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ABOVE: Cadet Matthew Russel, left, and Cadet Colonel Casey Smergut, walk a flag around the MU Quad on Friday. The Flag Walk lasted 12 hours and was part of a larger Veterans Day ceremony on the OSU campus. BELOW: Cadet Capt. Nick Anderson watches as the flags pass.

# Veterans' sacrifice honored

Veterans remembered during campus ceremonies on Friday

By Amanda Robbins THE DAILY BAROMETER

"Veterans Day can be summed up in one sentence, especially after 9/11," said Edward Leonard. 'Freedom is not free.'

Leonard was the guest speaker on Friday's Veterans Day Ceremony held in the Memorial Union Quad.

The ceremony included many events, including a Missing Man Drill Sequence, a reading of Oregon's prisoners of war/missing veterans "of yesterday and today." in action soldiers and a 21-gun

This, along with the Veterans Day parade in downtown Albany, included some of the events taking place to honor veterans.

Leonard was in the U.S. Air Force and fought in Vietnam. During his service, he received many combat decorations including four Silver Stars and two Purple Hearts.

Leonard was captured as a POW during his tour in Vietnam. He was released five years later to his family. He retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel.

Leonard's speech focused on the

"Because of veterans past we are

free," he said, "and because of veterans present we will remain free. The word 'veteran' has a far broader, richer meaning. Nine-eleven changed the meaning forever."

During the ceremony there was a lighting of a candle for a Veterans Day vigil.

Each item on the table where the candle was being held represented something different. Some of the objects on the table included a red ribbon which represented the red ribbon worn upon the breasts of people looking for the missing.

There was an inverted glass to symbolize that the missing soldier



# Defeat of measures greenlights projects

Construction projects slated to begin or resume after election

By Lauren L. Dillard THE DAILY BAROMETER

Now that almost a week has passed since Election Day, the planning stages are beginning at OSU to take steps in a walk toward improvements and expansions,

Specifically for OSU, the defeat of Measure 48 means that construction on the Large Animal Hospital in the College of Veterinary Medicine can begin post haste, and the expansion of Reser Stadium can proceed as planned following

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# After floods, high winds rock Oregon

Corvallis not among the hardest hit areas in overnight wind storm

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With the rain picking up in Oregon, flooding has been held responsible for washing out a major highway and three deaths, The Associated Press reported Nov. 10. On Sunday, high winds were forecast to rock parts of the state.

On Nov. 9, Gov. Ted Kulongoski declared a state of emergency for flood-impacted counties.

The release said Kulongoski is using the declaration to pave the way for a formal request for federal assistance in disaster relief.

The National Weather Service reported Sunday that storm system

## Students take campaign to Kulongoski

At 11 a.m. today, students from public colleges and universities across Oregon will be presenting giant "prescriptions" for Oregon's postsecondary education systems to Gov. Ted Kulongoski.

The prescriptions call for a \$188 million investment above the 2005-2007 budget for the Oregon University System and a \$101 million investment above community colleges' current

Students are attempting to gain these fund increases to take the burden of major tuition increases off of students.

The "prescription" was signed by more than 10,000 students from various statewide colleges, including OSU.

The presentation will take place in the governor's ceremonial office in Salem.

### When it rains, they dance



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Anna Castellano and Mike Strowbridge practice ballroom dancing on Sunday night in the MU Ballroom. The event was put on by the Ballroom Dance Club. The evening included a one-hour group lesson followed by three hours of open dancing. The club puts on various events throughout the year. It is open to any student.

### Events focus on trans issues

In an effort to bring awareness to issues in the trans community, ASOSU's Queer Affairs Task Force will present Trans Awareness Week beginning today.

has been under way since May.

A number of events are on the schedule this week designed to increase understanding of issues faced by the trans community.

Members of the trans community and the general public are invited to attend.

Monday from 1 to 2 p.m., in MU 208, an event titled Gender Variance 101 will offer the a chance for the are crossing over from one sex to the

Intersection of Oppression will be held Tuesday, also from 1 to 2 p.m in

MU 208. This will be a discussion. Other Tuesday events include Spirituality and Gender Variance, from 2 to 3 p.m. in MU 206; TRANSmission:

Gender Variant Folks, from 3 to 5 p.m. in MU 208; and Medical Health of Transitioning Patients with Dr. Sara Becker, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in MU

Wednesday from 1 to 2 p.m. in MU Planning for the week of events 208, Reid Vanderburgh will present Gender Identity Exploration.

Two events are set for Thursday. Trans Politics is planned for 1 to 2 p.m. in MU 208.

Trannies Off Broadway 2006 will also be held Thursday in Club Escape from 7 to 10 p.m. The night will include performances of slam poetry, music, spoken word, drag performances and performance art.

Friday in MU 208 from 1 to 2 p.m. audience to meet individuals who an event titled Negotiating Fruit is schedule. The event is about navigating sexual situations.

Monday, Nov. 20, there will be a Trans Day of Remembrance Vigil in the MU Quad from 8 to 9 p.m.

People around the country will gather to honor individuals who have been targeted because of their gender Reducing Risks Among Trans and



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### **Insurgent activity** rising in Afghanistan; death reporst spike

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Insurgent activity in Afghanistan has risen fourfold this year, and militants now launch more than 600 attacks a month, a rising wave of violence that has resulted in 3,700 deaths in 2006, a bleak new report released Sunday found.

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In the volatile border area near Pakistan, more than 20 Taliban militants - and possibly as many as 60 — were killed during several days of clashes, officials said Sunday.

The new report said insurgents were launching more than 600 attacks a month as of the end of September, up from 300 a month at the end of March this year. The violence has killed more than 3,700 people this year, it said.

Afghanistan saw about 130 insurgent attacks a month last year, said the report by the Joint Coordination and Monitoring Board, a body of Afghan and international officials charged with overseeing the implementation of the Afghanistan Compact, a fiveyear reconstruction and development blueprint signed in February.

### Officials say Castro believed to have terminal cancer

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. government believes Fidel Castro's health is deteriorating and that the Cuban dictator is unlikely to live through 2007.

That dire view was reinforced last week when Cuba's foreign minister backed away from his prediction that the ailing Castro would return to power by early December. "It's a subject on which I don't want to speculate," Felipe Perez Roque told The Associated Press

U.S. government officials say there is still some mystery about Castro's

responding. But these officials believe that the 80-year-old has terminal cancer of the stomach, colon or pancreas.

He was seen weakened and thinner in official state photos released late last month, and it is considered unlikely that he will return to power or survive through the end of next year, said the U.S. government and defense officials. They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the politically sensitive topic.

With chemotherapy, Castro may live up to 18 months, said the defense official. Without it, expected survival would drop to three months to eight months.



### **∠**Bush faces GOP anger over timing of **Rumsfeld departure**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House is trying to soothe Republicans who say the party might have fared better on Election Day if President Bush had not waited until after the vote to oust Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

You could argue that either way, of what political effect an earlier decision on Secretary Rumsfeld would have had. But it doesn't matter," White House chief of staff Josh Bolten said Sunday.

'The president correctly decided that this decision does not belong in the political realm. And a decision as important as your secretary of defense should not be made based on some partisan political advantage. It would send a terrible signal to our troops, to our allies, even to our enemies," Bolten

grich has suggested that if Bush replaced Rumsfeld two weeks before the election, voters would not have

diagnosis, his treatment and how he is been as angry about the unpopular Iraq war. Republicans would have gained the boost they needed, according to Gingrich, to retain their majority in the Senate and hold onto 10 to 15 more House seats.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., the outgoing chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, agreed with that assess-

Bush should have removed Rumsfeld "as soon as he had made up his mind. And that's a hard thing to calculate. But it's highly doubtful that he made up his mind between the time the election returns came in on Tuesday and Wednesday when Rumsfeld was out."

"And if Rumsfeld had been out, you bet it would have made a difference," Specter said. "I'd still be chairman of the Judiciary Committee.'

The same thought occurred to veteran Rep. Clay Shaw, R-Fla., who was on the verge of becoming chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee. After the election, Shaw said that if Rumsfeld had stepped down before last Tuesday, Shaw and other Republicans might have won.



### Oregon beer tax proponents cheered by election results

EUGENE (AP) — Big brewers may not have raised a glass to toast Tuesday's election results in Oregon, but supporters of raising the state's tax on beer were cheered.

State Sen. Bill Morrisette, D-Springfield, said he's working on a bill to raise the tax to a total of about 10 cents a 12-ounce glass, from its current rate of about three-quarters of a penny.

With a Democratic House, Senate Former House Speaker Newt Gin- and governor, I think we can pass the bill," he said.

Republicans in control of the House, where tax increases must start, have taxes on his company.

blocked increases, Morrisette said. "We have never been able to get a hearing,'

With Tuesday's election results, Democrats will control the House 31-29.

Morrisette and others cite the rising costs associated with substance abuse and say the beer tax has been flat for

Pam Erickson, deputy director of the prevention and treatment agency Oregon Partnership, said the sale of hard liquor in state-controlled stores generates a reasonable amount of money for the state, and Oregon's wine tax falls in the middle range among the states.

"But the beer tax is so low it's almost not worth collecting," she said. "It just is totally out of proportion to the cost to the public of alcohol. And the primary alcohol that Oregonians drink is beer."

Paul Romain, executive director of the Oregon Beer and Wine Distributors Association and often credited with holding sway over legislation related to the beer industry, said he is ambivalent about an increase.

Beer manufacturers would have to pay the tax, he said, but the wholesalers he represents would actually profit because they add a percentage markup to their total acquisition cost.

He said major national breweries have opposed raising the tax, but the big stumbling block has been the state's thriving microbrewing industry. "Nobody wants to tax the Oregon brewer," he said.

The proposal would exempt breweries that produce fewer than 200,000 barrels a year, a limit that would cover most of the state's brewers.

We're under it for the moment, but we're rapidly approaching it," said Gary Fish, president of Deschutes Brewery in Bend.

Fish said a 10-cent-a-glass increase proposed in 2005 would have amounted to about \$2 million a year in new

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Rainbow Continuum, 7-9pm, Women's Center. A student-fee funded organization to meet the social needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgen der, queer, questioning, and allied

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Sol, 5:30-6:30pm, Women's Center. A multicultural support network meeting the social needs of LGBTQQA

Engineers Without Borders - OSU, 6pm, Batcheller 250. EWB is a service club open to students of all disciplines. Get more information at the meeting. Food provided.

#### **Speakers**

OSU Forest Science, 7-9pm, LaSells Stewart Center. Dr. Lee Silver, Prof. of Molecular Biology and Public Policy, Princeton University. "Challenging Nature: The Clash of Biotechnology and Spirituality at the New Frontiers of Life.

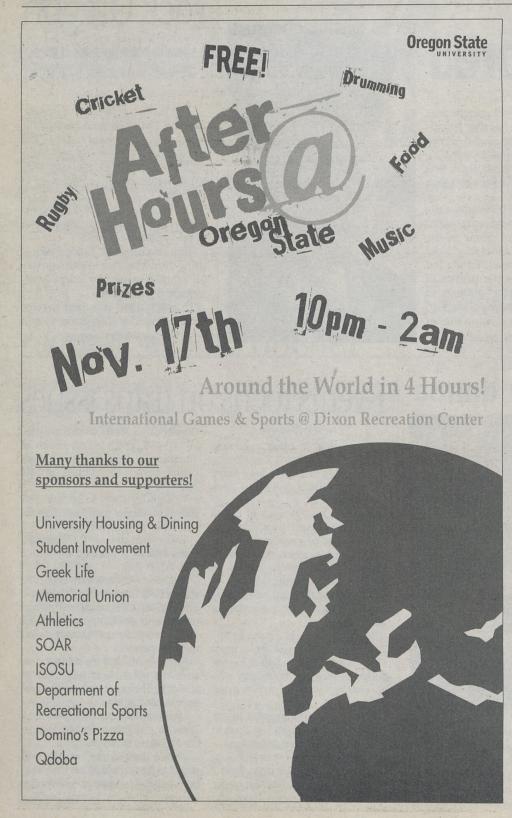
College of Education and ASOSU, 3-4pm, MU Main Lounge. Susan Castillo, Superintendent of Public Instruction for Oregon, will hold a conversation with faculty and students on "The Importance of Engagement with Schools." Question-and-answer session to follow.

**University Honors College,** HAAC, FIJI, McNary Hall, 7pm, McNary 125. "Developing the Leader Within" featuring Dr. Larry Roper, Vice Provost for Student Affairs.

Queer Affairs Task Force, all day, MU Quad. Wall of Lives, runs through Monday, Nov. 20

Queer Affairs Task Force, 1pm, MU

Socratic Club, 7:30pm, Gilfillan Auditorium. "Does Morality Need God?" Michael Gurney, Professor of Theology and Ethics, Multnomah Bible Seminary, and Richard Daniels, Assoc Professor Emeritus of English, OSU.





### **CAMPUS BRIEFS**

### Student's final show on display

"Words and Images" is the theme of Malynda Shook's final show in the Fairbanks Gallery this

Shook is a Corvallis native and OSU student, finishing her dual degree in art and English this

Shook's work is executed in a variety of media, exploring the intersection between written and visual art, according to a press

The release states the exhibition features figure drawings, Chineseinspired calligraphic drawings and a series in homage to authors who inspired Shook, such as Walt Whitman and Virginia Woolf.

Her work will be on display in the Fairbanks gallery today through Friday in the West Gallery from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

An opening will be held Nov. 14 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

### Education discussion set today

Today at 3 p.m., Susan Castillo, Superintendent of Public Instruction for Oregon, will hold a meeting in the MU Lounge.

The topic is "The Importance of Public Instruction for Oregon." The talk will be followed by a question and answer session.

Castillo is responsible for more than 500,000 Oregon students in more than 1,200 public schools across Oregon.

Sam Stern, dean of the College of Education, will be introducing

"This is a great opportunity for people to hear from the state's top person for education," Stern said.

The event is free and open to the public.

### **ELECTION:** University will be watching to see who chairs key legislative committees

the end of the current season," said Jock Mills, director

of OSU government relations.

the budget for the Oregon University System, experts have said. That goes especially for Measure 48, which would have set up a spending cap and a rainy day

posed a 25 percent budget increase.

increase could the Oregon University System receive.

resentatives will be choosing new leaders, including committee chairs.

co-chair the Ways and Means committee and who will chair the subcommittee on education.

enue Forecast will be released for the state.

... Even after accounting for a \$1 billion transfer

In December, the governor is due to issue his budget. The budget will included data from which the intended path of higher education can be extrapo-

OSU will be moving forward with the planned expansion and renovation of the Large Animal Clinic in the Lois Bates Acheson Veterinary Hospital, according to Rich Holdren, interim dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine and senior associate vice president for research.

"The faculty, staff and students of the college are uniformly excited about the new capabilities and the better service we will be able to provide our clients and patients as a result of these improvements," Hold-

Ben Hemson, co-sponsor of a proposal to expand OSU's turf fields and accessibility to student nighttime athletics, said the plans for the turf project are still on track.

'Since Measures 41 and 48 were both defeated everything remains on the same course as before for the turf field project, which is great," Hemson said. "Had Measure 48 passed it would have likely had an effect on the turf project's timeline as it dealt directly

Athletic department representatives were no avail-

48 would make the expansion difficult.

... anything that is good for the economic situation of the university is of course good for us as well," Hemson said of the rec sports department. "Although it's important to remember that the Oregon University System in general is still dealing with a lot of budget

Measures 41 and 48 would have drastically affected

Currently, the Board of Higher Education has pro-

Mills said the question now is how much of that In the near future, Democrats in the House of Rep-

Mills, and OSU, will be interested to find who will

The day before Thanksgiving, the December Rev-

to pay for our kicker checks, revenues for the 2007-09 biennium are projected to be up some 18 percent over the current biennium," Mills said.

ren said in a prepared statement.

According to the prepared statement, OSU will be host to some of the most modern facilities available.

with capital construction projects ...

able Friday to discuss the status of the next phase of the Reser Stadium expansion, which was also on hold pending the election results.

But athletic department officials said before the election that the passage of Measure 41 and Measure

Lauren L. Dillard, news editor

# Storm bringing snow to Northwest

SEATTLE — A strong Pacific storm system was dumping snow in the mountains across much of the Northwest on Sunday, and forecasters were snowfall overnight.

fallen in some areas of Cascades' western slopes by midday Sunday, said Dennis D'Amico, a meteorologist in the National Weather Service's Seattle office.

The weather service was

inches on Monday.

Up to a foot of snow had referring to the snow that fell Sunday evening. at higher elevations during Washington.

predicting another 8-14 inch- inches of snow were expect- on Monday.

es of snow to fall in the west- ed in the eastern Cascades ern Cascades by late Sunday by Monday afternoon, with night followed by 6-12 more up to 5 inches in the valleys. Forecasters were calling "We've seen some signifi- for about 6-10 inches in the cant snowfalls already, but mountains of the Idaho Panwarning of heavier mountain this will definitely be a signifi- handle on Sunday, with the cant addition," D'Amico said, snow expected to taper off by

In Oregon's northern Caslast week's heavy rains, which cades, the weather service caused flooding in some low- said snow showers Sunday lying areas across Western afternoon were expected to get more intense, with up to The weather service's Spo- 8 inches expected overnight kane office said the 8-14 and another 6 inches possible

### **WIND:** Portland, Salem, other areas under high wind warning

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was expected to move in Sunday night. The storm was not expected to be as strong as the past storms, with little chance of more flood-

The National Weather Service issued a wind advisory Sunday for Corvallis, Eugene and surrounding areas.

As of Sunday night, the advisory was expected to expire by 4 a.m. today. The storm was expected to bring south winds of 25 to 30 mph, with gusts up to 45 mph.

However, much of the rest of Western Oregon, including coastal areas, Salem, Alsea and the Portland metro area, was under a more severe high wind warning overnight. Areas under the warning were expected to see gusts up to 60 mph.

The National Weather Service said sustained wind speeds of at least 40 mph or gusts of at least 58 mph can lead to falling trees and branches as well as property damage.

Peggy Peirson, Benton County Emergency Services Coordinator, advises putting together an emergency kit in case of flooding.

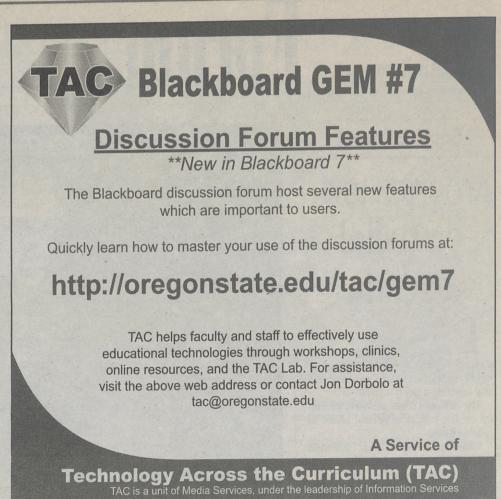
An emergency kit includes items such as a flashlight, many day's supply of food, water and blankets for your entire family. Other items should be included as well.

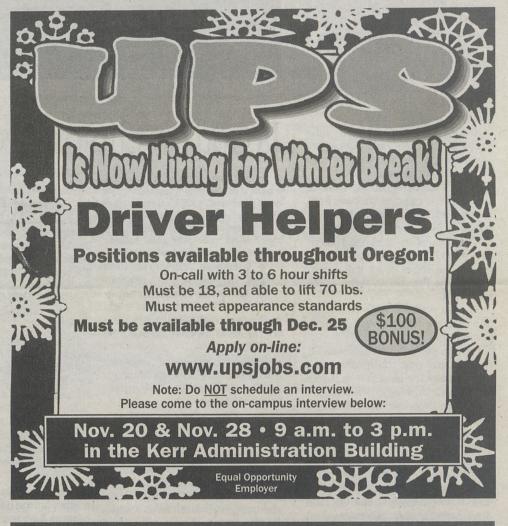
She added that heavy rain and leaves clogging storm drains can cause flooding and pools in the middle of the road.

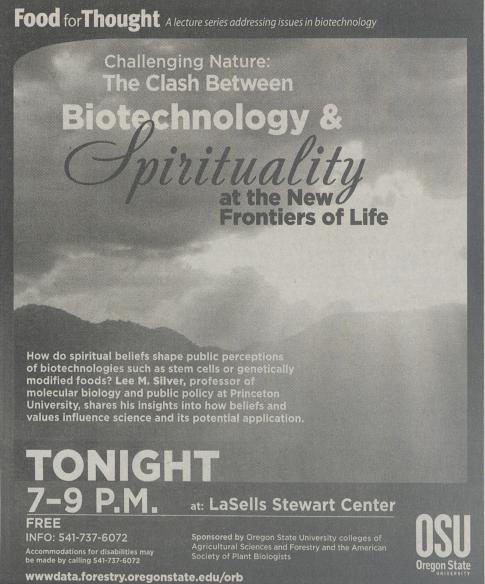
Peirson said to make sure to always check the weather conditions before heading out, as a pedestrian or in a vehicle.

This week's forecast is projected to include steady rain, but no immediate dangers for the Corvallis area.

Across the state, there were no active flood warnings on Sunday evening.







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### **Guest Editorial**

## America torn on social agenda

ittsburgh (U-WIRE) — American voters sent a powerful message to the religious right this past Tuesday by defending abortion rights, supporting stem cell research and rejecting a gay marriage ban.

The defeated measures were included on the ballots of several states as referendums.

Voters in Oregon and California defended abortion rights, where measures were proposed that would have required parents to be notified before young girls could get an abortion. Abortion rights were also defended in South Dakota, where an initiative, if passed, would have banned all abortions with the exception of saving a pregnant woman's life, according to The Associated Press.

In Missouri, voters chose to endorse a stem cell research measure that was firmly opposed by many pro-life activists and evangelical leaders.

And in Arizona, for the first time ever, a measure that would ban samesex marriages was defeated, a huge victory for gay rights activists.

While it can be argued that some of the rejections came as backlash from disapproval of President Bush and his policy in Iraq, these measures were ballot initiatives, so voters could potentially reject Republicans while still supporting the social issues that are so dear to the Republican Party — but they didn't.

So what does the wide-scale rejection of these religious-right-led proposals mean?

Perhaps voters were disillusioned with a party that championed one ideal, but acted on another - and were left not knowing what to believe.

Flashback to the 2004 election: Republicans campaigned heavily on the concept of "family values" and conservative social policies, which ultimately were the deciding factor in the election. Fast forward to 2006: Republicans are plagued by sex scandals, money swindling and lies, and America realizes that conservatives can be bad people, too.

Politics aside, do these rejections of religious-right-led movements really signal a changing American ideology? Not completely.

Many of the initiatives were rejected by a very close vote, a signal that Americans are still heavily divided on social issues.

Despite the ground-breaking rejection of a gay marriage ban in Arizona, seven other states passed gay marriage bans, joining the 20 other states that have passed similar bans in previous

elections. If anything, the decisions made by voters Tuesday signal to the religious right that Americans are deeply divided on social issues, and that one string of victories or defeats is not a true indicator of a nation's values.

This editorial represents the views of The Pitt News (University of Pittsburgh) editorial board. The opinions expressed here do not necessarily represent those of The Daily Barom-



# Is God or religion necessary for morality?

Editor's Note: Dearing is addressing a topic that will be debated today in an event sponsored by OSU's Socratic Club. The event begins at 7:30 p.m. in Gilfillan Auditorium. Disagree with Dear-ing? Submit your own guest column or letter to forum@dailybarometer.com.

eligious believers are fond of claiming that a religious basis for morality is necessary. I don't believe they have made their case: a naturalistic, evolutionary source of morality seems to be more likely.

In the current issue of Newsweek (Nov. 13), Sam Harris has an article entitled "A Dissent: The Case Against Faith." He notes:

"It is, of course, taboo to criticize a person's religious beliefs. The problem, however, is that much of what people believe in the name of religion is intrinsically divisive, unreasonable and incompatible with genuine morality. One of the worst things about religion is that it tends to separate questions of right and wrong from the living reality of human and animal suffering. Consequently, religious people will devote immense energy to so-called moral problems - such as gay marriage — where no real suffering is at issue, and they will happily contribute to the surplus of human misery if it serves their reli-

Other social species of animals Hence he cannot exist. cooperate for the benefit of the group, and help and protect each other. And they do it without religion. Imagine! This suggests a natural, evolutionary source for ethical behavior. The feelings of empathy and expectations of reciprocity displayed by higher primates are essential behaviors for mammalian group living, and are analogous to human morality.

Marc D. Hauser, a Harvard biologist, has proposed that people are born with a moral grammar wired into their neural circuits by evolution. In his new book, "Moral Minds,"

John S. Dearing

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he argues that this generates instant moral judgments which, in part because of the quick decisions that life-or-death situations require, are inaccessible to the conscious mind. This leaves room for people to come up with rationalizations for their

He notes that both atheists and people of many different faiths make the same moral judgments, such as: care for children and the weak, don't kill, and don't lie. A naturalistic explanation of the origin of morality seems sufficient. With our intelligence above that of other species, and a profound pity for the sufferings of others, both human and nonhuman, we can do even better.

The supernatural explanations of religion for the origin of morality, in contrast, have many problems.

If the supposed omniscient and omnipotent Christian God is the source of morality, he must also be omni-benevolent. Is he? Occasionally, a baby is born with a horrible birth defect, like having no skin. Such innocent babies are doomed to die in agony. Such a god would prevent this. (Wouldn't you, if you could?)

The God of the Christian Bible is portrayed as evil in many places. For example: "I will bring evil upon them, even my fierce anger, saith the LORD; and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them." [Jeremiah 49:37] How can a being that has fierce anger and does evil things be a source of morality? In the Bible, words having to do with killing significantly outnumber words having to do with love. In Genesis 6:17, God becomes a mass murderer by planning "to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven;

and every thing that is in the earth shall die.'

One way to test the claim that belief in the Christian God, or any other god, is necessary for ethical behavior is to look at the consequences. Do believers behave substantially better than nonbelievers do?

No, they do not. In fact, they, on average, have worse behavior. Our prisons are filled with believers; few if any Humanists are found there. It is believers that commit acts of terrorism and murder in the name of their religious convictions: never Humanists. The "family-values" set even have higher divorce rates than nonreligious people do: divorce is highest in our most-religious states, and lowest in our least-religious states.

Even if God doesn't exist, religions do. Is Christianity itself a source of morality? I think not. It has provided us with the notion of original sin, substitutionary forgiveness, intolerance, eternal punishment, and groveling worship of a superior power. Christianity has a bloody history of Crusades, Inquisitions, witch-killings, heresy trials, disrespect of indigenous traditions and peoples, support of slavery, and misogyny.

How about other religions? Islam is just as bad, with its absolute intolerance of criticism, of other religions and worldviews, and of democratic values (such as the freedom of expression and the separation of government and religion). The Hindu treatment of "untouchables" also comes to mind.

Steven Weinberg, Nobel Laureate in Physics, said it well: "With or without religion, you will have good people doing good things, and evil people doing evil things, but for good people to do evil things, that takes religion."

John Dearing is the president of the Corvallis Secular Society. The opinions expressed here do not necessarily represent those of The Daily Barometer staff.

Douglas Rich

### **Guest Column**

# Dear Nick Lilja: You're wrong about volleyball fans

would first like to thank you for voicing your concerns about us needing to show class at volleyball games. Even your compelling column showed superior class, using such terms as "asses," "lay the fattest rotten egg," and "socially-inept losers."

I would like to address these concerns that you have against your fellow Beaver patriots. Your primary concern (that we do not support our own team) is quite inaccurate. I'm fairly sure we cheer more for our own team than anything else. Whenever we make a good play, give a good effort or need a boost in a crucial situation we let our players know we're there to support them. I would know, because I've been to every home volleyball game and one away game as well.

However, I haven't heard you do any cheers, any chants or really do anything remotely supportive. I ask you, do you cheer for our team? Are you there an hour early? Are you giving our players high-fives and personally congratulating them after the game? Are you being invited to be transported to away games by the team? Are you going down to Mac Court and being louder than the home crowd in a losing effort?

It's interesting that we would make you angry, because we have yet to receive any complaints from the players, coaches, security guards or fans, save you ... except you sit by yourself at the media table and do not cheer, so how much of a fan are you anyway?

It is true, some of what we say can be controversial, but it is not meant to offend nor is it any different than what you would hear in any football, basketball, baseball, soccer or lacrosse game. What gives those fans the right to yell insults and expletives, many times on national television, and not us? The football and basketball players can certainly hear us. I was witness to Matt Moore getting into a heated discussion with several fans during the Washington State game.

As far as families go, there are plenty of them at every sporting event, so why take shots at us? What exactly do you think other fans shout at our players? I'll tell you, because I know: The same thing we shout at theirs. And as for your allegations to us causing fights, I'm positive that none have been instigated

I say we let the players decide. If they want fans who sit by themselves, don't cheer and criticize their own fans, then fine. If they want fans that stand up, cheer, travel and are loyal, then perhaps it's time for you to find some other, less pathetic way of making a name for yourself. Have fun at the Civil War sitting alone, stirring up more controversy, remaining silent.

I'll look for the guy in green and yellow.

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### **Letters to the Editor**

### 'Gay sheep' scandal

### Project a waste of time, funds

As a former OSU student, I am ashamed that the school would waste precious funds and time trying to study. what makes a ram "gay" ("Tennis star, PETA attack sheep study," Nov. 6). I'm with PETA and Martina Navratilova on this one: The study should be stopped immediately. Setting aside the sordid aspects, such as the OSU student caught drunk in his car with one of the sheep, what relevant information can this experiment yield? Even if experimenters find something in the sheep's brains that they guess may be linked to the animals' sexual preference, what good will that do humanity?

It tells us nothing about people.

If researchers insist on wasting money on shoddy science, at least they should design studies that don't harm animals. Perhaps they should also have to justify wasting money, when so many promising avenues of non-animal research that will directly benefit people are waiting to be explored.

JENNA FACCIUO former OSU undergraduate, **UO Spanish Graduate** 

Veterans Day thoughts

American people need to remember

Sitting in the Memorial Union cafeteria, eating lunch on Veterans Day, I could not help but overhear a conversation at a nearby table. This wasn't just any conversation, though. It was a conversation that illustrates major flaws in our American education and

Girl 1: "Shut up! I'm trying to read his flag" (There's a man walking with a POW-MIA flag).

Girl 2: "It says POW-MIA. Not that I know what that means or anything."

Girl 3: "It means prisoner of war, missing in action.'

Girl 2: "Wow! How'd you know that? can see the MIA part, but how'd you know the POW part?

Girl 3: "I just know what it means." Girl 2: "You're like a genius or some-

America is considered by many to be a great country and a great civiliza-

When looking at truly great civilizations, there is a constantly reoccurring theme of the warriors, the fighters, the

protectors being honored. From the Trojans and Hector, to the Middle Ages and knights, to Japan and the samurai, the protectors are honored. How great can a civilization or country be without honoring its protectors?

Do not take this as a right-wing, War Hawk tirade. I am more opposed to war than most. I love peace. I realize that in extreme situations, review Hitler's campaign of purification for several examples, war is required to create peace. The fighters for wars like these should be honored. Beyond that, all American soldiers and veterans should be honored. They sacrificed for what they believed benefited American. So, no matter your feelings on war and the military, these soldiers deserve our respect. So, teach yourself and your children about these people, about their sacrifice. Above all, though, remember that Veterans Day is to honor these protectors of America (that goes for Oregon State University and the Oregon University System

**GAVIN JOHNSON** senior, computer science

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# Just say 'no' to Kanye West's giant ego

-"In Amer-WIRE) ica," Kanye West once told Rolling Stone, "they want you to accomplish all these great feats, to pull off these David Copperfield-type stunts. But let someone ask you what you're doing, and if you turn around and say, 'It's great,' then people are like, 'What's wrong with you?' You want me to be great, but you don't ever want me to say I'm great?'

Kanye West and his massive ego aren't strangers to the limelight. Hip-hop's biggest mouth seems to always find a new way to strike again.

But on Nov. 2, during the MTV Europe Video Music Awards, West's latest meltdown may finally have put the last nail into his image's coffin.

When Justice vs. Simian received Best Video at the awards ceremony for their song "We Are Your Friends," West was incensed that his film for "Touch The Sky" didn't win.

'[My video] cost a million dollars," West yelled out, after rushing the stage. "Pamela Anderson was in it! I was jumping across canyons and s---! I did it to

**Jonathan Sanders** 

### **The Daily News**

wanted to walk home with that

He later admitted he'd never even seen Justice vs. Simian's video, but that they'd won the award because of "spread the love bulls---, 'Oh everyone should have an award.'

Yes, friends, the ego has land-

West's head is big enough to replace Pluto as the ninth planet orbiting the sun. He's sold millions of albums. He's a supreme hit-maker. And it has become difficult to support the man, regardless of what one thinks of his music.

Hell, this isn't even the first time he's blown up during or after an awards ceremony. In 2004, he lost the American Music Award for Best New Artist to Gretchen Wilson. Afterward he told members of the press that "I was the best new artist this year, so get that other b---out of here.'

Oh, what a way he has with words.

In August 2005, West diverged be the king of all videos and I from a planned speech for a

post-Hurricane Katrina benefit to say that George W. Bush doesn't care about black people.

A few months later he appeared on the cover of Rolling Stone made up to look like Christ wearing a crown of thorns, drawing the ire of damned near anyone he hadn't offended already by suggesting the press is crucifying him.

The irony is West hasn't figured out how many people he's

"They say you can't be all things to all people," he told Rolling Stone while discussing his September 2005 headlining tour. "But I want to be all things to all people.'

Well, after the MTV Europe embarrassment, it's tough to say Kanye West looks anything other than whiny, ungrateful and self-absorbed, like a fiveyear-old who throws a tantrum when he doesn't get picked to play baseball at recess.

West's "Touch The Sky" is full of that kind of braggadocio, as he raps about how great he is while trying to remind us poor record-buying fools about where he's come from.

Before anybody wanted K. West's beats, me and my girl

"Dawg I was having nervous breakdowns, like 'man, these n----s that much better than me?"

This is supposed to, according to West himself, transcend everything in the music world. When really, all "Touch The Sky" does is what every other aspiring rapper these days wants to do — talk a big game about a "rise from the streets" to rap credibility.

The truth? West has had a relatively privileged life. He was raised in a middle-class neighborhood in Chicago by his mother, head of Chicago State's English Department, and his father, an award-winning photojournalist.

He has talent. He has a college education. He has millions of fans who lap up his every

And he still throws temper tantrums when he doesn't get

Memo to Kanye: Middle-America no longer gives a damn about Kanye West.

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# From Norway with love: a study abroad experience

efore I came to Norway, an adviser told me to try things abroad that I wouldn't normally try at home. Since then, that notion has all but been controlling my curiosity, as well as my actions and decisions. Ergo my fears and doubts about going and doing things have simply faded, and the nuances, experiences, even cliches of Norway have thus captured my insignificant, nonetheless full and unwavering attention.

**Andy Shelton** 

### **Guest Column**

Recently, I was blessed with the opportunity to visit the everlastingly soggy city of Bergen with several other international students, quite the thrill for a poor American sojourner such as myself. From fascinating facts of history to panoramic perfection, Bergen presented a livelihood

unexpected by a visitor like me.

Fortunately for us, there was not a cloud in the sky for the better part of our stay. In fact, for most of my stay in Norway I've seen little other than shining sun, and what modest rain does fall seems more of a fluid daylight than the dismal grey tone I would expect, what with the warm, yet calm, Gulf Stream passing through. Perhaps my Pacific Northwest familiar-

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### SALAD DAYS



I DON'T REALLY CARE MUCH FOR FOOTBALL, BUT MILLIONS I KNEW



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### 'Real Beauty' campaign by Dove still misses the mark

Beauty ideals have constantly changed over the years, and with it, the "acceptable" shapes and sizes of women. In the Renaissance, zaftig women were considered the epitome of beauty, just the way they were. However, that was where the trend ended.

Later, women adopted corsets in order to create an hourglass figure. Nowadays women, especially in the media, have to be covered in makeup and have their hair done. If their picture is taken, it's usually Photoshopped in order to present a "perfect" image. This movement has caused unnecessary self-esteem and body issues for women, and hardly anything has been done to change the system.

Every few years, a company comes along attempting to change the mindset of millions of women. Dove's "Campaign for Real Beauty," is one of these. Its goal is "to change the way women perceive their bodies, and their beauty, by widening the definition of what it means to be beautiful." Of course, the campaign reeks of rampant Dove product placement.

The campaign's Web site does present some sobering statistics, however. Only 13 percent of women are "very satisfied with their body weight and shape," 2 percent consider themselves "beautiful," and more than half the women Dove surveyed worldwide said their bodies "disgusted" them. Two-thirds of the 3,000 women also said, "the media and advertising set an unrealistic standard of beauty that most women can't ever achieve.' Dove took the initiative and blamed the media outright for the bleak data.

Dove's intentions may look true, but it teamed up with Wal-Mart, where attendees of the two-day promotional event received free samples and viewed photos of "real women." On the Web site, visitors can get a free Dove "Real Beauty" T-shirt- if they buy \$15 in Dove products.

It's this kind of monetary reaction that Dove really wants from us, whether or not we get more self-esteem. Sales of Dove products soared 700 percent since the introduction of the campaign in 2004. I doubt that women's self-esteem has similarly increased. I use some Dove products, but it doesn't make me a better woman. It just means my hair is clean. I still have to face the day even if I have greasy hair. We all Megan Keller

### **The North Wind**

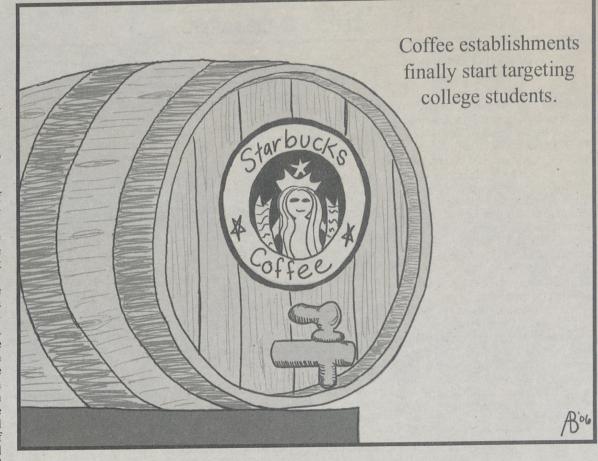
do. However, you won't find greasyhaired women in the ads.

Where did Dove get an idea of what real women look like? These women didn't sign up to be models - they were still chosen. The bodies pictured, instead of waif-like models, are not so far off the mark that they undermine the 'old' stereotypes. These 'plus' models are still considerably attractive. For this campaign to truly be ground-breaking, let's see women with warts, acne, scars, deformities or terrible haircuts. More than half of women are overweight and one-third are obese, according to the American Obesity Association. These women are not featured - because Dove would lose money if they used "ugly" people. These ads come off as ground-breaking, but they're still ads. Our bodies are still being used to sell products; we're just supposed to feel better about who we see in the ads now. Dove acts like they're eschewing the old stereotypes when in actuality they're just creating a new one to squeeze more money out of our wallets.

Why do we need companies to tell us to embrace ourselves? Why can't we do this on our own? Are we just a herd of cattle, feeling bad about our weight and looks, but not caring enough to make a difference ourselves, allowing a cosmetics company, of all things, to redesign how we feel? So what if the media does show thin women? If the way you define yourself is based solely on what women look like in the media, are body issues really your only prob-

If it takes some hair products for a woman to realize her self-worth, then good for her, but most women can't be "fixed" with a cream rinse. No company, no matter how many samples they give away, no matter how many funds they start, nothing is going to change our vision of self-worth. It is ultimately up to the individual not to allow anything else to define her but herself. Real beauty comes from within, and no amount of Dove products is going to make that happen.

Megan Keller is a columnist for The North Wind (Nothern Michigan University). The opinions expressed in her column do not necessarily represent those of The Daily Barometer staff.



## Do your homework before buying a car

Ibuquerque, N.M. (U-WIRE) -After one year of searching, student Crystal Brito bought the Yamaha motorcycle she had been looking for.

She bought it from a friend, because the motorcycles at the dealerships were overpriced, she said.

"The Blue Book values were way below the dealerships' prices," she said. "Their used bikes were priced from \$6,000 to \$8,000, and I got mine

Students take a risk when they buy a vehicle at a dealership, said Sharla Reinhart, membership development director for New Mexico Educators Federal Credit Union.

'Dealers can do all sorts of things to students that they wouldn't even know isn't appropriate," she said. "They will tack on extra fees or extra items that will cost the students a lot of money that they really don't need."

Dealerships often overcharge for insurance, warranties and undercoat

"I met with a girl at UNM once who signed a contract for a car that was worth \$6,500 retail price, and she ended up with a final price of \$22,000 because of extra fees," she said.

Reinhart said it's important for stu-

**Abigail Ramirez** 

### **The Daily Lobo**

dents to know how much the vehicle they're trading in is worth and the retail and wholesale prices of the vehicle they're buying.

If students don't know this information, they might buy a vehicle that is overpriced, Reinhart said.

The Kelley Blue Book provides new and used vehicle values at the Web site, Kbb.com

Before students head to dealerships, they need to know if the car dealership is a reputable company, she said.

"Questionable dealers can give you a car for a lot more than it's worth,"

Calling the Better Business Bureau or Consumer Advocacy at the Attorney General's Office can provide information about reputable companies.

Checking how much the insurance will be on the vehicle is one thing students don't think about, she said. Students can find out what they can afford by understanding the cost of the vehicle and the insurance.

"They need to know what they can afford to pay over the least period of time in order to not pay more interest than they need to pay," she said.

A student's credit can play a big part in whether he or she receives high or low insurance, she said. Car dealerships like to see a minimum of two years of employment with the same company and a credit score of no less than 600, she said.

They want to see that the student has a steady income and pays their bills on time, she said. One free credit report per year can be found at AnnualCreditReport.com.

Reinhart said students should bring their car deal to a bank before signing the contract to see if they are getting a fair price.

Students shouldn't buy a used vehicle just to save money, she said.

The money they saved in the purchase price could go to maintenance, she said. If students are buying used vehicles, they can have a mechanic inspect the vehicle or verify the vehicle's history online, she said.

"Don't let them pressure you into buying right away," she said. "Gather all of your information and go away for 24 hours, so you have time to check on what you think is correct."

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### **MAJOR TRAFFIC BACKUPS EXPECTED**

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Caltrans will use highway advisory radio and the internet, www.dot.ca.gov/dist2, to update motorists of delay times and backups. Travelers can also access road information by calling 1-800-GAS-ROAD or, if using your cell phone, 511. For additional information call

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Sunday, November 26, 2006

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- SB I-5: Peak 12:00PM 11:30PM, 20-120 minute delays, 3-18 mile backups

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### **SHELTON:** Norway's language, culture and people make for intriguing overseas travel

ity and bias has persuaded me so. So far the warmness of the Norwegian social and cultural environment (as well as the food) has been such a wonderful welcome to all of us international

The way I see it, Norway is the cultural Cognoscenti of the Scandinavian culture. The Norwegians not only know how things should be, they know that they know the way things should be. From wool to paperclips to cheese cutters to oil rigs, practical advances can be seen throughout this country's history, an indication of the pragmatism I see hidden in Norway's

I find that most everyone I've met seems to push him or herself quite excessively in efforts to achieve individual excellence, yet selflessly so.

For instance, I can expect most any Norwegian to speak English nearly as fluently as I can, but not one of them will say so outright. Though I must say, several of my "tour guides" have overused the term "cozy" in their descriptions. It's a useful and under-appreciated adjective in most circumstances, but not every street and cafe in a city can be cozy. It's a cliche unique to

Perhaps the most fascinating facet of the Norwegian culture, though, is the variety of dialects, even within such short dis-

Perhaps it's a slightly Neolithic tendency, even threads of Sedentism that inhibit any desired homogeneity among communities here, but the lack of verbal congruity is unmistakable.

Entertaining as it may be for me to listen to two people from the same country having such a difficult time understanding each other, its duplicitous nature sure makes learning the language a heck of a lot harder.

All in all, I think the language here is beautifully melodic, full of personality, and in the end, worth learning. I'm thoroughly grateful for the opportunity I've been given to be introduced to what is perhaps the most unspoiled place on earth: Norway.

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# McCain moves closer to launching White House bid

By Hope Yen THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Republican Sen. John McCain said Sunday he is taking the initial steps for a White House bid in 2008, setting up a committee that allows a potential candidate to raise money and travel the country to gauge

Democratic Sen. Joe Biden reaffirmed his intention to seek his party's nomination, though an announcement about establishing an exploratory committee probably will not come until early next year.

The anticipated wide-open campaign — for the first time since the 1928 race, the field will not include a sitting president or vice president — lost one possible participant when Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., decided against a long-shot run.

McCain, R-Ariz., said he is moving toward a 2008 bid by "doing things organizationally and legally" but will not make a final decision until early

McCain, considered the front-runner for his party's presidential nomination, said he could create an exploratory committee as early as this week.

"Are we doing the things organizationally and legally that need to be done? Yes," he said. "There are certain things legally you have to comply with in order to continue to raise money and set up an organization."

"The important thing is we will not make a decision until I sit down with my family, but we will be prepared," McCain said.

GOP officials last week said McCain would set up an exploratory committee and has opened a bank account for the committee.

On Sunday, McCain characterized the moves as preliminary until he decides over the holidays about a possible bid. He unsuccessfully sought his party's nomination for president in

If McCain were to run, he would turn

campaign. Only Ronald Reagan was older — 73 at the start of his second term. McCain's health also could be an all of the ... mechanics of it at this point issue because he has had several cancerous lesions removed from his skin.

McCain is a former Navy pilot who was a prisoner of war in Vietnam. He was elected to the Senate in 1986, and served in the House for four years before that.

During the 2006 election cycle, McCain attended 346 events and raising more than \$10.5 million on behalf of Republican candidates. He also donated nearly \$1.5 million to federal, state and county parties.

The 63-year-old Biden, who is line to take over as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, also ran for president before, dropping from the 1988 race after it became known he had lifted a portion of a speech from a British politician without attribution.

Biden, first elected to the Senate in 1972, said Sunday he would address

early in 2007. "I still plan on running. I haven't, quite frankly, thought through in terms of when to announce setting up an exploratory committee, but I plan on doing that," he said.

One potential challenger he will not have to contend with is Feingold, who said he wanted to focus on his work in the Senate. Feingold, 53, is an outspoken opponent of the Iraq war, the Patriot Act and other Bush administration policies.

"I never got to the point where I felt strongly I wanted to run," Feingold told The Associated Press. "Then I saw the result Tuesday and thought what a great opportunity to do my work in the Senate.

Last week Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack announced his candidacy. Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York is widely considered the front-runner. Others mentioned include Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, the 2004 nominee;

72 on Aug. 29, 2008, at the height of the the issue of an exploratory committee former Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, the vice presidential nominee two years ago; Sens. Barack Obama of Illinois, Evan Bayh of Indiana and Christopher Dodd of Connecticut; and New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson.

Obama, the lone black senator, "has done an enormous amount for the party," said Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean, adding that in his job he must stay "entirely

Republicans talked about for 2008. are Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney; Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist of Tennessee; Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, Sen. Sam Brownback of Kansas and former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani. GOP Rep. Duncan Hunter of California, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said last month he is forming an exploratory committee.

McCain appeared on NBC's "Meet the Press," Dean was on "Fox News Sunday" and Biden spoke on "This Week" on ABC.

# Clinton, Bush keep them laughing in **New Orleans**

By Mary Foster
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS - They're separated by more than 20 years, they come from opposing political parties, and one evicted the other from the White House. But Bill Clinton and George Bush act like a team, a pair of touring comedians with a well-honed act.

The two former presidents even have their entrance down pat, striding in with arms aloft, music pounding, lights flashing, the crowd standing and going wild.

The pair addressed more than 25,000 people attending the National Association of Realtors convention on Saturday, drawing at least six standing ovations and almost continuous applause.

Bush and Clinton thanked the real estate agents for holding their convention in New Orleans. It's the biggest convention to come to the city since Hurricane Katrina hit Aug. 29, 2005, and the pair has raised \$130 million to aid New Orleans and the Gulf Coast in recovering from the storm.

Retirement has been good, Bush said, although he misses some of the perks of the presi-

One problem with retirement, Bush said, is that memories do not fail on certain

"After 14 years no one forgets if you throw up on the Japanese premier," he said.

However, he said, years of being badgered by the news media have left him with a simple philosophy: "Now if I don't like your questions, the heck with it, then I'm not going to answer them."

Clinton played second banana after Bush's round of jokes.

"You've just witnessed George Bush's revenge for the 1992 campaign," Clinton said of the year he defeated Bush for the presidency. "I'm condemned for the rest of my life

to be his straight man." Bush can get away with some things more easily, said Clinton, whose presidency was marked by the Monica Lewinsky scandal, noting that if he were to repeat one off-color joke that Bush told, "the New York papers would kill me."



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A U.S. soldier stands watch at the scene following a car bomb explosion in Baghdad, Iraq, on Sunday, Nov. 12, that killed two and injured six Iraqis. Top U.S. officials are reviewing strategy in Iraq following last week's defeat by the Republicans in midterm elections and the resignation of **Defense Secretary** Donald Rumsfeld, one of the chief architects of the war.

KHALID MOHAMMED THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



# Shiite prime minister promises Cabinet shake up as violence kills more than 150

By Steven R. Hurst THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The Shiite prime minister promised Sunday to reshuffle his Cabinet after calling lawmakers disloyal and blaming Sunni Muslims for raging sectarian violence that claimed at least 159 more lives, including 35 men blown apart while waiting to join Iraq's police

Among the unusually high number of dead were 50 bodies found behind a regional electrical company in Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, and 25 others found scattered throughout the capital. Three U.S. troops were reported killed, as were four British service mem-

Also Sunday, the country's Sunni defense minister challenged Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's contention that the U.S. military should quickly pull back into bases and let the Iraqi army take control of security countrywide.

Defense Minister Abdul-Qadir al-Obaidi rejected calls by al-Maliki for the U.S. military to speed transfer of security operations throughout the country to the Iraqi army, saying his men still were too poorly equipped and trained to do the

job.
"We are working hard to create a real army and we ask our government not to try to move too quickly because of the political pressure it feels. Our technical needs are real and that is very important, if we are to be a real force against insecu-

Al-Maliki wants the Americans confined to bases for him to call on in emergencies, but he boldly predicted his army could crush violence within six months if left alone to do the work.

The top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. bat wounds in Anbar Province, the insur-

George Casey last month said it would gent stronghold west of the capital. Their take 12 to 18 months before Iraq's army was ready to take control of the country with some U.S. backup.

Key lawmakers from al-Maliki's Islamic Dawa Party said that in the coming Cabinet shake up, which the prime minister promised during a closed-door parliament session Sunday, Interior Minister Jawad al-Bolani was at the top of the list to lose his post because police and security forces were failing to quell the unbridled sectarian killing that has reached civil war proportions in Baghdad and the center of

Al-Bolani, a Shiite who was chosen in June and a month after al-Maliki's government was formed, is an independent. The United States demanded that the defense and interior posts be held by officials without ties to the Shiite political parties that control militia forces.

Al-Maliki is under pressure both from his people and the United States to curb violence, with Washington leaning on him to disband Shiite militias believed responsible, through their death squads, for much of the killings.

Al-Maliki is dependent on both Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, with its Badr Brigade military wing, and radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's political movement for his hold

The interior minister controls police and other security forces which already are infiltrated by the Badr Brigade and the Mahdi Army, the armed wing of al-Sadr's political movement.

After nearly 48 hours without reporting a death, the U.S. military said three soldiers assigned to the 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division died Saturday of comdeaths raised to 2,848 the number of service members who have had died since the start of the war in March 2003.

Four British servicemen were killed in an attack on a patrol boat in Basra's Shatt al-Arab waterway, southern Iraq, the Ministry of Defense said in London.

In Sunday morning's bombing targeting police recruits, two men detonated explosives strapped to their bodies simultaneously, police Lt. Maitham Abdul-Razaq said. The attack, killing 35 men outside the police station near western Baghdad's Nissur Square, was one of several blasts

Police and police recruits, who are largely Shiite Muslims, have been regularly targeted by Sunni insurgents, al-Qaida in Iraq and other terrorist organizations aligned with it.

In Baqouba, the Iraqi army's provincial public affairs office said troops found 50 bodies dumped behind the offices of the provincial electric company.

Nineteen of the bodies were taken to the morgue in Baqouba and the army was waiting for U.S. bomb disposal teams, fearing the 31 other bodies behind the electrical company were rigged with

Abdul-Razaq said Baghdad police had found 25 bullet-riddled, handcuffed bodies in several parts of the capital. Dozens more bodies were found around the

Al-Maliki confirmed an Associated Press report 10 days ago about the coming government shake-up during a closed-door parliament session in which he responded to public charges by lawmakers that the government was complicit in the killing of members of the Sunni minority, two parliamentarians told AP.

# On Iraq, Bush admin leaders pledge openness

WASHINGTON - Responding to a humbling election, White House aides said Sunday that President Bush would welcome new ideas about the unpopular war in Iraq, even from Democrats he had branded as soft on terrorism.

As Bush planned to meet Monday with a key advisory group on the war, his advisers adopted a new tone, days after a dissatisfied public handed the White House a divided

"Full speed ahead" in Iraq, as Vice President Dick Cheney put it in the final days of the campaign, was replaced by repeated calls for a "fresh perspective" and an acknowledgment that "nobody can be happy" with the situation in Iraq.

'We clearly need a fresh approach," said Josh Bolten, Bush's chief of staff, making the rounds of morning talk shows.

Democrats, meanwhile, showed they were not all in accord on how to proceed in Iraq. Although party leaders back a multifaceted approach to stabilizing the country, lawmakers have not unified on when to bring troops home without risking more chaos in Iraq.

Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan, the incoming chairman of the Armed Services Committee, urged that U.S. troops begin coming home in phases within four months to six months. He and Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware, the incoming chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, predicted many Republicans would support such a resolution now that the election

"We have to tell Iraqis that the open-ended commitment is over," Levin said.

Yet the Senate's top Democrat, Harry Reid of Nevada, did not seem to go as far. He said he thought the withdrawal of U.S. troops should began within a few months, but when asked if he would insist on a specific date, he said, "Absolutely

The administration will not support a timetable for drawing down troops, Bolten said.

Nobody wants to get the troops out of there more than President Bush," he said. "But they need to be there to support the Iraqi government, to make sure that the Iraqi government succeeds. And as soon as we can get them out,

As the war dominated the U.S. political debate, there was more carnage in Iraq. Suicide bombs erupted in a crowd of police recruits in Baghdad, while Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki rebuked lawmakers for putting party and sectarian loyalty ahead of Iraq's stability.

Attention, too, turned to Bush's meeting with the biparti-

san Iraq Study Group at the White House.

Led by former Secretary of State James A. Baker III and former Democratic Rep. Lee Hamilton, the group expects by year's end to recommend a different course for peace and stability in Iraq

Already, military commanders are re-evaluating strategy under the leadership of Gen. Peter Pace, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Bush also ousted Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld right after the election, after saying days earlier that would not happen.

"All these things are pushing toward one thing, and that is victory in Iraq," White House counselor Dan Bartlett said Sunday. "If there are good suggestions coming from either the Baker-Hamilton commission or elsewhere — members of Congress, both Republican and Democrat — we want to

The tone of the conversation changed when Democrats won control of the House and Senate in Tuesday's elections.

Before Election Day, Bush said the Democrats' goal was to get out of Iraq, not win in Iraq, and that if Democrats swept to power, the terrorists would triumph and America lose. A majority of voters — almost six in 10 — disapproved

of the war, and they overwhelmingly voted for Democrats, according to exit polls conducted for The Associated Press. A solid majority of voters said the U.S. should withdraw some or all of its troops from Iraq.

"You know, it's a big disappointment for us in the White House to have lost control of both Houses of Congress,' Bolten said. "But sometimes in adversity, there's opportunity, and hopefully we can take advantage of this opportunity.'

Biden and Levin appeared on ABC's "This Week." Bartlett was on "Fox News Sunday." Bolten appeared on ABC's "This Week, CBS' "Face the Nation" and "Late Edition" on CNN. Reid was on CBS' "Face the Nation."

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# Bush thanks troops in Veterans Day speech

ARLINGTON, Va. — President Bush marked Veterans Day by praising U.S. troops for fighting tyranny and oppression, yet touched only briefly on the war in Iraq, where U.S. commanders are rethinking

Three days after announcing the ouster of Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, Bush hailed members of the armed services, past and present, for their dedication and bravery. His seven-minute speech at Arlington National Cemetery contrasted sharply with the strong rhetoric he used to defend the war on Veterans Day a year ago.

On Saturday, Bush did not cite Iraq and Afghanistan by name, though he did say, 'From Valley Forge to Vietnam, from Kuwait to Kandahar, from Berlin to Baghdad, our veterans have borne the costs of America's wars — and they have stood watch over America's peace. The American people are grateful to the veterans and all who have fought for our freedom.'

Kandahar is Afghanistan's second-largest city. Baghdad is the Iraqi capital.

Cannons fired a 21-gun salute and soldiers, clasping rifles with bayonets, stood at attention as Bush's motorcade wound through rows of white tombstones. The president laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns, holding his hand over his heart as a bugler played taps.

Paying tribute to American troops, the commander in chief said, "They've brought down tyrants, they've liberated two nations, they have helped bring freedom to more than 50 million people" — a reference to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Through their sacrifice, they're making this nation safer and more secure — and they are earning the proud title of veteran,"

On Veterans Day last year, Bush rebuked congressional critics of his Iraq war policy.



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President Bush lays a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery during a Veterans Day ceremony in Arlington, Va.

Speaking at an Army depot in Tobyhanna, Pa., he accused opposition lawmakers of being "deeply irresponsible" and sending the wrong signal both to America's enemy and to U.S. troops.

Last year's speech was part of a coordinated White House effort to bolster the president's waning credibility and dwindling support for the war. At the time, the U.S. death count had exceeded 2,000. Today it tops 2,840.

In Baghdad on Saturday, police reported gunmen ambushed minibuses, killing at least 10 passengers and kidnapping about 50, and a pair of car bombs tore through a downtown shopping district killing eight

Democrats, who took control of the House and Senate in Tuesday's voting, read

the elections as a demand for change in

"Americans across the country made it clear that they want a new direction in Iraq and in the war on terror, Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean said in his party's weekly radio address.

Democrats have not coalesced around one alternative strategy for Iraq.

"We will listen to the military, take their advice, and ensure that our troops and agencies have the tools and equipment they need to defend our freedom," Dean said.

In the presidential radio address, broadcast before his visit to the cemetery, Bush said America's enemies should not read the election results as a sign of U.S. weakness. During the campaign, he contended Democrats would undermine national security.

# Controversial war memorial unveiled in Oregon's capital

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALEM — An Afghan-Iraqi war memorial that's drawn criticism in some quarters for its design and its timing was unveiled Saturday amid praise from Gov. Ted Kulongoski and family members of fallen Oregonians.

The monument, featuring a large fountain and a bronze statue of a kneeling soldier with an outstretched hand, was unveiled before a crowd of hundreds of military veterans and relatives of slain Oregonians.

The monument at the Capitol Mall also includes a granite wall inscribed with the names of 74 soldiers or Marines with Oregon ties who have died in Iraq or Afghanistan.

There was little hint of the controversy surrounding the memorial at Saturday's ceremony, which capped a two-year effort by Clay and M.J. Kesterson, parents of slain Army Warrant Officer Erik Kesterson, to raise private donations for the memorial.

porter of the project from the start, called it "a place of prayer, contemplation and reflection ... a place where we can remember the brave hearts that we lost." When the water in the foun-

tain was turned on, Kulongoski turned to Clay Kesterson and said, "I love it! You did a good job."

Some have questioned whether a memorial is appropriate while the fighting is still under way. "It seems a little premature,"

said John Theodore, 74, a retired correctional worker and Korean War veteran. "Unfortunately, the war is still going on.'

However, Theodore said, he came to the ceremony to show respect for Oregon's fallen soldiers.

Several members of Gold Star families, the relatives of soldiers slain in Iraq and Afghanistan, praised the new monument and its timing.

Betsy Jeffries, 23, whose husband Joseph Jeffries, a mem- fountain, with a map of the ready for a memorial like this."

Kulongoski, who's been a sup- ber of the U.S. Army Reserve, was killed by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan. "It's been more than two years since my husband died. For me, that's a long enough wait."

However, some Gold Star families have expressed opposition to the memorial and what they believe is its political message.

In a recent interview with The Oregonian, the mother of Oregon National Guard Spc. Eric McKinley, who was killed in Baghdad in June 2004, said she's "sick and tired of all the honoring and everybody saying, 'Oh, he's a hero.'

"I look at it that he is a victim of the Bush administration's arrogance and stupidity," Karen Hilsendager said.

Some lawmakers who voted for it now believe the memorial's approval process was flawed.

And several of the state's most notable architects earlier said the memorial was not properly

monuments to Oregonians who have given their lives in previous wars.

None of those criticisms were aired Saturday as the governor and other backers of the project gathered. Gary Cupp, 50, a Stayton truck

driver whose son is with the U.S. Army in Iraq, said he donated his labor on three weekends to help complete the project. "I'm glad to see them doing

this now, and not waiting so long like they did after World War II," Cupp said. "These guys need to be honored today, not 10 or 20 years from now."

Jim Willis, head of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, said he thinks the controversy reflects the public's feelings about the Iraq and Afghanistan

"People are conflicted about the war," Willis said. "And there are some people who are still "It's a healing place," said reviewed and is inappropri- coming to grips with the loss ate. They said the 40-foot-wide of a loved one, and they are not

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### **VETERANS:** Visitors to event, as well as its planners, pleased with the way things go **SECONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

the night. Then there was an empty chair behind the table to symbolize that the soldier was missing.

The reaction to the ceremony was positive.

"I had never seen a missing man formation," Leonard said. "It was incredibly moving. The ceremony was absolutely superb. I was really choked up.

Organizers of the event also thought the ceremony

"It was the best yet," said Capt. Kimberly Garbett, the Air Force ROTC unit missions officer. "The weather held out for us.'

"This is one of the few ceremonies on campus that

would not be able to toast really honors veterans," Cadet Capt. Nick Anderson said. "It keeps getting bigger each year."

On Saturday, the Veterans Day Parade carried on through the rain.

Air Force, Naval and Army ROTC all marched in the parade and were judged on military marching units and military color guard.

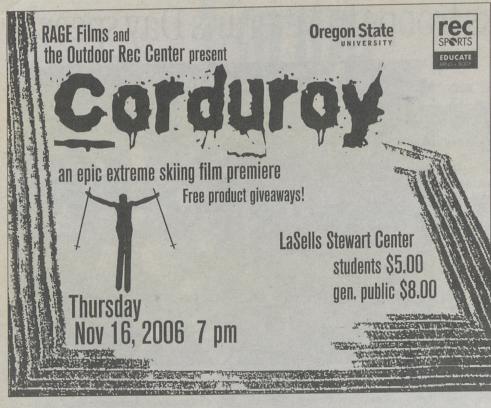
The Army ROTC placed first in military color guard. Naval ROTC placed second in military marching and military color guard, and the Air Force ROTC placed third in military color guard and first in military marching.

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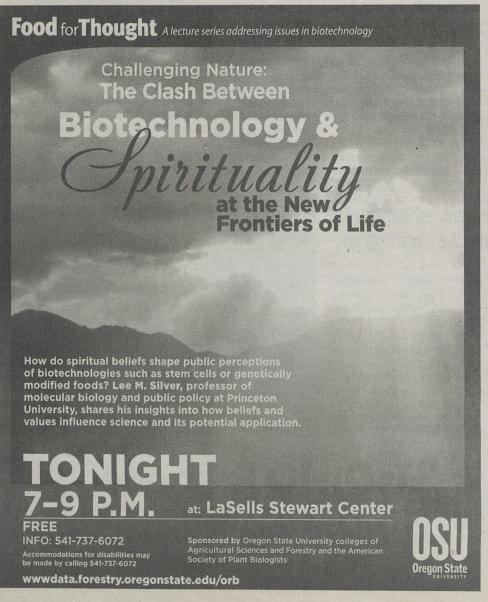


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Cadet Gene Joo stands guard at the Veterans Day memorial site in the MU Quad on Friday. While the campus does not close for the holiday, it hosts an annual day of events that organizers say is growing each year. On Saturday, there were several other events in Oregon and across the nation.







# College Football: Upset Saturday

### Arizona beats No. 8 California

TUCSON, Ariz. — Antoine Cason returned an interception 39 yards for a touchdown to lead Arizona to a 24-20 upset of No. 8 California on Saturday.

The Wildcats, who beat a Top 25 team for the second straight week, rallied from a 17-3 third quarter deficit to stun the Golden Bears. Arizona (5-5, 3-4 Pacific-10) knocked off then-No. 25 Washington State in Pullman last week.

DeSean Jackson returned a punt 95 yards for a touchdown and caught a 62-yard touchdown pass for California (8-2, 6-1). Marshawn Lynch rushed for 102 yards for the Golden Bears, who face No. 7 Southern California next week in Los Angeles.

With the game tied at 17 early in the fourth quarter, California quarterback Nate Longshore threw a sideline pass for fullback Byron Storer. But Cason stepped in front of the receiver, intercepted the ball and raced untouched down the sideline to give Arizona its first lead of the game. Longshore threw three interceptions.

The Golden Bears answered immediately with Longshore's 44-yard pass to Lavelle Hawkins, who was alone behind the secondary but stumbled and was down at the Arizona 1. Cal failed to score on two Lynch runs and an incomplete pass and settled for a 20-yard field goal by Tom Schneider.

On Cal's last possession, Longshore hit Jackson for an apparent 63-yard touchdown pass with 2:18 to play. But the score was nullified by a video review, which showed that Jackson stepped out at Arizona's 41. Jackson finished with six receptions for 131 yards.

The drive died when Arizona linebacker Ronnie Palmer intercepted pass with 1:32 to play.

### Georgia beats No. 5 Auburn

AUBURN, Ala. — The Georgia Bulldogs did more than just spoil No. 5 Auburn's title hopes. They finally played like defending Southeastern Conference champions.

With Tra Battle returning one of his three first-half interceptions for a touchdown and freshman quarterback Matthew Stafford's poised passing and running, the Bulldogs salvaged a disappointing season with an emphatic 37-15 victory over the Tigers on Saturday.

And those embarrassing losses to Vanderbilt and Kentucky? What losses?

"I'm definitely not thinking about Vandy and Kentucky," Georgia defensive tackle Ray Gant said. "That was easily erased from my memory with this win.

"This is the sweetest victory I've ever had."

Georgia (7-4, 4-4 Southeastern Conference) all but erased Auburn's hopes of even winning an SEC championship much less a national title.

The Tigers (9-2, 5-2) entered the game as nearly two-touchdown favorites and were among a handful of one-loss teams trying to play into a Bowl Championship Series title shot. Ranked sixth in the latest BCS standings, Auburn was unable to put up much of a fight in this one.

"They came here with a mission and got it done at the expense of us," Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville said. "Today was one of those days where there wasn't anything going our way."

The result was the implosion of an Auburn team that struggled against other underdogs such as Mississippi and South Carolina and was dominated by then-unranked Arkansas.

The Bulldogs, who had lost four of their last five games, jumped out to a stunning 30-7 halftime lead against the nation's No. 4 scoring defense and avoided a losing SEC record. They sacked Brandon Cox four times and Battle swiped three of Cox's eight first-half passes.

No team had scored that many points against

Auburn since a 38-17 loss to Arkansas in 2002.

"They just beat us. They had an answer for everything we did," said Cox, who was inter-

cepted four times and went 4-of-12 for 35 yards. "It seemed like everything we did didn't work."

The opposite was largely true for Stafford, who completed 14 of 20 passes for 219 yards, ran seven times for 83 yards and accounted for two touchdowns. He had been intercepted eight times in his last three games, but none on this day.

### Kansas State beats No. 4 Texas

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Touchdown, Colt McCoy. Texas, 7-0. Let the rout of Kansas State begin.

Not so fast. The Longhorns' star quarterback injured his right shoulder on the play and was done for the night.

And now so are Texas' chances of repeating as national champions.

Josh Freeman threw three touchdown passes and ran for a score to lead the Wildcats to a 45-42 victory over No. 4 Texas on Saturday night.

"One thing about Texas," coach Mack Brown said, "there's never a good time to lose."

Texas, fifth in last week's BCS standings, had hoped to move up when No. 15 Rutgers stunned No. 3 Louisville 28-25 on Thursday. And when McCoy went in from a yard out on Texas' first possession the Longhorns appeared on their way to doing just that.

But McCoy, whose 27 touchdown passes this season are a school record, got pinned under the pile on his 1-yard TD run in the first quarter.

He left the game and was replaced by freshman Jevan Snead.

It was the first action of the year for Snead, who had pushed McCoy for the starter's job this summer. He was 13-for-30 for 130 yards and one score and was sacked five times.

Before he got hurt, McCoy completed all four of his attempts for 51 yards.

"I give credit to their defense," Snead said. "I could have handled it a lot better, but they have a really good defense.

"There were a lot of plays that I could have made but I didn't."

Kansas State (7-4, 4-3) made its share of mistakes, too. The Wildcats won despite two disastrous plays by their punt team, which allowed Texas to start two touchdown drives at or inside the 5-yard line.

But nobody was in a mood to gripe about that.

"There's always things that we're going to have to clean up, but we've obviously shown that we can play with any team in the country," linebacker Brandon Archer said.

The Longhorns (9-2, 6-1 Big 12) got within a field goal on Chris Ogbonnaya's 1-yard touchdown run with 1:36 to go. But Jordy Nelson recovered the ensuing onside kick and then caught a 6-yard pass for a first down that sealed the Wildcats' biggest win in years.

### Standford gets first win

SEATTLE, Wash. — Stanford won't be the first 0-12 team in Pac-10 Conference history.

Richard Sherman took a screen pass 74

yards early in the fourth quarter for Stanford's first offensive touchdown in more than a month and the Cardinal shocked Washington 20-3 on Saturday.

Bo McNally returned an interception 49 yards for a TD in the third quarter as the Cardinal (1-9, 1-6 Pac-10) snapped the nation's second-longest losing streak at 11 games.

The losing streak matched the longest in school history. The Cardinal lost their final game in 1959 and all 10 the following season \_ the school's last winless campaign.

There won't be a winless tag associated with the 2006 Cardinal after dominating Washington (4-7, 2-6), a team that could have become bowl eligible with wins over Stanford and Washington State in next week's season finale.

— Associated Press



# Tiger Woods' win streak ends

SHANGHAI, China — Tiger Woods' winning streak is over.

Yang Yong-eun, a regular on the Japanese tour who has played infrequently outside Asia, closed with a 3-under 69 Sunday for a 14-under 274 and a two stroke victory over Woods at the HSBC Champions tour-

Woods, who won six consecutive stroke events on the U.S. PGA Tour before taking a five-week sabbatical leading into the this tournament, started the day five shots back and never really threatened to overtake Yang. Woods birdied the 14th, 16th and 18th holes including a four-footer on the last — for a final-round 67 and second-place finish for the second straight year.

Woods said his 73 in cold and blustery conditions Saturday cost him a good run at the title in Asia's richest tournament.

'I wasn't quite good enough," Woods said. "Yesterday just killed me. I was so far back and Yang just played a great stretch of holes and just put it out of reach for all of us that were 6 or 7 under trying to make a run

Third-round leader Retief Goosen hit his approach on 18 in the water, part of a horrendous back nine when he shot 39 en route to a 1-over 73 and a total of 11 under. He

Zealand's Michael Campbell, who matched the course record with a 64.

Yang's \$833,000 winners' check eclipsed the previous biggest tournament prize for the 34-year-old South Korean.

Yang started the day at 11under par, one behind overnight leader Goosen, but took a three-shot lead with seven holes to play. He said he got nervous after a bogey at the 16th, but felt confident when he reached the green on the 18th after watching Goosen hit into the water.

'It's just such a big moment in my life right now I can't explain it in words," Yang said. "Now that I've won, I want to play a lot of tournaments overseas in Europe, the United States and Japan. I want to compete against the best in the world, now this gives me the chance."

Campbell, the 2005 U.S. Open champion, had a terrible third round, making 10 bogeys in a 77. But he improved on that score by 13 strokes Sunday, making five birdies on the front nine and three on the back.

He shares the course record with Woods and Henrik Stenson, who both had 64s on Fri-

Scotland's Marc Warren finished fifth at 10 under, followed by European No. 1 Padraig Harrington, Robert Karlsson and Paul Casey at 8 under.

closed with a 68 and finished at seven under in a share of ninth with K.J. Choi, Johan Edfors, Italy's Francesco Molinari and India's Jyoti Randhawa.

Woods said the form he showed in the second round was verging on what is was before his five-week break.

He was followed by a packed gallery, buzzing with excitement on almost every shot.

"I wish I could have made a few more birdies and made it more exciting for them. We challenged for a win, but it wasn't the case," Woods said.

The 30-year-old American took on the course from the start, trying to make up ground.

He used a wood to hit out of a bunker hoping to hit the green in two on the par-five second hole. He landed it just on the verge of the green, but had to settle for par.

He also narrowly missed a birdie putt at the par-three fifth, where the distractions of a cackle of gunfire from an automatic weapon and a bugle salute from an adjoining army base brought a smile to his

It was a missed putt for eagle at the par-five 14th ended his challenge, Woods said.

"It was a momentum blower," said Woods, who admitted he did not know anything about Yang until now.

# USC jumps back to No. 3 spot

Southern California reclaims the No. 3 spot in the BCS rankings after four teams ahead of them lose over the weekend

By Ralph D. Russo

NEWYORK — Southern California bounced back in the Bowl Championship Series stand-

The Trojans were in third place, right behind Ohio State and Michigan, in the standings released Sunday, returning to the spot they held before losing three weeks ago. Southern California had a slight lead over fourth-place Florida, and Notre Dame, unbeaten Rutgers and Arkansas also were close behind.

When first-place Ohio State (11-0) and second-place Michigan (11-0) play Saturday it'll mark the latest in the regular season the top two teams in the BCS standings have met. The winner will virtually clinch a spot in the BCS title game on Jan. 8 in Glendale, Ariz.

USC was in the top three in the first two BCS standings with Ohio State and Michigan, and appeared in control of its destiny in the race to the national title game. Then the Trojans were upset at Oregon State, 33-31 on Oct. 28, and tumbled out of the top five.

But last week, four teams that were ahead of USC in the last BCS standings \_ Louisville, Auburn, Texas and California \_ lost.

Bolstered by a 35-10 victory over Oregon, the Trojans have rebounded with a BCS average of .8699. They moved up to third in the Harris Interactive poll and fourth in the coaches' poll, each count for a third of the BCS average. The computer rankings that account for the final third have USC fourth.

But Trojans aren't in the clear from the competition. Florida's BCS average is .8495.

The Gators and Trojans are nearly even in the polls and both have some tough games

left on the schedule. The Gators play at Florida State in two weeks and have already secured a spot in the Southeastern Conference title game, where Arkansas is the most likely opponent on Dec. 2 in Atlanta. USC plays Cal on Saturday and Notre Dame the

The Fighting Irish (.8193) are now in position to secure an automatic bid to one of the five BCS games, even if they don't reach the title game. Notre Dame needs to finish in the top eight in the final BCS standings for automatic entry. A top-12 finish makes the Irish eligible for selection.

Sixth-place Rutgers (.7866) beat Louisville 28-25 last Thursday to remain undefeated, but the Scarlet Knights are still stuck behind USC, Florida and Notre Dame, all with one loss. The computers love the Knights, though. The computer ratings have Rutgers second behind Michigan and ahead of Ohio

Arkansas (.7567) can clinch the SEC West division by beating Mississippi State on Sat-

Boise State also took a significant step forward in the latest BCS standings. The undefeated Broncos moved up to spots to 12th place. They need to finish in the top 12 to earn automatic entry to the BCS, or a top 16 finish will do as long as they're ahead of one of the six conference champs with auto-

Wake Forest was the highest ranked Atlantic Coast Conference team in 16th place in this week's BCS standings.

The Broncos of the Western Athletic Conference would likely end up in the Fiesta Bowl playing the Big 12 champion if they can become the second team from outside the BCS conferences to play in the big-money bowls. Utah from the Mountain West Conference was the first in 2004.

### **VOLLEYBALL:** Service errors hurt the Beavers in a close game against ASU

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OSU used a pair of Rourke kills, one by Cahoon and an ace by Ashley Evans to push the lead to 27-22. Slowly the Sun Devils crept back into the game tying the score at 29-29 and stirring up the crowd of 1,704 before Rourke tallied her seventh kill of the game to go up 30-29. A scrambling rally by the Beavers resulted in an overpass that ASU's Tierra Burnley attacked at the middle of the net. But Evans raced by the play with one arm raised, rejecting Burnley's offering as the ball bounded to the back-left corner of ASU's court to send the Beavers to the locker room even at one

Oregon State trailed 20-23 in a close contest late in game three but back-to-back service errors by Murray and Ali Walker sandwiched potential momentum changing kills by Rourke. With the Beavs trailing 22-26 and unable to capitalize, OSU dropped the game and eventually the match.

Rourke totaled 30.5 points on 28 kills and three total blocks. Murray joined Rourke in double figures with 13 points on nine kills, three aces and a block. Evans led three Beavers with 15 digs. Rourke's 28-kill match ties her for 10th most ever by an Oregon State player.

OSU returns to Gill Coliseum next week for the final home games of the season. The Beavers will be challenged by California on Thursday at 7 p.m. and then face Stanford on Friday at 7 p.m. on Senior Night.

### BASKETBALL: OSU's experienced front court considered one of the best in the Pac-10

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improvements in the play of the Beavers' young guards but also the need for better protection of the basketball and cutting down on turnovers. Oregon State had 24 turnovers in its exhibition win over St. Martins, and cut the number in half during the game against Portland. But progress seemed stunted after the Beavers gave up the ball 36 times combined in the final two

Redshirt freshman Josh Tarver -the older brother of Seth — is becoming more comfortable in his role as starting point guard, a position that drew attention before the season started due to the lack of any returning experience. But the elder Tarver, who also played his first game as a Beaver Friday, finished with 38 points in the tournament, momentarily silencing critics.

"He is definitely making strides," John said.

A bit of Oregon State history was made Friday night when both Tarver brothers were announced as starters. It was the first time in nine years that two siblings started together in Beaver jerseys. The last family affair was Corey and Sonny Benjamin in the 1997-98 season. It was also the third time in six seasons that two freshmen have started the season opener then-freshman Kyle Jeffers started with Kenny Hooks in

Oregon State's frontcourt, anchored by senior Kyle Jeffers and juniors Marcel Jones and Sasa Cuic, is considered to be one of the best in the Pacific-10 and was very productive offensively. The trio averaged 41 points a game over the weekend

and saw Jones and Cuic named to the all-tournament team. Jones concluded his three-game stint averaging nearly 19 points an outing. Cuic ended with 50 total points and Jeffers with 17.

"I need those guys to perform," John said of his frontcourt. "I feel during the SE Louisiana game they didn't rebound as well as they could have. Obviously you can see they make an impact."

The all-tournament team was rounded out with Quennell Green and Daryl Cohen of Southeastern Louisiana, Dawn Whiten of Cal Poly and Jamie Jones of Portland.

John dismissed any notion of the possibility that the Beavers were not looking past the games against Southeastern Louisiana and Cal Poly to their match-up with No. 24 Nevada in Corvallis this Wednesday, saying that his team was focused and would take each game at face value.

"They were looking forward to playing a game - it was a long

off-season," John laughed. "We are going to take care of business one game at a time."

John cautioned against making any premature judgments, noting the unusual situation that a weekend tournament presents. "Three games in less than 48 hours usually mean sub-par performances for teams on both sides," John said. "It wasn't pretty, but I'm glad that my older guys stepped up, particularly [Marcel] Jones.'

Going into the Nevada game Wednesday, Sasa Cuic revealed a positive feeling. "It is good to bounce back after a loss," Cuic said. "We wanted to get out with a positive record and we did that. We will make the adjustments and come out against Nevada ready."

The Wolfpack, a fifth seed in last year's NCAA tournament, comes calling Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Gill Coliseum.

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**UCLA 25, OSU 7** 

# **UCLA snaps Beaver winning streak**

After two turnover-free games, OSU fumbles the ball four times in an ugly loss in Pasadena

By Beth Harris
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PASADENA, Calif. - Call Patrick Cowan the 15-second man.

That's how long the UCLA quarterback needed to throw the goahead touchdown in the third quarter, helping the Bruins defeat Oregon State 25-7 Saturday night and keep their bowl hopes alive.

"We needed that. This game gave us a big boost," said Marcus Everett, who scored both of UCLA's

Oregon State turned the ball over on downs on its first drive of the quarter, and before the Beavers knew what had hit them, Cowan directed the 45-yard scoring pass to Everett on UCLA's first play.

'We haven't done anything like that all season," UCLA coach Karl Dorrell said. "We wanted to come out in the second half with a big play. The defense did a great job on

that fourth-down stop."

The Bruins (5-5, 3-4 Pacific-10), who snapped a four-game losing streak despite racking up 13 penalties for 155 yards, could salvage a bowl bid with a victory at Arizona State next week. They end the regular season at home against No. 7 Southern California.

"Our defense really stepped up to the challenge of slowing down an offense that has been very, very successful the last few weeks," Dor-

The Beavers (6-4, 4-3), who play a 13-game schedule, would have become bowl eligible with their fifth consecutive victory. Their winning streak included a 33-31 upset of USC on Oct. 28.

"That was a terribly disappointing game," Oregon State coach Mike Riley said. "Nothing felt good

Oregon State's Matt Moore, who transferred from UCLA after losing the starting job in 2003, was sacked five times — including twice in the fourth quarter. He was 17-of-29 for 175 yards and no touchdowns.



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Matt Moore threw was 17-of-29 for 175 yards with no touchdowns and was sacked five times, twice in the fourth quarter

man and Bruce Davis teamed up against Moore, with Hickman getting a sack and Davis recovering a fumble with 5 1/2 minutes left in

"They beat us, but we also beat ourselves," Moore said.

Justin Medlock, who came into the game tied for the NCAA lead with 19 field goals, made kicks of 40 and 42 yards in the second quarter, when UCLA trailed 7-6. He added two more in the fourth — from 25 and 24 yards — that extended the Bruins' lead to 25-7.

UCLA stopped Oregon State's first drive of the third quarter when Yvenson Bernard was tackled for a 3-yard loss on fourth down.

think it would be catastrophic if we went for it. It turned out it was."

The Bruins had barely regained the ball when Cowan found Everett, who ran into the end zone ahead of Oregon State defender Al Afalava for a 13-7 lead.

"Coach said, 'Don't be hesitant to make a big play, just try to get positive yards," Cowan said. "The coach called it, and I executed it. It

Oregon State's Alexis Serna, the fourth-best kicker in the nation, missed a 30-yard field goal wide left. On their next possession, the Beavers committed the third of their four fumbles in the game.

The Bruins maintained their "We had a half-yard to go (for momentum into the fourth quarter, three passes fourth down)," Riley said. "I didn't with Everett catching an 11-yard touchdowns.

TD pass from Cowan for a 19-7 lead. The 2-point conversion failed when Cowan's pass was incomplete to Logan Paulsen.

"I told Patrick, 'Just throw the ball out there and I'll run under it," Everett said. "He just calmed down in the second half. I told him it's fun and he threw some perfect balls."

Bernard scored up the middle for the Beavers' lone touchdown in the second quarter. He was their leading rusher with 16 carries for 54 yards and leading receiver with five catches for 41 yards.

Cowan was 12-of-23 for 126 yards and two touchdowns.

Chris Markey led UCLA with 23 carries for 84 yards. Everett caught three passes for 64 yards and both

# Volleyball falls to ASU, Arizona

Beavers manage to win only one game out of seven played against Arizona teams

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The Oregon State spikers struggled with their attack efficiency Friday night, falling to Arizona in three games 30-27,

With the loss, Oregon State falls to 3-20 overall and 0-14 in the Pacific-10, while Arizona improves to 12-15 overall and 3-12 in the conference.

The Beavers found themselves trailing 13-22 in game one before coming alive to make things interesting. Consecutive kills from Brittany Cahoon, Kristin Murray and Lexie Rathgeber got OSU back in the game. Shortly after that, a block by Murray and an attack error forced Arizona to call a timeout with the score 18-23. However, a series of Oregon State errors put the Beavers into a 18-28 hole. OSU again had an answer as outside hitter-turned-setter Taylor Studzinski recorded two kills to force Arizona's final timeout at 23-28. The Beavers continued to fight holding off four straight game points as Kaitlyn Myers tallied three consecutive kills, but the effort was too little, too late and the Beavers fell 27-30.

Murray led the Beavers with 11 points on 10 kills and two total blocks. Defensive specialist Jennifer Fitz tied her career-high with 14 digs and Rathgeber led OSU at the net with four total blocks.

OSU also dropped its game to Arizona State Thursday night, despite a career-high 28 kills from freshman outside hitter Rachel Rourke. The Beavers fell in four games 30-17, 29-31, 30-26

"This is a work in progress," said head coach Taras Liskevych. "We won a game tonight and that's a start but we need to keep working on our passing. We had a couple untimely serving errors that killed us in game three and that was the game."

The Beavers gained a 12-11 lead in the second game on a stuff-block by Rourke and held on to win the game.

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## OSU women dominate in regular season opener

Freshman Judie Lomax puts up double-double in first career game as OSU crushes So. Utah

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Senior guard Casey Nash scored 20 points — matching her career high - to lead the Oregon State women's basketball team to a 60-38 victory over Southern Utah in Saturday's season opener at Gill Coliseum.

Nash, whose previous high of 20 points came in 2003 against Oregon, buried 9-of-14 field goals Saturday afternoon and scored 10 straight points for the Beavers (1-0) in the middle of the second half. Nash also had six rebounds in the win.

OSU won its season opener for the ninth straight year as all nine players on the roster saw action and eight put points on the board.

Southern Utah (0-1) took an early 6-2 lead, but Beaver freshman guard Jasmine Smith came off the bench to spark the OSU offense and catapult an 11-0 run. Nash buried a jumper with 9:05 on the clock to make the score 19-8 and the Beavers never

"Defense is a commitment so we knew that was one of the things we had to do coming in to tonight's game," said Oregon State head coach LaVonda Wagner. "We had to commit to playing team defense and sacrificing to get some easy possessions back.

Smith finished with 10 points in the contest and fellow freshman Judie Lomax registered a doubledouble with 11 points and a gamehigh 14 rebounds. Lomax becomes just the third freshman in Oregon State history to record a doubledouble in her first career game, and the most recent since Kari Parriott scored 16 points and hauled in 10 rebounds against Portland on Nov. 28, 1987. It is the third straight game Lomax has pulled in double-digit boards, grabbing 22 and 17 in OSU's two exhibition games earlier last

Erin McClean led Southern Utah with 10 points.

Oregon State held a 39-26 rebounding edge and turned the ball over just 10 times on the afternoon.

OSU hits the road for a Tuesday match-up against Cal Poly, with tipoff scheduled at 7 p.m.

# Beavers go 2-1 in early season tourney

Fans get a look at the Tarver brothers and the rest of the 2006-2007 Beavers as OSU hosts its first ever Oregon Rain Invitational tournament

By Kellen Hade THE DAILY BAROMETER

Fans endured months of pre-signing hoopla. They were forced to sit through an entire summer wondering how the most anticipated recruit in the Jay John era was developing. But Friday night, they needed to wait only four minutes to see freshman Seth Tarver record his first points as a Beaver as Oregon State scored its first victory of the season over the University of Portland, 65-48.

Tarver finished with only three points that night in the first of a three-game stretch for Oregon State as they hosted the Oregon Rain Invitational in Gill Coliseum over the weekend. Portland (0-3), along with Cal Poly (1-2) and Southeastern Louisiana (3-0), were the participating teams in the first year of what will become an annual

The Beavers (2-1) beat Cal Poly Sunday afternoon and Portland on Friday, but fell to Southeastern Louisiana of the Southland Conference 65-63 Saturday night. The Southeastern Louisiana Lions, who traveled more than 2,500 miles from Hammond, La. to Corvallis, went undefeated and took home the tournament championship.

"There are positives for us, certainly," OSU coach Jay John said Saturday after the loss to Southeastern. "They have four seniors back and I think they have a chance to be a tournament team. For us, you have to go through that

The weekend was bittersweet for John, as he noted

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Marcel Jones who made the all-tournament team led the Beavers with 21 points in Sunday's win over