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500 career wins. 39 wins in 2005. One hell of a team. Pat Casey reflects on No. 5 baseball

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Draft shows possible fee increases for OSU

■ Fees related to specific programs could see large increases for next year

By Andrew D. Nealon

EUGENE — The corridors of Susan Campbell Hall could have been an inspiration for Ken Kesey's "One Flew Over the Cuckoos Nest" on Wednesday. Their sterile white wash offers a feeling of serenity in the midst of the hustle and bustle of a city campus.

"I don't know if I've ever been in this building before," says Associated Students of University of Oregon President Adam Petkun. After thinking about it, he adds, "Maybe I've been here once."

Petkun climbs the stairs to the third floor and ends in a small attic conference room. There sits Kevin Grant, ASOSU State Affairs director, Donna Niegel, of the Oregon University System Office of the Chancellor, and a smattering of OSU students who made the trip from Corvallis to See FEES / page 3

Suicide: Campus tragedy reflects national problem

In the wake of Gina Zalunardo's death, a campus psychologist shares suicide warning signs and offers tips for dealing with grief

> By Dan Traylor THE DAILY BAROMETER

The concept of suicide — usually reduced to statistics or known only as a distant tragedy — was brought closer to home this week for Oregon

On Monday, the campus community learned that OSU student Gina Zalunardo committed suicide, a shock to friends and the community at large.

Those who knew Zalunardo described her as a happy, bright, determined and optimistic woman with a promising future.

"While there are signs and symptoms that always warrant attention, that is not always the case," said Ellen Taylor, director of OSU's Counseling and Psychological Services.

"It sounds like that might have been the case with Gina."

Several warning signs could mean somebody is thinking about suicide. Experts often point to sadness, anxiety, guilt, hopelessness, trouble eating or sleeping, a loss of interest in school or hobbies and increased drug/alcohol use.

More specific signs include talking openly about suicide or giving away personal belongings, experts

"It's best to reach out to that person and say, 'Hey, are you doing said Taylor, a licensed psychologist who has worked on campus for 10 years.

Taylor said expressing concern is important.

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WENDY VOLLMER / THE DAILY BAROMETER

Redouane EL Mouaddib, a junior in speech communication from Morocco, cooked a Moroccan dish of lentils for the Arab Students Association Middle Eastern food night on Wednesday.

New student group shows 'Promises'

** Arab Students Association hosts its first event at Women's Center

By Peter Chee

The inviting smell of spices, rice, chicken and carrots wafted from the kitchen at the Women's Center said the goal of the ASA is to proon Wednesday evening.

The dinner, which drew more than 50 people, was the first event organized by OSU's newly formed Arab Students Association.

"We wanted to do something [before the end] of this year," said Safae El Yaaqoubi, president of ASA and a student in political science.

A native of Morocco, El Yaaqoubi vide an open channel for the OSU community to learn about Middle

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Darth Vader, Lord of the Sith, towers over local youths in Carmike Theaters on Wednesday night. "Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith" opened at midnight. All four screens at the Corvallis theater were sold out.

AM YOUR FATHER

Jednesday night was no Jedi mind trick. "Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith" was real. And the dark side of the force was strong at Carmike Theaters in

"I think I need to install a fan in this helmet," said Aaron Hartling, a student in applied visual arts and Lord of the Sith. "Let's see how long I can actually stay in this thing."

Vader's costume was an ongoing project started back to September. It's made from a bodysuit with molded fiberglass

resin spraypainted black. Dark side energies radiated from Vader's 6-foot-4 form. The suit weighs 30 pounds and heats up "like an oven." Around him, other diehard Star Wars fans waited for the midnight premiere of Episode III.

Bad feelings and screaming ewoks aside, Vader played to his dark side better than anything Yoda could shake a walking stick at.

Skulking in line, Vader waited. His revenge would come at midnight.

-Peter Chee

Peer Health Advocates share | Thinking about inklings, pointers on body art

■ Group worked on Wednesday with local body artists to raise awareness for tattoos, piercings

By Lisa Lindner

Students wrestling with the idea of getting pierced or inked had the opportunity to learn more about body art in the MU Quad on Wednesday.

Peer Health Advocates teamed up with local body art gurus from High Priestess Piercing and Sacred Art Tattoo to present a wealth of material ranging from what to look for in a professional artist to how to care for new body art.

Heidi Freshour, a senior in health promotion, said a large number of people participated in the event

Freshour, who is involved with PHA, has her ears and navel pierced.

"I didn't think much before get-

ting my navel pierced," Freshour said. "I don't regret it, but it's important for students to really think before getting something done like this. We're trying to help people learn how to choose their body artist, and what to look for in a shop, like to make sure it's a good location and that it's clean."

Freshour said PHA is trying to get students to consider the long-term issues of tattoos and piercings. The tables included brochures on the cost of tattoo removal.

According to a brochure provided by PHA, tattoo removal can take four to 10 15-minute treatments, and doctors suggest a healing duration between visits of four to six weeks. The cost, which is considered cosmetic surgery and therefore not covered by health insurance, can be as much as \$600.

PHA is no way condoning or condemning body art.

'We're holding a totally neutral See BODY ART / page 3

a 'Pure Choice'

■ Tuesday's event focused on promotion of abstinence, faith

> **By Ashley Blake** THE DAILY BAROMETER

A quiet energy filled Gill Coliseum on Tuesday night as nearly 5,000 teens, college students and adults rose to their feet. The action was in response to a choice, and the choice made by a conviction: Will you stand for sexual purity?

That was the question of the night posed by the third annual Pure Choice, a \$30,000 event sponsored by Corvallis' Calvary Chapel with the financial aid of local businesses.

"Right now there's one message: 'Go for it, but be safe,'" said Calvary Chapel college pastor Mark Troncale. "We want to give another perspective.'

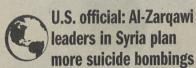
The night kicked off with some "pure rock" by local band Triumphant Denial, followed by a presentation by professor of theology Dr.

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I think to do otherwise has a chilling effect not only on the meaning of elections, but as to the intellectual vigor of the judicial branch of the government."

-Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., on his plan to join Republicans on the filibuster vote

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BAGHDAD (AP) - Iraq's top al-Qaida terrorist, angered by a postelection lull in violence, ordered insurgents a month ago to intensify attacks and his lieutenants began plotting their deadly mission during a secret meeting in Syria, a top U.S. military official said Wednesday.

The Syrian meeting, possibly attended by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi himself, has led to one of the bloodiest periods since the U.S.-led invasion two years ago. Nearly 500 people have been killed — including an Iraqi general mowed down in a driveby shooting Wednesday — since the country's new Shiite-dominated government was announced April 28.

Several Shiite and Sunni Muslim clerics were among the victims, raising fears that sectarian tensions could ignite a civil war.

A chilling, rambling Internet audiotape purportedly by al-Zarqawi denounced Iraq's Shiites as U.S. collaborators and said killing them is justified.

Iran says it will endure **U.N.** sanctions rather than give up nuclear fuel program

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) - Iran will endure U.N. economic sanctions rather than give up nuclear fuel development, the vice president said Wednesday ahead of a new round of meetings with European countries trying to rein in its nuclear program.

Iran is vowing to restart its uranium reprocessing activities, an early stage in preparing raw uranium for either power reactor fuel or a nuclear weapon. At the same time, it has agreed to meet with European countries for one last discussion on the issue next month.

Washington believes Iran is secretly developing nuclear weapons under cover of a peaceful nuclear program. Iran denies this, saying its nuclear program is geared merely toward generating electricity, not bomb. The European Union has threatened to take Iran to the U.N. Security Council for possible sanctions if it resumes nuclear fuel

development.

"We don't want to be subject to sanctions. We don't want to go to the U.N. Security Council," Vice President Gholamreza Aghazadeh told state-run television. "But if it happens, our leaders and our people will resist as necessary. They will pay the price of sanctions, but I don't believe they will give up these activities.'

'Aghazadeh, who also heads Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, said Iran has decided to restart work at its Isfahan Uranium Conversion Facility in agreement with the Europeans.

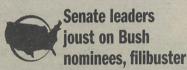
Fox promises to work with **U.S. civil rights leader after** controversial comment

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President Vicente Fox tried to smooth relations with the U.S. black community Wednesday after saying Mexican immigrants take jobs that "not even" blacks want, promising to work with the Rev. Jesse Jackson to improve labor rights for minorities in the United States.

The meeting between Fox and Jackson at the presidential residence was a the analyst removed from his job or othsharp contrast from a few days ago, when Jackson called on the Mexican

U.S. official: Al-Zarqawi president to issue a public apology.

Fox met with Jackson for more than an hour, but didn't participate in a news conference immediately following the talks because he had to leave for a trip to northern Mexico. Fox has made no public reference to his comment Friday, instead issuing often inconsistent statements through his spokespeople.



WASHINGTON (AP) - More than a dozen senators trying to head off a showdown over judicial filibusters failed to work out a deal Wednesday to in Idaho triple slaying found; confirm some of President Bush's controversial judicial appointments while rejecting others.

The Senate's party leaders, Republican Bill Frist of Tennessee and Democrat Harry Reid of Nevada, opened formal debate on Texas jurist Priscilla Owen — the nominee that will test Democrats' continuing ability to block judges with filibusters.

With a decision on whether to allow filibusters looming early next, centrist lawmakers met in various offices around the Capitol complex — in Sen. John Warner's office at one point, Republican Mike DeWine's office at another — seeking a compromise that would avert a politically explosive con-

Democratic Sen. Ken Salazar of Colorado had attended at least 13 private meetings over the previous 24 hours with senators trying to reach a deal, a spokesman said.

FBI says grenade that landed near Bush was live and a threat to his life

WASHINGTON (AP) - A hand grenade that landed within 100 feet of President Bush during his visit last week to a former Soviet republic was a threat to his life and the safety of the tens of thousands in the crowd, the FBI said Wednesday.

The grenade was live but did not explode.

The White House, which initially said Bush never was in danger, said the incident May 10 in the Georgia's capital has led to a review of security at presidential events.

FBI agents are still investigating in Tbilisi, where tens of thousands of people heard Bush speak in strong support of Georgia's efforts at democratic development.

It was unclear how much danger the

According to the FBI's initial investigation, the grenade failed to explode only because of a malfunction. The activation device deployed too slowly central Iran whether or not there is an to hit the blasting cap hard enough, agent Bryan Paarmann said.

Democrats say Bolton wanted CIA director's help to punish analyst

WASHINGTON (AP) — John R. Bolton planned to ask then-CIA Director George Tenet to help punish a government intelligence analyst who disagreed with Bolton, and then misled a Senate committee about the matter, a Democratic Senate report said Wednes-

Bolton pushed for months to have erwise disciplined but testified under oath at his confirmation hearing to be United Nations ambassador that he "made no effort to have discipline imposed" on the man, according to details revealed for the first time in the

'Bolton's effort to minimize the significance of his efforts is disingenuous," said the report from Democrats on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. The document is attached to a short summary of Bolton's qualifications and an account of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's lengthy investigation prepared by the committee's Republican chairman, Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana.

Man sought for questioning two children still missing

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho (AP) — A man sought for questioning in the bloody slayings of three people was found Wednesday as the search continued for two children missing from the home where the killings took place.

Detectives were arranging to interview Robert Roy Lutner Wednesday afternoon, Kootenai County Sheriff's Capt. Ben Wolfinger said. Wolfinger did not say where Lutner was found, and did not know whether the missing children, Shasta and Dylan Groene, were

Authorities have said Lutner was known to have been at the children's home on Sunday night, the night before the bodies of their brother, mother and a man were found.

Police in several states had been attempting to locate Lutner, and Wolfinger said Lutner had known he was being

"I don't know about the children. That is the first question our detectives are going to ask him, obviously," Wolfinger

Most diabetics not controlling their blood sugar

WASHINGTON (AP) — A dismal twothirds of the nation's 18 million Type 2 diabetics don't have their blood sugar under control, putting them at high risk of the disease's nastiest complications, even death. Yet most are unaware they're doing so poorly, frustrated diabetes specialists said Wednesday.

"The report, I think, is sobering," said Dr. Lawrence Blonde of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists, which released the latest statistics at its annual meeting.

Dr. Paul Jellinger, president of the American College of Endocrinology, was more blunt: "It's horrible."

Type 2 diabetes is the most common form of the illness, and experts estimate a third of the people who have it don't know. An additional 41 million have "pre-diabetes," an impaired sugar tolerance that can lead to the full-blown dis-

Oregon soldier dies on patrol near Tikrit PORTLAND (AP) — An

Army sergeant from Oregon was killed in Iraq when he was struck by shrapnel from a rocket-propelled grenade, according to relatives.

Jacob Simpson, 24, is the 46th soldier with strong Oregon ties to be killed in Iraq or Afghanistan since March 2003. Five civilian contractors with Oregon ties have been killed in the two countries during that time.

Simpson, who was raised in Hood River and Ashland, was a gunner on a Bradley Fighting Vehicle. He was killed Monday while he was on foot on a President Bush and GOP leaders.

reconnaissance patrol, clearing a building near the northern city of Tikrit, said his sister, Kimberly Bemiss of Banks.

Simpson was a member of the 3rd

Armored Cavalry Regiment out of Fort Carson, Colo., his sister told The Ore-The Department of Defense had not

posted the death on its Web site by Wednesday morning.

Simpson's mother, Roberta Simpson, lives in Lake Oswego, along with his brother, Carey. He has two sisters, Rebekah Simpson of Glenwood, Wash., and Bemiss. An uncle, Gary Simpson, lives in Hood River.

"While it's a sorrowful time for us, we recognize what he did and why he did it," said Gary Simpson. "We're really proud of the sacrifice he made.'

House endorses tougher graduation requirements

SALEM (AP) — A bill to require high school students to take more math and English to graduate was easily approved Wednesday by the House despite protests about the state imposing burdens without paying the

"I can't support this because we're disinvesting in schools," said Rep. Terry Beyer, D-Springfield, echoing the ongoing haggling among lawmakers over the state school support budget.

The graduation standards bill cleared the House on a 48-11 vote and goes to the Senate, where it has bipartisan support. Backers of the bill said it's essential

to help students who will enter an increasingly global economy. "Let's give them the tools so they can

compete," said Rep. John Lim, R-Gresham, leading advocate of the bill. Rep. Linda Flores, R-Clackamas, chairwoman of the House Education Committee, said politicians often "talk a

good game" for higher standards but Community colleges report that many applicants aren't adequately pre-

pared for their course work, she said.

The bill requires a third year of math and fourth year of English for high school graduation. The stiffer English standard would first apply in the 2007-08 school year, the new math standard in the following year.

Smith plans to join Republicans on filibuster vote

PORTLAND (AP) — Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., says he will vote with Senate Republican leaders to end the right to unlimited debate on judges and other presidential nominees.

Smith said he had decided over the weekend that he would vote to change Senate rules that allow members to block nominees by threatening to fili-

"I think to do otherwise has a chilling effect not only on the meaning of elections, but as to the intellectual vigor of the judicial branch of the government," Smith said in an interview with The Oregonian on the Senate steps in Wash-

Advocacy groups have been targeting Republicans in Democrat-leaning states, urging them to break with GOP plans to advance President Bush's most controversial judicial nominees.

At a Portland protest Tuesday, about a dozen people huddled beneath a blue canopy outside the World Trade Center, where Smith's office is located. With a light drizzle falling around them. speakers urged Smith to break with

meeting of the year, announcement of upcoming events, planning for next year. Everybody welcome. Email therecyclers@oregonstate.edu with any

Activists, 6pm, Poling Hall. Last

Calendar

THURSDAY, MAY 19

Native American Longhouse, 6pm Native American Longhouse. An event

open for all who wish to learn Native American Friendship Round Dancing. **Oregon State Environmental**

Meetings

UCPS, 2-3:30pm, MU 211. Anger Management I. Join us for this powerful introduction to working more effectively with your angry feelings

American Red Cross Blood Drive, 11am-4pm, MU Ballroom. Campus blood drive- donors remember to bring your ID and drink plenty of water Drop by to see if you are eligible

MUPC, 9pm, Milam Auditorium. Come watch Napoleon Dynamite for FREE! It will make all your wildest dreams

Volunteers

Native American Longhouse, all day, McAlexander Fieldhouse. Volunteers needed for the Salmon Bake on May 19th and the Pow wow on May 21st & 22nd. Sign up at the Native American Longhouse or contact Sadie at (541) 231-5089.

FRIDAY, MAY 20

Events Black Cultural Center, 5:30pm, Milam Aud. Juneteenth Celebration "It's Freedom Time" featuring BET coming to the stage and comic view comedian April Mitchell

Women's Center, 6:30-10pm, Friday night! Please RSVP to 737-

SATURDAY, MAY 21

Native American Longhouse, all day,

needed for the Salmon Bake on May 19th and the Pow wow on May 21st & 22nd. Sign up at the Native American Longhouse or contact Sadie at (541) 231-5089.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

Events

Lutheran Campus Ministry, 7pm, Grace Lutheran Church, EvenSong worship with communion, especially

OSU Pistol Club, 6-9pm, McAlexander Range. New students arrive by 6pm. 50 free rounds with training. Look for club sign by east side of McAlexan-

ISOSU, 1-5pm, MU Quad. Biggest event of the year! Come see performances from steel drums to roots of hip hop, Japanese dancing and much more! Try free food from around the world. Everyone welcome.

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MONDAY, MAY 23

AISES/NASA, 5pm, Native American Longhouse. Open to both Native & non-native students. Possible topics: Pow-wow & frybread planning Rainbow Continuum, 7pm, Women's

Center. Social and educational meet ing for LGBTQQIA people. Speakers

Organic Growers Club, 12pm, ALS

4001. Converting to organic coffee in Costa Rica, Alex Contreras, sponsored by your student farm.

University Christian Center Fellow-ship, 7pm, 1655 NW Monroe. Mon-day Night Praise.

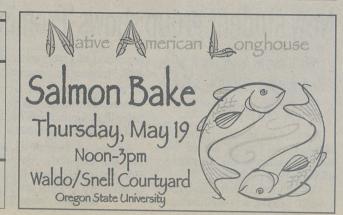
"Runway" Spring Fashion Show, 7-8pm, MU Ballroom. Get ready! the Department of Design & Human Environment is having an end-of-the-year fashion exhibition to showcase some of Oregon State University's top apparel designers.



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Native American poet and screenwriter to speak tonight

Sherman Alexie to speak at LaSells Stewart Center at 7:30 tonight

BAROMETER STAFF REPORT

Sherman Alexie, a Native American writer, poet and filmmaker, is coming to the LaSells Stewart Center tonight at 7:30 to present his lecture, "Without Reservations: An Urban Indian's Comic, Poetic, and Highly Irreverent Look at the World.

Coming from a wealth of experience, Alexie's presentations address contemporary American Indian life, as well as issues of race, religion, politics and more infused with his own blend of veracity and humor. Intended to shock and

Sherman Alexie

What: Lecture, "Without Reservation: An Urban Indian's Comic, Poetic, and Highly Irreverent Look at the World" When: 7:30 tonight Where: LaSells Stewart Center

reshape stereotypes and common misconceptions, some of Alexie's works include the screenplay for the movie, "Smoke Signals," and his critically acclaimed "I Would Steal Horses" and "The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven."

The lecture will be free to the public, and will be signlanguage interpreted. Following the lecture, Alexie will be signing autographs, while books and DVDs will



Anthony Cornell and Sara Stokes perform a dance set to pop and rock music as part of Pure Choice '05 in Gill Coliseum on Tuesday night.

PURE CHOICE: Video on college students and STDs sobering

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Paul Metzger, who addressed the crowd with an analogy on

"Sex is like fire," he said. "Like fire, sex is not something to play with even though it's something to enjoy. ... Sex will leave its mark on you, sometimes forever."

Metzger showed a clip from the movie "Moulin Rouge" to illustrate his belief that sex demonstrates a longing for something more profound.

"Sex becomes a cheap act when it is meant to be a holistic experience," he said in reference to today's culture of casual sex.

Graduate student Carissa Miller, 25, gave a testimony as to the healing she's found after having experienced pressured, forced and consensual

She became a Christian

while a student at OSU, and has since taken a stand to remain sexually pure.

A local drama group gave a dance presentation to a backdrop of popular songs by artists such as Jack Johnson, Linkin Park and Hoobastank, whose lyrics speak of relationship issues with which people deal every day.

Later, a video on the rise of STDs among youth and college students and its effects on future relationships and children sobered the crowd with its statistics.

"We tend to see from the media only the pleasure side [of sex], not the ramifications," Troncale said.

At the end of the evening, Senior Pastor Rob Verdeyen encouraged audience members to "know where you stand before you get caught in the heat of the moment.'

'So many people are hurting because of the choice of pleasure for one night," he said.

Ashley Blake, staff writer

FEES: As far as tuition, OSU will see relatively low 2 percent increase for resident students

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from across campus," Grant quips to Petkun as he enters late. "We only had to drive I-5, but I'm sure your walk was long.

Grant and his van of OSU students, along with members of ASUO and the Portland State University student body president, were on hand to testify about the 2005-06 OUS Academic Year Fee Book.

The current fee book, a draft based on the governor's proposed budget, is a source of controversy among student leaders. Along with expected tuition increases — 2 percent for OSU resident students taking 15 credits, but 7 percent for those taking 12 — the book outlines new fees that might hit students if the proposed budget is passed come June.

These fees, known as "programmatic fees," would be added to certain students' bills depending on their college or department.

As outlined in the book, all liberal arts and science stu-

dents taking upper division "Glad that you could make it courses will see a \$40 fee tacked on to their bills every term. HDFS majors will see a new \$75 fee assessed on their bills.

And finally, a fee increase will go to students in the design and human environment program. Apparel and interior design students can expect an extra \$100 per term in fees from their college.

If passed as drafted, OSU will see the least of all tuition and fee increases. For example, honor students at UO will see a \$700 fee increase. As far as tuition is concerned, OSU will see the relatively low 2 percent increase for resident students.

And because of the reinstatement of the tuition plateau, non-resident students can expect a 1 percent drop in tuition prices. This is not the case for fellow OUS schools. PSU, Western Oregon and the Oregon Institute of Technology will all see a 9 percent rise in tuition and UO will see an 8 percent increase.

"If we don't fight to reduce these fees, we are going to start

losing in-state students," Grant

He added in testimony: "We feel that these programmatic fees are simply back-door tuition increases to make up for deficient state funding to the Oregon University System."

"These fees are an underhanded and sneaky way to charge students," Petkun added in his own testimony.

ASPSU President Christy Harper said in her testimony that these fees were a way for the state to "ask Oregon students to pay more for less." She went on to stress the importance of a true tuition freeze.

As with most governmental budget issues, students will have to wait and see. The formal fee book meeting of the State Board of Higher Education will take place on June 3.

But no final number will be known until, at the earliest, mid-summer, when the state budget is finalized. A potential tuition freeze, currently being debated in the Legislature, could change everything.

Until then, students can contact ASOSU's Kevin Grant at state.affairs@oregonstate.edu.

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BODY ART: High Priestess Piercing, Sacred Art Tattoo maintain high safety standards

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ground," Freshour said. that has regulations and We're just giving information, allowing students to make decisions for themselves."

Important factors for those considering art include whether piercing and tattooing is done in separate rooms, how instruments are sterilized and what types of metals the shop uses for its

Jewelry should only be made of surgical grade stainless steel, 14- or 18-karat solid gold, niobium or titani-

The types of threading on body jewelry is equally important. Externally threaded jewelry can tear piercings, whereas internally-threaded jewelry avoids contact with the piercing entirely.

To guarantee hygienic service and high quality, High Priestess is a member of the Association of Professional Piercers.

The APP is like a self-governed body of professionals

rules for body art that are higher than even federal rules," High Priestess representative Jesse Frink said.

Information on APP regulations can be found at www.safe-piercing.org.

Frink has been piercing professionally just more than four years, and has recently moved to Corvallis from Arizona, where the other two High Priestess shops are located.

The Corvallis High Priestess Piercing location shares its office with Sacred Art Tattoo, a well-established tattoo studio in the process of celebrating its 10th anniversary.

Sacred Art Tattoo definitely has the right to pride itself on safety.

All needles used for tattoos are disposed of after a single use, as well as razors, applicators and ointments.

Instruments not thrown away are sterilized in an autoclave, which uses a combination of heat and pressure to sterilize equipment.

General science senior Jackie Weldon has a tattoo of a dragonfly on her foot, as well as navel and nose pierc-

"I really like dragonflies, because they represent beauty, strength and freedom. Sort of a strong woman thing, I guess," she said.

Weldon doesn't plan to stop there. The PHA student coordi-

nator also wants a sea turtle with a shamrock on its shell. "I was born on March 17,

so the shamrock is for that," she said. "I like the symbolism for luck, too. And sea turtles are fun and playful." The word tattoo comes from the Tahitian word,

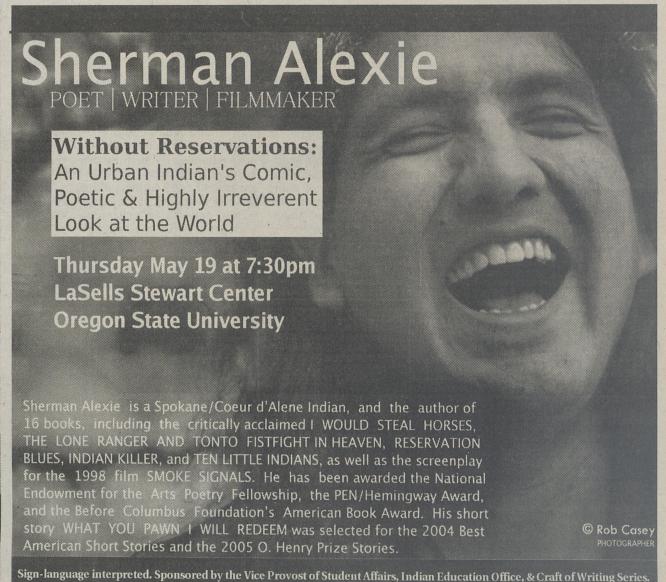
"tatau," meaning to mark something. The first syllable of the word, "ta" means to strike something. Tattoos have covered the

earth for nearly 5,000 years and continue to show up on all kinds of people.

Currently, quite popular with youth, they shouldn't fade in popularity any time

> Lisa Lindner, staff writer campus@dailybarometer.com, 737-2232





Editorial

Give Shasta some thought

The suicide of OSU student Gina Zalunardo is still very fresh in the minds of our students and community.

And while Gina's unfortunate passing was likely not a direct consequence of OSU students' annual Shasta Lake weekend, many have seen her death as an opportunity to call into question the merits of the

In addition to Zalunardo's death, OSU student Sean Matsuda drowned in 2001 while trying to leap from one houseboat to another.

And tragedies involving OSU students at Shasta Lake extend even

The Interfraternity and Panhellenic councils released a statement earlier this week announcing the Greek organizations' desire to discourage OSU's Greek community from further participation in the Mother's Day weekend festivities.

Despite their recommendations, however, the councils are unable to actually enforce any rules banning Greeks from making the trip south, and their ability to call an end to Shasta is negligible.

The Shasta Lake party, however, is not just a Greek event. Students from all walks of OSU life succumb to the temptations of a weekend-long party in the middle of spring term.

After all, what about a weekend at Shasta doesn't sound appealing?

With stress mounting as the school year trudges toward conclusion, a weekend sojourn filled with drinking, outdoor recreation and unwinding with like-minded students can be just what the doctor

Possibly best of all, Shasta Lake is only a five-hour drive from the endless gray tedium of Corvallis.

However, there comes a time when the negative aspects of this "tradition" need to be considered.

And with Shasta, there have been

In the end, the decision of whether to attend the annual Shasta Lake party falls squarely on the shoulders of the individual student.

Nobody can stop students from attending - not Interfraternity Council, not Panhellenic Council and certainly not OSU administra-

However, when a fun tradition turns into a nightmare, and friends with whom students made the drive to Shasta Lake never make it back to Corvallis, perhaps it is time students stopped themselves.

The Shasta Lake trip embodies the fun, free-spirited college atmosphere that many look for in a weekend trip.

But repercussions do exist, and all we ask is that you seriously consider them before packing your swimsuit next Mother's Day weekend.

It's up to you.

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Hooray to the defenders of democracy

resident Bush has made his choice. He wants to be remembered as the world's foremost defender of liberty and freedom. To hear him tell it, we liberated Iraq, we liberated Afghanistan, and we're on the verge of liberating Iran.

We supported and financed of getting our guy installed in regime change in Kyrgyzstan recently (to get our guy in place). We supported the poor, downtrodden people of Ukraine when they staged an uprising (to get our guy in place). Ukraine is the best recent example of our fight for freedom. We were able to oust an evil leader who had the audacity to rig elections to secure his office.

It was the exit polls that made it obvious that the election had been rigged. Those trusty and reliable exit polls, watchdogs of democracy. It was those same exit polls that made it blindingly clear that here in America, we had just had another stolen election as well. But over here, those trusty war on terrorism polls were not so trusty. For some has said, "Help ... reason never explained to an American public, domestic exit 'terrorists' in my polls are not to be trusted — they country, and they're are to be ignored.

And so, while our nation's Surely, we cannot Republicans were indignantly turn around and call bullshit. calling for a new election in Ukraine based on obvious discrepancies, they were quietly discussing the possibility of doing away with exit polls here for the 2008 election cycle. And Americans remain largely ignorant of the existence of what are described as glaring "discrepancies" by those who wish to give the government the benefit of the doubt, and "proof" by those of us tired of having our elections stolen.

Jim Smith the mold. There is no possibility

Our guy is already in office, and

the people want him out.

In Uzbekistan, the ironically named President Islam Karimov has been persecuting and imprisoning Muslims for years. He has been ruling Uzbekistan with an iron fist, and the United States has been accused of silence in the face of human rights atrocities since Uzbekistan was given a

entrance to the allies of the war on terrorism in 2001.

Now we are in a sticky spot politically. Our ally in the there are 'Islamic stirring up trouble."

been rebuilt on the premise that awful, dirty, Islamic "terrorists" are around every corner, lurking in every dark alley of the world, waiting patiently for a chance to burn good, Christian babies and rape our mothers to death and eat them. How would it look if the United States suddenly went soft on TERROR, the moment one of our allies cried wolf? No, we can't back this uprising.

But on the other hand ... this But the latest uprising breaks guy boils prisoners alive, literal-

ly. He runs a country in which opposition parties are not allowed to run, resulting in his winning an "election" by a margin of more than 90 percent.

We can't appear to back him too obviously. We must criticize him and call him names. We must make it clear that it is unacceptable to boil prisoners alive and murder people wholesale with armored personnel carriers and heavy machinegun fire, and if it happens again, then he'll go and spend five minutes in time-out to think about what he's done.

Ah, but not too harshly, yes?

I mean, after all, if it weren't for wonderful, upstanding allies such as Uzbekistan, what would decoder ring and admitted become of our rendition pro-

gram? The CIA would have to find new places to fly prisoners who are to be tortured and/or killed on our behalf.

And more importantly, what would we have done without our air base near would become of our the Afghan border? Why, it would have been that much

harder to fight off the foul, bar-Our entire national image has barous Taliban regime that was so brutal and oppressive to its

> As Scott McClellan said of the poor, ravaged people of Uzbekistan, they "want to see a more representative and democratic government. But that should come through peaceful means, not through violence." Of course not violence. Violence is bad ... everyone knows that.

> They should play circle of friends instead.

> > See SMITH / page 6



Grief is different for everyone

et me first address and admit to a couple of errors in my column last week. I confused the archaeal flagellum with the eubacterial, I said heliocentric when I meant geocentric, and as letter writer Noel Winegar-Thurston pointed out, I mangled the lives of Copernicus and Galileo. Interestingly, Mr. Winegar-Thurston was incorrect in claiming that Galileo invented the telescope. It seems we all make mistakes, but none of them affects my main assertion that "intelligent design" is a false refuge for those whose personal dogma is threatened by empirical evidence.

This column, however, is nominally about Shasta weekend. Specifically, it's about whether the tradition should continue in the wake of two recent deaths during the trip.

In a recent Barometer news story it was stated, with little explanation or elaboration, that the people in charge of OSU's Greek nation no longer approve of the annual Mother's Day weekend event ("Greek leaders to discourage annual Shasta trip," May 17).

It is my opinion that the event itself is not of fundamental importance. Shasta is a place to dance in swimsuits and drink beer, and is neither vital nor pernicious to the state of the union. But, the process by which one makes the decision is interesting.

When people die, as all of us someday will, we put their pictures in the newspaper, talk about their lives and share our recollections of them. Yet strangely, the way we react reflects much more on us than on them.

Some people put an emphasis on showing reverence for the dead. This can be indicative of guilt.

If we didn't show them the proper respect or appreciation in life, we are likely to overcompensate when remembering them. Or, if tragically, a person dies under strange and allegedly preventable circumstances, the same feeling can result.

We may somehow feel responsible for allowing it to happen.

Guilt, generally, also can prevent us from forgetting and moving on. We persist in a state of high mourning for an extremely long time, stuck in atonement for what we could have done differently.

Alternately, some people show undue questioning and hubris. We consider the intricacies of the situ-

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Letters to the Editor

Saunders letter

LGBT have contributed, too

Mr. Saunders stated that the altered American flag flown during Queer Pride Week ignored the contributions and sacrifices of individuals to this country ("Altered flag is offensive," May 17). By saying so, he excludes and ignores many LGBT people who have sacrificed themselves in the service of this country, typically at great cost and little recognition or encouragement because of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

To further assume that the flag is somehow primarily the sacred property of those in direct service to this country is preposterous. The American flag showcases the history and ideals of this country - ideals such as freedom, equality, respect and liberty. This is why it is a powerful reminder of the individuals who have contributed in creating, defending, sustaining and maintaining these ideas, and why it is a highly political symbol over which no group can claim ownership.

This symbolism obviously wasn't lost on the people who made the flag show last week. Creating the rainbow American flag makes a powerful statement that LGBT Americans are fully capable citizens and valuable contributors to America's history and ideals - a radically inclusive commentary in today's charged anti-queer climate.

Altering the flag to recognize LGBT citizens doesn't disrespect the flag, nor the brave individuals who have sacrificed themselves to ensure we live in a free and fair society. It merely tries to recognize and honor LGBT Americans and their contributions to the interwoven fabric of our society, even when vilified and ignored by many people.

I couldn't think of a better medium to con-

vey such a message

Luke Sugie, senior, chemical engineering

Oregon higher ed **Debt crippling to students**

Oregon has not set up a high tuition/high financial aid system. Oregon has set up a high tuition/low financial aid system where the burden of paying for the system is indebted to students. What this generation of lawmakers and proponents of low taxes at any cost can't tell you is what high student-loan debt will do to our economy over the long run. The data on such a large volume of college debt in our society simply does not exist yet.

My guess is that people with a lot of debt won't be able to buy a house, start a family and generally get on with their lives as fast as peo-

ple would expect them to.

Careers that require a lot of education and that are in the public interest but don't pay that well (like teaching, social work, service), will suffer shortages and a lack of fresh talent. However, by the time all that starts to show up in empirical research, it will be too late anyway and like a frog that is slowly boiled alive, no one will know the difference.

Universities will also have a harder time raising donations from their graduates still paying off their student loans, compounding the financial stress placed on universities because of the federal and state governments' inattention. This will raise the price of tuition further. Overall, apathy and selfishness will win over taking the long view and planning for

a world-knowledge-based economy if Oregon and this country continues to target those few people sounding the alarm as special interests. This is everyone's problem; I have seen the enemy and it is all of us. If the post-secondary education policy of this country were an animal, it would be a Dodo bird, an extinct species. India, and other countries focused on education, are going to shoot us out of the air; they already are.

Legislating tuition caps ignores the government's role in why tuition goes up. Further, trying to slow the growth of universities because of a reluctance to pay taxes is about as shortsighted as not feeding your horse on the way to the market.

Tim Young, MPA graduate student, University of Oregon

Shasta trip

How quickly we forget

How ecstatic was I on Monday to read that leaders in the Greek community have come together to discourage future Shasta trips?

Oh, wait, I thought that's what the Greek community did when Sean Matsuda died four years ago. Nothing like devaluing a human

Anybody up for taking bets on how long this will last? One year? Two years? I can tell you that it probably won't last much longer than that. Why? For the same reason people have gone the last couple of years after Sean's death: People will become gradually more removed from this year's tragic event and their desire to party and skip class for a long weekend in California will prevail.

Let's not forget, though, that Greeks aren't the only students going to Shasta. Besides Greeks, I know that many students from the athletic department and the general population go to Shasta, as well. Maybe ASOSU and the SAAC should also step up and make a stance to discourage Shasta. Maybe not.

After all, what difference would it make, especially after hearing that some of the members of Sean's fraternity were in attendance at Shasta this year.

James Underwood, Corvallis resident

Republican leadership

You should be ashamed

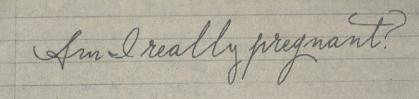
If I gave speeches across the country - singling out a specific group of people — stating that they are the most evil enemies to the United States in its entire history, do you think that a few ignorant people out there would take my words as gospel and try to kill them? If that happened, would I be culpable? Even if it weren't illegal, would you blame me?

The preceding statement is an accurate description of what Republican leadership is doing to federal judges, and they aren't ashamed to admit it.

Tom DeLay has promised the Schiavo case judges would have to "pay for their behavior." Christian Coalition founder Pat Robertson says judges pose a worse threat than the Sept. 11 terrorists. Does it surprise you that in recent weeks federal judges and their families have been the targets of homicides?

Republican and Christians alike should be ashamed of their actions and we all should let our leaders know it.

Chris Lindsley, senior, electrical engineering





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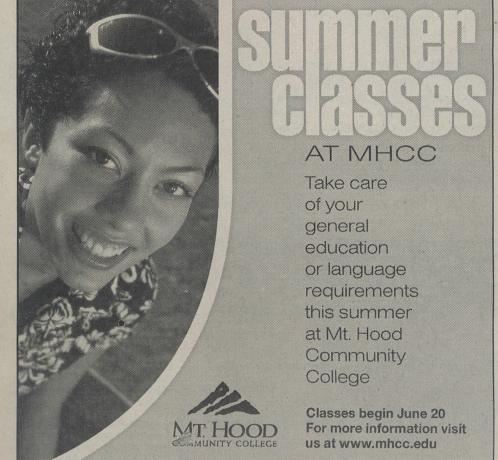
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SMITH: Considering the thin ice that the president is skating on, ignoring Uzbekistan could prove disastrous to our country

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They can sit in a big circle and hold hands and the people can explain that they don't want to be arrested en masse and tortured merely for being Muslims.

Then the government can tell them to go screw them-

When roughly 600 people are slaughtered in a brutal crackdown to prevent a full-blown revolution, the Uzbek citizens can politely ask not to be butchered. Perhaps they can work with politicians to craft legislation that would benefit them. Then the government can tell them to go screw themselves again.

So much for peace.

What Scott McClellan and the callous pricks he represents need to realize is that an armed uprising is a last resort. A citizenry never gets together and says "You know what? Screw it ... let's throw an uprising," if the option of peaceful, democratic solutions is still open. This is because revolutions against the government always cost

And if a citizenry is prepared to pay that price, then it is beyond naïve for American politicians to suggest peaceful reconciliation. Islam Karimov has systematically abused the human rights of the Uzbek people, arresting and torturing Muslims. He is no better than the Taliban, and there are those who say that he is worse than Saddam

Considering the thin ice that we are on with the entire Muslim world for our president's pet project, his "crusade," it could be disastrous to stand by and do nothing about this situation. The citizens of Uzbekistan have shown great bravery and deserve assistance in overthrowing Islam Karimov by force.

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TRIPATHI: It is interesting to note how the the methods of coping reveal much more about the living than the deceased

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our minds.

Look at the message regarding Ms. Zalunardo. There are unfounded allegaexacerbated in the case of a izations. strange or preventable death.

scared of dying, it can prevent us from believing that there is no hidden aspect to the narrative. Without something unusual, it

just reinforces the possibili- you should allow yourself to ty that it could have been you, me or any of us.

People our age seem to be at a strange transition point. In childhood, we knew of the possibility that our lives would end, but most of us never had an experience to force us to feel that it is an inevitability.

Now we narrow the broad possibility of youth into a forward-looking focus on where we are going.

ation, and debate them in This leads to a string of realizations about what it is like to progress through the boards on the Barometer stages of life. We aren't over Web site under every story the hill, but we can imagine the other side.

So when someone our age tions, speculation and free- dies, it is the harbinger of floating doubt. This is also the harshest of those real-

> What is the right way to grieve? I don't think there is

> > answer to that question. Many people will tell you there is a right way: show respect, you should

laugh, celebrate life, don't forget or some combination of the above.

But don't listen to them; there isn't a right answer.

As I said, it is interesting to note how the suggestions and the methods reveal more about the living than the dead. I suppose my vague denial of any correct method says something about me.

The only thing I will assert is absolutely correct is: You definitely should respect those who really knew the deceased.

In a highly publicized incident, such as the most recent death, with the striking yet confounding smile on the media file photo, many people unfamiliar with the person will nevertheless feel personally

If you see a picture in the newspaper and feel sympathy, that is natural.

But if you didn't know the person, you owe it to the people who did to show them the respect and consideration they deserve in their difficult time. The time of grieving is for the friends and families of the dead.

Recently, two people have died at Shasta. Does that mean we should stop going?

One was suicide, the other a likely-alcohol induced accident. It would be true to say that events similar to either could have happened in Corvallis. Young people die of accidents or selfinflicted injury all over the world.

Yet, it is likely that the time and place may have contributed to the causes of death. A relaxing party weekend in the sun can prove, for surprisingly many people, to be an extremely or even intolerably stressful situation. And, we know that people are encouraged to drink in excess at Shasta.

Still, both deaths were predicated by intent or disregard for safety on the part of the deceased. These are individual causes, and not intrinsic to the lake itself.

It is important to realize, the choice in what we do will be made by and for the living. We feign to decide for the sake of the dead, as though there exists a correct way to appease their spirit. Seen in that light, it is clearly just an attempt to alleviate our own apprehension or remorse about our lives.

Go to Shasta if you want; it isn't very important either

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Federal judge denies Indian tribe's plea to halt nuclear dump

LAS VEGAS — A federal judge has denied an Indian tribe's plea to stop federal plans for a national nuclear waste dump in Nevada based on a claim the project violates a 19th century treaty.

With the Yucca Mountain repository yet to open and a disputed rail line yet to be built, U.S. District Judge Philip Pro decided not to issue an injunction. He said the Western Shoshone National Council couldn't demonstrate "immediate and irreparable" harm.

Lawyer Robert Hager of Reno, representing the tribe, said Wednesday a decision on whether to appeal has not been made. Hager said Pro's ruling did leave open the possibility that the tribe could seek an injunction later.

Energy Department spokesman Allen Benson said the government was gratified by the ruling. He said the department filed a motion Monday asking Pro to dismiss the tribe's March 4 lawsuit outright.

In his ruling Tuesday, Pro did not address that request. He rejected the tribe's stop the federal government from applying to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for an operating license and from planning a railroad line across Nevada to reach the \$58 billion repository.

The tribe claims the Ruby Valley Treaty of 1863 allowed only specified uses of Western Shoshone ancestral lands including settlements, mining, ranching, agriculture, railroads, roads and communication routes. Hager said a nuclear waste dump is not among those uses.

The treaty recognized vast stretches of territory in present-day Nevada, California, Utah and Idaho as Western Shoshone tribal land. An Indian Claims Commission decided in 1946 that the tribe lost the land through "gradual encroachment."

Justice Department lawyer Sara Culley said during oral arguments April 27 that the tribe's challenge to the Yucca project was "a direct contradiction of a congressional mandate."

The judge agreed. An injunction halting planning for the repository "would delay

request for a preliminary injunction to progress towards completing Congress' chosen solution" to entomb the nation's most radioactive waste, Pro wrote in his ruling.

Congress in 2002 picked Yucca Mountain as the site to contain 77,000 tons of spent nuclear fuel now stored in 39 states. The site is at the western edge of the Nevada Test Site, within ancient Shoshone

The Energy Department also has proposed building a 319-mile rail route across Nevada to ship waste from Caliente, 150 miles northeast of Las Vegas, to the Yucca site, 90 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

The project has been beset by troubles and delays since a federal appeals court in Washington, D.C., tossed out a key radiation standard last year. The Environmental Protection Agency said Monday it expects to issue a new standard by September.

Revelations in March that workers may have falsified data on the project have also prompted several inquiries, and project officials have pushed back an original opening date from 2010 to 2012 or later.

Intel wins state tax break

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HILLSBORO - Washington County commissioners and Hillsboro city councilors unanimously to voted approve an extension of Intel property tax exemptions - a \$579 million incentive for the chip maker to continue investing in Oregon.

More than 100 people attended Tuesday night's meeting where the councilors and commissioners jointly considered the Intel pact. Supporters testifying in favor of the agreement outnumbered opponents by a 6-1 ratio, praising it as an economic windfall for the region.

Intel is Oregon's largest private employer, with 15,500 people working at seven campuses in the Hillsboro

The pact extends until 2025 an agreement that exempts

nearly all of Intel's high-tech equipment from property taxes.

The proposed 15-year pact would exempt as much as \$25 billion in new equipment upgrades from local property taxes and take effect whenever Intel exhausts \$12.5 billion in exemptions from its last agreement, approved in 1999. Intel estimates that will happen in 2010.

The company, which hasn't committed to any new Oregon investment, contends it would be too expensive to build its multibillion-dollar factories and research centers in Oregon if it were taxed on the full value of its equip-

Intel's new deal, like its current arrangement, requires the company to pay regular property taxes on its land and buildings.

SUICIDE: UCPS has aided several since Zalunardo's death

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"A simple expression of care can be enough to bring them around," Taylor said.

She added that it's helpful to share information about resources available to people in need.

Taylor said talking to friends, family or advisers is usually helpful.

Trying to break the isolation can be really important," Taylor said. "Trying to get someone to move beyond despair and helping them feel reconnected again.'

But no matter how much help is out there, some people follow through with suicidal thoughts.

"It's a national problem," Taylor said.

Each year, more than 30,000 people in the United States commit suicide, UCPS says. Also, suicide is the second leading cause of death for college-aged students, Taylor

In addition to forwarding information about suicide prevention, OSU leaders want to help those who have to deal with loss.

Suicide

Onick facts:

--- More than 30,000 people in the United States commit suicide each year -Suicide is the second leading cause of death for college-aged students For more information on suicide prevention and grief: Contact University Counseling and Psychological Services at 737-2131

Those who were close to people who commit suicide are known as "survivors." UCPS notes that survivors often experience several different kinds of grief reactions.

An initial reaction when a friend or family member commits suicide is shock.

"It's almost never the case that people think, 'Oh, yeah, I saw this coming,'" Taylor said, calling the reaction normal.

Symptoms of temporary depression can follow, Taylor said. Those can include disturbed sleep, a loss of appetite or even physical problems.

Anger is another symptom common for survivors.

"Often there is anger at the world, at God, at the person who died, at the circumstances. It's a normal response," but one that often worries people, Taylor said.

Taylor said it's important for people to know that anger is a normal part of the healing

Guilt can also be an intense reaction in the case of suicide, Taylor said.

"People say, 'If only I had done this ... or if I had said something different ...," Tay-

Taylor said it's important for people to realize that there is a 'limit to what any of us can

Experts also stress that suicide is not a simple matter, noting that there is no typical

"Suicide is almost always complicated, resulting from a combination of painful suffering, desperate hopelessness and other complicated factors," UCPS notes.

In the wake of Zalunardo's suicide, Taylor said UCPS has aided a few people who were having issues.

Taylor said that overall, the campus has reacted well to the tragedy.

People have come together ... they've really supported each other," Taylor said. "It's still early ... people are still probably digesting what happened.

> Dan Traylor, news editor news@dailybarometer.com, 737-6376

ASA: Group officially recognized just three weeks ago, but it took months to get there

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Eastern culture.

Through education, El Yaaqoubi said she wants to break many negative stereotypes of Middle Easterners as well as make sure people have fun.

"My mission as a student from an Arab country is to stereotypes,' Yaaqoubi said. "Every day I want to show people who I

El Yaaqoubi said the organization was officially recognized by OSU three weeks ago, but it had taken months for the group to move from an idea to an official associa-

She said there are six founding student members in the group who hail from Syria, Morocco, Saudi Arabia and the United States.

Parvathy Binoy, a student in political science, was the group's correspondent with the Women's Center.

She said she was happy with the event's turnout, which drew students as well as faculty.

"This dinner event is really a chance to [make] people

aware - to have them experience Middle Eastern culture and to have fun," Binoy

Binoy said the group has no official funding at this time from OSU.

"It's our money, our time," she said. "But for us, it's worth it.

Seeing one of her professors walk through the door, El Yaaqoubi stood to greet him energetically.

"We're so happy that people are enjoying themselves," she said, motioning toward her professor at the door.

"That's what makes me happy to see."

After dinner, the group presented an award-winning documentary video called "Promises." The documentary address-

es the Israeli/Palestinian conflict from the perspective of children born in the

El Yaaqoubi said the children are the products of the culture they were born into and live in.

Standing at the door, Mansour Al Bogami, public rela-

tions director for ASA and a political science major, warmly greeted people as they entered the Women's Center.

"Hey, guys, thanks for coming," he called.

For the evening, Al Bogami said ASA members cooked the food themselves and had been hard at work for the past three weeks preparing.

Dishes included food from Saudi Arabia, Syria and Morocco.

'We'd been thinking about [the group] for about six months," Al Bogami said.

'We have our own ideas and cultures to share. We're so glad people responded." Above the din of mingling

guests, the beat of Lebanese and Moroccan music played from a laptop with speakers.

"I miss Middle-Eastern food very much," said Theo Sery, a student in English. "I don't get enough here at

Surveying the crowded Women's Center, Sery nodded and said seeing such a wide range of people at the dinner was refreshing.

"I think [the ASA] is something that's necessary; the more outreach the better."

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Cuban militant presents Bush administration with tough choices

By Curt Anderson

MIAMI — Freedom fighter or terrorist? Illegal alien or persecuted Cuban refugee? The Bush administration faces a tough choice in deciding what to do with Luis Posada Carriles, wanted on suspicion of orchestrating the deadly 1976 bombing of a Cuban airliner.

Posada, a 77-year-old Cuban exile, was being held Wednesday at an undisclosed location in the United States while U.S. immigration officials decided his fate. He was taken into custody Tuesday, two months after he slipped into the United States and asked for asylum.

The Bush administration has at least three choices: extradite Posada to Venezuela, where he is wanted in the airliner bombing that killed 73 people; send him to a third country willing to accept him; or let him stay in the United States.

Over the past 45 years, the U.S. government has condoned and even backed acts of sabotage against Fidel Castro's communist Cuba, and federal law specifically welcomes anti-Castro exiles. But the United States could find itself accused of a double standard on terrorism if it shelters Posada.

If Posada is allowed to stay, "it would diminish U.S. standing in the world and significantly undercut our credibility in terms of the war on terrorism," said Wayne Smith, a former U.S. envoy to Cuba who now heads the Cuba program at the Washington-based Center for International Policy. "It would be a serious blow to our war on terrorism."

Venezuelan Vice President Jose Vicente Rangel said that this case "is going to be emblematic, really, to assess exactly what is the final position of the American government and particularly President Bush with respect to terrorism."

"It seems that for some there is a good terrorism and a bad terrorism," he added. A decision on whether Posada should be deported must be made under U.S. law by Thursday afternoon. The U.S. government has not said what it will do, but in a statement the Homeland Security Department said it generally does not deport people to Cuba or countries acting on Cuba's behalf.

Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, the president's brother, said Posada should not be sent back to Cuba or Venezuela. But he also said: "I'm not sure he's the symbol for the fight for freedom. There are people in political prison in Cuba simply because they've prayed to their God or they've expressed dissent."

Venezuela, whose president, Hugo Chavez, is a staunch U.S. critic who has a strained relationship with Washington, has an extradition treaty with the United States and has asked the United States to turn Posada over for a possible retrial in the airliner bombing.

Castro has repeatedly renounced Cuba's right to try Posada and has instead argued that he should be turned over to Venezuela or an international tribunal. The Cuban president has branded Posada a torrariet

Venezuela's vice president gave assurances Wednesday that if the United States hands Posada over to Venezuela, he will not be turned over to Cuba.

Posada's attorney, Eduardo Soto, said that his client withdrew his request for asylum in the United States. But if the Bush administration moves to deport him, Posada will seek asylum again, based on claims of persecution by Venezuela and fear of reprisals by Cuba, the lawyer said.

"He was tried on two occasions and was not convicted," Soto said. "How many bites of the apple do they want?"

The United States could allow Posada to stay by invoking the Cuban Adjustment Act, which enables Cubans to become permanent U.S. residents after a year and a day in America.

Florida's vocal Cuban-American community is passionately anti-Castro. But Posada's case has not stirred outrage. Some Cuban exiles said they support his aim of toppling Castro but disagree with his alleged use of violence.

"People understand (his detention). This is a nation of laws," said Ninoska Perez-Castellon, head of the Miamibased Cuban Liberty Council. "They did what they had to do."

Others, however, questioned the U.S. government's timing, noting that Posada was taken into custody just as Castro was demanding his detention during a protest march in Havana with tens of thousands of people

The Cuban airliner crashed off Barbados after taking off for Havana. Venezuelan authorities have said Posada helped plot the bombing from Caracas. Posada was awaiting a retrial after his second acquittal in the bombing when he escaped from a Venezuelan prison in 1985, disguised as a priest.

Posada has also been linked to a series of 1997 bombings in Cuba, one of which killed an Italian tourist. Last August, Posada and three others were pardoned by Panama's president for their role in an alleged assassination plot against Castro during a conference in Panama in 2000.

Twenty Democratic House members, led by Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio, urged President Bush in a letter to hand Posada over to Venezuela, saying the people killed in the attacks were no different than those in the United States on Sept. 11, 2001.

"It is not only inconceivable to imagine the possibility of granting this terrorist asylum, but also of denying justice to all of the victims of his crimes," said the letter, released Wednesday.

Posada's history as a former CIA operative, a participant in the U.S.-backed Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in 1961, and a veteran of the U.S. Army could tilt the scales in his favor

Cost for Washington state election challenge tops \$4M

By Matthew Daly

WASHINGTON — A legal battle to overturn the Washington governor's election has cost more than \$4 million so far and could exceed \$6 million before it's done, officials from the two parties said Wednesday.

Republican Dino Rossi is challenging Democratic Gov. Christine Gregoire's 129-vote victory in the November elec-

Rossi, a former state senator and real estate investor, won the first count and a machine recount. But Gregoire, the state's former attorney general, won a final, hand recount of 2.9 million ballots.

"I am going to be governor sooner or later. I'm working on sooner," Rossi said at a news conference Wednesday at the Republican Governors Association headquarters.

Rossi said he was in town to raise money for the protracted legal fight and to meet with GOP leaders about the lawsuit, which is set to start Monday in Superior Court in Wenatchee, Wash.

The legal challenge "is not free or easy or cheap," Rossi said.

The 6-month-old case has cost the GOP more than \$2 million so far, Rossi said, with the state Republican Party paying most of the tab. The Republican governors' group has spent about \$300,000 and the Republican National Committee about \$100,000, he and other Republicans said.

Democrats have spent about \$2.2 million so far defending the election and expect to spend up to \$3.5 million, state party Chairman Paul Berendt said.

Rossi and Mark Braden, a Washington, D.C., lawyer hired by the state GOP, said they were confident they will prove Rossi was the real winner once illegal votes are deducted.

Republicans are focusing on Seattle-based King County, where election officials have acknowledged letting some people vote illegally while not counting other, legal votes. It's the state's most populous county with nearly 30 percent of the state's registered voters.

"King County has the worst election system I've ever seen in the United States — period," said Braden, a veteran election-law expert whose work includes the 2000 presidential recount in New Mexico and disputed governors' races in New Jersey and Illinois.

Salem police chief to retire; city will recruit nationwide

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SALEM — After nearly a decade of leading the Salem police force, Chief Walt Myers says he will retire June 1.

Myers, 57, said he is leaving to pursue other job opportunities.

"I always planned on leaving at 55," he said. "It's not that I'm leaving early. I stayed late."

The city will launch a nationwide recruitment effort in June to find a replacement, City Manager Bob Wells said.

"We'll be looking for a solid police chief who can continue to build relations with the community because Walt was great with that," Wells said. "Walt's done a tremendous job as chief, and he's built up a really strong, highly respected department."

Myers, a 34-year police veteran, has led a department that has faced a tight budget and an increase in crime, including gang violence, identity theft, stolen cars and methamphetamine use.

"It's been a difficult tenure," Mayor Janet Taylor said of Myers. "I would say he's done an excellent job of managing in a very difficult atmosphere."

Salem's population grew by 21

percent — more than 25,000 people — during Myers' tenure. At the same time, the police department added 19 sworn officers, with the current force totaling 180.

Myers came to Salem in late 1995 from Las Vegas, where he had been a deputy police chief.

Under Myers, Salem police began their Neighborhood Response Effort, focusing efforts on specific troubled communities. The Southeast Salem Neighborhood Association reported a 23 percent reduction in property crime a year after police began a response effort there.

In response to complaints from the city's minority community about alleged police abuse, Myers supported the creation of the Community Policing Advisory Committee in 1999 and the Community Police Review Board in 2003.

"I think it's a call for all of the leaders in our community to recognize that discrimination does exist," he said. "Bias is real. And we must enlist every police officer to say, 'Hey, I want to address discrimination as if it were I being targeted."

With knot of urban woes, L.A. turns to first Hispanic mayor in a century

By Michael R. Blood

LOS ANGELES — Antonio Villaraigosa on Wednesday vowed to be "a mayor for all Los Angeles" after his election as the city's first Hispanic mayor since 1872, a milestone that marks a changing of the guard in a city where Latinos now have political clout to match their burgeoning numbers.

The milestone was evident as Villaraigosa walked up to the podium at his victory party amid chants of "Si, se puede," Spanish for "Yes, we can." He then promised to "bring this great city together" and thanked the people who inspired him during his rise from the barrio.

Villaraigosa, 52, defeated Mayor James Hahn by an unexpectedly wide margin Tuesday, 59 percent to 41 percent, in the nation's second-largest city.

"I've said to people, 'I'm an American of Mexican descent and I intend to be a mayor for all Los Angeles,"' he said Wednesday while visiting a vocational school. "In this diverse city, that's the only way it can work."

The victory by one Democrat over another came about a decade after Hispanics became the biggest ethnic group in the city. Los Angeles is now 48 percent Hispanic, 31 percent white, 11 percent Asian and 10 percent black.

"Clearly this is an opportunity at the very least for a new kind of multiracial coalition. This is different — Latinos in the lead with African-Americans playing a key role with white liberals and Jews," said Franklin D. Gilliam Jr., a political scientist at the University of California at Los Angeles. "It's a different kind of pecking order."

When he is sworn in July 1, Villaraigosa will become the first Hispanic mayor of Los Angeles in 133 years. Back then, the city was nothing but a town of 5,000 people on the edge of the Western frontier.

Raised in Los Angeles by a single mother, Villaraigosa (pronounced VEE-uh-rah-go-sa) grew up on the edge of poverty, dropped out of high school and once had a tattoo that read "Born to Raise Hell." He later had the tattoo removed after he became a father

Inspired by a teacher to resume his education, he eventually earned a law degree and was elected to the state Assembly in 1994, where he quickly became speaker. Forced out by term limits in 2000, he ran unsuccessfully against Hahn for mayor in 2001 then was elected to the City Council in 2003.

"I stand here today because people believed in me," he said in his victory speech.

Villaraigosa's challenge will be uniting the city's diverse and often-competing ethnic groups. He must now carry through with solutions to the problems he discussed on the campaign trail — gangs, a lack of afford-

able housing and worsening traffic.

"The challenge isn't getting elected

"The challenge isn't getting elected now, the challenge is governing how is he going to do this when he is under tremendous pressure from his own community, plus African Americans who abandoned Hahn?" Gilliam said

Hahn, the scion of a prominent political family, was turned out of office despite Los Angeles' job growth and falling crime rate. His lackluster first term was tainted by corruption allegations at City Hall. He lost black support because he backed the ouster of Police Chief Bernard Parks, who is black. And he was hurt by his stiff, reserved demeanor.

He becomes the first Los Angeles mayor in 32 years to be bounced from office

"Once you recognize that you're a public servant, that means you're someone's employee," Hahn said Wednesday at his campaign head-quarters. "The employer makes hiring and firing decisions, and I accept that decision."

After Hahn won 80 percent of the black vote in 2001, Villaraigosa's advisers knew they needed to assure the black community that their interests would not be overlooked in a Villaraigosa administration. He was helped by a long list of black endorsements, from basketball legend Magic Johnson to Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Los Angeles.





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Terrorism by environmental, animal rights extremists is rising

WASHINGTON - Environmental and animal rights activists who have turned to arson and explosives are the nation's top domestic terrorism threat, an FBI official told a Senate committee on Wednesday.

Groups such as the Animal Liberation Front, the Earth Liberation Front and Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty are "way out in front" in terms of damage and number of crimes, said John Lewis, the FBI's deputy assistant director for counterterrorism.

There is nothing else going on in this country over the last several years that is racking up the high number of violent crimes and terrorist actions," Lewis said.

ALF says on its Web site that its small, autonomous groups of people take "direct action" against animal abuse by rescuing animals and causing financial loss to animal exploiters, usually through damage and destruction of property. ELF is an underground movement with no public leadership, membership or spokesperson.

The British-based SHAC describes itself as a worldwide campaign since 1999 to rescue animals tortured in research labs and shut down the businesses that rely on their use. It says it "does not encourage or incite illegal activity."

Lewis said the FBI reached its conclusion after analyzing all types of cases and comparing the groups with "right-wing extremists, KKK, anti-abortion groups and the like." He said most animal rights and eco-extremists so far have refrained from violence targeting human life.

'The FBI has observed troubling signs that this is changing. We have seen an escalation in violent rhetoric and tactics," he told the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. "Attacks are also growing in frequency and size."

Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., the panel's chairman, said he hoped to examine more closely how the groups might be getting assistance in fund-raising and communications from taxexempt organizations' "mainstream activists" not directly blamed for the violence.

"Just like al-Qarda or any other terrorist organization, ELF and ALF cannot accomplish their goals without money, membership and the media," Inhofe said.

The FBI said 35 of its offices have 150 open investigations, with activists claiming credit for 1,200 crimes between 1990 and mid-2004.

Investigators cite examples of people using arson, bombings, theft, animal releases, vandalism, harassing phone calls, letters rigged with razor blades, and office takeovers.

Such tactics have been used in what officials call "direct action" campaigns to disrupt university research labs, restaurants, fur farms and logging operations. Newer targets include SUV dealerships and new home developments as signs of urban sprawl.

Officials say the incidents have caused more than \$110 million in damage. The biggest so far was an arson at a five-story condominium under construction in San Diego in August 2003 that caused \$50 million in damage.

In the past few years arson fires and explosives have been used increasingly, Lewis said. 'We have a serious movement afoot," he said.

Since 1993, when ELF declared solidarity with ALF, "there has been a convergence of agendas," said Carson Carroll, deputy assistant director for field operations of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the nation's premier bomb investigators.

"The most worrisome trend to law enforcement and private industry alike has been the increase in willingness by these movements to resort to the use of incendiary and explosive devices," Carroll said.

House scales back nationwide colorcoded terrorism threat alert system

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Homeland Security Department would be forced to scale back its color-coded alert system for nationwide terrorism threats and tailor public warnings to specific, targeted locations under a House bill nearing a vote.

Changes in the threat system were part of a wide-ranging bill, expected to be approved Wednesday, that would set Homeland Security priorities for next year. It also would require the hiring of 2,000 border patrol agents far above the 210 requested by President Bush - and bolster efforts to remove illegal immigrants from the United

Additionally, the bill directs Homeland Security to give more intelligence about nuclear and biological weapons to state, local and private-sector officials. It also provides \$11 million for research companies to deploy anti-terror technology more quickly without the fear of facing product liability

"We've had to make hard choices and we've had to set priorities," said Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., chair of

"As a result, we have not funded every initiative to protect against every conceivable mean by which a terrorist might mount an attack," Cox said. "But what we have done is base our funding decisions on the best intelligence available - on terrorist capabilities and intentions, and on the actual risk of a terrorist attack.'

The White House issued a statement opposing the legislation, saying its provisions could "hinder the department's ability to implement its various missions.'

The Senate is working on its own version of a Homeland Security bill, but a Republican spokeswoman could not offer a deadline for when it might be finished.

The color-coded system, introduced in March 2002, has been widely criticized for being too vague to help the public understand what kind of threat it faces. Under the House legislation, Homeland Security would have to give specific information about an attack's target and how to respond to the threat. It would also make the color system optional.

Ideally, Republican aides said, alerts would be issued the House Homeland Securi- to geographic regions or

threat levels were raised to orange, or high risk, at financial sectors in New York City, Washington and northern New Jersey last August.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff is considering changes to the syswhich could be announced as soon as next month. The national alert level stands at yellow meaning elevated risk.

No lawmakers challenged the proposed changes.

'The system has provided more material for late-night comedians than effective information on threats for the public," said Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss.

Though Democrats said the bill did not go far enough to shore up vulnerabilities at airports and chemical plants, Thompson called it a "good

The House plan also changes the so-called "30minute rule" that prohibits airplane passengers to leave their seats within a half-hour flying in or out of Reagan National Airport in Washington. The amendment by Rep. Vernon Ehlers, R-Mich., would reduce the time to 15 minutes. The ban has been in place since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Senate leaders joust on Bush nominees, filibuster; still no deal reached

By Jesse J. Holland

WASHINGTON - As conservatives planned pray-ins outside the U.S. Capitol and the Supreme Court, small groups of senators in both parties willing to cross their respective leaders scurried in and out of closed meetings Wednesday searching for an elusive compromise to a show-

down over judicial filibusters. Offers to scuttle one, two or more of President Bush's blocked appeals court nominations in defiance of demands by Bush and Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., to seat them all were floated by maverick Republicans.

They exchanged different lists with a half dozen or more Democrats who until now have been united behind their leader, Harry Reid of Nevada, in blocking all those nominees for lifetime judgeships. Some now seemed ready to confirm some

Democratic Sen. Ken Salazar

ators trying to craft a deal, a spokesman said.

"If we can just get past this week and this moment of confrontation, I do believe that the Senate can come together and work on a higher level," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., a participant in many of the discussions. "And who wins? The troops in the field win because they get a Senate that can function, and the public at large

On the Senate floor, tears welled up in GOP Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's eyes as she talked about how her homestate nominee and friend, Texas Supreme Court Justice Priscilla Owen, has been savaged since President Bush first nominated her for a lifetime appellate judgeship after winning the presidency.

She has sat quietly as people who could not, do not, have the faintest idea of what she is really like have vilified her, distorted her opinions and questioned her motives," Hutchison

ing home from the Korean War.

Owen, the nominee debated Wednesday, is praised as an ideal candidate by conservatives but criticized by liberals as being biased toward business interests and against abortion.

The clock on a potentially debilitating showdown began ticking Wednesday morning when Frist, with no objection from Democrats, formally brought before the Senate Owen's nomination to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

"Make no mistake, we are on the precipice of a constitutional crisis and are about to fall into the abyss," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. "Judges are under siege, our Constitution is under attack and our precious system of checks and balances is under

As lawmakers clashed on the Senate floor over the Democrats' blockade of Owen, negotiators from both parties played cat-and-mouse with reporters of Colorado had attended at said, voice breaking as she as they tried to work behind the least 13 private meetings over talked about how Owen's father scenes to craft a deal that the previous 24 hours with sendied of polio weeks after comwould avert a confrontation.

Meeting in different offices around the Capitol complex in Sen. John Warner's at one

Republican Mike point. DeWine's at another — lawmakers sought to craft a compromise that would keep them from having to decide whether the Senate should allow judicial filibusters to even be a theoret-

ical possibility in the future. Hoping to convince senators of their cause's righteousness and help Bush put a strict conservative on the courts if a position comes open, conservative groups planned pray-ins outside the Capitol and the

'We are enlisting hundreds of thousands of church leaders and members to pray that proabortion, anti-values forces will not be able to hold the federal courts and especially the extremist views through pressing senators to continue the misuse of the filibuster rule," said Rev. Rob Schenk, president of the National Clergy Council.

Frist, frustrated by the Democrats' success in blocking Bush nominees, has threatened to call a vote on banning judicial filibusters. If such a Supreme Court as the debate move were to succeed, it would the tie in favor of Frist.

give the GOP full control over which nominees could be confirmed for lifetime judgeships since the party controls the White House and has a 55-44-1 majority in the Senate.

The filibuster, a parliamen-Supreme Court hostage to their tary stalling device used by legislative minorities, can be overcome only by a majority of 60 votes or more in the 100-member Senate.

Frist needs to get a majority of senators to agree to ban judicial filibusters — 51 if all 100 senators vote. If the Senate deadlocks, Vice President Dick Cheney would vote and break

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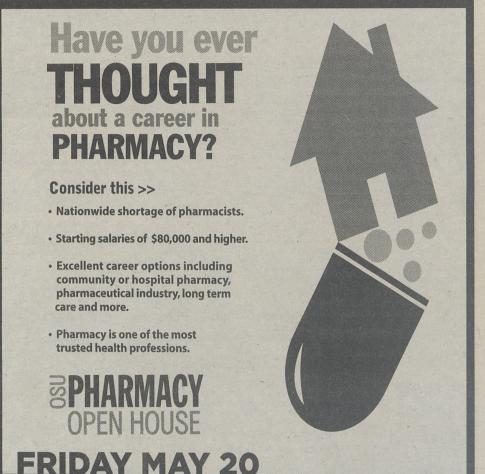
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Vijay's back in town

NATADOLA HARBOUR, Fiji (AP) — Vijay Singh made his first visit to his native Fiji in nine years Wednesday, saying he wants to help end ethnic tensions and build a world-class golf course.

Singh accepted a Fiji government request to become a national goodwill ambassador and is scheduled to meet Prime Minister Laisenia Qarase during the trip.

"It's good to be back," said Singh, who lives in Florida.

Natadola Bay, the future site of a new golf course Singh will help develop, features a white sandy crescent beach and a backdrop of sugarcane farms on what many consider one of Fiji's most picturesque locations.

But communal distrust between indigenous Fijians and the descendants of immigrants from India has sparked three coups in Fiji since

Singh spent several hours walking through the planned course.

"It is going to be a hell of a course, a very challenging one, because of the terrain, the prevailing trade winds and heat," he said. "There will

Work on the course, which Singh said will be of PGA standard, will start later this year and is expected to be completed by 2007.

Another blue chip Blue Devil

NORTHBROOK, Ill. (AP) — Jon Scheyer envisioned himself as Christian Laettner while playing basketball as a boy, so choosing Duke over Illinois wasn't that difficult.

The 6-foot-6 junior guard at Glenbrook North said Tuesday that he gave a verbal commitment to the Blue Devils.

Scheyer considered Arizona and Wisconsin before narrowing his choices to Duke and Illi-

A first-team Associated Press all-state selection, Scheyer led Glenbrook North to the state Class AA title in March. He averaged 25 points during the regular season, and increased his average by 10 points in the postseason.

His high school basketball coach, Dave Weber, is the brother of Illinois coach Bruce

Scheyer also was wooed by Glenbrook North has been a triumphant success."

be spectacular views of the South Pacific alum Chris Collins, an assistant coach at Duke and the son of former Chicago Bulls coach Doug Collins.

A comeback kid

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Six years ago, Michael Evans was an up-and-coming amateur boxer fresh off winning a national Golden Gloves title and earning a bronze medal at the Goodwill Games. He was young, ambitious and aggressive — maybe too aggressive.

Jailed from 2001-03 for beating up a man, he missed out on his Olympic dream. Now, the 27year-old Evans is making a comeback.

He is listed as the top fighter in the United States in the 132-pound division and is gunning for his second national Golden Gloves title this week in Little Rock.

Evans, 79-14 with 32 knockouts, is debating whether to turn professional or pursue a chance to make the U.S. national team that will compete at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

Evans said his comeback is a work in progress, but is still holding on to his dreams. "I'm just getting back," he said. "For me, it

'You play like a girl' is a compliment

OAKFIELD, N.Y. (AP) - Katie Brownell isn't just the only girl playing on her Little League team. She's dominant.

The shy 11-year-old pitched a perfect game Saturday for her Dodgers team. In two games on the mound, she's struck out 32 of 33 batters in the Oakfield-Alabama Little League pro-

She's also batting .714 through the team's first

"She's been pitching for three years, but she really came on and excelled this year," said team manager Jeff Sage. "She bats really well. She's a solid, all-around ballplayer.'

Oakfield-Alabama officials can't remember anybody - boy or girl - ever throwing a perfect game in this western New York locale between Buffalo and Rochester.

Katie was almost pulled out of Saturday's game until the scorekeeper reminded her coach she had a no-hitter going.

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"Everybody congratulated me," she said.

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CASEY: When he's not managing the Beavers to wins, Casey enjoys spending time searching for his golf balls

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he has always been a fan of OSU. As a youth growing up in Newberg, Casey became very familiar with OSU athletics early on.

"When I was growing up, the Beaver basketball program was nationally ranked all the time. I thought OSU and its athletic programs were fun to watch," he said.

Perhaps it was that affection for the Beavers that factored into Casey's decision to replace legendary manager Jack Riley in 1995, after seven successful seasons at

Surprisingly, the biggest challenge for Casey was something other than following in Riley's footsteps.

"The toughest thing since I've been here is the formation of the Pac-10 as a whole conference," Casey said. "You used to compete with everyone in the north and your recruiting base was similar. You all had similar weather situations and you all had similar things you had to deal with.

"Certain teams had a distinctive advantage of being able to practice outside, had larger population bases and recruiting changed so much."

Casey's track record, however, proves that he's managed to overcome those obstacles.

His squads have won 30 games in each of the past seven seasons, and can reach 40 wins this season with a single win this weekend against USC.

But the gracious Casey is quick to point out that it's developing his players that means the most to him. 'Those things (the 500th win) are

nice for all the things they're supposed to be nice for," Casey said. "But you always feel as a coach you get better every year because you do

it more, learn from your players' mistakes, and you learn from the things you do well.

Casey's influence hasn't been lost on his players. They respect Casey's desire for them to be successful in all aspects of the game.

"He's an unbelievable competitor," said first baseman Andy Jenkins. "He believes in doing all the small things right. When you do that as a baseball team, you are going to be successful."

Casey said that his family's support has helped him grow as a manager, as well. He considers his family part of the team.

His wife, Susan, and four children - Jonathan, Brett, Ellie and Joseph understand the demands of the job, and Casey is grateful for that.

"It's been great," Casey said. "If you're going to coach, you got to make sure you have a family that understands you're going be gone from Feb. 1 to May or June 1.

'You feel like the club is also an extended family. You are around them enough, too, and get support, too, because those guys miss their families, too.'

Next season, however, Casey won't have to look farther than his own dugout to see one family member his son Brett is planning to play baseball and basketball for the

"It will be fine," Casey said. "It will be fine for him. I haven't got to that bridge yet. There are some things about it that I think are really good for him, and there are some things that concern me for myself.

"I think that part is neat for him. Just like any other player that comes here, what a great place to go to

As a devoted family man, it's no surprise that one of Casey's favorite things to do is to make up for lost

"I forgot what my free time is like since I started coaching," Casey said. "I really like to spend time with my family, especially my kids. I go to mass as much as I can, I really enjoy that. The family part of it is really

important to me."

Casey also enjoys playing golf, even though he admits he's not nearly as successful on the links as he is on the diamond.

"There are days in the summer when I go out and call it 'turf management,' when I go out and try to play golf," he said. "I spend a lot of time all over the golf course looking for my ball. I really enjoy being around some of the guys I've gotten to know in town and play golf with

Whether it's battling for the Pac-10 title or trying to make par, Casey derives his strength from those around him.

You could talk to every coach and they feel the biggest impact they can have on their kids is during the time you can develop them in the fall and the time you're away during the season," he said.

"Because that's the chance you really get to impact."

Steven Masters, sports writer

SOFTBALL: McGowan set OSU's singleseason records for wins and strikeouts

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Tournament.

She is the only pitcher in school history to amass more than 30 victories in a single season, and her 33 wins on the year rank second in the nation.

McGowan tops the OSU charts with 293 strikeouts and innings pitched in a single season with 268.

She also matched OSU's record for complete games in a single season with 30.

As a result of her stellar play, McGowan was named Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week four times and USA Softball National Player of the Week once.

Walker, in his 11th season at the helm for the Beavers, earned his second Coach of the Year award.

He previously shared Coach of the Year honors with UCLA's Sue Enquist in 1999.

This season, Walker guided OSU to its best Pac-10 finish in school history — a 13-8 record and share of the school's first-ever Pac-10 title.

He led the Beavers to a 40-14 regular season mark — the best all-time winning percentage (.741) for a single year.

Walker has led the Beavers to postseason action for seven consecutive seasons.

NASH: Became team's GM in 2003

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regular season on April 20, but they had offered no specific date.

Nash had faced controversy over the trades of Rasheed Wallace and Bonzi Wells, but he also oversaw a productive 2004 draft that brought Sebastian Telfair, Viktor Khryapa, Sergei Monia and Ha Seung Jin to Portland.

However, he struggled to trade Shareef Abdur-Rahim and find a shooting guard, while he was questioned about the size of some of the

contracts the Blazers signed - including \$84 million for Zach Randolph and \$48 million for Darius Miles over six

Nash's two-year contract with Portland expires June

He was named the Trail Blazers' sixth general manager in July 2003. He took over for president and GM Bob Whitsitt, whose personnel moves angered many fans.

The Blazers failed to win a championship with the league's highest payroll, and the roster included players with both character and legal

TRACK: Coach Sullivan wants his squad to go home this summer and reflect on historic year

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meters.

Although it was her first 10K race of the season, her time of 37:37.21 moved her into fifth place all-time in school history in the event.

was just a really good first experience to run with some of those girls," Younce said. "They're the kind of the people I look up to in our sport.

Freshman Nicole Crawford, who earlier this season became the first girl to run the 10,000 meters since the program was reinstated, finished 12th with a time of 39:12.96.

In the 1,500-meters trial heat, freshman Kaitlin Poggi qualified for the finals by finishing 12th in a field of 17 runners.

With a time of 4:40, she edged out teammates Taylor Bryant (4:42.15) and Jean-Marie Peterson (4:42.82) for the final spot. Bryant and Peterson finished 13th and 14th, respectively.

Despite just missing the last spot for the finals, Peterson believed it was the whole experience that counted.

"It was just awesome to be able to run with those girls of that caliber and it was just neat to watch everyone," Peterson said. "It inspired me to want to work harder and run better."

Freshman Lauren Denfeld concluded the first day by finishing 15th in the 3,000-meter stee-

Competing in the event for just the second time this season, Denfeld completed the race in a time of 11:37.71.

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On Sunday, Poggi, the first OSU woman in 17 years to make the finals in an event, finished 12th in a field of 12 runners, but did not receive an official time.

"Kaitlin got sick about a "I had never run the 10K, so it month ago and has not recovered from it, so she's been running on empty the last four weeks," Sullivan said. "But she was one of just two true freshmen to make the finals, so that's exciting to think about for the future with her.'

> Later that day, in the 5,000 meters, freshman Ashley Francis ended the positive weekend with a 15th-place finish out of 16 runners with a time of 18:27.09.

> Placings at the Pac-10 Championships were irrelevant for Sullivan coming into the program's first track season since 1988.

> His main objective was to compete and then reflect on what happened.

> "My goal at the beginning of the year was for all us to figure out what the heck we're doing," Sullivan said. "And at the end of the year be healthy, excited and having the young ladies feel like they've been given an opportunity to grow.

"The big thing I wanted them to do was to go home this summer and reflect."

OSU's track season will conclude today when around six Beaver runners who didn't compete at the Pac-10s will run at the Last Chance Invitational at Willamette University in Salem.

> Sean McLean, sports writer sports@dailybarometer.com, 737-6378

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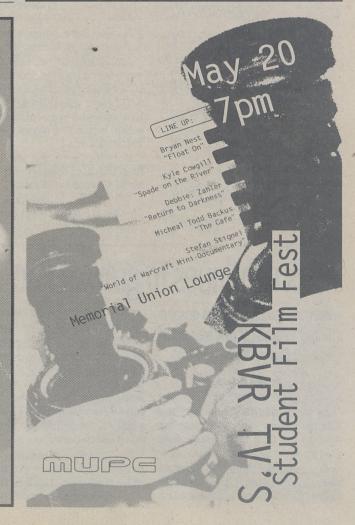
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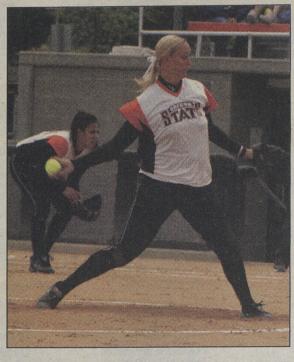
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Seven softballers, coach honored by Pac-10

Sophomore Brianne McGowan is the first OSU hurler to be named Pac-10 Pitcher of the Year. In addition, she won conference Pitcher of the Week honors four times this season. Her 33 wins set an OSU single-season record and ranked second nationally.

> PETER STRONG THE DAILY BAROMETER



Sports

■ Kirk Walker picks up his second Coach of the Year honor after leading Oregon State to its best season ever

BAROMETER STAFF REPORT

Oregon State sophomore Brianne McGowan earned Pacific-10 Conference Pitcher of the Year honors and manager Kirk Walker was named Pac-10 Coach of the Year on Wednesday.

OSU had a total of seven players earn conference recognition on Wednesday.

Juniors Vanessa Iapala and Adrienne Alo were named second team All-Pac-10 selections for the second straight year, while sophomore shortstop Mia Longfellow - an honorable-mention pick in 2004 - also earned second-team recognition.

Senior second baseman Kelly Petersen garnered honorable men-



Kirk Walker

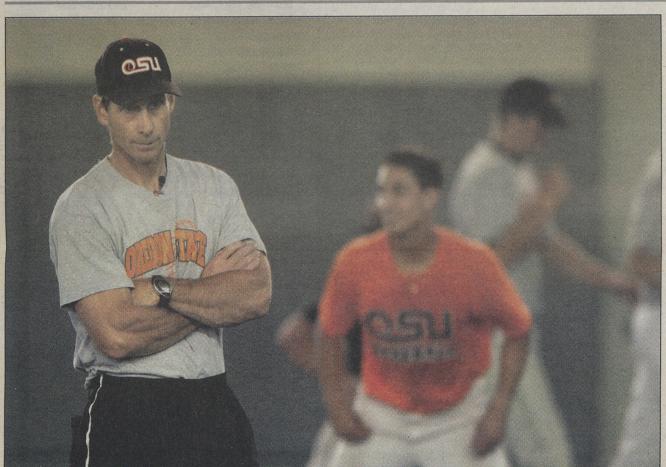
tion accolades for the third time in her career, while junior catcher Lisa Allen and freshman outfielder Cambria Miranda were first time honorable mention picks.

The seven players receiving Pac-10 recognition are the most in OSU history.

McGowan, from Reno, Nev., became OSU's first ever Pac-10 Pitcher of the Year award recipient and is just the third player in school history to garner first-team honors.

The 6-foot-2-inch hurler helped lead the Beavers to their first-ever share of the Pac-10 title and an automatic berth into the 2005 NCAA

See SOFTBALL / page 11



Baseball manager Pat Casey keeps a watchful eye on his team at Wednesday afternoon's practice. The No. 5 Beavers host USC this weekend in their final series of the regular season. If the Beavers win one game from the Trojans, Casey will become the only manager to lead the Beavers to 40 wins in a season. The **Newberg native** is in his 11th season at the helm for the Beavers and loving every minute of it.

SAM LEINEN

Mighty Casey has struck ... gold

Baseball manager Pat Casey attributes his success to his family and OSU's No. 5 baseball squad

By Steven Masters

THE DAILY BAROMETER

regon State manager Pat Casey recently earned his 500th collegiate victory.

And that's just one of the many accolades that surround Casey's No. 5 Beavers, who finish regular season play this weekend.

This year, with Casey at the helm, the Beavers have emerged as one of the top teams in the nation with a 39-8 record, including a 17-4 mark in conference.

But what makes this year's squad different from the other squads Casey has fielded during his 11 seasons in Corvallis?

"Preparation," Casey said. "Our leadership on the club is outstanding. I think they do a great job coming to practice and working to get better.

"There's been some years where you feel like you're pulling guys to practice hard at the end of the year and keep motivated.

"The guys that are leaders of our club have forced our guys to come and practice hard every

Closer Kevin Gunderson believes Casey's approach to the game has helped the Beavers more than anything else.

"His determination and will to win is amazing," Gunderson said. "His approach this year has been tremendous.'

It's no surprise with his current squad is poised and motivated - Casey is enjoying his best sea-

That success means a lot to Casey, considering See CASEY / page 11

Track continues to grow at Pac-10s

■ Beavers' spirits not down despite failing to score at last weekend's Pac-10 Championships in L.A.

> By Sean McLean THE DAILY BAROMETER

As the Pacific-10 Track and Field Championships came to a close last Sunday, the final team results read: Oregon State, 10th place, no point

Any negative thoughts, however, were excluded from OSU head coach's Kelly Sullivan's mind and those of his

seven runners who ran last weekend at Drake Stadium in Los Angeles.

"It was kind of fitting that both cross-country and track were just a little short on the end," Sullivan said. "But I think we came out of there motivated, a lot more experienced, and I think now the girls know there's a light at the end of the tunnel and that it can be done."

On Saturday, sophomore Ashley Younce concluded her strong season with a ninth-place finish in the 10,000 See TRACK / page 11



Kaitlin Poggi, left, was one of two Beavers to qualify for the finals at the Pac-10 Championships last weekend. She qualified in the 1,500 meters, making her the first OSU woman to make the finals in 17 years.

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Former swimmer to be inducted into Hall of Fame

■ In 1994, Amy van Loben Sels became the first OSU swimmer to earn All-America honors

BAROMETER STAFF REPORT

Former Oregon State University standout swimmer Amy van Loben Sels has been added to the inductee class for the 2005 OSU Sports Hall of

Fame. The 11th class will be inducted on Friday, Sept. 23, in the club section within the new east side of Reser Stadium.

A native of Woodinville, Wash., van Loben Sels has the distinction



Amy van Loben Sels

of being Oregon State's first female All-American in swimming.

She placed eighth in the 50-yard freestyle at the 1994 NCAA Championships and 10th in '95, earning All-America honors both years. Van Loben Sels still holds the school record in the 50-yard freestyle

(23.11) and 100-yard freestyle (50.64), and at the time of her graduation was the school's career leader for dual meet victories with 55. Joining van Loben Sels in this year's class is Traci Crover (gymnastics), Jim Crumley (wrestling), Tanja

(track) and the 1954-55 men's basketball team. Ticket information for the ceremony will be announced in the near

future.

Kostic (basketball), Tom Woods

Blazers extend Nash's contract as general manager

■ Coming off the worst season in franchise history, John Nash receives some extra job security

By Joseph B. Frazier

PORTLAND — The Portland Trail Blazers announced Wednesday the team has extended the contract of General Manager John Nash after the Blazers tied their worst season ever

this year. Details were be announced at a Wednesday afternoon news conference.

Nash's agent, Warren LeGarie, had told The Oregonian that he had seen nothing but



positive signs from the team as speculation mounted.

A potential replacement for Nash was Kevin Pritchard, who became the interim coach on March 2 after the Blazers fired Maurice Cheeks and began heading straight downhill to a 27-55 record, tying their worst season of 1973-74 and failing to make the playoffs.

Blazers President Steve Patterson and owner Paul Allen had said they would wait to make a decision on Nash until after the final game of the

See NASH/ page 11