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Mohamed Mohamud found guilty

Former OSU student found guilty by jury Thursday for his bomb plot in 2010

By Warner Strausbaugh

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Former Oregon State University Mohamed Osman Mohamud was found guilty Thursday on one count of attempting to detonate a weapon of mass destruction.

Mohamud attempted to detonate what he believed was a vehicle bomb at the annual Christmas Tree lighting ceremony at Pioneer Courthouse Square in Portland on Nov. 26, 2010.

The device was a phony, and two undercover FBI agents posed as al-Qaida operatives. The two FBI agents had been in contact with Mohamud for five months prior to the attempted detonation. The FBI's contact with Mohamud occurred after Mohamud was unsuccessful in reaching contacts who were to help assist in his travel overseas.

Mohamud was arrested in Portland after the failed attempt to detonate the bomb, and was indicted three days later.

Mohamud's defense attorneys were building an entrapment case for their client, because of the seven-month difference between Mohamud's last communication with his contact and the FBI's intervention.

However, that case proved to not be enough in outweighing the evidence presented from the arrest affidavit from FBI Special Agent Ryan Dwyer. The jury found Mohamud

While Mohamud was plotting ball their senior year.



to detonate a vehicle bomb with undercover FBI agents, he was also a student at Oregon State University.

Those who knew Mohamud well had only positive things to say about his character and personality before they knew about the bomb plot.

"He was really gracious," said Nick Davis, a senior majoring in psychology who spent time with Mohamud frequently in his freshman year in 2009-2010. "He was always willing to share, accepting of everybody. He was that guy who talks to everybody at the party."

For Tabron Vorath, his connection to Mohamud goes back to high school. At Westview High School in Beaverton, Vorath and Mohamud had a weightlifting class together and would occasionally play basket-

"He was goofy and funny," Vorath said. "He seemed like a sincere person back then.'

Vorath was subpoenaed to be a

character witness in Mohamud's "They kind of just wanted to get a first-hand opinion as to what he was

like in high school," Vorath said. But the federal public investigator, Cynthia Hamilton, called Vorath the night before he was supposed to

come in and said he wasn't needed. Vorath, a senior majoring in prephysical therapy, lost touch with Mohamud, though they both came

"I would see him on campus every once in a while and we would say, 'Hi,' but we kind of lost touch after high school," Vorath said.

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The 'Harbaugh Bowl,' from Jay's perspective

OSU graduate Jay Harbaugh, son of 49ers' coach, nephew of Ravens' coach, has a role with Baltimore in Sunday's Super Bowl

By Grady Garrett

Late Thursday evening, Jay Harbaugh was asked where he watched last year's Super Bowl. After thinking about it for a moment, the

23-year-old Oregon State University graduate admitted he couldn't remember.

Can you blame him?

He's a bit preoccupied these days — prepar-



Harbaugh

which he'll watch from the Baltimore Ravens' coaches' box at the Superdome in New Orleans, La.

Jay Harbaugh, who graduated from OSU with a degree in sociology last June, works for his uncle, John Harbaugh, the Ravens' head coach. His dad, Jim Harbaugh, is the San Francisco 49ers' head

coach. John and Jay Harbaugh's Ravens will face Jim

ing for Super Bowl XLVII, Harbaugh's 49ers in Sunday's Super Bowl — otherwise known as the "Harbaugh Bowl."

> For the most part, Jay has ignored the buzz that has surrounded his family — the most talked-about family in America — for the past week-and-a-half.

'Some people may not believe me, but you're really not interested in all that stuff because it doesn't matter," Jay said. "It's fun and exciting, I suppose, but the task at hand is winning the Super Bowl."

While the brother vs. brother angle has been

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State of university looking up

Ed Ray announces several multi-million dollar gifts at yesterday's state of university speech in Portland

By Don Iler

THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State University will be the beneficiary of several multi-million dollar gifts, President Ed Ray announced vesterday during his annual state of the university address at the Portland Hilton.

An anonymous donor has pledged \$5 million to the School of Arts and Communications in order to support the university's performing arts program. The money would go toward funding four faculty positions, including a director of performing arts who would coordinate arts efforts at the university with those happening in the community. The gift is the largest the university has received for the arts.

Ray also announced a gift of \$7 million from Peter and Rosalie Johnson to fund construction of a new engineering building. The project also received an additional \$10 million gift from an anonymous donor (who also donated anonymously to the Student Success Center), and \$3 million in other private funds. Ray said, in a phone interview after the speech, that he hopes the legislature will agree to additional matching bonds to construct the estimated \$40 million facility.

The new building would house the chemical, biological and environmental engineering departments. Ray said if the bonds are approved, construction could begin on the building in fall of 2015.

Ray said the Campaign for OSU was well on its way toward its goal of \$1 billion by 2014. He said the campaign had surpassed \$900 million this year. The campaign raised more than \$106 million last year.

Ray highlighted the new construction happening around campus and reiterated his intention to cap growth at the Corvallis campus at 28,000

"We can be fine and be a significant player nationally if we stay at

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Local man discusses his past, present tribulations in a homeless state

If you are homeless

you are lost, you are

simply lost, simply lost.

John Phillips

Former Weyerhouser Foreman

Interview with a former plant foreman at Corvallis's Stone Soup gives perspective on homeless life

By Kristy Wilkinson

They sleep on park benches, in door frames and under Foster's Bridge. At any time there are 150 people without jobs or shelter who call Corvallis home. These individuals all have different backgrounds, ages and education levels but they are all struggling to achieve the daily necessities.

Many say they sometimes go days without

As the only soup kitchen in the area, Stone Soup, serves Corvallis and surrounding Linn and Benton counties.

Kevin Weaver, Coordinator of the HELP program, an organization that helps Corvallis and Linn and Benton counties homeless

don't think about all the challenges that face the homeless. First Christian Church has the only accessible public restroom in the city.

"At any time there are roughly 150 homeless people living within Corvallis," Kevin Weaver said. "Assuming on average that you have 1.25 poops per person, that's 187.5 bathroom visits a day. Added all together that is over 50,000 bathroom visits a year in one restroom.'

This is the only place that the homeless can legally go to the bathroom. In Corvallis, defecation in public can result in a fine as large as \$60. John Phillips doesn't have \$60.

a long time since he's had a conversation, "If you are homeless you are lost, you are and he preferred to share his story to eating simply lost, simply lost," said Phillips, a for-

move off the streets, said that most people mer plant foreman for Weyerhouser, a wood distribution company, who has been homeless for three years.

He was one of dozens eating a spaghetti dinner at

The longest Phillips has gone without eat-

ing is four days, he said. But it had also been

on Sunday. Phillips said he and his exwife raised seven children, two of whom are foster children, in Junction City. His family is still there, he

food," he said. "Besides, I can go a day or two without having a meal, I'm not so scrawny.'

He pushed up his sleeve to show off his arms. They were white and thin. The veins of his arms protruded from under his skin, but compared to many of the people at the soup kitchen he wasn't so scrawny.

He sat in the back office of First Christian Church, telling his story. Donated clothes, bandages and medications filled the small room. Phillips couldn't sit still. He rocked. He scratched at his arms and pulled at his sleeves. But his eyes were steady.

Phillips thought back to when things fell

"My wife and I were having a scrap because I was drinking too much, too much, too much," he said.

When asked about whether he was sober, Phillips responded, "That's not the right

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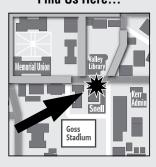
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beaten to the ground by the national media, the son vs. father angle has largely flown under the radar.

Jay said that's by design, adding the Ravens denied "30 or 40" outlets that requested an interview with him this week.

"The easiest and best solution was to opt out of most those things," Jay said. "I don't want [John and Jim] to have to answer questions about me.'

On Sunday, Jay will track the defen-

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Jay Harbaugh

OSU graduate

sive personnel on the field for the 49ers and the coverages they're in, among other things.

Asked if he'll be nervous on the sport's biggest stage, Jay responded in a way a seasoned NFL coach would respond - not someone who's eight months removed from being a run-of-the-mill college student.

"I've been at four Civil Wars," Jay said. "I'm fully emotionally

prepared. I don't get nervous. There's no pressure for anybody because you're prepared. We know what we have to do. We know what it's going to take."

For the four years he was at OSU, Jay helped out as an undergraduate assistant for Mike Riley's football team. He helped with the little things — stuff the "coaches didn't have time for," he said such as working with the scout team at practice and signaling in the offensive plays from the sideline during games.

He interned with the 49ers in the summer of 2011, but decided to move across the country after college to work for his uncle rather than pursue an

opportunity under his father.

"I was probably more eager to be around my uncle because I wasn't around him as much growing up," Jay said. "There's no clear-cut reason for one over the other. They're both great organizations. I guess I wanted to start going my own direction."

Jay, whose ultimate goal is to become a head coach one day, said his role with the Ravens is "ambiguous, an internassistant type of thing." He primarily works with the offense. He's not listed as a coach on the Ravens' official website.

"There's rules about who can do what

things, so my role is loosely defined so I can be allowed to help in various areas," Jay said. "I'm hoping to be here next year, because I don't have plans to go anywhere else."

Jay said he hasn't talked to his father much since the began their teams preparations.

"We've texted back

and forth a little, but that's pretty much it," he said. "There's nothing really to talk about. We're both locked in to the task at hand. There will be plenty of time for all that afterwards."

How soon afterwards?

"I don't know, it probably depends if we win or lose," Jay said.

Either way, somebody from the ultracompetitive Harbaugh family is going to be left unhappy.

"I hate losing more than I like winning," Jay said. "I don't even want to think about it. Can't entertain thoughts like that. Just don't want to, no thanks."

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Inside the Ravens... with Jay Harbaugh:

Favorite Ravens' player: "The vast majority of them are very outgoing guys, really friendly. I'd have to say safety Shawn Considine. He's a crafty, veteran guy, fun to be around. He's taught me a lot of things."

On Ray Rice's 30-yard gain on 4thand-29 versus San Diego: "I was like, No way.' It was unreal. It was one of the events during the season where you were like, 'This team is special.' It's unreal to have a 4th-and-29 situation where everybody seems remarkably calm, no one's throwing in the towel. You can look around and be reassured. That's part of the identity of this team; nobody ever blinks. It's really special to be around."

On Jacoby Jones' 70-yard touchdown with 31 seconds left to force overtime in the playoff game versus Denver: "That was even more unbelievable. What I just said about the makeup of this team, it showed even more so in that situation. Just the grittiest group of men I've ever seen."

On if he played any role in either of those season-changing plays/play-calls: "Zero percent. Zero-point-zero percent."

On the impact of Ray Lewis retiring: 'It's huge. He's the best leader in sports, period. I don't think anybody's voice resonates with this team better than Ray's does. When he told us [he was retiring], it took a team that was already close-knit and focused and it galvanized us. It was like we had everything in the world to play for, all the determination in the world, and you take all that and then you somehow amplify it. That's why everybody in the organization feels so good about Sunday."

- Grady Garrett

MOHAMUD

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The people who knew Mohamud well were stunned on that fateful day when the bomb plot failed and Mohamud's face was on every major news outlet.

"That's part of the reason why so many of us were shocked, because he seemed so well put together," Davis said. "That makes me wonder, that entire time, was he just faking it?"

According to the arrest affidavit, during the ride to the site of the test detonation on Nov. 4, 2010, the FBI undercover employees and Mohamud discussed the attack: "Mohamud again made clear his vision for the attack: 'I want whoever is attending that event to leave, to leave either dead or injured."

It was statements like that which showed the other side of someone nobody at OSU ever actually knew well at all.

"Honestly, he was probably one of the nicest guys, I thought," Vorath said. "So it was just kind of earth-shattering to hear that he attempted to do something like

The sentencing hearing for Mohamud has been set for May 14, and he faces a potential life sentence in prison.

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question to ask."

But he didn't offer the right one. Instead, he said he was "sober enough."

'It's (Alcohol) the only vacation to being homeless," Weaver said during a phone conversation. Drug and alcohol abuse affect 50 percent

of the homeless. That number rises to 70 percent among veterans. Phillips said virtually everyone living on the streets abuses alcohol. First Christian Church hosts an AA meeting every morning in addition to the soup kitchen.

Substance abuse for many homeless men and women goes untreated.

Phillips likes living in Corvallis, he says. People are generous, and the students at OSU are kind. He offers one suggestion to students who might dismiss their beer cans after a long night.

"If you're going to party, if you're going to have a good time, bag up your cans so the homeless people can have your nickels," he

For Phillips, and many others, these cans are their only source of income.

Phillips said one meal is provided everyday. It wasn't the food he missed most from his previous life.

'The worst part is the loneliness," he said, rocking back and forth.

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28,000," Ray said in a telephone interview.

Ray said increased enrollment at the Cascades Campus in Bend, as well as increased online enrollment, will help the university achieve its goals in meeting the states new 40-40-20 mandate by 2025. The mandate said 40 percent of Oregonians should have bachelor's degrees or higher.

"The financial state of the university remains strong for the foreseeable future despite unrelenting challenges in state funding for higher education," Ray said in the text of his prepared speech.

Ray said in his speech that governance issues within public higher education are being addressed. OSU has recently asked to be included in proposed legislation to allow Portland State University and University of Oregon to create their own institutional boards.

"If UO and PSU create boards, what happens to OUS?" Ray said in a telephone interview, using the acronym for the Oregon University System.

Ray said he requested to be included on the legislation in order to have the option and flexibility to create a board if that's what the university

Facts from Ray's speech

International enrollment: OSU has doubled international students to 2,400.

Campaign for OSU: Raised \$106 million last year, aims to reach \$1 billion in total by 2014.

Faculty: More than 180 tenure track faculty were hired last year. Research funding: Funding for research

increased to \$281 million last year. Donations: More than \$20 million donated for construction of new engineering building

Corvallis campus: Ray says enrollment will be capped at 28,000.

community wants.

"We would want to have a dialogue about creating a board as a university before it happened," Ray said in a telephone interview.

Ray noted the many accomplishments of the university over the last vear, including increased international enrollment, the hiring of 180 new faculty members and increased research funding of \$281 million last year.

Ray gave the speech to a crowd of about 500 people according to a press release from the university. Ray will give another state of the university speech at the next faculty senate meeting.

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Events

Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center,

Noon-1pm, Snell 427 (BCC). Cupcake Kick-off! Find out what events will be held throughout Black History Month - The Evolving History of Today.

Gamma Alpha Omega, 5-8pm, MU Basement. Bowling Night with informational presentation regarding student involvement opportunities

OSU Music Department, Noon, MU Lounge. Music å la Carte: The Tardis Ensemble. A 6 pc. chamber ensemble featuring winds and strings.

Saturday, Feb. 2

Meetings **Student Incidental Fees Committee**

(SIFC), 2pm, MU Journey Room. The Memorial Union and Music Department will be presenting their budgets.

Monday, Feb. 4

Meetings

Student Incidental Fees Committee (SIFC), 6pm, MU Journey Room. Educational Activities and Athletics will be presenting their budgets.

Tuesday, Feb. 5

Meetings

Student Incidental Fees Committee (SIFC), 6pm, MU 213. Student Sustain-

ability Initiative and Our Little Village will be presenting their budgets. ASOSU Senate, 7pm, MU 211

Events Career Services, 11am-Noon, Valley Library, Willamette East & West Rooms, 3rd Floor. WEBINAR - Landing Your Dream

Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez & CAPS, 5-7pm, MU 206. Stress-relief event. We will be presenting and doing a few exercises to relieve stress

Wednesday, Feb. 6

Federal Job or Internship

ASOSU House of Representatives, 7pm, MU 211

Student Incidental Fees Committee (SIFC), 6:45-8pm, Dixon Recreation Center. ASOSU will be presenting their budget.

Career Services, Noon-3pm, MU Ballroom. Nonprofit & Volunteer Fair: Representatives from more than 50 local and national nonprofit and government organizations representing a wide variety of fields who are seeking OSU volunteers interns and employees.

Career Services, 11am-Noon, MU 206. Marketing Your Service Experience: Meet a panel of nonprofit professionals who will share tips and strategies on marketing your service and volunteer experience to potential employers.

Career Services, 11am-Noon, MU Journey Room. Pursuing a Nonprofit Career: Gain insight into the nonprofit industry.

Career Services, Noon-1pm, MU 208. International Service Workshop: Explore international nonprofit internships and service opportunities.

Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center and Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez, 6-7:30pm, Snell 424, 4Cs Centro Cultural Cesar Chavez. The/Los Afro-Latinos.

Pride Center, Noon-1pm, Pride Center. Book Club: reading "Faitheist: How an Atheist Found Common Ground with the Religious" by Chris Stedman. The book explains how he went from a closeted gay evangelical Christian to an "out" atheist

Thursday, Feb. 7

Meetings

Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30-1pm, MU Talisman Room. Rethinking Prosperity Devotions and discussion on the meaning

of prosperity and our search for it. College Republicans, 7pm, StAg 107.

Friday, Feb. 8 Events

OSU Music Department, Noon, MU Lounge. Music å la carte: The Lyric Trio. A musical journey through English and American Poetry

Student Incidental Fees Committee

(SIFC), 2pm, MU 213. Student Diversity

and Recreational Sports will be presenting

Saturday, Feb. 9 Meetings

Monday, Feb. 11 Events

Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center,

Chavez. Cultural Taboos. Discuss the ste-

5-7pm, Snell 424, 4Cs Centro Cultural Cesar

reotypes of Black people and how it affects

their everyday lives. Tuesday, Feb. 12

Meetings

Student Incidental Fees Committee (SIFC), 5pm, MU Ballroom. Open Hearing. The SIFC will make a final vote and decision on all incidental/health fee budgets for

next year and set the fee level ASOSU Senate, 7pm, MU 211

Events

Lonnie B. Harris Black Cultural Center and Asian & Pacific Cultural Center, 4-5:30pm, MU Journey Room. Lead by

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Editorial

Yeas & Nays

ea to the anonymous donor who gave OSU \$5 million in support of the university's performing arts program. The money will go far to help the School of Arts and Communication. You are a very nice person.

Yea to Peter and Rosalie Johnson who are donating \$7 million to construct a new building for the College of Engineering. Also a shout out to the other anonymous donor who gave \$10 million for this building. You are all nice people.

Yea to the Campaign for OSU nearing its \$1 billion goal. Maybe they won't need to beg us for money when we are impoverished and unemployed journalists six months from

Nay to already getting contacted by the OSU Foundation to donate

Yea to unseasonably warm weather yesterday. It made the view out our prison cell here in Snell Hall a little

Nay to people who hang up signs on trees saying they are going to be cut down when they aren't going to be cut down.

Nay to cutting down trees. We like trees. We speak for the trees.

Yea to cutting down trees. We take that last one back. Cutting down trees is fun. Both axes and chainsaws are pretty cool.

Nay to the Corvallis creeper. Assaulting people is bad.

Nay to two attacks by a stranger having to be the catalyst for our community to talk about attacks, abuse, molestation and rape. Most of these evil crimes are perpetrated by someone the victim knows, and not strangers.

Yea to the Corvallis Police Department working hard to find the attacker and taking the time to talk with us this week. We respect the work you do.

Yea to the Benton County Sheriff for getting back to us so quickly last week when one of our reporters needed to talk to you.

Nay to not winning free Buffalo Wild Wings for a year.

Yea to the 40 people who did because they followed The Daily Barometer on Twitter.

Nay to the term "NARP."

Yea to NARPs getting into the sports section this week.

Nay to failing to catch up on your reading. Yea to once again sounding intelli-

gent during the class discussion, much to the chagrin of other classmates who know you didn't do the reading.

Yea to Lois Lessert. You are going to be missed here at Student Media and thank you for you many years of great service and help.

Yea to it being the weekend. If you were lucky enough to work at the Barometer, you would have meetings and sporting events to cover instead of having a weekend. Since you don't work here, we assume you are going to be irresponsible this weekend. Keep your nose clean and stay safe children.

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Republicans: Time to take a chill pill

'am a Republican. I am a Christian. I believe the best .market is a free market. I believe small government and staterun legislation allow for equality and improvement. I believe, as a party, the conservative movement has molded into a group of angry, ignorant, loud and hateful individuals.

It is time we evolve. The Republican Party needs to make serious shifts, or our polarized two-party government is going to become a three party system filled with angry crazies.

In an address to a New Hampshire college, Rick Santorum, a prominent Republican Candidate in the 2012 Presidential Campaign compared same-sex marriage to polygamy.

"So, everybody has the right to be happy? So, if you're not happy unless you're married to five other people, is that OK?" Yes, Rick Santorum it is OK.

As our nation's economy plummets further into debt, Al-Qaida spreads to Africa and the wealth gap continues to grow. I don't care if a citizen wants to marry a penguin. At least one of you will be well dressed.

The Republican's right can't keep piggy backing its beliefs and principals on scripture. In a 2006 speech at a church in Minneapolis, Michelle Bachmann, a Tea Party leader, said, "Why should I go and do something like that? But the Lord says, 'Be submissive wives; you are to be submissive to your husbands.'

She explains pursing tax law was something she did because her husband encouraged her to. She was certain God was speaking through him.

In other speeches, Bachmann has

Kristy Wilkinson

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also suggested national disasters, like the one off the gulf of Florida, happened because God was attempting to send the American people a message about national spending.

"I don't know how much God has to do to get the attention of the politicians," Bachmann said. "We've ĥad an earthquake; we've had a hurricane. He said, 'Are you going to start listening to me here?' Listen to the American people because the American people are roaring right now. They know government is on a morbid obesity diet and we've got to rein in the spending."

Seriously? God is punishing us because we're spending too much? And he's decided to tell us through the use of natural disasters? That statement isn't just incompetent and insensitive. It's insulting to those of us, like myself, who are religious. She makes us look crazy.

The United States needs to put on its big-girl panties and learn that just because we are the "global leader," does not mean we are reaching our potential.

Human growth index puts the United States at fourth on the 20ll highly developed nations' chart. Yet we have more money than two of the three countries before us. The human growth index rates countries based on a number of factors: average personal wealth, years in age of education and life expectancy. We are supposed to be the melting pot. America markets itself as the epicenter for international intelligence, acceptance and improvement. Yet we continue to fail.

I believe in a women's right to choose. I believe — regardless of race, gender or sexuality — you should have the right to marry whomever you please. I believe the separation of church and state is the founding principal of our country. Religious beliefs should not dictate national decisions.

Throughout history we have continued to change. A women's right to vote, second-class citizens and child labor laws are just a few of the many movements America has embraced. Right now we are the most polarized we have been since the Civil War. That's horrifying. Over the centuries America has presented itself as an economic and social leader. We need to be demonstrating that again.

"Things don't change, we change," Henry David Thoreau said.

Each political party in is facing major changes. Preaching about improvement, equality and inclusion will make some of you roll your eyes. Having to write a column about it makes me want to hurl. Not because it is not important. Not because things don't need to change. But, because human decency and inclusion shouldn't have to be discussed in America, we should have already made these changes.

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A case for concealed carry on campus

understand some of my peers' concerns regarding "guns on campus." From my perspective, their opposition to concealed carry on campus is largely based on fear of further violence, a fear that has been largely misplaced but nonetheless capitalized on by gun control groups at the national level.

But I question this first-response intuition that has been propagated by the mass media. To begin, I want to point out that guns on campus already de facto exist: A person with Concealed Handgun License is allowed to carry his or her guns on 21st Street, Dean Keaton, and for that matter, all other public streets, sidewalks and outdoor areas. We attend an open campus where anyone may walk in and out. In this regard, those with CHL are already allowed to have guns on certain parts of campus. Guns are not allowed, however, on University premises, such as buildings and educational facilities.

The equation of guns with violence has been so pervasive in our culture that the possibility of guns curtailing violence is simply lost or rejected. After all, it is harder to prove if guns have prevented crimes than if guns were used to perpetrate crimes. Here are some thoughts and statistics on concealed carry on campus:

1. According to the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education's statistics on campus safety, there were about 1,000 criminal offenses in 2011 across four-year public universities in Texas. Those offenses include: rape, burglary, aggravated assault, robbery and vehicle theft, among others. The question is, should individuals be in control of means for self-defense within reasonable limits against significant campus crimes? I know very little about mental issues, but it occurs to me that a person who is mentally unstable would find means to carry out heinous acts regardless of regulations, if his or her fragile psyche compels such action. Therefore, regulating against the lawful bearing of arms is simply a perverse exclusion of law-abiding citizens from self-defense. Whether you personally agree with the choice of means for self-defense is secondary to the person's right to choose, especially considering the means in question conform with existing laws regulating concealed carry - namely, through a permitting process.

2. To obtain a CHL in Texas, a person has to complete 10 hours of training on gun laws, proficiency,

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Letter to the Editor

Sexual assaults

More than a women's issue

Stopping sexual violence is not a women's issue; it's a human one. It's easy to point fingers at someone who has been assaulted or raped and tell them what they did wrong. This kind of thinking is useless, because at no time is it the fault of the survivor. Excuses like, "It's the way she was dressed," or "I couldn't stop myself," are pathetic. Everyone has a choice to rape, and if someone makes that choice, you can't blame it on the survivor. They didn't make that decision

Men are crucial to stopping sexual violence as rape culture is perpetuated, primarily, by men. When you make a lewd joke, you may think it's funny and so do others around you, but now you've pushed the envelope a little bit further. You've shown that you will tolerate and perpetuate that kind of behavior, even unintentionally, which in turn perpetuates the culture.

The majority of men will not commit sexual violence.

Research shows that a small per-

for themselves, the perpetrator did it centage of men are doing a large percentage of the perpetrating. However, with one in four women on college campuses having experienced a sexual assault, there is a high likelihood that a person knows at least one woman who has been assaulted. And when you validate rape culture through your behavior, you create an unsafe environment for survivors around you.

The only thing that will stop sexual assault is a concerted effort by everyone - men, women and those between and outside those labels to educate themselves and those

around them about sexual assault. The start of this letter stated that people make the choice to rape, and right now you can make a choice, too.

You can choose to drift through life, blissfully unaware of the suffering that goes on around you, or you can make the choice to stand up for those society has denigrated, take a stand and say, "I am a man who will not allow sexual violence to reign unchecked. I will do something about it." I did.

TIM DANIEL Senior, psychology and sociology Director of SafeRide

Beaver Tweet of the Day "Auto correct is killing me "rubbing" verse "running" can really make the conversation awkward"

Men's hoops can't maintain lead, now 1-7 in Pac-12 play

Cal's 22-8 second-half run propels Golden Bears over **OSU Thursday night**

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It was the Washington State game all

For the second time in two games, Oregon State (11-10, 1-7 Pac-12) had the ball while down three points in the waning seconds and came up short falling to California, 71-68, on Thursday night in Berkeley, Calif.

Just like against Washington State, the Beavers outplayed Cal in the first half — leading 41-33 at halftime. The Beavers hung tough in the second half, leading by as many as 12 points at one point, but saw their lead dwindle as the Golden Bears went on a 22-8 run, finally taking a two point lead with 4:59 left in the game.

It was back and forth from that point on, but Cal sealed the deal on a Solomon Richard dunk with 17 seconds left.

The Beavers, led by junior guard Roberto Nelson with 25 points, had four players — Nelson, Joe Burton, Ahmad Starks and Devon Collier score in double figures. The other four OSU players who saw action only managed to scrape together seven points in a combined 67 minutes of playing

Oregon State will do its best to shake things off and prepare for a red-hot Stanford team fresh off a Wednesday night upset of No. 10 Oregon.

Head coach Craig Robinson hadn't seen the Cardinal play the Ducks yet, but at Tuesday's press conference he did say he expected Stanford to be tough.

'[Stanford] looked real good against Utah," Robinson said Tuesday. "I didn't see the whole game, but they were making shots, which they hadn't done in a while."

The Cardinal have won three out of four after starting off 1-3 in Pac-12 play. While they are in the middle of the pack in all the major conference statistics, they do have the conference leader in free throw percentage, Aaron Bright, who is shooting 90.7 percent from the charity stripe.

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COMING SOON

Friday, Feb. 1

Women's Basketball vs. No. 6 Cal, 7 p.m., Gill Coliseum

Saturday, Feb. 2

No. 9Wrestling vs. Cal State Bakersfield, 7 p.m., Gill Coliseum

Sunday, Feb. 3

Men's Basketball @ Stanford, 12 p.m., Stanford, Calif.

Women's Basketball vs. No. 4 Stanford, 2 p.m., Gill Coliseum, Pac-12 Networks

No. 14 Gymnastics @ No. 20 Cal, 2 p.m., Berkeley, Calif.

Wednesday, Feb. 6

Men's Basketball vs. Utah, 7 p.m., Gill Coliseum, Pac-12 Networks (TV) Men's Golf @ Amer Ari Invitational, All Day, Waikoloa, Hawaii

Thursday, Feb. 7

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No. 6 Cal, No. 4 Stanford in town



VINAY BIKKINA | THE DAILY BAROMETER

OSU sophomore forward Deven Hunter shoots an open jumper in the Jan. 15 win over rebounder and is third in defensive rebounds. Containment the University of Oregon in Eugene.

Facing two top-six teams, the OSU women's basketball team wants best rebounding game of the year, working on committing less turnovers

By Sarah Kerrigan

This weekend marks the middle of Pac-12 play as the Oregon State women's basketball team takes on the top two teams in the Pac-12 — No. 6 California and No. 4 Stanford.

Nearly halfway through the conference season, the Beavers (9-11, 3-5 Pac-12) have been on the losing end of three close games.

Their most recent losses in overtime to Washington and Washington State mark a turning point for the Beavers.

"We are just coming off with a chip on our shoulder," said senior forward ShaKiana Edwards-Teasley. "We are just going to come and play harder than ever, prove back what kind of

"You just have to move forward and focus on getting better," added freshman forward Samantha Siegner. "It is tough to take a loss at the time, but in the end there is nothing you can do about it except learn from it."

In their most recent losses, the Beavers struggled with turnovers, which has caused them some issues throughout

"I think mistakes become eliminated through experience," said head coach Scott Rueck. "So hopefully this past weekend we learned some lessons."

Siegner said the team just needs to read the defense better in order to make smarter plays without forcing the ball.

Against both Cal (17-2, 7-1) and Stanford (18-2, 7-1) this weekend, the Beavers want to maintain a high level of execution throughout all 40 minutes of play. Making careless mistakes like they did last weekend will be detrimental against two teams in the top six, nationally.

For a win over Cal, the Beavers will need to focus their attention on rebounding, especially the defensive boards.

Rebounding is something Oregon State has had some issues with this season, giving up second chances to its

With Cal being the best rebounding team in the conference, the Beavers are looking at working on crashing the

"Cal does such a great job getting second opportunities," Rueck said. "We have to rebound well, that's really got to be our number one focus, trying to eliminate their offensive

"Rebounding, we need to get on the boards and just have the best rebounding game we have had all season," Edwards-Teasley added.

Cal's Jennifer Brandon is the Pac-12's best offensive

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Beavers begin run of Pac-12 duals with CS Bakersfield

OSU wrestling has been unbeatable lately, host CS Bakersfield in Gill Saturday

Sports

By Andrew Kilstrom

THE DAILY BAROMETER

With only three Pac-12 duals left before the postseason, No. 9 Oregon State looks ready for the final push of the season.

The Beavers (7-3, 2-1 Pac-12) are coming off five straight dual victories including a thrilling come-from-behind win over No. 10 Cornell. The team is enjoying its best wrestling of the year and looks primed for Regional duals in less than three weeks time.

But before Oregon State can think about Regional and National duals, it must first focus on its remaining schedule.

With the remaining duals coming against Cal State Bakersfield (7-3, 1-1 Pac-12), Cal Poly (2-7, 0-3 Pac-12) and Arizona State (7-9, 2-1 Pac-12), there's a strong likelihood that Oregon State will win out.

While Oregon State will be heavy favorites in its final three duals, the Beavers aren't taking anything for granted. OSU hopes to use the next two weeks as a chance to get in top form for the Regional duals and then the Pac-12 Tournament

"We want to keep improving, keep working on things we need to work on, try to put a lot of points on the scoreboard and put up a lot of bonus points," said head coach Jim Zalesky. "Most importantly we want to wrestle seven minutes

"I think we're trying to establish ourselves and wrestle like we did last weekend in New York," added No. 4 Chad Hanke, senior heavyweight. "If we wrestle like that in these last three duals we can find ourselves and be competitive in the National duals."

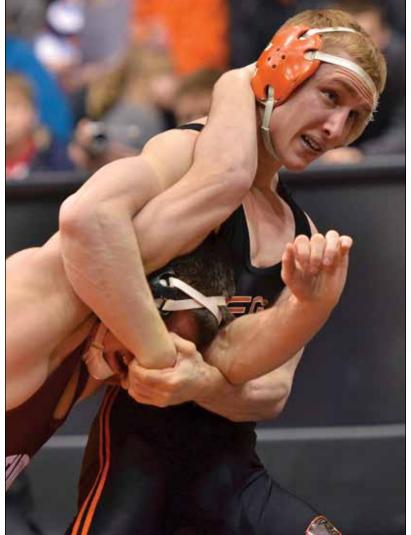
Hanke is the main reason Oregon State is riding a five dual winning streak. The Beavers were trailing Cornell by three points going into the final match and needed bonus points from Hanke to earn another victory.

The senior got a pin, securing Oregon State's biggest moment so far this season.

"Everybody wants to be in that situation where it comes down to them and you have to win the big match in a big way," Hanke said. "I'm glad I was able to do that for the team because we deserve that, we work hard."

While Hanke probably won't

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JACKIE SEUS | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Oregon State's Drew Van Anrooy defeated Stanford's Peter Russo on a 7-1 decision in OSU's 32-6 win over the Cardinal on Jan. 19.

Storylines for OSU gymnastics at Cal AMERICA

By Warner Strausbaugh THE DAILY BAROMETER

• Increased scores: In each of the No. 14 Beavers' first four meets, their total team scores have increased. OSU scored a season-high 196.825 in last Saturday's Metroplex Challenge in Fort Worth, Texas.

• All-arounders: Last year, the Beavers relied on four regular all-arounders (competing in vault, uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise), but up until last Saturday there had only been two competing in all-around (Senior Makayla Stambaugh, junior Brittany Harris).

Chelsea Tang were added to that group, and both performed well.

• Kelsi Blalock: Speaking of Blalock in all-around, she hadn't competed in allaround for more than a year, but ended up being the best of the bunch Saturday. Her all-around score of 39.425 was third-best - impressive considering it was a fiveteam meet, of three of OSU's opponents were ranked in the top 10 nationally (No. 2 Oklahoma, No. 7 LSU, No. 9 Georgia).

• Katelyn Ohlrich: The walk-on sophomore has exceeded expectations on bal-

Junior Kelsi Blalock and sophomore ance beam for the Beavers this year. She has consistently scored between 9.750 and 9.850 in four meets on an event that, at times, has been the weakest for OSU.

• First true Pac-12 meet: Although OSU has squared off with No. 9 Utah and Washington, both were in meets with four or more teams. This will be the first meet of the season for the Beavers solely being Pac-12 vs. Pac-12. Cal is No. 20 in the nation, and this meet will serve as a good gauge for OSU in the conference. A statement road win solidifies OSU has a serious contender.

• Makayla Stambaugh: The only gymnast on the team who has competed in all-around for all four meets. She had some struggles in the early going this year, especially on beam, but seems to have hit her stride. Beam still remains her weakest event in 2013, but with high scores in floor (9.875) and bars (9.925) in the Metroplex Challenge, Stambaugh is the anchor for this team right now.

• Injuries/depth: Freshman Sarah Marquez suffered a season-ending knee injury in the Jan. 11 meet against Ohio State at Gill Coliseum. Another freshman, Erika Aufiero, sprained her ankle early last week and did not compete in the Metroplex Challenge. Aufiero is expected to be ready to go at Cal. If not, Tang might need a repeat performance of the 9.875 she scored on uneven bars.

• Road warriors: Sunday's meet in Berkeley, Calif., will be the third in a month-long stretch of four road meets. The two best scores of the year have come in two of the toughest environments in college gymnastics: at Utah (crowd of nearly 15,000) and the Metroplex Challenge (three top-10 teams, performing on a raised podium). If they can keep up that stretch, it's impressive. But realistically, that amount of travel could eventually wear down the Beavers before they return for a meet in Corvallis.

Warner Strausbaugh, sports editor

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Makayla Stambaugh does her floor exercise in the only home meet so far this season, a Jan. 11 tilt with Ohio State.

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Beaver Great Charlie Sitton To Be Inducted Into Pac-12 Hall of Honor

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Charlie Sitton, a two-time All-American who helped Oregon State advance to the NCAA Tournament three times during one of the most successful runs in school history, will be inducted into the Pac-12 Men's Basketball Hall of Honor.

Sitton will be inducted on Saturday, March 16 during a ceremony prior to the Championship Game at the 2013 Pac-12 Men's Basketball Tournament at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nev., and join an elite list of Beavers to make the Hall of Honor.

Oregon State Players in Pac-12 Conference Hall of Honor

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2008 — "Red" Rocha 2009 — Paul Valenti

2010 — Dave Gambee

2011 — Charlie White 2012 - A.C. Green

Sitton, a 6-foot-8 forward from McMinnville, Ore., was a four-year letterman for Oregon State from 1981-84 when the Beavers accumulated a record of 93-25 (.788). He was a freshman in 1981 when Oregon State became the nation's No. 1-ranked team after starting the season 26-0 and was part of Pac-10 championship teams in 1981 and 1982 and Pac-10 cochampions in 1984.

Sitton led the Beavers to three NCAA Tournament appearances, including a trip to the NCAA West Regional Championship game in 1982 when Oregon State knocked off Pepperdine

before falling to Georgetown. as a sophomore and 14.9 points The Beavers finished No. 4 in the nation in the Associated Press and UPI polls after that season.

Oregon State also advanced to the NCAA Tournament in 1981 and 1984 and to the NIT in Sitton's junior season where the Beavers defeated Idaho and New Orleans in the first two rounds before falling to Fresno State.

The McMinnville High School graduate earned All-American honors in 1983 and 1984, and was a three-time All-Pac-10 selection and the runner-up for Pac-10 Player of the Year in 1983 when he averaged 18.8 points and 5.2 rebounds per game.

Sitton averaged 6.4 points and played in all 28 games during the historic 1980-81 season to make the All-Pac-10 Freshman

as a senior.

He was a three-time All-Far West Classic honoree, including Most Valuable Player honors in 1982, and was selected as the team's Most Valuable Player in 1983. He was inducted into both the Oregon State Athletic Hall of Fame and State of Oregon Hall of Fame in 1997.

On Oregon State's career lists, Sitton ranks fifth in scoring with 1,561 points and fourth all-time in field goal percentage (.575). He played in 117 games with the Beavers and finished with 502 rebounds, 252 assists, 60 blocked shots and 87 steals in his outstanding college career.

Sitton was selected in the second round of the 1984 NBA Draft by Dallas and played one season for the Mavericks where he scored 91 points and pulled and Idaho in the first two rounds Team. He averaged 12.9 points down 60 rebounds in 43 games.

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of Brandon will be key in eliminating second chances

Besides their dominating post play, the Golden Bears also pose a threat from anywhere on the floor. Cal is just super athletic and has scorers everywhere,"

Siegner said. "We are just looking to try to contain them contain them and make sure we box out."

If the Beavers are able to hold Cal to one shot per possession, they have a chance to earn a win in front of their home crowd tonight. Seigner mentioned how nice it will be to have to the

support of their fans behind them in tough games and how it can make the difference between a win and a loss. Despite the challenge of facing two ranked teams, the Beavers have an opportunity to shift their season with

Coming off the weekend with two wins with give Oregon State some much-needed momentum heading on the road to take on another ranked opponent, No. 22

Before they look too far forward however, the Beavers need to focus on earning the win tonight against Cal.

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need a heroic pin to win Saturday, the dual is an important one because Oregon State and Cal State Bakersfield have the same overall and conference record, meaning the winner will jump to first place in the

Though regular season record doesn't determine the conference champion, it still has an impact on seeding going into the Pac-12 Tournament.

We're looking to go into these last three duals and set ourselves up for good seeds at Pac-12 Tournament," Zalesky said. "Getting three wins would set us up well.

'We just want to continue this momentum we've got going and wrestle like we've been wrestling and we should do well," added No. 10 RJ Pena, 157-pound junior.

Oregon State will get the added benefit of wrestling its remaining duals in Gill Coliseum. Coming off a brutal road trip on the East Coast, wrestling on their home mat will be a boost for the Beavers.

The luxury gets even better the week following their last dual against Arizona State when Oregon State hosts the NCAA Regional Duals. Oregon State had to travel to Iowa last season, so wrestling at home could be enough to get them to the National Duals.

"It's nice having ... the Regional Duals [here], so we can stay home and sleep in our own beds," Hanke said. "We'll have a definite advantage over people. Hopefully we can win.

Saturday's dual against the Roadrunners starts at 7 p.m. in Gill Coliseum.

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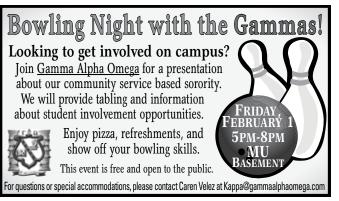
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Beyoncé admits singing 'with my prerecorded track'

(CNN) — Yes, Beyoncé can proud." sing — all by herself, thank you

That much she showed Thursday, when she opened her appearance before reporters in New Orleans — where she's set to headline the Super Bowl XLVII halftime performance Sunday — with a stirring, a cappella rendition of the national anthem.

It was the same tune she sang just over a week ago at the inauguration of President Barack Obama

But on that momentous occasion, Beyoncé admitted on Thursday, she had some help.

The world-renowned pop singer told reporters that "she decided to sing along with my prerecorded track," a decision she made in part because she didn't have time to rehearse with the U.S. Marine Band and had had "no proper sound check."

"I did not feel comfortable taking a risk," Beyoncé said of what she called "a very, very important, emotional show for me." "I wanted to make (Obama) and the country

The admission about the

Jan. 21 performance wasn't a complete shock.

A spokeswoman for the Marine Band initially said Beyoncé "was not actually singing" the national anthem. Hours later, the band backed away from the spokeswoman's remarks, releasing a statement that said the group was not in a position to know for sure.

But that hardly stopped the speculation that one of America's most famous contemporary singers had lip synced at one of the nation's most important moments. Two days after the inauguration, an inaugural official who asked not to be identified said Beyoncé "did not sing live," even though "she was spot on" in her prerecording, which was taped separately from the band and then married together.

The Houston native had been mum on the topic until she discussed the matter Thursday. Calling herself a perfectionist who will typically "practice until my feet bleed," she conceded worrying about

"a live television show" taking place outside on a chilly Washington day.

Even with all the hubbub — and her insistence that "I always sing live," with that exception — Beyoncé expressed no regrets about her rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" in front of the Capitol.

"I'm very proud of my performance," she said.

The 31-year-old said the practice of performers singing along with prerecorded tracks is common in her industry.

be doing it Sunday during the Super Bowl halftime show.

[°]I will absolutely be singing live," Beyoncé said. "This is what I was born to do.'

As to exactly what she'll do, and with whom, she didn't say much Thursday, dodging a question about whether she will be joined by her Destiny's Child bandmates or her husband, critically acclaimed rapper Jay-Z. While Alicia Keys and Jennifer Hudson (the latter singing with the choir this," she said. "I'm ready."

potential problems during from Sandy Hook Elementary, the Connecticut school where 20 children were killed in December) also will perform, Knowles will command the stage once the San Francisco 49ers and Baltimore Ravens break for halftime.

"I'm trying to learn to live every moment, because these moments are not promised to us," she said of her excitement, recalling how she took off her shoes and ran the first time she set foot on the Superdome field. "This is such a huge opportunity."

It's also a huge challenge, Still, she promised she won't including working on a stage that needs to be put together in just more than seven minutes, condensing her career into one 12-minute set, then performing in what is often any given year's most watched program on television. Beyoncé admitted being nervous, but also said that after more than four months of preparation, she's prepared.

"I've had a 16-year career, and all of the things that I've done have prepared me for

14 killed, 100 injured in blast at Mexican state oil company offices

(CNN) — An explosion rocked the Thursday night for people who could offices of Mexico's state oil company Thursday, killing at least 14 people and injuring dozens more, officials said.

At least 100 people were wounded in the Mexico City blast, Interior Minister Miguel Angel Osorio Chong told Foro TV.

Dozens of people were trapped in the building after the explosion, Foro TV reported. More than five hours after the blast, rescuers had pulled at least one survivor from the rubble, Mexico's president said in a Twitter post.

And crews were still searching

be trapped in the Pemex office complex, which includes one of the city's tallest

The explosion occurred in a basement and collapsed two floors of a building adjacent to the well-known tower, said Carlos Javier Rodriguez Jurado, one of the first paramedics to arrive at the

"We found many people trapped" after the explosion tore through the building "from the inside out," he said. Six hours after the explosion, Rodriguez said peo-

ple were likely still stuck in the rubble.

It was unclear what caused the blast, and Mexico's attorney general's office is investigating, Pemex said in a statement.

A large plume of smoke rose near the building after the explosion around 4 p.m. Thursday, and emergency crews swarmed the scene.

"People were screaming. ... You could see pieces of the wall falling to the ground," said Joaquin Borrell Valenzuela, an attorney for the Pemex comptroller's office, who was in a courtyard outside the building at the time of the blast.

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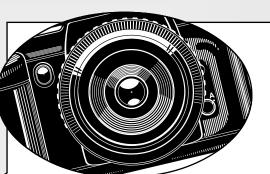


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Gun debate: Where is the middle ground?

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CNN) — Amardeep Kaleka will never forget the moment when his father laid on the ground and prayed.

Satwant Singh Kaleka had been shot five times while wresting a gunman in a Sikh temple in Oak Creek, Wisconsin. His turban was knocked off, and two kids and a priest crawled up beside him. Together, they prayed.

Amardeep Kaleka went to the temple and stared at that spot.

His father did not survive. He died along

"It felt like he was praying and putting something into the zeitgeist and imprinting it," he told CNN. His son hoped it would lead to a changing tide on gun violence.

As he began his meditation that day, Amardeep made a vow: He would do whatever he could to ensure nobody ever went through what his family had.

"It just came over me that you can't stay silent," he said. "You can't continue to allow violence like this to happen haphazardly at a church, at a school, any place.

That was August 2012.

Four months later, 20 children and six adults were gunned down in Newtown, Connecticut.

That school massacre has led many people, including Kaleka, 33, to question where we go from here as a country. Or if we will ever get there at all.

It led him to stand up at a gathering here on Thursday, CNN's "Guns Under Fire: An AC360° Town Hall Special," and ask a panel of advocates with polar opposite views if they could agree on anything. If there was actually any middle ground.

"After meeting with so many senators, so many gun proponents and gun control advocates, it seems like they're recycling the same jargon all the time," he said, explaining his reason for the question. "So I was just hoping, let's get to the common ground."

The panel included National Rifle Association board members, the president of the Brady Campaign to End Gun Violence, law enforcement representatives and other participants voicing viewpoints across the spectrum.

Was there a consensus?

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"There's a lot of common ground,"

Sandra Froman, a member of the NRA board of directors and a former president of the group, said at the town hall. "We don't want people who are insane to have guns, we don't want terrorists to have guns. Part of this national dialogue is coming together."

So everyone agreed: Something has to happen. The devil is in the details.

"I think the common ground clearly exists from a policy standpoint when talking about background checks," said Dan Gross, president of the Brady Campaign to End Gun Violence.

But it isn't that simple. It never is when it comes to gun control.

"The NRA is not against background checks," Froman said. "We support making sure they are enforced. We're not supporting more background checks of law-abiding citizens."

Her remarks signaled a slight change in the NRA's stance.

In a heated back and forth, the two debated whether it was truly harmful to force everyone who wants to purchase a gun · whether at a gun store, a gun show, or in a private sale -- to go through a background

Froman talked about how the current background check system was broken, noting that an "instant check" in Colorado can actually take about 10 days.

"We have to get it working before we add any more checks," she said, noting that requiring everyone to undergo a check would take a lot of resources and money.

Philadelphia Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey spoke from his experience, saving whatever it took, whatever the price tag, it would be worth it to stem the violence.

'Please, don't worry about the cost. I'll spend the money," he said, a line that drew massive applause from the crowd at George Washington University. "It's a much greater cost than human lives. We have to do something. The status quo is not acceptable."

When Kaleka, the son of one of the Sikh shooting victims, rose to ask his question about finding a middle ground, he wasn't just talking about policy. He also meant in our collective way of thinking. A filmmaker, Kaleka has made a documentary about violence in America. There are too many facets to the problem, he says.

"It's a culture of violence. And that has to do with guns, that has to do with mental illness, it has to do with stigmatizing people, it has to do with the media, everything about our culture.

Many appeared to think he was right.

Everybody's got to step up on this, Ramsey said. "That's prosecutors, the courts, everyone. If we're serious about this it can't just be a series of laws that are passed."

Much of the discussion inside the town hall went beyond politics and legislation. One heated debate focused on whether armed guards should be posted at schools.

That's a proposal that's been discussed by former congressman Asa Hutchinson.

"What is more important than the education and the safety of those children?" he asked, noting that if malls have armed security, so should schools. "I believe an armed security presence is very important."

It's an idea that Veronique Pozner thinks about. Her son Noah was killed in the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown.

"I think there might be a certain power in deterrence," she said. "In the case of Newtown, it's clear that the perpetrator did choose the path of least resistance, the most vulnerable defenseless victims. He didn't head for the high school where he could have been tackled.

While she said she wasn't sure an armed guard would have saved her son, she did sav it made her feel more comfortable dropping off her other children at the new school for Sandy Hook children, a building that does have armed guards.

Colin Goddard, who survived the Virginia Tech shooting, said he understood the desire to protect children, but he didn't understand why arming guards is the go-to

"I just don't understand why the first idea put forth is something that might help at the last second," he said, to massive applause from the audience. "We can do things in advance to keep a dangerous person and a gun from coming together in the first place."

That's the conversation that usually leads to a debate about mental health. It is an area President Barack Obama has pledged resources to; he and many others hope to keep guns out of the hands of the mentally

of the total applicant pool in the state of Texas. Thus the notion that somehow universities will be flooded with guns as result of allowing law-abiding faculty and students with a CHL to exercise their right to self-defense is mere illusion and, frankly, demagoguery.

Taking these factors into account, it seems far-fetched to alarm against the sort of "armed matriculation" proposed by another columnist last week.

Danny Zeng

top of strict eligibility requirements that cut out those with criminal backgrounds and psychiatric disorders. The process ensures that only law-abiding citizens are allowed to qualify for concealed carry licenses. TDPS reports that out of all the criminal convictions in Texas in

storage and nonviolent dispute resolu-

tions taught by a Texas Department of

Public Safety-certified CHL trainer, on

2011, only 120 out of 63,679, or about 0.2 percent of total criminal convictions, were of CHL holders. This strongly suggests that CHL holders are largely lawabiding citizens who simply want to have a means for self-defense.

3. Existing evidence does not point to a potential influx of guns on campus. Young people ages 18-29 constitute only about one out of every nine CHL applicants in Texas. The dominant collegeage group (18-24) constitutes less than 5 percent — about 7,000 in raw numbers

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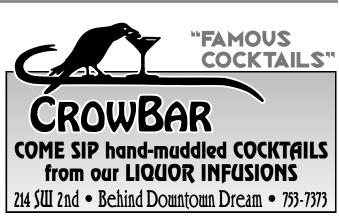


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Yesterday's Solution

Art showing illustrates how thoughts form

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Kursa Kapuler

Kusra Kapuler, a fine arts student, shows her sculptures at West Gallery

> By Alice Marshall THE DAILY BAROMETER

Kusra Kapuler, a student in the fine arts program, uses her artistic talent to explore the ways thoughts are conjured in the human

Kapuler is exhibiting her sculptures in West Gallery of Fairbanks Hall. Her exhibit is titled

Recurring forms made from the pages of her past journal entries appear to grow and spread like botanical specimens or larval beings. They are composed in root-like patterns reminiscent of synapses in the brain.

"The internal structure is paper, it's large pieces of paper wrapped with a process of dipping paper into ink and glue, and then wrapping the forms," Kapuler said. "I used my daily writings, so it started turning into something that was processing my past experiences and bringing it into the present moment, sort of digesting it, and making it something

Her writings can be seen on the paper, which adds a strong sense of intimacy to the works. The organically inspired shapes repeat in a suspended form which was created by different gauges of soldered wrought iron. Sharp yellow paint emphasizes the texture and whimsical movement within the shape while bringing attention to the contrast of the main rod's raw texture against the smoothness of the cilia-like lines extending off of it.

'The original inspiration for that piece was the motion of water and the elements, and then it kind of morphed into a sort of flower-like form," Kapuler said.

Process plays a very important role in her work. The forms develop as Kapuler works with them, as if they were being gradually infused with a life of their own. Opposite the gallery to the suspended yellow form is a self-portrait painting which hangs just above eye level.

"The self portrait is a witness to the scene which is going on," Kapuler said. "It's a reflection on my art-making process and the feelings that arose and the thoughts around it. It kind of is a [juxtaposition] to the yellow sculpture that has this brightness to it. It's all about self-reflection and facing things.

Placement is not the only way the two pieces juxtapose each other. The brightness of the spindly sculpture heightens the subtly somber feeling of the blue-faced self portrait, giving the space a very dynamic mood. As the artists explains, the inspiration for "Thought Forms" was deep-rooted.

"I've been examining through meditation



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Kursa Kapuler is showing her sculptures, "Thought Forms," in the West Gallery.

what thoughts come from and how they emerge," Kapuler said. "I was doing experiments in materials research in my sculpture class, so I was using a different material every week. I started making these paper forms and [the exhibit] sprung from those. I got really

excited about that and started labeling them 'Thought Forms.' They intrigued me and I was intrigued by how they reminded me of nature."

Before coming to OSU to study fine arts and psychology, Kapuler majored in Asian studies at Colorado College.

"I was interested in botany as well, which definitely influences my art," Kapuler said. "I love plants and the natural world.

After returning to her native Oregon, she attended

Linn-Benton Community College and took courses in drawing and pottery, amongst other baccalaureate core classes. Pottery, which is one of her preferred mediums, has been a consistent practice throughout her schooling. Now a senior at Oregon State, Kapuler continues to focus in sculpture and is thoroughly enjoying the opportunities her courses are

"Art that requires you to use your whole body is wonderful," Kapuler said.

"Thought Forms," which has been up since Monday, ends today.

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Flying Lotus getting the beats going

Flylo discusses "Until the Quiet Comes," weird music, work with Badu

> By Emily Berkey THE DAILY BAROMETER

As a performer, Flying Lotus knows how to get a crowd going. He's constantly bobbing his head to his electrifying beats and swinging his arms as he uses his mixer in between hits from a joint thrown to him by an audience member. Flying Lotus is a large presence on stage.

Once the lights dim and he's stepped off stage, Flying Lotus becomes Steven Ellison. His all black attire accentuates his mysterious persona, however upon sitting down with him, it is evident that he is a genuine guy who simply loves producing music. Ellison is a pensive man with a bright smile and an even brighter future.

Ellison, a.k.a. Flying Lotus, released his fourth album, entitled "Until the Quiet Comes," on Oct. 2. In preparation for his album release, Flying Lotus teamed up with Khalil Johnson to produce a short film, and spoke with Emily Berkey about the making of the short film, future work with Erykah Badu and what may surprise fans about "Until the Quiet Comes."

Emily Berkey: You recently dropped a short film to preview your upcoming album, "Until the Quiet Comes." Can you break the film down?

Flying Lotus: When it came to that film, I put a lot of trust in the filmmaker, Khalil Joseph. He's, I think he's a genius, I was just like look, whatever he wants, you just have to do it, and you just have to trust the man. Khalil wanted to shoot in Nickerson Garden because of the kind of

The magic happens on the set with him.

Emily Berkey: What's the significance of the J.Dilla

was cool to rep Dilla. It was funny because we almost didn't have the shirt. It was like, 'Nah, that might be too much, or just too close.' But in the end, it made it, and I'm glad it did. The video had a kind of poetic vibe. That t-shirt, it had elements of me, and lots of different things and ideas that I'm into, without it being blatant and obvious. There was a lot of subtlety and trength in his work.

Emily Berkey: Questlove hit you on Twitter saying the short film was "nothing short of amazing." What's it like getting feedback like that?

Flying Lotus: It's great. I'm just so glad that people responded the way that I hoped they would to it, and didn't try to see it as anyone trying to glorify a situation like that, you know, where there's violence in the hood with kids and gang banging. It didn't feel like we glorified it at all. I felt like it was a surreal, but very real, kind of feeling and sentiment that was left at the end.

Emily Berkey: What's going to surprise us about "Until The Quiet Comes?"

Flying Lotus: I think that some people had this idea that I'd be trying to make a huge, uber humongous record, but instead I was like I'm gonna pull back and do something more minimal... not so in your face with everything. So, I think it might surprise people that it's actually quieter than the last thing that they heard.

Emily Berkey: The first single you dropped was with Ms. Badu. Rumor has it that stuff you get there. It's gold. You you're going to be producing

don't have to dress anything. an entire album for her in the

future. Is that true? Flying Lotus: Well, at the time we recorded that song, it was actually supposed to be for that project. We haven't Flying Lotus: I thought it really talked about working much lately. I'm still down to do it if she is, but I don't know where she's at with stuff. I think she's kind of like, in her own universe of traveling and making things on her own.

Emily Berkey: The song you're doing with Beck had been on your computer for a couple of years. What's your process like for giving people songs you've produced?

Flying Lotus: When I was making the album, I was like, the Beck song ain't gonna work on the album, so I'm not gonna think about it and I'm gonna worry about the songs that are on the record. I don't really have a home for it yet, so it's not my priority. It's a good song, but I just don't know where it'll fit in the musical universe. Maybe I'll put out another EP or something next year. That could work, we'll

Emily Berkey: Do you have a favorite genre?

Flying Lotus: No, probably rap though. I mean I grew up with it, that's when I fell in love with music. I mean in '93 I was listening to Snoop Dogg and Dr. Dre. I think I fell in love with rap. So that's where I'm from. I love everything. I was probably listening to Stravinsky then too.

Emily Berkey: If we were to get a hold of your computer, iTunes, what would surprise

Flying Lotus: Maybe the classical stuff. Maybe some of the death metal. You'd be like, 'What? You have death metal

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Flying Lotus shown performing at Musicfest Northwest in Portland in September. Flylo released his latest album, "Until the Quiet Comes," in October.

ADA opens pools to disabled swimmers this week

WASHINGTON (CNN) — Some 23 years after Congress used federal muscle to open jobs, public transportation and public accommodations to disabled Americans, another venue is coming under the federal mandate — swimming

Beginning this week, most public swimming pools, wading pools and spas must be accessible to disabled people to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Facilities that don't meet the standard may face civil penalties of

The move has been in the works for several years. The

standards for accessibility in 2010 and announced a March 2012 deadline for compliance. But confusion over the standards became so contentious that pool operators threatened coast-to-coast pool closures last spring, a scare dubbed "Poolmagedden."

In response to the uproar, the Department of Justice moved the deadline to Jan. 31, sought to clarify the rule and grandfathered in some equipment that was purchased by pool operators during the debacle. The Justice Department also reiterated that pool operators need to provide access

Justice Department published to existing pools only if it is "readily achievable," meaning it does not involve significant difficulty or expense.

> Advocates for the disabled say there is "no excuse" for public pools not to be

"They've had plenty of time" to find a suitable way to accommodate disabled swimmers, said Patrick Wojahn, a public policy analyst with the National Disability Rights Network. "It's time to make this happen so that people with disabilities don't have to go through another summer without being able to go swimming with their families."

