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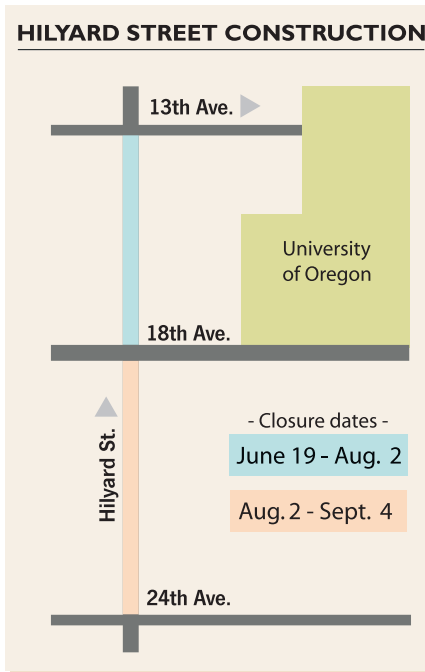
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Construction cones and barricades line Hilyard Street between 13th and 18th Avenues. Hilyard Street has become a dirt road during construction, which is expected to continue in two phases until Sept.



STEVEN NEUMAN | NEWS EDITOR

Man seeks new trial in student death case

Darrell Sky Walker's new attorney says testimony could clear his client's conviction

BY EDWARD OSER
NEWS REPORTER

In the early hours of June 10, 2005, University student Phillip Gillins took a sharp punch to the face. He fell back, cracking his head on the pavement of the alley next to Hodgepodge East 13th Avenue, and within two days he was dead.

Despite sentencing one man to prison for the 22-year-old's death, who threw the fatal punch is still being questioned.

This past April a jury convicted Darrell Sky Walker of manslaughter and assault, sending him to prison for more than six years. After his conviction, an article in the Eugene Weekly states that Walker's attorney requested a new trial based on evidence that suggests another man, Bryan "J.D." Beall, punched Gillins.

The EW article states that Walker testified in the original case that while he had been drinking and acting aggressively, he did not punch Gillins and that Beall did. Beall refused to testify, citing his Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination.

Walker has since hired a new attorney,

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Construction tears up Hilyard

City of Eugene Public Works will completely repave Hilyard Street in two phases, the first ending in August and the second on Sept. 4.

BY STEVEN R. NEUMAN
NEWS EDITOR

Why didn't the student cross the road — it sounds like a bad joke — but Hilyard Street, the busy thoroughfare that separates the University from much of the rental housing west of campus, has been shut down until Aug. 1, dramatically reducing access for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

City of Eugene Public Works has divided the road work into two phases. From June 19 until August the street is closed between 13th and 18th Avenues, project manager Steve Gallup said. Blocks between 18th and 24th Avenues will be shut down from Aug. 2 until Sept. 4.

In total, the \$2 million project will completely reconstruct 11 blocks from the ground up, Gallup said. Hilyard Street is a concrete street re-paved in asphalt, but damage and cracks in the underlying concrete have translated into larger potholes, ruts and cracks. Most of the funding for the project comes from Eugene's local gasoline tax.

"Many, many years of travel and weather have caused damage to the point where the surface and the roadbed is cracking," EPW public affairs manager Eric Jones said. The resulting surface was dangerous to cyclists who were often forced to swerve out of bike lanes to avoid large pot-holes, and motorists who were distracted by rough

driving surfaces.

"Normally, when we're doing roads within city limits we close one lane and work on the other," Gallup said. "As we're redoing this whole street, we've had to shut it all down."

That has meant that sidewalks along Hilyard have remained open, but all east-west automobile cross-traffic is blocked and pedestrian and bicycle crossings through the work zones may be limited by construction.

On Monday, the first day of summer classes, community members crossing Hilyard Street carefully picked their way among pallets of construction materials and piles of gravel strewn along the street on the way to or from school and work. Gallup said in the short-term this is fine.

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Out of obscurity, craft-brewing finds a niche

Abundant hops, malt and clear water make Eugene and Oregon prime territory for beer brewing

BY JOBETTA HEDELMAN
FREELANCE REPORTER

For the past nine years, beer has ranked as the number one "in" item on college campuses, according to the annual Student Monitor study, but this year the sudsy treat was dethroned for only the second time in 18 years — by the iPod. Nevertheless, in Eugene, a city known for its local microbrews and drinkers with sophisticated palates, beer may still reign supreme.

The beautiful mountains, lush vegetation and clear, pure lakes and rivers that make the Pacific Northwest visually stunning are essential to the production of delicious, refreshing beer.

Springfield resident Mike Bennett has been brewing his own beer both at home and professionally for more than 20 years.

Oregonians are spoiled because of the region's unique natural resources, Bennett said.



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SOLV head speaks at UO graduation

Jack McGowan lectured on his transition from a disadvantaged background to a career in SOLV

BY EDWARD OSER
NEWS REPORTER

After four students from the Army ROTC solemnly walked flags down the court to the stage where robed professors and speakers waited to address the crowd gathered in the bleachers of McArthur Court on June 17, figures in robes and mortar boards flooded in for their commencement. As they took their seats, the crowd cheered and the University Brass Choir played.

About half of the folding chairs reserved for graduates remained empty though, because each school holds its own ceremony. The main commencement is dedicated for doctoral students.

During the annual ceremony, University and political figures spoke to the students and their loved ones in attendance about life — its opportunities, trials, beauty and responsibility. After the speeches, University President Dave Frohn-mayer, with the power vested in him by the state of Oregon, conferred the students degrees and sent them off into the sunny afternoon as alumni.

In his commencement address, Jack McGowan tracked his journey from a tough,

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■ In my opinion

Possible flag defacement ban is counter to American values

The American flag is meaningless without the right to desecrate it. What purpose is served by a symbol of freedom, when real, tangible freedom is not respected in conjunction with that symbol?

The U.S. Senate will vote this week on a proposed constitutional amendment "authorizing Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."

The timing of this proposed amendment is curious for two reasons; namely that the 4th of July is little more than a week away, and secondly that, according to The Seattle Times, a mere three flag defilings have even occurred within the past year. It seems that spearheaders of the flag amendment – i.e. House Republicans – are hoping to bank on holiday patriotism while conveniently skirting the very relevant issue of necessity.

The Seattle Times also humorously pointed out that one of the three flags was desecrated by someone who had had a little too much to drink. The flag was not burned in a fit of anti-American rage; an intoxicated citizen simply thought it would be a good idea to tear down a couple of small flags from a sailor's monument. I'm sure that we have all experienced similar impulses.

Because flag desecration appears to be close to, if not at an all time low, it is reasonable to question why Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and others are so intent on giving



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Congress the constitutional right to prohibit an act that rarely occurs, and in 1 out of 3 instances is accompanied by alcohol. Perhaps Frist and others consider flag desecration prohibition a mostly innocuous issue that Republicans can comfortably rally behind in order to win the support of patriotic, middle American constituents?

Politicians continually delude themselves into thinking that less freedom of speech equates to a more patriotic America; just yesterday it was reported that someone on the Homeland Security Committee wants to prosecute newspapers that report on government surveillance. However, the flag desecration amendment is outrageously bold not just for the fact that it is contrary to the First Amendment, but because the wording of the flag amendment does not actually prohibit

flag desecration; it simply gives Congress the right to do so.

No government body has the right to a carte-blanche written into the U.S. Constitution guaranteeing the ability to prohibit freedom of expression. Although the flag desecration occurring today appears to be less about expression and more about intoxication, the right to show one's disapproval of American actions has traditionally been tied with the desecration of the flag. Limiting the right to desecrate – or, in this case, passing an amendment that might someday limit the right to desecrate – is a pointless political ploy, which encourages the kind of empty, rabid patriotism oft seen at right-wing evangelical conventions and at Wal-Mart.

America doesn't need another glitzy, red, white and blue token of patriotism, and America certainly does not need a flag desecration amendment. I would, however, be interested in the possibility of a constitution desecration amendment. That way, neither an anti-gay marriage amendment, nor an amendment limiting abortion, nor the flag amendment, would be permitted to desecrate the U.S. Constitution.

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■ Editorial

Biscuit fire area should be preserved not logged

In July 2002, forests and wilderness areas of southern Oregon and Northern California were ravaged by the Biscuit fire. Almost four years later, issues from the fire still burn hot in the state of Oregon.

Because around 37 percent of the Biscuit fire burned in a roadless, protected area of wilderness, the issue of removing timber from the burn site has found politicians and environmental activists alike in a continual battle to determine whether the various wilderness protection acts should trump the potential gold mine of salvageable logs.

For its part, the Bush administration has taken the fairly clear stance that roadless rules are in no way set in stone; the federal government has been easing rules on roadless areas across the nation. In June, the U.S. Forest Service went as far as to auction off logging rights for the Biscuit fire area, without the approval of Oregon Governor Ted Kulongoski. In order to protect the designated roadless wilderness of his state, Kulongoski appealed the Forest Service's action, but to no avail: Last Wednesday, a federal judge denied attempts to block logging in the Biscuit area.

Luckily, Kulongoski has promised to continue his petitioning in order to protect Oregon land. The actions of the federal government however display both environmental and political misguidance.

Salvage logging can serve as a way to reap economic benefit from an otherwise devastating fire. On the other hand, forests reap immense benefits when humans let timber stay put. Decaying, organic material is an important aspect of any ecosystem; when people enter the picture and take away that material, already ravaged wilderness areas might not have the opportunity to prosper.

Furthermore, roadless areas are roadless for a reason; in order to preserve pristine land. If people and their machinery are to access scorched timber, it is a given that vegetation and habitats will be damaged or destroyed in the process.

In failing to heed the wishes of Gov. Kulongoski with a blatant disregard for roadless rules, the federal government shows a parallel disrespect for the wishes of individual states. As a leader of Oregon, Kulongoski deserves to have his voice heard when it comes to matters of the state he has been elected to govern.

Kulongoski has promised to continue petitioning the Bush administration, and we have no doubt that he will keep true to his word. When once again pressed about salvage logging in the Biscuit fire area, the federal government ought to remember that economic incentive should never be valued over fragile wilderness land.

Man convicted in student's death should get retrial

It's been a little over a year since the death of University student Phillip Gillins, who died less than two days after being punched in the face and hitting his head on the concrete

The state found Darrell Sky Walker guilty of throwing the fatal punch, sentencing him to more than six years in prison. But now Walker's new attorney, Daniel Goff, is asking for a new trial.

Although this has undoubtedly been a tragic era for both Gillins' and Walker's families, and they surely are in need of closure, the case should be re-tried.

Walker's attorney claims Ryan Joyce, a witness to the nights events, may provide new testimony that could clear Walker.

The new trial is critical because there have been conflicting accounts of the incident. Some witnesses claim another man, Bryan Beall, may have thrown the punch. Beall pleaded the Fifth Amendment during the original trial.

Regardless of the next trial's outcome, it is crucial for the sake of justice that all sides are heard and the story is straightened out so that the families of Gillins and Walker can have closure on these tragic events.

INBOX

ODE should support free speech on all fronts

Oregon Daily hypocrites: I understand that the Daily Emerald is a liberal publication, and that's why I was surprised to see the blatant contradiction of the "tolerance" of free speech in your "Smacks and Quacks: Year in Review" (ODE, June 12). ODE editors smacked the Genocide Awareness Project and the Evangelists saying, "Extremists who stand in the EMU with the sole purpose of angering students are furthering neither their own causes nor the respectful educational environment of the University."

Just one paragraph later you smacked those who advocated shutting down The Insurgent saying, "Regardless of religious beliefs or affiliations, we should all be able to agree on the value of free speech and maintaining a marketplace of ideas at this University."

What?! You advocate free speech for The Insurgent, a publication that desecrated a holy symbol and offered no rational "ideas," but in fact was trying to "piss people off" in the words of Insurgent editor Jessica Brown. And on the same page you lecture your readers on how we should be tolerant, then you chastise the supporters of the Genocide Awareness Project and evangelists at the EMU. The Insurgent's purpose was to anger the population; at least the Genocide Awareness Project and evangelists gave us some new perspectives on society, extremist or not. If you are going to fight for free speech rights then make sure you do it on both sides.

Nik Antovich
University political science major

Insurgent controversy echoes of Nazi Germany

I live in southern California. Over the last six years my wife and I have been drawn back to the Ducks, largely by its football team combined

with the fun of weekend road trips to watch them play some of their away games. We even made it up to Eugene twice. My wife and I have enjoyed those trips immensely. However, with The Insurgent hate speech issue being brought to the attention of the nation I started to read the Daily Emerald online. The impression I get is that the University hasn't a clue where it is going.

The campus is as beautiful as when I left it in 1963. But the academic standards have deteriorated. When I attended Oregon it was ranked among the top 40 Universities in the country. Not anymore. And, the University now has a president who can't tell the difference between hate speech and merely offensive speech. Maybe he needs to be reminded of Germany in the late 1930s when Jews were depicted in cartoons with rat-like features; followed by Crystal Night when the windows to Jewish businesses were shattered all over Germany; followed by the Nazi death camps for Jews.

Those Insurgent cartoons: Hate speech, President Frohnmayer, or merely offensive speech furthering a free exchange of ideas?

Earle Richmond
Class of 1963
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Taser use is safe, will increase safety on campus

I am responding to Gabriel Casady Nehl's guest commentary "Putting Tasers in the hands of DPS would be a mistake" published on Jun 9th. She was completely ignorant about the topic of tasers. According to the KATU news report (Mar. 24) about her cousin's death, the taser shocks had nothing to do with his death; he died of a cocaine overdose, had the taser caused the death it would have been instantaneous whereas he was talking to the police officers after they tased him. Toxicology reports show his cocaine level at 588 nanograms per milliliter, the test sensitivity level

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Student injured in party dispute

The finals week fight left a sophomore in the hospital for two nights for severe injuries

BY ERIC FLORIP
FREELANCE REPORTER

A University student was hospitalized during finals week after an altercation at a party left him unconscious, the Eugene Police Department said.

University sophomore Nicholas Chambers spent two nights at Sacred Heart Medical Center for treatment sustaining for a fractured skull, hemorrhaging in his head and severe bruising after several other men beat him near 1471 Patterson St., Chambers said.

"There's a long list of all the damage," Chambers said.

The incident, which occurred early in the morning June 16, began when Chambers and freshman Kyra Bennett got into a dispute with a female party-goer. Chambers said the girl immediately asked the two to leave, and he asked for a phone to call for a ride, he said.

"We couldn't leave without having someone pick us up because (Bennett) was in no condition to leave, and I wasn't going to leave her," Chambers said.

When the girl refused, she and Bennett argued and Chambers put his hand on Bennett to try to calm them down. When he turned around to the other girl, he said, she slapped him.

Witnesses told police that Chambers slapped the girl, according to a police press release. Chambers denies retaliating.

"Whether or not I slapped her back is up in the air," Chambers said. "I still say I didn't."

Chambers said he was immediately punched from behind by another man after the incident occurred.

"Some guy just basically blind-sided punched me," he said.

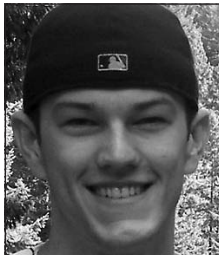
Chambers was then beaten by several others. He said he was thrown onto a car, slammed into the windshield and then thrown back on the pavement during the altercation.

"The punches started to take their toll, and I was just blacking out," Chambers said.

When police and an ambulance arrived a short time later, partygoers scattered and Chambers was left unconscious in the street. He was immediately taken to intensive care at Sacred Heart, then spent Saturday in the neuroscience department, he said.

No charges have been filed as a result of the incident. EPD Sgt. Kathy Flynn said Friday that the Violent Crimes Unit still hadn't concluded its investigation.

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NICK CHAMBERS
VICTIM

Surveillance cameras at the E. 11th St. Bank of America captured this photo of the man the Eugene Police Department says robbed the bank.



COURTESY

U.S. to need Hussein's help in Iraq, chief lawyer says

AMMAN, Jordan — Saddam Hussein believes the United States will have to seek his help to quell the bloody insurgency in Iraq and open the way for U.S. forces to withdraw, his chief

lawyer said Sunday.

Khalil al-Dulaimi argued in an interview with The Associated Press that the former leader is the key to returning stability to Iraq.

"He's their last resort. They're going to knock at his door eventually," the lawyer said. Saddam is "the only person who can stop

IN BRIEF

White male escapes after robbing Bank of America on E. 11th

The Bank of America on E. 11th Avenue was robbed Monday at 2:45 p.m., according to a Eugene Police Department press release. No one was injured.

The release states that the suspect, "a white male, late 20s to early 30s, 6'00", thin build, long blonde hair in a ponytail to his mid

the resistance against the U.S. troops."

There is no indication U.S. officials have considered seeking his help. While Saddam's once dominant fellow Sunni Arabs are the backbone of the insurgency, the Shiite Muslim majority and Kurds repressed by his regime would be

back," fled on foot and was not followed or seen afterwards. He was seen wearing a "bright blue jogging jacket with a possible stripe and dark pants."

The man stole an undetermined amount of cash by walking up to the teller and demanding money, the release states.

Police are asking anyone with information concerning the incident to call the FBI at (541) 343-5222, or the Eugene Police Department at (541) 682-5111.

—Edward Oser

enflamed by his presence.

The comments from Al-Dulaimi, the head of Saddam's defense team, portrayed a deposed leader who seems to hold out hope he can bargain his way out of trials that threaten him with the death penalty.

— The Associated Press

■ Air National Guard

Jumper aims to set world record, send kids to college

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TWIN FALLS, Idaho—The commander of an Air National Guard squadron in Portland, Ore., is planning to try to set a world record by parachuting off Perrine Bridge in Twin Falls as many as 200 times in a 24-hour period.

Dan Schilling said the July 7 attempt will raise money for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation that pays for college for the children of special operations forces who have died on missions or while training.

"We pay for everything —

books, tuition, living expenses," Schilling told The Times News. "We don't care if they go to Boise State or Harvard."

Last year, the group raised more than \$900,000 and helped 109 students with scholarships, educational programs and financial counseling, according to its Web site.

Jumping off a bridge with a parachute is called BASE jumping — an acronym for buildings, antennae, spans and earth. The 486-foot leap from the southcentral Idaho bridge is one of the most popular sites for participants in the sport. But it's not without its

dangers. Three BASE jumpers have died at Perrine Bridge since 2002, one as recently as last month.

For Schilling, of Orem, Utah, to reach his goal of 200 jumps, he'll have to complete a jump every 7 minutes, 12 seconds. He will be assisted by a team of parachute packers and a crane that will hoist him back to the bridge after each jump. Schilling said the crane will reduce his jump times to between 6 and 8 minutes.

Schilling is a commander of the 125th Special Tactics Squadron, Oregon Air National Guard, based in Portland.

He has spent 20 years in the Army and Air Force special operations forces and began working with the foundation 13 years ago after Somalia.

The United States has not carried out direct action in Somalia since the deaths of 18 servicemen in a 1993 battle in Mogadishu depicted in the film "Black Hawk Down." Schilling was part of that operation.

"I would want someone to come to my son and tell him what had happened," Schilling said. "I would want someone to take care of him and help him go to college."

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IN BRIEF

Bush slams release of information on monitoring of finances

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Monday it was "disgraceful" that the news media had disclosed a secret CIA-Treasury program to track millions of financial records in search of terrorist suspects. The White House accused The New York Times of breaking a long tradition of keeping wartime secrets.

"The fact that a newspaper disclosed it makes it harder to win this war on terror," Bush said, leaning forward and jabbing his finger during a brief question-and-answer session with reporters in the Roosevelt Room.

The Times has defended its effort, saying publication has served America's public interest.

The newspaper, along with the Los Angeles Times and the Wall Street Journal, revealed last week that Treasury officials, beginning shortly after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, had obtained access to an extensive international financial data base — the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication, or Swift.

The New York Times late last year also disclosed that the National Security Agency had been conducting warrantless surveillance in the United States since 2002 of people with suspected al-Qaida ties.

Rains wash out roads in D.C., topple tree outside White House

WASHINGTON — More than a foot of rain washed out highways around the nation's capital Monday, toppled a 100-year-old elm tree on the White House lawn, and caused flooding that closed major government departments and the National Archives, where the

Declaration of Independence is kept under glass.

Motorists were stranded during the morning rush hour, commuter trains were halted, and emergency crews used boats to rescue dozens of people marooned by high water.

Many government employees were told to stay home, and tourists found that some of the major landmarks that had drawn them to Washington were closed.

"I just wanted to hear about stuff about America that I haven't heard in my history books," 10-year-old Loria Hawn, of Laurinsburg, N.C., said with disappointment outside the locked National Museum of American History.

The National Archives — where the Declaration of Independence and Constitution are safe under glass — was shut down because the moat surrounding the building on Pennsylvania Avenue had flooded, spokeswoman Susan Cooper said. All records and national treasures were "safe and dry," she said.

Olmert promises 'broad' offensive after soldier's kidnapping

JERUSALEM — With troops poised to invade Gaza, Prime Minister Ehud Olmert on Monday ruled out bargaining with the captors of an Israeli soldier and promised a "broad and ongoing" military offensive.

But large-scale army action appeared unlikely. Officials said they were pursuing a diplomatic solution and conceded that a broad attack would threaten the life of the 19-year-old hostage captured Sunday.

After more than 24 hours of silence, the militants claiming to hold Cpl. Gilad Shalit issued their first demands Monday. The groups, linked to the Hamas-led Palestinian government, said Israel should release all imprisoned Palestinian women and children under 18 in return for information about Shalit.

Olmert rejected the demand. Addressing Jewish

leaders in Jerusalem, he charged that the Palestinian attack on an army post at a Gaza crossing and the abduction of the soldier were part of a "murderous, hateful, fanatical Islamic extremist desire to destroy the state of Israel."

Government hunters kill bear that traveled to Germany from Italy

SCHLIERSEE, Germany — Bruno, the brown bear who sauntered into Germany through the Italian Alps and eluded pursuers in a month-long mountain odyssey, was shot and killed Monday, to the dismay of many animal lovers.

The first wild bear to be seen in Germany since 1835 was shot by government-sanctioned hunters in an Alpine meadow, putting an end to a sometimes humorous saga that has made headlines around Europe, even amid the World Cup.

Bruno was part of a project to reintroduce bears in northern Italy, but he roamed into Austria and Germany.

In recent weeks, he regularly popped out of the woods to make brief but brazen appearances — on one occasion, plunking down for a rest in front of a police station in the Bavarian lakeside resort of Kochel am See. But a pack of crack Finnish tracking dogs was sent home in defeat after failing to corner him so he could be tranquilized.

The shooting brought immediate condemnation from environmental groups and some politicians, and Bavarian Environment Minister Werner Schnappauf — who gave permission for the bear to be killed — received death threats.

Study says men with many older brothers are more likely to be gay

WASHINGTON — Men who have several older brothers have an increased chance of being gay — whether they were raised together or not — a finding researchers say adds weight to the idea that

sexual orientation is based in biology.

The increase was seen in men with older brothers from the same mother, but not those who had stepbrothers or adopted brothers who were older.

"It's likely to be a prenatal effect," said Anthony F. Bogaert of Brock University in St. Catharines, Canada, who did the research. "This and other studies suggest that there is probably a biological basis" for homosexuality.

Bogaert studied four groups of Canadian men, a total of 944 people, analyzing the number of brothers and sisters each had, whether or not they lived with those siblings and whether the siblings were related by blood or adopted.

His findings are reported in a paper appearing in Tuesday's issue of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

J.K. Rowling says two characters will die in last 'Harry Potter' book

LONDON — Author J.K. Rowling said two characters will die in the last installment of her boy wizard series, and she hinted Harry Potter might not survive either.

"I have never been tempted to kill him off before the final because I've always planned seven books, and I want to finish on seven books," Rowling said Monday on TV here.

"I can completely understand, however, the mentality of an author who thinks, 'Well, I'm gonna kill them off because that means there can be no non-author-written sequels. So it will end with me, and after I'm dead and gone they won't be able to bring back the character'."

Rowling declined to commit herself about Harry, saying she doesn't want to receive hate mail.

"The last book is not finished. But I'm well into it now. I wrote the final chapter in something like 1990, so I've known exactly how the series is going to end," she said.

— The Associated Press

■ **Global warming**

Supreme Court takes on key ruling on climate change

BY H. JOSEF HEBERT
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court plunged on Monday into the acrimonious debate over global warming and whether the government should regulate "greenhouse" gases, especially carbon dioxide from cars. The ruling could be one of the court's most important ever on the environment.

Spurred by states in a pollution battle with the Bush administration, the court said it would decide whether the Environmental Protection Agency is required under the federal clean air law to treat carbon dioxide as a pollutant harmful to health.

President Bush has rejected calls by environmentalists and some lawmakers in Congress to regulate carbon dioxide, the leading heat-trapping "greenhouse" gas going into the atmosphere. Bush favors voluntary actions and development of new technologies to curtail such emissions.

But a dozen states argued that carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping chemicals from automobile tailpipes should be treated as unhealthy

pollutants. They filed a lawsuit in an effort to force the EPA to curtail such emissions just as it does cancer-causing lead and chemicals that produce smog and acid rain.

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to take the case after a divided lower court sided with the administration. Arguments will be late this year, with a ruling by next June.

While the case doesn't specifically involve carbon releases from power plants, environmentalists said a court decision declaring carbon dioxide a harmful pollutant would make it hard for the agency to avoid action involving power plants, which account for 40 percent of the carbon dioxide released into the air.

Cars and trucks account for about half that amount.

The EPA said in a statement that it "is confident in its decision" not to regulate the chemical under the federal Clean Air Act and plans to argue its case vigorously before the high court.

Recently, Bush told reporters he views global warming as a serious problem and

has "a plan to be able to deal with greenhouse gases" short of regulating their use. It includes developing new technologies for cleaner burning coal, using alternative motor fuels such as ethanol as substitutes for gasoline and expanding nuclear power to produce electricity.

Critics argue that carbon emissions have continued to increase — though the rate of increase has declined — and only regulation of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases will stem the amount going into the atmosphere.

"It is encouraging that the high court feels this case needs to be reviewed," said Sen. Jim Jeffords, I-Vt., who has campaigned in Congress to regulate carbon dioxide. "It is high time to stop relying on technicalities and finger pointing to avoid action on climate change."

The states involved, which together account for more than a third of the car market, say the Clean Air Act makes clear carbon dioxide is a pollutant that should be regulated if it poses a danger to public health and welfare. They argue it does so by causing a

warming of the earth.

The administration maintains that unlike other chemicals that must be controlled to ensure healthy air, carbon dioxide from burning fossil fuels is not a dangerous pollutant under the federal law. And, officials argue, even if it is, the EPA has discretion over whether to regulate it, considering the economic costs involved.

The agency should not be required to "embark on the extraordinarily complex and scientifically uncertain task of addressing the global issue of greenhouse gas emissions" when voluntary ways to address climate change are available, the administration argued in its filing with the high court.

A federal appeals court ruling was mixed. One judge said the states and other plaintiffs had no standing because they had not proven harm. A second judge said even if the law gave the EPA authority to regulate carbon dioxide, the agency was not obligated to do so. A third judge, in the minority, said the EPA was violating the law by not regulating the chemical.

■ Automotive industry

Over 47,000 workers take buyouts, early retirements at GM, Delphi

BY TOM KRISHER
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DETROIT—About 47,600 hourly workers have decided to leave General Motors Corp. and Delphi Corp. through buyout or early retirement offers, accelerating the distressed companies' plans to cut costs by paring their work forces.

At GM, where about 35,000 people will depart — mostly through early retirements — Chairman and CEO Rick Wagoner said he was surprised by the numbers. But he said the number of takers will allow the Detroit company to reach its target reduction of 30,000 manufacturing jobs by Jan. 1, two years ahead of schedule. GM previously announced plans to cut its 113,000—person U.S. hourly work force by 30,000, closing a dozen plants by 2008.

"Over the past several months, we have accomplished a great deal in our strategy to reshape GM into a company that is more nimble, more global and built for long-term success," Wagoner said Monday.

The deadline for GM workers to file paperwork for the offers was Friday, but they have seven days to change their minds. Friday also was the deadline for workers at Delphi, GM's former parts operation that is now a separate company, to file for early retirement incentives.

Delphi said Monday that about 12,600 employees represented by the United Auto Workers union took early retirement offers at the Troy-based automotive parts supplier, which filed

for bankruptcy protection last October. Some Delphi workers also have an additional buyout offer on the table with deadlines that are more than a month away.

Based on preliminary numbers from GM, about 4,600 employees accepted buyouts and about 30,400 chose to retire. It is expected that most will retire or leave the company by the end of the year, GM said. Delphi did not break out how many workers took each option.

GM offered buyouts of \$140,000 for workers with at least 10 years of service, while those with less than 10 years would receive \$70,000. The workers would cut nearly all ties with the company except for vested pension benefits.

The automaker also offered an early retirement option to workers with at least 26 years of service. Normally, employees can retire at 65 years of age or 30 years of service.

Delphi workers were offered similar buyout deals. But the Delphi offers still need a bankruptcy judge's approval.

The nation's No. 1 automaker said it expects to save \$5 billion in structural costs in 2006, with a substantial portion coming as a result of the buyouts and retirements.

Wagoner said the exodus will allow GM to dramatically reduce the number of workers in the "jobs bank," where laid-off workers get most of their pay and benefits even when they're not working.

"That's an important part

of what we're doing here," he said.

Because so many people are leaving, both GM and Delphi will have to scramble to keep plants and assembly lines running by recalling laid-off workers, bringing in transfers from other plants and hiring new people.

"There will be this challenge to make sure there are enough workers in certain locations. You can't just move people around like chess pieces," said Greg Gardner, spokesman for Harbour Consulting, a Troy company that tracks manufacturing productivity.

GM officials said they will maintain quality at the plants, mainly because they've already had plenty of practice at such transitions.

Officials said about 9,000 people already have left the company under the attrition offers.

"We've managed through that quite well," Wagoner said, adding that the remaining workers who took the packages have departure dates that are scattered through the end of the year.

"We feel highly comfortable we can offer continued focus on great quality," he said.

But Gerald Meyers, former chairman of American Motors Corp. who now teaches at the University of Michigan, said the cuts initially will cause problems but eventually will be positive for both companies.

"It's a manufacturing manager's nightmare with all these people moving in and out," said Meyers, who pre-

dicted quality problems for Delphi and to a lesser degree, for GM, as the transition is made to a smaller work force. "It'll take weeks before these people learn their jobs and before they find out how tired they're going to get. It'll show up in the quality of the product," he said.

Delphi will lose so many workers that it will have trouble producing its products, said Rob Betts, president of a UAW local at a Delphi plant in Coopersville.

"It could end up being dangerous, a threat to the business," said Betts, who said skilled workers are being replaced by inexperienced people earning far less money.

Analysts say they don't have good estimates on how much all the buyouts and retirements will cost GM. But the company had about \$21 billion in cash back in March, said Robert Schulz, an industry analyst with Standard & Poor's in New York.

The job cuts are an important first step toward GM's long-term stability, but won't turn the company around by themselves, said Erich Merkle, an analyst with IRN Inc., an automotive consulting company in Grand Rapids.

"The other side of the equation is the revenue side. They've got to do something to stabilize their sales and market share. At the end of the day you still have to build products people will buy," Merkle said.

GM shares rose 78 cents, 2.9 percent, to close at \$27.75 on the New York Stock Exchange.

■ Capital punishment

Supreme Court reveals divide over Kentucky death penalty law

BY GINA HOLLAND
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court upheld a state death penalty law on Monday in a splintered ruling that revealed deep division among the justices over the fairness of capital punishment in America.

New Justice Samuel Alito had been called on to break a tie in the case, which was argued twice — first while Sandra Day O'Connor was still on the court and then this spring so that Alito could end a deadlock.

The 5-4 outcome was as much a debate about capital punishment as it was a ruling on a unique law in Kansas, which has just eight death row inmates and hasn't executed anyone in 40 years.

The law says that juries should sentence a defendant to die — rather than serve life in prison — when the evidence for and against imposing death is equal.

Justice Clarence Thomas, writing for the conservative majority, said "our precedents establish that a state enjoys a range of discretion in imposing the death penalty."

But Justice David H. Souter, writing for the court's liberals, said the law would lead to death sentences in doubtful cases and "is obtuse by any moral or social measure."

The ruling overturns a Kansas Supreme Court decision that found the law violated the Eighth Amendment's protection against cruel and unusual punishment. Supporting Thomas, in addition to Alito, were Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Antonin Scalia and Anthony M. Kennedy.

The court's decision might have been different if O'Connor had still been on the bench.

"This was the kind of case where she would have been close to the line and a big question mark," said Kent Scheidegger, legal director of the pro-death penalty Criminal Justice Legal Foundation.

The ruling shows that the death penalty is not in danger with the new court.

"We have a majority for the time being that's not going to engage in further tinkering," Scheidegger said.

The case was the last death penalty matter of the term. The justices wrap up

their work later this week, after deciding the five remaining cases, and take a summer break.

"Perhaps it's the end of the term and things have been brewing. This is a last chance to define the sides for future debates," said Richard Dieter, executive director of the anti-capital punishment Death Penalty Information Center.

The four liberal members stopped short Monday of calling for an end to capital punishment, but they pointed to studies finding that dozens of people condemned to death were later exonerated.

"We are thus in a period of new empirical argument about how 'death (capital punishment) is different,'" Souter wrote.

He said that pressure for prosecutors to win convictions, eyewitness misidentifications and false confessions have contributed to "hazards of capital prosecution."

Scalia, in response, said those studies were not proven. "Those ideologically driven to ferret out and proclaim a mistaken modern execution have not a single verifiable case to point to, whereas it is easy

as pie to identify plainly guilty murderers who have been set free," he said.

He also complained that there has been "sanctimonious criticism of America's death penalty" from people in other countries and that Monday's dissent "will be trumpeted abroad as vindication of these criticisms."

The ruling involved the case of Michael Lee Marsh, who was convicted in the June 1996 killings of Marry Ane Pusch and her 19-month-old daughter. In its December 2004 ruling striking down the death penalty law, the Kansas court also invalidated Marsh's capital murder conviction for the child's death, saying Marsh's attorneys should have been allowed to present evidence that someone else was connected to the murders.

"Without this ruling, the decisions the juries made concerning the eight Kansas death-row inmates would be in jeopardy. I hope this will bring some closure to the families who have been waiting for this issue to be resolved," said Gov. Kathleen Sebelius.

The case is Kansas v. Marsh, 04-1170.

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■ Adolescent birth rates

Fewer teens having babies, but more are living in poverty

BY STEPHEN OHLEMACHER
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WASHINGTON — Fewer teenagers are having babies or dropping out of high school since the start of the decade, but slightly more live in poverty with parents who don't work year round.

A report by the Annie E. Casey Foundation charity found that measures of health and income for children and teens are no longer improving as much as they did in the 1990s. Instead, children are "treading water," said foundation President Doug Nelson.

"We're not talking about a catastrophe or the bottom falling out of anything," Nelson said. But, he added, "We've still got to do some poverty-rate reduction. We've got to make improvements from those 2000 numbers."

The findings were released Tuesday as part of the annual Kids Count report on the health and well-being of children and teens. The report measures each state's progress on 10 statistics, including infant mortality, poverty rates, single-parent families and babies born with low birth weights.

States in the Northeast and upper Midwest scored the best. At the top: New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Minnesota and Iowa. Southern states did the worst: Mississippi, Louisiana, New Mexico, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Louisiana was ranked 49th, even before Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast last year.

"We're a really poor state," said Judy Watts, president and chief executive of Agenda for Children, an advocacy group in Louisiana. "Everything starts to unravel as poverty takes a grip on children and families."

Watts said conditions for children are even worse since the hurricane, even with help from the state and federal governments.

"There's certainly been help, but I do not believe it has been adequate," Watts said.

Nationally, there were improvements in eight of the 10 measurements in the 1990s, when the economy was booming, government-sponsored health care for children was expanded significantly and welfare reform helped move hundreds of thousands of families from welfare to work.

One issue that has continued to improve: teen birth rates. Teenagers' birth rates fell from 48 per 100,000 females in 2000 to 42 per 100,000 in 2003.

"We see a continuing decline in births to teenagers, but we don't see any decline in the percent of children in single parent families," said Wade Horn, assistant secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services.

"We've done a pretty good job of convincing teenagers that they should wait until they are older, but we're not doing as good a job of convincing them they should wait until they are married to have children," he said.

Horn said President Bush

and Congress approved a program that will spend \$100 million a year for the next five years providing couples with marital and premarital education and counseling to help them develop and sustain marriages.

The Casey foundation uses the most recent statistics available from the Census Bureau and other government agencies for its report, now in its 17th year.

The U.S. improved in four areas from last year, declined in three and stayed the same in three. Most of the changes were small.

Among this year's findings: The percentage of high school dropouts decreased from 11 percent in 2000 to 8 percent in 2004.

Both the child death rate (ages 1 to 14) and teen death rate (ages 15 to 19) fell slightly from 2000 to 2003.

More than 13 million children, about 18 percent, lived in poverty in 2004, a slight increase from 17 percent in 2000.

One third of America's children lived in homes where none of the parents had full-time, year-round jobs in 2004. That is a slight increase from 32 percent in 2000.

The portion of babies born weighing fewer than 5.5 pounds increased by less than a percentage point, to 7.9 percent, from 2000 to 2003.

There was no change since the start of the decade in infant mortality, percent of children in single-parent families and percent of teens neither working nor attending school.

IN BRIEF

Lane County Mumps outbreak increases to 38 cases this year

The number of reported mumps cases in Lane County this year has increased by 30 persons in the past month, reaching 38 confirmed cases,

according to Lane County Public Health.

Health officials are encouraging local health care providers to test for mumps when patients show symptoms and also report all confirmed mumps outbreaks to Public Health.

Health officials are also warning anyone who suspects they have contracted the mumps to call the hospital

or doctor's office before arrival to make arrangements for how the patient will be admitted into the facility in order to minimize the threat of spreading the virus.

Symptoms of the mumps, a viral infection of the salivary glands, include fever, headache, muscle ache and swelling of the glands close to the jaw.

— Ryan Knutson

Retrial: Eyewitness contradictions spur request for second look at case

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Daniel Goff, who requested a new trial.

An eyewitness, granted anonymity for fear of reprisal, said "I'm not sure why he's going for a retrial."

The witness was walking by and stumbled upon the confrontation. The witness knew Gillins through a friend and was shocked to see him lying on the ground with his eyes rolled back in his head.

The witness said that Beall was upset, angry and yelling threateningly. The witness stood with his or her back to Walker "because (Walker) was the one with his shirt off, he was the most vocal. If he hit me it wouldn't be as bad on my back as it would on my face or chest."

"I'd never seen something like that," the witness said.

"Every time I walk by that alley I think about it."

Walker, Beall, and Ryan Joyce, whose testimony some say could clear Walker and condemn Beall, could not be reached for comment, nor could their attorneys, the district attorney prosecutors nor the judge, Gregory Foote, be reached for comment.

Gillins' friend Anthony Boulis said he knew who threw the punch when asked in an interview with the Emerald. "Darrell did," he said.

"There's no way it was the other guy. Yeah, it's not possible," Boulis said.

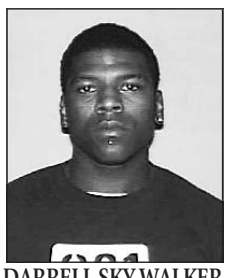
"There's nothing that

would make me change my story," he said.

According to the EW article, other witnesses offered conflicting views of what actually happened that night, including Beall's girlfriend and another one of his friends who testified both said that Beall told them separately that he had thrown the punch. Despite this evidence, the EW article states, the court did not issue a warrant for Beall's arrest, only for Walker's.

According to court records, the trial will reconvene on the morning of June 30.

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Ongoing construction at the intersection of Hilyard and 14th Avenue. The project will involve completely resurfacing Hilyard in two phases.

Hilyard: Construction to completely close street to cars and pedestrians

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"What we've seen is people crossing Hilyard at strategic points where it looks clear," he said. "We have not closed that down because that's okay."

Eventually, most pedestrians and cyclists will need to make a detour down to East 13th or 18th Avenue because the entire street will be torn up, Jones said. Likewise, south Eugene residents who used the northbound-Hilyard Street as a primary route to downtown are encouraged to use High Street.

Ryan Callagan moved into his new apartment the day construction began, but said he has

experienced little trouble.

"I ride a bike, so it's pretty easy to get around it," he said.

Eugene resident John Reynolds, 20, was seeking refuge from the heat Monday afternoon, but was frustrated by the limited access.

"Shit, man. All I wanted was some ice cream — I've been around the block three times," he said.

The construction has also provoked major changes for businesses, services and public transport in the area. The city set up a special right-turn lane at the corner of Hilyard Street and East 13th Avenue to provide the Dairy Queen

drive-through with access, and Lane Transit District, which uses Hilyard Street as a major corridor, has re-routed many bus lines down High Street.

Residents who live along the construction zone have been given permits to allow them to park on side streets, and EPW is willing to allow vehicle access if permission is requested in advance, Jones said.

"When this is done," Gallup said, "we won't be touching this road for a long time."

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SOLV: Program helps break down political barriers, McGowan says

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working-class neighborhood in New York City to the position of executive director for the non-for-profit group Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism (SOLV).

In his native community, high school graduation marked the transition not to college, but into the workforce, McGowan said, so after graduating he got a job as an errand boy on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. While there, he dreamed of one day being approached by a high-powered broker who would invite him to lunch and offer a position with a firm. This eventually happened, and McGowan worked his way through the ranks with his eye trained on wealth and power.

But life had a different plan for him.

With the political upheavals of the 1960s, McGowan experienced a personal upheaval, reevaluating his life and goals and finally leaving the business for good and making his way to Oregon.

After arriving in Oregon, McGowan became involved with SOLV, where he has worked to develop a program that brings more than 6,000 volunteers every weekend to scour the state's coastline cleaning up garbage.

In addition to the coastline project, McGowan said he led a group of Oregonians to New York City in the days following Sept. 11 — selling out every flight from Portland to New York for three consecutive days in a project called "Oregon Loves New York." McGowan said he grew up less than one mile from the World Trade Center and that the attacks left him depressed, sullen and withdrawn. He saw the project as a way to overcome his grief.

"I jumped at the chance not to mourn, but to do something," McGowan said. "We — all of us — could look terrorism in the face and not blink."

He said his work helps to break down the political barriers that define the American landscape.

"Everybody in this room can make a million dollars by sowing the seeds of mistrust. Just ask columnist and so called author Ann Coulter," he said before being interrupted by a prolonged and thunderous round of applause.

He ended with an allegory of two seas in Palestine, one is fresh and full of life because rivers flow through it and another is stale and dead because water flows only in and not out. He said that hoarding income ends only in death and that vitality

comes from those that give.

"Put your ear to the wall of your heart and listen," McGowan said.

"We will endure, we must endure," he said. "We can't afford the alternative."

After McGowan finished speaking and the crowd finished clapping, the University's graduating doctoral students received their hoods and the envelopes that represent their diplomas.

After the presentation of several awards, former ASUO President Adam Walsh spoke, calling his speech "impossible to sum up the collective experience the University provides."

Walsh also spoke of the budget cuts that have plagued the University since the state legislature began them in 1990.

"The University reflects the environment in which it exists," Walsh said. "There are flaws in any environment."

Walsh said because graduates receive only an envelope during the commencement ceremonies, diplomas will arrive in the mail within a few weeks.

"At least until the end of the month, I'm tipping my mail carrier," Walsh said.

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Beer: Tastes in Eugene expanded to include microbrew, brewmaster said

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"The water in the Willamette Valley is pristine when it comes to making beer," he said. "It's very low in mineral content and is very soft water, so you can do anything with it. It makes the process easier because you can make any style of beer you want just by adding different salts. Harder waters change the malt chemistry and give you different flavor profiles."

Teri Fahrendorf, Brewmaster at Steelhead Brewery, also praised Eugene's water.

"In Southern California, they get the water after it goes through the Colorado River and it tastes very chalky," Fahrendorf said. "We have fabulous water that we get right out of the taps, so our beer — and all the beer in the Pacific Northwest — tastes really good because of that. There are no chalky flavors."

Local microbreweries also have access to the finest locally-grown ingredients. Several varieties of hops and malt, the two essential ingredients in beer-making grow nearby. In the early days of local craft-brewing, small breweries in the Pacific Northwest had a difficult time buying ingredients in smaller quantities, Fahrendorf said.

"There was a company in Vancouver, Washington, called Great Western Malt and they were one of the first ones to see the potential — they were either nice or crazy — and they started bagging their malt so microbreweries could just pick it up," said Fahrendorf. "They would bag it by hand as a favor to small businesses. Now, it's a bona fide business and a lot of other malt producers have jumped on the bandwagon."

With newly accessible

supplies, Steelhead Brewery opened in 1991 and was only the second brewery in town — McMenamin's High Street Brewery, which opened in 1987, was the first. Fahrendorf said when the brewery first opened customers did not know anything about microbrewed beer and were apprehensive, but willing to learn.

Steelhead employees worked hard to educate their customers. Fahrendorf spent time talking to Lions and Rotary Clubs and distributed a 'what is a microbrew beer?' information sheet. Today, local consumers are better informed.

"Eugene is very beer educated and it has fabulous beer. Now people are very sophisticated. The more localized the clientele, the more cutting-edge the beer," she said.

Fahrendorf said that as customers keep returning, their taste begins to evolve. Someone who starts out drinking light beer may eventually move up to drinking the darkest beers offered or move along to India Pale Ale (IPA), which is more bitter because of additional hops.

"When we first opened, it was a big challenge for people coming from drinking Budweiser. Now our best seller is the Bombay Bomber IPA. People get more experienced and they move up," she said. "We have a lot of people in the Pacific Northwest that we call 'hop heads' who really like bitter beers, so they'll look for the seasonals that have a little more oomph."

Michelle Basham, assistant manager at McMenamin's High Street Brewery, agreed that customers move up to more bitter beers.

"I would say younger

people like beer with not quite as much body to it. When I first started working here, I would drink the hefeweizen and as I worked more, I'm now going for the IPAs and the Hammerheads, which is really weird to me. But my appreciation is changing now," she said.

Basham said that Oregonians' appreciation of local, natural ingredients helps them appreciate locally brewed beers, which use fresher ingredients and are brewed in small and varied batches. Bennett agreed.

"A lot of what makes craft beer good is its attention to detail and its freshness, he said. "One of the reasons Oregon and Eugene residents are big craft beer drinkers is that we have a pioneering spirit. We don't like to get stuck in the same routine as the rest of the world. Most of us are up for challenges and we like things that make us different."

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World Cup fans can't care once in four years

Who is to blame for the dismal outcome of the United States at the World Cup? Should the finger be pointed at officials, coach Bruce Arena or the star players such as Landon Donovan and DaMarcus Beasley?

The answer is none of the above. The true culprits are the finger-pointers. The fans expected the U.S. to storm through pool play, no matter how stacked the competition was, and go further than the eight-place finish the team earned four years ago.

It's not that easy. Three of the four teams in pool E, including the U.S., were ranked in the top seven heading into the World Cup and the fourth team played the underdog role perfectly. So perfectly that it upset two teams and earned a spot in the Round of 16.

The country of Ghana actually asked that businesses using a lot of power slow their juice intake so that the rest of the country could watch them play the United States last Thursday. What a show of support that country has for its soccer team, which wasn't supposed to win a game in its inaugural World Cup.

Meanwhile U.S. fans are crying foul and are looking to place blame instead of asking the simple question: How good was the United States?

Media and fans wanted to dub this year's squad as the best assembled and following an outstanding performance in the last World Cup, expectations were overflowing. The truth is that the U.S. had a target on its back, just like in any sport or world debate, and when they made their incredible run to the quarterfinals it was in large part because they were overlooked. Not to take anything away from their performance, but no team was amping themselves up to play the U.S. — the same role Ghana has played this year.

The officiating was a joke and I agree that it was easy to watch the FIFA officials and wonder what they had against the U.S. Coach Arena made questionable calls at times and the lack of aggressiveness from Donovan and Beasley was evident in the fact that in three games the U.S. only scored one goal (Italy scored on its own goal against the U.S.).

Change will be inevitable to this year's roster and four years from now the U.S. will likely play with a chip on its shoulder to avenge this year's results. The players know they didn't play as well as they could and Arena has hinted that he won't return, but what the U.S. doesn't need is more finger-pointers.

U.S. fans cannot expect to not care about soccer for three years and 11 months and expect the U.S. to dominate once the World Cup is in play. Soccer isn't a highly-supported sport in the U.S. and it doesn't have to be.

However, nobody has the right to have expectations for one month every four years. You either support soccer or you don't. You support the U.S. or you don't. If you want to point a finger, open your eyes for the rest of the four years.

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■ Duck football

UO unveils new football uniforms

The new uniforms are designed to be lighter and put the Ducks back into the football spotlight

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Last Wednesday the scene in the Oregon media room in the Casanova Center looked more like a kindergarten class about to receive popsicles than a football press conference.

University officials, Nike personnel, athletes and media representatives gathered for the next step in Oregon football: the unveiling of uniforms intended to enhance the performance of the athletes and once again bring the spotlight to the game of pigskin in Eugene.

Highlighted in the change are all-white and all-yellow helmets, although the specific colors for those helmets haven't been identified, according to Todd Van Horne, creative director of U.S. sport apparel at Nike.

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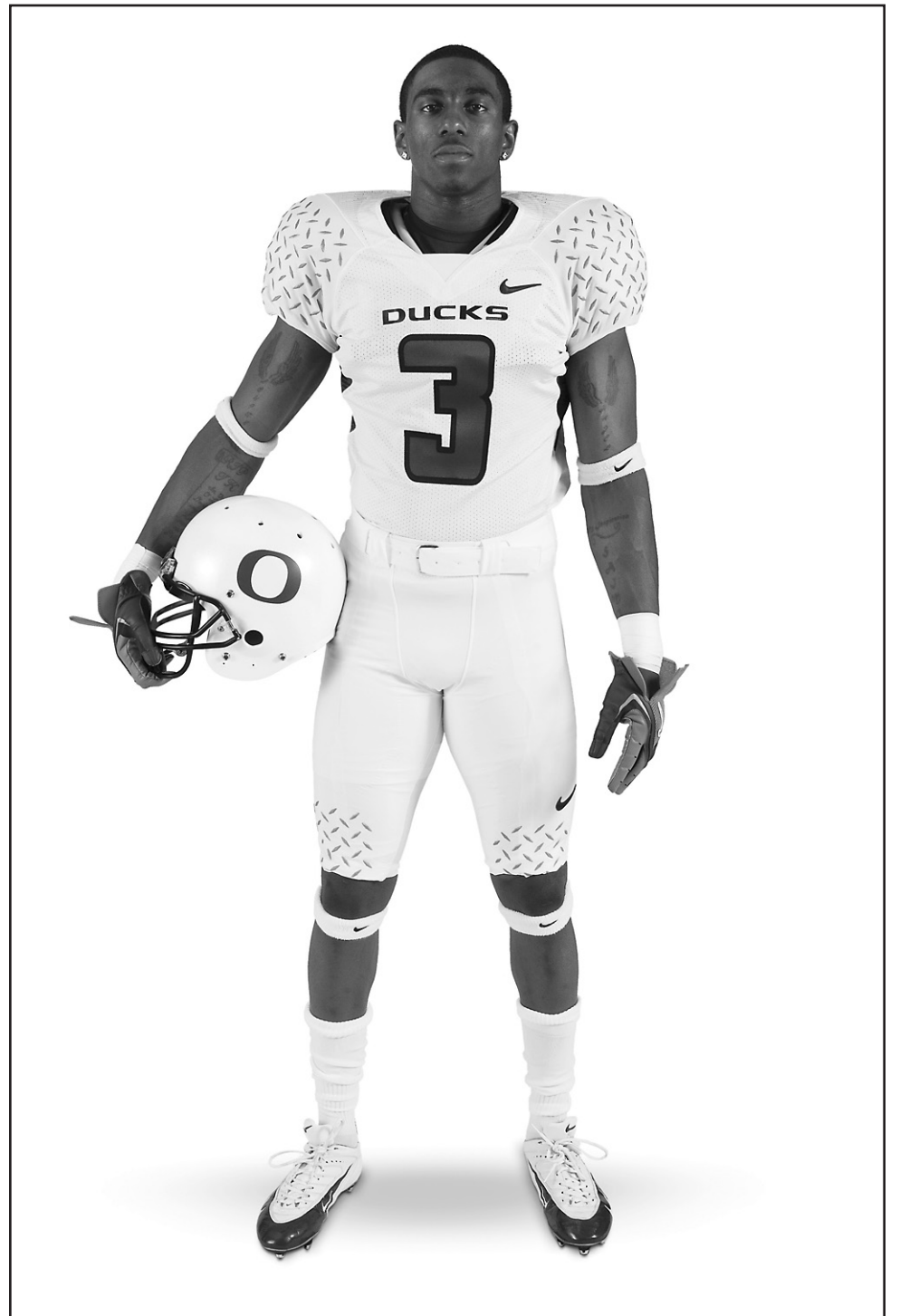
MIKE BELLOTTI | Oregon coach

An all-white jersey with green numerals is also a first, but Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti said that some of the uniforms would be saved for special occasions.

Oregon, which used a record nine different uniform combinations last season, now has even more options.

"There are enough uniform combinations that I'm going to be coaching for 10 more years just to see them all," said Bellotti, who says he doesn't have a favorite. "I think each uniform stands on its own. The mix and matching of uniforms is probably the most exciting part."

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COURTESY

■ Duck track and field

Ducks shine at track championships

Megan Maloney and Rebekah Noble will compete in the 2006 World Junior Championships with top-two finishes in their events

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Oregon pole vaulter Tommy Skipper finished third at the USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships Saturday in Indianapolis. Skipper, who earned Pacific-10 Conference Field Athlete of the Year, cleared a height of 18-4 1/2.

Oregon sophomore-to-be Rebekah Noble highlighted a contingent of current, former and soon-to-be Ducks at the USA Junior Outdoor Track and Field Championships in Indianapolis last Wednesday through Sunday.

Noble claimed her second straight 800-meter title at the event, earning her a spot on the U.S. team at the 2006 World Junior Championships in Beijing, China, held Aug. 15-20.

The top two finishers in each junior event are guaranteed spots on the U.S. team at the World Junior Championships.

Her time of 2 minutes, 5.05 seconds was almost three seconds slower than her personal best, but it was still quicker than second-place finisher Shannon Leinert (2:05.80).

Coming off a season when she won titles in the NCAA, West Regional and Pacific-10 Conference Championships, Noble currently ranks fourth all-time in the 800 at Oregon.

Teammate Tommy Skipper, who was named the Pac-10 Men's Field Athlete of the Year, tied for third place at the USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships after clearing a height of 18-4 1/2 in the pole vault.

Oregon's Megan and Matthew Maloney opened the competition with top-five finishes in throwing events. Megan Maloney's second-place finish in the hammer (170-2) earned her a spot to compete in the 2006 World Junior Championships. Twin brother Matthew

Maloney finished in fifth place in the javelin (200-1), but was less than five and a half feet from a second-place finish.

Steven Johnson placed fifth in the hammer (191-9).

Ashley McCrea finished third in the javelin with a best of 150-5 on her first attempt. She was only two inches behind second place.

At the USA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, Oregon throwers Britney Henry and Brittany Hinchcliffe finished seventh and 21st, respectively, in the hammer. Henry's best throw of 212-2 came on her third attempt, while Hinchcliffe's longest throw of 184-11 came on second attempt.

In other senior action, Lauryn Jordan placed 15th in the long jump with a best of 19-9 3/4. On the men's side, Eric Mitchum ranked 28th overall in the 110-meter hurdles (14.18) and Michael McGrath finished 24th in the 1,500 with a time of 3:52.57.

Four incoming freshmen nabbed top-10 finishes in the junior 1,500. A.J. Acosta from Oceanside, Calif., won the event (3:45.95) while future teammates Kenny Klotz (seventh, 3:52.35), Andrew Wheatling (eighth, 3:54.28) and Isaac Stoutenburgh (10th, 3:55.81) rounded out the Ducks in the field.

Future Duck Diego Mercado won the junior 10,000 with a time of 31:36.35, while Stoutenburgh finished 12th with (34:07.12).

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IN BRIEF

Senior athletes awarded for overall excellence

Eric Mitchum and Caitlin Gamble are the recipients of the Pacific-10 Conference's Medal winners from the University of Oregon.

A medal is awarded to the senior male and female athletes at each participating university based on "the exhibition of the greatest combination of performance and achievement in scholarship, athletics and leadership."

Mitchum competed for the men's track and field team, while Gamble was a member of the soccer team.

Men's tennis

The Oregon men's tennis program has signed Marcos Verdasco-Crespo of Madrid, Spain, making him the sixth player from a foreign country on the team.

"Marcos was highly recruited by many of the top programs in the country and again we are absolutely thrilled he chose to play his collegiate

tennis for Oregon," interim men's tennis coach Nils Schyllander said in a University press release. "With his game he can beat anyone."

Verdasco-Crespo has reached a ranking as high as 120 in Spain.

Lacrosse

Oregon's lacrosse team was honored with 11 players named to the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation All-Academic Team, second only to Stanford.

Jenny Browne, a business major, led the Ducks with a 3.72 G.P.A. She is followed by Carrie Bateman (3.70), Kate Fleming (3.63), Lindsay Killian (3.46), Anna Poponyak (3.44), Cara Mead (3.37), Erin Gaebe (3.35), Li-ora Lobel (3.29), Allison O'Brien (3.24), Jen May (3.09) and Theresa Waldron (3.07).

In order to be eligible, a student-athlete has to earn at least a 3.0 G.P.A., be a sophomore in academic standing, completed at least one year at their university and have competed in at least 50 percent of the institution's competitions.

— Shawn Miller

College World Series

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OMAHA, Neb. — Oregon State was an underdog the moment it took the field at the College World Series.

Bill Rowe had one parting message for all those who doubted them:

"This is how the ring looks," the senior first baseman said.

Rowe scored the go-ahead run on second baseman Bryan Steed's throwing error in the bottom of the eighth inning, and Oregon State held on to beat North Carolina 3-2 for its first College World Series title Monday night.

The Beavers (50-16) became the first team in CWS history to lose twice in Omaha and win the national championship. Oregon State also is the first truly Northern-based school to win the series since Ohio State in 1966.

"I think we came here and a lot of people out there picked us to lose every single game, so thank you for doing that," closer Kevin Gunderson said. "It gave us a lot of motivation to go out there and prove those people wrong."

With the game tied at 2 in the eighth, Rowe drew a two-out walk and Tyler Graham blooped a single into left. Tar Heels ace Andrew Miller, the No. 6 over-

all pick by Detroit, came on in relief of Daniel Bard and got pinch-hitter Ryan Gipson to one-hop a grounder to Steed.

The second baseman, who came in as a defensive replacement in the fifth, threw wide and past first baseman Tim Federowicz for the Tar Heels' as Rowe slid into home with the go-ahead run.

"There was two outs, so I was just thinking about getting to third and I knew it was going to take either a bad hop or a bad throw to score me on that," Rowe said. "I turned third, looked and saw the ball going toward the dugout, took two hard steps and realized I was going to be able to coast into home."

The Beavers stormed out of their dugout and mobbed Rowe as the Tar Heels (54-15) grew silent on the other side of the field.

"I probably got rid of it too quick," Steed said. "It was a little bit up the line. Didn't make the play."

North Carolina put two runners on against Dallas Buck (13-3) with one out in the ninth, but Gunderson got Josh Horton to hit into a fielder's choice, and — with the tying run on third — got slugger Chad Flack to fly out to center to end it.

Gunderson, who won Game 2 by pitching a season-high 5 1-

3 relief innings, threw his glove and hat in the air, and waited as his teammates ran to the mound and piled on each other in celebration.

The victory concluded a remarkable run for the Beavers, who lost their first game in the tournament 11-1 to Miami, but reached the championship round with four straight wins. After losing Game 1 to North Carolina, Oregon State pulled out two victories.

"This week in Omaha, the heart and character and fight that this team has — to come through the losers' bracket after getting spanked pretty good last Saturday and beat four great teams in the World Series," Gunderson said. "This team is made up of guys mostly from the Northwest, and I think we proved a lot of people wrong."

The Tar Heels had a chance in the eighth when they loaded the bases with one out, but Buck — making his first relief appearance of the season — struck out Seth Williams. Buck got ahead in the count on Benji Johnson, when Horton sprinted home from third to try to steal a run, but Johnson swung through a pitch out of the strike zone to end the inning.

"We just took a gamble," North Carolina coach Mike Fox

said. "We should have done it the pitch before. Just kind of crazy baseball. Two strikes, I told Josh, 'Duck your head and say a prayer.' If we take that pitch, then we probably have it stolen."

Oregon State scored twice against Bard (9-4) in the fourth, helped by two errors on one play by the pitcher.

North Carolina came right back with two runs in the fifth against Jonah Nickerson, making his third start in eight days for the Beavers.

Jay Cox reached on shortstop Darwin Barney's throwing error and scored one out later on Seth Williams' double to right-center that rolled all the way to the wall. Johnson followed with a single to put runners on first and third, and Mike Cavasinni lined a single over third baseman McFeely one out later to tie it at 2.

Nickerson, the right-hander selected the series' Most Outstanding Player, allowed two unearned runs and six hits in 6 2-3 innings. He came out after his 100th pitch — getting Steed to ground out — and received a standing ovation from the 18,565 at Rosenblatt Stadium, even from the powder blue-clad North Carolina fans.

"It feels great to finally get some respect," Nickerson said. "I'm speechless right now."

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Rebekah Noble won the 800-meter at the USA Junior Outdoor Track and Field Championships Friday in Indianapolis. Her top-two finish also guaranteed her a spot at the 2006 World Junior Championships, held Aug. 15-20 in Beijing.



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Cameron Colvin, Dante Rosario, Dennis Dixon and J.D. Nelson, from left to right, model Oregon's new uniforms. The two-year design process featured players' insights and sketches and the new technology will cut down the weight of the uniforms by 28 percent when dry and 34 percent when wet.

Uniforms: Several football players contributed ideas to design process

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Black is also a dominant color in the new uniforms with an all-black jersey with green shoulder pads and yellow numerals to be another combination. A green jersey with black shoulder pads and yellow numerals as well as a yellow jersey with green shoulder pads and numerals are the other combinations.

"We wanted to respect the past. We see that that past is about change. We are respecting the past but representing the future," Van Horne said.

There are four pants — all-white, black, green and yellow — with "Oregon" inscribed down the left leg.

The first version of the new uniforms were rushed last season to accommodate a special viewing during the Civil War, when the Ducks beat Oregon State by scoring the most points in the 109-year series, winning 56-14. Bellotti believes that new uniforms provide a spark toward the athletes' psyches, proven by the performance against their in-state rival on more than one occasion.

Prior to the Civil War game in 1995, Oregon unveiled new pants.

"We came back in after pregame warmup, they didn't know about it, it was totally unbenounced to them," Bellotti said of his players. "They jumped around like kids at Christmas. It was the most exciting thing I've ever seen. It taught me the importance of ... a

new look sometimes is really invigorating and exciting."

The uniforms were not designed only for the excitement of the players; the technology of the uniforms will help lighten their weight by 28 percent when dry and 34 percent when wet.

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Numerous players, including Dennis Dixon, Cameron Colvin, J.D. Nelson and Dante Rosario, turned in sketches of how they would design a uniform to aid Nike during the two-year long process.

"A lot of the guys on the team really like what we did with them," Rosario said.

And according to Bellotti, the players will continue to enjoy them up until kickoff.

"If you watch the players, before pregame warmup, there is probably a half hour of pregame warmup in front of the mirror," he joked.

Both Nike and the athletics department feel that the uniforms signify something more than just a jersey and pants.

"This is the next step of the revolution," Van Horne said. "We are fully confident it is the best uniform in the nation."

All that is left to see are the results once the Ducks hit the field against Stanford on Sept. 2.

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