causes of major landslide on US Highway 30 still underway

By Katy Weaver
THE DAILY BAROMETER

OSU and the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) want to know why water, mud and debris swept through houses and completely destroyed people's belongings.

On Dec. 11, 2007, a massive debris flow swept through a few properties and across US Highway 30 near Clatskanie, Oregon, temporarily closing the highway.

Because there are so many factors that contribute to the cause of landslides, there is a lot of confusion

about the sequence of events which caused the debris flow.

Upstream about a mile from Highway 30, OSU owns a 2,400 acre tract of land used by the College of Forestry for forest education.

At around the time of the debris flow, two landslides were found on parts of OSU's clear-cut land. What is unclear is how these two landslides on OSU property may have played a part in the debris flow that occurred downstream.

"We know the debris flow crossed Highway 30, and we know that the landslides on OSU property were well over a mile away," said Steve Hobbs, the executive associate dean of the College of Forestry.

"We also know that there was

water impoundment behind an old railroad through-fill on private land. A through-fill is an old railway trestle across a ravine that has been filled in. The through-fill acted like a dam, failed and resulted in the debris flow. The people below were evacuated and the highway was closed before it failed, so no one was injured, there was just a lot of property loss," he said.

Currently, both OSU's College of Forestry as well as the ODF are conducting investigations to determine if the landslides on OSU property were responsible for blocking the drainage of the through-fill.

OSU is in full support of ODF's investigation, a fact that has been misconstrued during the last

month.

"When you look at this situation, we don't know what role, if any, the landslides played in the debris flow," Hobbs said.

"Until the ongoing investigation is finished, I am hesitant to speculate on whether they caused it. We at the college fully support the investigation, and are certainly cooperating with the ODF."

According to Tedd Lorenson, assistant state forester at the ODF, the investigation will look at the landslide from a variety of viewpoints.

"There are several elements to the investigation," Lorenson said.

"The first is the actual landslides that occurred on OSU forests and
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Apperson Hall soon to be called Kearney Hall



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Apperson Hall is undergoing extensive renovation and construction. At the moment, it currently does not have a roof and the sky is visible through the top floor windows.

■ One of OSU's oldest buildings faces name change, complete renovation from top down

By Yadira Gutierrez
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Students walking by Campus Way or off Monroe will most likely notice the construction that is taking place.

Originally built in 1900 and the fourth oldest building on campus, Apperson Hall is in the process of a renovation and re-naming.

The birth of Apperson Hall came about in 1899, after a fire which destroyed what was then known as Mechanical Hall.

At the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, there was an appropriation of \$25,000 to replace buildings destroyed.

The Department of Civil Engineering began to occupy the building in 1906.

It wasn't until 20 years after its original construction in 1900 that it was re-named from Mechanical

Hall to Apperson Hall.

It was named after John Apperson, an early settler from Kentucky, who at the time of the fire was president of the Board of Regents and a state legislator.

It was through Apperson's efforts that the legislature appropriated funds to re-build the OSU structure.

OSU's drive was to become the top Engineering program in the nation, and an area that needed improvement was facilities.

The first project was the remodeling of the Kelley Engineering building and second in line was Apperson Hall.

Remodeling began in Oct. 2007, and was spearheaded by a \$4 million donation of Lee and Connie Kearney.

The total cost of renovating Kearney Hall will be \$12 million, all coming through private donations.

Currently Kearney Hall is under-

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***** ELECTION 2008 Michigan Primary



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Democratic Party results

Hillary Clinton, U.S. Senator (NY) 55%
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Republican Party results

Mitt Romney, Fmr. Governor (MA) 39%
John McCain, U.S. Senator (AZ) 30%
Mike Huckabee, Fmr. Governor (AR) 16%

The national parties have punished Michigan for moving its primary election forward, revoking all delegates for the democrats and half of the delegates for the republicans.

In primary elections, registered voters choose which candidate they would want to represent their party. The Democratic Party uses proportional representation to award delegates to a candidate. The Republican Party uses a winner-take-all system.

Information from vote-smart.org and CNN.com



Wednesday, Jan. 16

Meetings
Board of Recreational Sports, 5:15-6:15pm, MU 212 (MLK). Review of 2008-09 Department Budget. Board Meeting.
Engineers Without Borders, 7pm, KEC 1001. First general meeting of the term with our El Salvador team back with all the exciting details of their trip, and as always pizza and pop!
ASOSU Non-Traditional Affairs Task Force, 5pm, MU 209 (25+ Lounge). Join non-traditional students in campaigning for positive change on campus!
Events
Sigma Delta Omega, 7-9pm, MU 110. Game Night. Come play at our super fun game night! Part of Winter Rush week for Sigma Delta Omega, a sorority for women who love science!
Women's Center, Noon-4pm, Women's Center. The Great Cupcake Bake... Meet the staff and enjoy a treat! An old-fashioned WC Open House. Come on it, eat a cupcake and enjoy great company.

Thursday, Jan. 17

Meetings
OSU Rural and Minority Healthcare Advocates, 6-9pm, MU 109. Discuss student participation, opportunities, events, trips and guest lecturers.
Events
Lutheran Campus Ministry, 6pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd Street. Quest: Simple supper and discussion.
Student Leadership & Involvement, 6-8pm, International Forum in Snell Hall. Student Community Symposium: Act Locally, Think Globally! Interactive session about service & leadership with keynote speaker Terry Ross. Light dinner served.

Friday, Jan. 18

Events
Sigma Delta Omega, 7-9pm, MU Basement. Bowling in the Basement. Join the ladies of Sigma Delta Omega for free bowling & billiards as we wrap up Winter Rush.
Poetry Interest Group, 7:30pm, Interzone Cafe, 16th & Monroe Sts. Surprise poets reading, plus open mic. Opportunity for local poets to read.

Sunday, Jan. 20

Events
Lutheran Campus Ministry, 7pm, Grace Lutheran Church, 435 NW 21st, corner of Kings & Harrison Streets. Evensong Worship with communion, especially for students.

Tuesday, Jan. 22

Meetings
ASOSU Multicultural Affairs, 4:30pm, SLI. If you want an opportunity to get involved in ASOSU, this is it! Join us for lots of fun and participation. ASOSU Environmental Affairs Task Force, 4-5pm, Snell 149. Come work on environmental campaigns and help plan Earth Week 2008!
Speakers
Honors Activity & Advisory Committee, 7pm, MU. President Ed Ray and panelists talk about fees, fundraising and fiscal responsibility.
Events
Lutheran Campus Ministry, 11:30am-1:30pm, Luther House, 211 NW 23rd Street. Lunch! Come and go as you are able. Homemade food (vegetarian option) and stimulating conversation.
Academic Success Center, 5-8pm, Waldo 114. Study night at the ASC. Join the Academic Success Center in a great studying opportunity. Free popcorn, free coaching.

TOP STORY

Romney proclaims win "victory of optimism" in Michigan primary

By Glen Johnson
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. — Republican Mitt Romney cast his win in the Michigan primary as "a victory of optimism over Washington-style pessimism," setting the stage for a nomination battle with John McCain and others now likely to extend to the Super Tuesday contests on Feb. 5.

"The people of Michigan said they believe in someone who is going to fight for them," the Michigan native told The Associated Press Tuesday in a telephone interview. "I'm obviously very, very pleased. Now, on to South Carolina, Nevada, Florida. This campaign is going to go to all 50 states."

Romney and his staff were most pleased with exit polls showing his big advantage among Republicans in Michigan, whose votes far outnumbered the independents and Democrats who could participate in either of Michigan's primaries. Those voters preferred McCain, but Romney argued that it is the GOP that will ultimately decide the party's

nominee.

"Tonight marks the beginning of a comeback, a comeback for America," he said in a victory speech that stomped over McCain, who had begun addressing his supporters moments earlier. TV coverage quickly switched from South Carolina, where McCain was, to Michigan.

The win was a needed elixir for the former Massachusetts governor who, while performing well, had faced questions about its national viability.

Romney finished second to Mike Huckabee in the Iowa caucuses and McCain in the New Hampshire primary, despite heavy campaigning and \$7 million of advertising in each state.

Doubts generated by those losses carried over to Friday, when anemic crowds greeted Romney upon his return to Michigan following a debate in South Carolina.

Yet over the weekend, an invigorated candidate stoked his home state's concerns, pledging to pay better attention to Michigan's ailing econ-

omy than any of his rivals, and chiding McCain after the Arizona senator said some of the auto industry's lost jobs would never be recovered.

"I come from a good line of Romneys who care about people," he said Saturday in Traverse City.

Romney also played a sentimental card, traveling to Lansing to pose beneath the portrait of his father, George Romney, who served as Michigan's governor from 1963 to 1969.

In addition, he dragged his first-grade teacher over to speak to reporters at a campaign stop, toured the Detroit auto show, as he did with his father 50 years ago, and told tales of summer vacations in the north country and meeting his wife, Ann, at a high school party.

Tactically, Romney relocated more than a dozen senior staffers to Michigan to assist the local campaign staff.

"This is the day that's going to change, I believe, the politics of our nation as we get ready to select our nominee," Romney said Tuesday as he kicked

off primary day with a rally in Grand Rapids, a GOP stronghold.

As he had since Iowa, Romney pointed to a dearth of private-sector experience for Huckabee, the former governor of Arkansas, and accused McCain of achieving few results despite nearly three decades in Washington.

"People have been talking about things that Washington has been promising for years but not delivered," Romney said in Grand Rapids. "And so, I will go to Washington to stop the bickering, the sniping, the partisanship, the score-settling. I will go to Washington to actually get the job done for the people of America."

After the results came in, he told the AP: "It's a victory of optimism over Washington-style pessimism. The people of Michigan said they believe in someone who is going to fight for them."

Romney's focus on Michigan was the first test of a strategic shift his campaign plans to follow for the remainder of the nominating contest.

NEWS IN BRIEF



Kenya parliament picks opposition figure as speaker at meeting

NAIROBI, Kenya — Legislators chose an opposition member as parliament speaker in a close vote Tuesday, giving a victory to foes of Kenya's president as they prepared for mass protest rallies that raised fears of new violence over last month's disputed election.

Soldiers stood guard outside the National Assembly, and security forces were expected to be out in force Wednesday to guard against unrest with the start of three days of demonstrations against President Mwai Kibaki.

The legislative session was the first time that Kibaki and opposition leader Raila Odinga were together since Odinga accused Kibaki of rigging the Dec. 27 presidential ballot. The two arrived at the National Assembly at the same time but studiously ignored each other.

Kenneth Marende, a 52-year-old lawyer and opposition supporter, was elected speaker of the National Assembly

in a narrow 105-101 vote over a Kibaki loyalist.

Although foreign and local observers say the tally of the presidential election was deeply flawed, they found no problems with legislative voting that was led by Odinga's forces and saw half of Kibaki's Cabinet lose their seats.



Young man attacked by zoo tiger pleads for help on 911

SAN FRANCISCO — One of the men mauled in a tiger attack at the San Francisco Zoo pleaded for help from a 911 dispatcher and asked why it was taking so long to get it, according to a recording of the call released Tuesday.

The dispatcher told the young man that paramedics could not come to his aid until they could be sure they weren't in danger of being attacked themselves, according to the recording.

Either Paul or Kulbir Dhaliwal made the 911 call from outside a zoo cafe. Judging by the synopsis of the attacks

given by police, the older brother, Kulbir, who was the last of the three victims, likely made the call.

"It's a matter of life and death!" the young man shouts minutes into the Dec. 25 call.

Climbers lost in storm on Hood reach safety after snow caveing

TIMBERLINE LODGE — A pair of climbers who misjudged the weather on Mount Hood and got caught in whiteout conditions were taken to safety Tuesday after spending a night in a snow cave.

They said they didn't make it to the summit of the 11,239-foot mountain as they planned Monday because bad weather closed in when they were at about 10,000 feet.

"We thought we had a window in the weather, but we were wrong," said Justin Votos, 27. He and fellow climber Matthew Pitts, 28, are both from Portland.

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Transportation panel urges gas tax increase of up to 40 cents per gallon to fix roadways

By Hope Yen
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Would you pay an extra 66 cents a day — on top of soaring gas prices — if it meant less rush-hour traffic, better public transit and fewer people dying on the highways?

A divided special commission is presenting a choice something like that to motorists frustrated with traffic congestion, decaying bridges and endless road repairs. Gasoline prices currently average more than \$3 a gallon.

The National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission is urging that federal gasoline taxes be increased by up to 40 cents a gallon over five years to fix the nation's aging infrastructure. The cost, the commission estimates, would be 41

to 66 cents a day — less than the price of a candy bar, one commissioner said — for the average motorist.

However, the gas tax hasn't been increased in about 15 years, and several congressional Republicans were quick to make clear Tuesday they expect no big changes.

"A dramatic increase in the gas tax does not stand a snowball's chance in hell of passing Congress," said Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., the top Republican on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, which will hold a hearing on the report Thursday.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, top Republican on the Senate Finance Committee, was equally blunt.

"Raising the gas tax would put us in the fast lane to a

recession," he said.

The two-year study by the 12-member commission is the first to propose broad changes after a devastating bridge collapse in Minneapolis last August shone a spotlight on the deteriorating state of the nation's infrastructure.

Undersized plates used in the bridge were "the critical factor" in the collapse, the National Transportation Safety Board said Tuesday.

The congressionally created commission warned that "applying patches" to the national system is no longer acceptable. It said the U.S. risks tens of thousands of highway casualties each year and millions of dollars lost in economic growth.

"The crisis is now," the report said.

LANDSLIDE: Link between OSU clear-cut land, debris flow was immediately questioned

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issues around what factors may have contributed to those occurring. The second is the through-fill and to what degree, if any, the landslides upstream contributed to blocking it."

"There are also issues with the compliance of the Forest Practice Act which applies to both OSU and the owner of the through-fill and their maintaining drainage. Additionally we must ask ourselves if we had all the resources and information we needed, and if we did everything we should have done."

Examining if OSU is in compliance with the current forestry laws and regulations is something that Hobbs and others believe to be very important.

After the famous 1996 storms, many state regulations were revised to create stricter rules about what lands could be logged, in order to prevent dangerous situations involving landslides in logged areas.

Immediately after the debris flow occurred, questions arose about the link between the OSU land that had been clear-cut, and how

that may have caused the two landslides.

At this point in time, OSU is still unsure as to whether the logging played a key role in the slides.

"The two landslides that occurred on OSU lands had different aged trees on them," Hobbs said.

"One had 12 to 15 year old trees on it because it had been clear-cut and then replanted. The other one had been clear-cut more recently, and the trees were around three to four years old."

"You have to remember that landslides have been occurring in the Oregon Coast Range in all types of stands of timber — young stands and old stands — for years, but they typically happen up in steeper terrain."

Other factors that play into the cause of landslides include the amount of soil saturation, as well as the type of soil.

The storms in early December left the forests all over the Coast Range saturated with water, which did not combine well with the type of soil that is typically in the region.

"The soils are an old sea-

floor that has been uplifted and scraped off from a subducting oceanic plate," said David Lysne, director of the College of Forestry.

"Typically these weathered sandstones are [easily] saturated, and when saturated they tend to move downhill, which is very typical of that area of northwest Oregon."

"Earth failures in the Coast Range tend to be of two types. The first type is called an earth throw, where soil flows down the hill in a large mass. The other, called a deep rotational slump, is like taking an ice cream scoop to a hillside and then releasing the soil on the hill below; the surface tends to look like it was scooped out. Water is the cause of both types."

The investigation behind the slides will likely continue for the next several months.

Currently the investigation is halted due to deep snow, but will continue when scientists have access to the soil again.

Also, there is an estimated \$340,000 cost in storm damage on OSU property, which will likely take two summers to clean up.

"There is going to be a lot of cleaning out culverts and ditches," Hobbs said.

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RADAR: Technology, cosine effect of radar guns actually favors the passing driver

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they are allowed to use it in the field," Henslee said.

Lt. Henslee also denied that CPD officers were driving while operating handheld and stationary radar guns.

"Our cars do have stationary guns mounted on the front and back dash boards," he said. "But in order to register a proper reading from those or handheld guns, the car must be stopped, unless the officer is using a moving radar gun."

Henslee said that the technology behind moving radar guns enables it to differentiate between the speed of the squad car and that of the target car.

He explained there is no problem with registering readings from these guns while operating a vehicle because of the technology they have and the state-granted permission to do so.

"I have learned the department does not keep radar

gun maintenance, service or calibration records on file," the investigator said.

Henslee, however, said that all of these files are maintained on record and are standard protocol to do as such.

It should be noted that the investigator's case was dismissed by the federal court judge.

"The judge came to his ruling," the investigator said, "after being unable to see how an officer would pull someone over if they were not even speeding."

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APPERSON: Construction set to finish in November of 2008, classes ready in Winter

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going a total and complete renovation.

The four outside walls are being preserved, but everything on the inside will be removed and replaced.

Parts of the new building will be left exposed so that the internal components of the structure may be seen.

"It will serve as a teaching aid for students," said David Rogge, the coordinator of the school of Civil and Construction Engineering.

Kearney will house the university's national leading construction engineering management program and the Kiewit Center for Infra-

structure and Transportation.

The dust will settle Nov. 2008, when construction will be completed.

"Classes will be held winter of 2009," Rogge said.

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Editorial

Yeas & Nays

Yea to the sun and clear sky hitting Corvallis as we type. It may still be 30 degrees, but this will help alleviate our winter SAD.

Nay to the random climate right now. Ice, snow, rain, sun — pick one dammit! And pick snow.

Yea to snow. If you need a reason why, go back to California.

Nay to the report of a British couple that found out after they got married that they were in fact twins separated at birth... awkward.

Yea to the consummation of the marriage that probably took place a long time before the honeymoon.

Nay to incest. Contrary to the rhyme, incest is NOT the best and do NOT put your relatives to the test.

Yea to a Mexican newspaper that reported a 10-year-old Mexican boy glued his hands to his bed to avoid returning to school after the winter break. Look on the bright side kid, you aren't married to your twin sister.

Nay to realizing that if we in fact did this, our mothers would not spend hours trying to unglue us. We'd probably be stuck for days, fail our classes, and then spend an eighth year at OSU... alright, we need a new plan. One involving beer.

Yea to Christina Aguilera and Nicole Richie finally having their babies, in the same hospital no less. Now they'll go back to being abnormally skinny without the fashionable bump. The world will be forced to find a new trend other than pregnancy, we hope.

Nay to the Polish man who went to a brothel and discovered his wife was one of its employees. It's suggested that he went in looking for a shocker.

Yea to the ruling in Austria that declares a chimpanzee is not a person, yet. But if it lives for another couple of million years, who knows.

Nay to this ruling, only because a poor chimp, named Matthew, will be left homeless when his shelter closes and cannot receive monetary gifts on a count of, you know, not being a human.

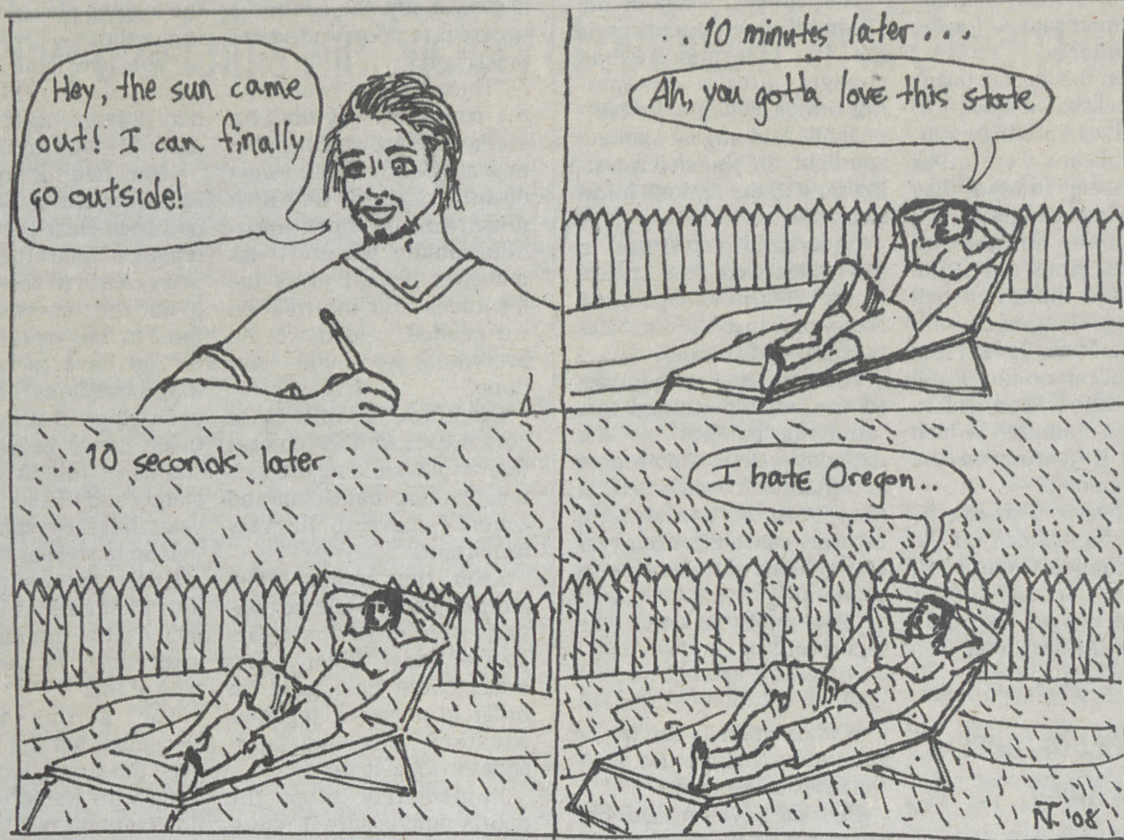
Yea to the New Zealand man who turned to his riding lawn mower for drunken transportation after losing his license. No word yet if he was originally from Arkansas.

Nay to the same man for not calling the New Jersey man who got his Zamboni drunk driving sentence overturned last spring to represent him in court.

Yea to the state of Idaho: where a man cut off his own hand and microwaved it, a cat cut power to 12,000 homes and for one day taking the title of "Worst State in the Union" from Colorado.

Nay to the reports that Katie Holmes is impregnated with L. Ron Hubbard's sperm. No word yet on if they are true, but, wow. Didn't see that one coming. What's next? Is Teddy Ballgame going to impregnate Gwen Stefani?

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Dr. Sex

Stigmas and history: no, you won't go blind

Dear Dr. Sex,

Why is masturbation viewed so much more negatively for women?

Signed, Afraid to Admit It

Dear Afraid:

In order to understand the negative stigma of masturbation for women, I must first address the negative stigma of masturbation in general. Then I'll move on to the increased stigma for women. There are two main sources of stigmatization. The first is our Victorian heritage and the second is biblical in nature. During the Victorian era, self-control was a very important characteristic. Masturbation was believed to be practiced only by those who lacked self-control. It was commonly believed that masturbation would lead to such atrocities as insanity, blindness or hairy palms. Anyone found masturbating was punished severely. In an effort to control such behavior, particularly in children, contraptions were made for both boys and girls to keep them from touching their genitals. The chastity or pubic belt was used on girls and women. The device for boys and men was also a belt, but it had a tube attached that encased the penis. This tube had spikes on the inside so that when the male had an erection the spikes would dig into the penis. I'm guessing this didn't feel very good. Not only did it prevent masturbation, but it also resulted in inhibited sexual desire. I mean, think about it. Would you allow yourself to become aroused if it always resulted in pain?

The biblical origin of the stigma with regard to masturbation comes, in part, from the term "Onanism," which has been used to refer to masturbation. This is a reference to Onan who, in the Old Testament, was having sexual intercourse with his deceased brother's wife. Onan withdrew before ejaculation and "spilled his seed on the ground." God was angered and struck him dead. Interpretation leads us to believe that God doesn't look favorably upon those who do not take advantage of ejaculation for fertilization purposes. Because masturbation is a waste of the ejaculate, others believe that God would also not look favorably upon individuals "spilling their seed" in this way, "treating their body like it was an amusement park" (A line from the famous Seinfeld "masturbation" episode).

Current views on masturbation by professionals in the fields of sex education, medicine and psychology suggest that there are essentially no negative consequences of masturbating, even if it is multiple times a day, provided that the individual is able to maintain other areas of life with success.

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The art of gifting, emotions behind it

In my culture gifting is a very common and accepted act that occurs far more often than not.

Among other tribes, such as the Crow, gifts are very significant; a new bride is totally outfitted by her husband's family with regalia from head to toe. This is done in a public way, usually at a pow wow, where families will cover the new bride with gifts ranging from beaded buckskin dresses to Pendleton blankets, multiple pairs of moccasins, jewelry, and other gifts, all this to show her acceptance into their family. Gifts are given for all manner of things, to honor someone, to thank them for touching your life, as a sign of respect or to help out someone in need. To refuse a gift is highly insulting, just as refusing food is also insulting among many Native people of America as well as among the Vietnamese.

Gifting, giving Native-style, is a long and proud tradition. Sometimes it is as simple as folded cash slipped to someone in a handshake to help them get home, to help them pay rent or a late bill, or to buy medicine or just because you know they are struggling. Sometimes the gift is something personal, something you have made and have invested time and effort into.

When the gift is something that has been made, there are requirements that I have been taught are important parts of the gift — as important as the gift itself. When making a gift for someone, your thoughts while making the gift should be of the person you are making it for. How important they are to you, what you think of them, what kind of person they are, all good thoughts must go into the making of the gift. If, while you are making the gift, you get interrupted or have thoughts that are not positive, I have been taught that the work must be set aside and you go back to it when you are feeling positive again, thus preventing any bad thoughts from residing within the gift.

I have been a very fortunate person, in that many of my friends have given gifts to me over the years. I have also



Renée Roman Nose

Walk a Mile in my Moccasins

had the good fortune to share gifts with many people who have touched my own life.

Often a gift is given when someone admires something that someone else has on, usually a piece of jewelry or an article of clothing, it is then presented to the person doing the admiring. My friend Melodye, who lives in Florida, has several pieces of jewelry from me and me from her. She is an artist and makes jewelry of great beauty which is a lucky break for me as her best friend. Another friend in Wyoming has a ring that I gave her; one in Arizona has a bracelet. The size of the gift is inconsequential; it is the love behind the gift that is what is truly prized and remembered.

During a trip to Regina, Saskatchewan 10 years ago, one of my friends admired my coat, a new ski jacket that was metallic blue and reversible. She swore that you couldn't find anything like that in Regina and was gushing over it. I promised it to her, but made her wait until my three day visit in December and I had an eight hour drive home from Canada to North Dakota where temperatures sometimes reach 70 below with the wind chill. To this day we joke about the "blueberry coat" and we each laugh about it.

The fact is I can get other rings, other bracelets, other coats, other whatever material thing it is that my friends or family members admire and I then gift to them. We, as Native people, all know that we aren't supposed to admire what belongs to someone else. So, when it does happen the admiration is genuine and heartfelt and the gifting should be

no less. For many tribes once given, the gift cannot be "re-gifted." The gift given will always remind the bearer of the generosity and kindness of the person who gave it to them. It doesn't matter what the cost is, it may be expensive, or it may not.

What is important is that I cannot replace my family members or friends. No one can take their place. I joke with them that I have to come visit my ring in Florida, or my coat in Regina and they'll have to feed me while I'm there and let me sleep on their couches, then they laughingly threaten to do the same and we do.

I was at a National Congress of American Indians conference in Tucson one year and ran into the Chairwoman with some other friends at breakfast and she said to me, "I love that blouse!" I replied with, "I'll have to give it to you later, if I gave it to you now, I'd be naked!" We all laughed, but I had it laundered at the hotel and gave it to her the next afternoon. I ran into her last year and she reminded me of it, telling me that she still had the blouse. I still have our friendship; I can get another blouse anywhere.

What material things do you have that you could do without? What gifts do you have that would brighten someone else's life? What traditions do you have that are more altruistic than materialistic? When was the last time that you spontaneously gave something away just because? Was it your time? Was it your talent? Was it a special moment spent with an elder, a child, a friend? Did someone do something special for you? Who do you know who could use five bucks for gas or lunch money? You can call it "pay it forward," you can call it "gifting" or you can just call it "sharing the love." It matters not what you call altruistic giving, it matters only that you do it.

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Disney a dangerous holiday destination

Jackie Mantey
Daily Kent Stater

The most dangerous travel destination of choice this winter break was not the now-infamous San Francisco zoo. "You joke!" you say. "Something more dangerous and random than a 300-pound tiger gnawing you to death?"

You obviously haven't been to Walt Disney World during the holiday season — where a middle-aged, pissed-off mother of two would have most certainly pummeled that silly freaking tiger if it were in the way of her 5-year-old witnessing a felt-laden college student dressed as Goofy waving from a carousel.

Welcome to the Wonderful World of "Screw You."

Fifteen members of my family and two other companions went to Disney World this Christmas break to celebrate my grandparents' 50th anniversary. While it was certainly a memorable and fantastic way to actually get to spend time with my family, there was a downside to this dream vacation.

This apparently is the time of year when Disney parks close down around 9 a.m. because they get too full — seriously. The place was shoulder-to-shoulder and people were not happy, but the bitter faces, minor Achilles attacks from strollers and thigh bruises thanks to the dutiful elbows of 3-year-olds, were all at least bearable.

Then nightfall hit.

You could almost feel the tension rise as parents with sleepy toddlers positioned themselves sprinter style to watch the highlight of the night: Mickey's Once Upon a Christmastime Parade.

Around this time, I was ready to leave and perhaps take a dip in our resort's pool, but as my friend and I approached the road to cross, a park employee pulled a rope in front of us signaling the start of the parade.

We were then nearly trampled to death by a Lion King-esque stampede, rushing in front of my companion and I like the Red Sea closing before our eyes as they tried to get to the front to see the Disney Christmas parade.

My life passed before my eyes.

I could just imagine myself, suffocating under the weight of thousands of Donald Duck Crocs, angry that I was exiting this world to the sounds of Disney show tunes and the image of a Mickey Santa smiling at me as I lamented the \$6 I just wasted on a 50-cent hot dog with extra mustard. The local paper would have used some kind of lame pun as a headline — "Hi ho, hi ho, it's

off to the afterlife she goes."

After I narrowly escaped my Disney-fated doom, insult was added to that potential injury as a mother, desperately gripping the hand of an un-amused adolescent son, pounded past me and my friend, breaking our hand-lock of safety and knocking me three feet to the right. I wish I was the type of person who had some restraint, but an expletive was all I could muster to this unfriendly woman (I know... Walt would not approve). It didn't really matter, though, as my voice was lost in a sea of dirty diapers and wretchedly persistent moms and dads.

After our escape from the park almost an hour later, I sat around the aforementioned pool with my siblings. I had more fun in those few hours than I had the whole day. It's easy to get lost in the hub-bub and marketing tools applied by a mouse in a silly hat. Sure, it was wonderful being in Disney, but the part I remember most is just being with my family, not riding Space Mountain.

I just hope I remember that when I'm a pissed-off, middle-aged mother of two — to keep the kids a safe distance away from tiger dens.

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EVAN DOREMUS
Corvallis, Ore.

GREAVES: Looking at the double standard women face

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Why, then, is it worse for women to masturbate than it is for men? This attitude is grounded in the sexual double standard. Basically this double standard suggests that all men like sex and all women don't like it or at the very least, they shouldn't like it. Therefore, according to the double standard, men are going to masturbate as an extension of their partnered sexual activity because they can't ever get enough. Women on the other hand shouldn't have a desire to masturbate because they shouldn't even like sex with a partner. Why would they want to do it by themselves? As a result, the perception is that if a woman masturbates, particularly on a regular basis, she must be a nymphomaniac — so the stereotype goes. However, a recent representative survey of over 3,000 Americans showed that women do in fact masturbate and aren't afraid to admit it. Forty-two percent of women reported masturbating in the last year and 61 percent of those women reported "always" or "usually" having an orgasm as a result. The best advice I can give you is to be honest about masturbation if you practice it or are interested in doing so. The more women who are honest about the appeal of masturbation, the more women will admit that they too enjoy masturbation, and hopefully the unfair stigma will decline.

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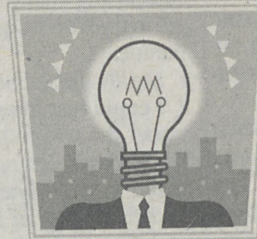
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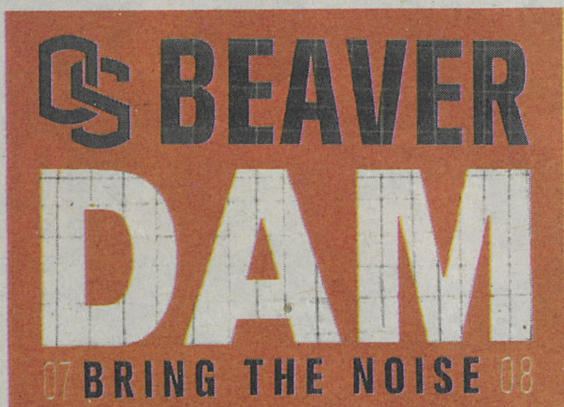
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Apple takes foothold in fledgling online movie business

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple Inc. has redoubled its effort to distribute movies online, gaining a foothold in a promising but unproven business that could eventually bolster its other core products.

The tech giant launched a movie rental service at its online iTunes Store Tuesday and won the alliances of all six major movie studios to supply content.

Under terms similar to those at other online movie providers, rental prices range from \$2.99 for library titles, \$3.99 for new releases, and \$1 extra for high-definition versions. The movies are ready to watch almost instantly over a high-speed Internet connection, and users have a 24-hour period to watch each movie once they start it.

The service, which launched in the U.S. on Tuesday and will roll out internationally later this year, will work on Macs, Windows-based machines, iPhones, iPods or the Apple TV set-top box.

But Apple and its rivals all face the challenge of making Internet delivery easy and affordable enough to drive a massive change in the habits of the movie-watching public.

Many analysts give Apple high odds of surviving what will likely be a long, bloody battle to dominate the digital living room.

Even though Apple's stock suffered Tuesday, some investors appeared to agree. Shares of Blockbuster Inc. plunged nearly 17 percent after Apple CEO Steve Jobs, speaking at the Macworld Conference and Expo in San Francisco, announced the new threat to the world's largest chain of movie-rental stores.

"Movies are really a big part of people's lives, just like music. And being able to do this on Apple's platform is an intriguing alternative to running out to the video store or getting DVDs through your mail," American Technology Research analyst Shaw Wu said.

Apple investors, however, seemed underwhelmed by Tuesday's parade of product announcements, which also included an ultra-slim notebook computer called the MacBook Air and a backup storage drive dubbed Time Capsule.

Shares of Apple slipped, losing \$9.74, or 5.5 percent, to close Tuesday at \$169.04. They fell another 3.6 percent, to \$163.01, in after-hours trading.

LILJA: Lawson been missing on campus, LA might be where he is

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people about the Beaver Fever graduated from Oregon State in 1999 with a degree in safety. And he is serious.

14. Tracy McGrady looks like that because of Mercedes Fox Griffin's cross-over.

15. When asked, "Do you trust a man with two first names?" Mike Riley, Jay John and Pat Casey had the same answer.

16. Taras Liskevych was going to manage a baseball team until he realized the sport was full of steroids. That's when he chose to coach in the Olympics.

17. No one has seen Gerard Lawson since the football season ended. Some say he flew down to UCLA to "get even."

18. The Pink Meet held by the gymnastics team was nearly renamed three years ago when sponsors were worried about the ensuing innuendos.

19. Kirk Walker helped Brianne McGowan petition for another year of eligibility. McGowan was granted another year of eligibility after she filled out her appeal form with "C'mon" in every blank.

20. OSU wrestling coach Jim Zalesky learned all his wrestling techniques in the Himalya Mountains by wrestling the abominable snow man. This is why he has still never lost to anyone in his remarkable history in the sport.

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GARDNER: Known to bring down endurance level of contenders

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Gardner said. "It's a little more exciting and allows for a little more freedom to throw people and stuff but we only do it in the spring and summer."

As a junior last year, Gardner finished with a 21-11 record with eight pins. His efforts in the practice room and in competition earned him the team's Chad Flack Award as the most improved wrestler as well as the Most Pins Award.

Head coach Jim Zalesky felt there were few as deserving as Gardner for the recognition.

"He's probably had the most development of anybody on the team over the last year," Zalesky said.

Fellow senior Kyle Larson agreed with the second year coach.

"Travis does as much as anybody to put himself in a position to succeed and do his best when he's out there on the mat," Larson said.

For his part, Gardner has worked prodigiously at adopting Zalesky and the other coaches' mantra of being aggressive and scoring points.

"It's what the coaches preach and I try to follow it as much as I can," Gardner said. "I try to keep the pace up and score as many points as possible, but [that's] usually by just trying to wear a guy out, if a pin comes, it comes."

Clayton Jack, a freshman heavyweight who has to wrestle Gardner in practice, can attest to Gardner's methodical style.

"He's pretty aggressive and likes to keep the pressure up," Jack said. "It makes him a really tough guy to wrestle against."

"He's got lungs on him and he'll push those guys to exhaustion," said Larson, who cited Gardner's recent performance against Jon May of Nebraska.

May, ranked No. 20 in the nation, was only able to squeak out a 4-2 victory over Gardner.

While he's proud of his past accomplishments, Gardner is still hungry for even greater glory.

"I'm hoping this year [will] be the one I look back on with the most pride," he said. "I don't just want to qualify for tournaments, I want to win them. Hopefully, I can take a shot at being Pac-10 champ and an All-American."

Gardner cites the coaches as being his prime motivator.

"They really stress the importance of goals and not selling yourself short," Gardner said. "They always push us to improve."

"Once he gets in competition, he takes it up a notch and that's what you want to see," Zalesky said.

So far, Gardner seems to be on the right track. Through the first nine events of the year he has compiled a record of 13-4, with one loss coming as a result of a 2-1 decision against Charlie Alexander of Oregon. Another came against No. 3 ranked Wade Sauer of Cal-State Fullerton.

Gardner looks to keep improving himself while he helps others as leader of the team, just as Waterson and those that came before helped him.

"He's a good leader and a good role model," Larson said. "He always has positive feedback for those that have questions."

"The great thing about him is that no matter how busy he is he'll always give us pointers and tips on how to improve," Jack adds. "It goes with what the coaches have been telling us that makes it a bit easier to understand sometimes."

Only time will tell if Gardner can accomplish everything he has set his sights on. If the past is any indication, however, things have a way of working out.

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"We'll win some races, and I expect to win soon. I'm a good driver with a good team, and if we don't make mistakes on a Sunday we should have great finishes and win some races."

— NASCAR driver Dale Earnhardt Jr. on trying to snap a two-year winless streak this season

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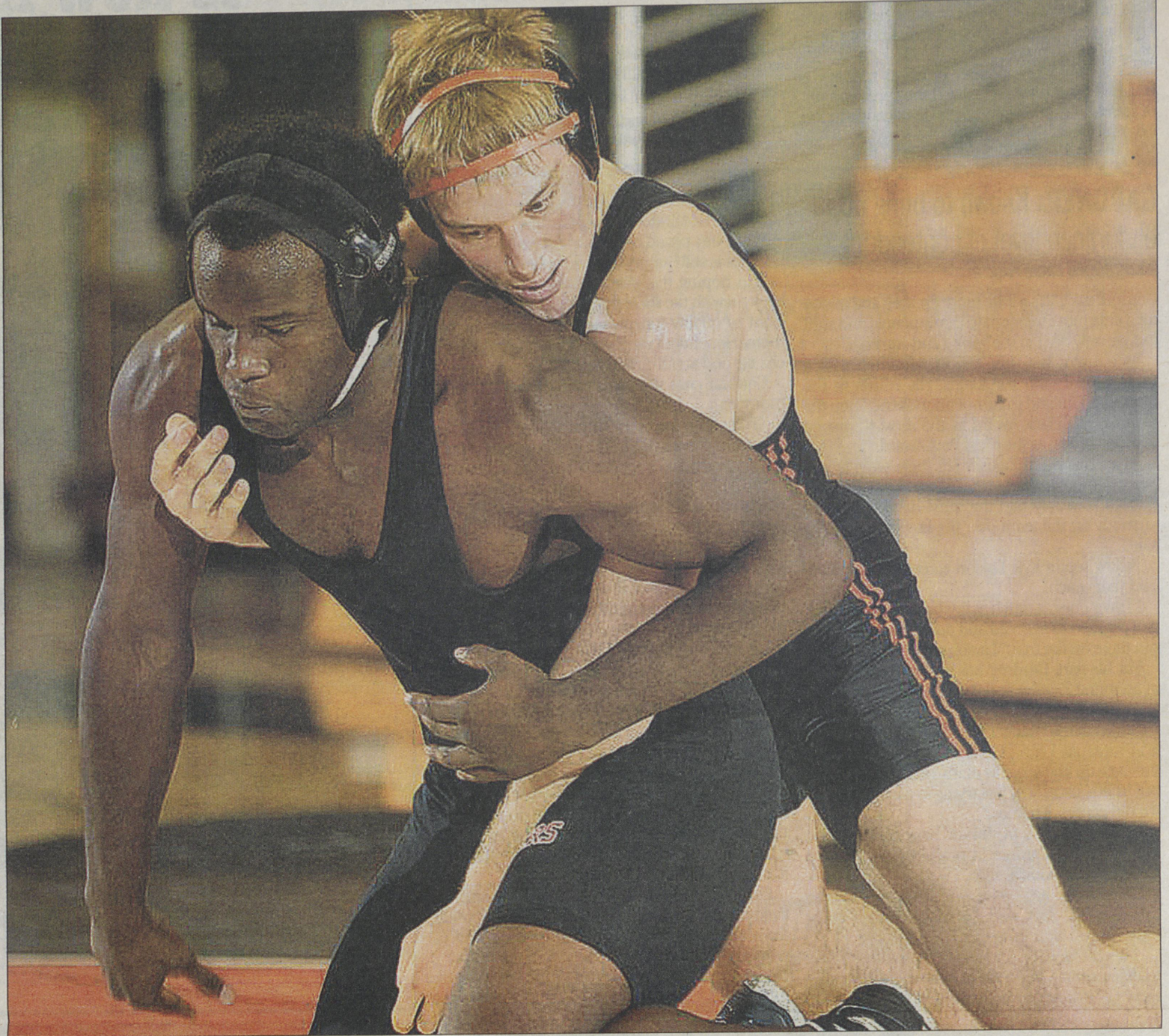


20 more rumors I wish I could start

There are times when athletes create enough buzz. They don't need hype, they are their own circus. But there are times when athletes need help making the headlines. Here are some examples of rumors, that aren't true, but would deserve a little attention.

1. Keegan Fitzgerald of the gymnastics team wants to date me — still.
2. Sammie Stroughter loves Sir Mix-A-Lot and considers himself the All-American, wide receiver.
3. Women's basketball head coach LaVonda Wagner once beat Chuck Norris. Not in a game of basketball but in hand-to-hand combat. Don't believe me? Challenge her to a fight.
4. Larry Liebowitz caught and killed a Chupacabra on his honeymoon in Costa Rica, with his bare hands, and he didn't even spill his beer.
5. Roeland Schaftenaar's original name was Witte Bliksem but he changed it because it was "too flashy."
6. Women's golf earned top honors at a recent tournament in California. Not on the course, but afterwards when in the clubhouse, Julianna Uhrig took a swing at Michelle Wie and knocked her out cold. Everyone everywhere is happier.
7. Marcel Jones only plays basketball to hone his acting skills. Without "Oscar material" like faking a charge in the paint.
8. Mike Parker, voice of the Beavers, desperate to call a good game of basketball, was seen calling play-by-play on the "A" court in Dixon all week. Matt Davis was providing the color commentary.
9. Other Pac-10 basketball programs are scouting the Beaver players for transfer players next season. The beds are warm, the food is plentiful and there is an endless supply of Icy Hot, ice buckets and groupies.
10. No NCAA athletes get paid any money to play sports. Ever.
11. After watching Adam "Pac-Man" Jones, Brandon Hughes has decided to enter the NFL Draft in order to get his pro wrestling career started.
12. Beaver softball player Karmen Holladay's favorite player is Alex Rodriguez. Actually, that one is true and it sickens me.
13. The head of the Beavers' marketing team responsible for the current "WARNING..." campaign that warns

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DENNY WOLVERTON / OSU SPORTS INFORMATION

From the beginning, Travis Gardner has shown ample improvement as a collegiate wrestler, going from a dubious 10-20 record his freshman year to being an NCAA qualifier last season. He currently holds a 13-4 record this year.

For Gardner, there's reason for everything

■ Senior heavyweight began career by doing wrestling as secondary sport, but now is on verge for big things in final season at OSU

By Noah Tinker
THE DAILY BAROMETER

When Travis Gardner started wrestling in junior high, he didn't plan on it having any influence on his life beyond helping him stay in shape for football.

As it happened though, fate had other ideas. Playing a multitude of positions for the Parkrose High School football team, which wasn't known much for winning, didn't get Gardner much notori-

ety. Wrestling, however, did just that.

As a 215-pound senior with a record of 38-0 with 33 pins and a state championship, it wasn't long before the Beavers of Oregon State came calling.

Gardner was only too happy to answer and follow a new athletic path.

"The rest is history," Gardner said.

Under the guidance of his coaches and teammates, especially former OSU All-American Ty Waterson and other heavyweights, Gardner soon found out how much he had to learn.

He doesn't mince words either when discussing their lasting influence.

"They showed me a whole new range of things,"

he said. "They taught me how to get my butt kicked. A lot. Every day."

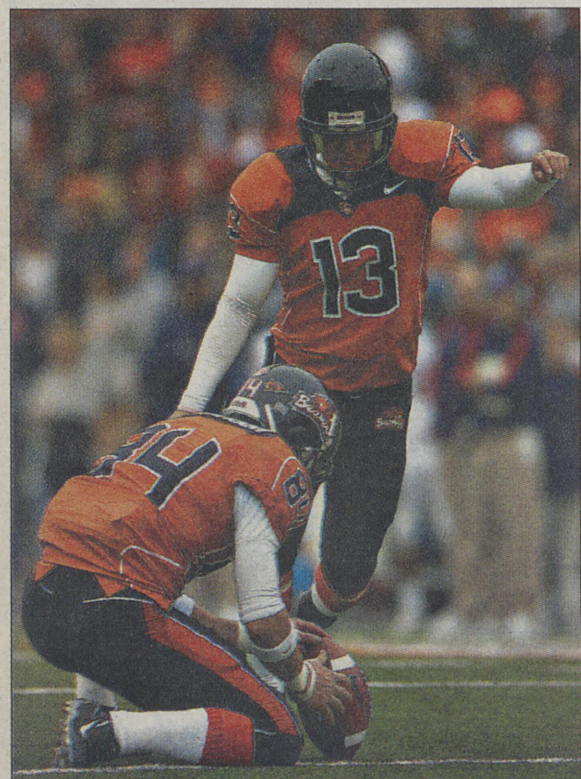
Facing new challenges was something Gardner didn't shy away from.

As a freshman, wrestling at a slimmer and trimmer 197 pounds, Gardner finished with a 10-20 record with all his losses coming against nationally ranked opponents.

In 2006, he continued to make improvements, finishing seventh at the University Nationals in Greco-Roman 211.5-pound division.

"I personally love Greco and Freestyle wrestling,"

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With numerous NFL players on hand, senior kicker Alexis Serna will kick against the best in the nation.

Serna to compete in All-Star Challenge

■ All-American will get opportunity to boost NFL stock in prestigious competition next month in Tempe

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Former Oregon State University placekicker Alexis Serna has accepted an invitation to participate in the 10th annual College Football All-Star Challenge Tues., Jan. 29 on the campus of Arizona State University. ESPN will broadcast the event Sat., Feb. 2 from 2-4 p.m.

The second all-time leading scorer in the Pac-10 Conference with 384 points will join other kickers, receivers, quarterbacks and running backs testing their abilities against one another.

Serna was a four-year letterman who concluded his career with a school record 80 field goals and set

the Pac-10 record with 144 consecutive made extra points. He was the 2005 Lou Groza Award winner, signifying the nation's top kicker, and also earned All-America honors.

Serna, who will play in the Senior Bowl Jan. 26, will compete in the long distance kick and 'round the world events. The long distance kick begins with a 40-yard field goal attempt with the kickers moving to longer distances until one is left. The 'round the world is a 45-second event testing the ability of kickers to connect on a series of field goals from varying distances and angles.

Numerous NFL prospects are expected to compete. Previous participants include current NFL standouts Duane Culpepper, Donovan McNabb, Drew Brees, Edgerrin James, Deuce McAlister, Javon Walker, Vince Young, Braylon Edwards and DeAngelo Williams.

Oregon State Athletics Weekend Events

Thursday, Jan. 17

Women's Basketball vs. Washington, Gill Coliseum, 7 p.m.

Men's Basketball @ Washington State, Pullman, Wa., 7 p.m., not televised

Friday, Jan. 18

Wrestling vs. Cal State Bakersfield @ Salem Armory, Salem, 7:30 p.m.

Gymnastics vs. Washington, Gill Coliseum, 7 p.m.

Swimming vs. Washington, Osborne Aquatic Center, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 19

Women's Basketball vs. Washington State, Gill Coliseum, 7 p.m.

Men's Basketball @ Washington, Seattle, Wa., 3 p.m., televised on FSN