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## Tense wars for scrap metal

Recyclers bid locally for scrap metal as the demand, price for common metals increase

By Andrew Dodds

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Standing tense and poised, they wait. They glance at their competitors yet refuse to look anyone in the face. They stand as close as possible to the chain-linked gate, waiting for the doors to open. Suddenly, a man appears, he unlocks the gate and they all pour in.

What may sound reminiscent of a Black Friday shopping trip happens every Wednesday for self-employed metal recyclers, known as “scrapers,” who buy their metal from Oregon State University’s surplus department, the OSUsed Store. Every Wednesday at noon, the OSUsed Store places out bins of scrap metal for bidding. The starting price is usually around 5 cents per pound.

“The scrap metal crates we put out contain left over screws, old science equipment, door knobs, ventilation ducts and pretty much any other metal object you can think of,” said Steve Schofield, warehouse coordinator for the OSUsed Store. “We’re trying to keep stuff out of landfills.”

The metal industry roared into existence during the Industrial Revolution. Since then, metal demand has increased while supply has dwindled, driving the need to recycle metal.

OSU sold about 231,000 pounds of scrap metal last year alone, Schofield



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A group of bidders, who are commonly referred to as “scrapers,” make their way to Oregon State University’s surplus department, the OSUsed Store, to bid on scrap metal. Auctions occur at there every Wednesday.

said. That’s equivalent to the weight of 82 Toyota Corollas. As OSU digitizes its old paper records, one of the largest sources of metal has become metal file cabinets.

Joel Zeni, a new player in the scrap metal industry and owner of Magnet for Metal in Corvallis, shows up on Wednesdays between noon

and 3 p.m. to bid on scrap metal.

“It can get pretty heated,” said

Zeni, an undergraduate at OSU who “scrap” as an entertaining side job. “Some of these guys really depend on OSU’s scrap metal and will do anything to get it.”

Demand for scrap metal has greatly increased, and so has the price. Common metals like aluminum and lead fetch about a dollar per pound on today’s market. Copper goes for about \$3.51 per pound while nickel and tin fetch for more than \$8.00 per pound at some scrap yards, according to infomine.com

“That’s up about 10 percent from last year,” Zeni said.

Because of rising metal prices, metal recycling is more competi-

tive and secretive than most people realize.

“We’re all fighting for a nickel,” said a veteran metal recycler, who would only provide his nickname “Junior.” “It’s real cutthroat.”

Junior, who has been recycling metal for more than 30 years, has mastered the craft of scrapping. He does not disclose where he gets his metal, fearing other scrapers will exploit his sources.

“If I’m getting a dime, I don’t want them to know,” Junior said.

The weathered, calloused-handed man was originally drawn to metal recycling after he spent a couple years

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After 15 years, Interzone focuses on its atmosphere as nearby cafes dwindle

By Kyle Reed

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For many, April 1 is a day of jokes and practical pranks, but for Interzone owner Bill McCanless, this April 1 marked the 15th anniversary of signing the lease to his coffee house.

Opening its door in August of 1998, Interzone has offered coffee and food on Monroe Avenue for nearly 15 years. Yet it was far from the only competition along the street.

“There were three other coffee shops on Monroe,” McCanless said. “But we believed that we could offer things differently.”

Serving coffee in a more Italian or European style, as well as offering fair-trade and organic options, Interzone had a few advantages above other coffee venues.

“In [1998], that stuff was pretty new, not a lot of people were doing it,” McCanless said.

The restaurant also serves all-day breakfast items, such as egg bagel sandwiches, breakfast burritos and Belgian waffles. A weekend breakfast exists as well, with omelets, rancheros and tofu served. Many seem to not realize these menus exist, a point which baffles McCanless.

## Clinging to a charming aesthetic

“I am still blown away by some people who have been coming in for years — and the menus are there and everything — and they don’t realize we do that,” McCanless said.

However, McCanless attributes the survival of Interzone to the distinct atmosphere of the coffee house.

“As long as you don’t mess up the coffee and make it taste really bad, if they like your aesthetic, and your coffee is good, then they’re going to come,” McCanless said.

San Francisco and Santa Cruz, where McCanless and his wife lived for a time, inspired the cafe’s atmosphere. It emulates a comfy, city-like vibe, a place where “you could hang out, have a nice group of friends, drink coffee, play cards, play chess, do whatever and create a homely atmosphere,” McCanless said.

Part of that atmosphere has been the local bands that occasionally play at Interzone.

“When we opened I wanted it to be an all-ages space,” McCanless said. “I really enjoyed those [bands] when I was underage that would play from place to place. They weren’t always available, and I wanted to make sure Interzone was always available to do that.”

Lately, bands have been playing less frequently.

“It’s been off and on, we still do it pretty often, but not as often as we



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Interzone owner Bill McCanless makes coffee for customers in the cafe, which has outlasted other cafes on Monroe in the last 15 years.

used to,” McCanless said. “It’s harder for me to do stuff now, and I used to have employees help me out. But it’s not something that makes me money, as it’s not a paid position, so I definitely need some employees or some local people who are willing to help me out with that.”

The genres of music range from alternative to punk-rock to jazz, and McCanless said the artists book and promote themselves.

These factors have all added

together to add to Interzone’s longevity, as it has outlived much of its competition.

“Oddly enough the first three coffee houses that were on the street — other than Allan Bros — two of them went under and then [another] couple two went under, so we felt we were doing something different,” McCanless said.

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## Deciphering stories of demise

Isaac Asimov talks about death, the approach to ethics with terminally ill patients

By Gabriella Morrongiello  
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American author, Isaac Asimov, once said, “Life is pleasant. Death is peaceful. It’s the transition that’s troublesome.” Last night, Dr. Felicia Cohn lectured OSU students and community members, old and young, on the important lessons to be learned from the dying.

In addition to her position as the director of medical ethics at the University of California, Irvine, Cohn currently serves as the bioethics director for Kaiser Permanente in Orange County, Calif. Her primary area of interest and research is end-of-life intervention and patient safety in Intensive Care Units (ICU). Well versed and articulate during her lecture, Cohn’s substantial background in the field was undoubtedly apparent.

The hour-long lecture, “Dying to Tell: Stories of Good Death,” drew an audience of about 50 people, all of whom appeared eager to hear her wisdom concerning the ethical issues, anxiety and lessons that often arise as patients and loved ones near death.

Cohn seized audience members’ attention right off the bat as she told a narrative of a 100-year-old woman admitted to the ICU for acute renal failure. For reasons of anonymity, the patient was identified as Amy Lee to audience members. Lee’s family of 26 spent weeks milling around the hospital, fiercely debating treatment options and making bizarre suggestions to doctors as they refused to realize that Lee, the family matriarch, was ill-fated regardless.

“This is a story of resistance,” Cohn said. “A family resisting prognosis and the natural trajectory of life.”

The involved physician’s perspectives however, told a different story. Through ethical consultation with Cohn, the doctors treating Lee eventually categorized the story as a compromise narrative.

Lee’s family was asking for medically inappropriate treatment that compromised these doctors’ values and recommendations. Since many of Lee’s family members were also healthcare professionals, the doctors treating Lee felt a pressure to give in to some of the family’s requests to avoid potential lawsuits they might incur if their treatment went awry.

“Every patient tells a story,” Cohn said.

According to Cohn, it is these stories that can teach healthcare professionals how to understand and respond to various situations they may encounter with patients who are inevitably facing death. Patients and physicians have the same reasons for telling stories of death: to orient themselves with what is happening/has happened, to make sense of one’s life, to show capacity for change, and/or to get support.

“Our entire education system is set up to teach our medical professionals to fight,” Cohn said. “And to not fight is to accept defeat.”

Cohn said these medical students and doctors who have been defeated in treating various patients, have little

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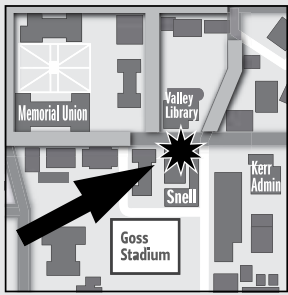
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# Arkansas spill strengthens arguments of Keystone foes

WASHINGTON (CNN) — An Arkansas pipeline spill that coated streets and lawns with a smelly, asphalt-like crude oil provides opponents of the proposed Keystone XL pipeline with new ammunition to combat the project that would bring more of the tar sands bitumen from Canada.

The Obama administration is expected to issue a decision on expanding the Keystone pipeline in coming months, after an upcoming public hearing that is part of the State Department's assessment of the border-crossing proposal.

The project has become a flashpoint in Washington and a dilemma of sorts for President Barack Obama, who will anger the liberal Democratic base if he approves the pipeline or face condemnation from Republicans and pro-business moderates if he nixes job creation by opposing it.

A recent report by the State Department said the 800-mile Keystone pipeline expansion should have no significant effect on the environment along its proposed route, causing supporters to ratchet up pressure on Obama to approve it.

In Saturday's weekly Republican address, Rep. Lee Terry of Nebraska said the Keystone pipeline "is primed to give our economy a shot in the arm and make energy more affordable — and it won't cost the taxpayers a dime."

Terry spoke a day after the apparent pipeline rupture in the Arkansas town of Mayflower, about 20 miles north of Little Rock, that demonstrated the exact kind of environmental threat predicted by opponents of the Keystone project.

Black torrents of diluted bitumen — the tar-like oil dug up in northern Alberta that is thinned with chemicals to make it transportable by pipeline — flowed through the community, forcing the evacuation of 22 homes.

Pipeline owner ExxonMobil was barred Tuesday from restarting the pipeline "until the agency is satisfied with repairs and is confident that all immediate safety concerns have been addressed," according to a statement from the U.S. Department of

Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

"When I got here, you could have canoed down the street, there was so much oil running down through there," said Mayflower resident Chris Harrell. Another resident, Amber Bartlett, described the smell of the black sludge on part of her yard as "very intense."

State Attorney General Dustin McDaniel said Tuesday he was launching an investigation and asked ExxonMobil to preserve all documents and information related to the spill and cleanup efforts.

Daily updates by ExxonMobil show the scale of the spill designated as "major" by the Environmental Protection Agency, as well as the struggle to clean it up.

The company said Tuesday it had deployed 15 vacuum trucks, 33 storage tanks and 330 workers that recovered roughly 12,000 barrels of oil and water so far. It also mentioned that 14 oiled ducks, two turtles and one muskrat had been found. Two ducks were killed by the spill.

To Glen Hooks, who was in Mayflower on Tuesday for the Sierra Club, the Arkansas incident portends similar problems with the Keystone pipeline.

"We are connecting the two because this is a great example of what could happen if the Keystone XL pipeline is permitted and built," Hooks told CNN, noting it would be transporting the same "viscous, thick, nasty stuff."

Rep. Ed Markey of Massachusetts, the top Democrat on the House Natural Resources Committee, said the Arkansas incident was "a troubling reminder that oil companies still have not proven that they can safely transport Canadian tar sands oil across the United States without creating risks to our citizens and our environment."

Markey has lobbied for legislation ending a tax loophole that protects oil companies from a fee to pay for the costs of tar sands oil spills, and his statement Sunday said ExxonMobil should "be forced to pay for all cleanup costs and assist affected Arkansas homeowners in whatever way they need."

"Whether it's the proposed Keystone XL pipeline, or this mess in Arkansas, Americans are realizing that transporting large amounts of this corrosive and polluting fuel is a bad deal for American taxpayers and for our environment," he added.

Political tensions over the pipeline run deep.

Supporters including Republican leaders, the business community and some oil state Democrats argue it will create at least 5,000 jobs and carry more than 800,000 barrels of oil a day from U.S. ally Canada, reducing American dependence on less friendly and less stable countries.

Environmentalists and Democratic allies opposing the project contend the tar sands oil from Canada produces up to 30% more greenhouse gases, and extracting it causes deforestation and other problems.

However, a traditional political ally on the left — organized labor — is generally siding with pro-pipeline arguments because of the jobs it would create.

The opponents also cite the risk of spills, which they say are more prevalent for the heavier tar sands oil. In response, Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall told CNN that the tar sand oil from neighboring Alberta will get to market whether or not the pipeline gets built.

"This is transitional energy," Wall said. "We all want to get to the point where hydrocarbons don't play the role they play today, but in the meantime, they do."

The Obama administration initially rejected a permit for the Keystone pipeline in January 2012 after Nebraska's governor, a Republican, complained it would cross the vital Ogallala Aquifer in his state.

Obama later accelerated approval for a southern portion of the project that runs from Oklahoma to the Gulf Coast, but critics accused him of avoiding a politically sensitive decision on the northern leg.

Nebraska officials have since approved a revised route for the pipeline, and supporters of the plan now complain that the administration's continued vetting was unnecessary after previous years of review.

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to no opportunity to discuss what they have faced, so the class she has developed and her ethics consultations are a time where she hopes they can come to terms with

their values and experiences.

"We often wonder why divorce rates among medical professionals are so high," said Cohn. "It's because these doctors often bring these stories home to their spouses until they say 'enough.'"

As Cohn's lecture came to an end, audi-

ence members were left to ponder perhaps the two most important questions to be answered when death looms over a patient: Who decides what happens and what treatment is ethical?

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## SCRAP

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digging for gold. To Junior, metal recycling is not simply a means to an end. It's a treasure hunt.

"You never know what's going to be put out," he said.

Scrap yards pay significantly more for scrap metal than they did even two years ago. That's partly because of China's increasing demand for metal. Scrap metal yards load up shipping containers with recycled metal and send them straight to China, said Nathan Wilhelm, an employee of the OSUsed Store.

"I used to work with scrap yards in the Seattle area," Wilhelm said. "A lot of their metal is going overseas."

But the rising price of metal isn't good for everyone. Metal theft has become a problem now that thieves can earn good money for it.

"It's not uncommon for thieves to strip down ground wire for telephone poles just to sell it to a scrap yard," Zeni said. "It gives scrappers a bad name."

Zeni said metal theft is generating a lot of mistrust toward scrappers, and sometimes it affects his business.

Christian Grossnicklaus, manager of The Stereo Store in Corvallis, said he's wary of scrappers.

"There's one older guy who comes by our store driving a white truck and digs for old speakers in our dumpster," Grossnicklaus said. "It makes me nervous."

Grossnicklaus said Corvallis Police stopped by his store in January asking if he wanted to press charges against the scrapper.

"The police told me that they had just written the scrapper a citation for illegal metal transportation and were wondering if I wanted to do anything about him going through my dumpster," Grossnicklaus said.

Grossnicklaus did not press charges and has not seen the scrapper since.

Metal thieves aren't the only obstacle that legitimate scrappers have to deal with. New state laws

are now in effect attempting to reduce metal theft. These laws require metal scrappers to have specific permits in order to transport scrap metal. They aren't expensive, but the application process can be time consuming, Zeni said.

Burcham's Metals in Albany says it fully enforces these new laws, and diligently cooperates with law enforcement in cases of alleged metal theft.

"Anything that's suspicious, we report to law enforcement within 24 hours," said Andrew Jones, an employee of Burcham's Metal, in an interview with KVAL television news. "We can compile quite a bit of evidence in case something is stolen."

Back at the OSUsed Store, the bidding comes to a close. The winner, this time, is Junior. The OSUsed Store employees load his truck using a forklift, and Junior drives away, off to the next treasure hunt.

For some people, like Junior, scrapping is more than just an income supplement. It's all they've got.

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# Calendar

Monday, April 8

Events

Terra Magazine, 6pm, Old World Deli. Science Pub: Sex in Play: From dolls to sports, how sexualized culture affects youth with Aurora Sherman and Elizabeth Daniels, psychologists at OSU and OSU-Cascades.

Wednesday, April 10

Events

OSU Socratic Club, 7pm, Milam Auditorium. Debate - "Hell and the Love of God," by speakers Todd Miles from Western Seminary and author Christian Piatt. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, April 13

Events

Association of Latin American Students (ALAS), 5pm, MU Ballroom. The "Flower Festival." Live music and entertainment. Dinner will be served. Seats are limited, first come, first served basis.

# Senate resumes for spring

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The Associated Students of Oregon State University Senate met briefly last night. First Victoria Redmond, ASOSU director of government affairs, announced the student rally planned in Salem on April 25. Students will lobby for a 5 percent tuition increase cap for the 2014-15 school year. Redmond added that student loans have surpassed the combined total of national credit card and housing debt. The Senate then passed a bill collapsing the congressional clerk and congressional secretary positions to one position — congressional clerk.

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## Editorial

# Proposed tax should go to vote

Budget cuts across the country are not uncommon — especially now, since the sequester remains in effect. Closer to home, budget cuts from 2002 reduced fire protection officer positions, and in 2012 budget cuts closed Fire Station 5 in Corvallis.

Now, as a way to increase revenue and fund public safety in Corvallis, the Administrative Services Committee is considering a public safety tax.

The tax would take its form in an increase to monthly water and sewer utility bills. The tax under consideration is expected to raise \$2.25 million per year.

The tax, if implemented without a vote, would be effective July 1 and would reopen Fire Station 5. It would also finance an ambulance and additional firefighters and police officers.

Since the committee voted to continue pursuing the public safety tax in early February, there has been some concern from the community. We have a few concerns, too.

According to minutes from the March 20 committee meeting, it is unclear if Oregon State University would have to participate in the tax. Nancy Brewer, the Corvallis finance director, stated OSU may not be legally obligated to pay the tax because it is a government entity.

If OSU did commit to paying the tax, however, the cost would differ greatly depending on the method of implementation. Chair Biff Traber estimated the cost to Oregon State would be \$30,000 on a per meter basis and \$360,000 on a living unit basis.

It's a concern for Corvallis residents if OSU doesn't pay the tax. At the same time, who do you think would ultimately be paying the OSU share of the public safety tax? Most likely us, the students.

If this tax were to go into effect, we have concerns about the implementation methods. Originally, we wondered why this tax was being placed on our water and sewage utility bills, but how else would the city rope us all into paying it? The public safety tax is designed to capture revenue from everyone, not only those paying property taxes.

It's still unclear if this will be put up for a vote. After complaints from a few unhappy Corvallis residents requesting this tax be put to a vote, the Administrative Services Committee has been strongly urged to consider the idea and implement it. We certainly do not advise passing the tax without the public's say.

If it is put up for a vote, it could appear on any of the upcoming four ballots.

Today, the Administrative Services Committee is meeting again at 3 p.m. in the Madison Avenue Meeting Room at 500 SW Madison Avenue. We strongly encourage students, faculty, staff and Corvallis residents to attend. Make your opinions heard.

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# Government has no business regulating marriage

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tribution of resources. However, these resources — such as welfare and tax deductions — were all stolen from the people through taxes and inflation in the first place.

The very problem the masses expect the government to solve, the government created. And despite the problems created by the government, if we have to ask for permission to marry, we are not free. If we have to apply for a piece of paper to allow us to say "husband and wife," we are not free. The government uses marriage laws, as well as many others, to control the people.

The government revoked the right to marry whomever we wanted. Now that we want that right back, asking the government for more provisions will only exacerbate the problem.

The government needs to stop regulating marriage, and let each individual define it for him or herself. Much like how we have shirts, cars, chairs and pens from the free market, different places will provide the service of marriage ceremonies. Religious groups, private businesses, individuals or any other person or group could hold ceremonies for those who want to get married.

Marriage isn't about the word, but the idea. A couple is not married because of the word, but of how the two treat each other and how they treat themselves. If they want to call themselves married, engaged or in a relationship, what does it matter to the government?

The incentives the government

provides for married couples, such as tax breaks, are only there to mask the real crime. The government oversteps its boundaries and invades our lives and it needs to end.

But the government isn't the only one to blame. We are at fault, as well. Society refuses to stand up to government, blindly accepting the shackles placed upon it by the government. The government lies, cheats and steals all over the world, against anyone it wants, and we're OK with it.

We hide behind the words "democracy," "America" and "freedom," and accept the crimes committed everyday by the government. Government is said to be our leader, and if we don't agree, we aren't "patriotic," another word we use to mask atrocities. Who says we need to be led? Are we as individuals too stupid to run our own lives? Are we incapable of thinking for ourselves? Do we lack the ability to take care of ourselves? Of course not. Looking to the government for guidance, direction or any other purpose is unnecessary.

Marriage equality may be the big uproar right now, but we need to look at the bigger picture. The government erodes our freedoms, and turning to them for more laws and oversight will only wear away at the few freedoms we have left. We need to tell the government to get out of marriage, to get out of our lives, and not return.

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# Sing out loud

I've always been a singer and have been known to randomly burst into song.

When I came to Oregon State, I was worried about fitting in. I spent two terms in a dorm, watching friends enter and exit my life, trying to stay sane with a new onslaught of worries. Then I found OSU Glee Choir, and with it a family.

In Glee, we are more than a choir, and more than a family; we are a community of singers devoted to spreading joy through music. Throughout the term we show up somewhere on campus (or even around town) to sing and vanish as quickly as we can. Sometimes we attract a crowd, sometimes just a few curious onlookers. No matter the size of our audience, we leave an impression.

Walking through the Memorial Union quad, people seem to be in their own heads. During the colder months anyway, people don't stop to greet one another — unless the Greeks or the blood bank has set up a tent. I admit I am much the same. I usually have headphones in wherever I go.

With my music playing and my feet stepping in time, I often wish I was with my Glee friends so we could break the calm and start singing.

Music is powerful. People all over the world use music as a rallying point to come together and celebrate. Religions include music in their services. Even we know to start clapping when we hear the OSU Fight Song.

So why are we shy about expressing ourselves through music? Why not sing along to our headphones? Why not let it out a little?

Granted, we don't all have the same tastes in music, but we have our outlets. Students jump on the slackline seen stretched between two trees. Fraternity brothers meet to play rugby in McNary field. A young couple shares a picnic and a game of Frisbee outside the library. What makes music such a taboo display?

I look forward to spring term in Glee choir, so we can provide a soundtrack for the afternoon. Nothing makes me happier than sharing my own happiness with other people.

Glee is not just a choir, it's a class. Rather than paying for a spa treatment to relieve stress, I get an elective credit as well as a great experience.

Creating music is a fantastic experience, especially knowing the power music has to almost revive the soul. Music can reach a person when nothing else can. In an under-sold YouTube video, a young man with autism, who hadn't spoken in more than 20 years, began to sing. Sick infants will cry endlessly until someone starts singing to them.

"The connection of words and notes within the human body does things beyond our simple understanding," said Jim Davidson, Glee director.

So my proposition is this: I challenge the students, faculty, staff and anyone else who happens to be on campus this spring term, to sing. Whether it's in a quiet corner of the Valley Library, while waiting for class to begin or relaxing outside on the grass as the sun begins to shine more frequently — start singing. Hum aloud to yourself or pour your heart into your music. Get up and dance along to yourself if you want. Just sing. Don't do it for anyone else, just you. If you can sing and be happy for yourself, chances are you'll inspire someone else to do the same.

In Glee, one of the fundamental rules, in practice as well as performance, is to have fun. Every term, we are told that no matter how we sound, our emotions come through. Even if we think we sound terrible, we are encouraged to have a good time. The audience will see it, and they will hear it.

Your audience, no matter who it is, will hear more than just your song.

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## At Random by Ryan Mason



RYAN MASON IS A SOPHOMORE IN GRAPHIC DESIGN.



Beaver Tweet of the Day

"I don't understand syllabus day, we can all read."

@dakota\_shayne Dakota Bloch

# Oregon State gets back on track

Portland gave OSU a scare in the 9th inning, but Oregon State escaped with a 7-5 win

By Andrew Kilstrom  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Following a series loss to the University of San Diego and trailing the University of Portland 2-1 after five innings on Monday, Oregon State was struggling.

Junior right-hander Dan Child was pulled from the game after only 3 1/3 innings, and after five innings, the offense had generated only five hits.

Needing to manufacture runs, No. 6 OSU set out to do what it has done all year — find a way to win.

Senior first baseman Danny Hayes singled to lead off the sixth inning, followed by a Jake Rodriguez walk. Then, with one out, junior third baseman Jerad Casper tied the game at two with an RBI single to right field.

Needing a base hit to give the Beavers a lead, junior infielder Andy Peterson came through, reaching first base and scoring the go-ahead run on a drag bunt down the first baseline.

"We needed to find a way to win and we found a way to win," said head coach Pat Casey. "No matter how we get it, we're

happy to win the game."

The small ball led to long ball, as OSU extended its lead to 7-2 with four runs in the seventh inning thanks to a two-RBI double from Hayes and a two-run home run from Rodriguez.

"I've been seeing the ball really well lately," Rodriguez said. "I was seeing the ball well against San Diego and really well tonight. It was good to get my first [home run] of the year."

The OSU bullpen got the job done on the mound. Senior right-handers Cole Brocker and Scott Schultz allowed only one earned run combined — Brocker allowed an earned run in the sixth — in 5 2/3 innings.

"Brocker did his job and [Schultz] was great tonight," Casey said.

The Beavers' return home provided a lift after losing two games on the road in San Diego. It looked as though returning home had cured a recent rash of errors — 11 in the last three games — until Peterson committed a throwing error in the ninth.

The Pilots scored three runs, enough to give the Beaver faithful at Goss Stadium a scare, but Schultz induced a groundout to end the game.

Despite escaping with a win, Casey is

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Junior catcher Jake Rodriguez connects for a hit in Tuesday's 7-5 win over Portland. Rodriguez was 2-for-3 with a double and a two-run home run in the victory. The home run proved to be the difference in the game.



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Stanford pitcher Teagan Gerhart delivers a pitch on Tuesday. Gerhart threw a complete game shutout.

# Gerhart, Stanford too much for Beavers

Oregon State is in the midst of a six-game losing streak, have not adjusted to conference play

By Grady Garrett  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Oregon State softball team has made a habit out of rallying late in games this season, and game two of Tuesday's doubleheader seemed to be following script.

Down 7-3 to Stanford entering the bottom of the sixth inning, OSU scored three runs to pull within one. The Beavers had a runner on first and looked to keep their two-out rally going.

But then Stanford brought in senior pitcher Teagan Gerhart, who retired the only four Beavers she faced to hand OSU its sixth loss in as many games.

It added another chapter to Gerhart's story of domination over OSU.

Dating back to last season, Gerhart has held OSU scoreless for 20 1/3 consecutive innings. She was the only pitcher who shut the Beavers out twice last season, and she became the second pitcher to pitch a complete-game shutout

against OSU this season, when she held the Beavers scoreless in game one of Tuesday's doubleheader, a 7-0 Stanford win.

Gerhart did not start game two, but she proved just as dominant out of the bullpen.

"She's tough, she's good, she puts the ball where it's supposed to be," said head coach Laura Berg. "We just have to hit our pitch instead of swinging at her pitch. We've got to have our game plan, and that first game we didn't have a game plan."

The No. 24 Beavers (23-11, 0-5 Pac-12) collected just eight hits on the day, and most of their production came against game-two starter Kelsey Stevens.

"[Gerhart's] definitely not one of the best pitchers in the Pac-12," said senior Desiree Beltran, who hit a three-run home run in the first inning of game two, of OSU's struggle against Gerhart. "That shouldn't happen. We should never be shut out by any pitcher, no matter who they are."

Berg said her hitters are not making the necessary adjustments at the plate, and players agreed.

"Just making adjustments, that's what we

need to do," Beltran said. "We need to figure out how to see [Gerhart's] rise ball and lay off of it or get on top of it."

"To not make the adjustment," Berg added, "it's not acceptable in this conference."

After winning 23 of 29 nonconference games, it seems the Beavers have not adjusted to the level of competition they will face in the Pac-12. Their six-game losing streak is the program's longest since losing 11 straight two years ago.

"We're not down, we're not defeated, it's just something that, as a team, we have to come together, refocus and get back on track and know that we can't define our failures as who we are as a team," said senior shortstop Elizabeth Santana.

The Beavers will get another shot at Stanford today in the series' final game, which is slated for noon. Given Gerhart's success against OSU, the Beavers expect to see her in the circle one final time.

"I think [Wednesday], if they bring [Gerhart] we're definitely going to hit her," Beltran said. "Definitely going to hit her."

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## COMING SOON

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No. 24 Softball vs. No. 14 Stanford  
12 p.m., OSU Softball Complex

### FRIDAY, APRIL 5

No. 6 Baseball @ No. 10 UCLA  
6 p.m., Los Angeles, Calif.

Men's Golf @ Arizona State  
Thunderbird Invitational  
All Day, Tempe, Ariz.

Women's Golf @ SMU/Dallas  
Athletic Club Invitational  
All Day, Dallas, Texas

### SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Women's Track @ Willamette  
Invitational  
9:30 a.m., Salem, Ore.

No. 24 Softball @ No. 17 Washington  
1 p.m./3 p.m., Seattle, Wash.

No. 6 Baseball @ No. 10 UCLA  
2 p.m., Los Angeles, Calif.

No. 10 Gymnastics NCAA Corvallis  
Regional Championships  
4 p.m., Gill Coliseum

Men's Golf @ Arizona State  
Thunderbird Invitational  
All Day, Tempe, Ariz.

Women's Golf @ SMU/Dallas  
Athletic Club Invitational  
All Day, Dallas, Texas

Men's Rowing @ San Diego  
Crew Classic  
TBA, San Diego, Calif.



Taylor Meeks

Meeks finished fourth overall in the 197-pound weight class at the NCAA Championships on March 23, earning him All-American status and boosting Oregon State to an eighth-place national finish.

Meeks went 4-2 at the NCAA Tournament, including two pins and a major decision. Ranked No. 5 at 197 pounds going into the tournament, Meeks' only losses were to second-place finisher Dustin Kilgore of Kent

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State and third-place finisher Matt Wilps of Pittsburgh.

Meeks finished the season with an overall record of 33-7 and 11 pins. The redshirt freshman also won the 197-pound Pac-12 title prior to wrestling in the NCAA Championships, and was the No. 5 seed going into the national tournament.

Meeks' fourth-place finish was the highest placing of any Oregon State wrestler. Juniors Scott Sakaguchi and RJ Pena both finished fifth overall (Sakaguchi at 149 pounds and Pena at 157 pounds), also earning All-American status for the Beavers.

Meeks participated in the 184-pound weight class at the NCAA Tournament last year in his redshirt freshman campaign, but didn't place and finished with a record of 1-2.

Oregon State's eighth place finish was its best since 1996.



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Sophomore Taylor Meeks works for position against Cal Poly on Feb. 8.



VINAY BIKKINA | THE DAILY BAROMETER

Sean Mannion will be closely watched in spring camp, as he and Cody Vaz are battling for No. 1 on the depth chart.

# QBs, WRs, CBs headline spring football

■ Oregon State started spring practice Monday as the team prepares for next season

By Sarah Kerrigan  
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Spring is in the air and with it comes an anticipation and possibility of what the season could bring in 2013.

Oregon State took the field for the first time since falling to Texas in the Alamo Bowl on Dec. 29, 2012.

"We had a great year but it wasn't good enough," said senior quarterback Cody Vaz. "We are definitely disappointed by how last season ended."

The team worked in the offseason to improve individually before the spring season began.

"I think you always want to get off to a good start in spring ball and really that starts with the offseason work you put in," said junior quarterback Sean Mannion. "Everyone worked on their individual game ... I think it is really showing in these first two days."

As improvement is seen in players and spring ball goes forward, there are several areas to keep an eye on, starting with the highly-publicized battle for the starting quarterback spot between Vaz and Mannion.

Head coach Mike Riley has already made it clear that these two will be competing through fall camp in August for the starting spot.

"It's a long term evaluation that has to do with consistency more than anything else, consistency of doing the right thing, making good decisions, accuracy," Riley said.

Both quarterbacks are approaching spring as a time to tune specific aspects of their game in their quest for the starting position. Footwork was a common theme for the two players as they are both striving to improve their speed of play.

Another storyline going into spring will be the replacements for Markus Wheaton and Jordan Poyer.

Wheaton was a First Team All-Pac-12 selection at wide receiver in 2012. He led the Beavers with 91 receptions, 1,244 receiving yards and 11 touchdowns.

Poyer was a First Team All-American at cornerback, tallying seven interceptions on the year, which was tied for the second-highest in the nation.

Oregon State has is deep at wide receiver, but the list of candidates to replace Wheaton shows no standouts as of now. Although the crop of receivers outside of Brandin Cooks is unproven, Vaz expects the group to use spring to showcase their talents.

"There are some guys that could definitely step up and make plays," Vaz said. "Kevin Cummings, Micah Hatfield, Obum Gwacham, Malik Gilmore and Richard Mullaney, so we have a lot of receivers. Replacing Markus is tough, but I think all those guys will not have a problem doing that."

At cornerback, senior Sean Martin and junior college transfer Steven Nelson figure to be in the mix to start opposite Reynolds, who will anchor one side of the field. Martin is currently ahead on the depth chart for the starting spot.

After those three, there are question marks about the depth at corner.

"One of the most important qualities in a football player is consistency," Riley said. "We have to find out how much and who we can really rely on the most [at cornerback]. ... We need more depth. We need four or five guys that can play there, and right now I only know of one."

The Beavers have work to do for the coming fall season and although the first two days came without any surprises, there are sure to be a few breakout players before the end of spring camp.

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## BASEBALL

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not happy with his team's recent defense.

"The defense has not been good lately," Casey said. "We're not making routine plays right now. We've got to play better defense, no doubt about it."

Known as a defensive-minded team, OSU wants to get back to attacking the baseball instead of waiting for the ball to get to them.

"We have to be more aggressive," Casper said. "We have to be more passionate about getting the job done."

Senior shortstop Tyler Smith is day-to-day because of a broken bone in his hand, so a middle infield of Peterson at shortstop and junior Kavin Keyes at second base will have to step up.

The pair played well early on Tuesday, turn-

ing a double play to get the first two outs of the game, but they lapsed in the ninth when Peterson committed a throwing error followed by a bad throw from Keyes two batters later.

OSU stressed that playing strong defense for the full nine innings will be crucial going forward.

"You play the game for nine innings or however long it goes," Casey said. "[Our defense] was fine 'til the ninth, but you have to play the whole game."

Now the Beavers turn their sights to No. 10 UCLA, when they travel to Los Angeles for a weekend series that starts Friday.

"It's going to be an exciting series," Casper said. "We can't wait to get down there."

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#### PORTLAND

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Sowers rf	1	0	1	1	0	0
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Lenahan 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1
Fraser c	4	0	1	0	0	0
Cornish c	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whalen cf	3	1	0	0	1	2
Scott lf	4	0	1	1	0	1
Frattali 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0
McCoy 2b	1	1	1	0	0	0
Grubb dh	3	0	1	0	0	1
Lucarelli ss	4	2	1	1	0	1
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#### OREGON STATE

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Hendrix cf	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barnes dh	5	0	1	0	0	1
Conforto lf	3	1	1	0	1	0
Davis rf	5	1	2	0	0	0
Hayes 1b	4	2	2	2	0	0
Keyes 2b	3	1	1	0	0	1
Rodriguez c	3	2	2	2	1	0
Casper 3b	3	0	1	2	0	0
Peterson ss	3	0	1	1	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

E - Peterson (8). DP - Oregon State 1. LOB - Portland 6, Oregon State 9. 2B - Grubb (8), Lucarelli (4), Davis (9), Hayes (4), Rodriguez (7). HR - Rodriguez (1). HBP - Melby, Hendrix, Conforto, Peterson.

SF - Casper (1). SB - Lucarelli (2), Hendrix (4).

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Snyder	1	3	3	3	0	1
Bunda	2-3	1	1	1	0	1
Lockwood	1	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Oregon State</b>						
Child	3 1-3	1	1	1	1	2
Brocker W, 1-0	2 2-3	4	1	1	0	4
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# USC snaps up Enfield from Florida Gulf Coast

(CNN) — The University of Southern California hired Andy Enfield to become the Trojans head basketball coach on Monday, completing a Cinderella season for the rising star.

The former Florida Gulf Coast coach led the No. 15 seeded Eagles to the NCAA Sweet 16 -- the first time that feat has been accomplished.

"Andy has been successful in every area of his life," said USC Athletic Director Pat Haden. "He has been a success

on the court as a record-setting player, in the classroom as an Academic All-American, in the corporate world with successful businesses."

Enfield is used to success. He was valedictorian in high school in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. As a college guard at Johns Hopkins University, he set the NCAA Division III record in 1991 for career free throw percentage at 92.5 percent. He parlayed his reputation as a great shooter into a job as a consultant to NBA teams where he helped players

improve their form.

Two of those gigs turned into full-time positions as an assistant coach, one with the Boston Celtics.

While Enfield taught good shooting technique, he also learned about coaching from Rick Pitino, who is now the head coach of No. 1 seed Louisville.

Before coming to the Florida Gulf Coast, Enfield was an assistant coach at Florida State for five years, helping the Seminoles to three consecutive NCAA Tournaments, including

the Sweet 16 in 2011.

Enfield was 41-28 in his two seasons in Fort Myers, equaling the school's combined win total in the four years before he arrived.

It's been a quick rise to prominence for a school that didn't even exist 16 years ago and only started its sports program in 2002.

The hoops team, which joined Division I just five years ago and became eligible for tournament play two years ago, was coming off a 10-20 season

# Jackie Robinson comes to the White House as First Lady hosts talk on '42'

(CNN) — "We think that everybody in this country needs to watch this movie," gushed Michelle Obama, as scores of students from across the country joined her in the State Dining Room of the White House Tuesday.

The film she had just seen was "42," based on the life of baseball legend Jackie Robinson, the first African American player in modern Major League Baseball. And her respect for the moment in history was not lost.

"You're left just asking yourselves, how on Earth did they live through that?" she wondered about the tumultuous time of the pre-civil rights era of the 1940s and 1950s. "How did they do it? How did they endure the taunts and the bigotry for all of that time?"

The first lady hosted an

interactive student workshop at the White House to discuss the movie. Among those joining her on stage was actor Harrison Ford, who plays Brooklyn Dodgers general manager Branch Rickey in the movie.

"This film gives the audience the experience of being there. The experience of feeling viscerally what it was like to meet the challenges that Jackie and Rachel faced," said Ford.

The Rachel that Ford speaks of is Rachel Robinson - the baseball hero's widow. Her husband died in 1972 at age 53. She served as a consultant as the movie was being developed.

Robinson was also present at the White House and was candid when she told high school and college students in attendance that America is on its way but isn't there just yet.

"We have made great social progress in America, but we still have a lot of work to do," she said.

Robinson added that she's hopeful the movie will keep people - especially young people - striving to reach their maximum potential. "It will inspire many of you to think about your own lives and do what you can do with the opportunities that come your way," she said.

The first lady emphasized that there are things many Americans may not be aware of when it comes to Jackie Robinson. "Jackie Robinson certainly was a tremendous athlete," said Obama. "But he was so much more than that. He bravely served in our armed forces. He attended college at UCLA."

The First Lady also told the

students in attendance that Rachel Robinson was a strong and independent person in her own right.

"Rachel Robinson was in every way his equal, ladies - in every way his equal. She made her education a priority. She worked hard in school. She eventually became a nurse."

Obama closed her speech by telling the students that discrimination is still present in our society but what matters is how we respond to it.

"You must get your education and demand more of yourself every single day," she said. "You have to pick up yourself when somebody knocks you down - because you will get knocked down. But to do all of that, you have to put the work in."

The movie "42" opens nationwide on April 12.

# Uruguay's senate approves same-sex marriage bill, goes to lower house

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (CNN) — Uruguayan senators voted overwhelmingly in favor of a same-sex marriage measure Tuesday — a key step that puts the South American nation on the path to becoming the 12th country to approve such a law.

Senators approved the marriage equality bill 23-8. Next week, lawmakers in the lower house, which approved a different version of the legislation late last year, are expected to vote on the senate's version.

If approved and signed by President Jose Mujica, who has indicated he supports the measure, the proposal would make Uruguay the second country in Latin America to legalize same-sex marriage. Neighboring Argentina legalized such marriages in 2010.

It's an issue that's sparked debate and impassioned demonstrations from supporters and opponents in many countries.

Legislators in France and the United Kingdom are among lawmakers worldwide weighing proposals to legalize same-sex marriage. In the United States, the question of same-sex marriage went before the Supreme Court last week, and justices are now deliberating over the matter.

The first same-sex couples walked down

the aisle in the Netherlands in 2001. Since then, almost a dozen countries have passed laws allowing same-sex marriages and domestic partnerships, including Canada, South Africa, Belgium and Spain.

In Argentina, the push to legalize same-sex marriage met with fierce opposition from the Roman Catholic Church, with Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio — then the archbishop of Buenos Aires and now the pope — engaging in a notorious war of words with the government over the issue.

In Uruguay, the church has taken a similar tack, with officials describing the measure as a harsh blow to the institutions of marriage and the family.

"Why make relative or devalue an institution that is already so injured, like the family, introducing deep modifications that are going to confuse more than clarify?" the Rev. Pablo Galimberti, bishop of Salto, wrote in a recent post on the website of the Uruguayan Bishops Council.

Uruguay's Broad Front, a coalition of left-wing political parties, backs the measure. On Tuesday, the group's president stressed that the proposed law change a civil institution and has nothing to do with the church.

"Here we are speaking about RIGHTS,

with capital letters. Rights that were denied and repressed for a long time, and which a society that is trying to be modern and inclusive necessarily must recognize, to advance in equality," wrote Sen. Monica Xavier. "Rights that are inherent to people, that are not a legislative creation, but something that the law must recognize."

For years, it was rare to see gay rights issues gaining traction in Latin American countries.

Not anymore, Javier Corrales, a professor of political science at Amherst College in Massachusetts, told CNN in 2010.

"Latin America currently has some of the most gay-friendly cities in the developing world," said Corrales, who ranked cities' gay-friendliness in a book he co-edited, "The Politics of Sexuality in Latin America."

In 2009, Uruguay was the first Latin American country to allow same-sex couples to adopt children. It was also one of the first Latin American countries to allow same-sex civil unions.

The measure approved by Uruguayan senators Tuesday removes the words "man" and "woman" from the country's civil code and replaces them with the word "spouse," CNN affiliate Teledoce reported.



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# U.S. will not accept North Korea as a 'nuclear state,' Kerry says

(CNN) — The United States will not accept North Korea as a “nuclear state,” Secretary of State John Kerry warned on Tuesday, just hours after Pyongyang announced plans to restart a nuclear reactor it shut down five years ago.

North Korea's decision comes as tensions on the Korean peninsula escalate over Kim Jong Un's threats to wage war against the United States and South Korea.

“The bottom line is simply that what Kim Jong Un is choosing to do is provocative. It is dangerous, reckless. The United States will not accept the DPRK (Democratic People's Republic of Korea) as a nuclear state,” Kerry said during a joint briefing in Washington with South Korea Foreign Minister Yun Byung-se.

“And I reiterate again the United States will do what is necessary to defend ourselves and defend our allies, Korea and Japan. We are fully prepared and capable of doing so, and I think the DPRK understands that.”

North Korea's declaration that it would reopen the reactor demonstrates Kim's commitment to the country's nuclear weapons program that the international community has tried to persuade it to abandon.

The North's state-run Korean Central News Agency, KCNA, reported that the reclusive state's atomic energy department intends to “readjust and restart all the nuclear facilities” at its main nuclear complex, in Yongbyon.

Those facilities include a uranium enrichment facility and a reactor that was “mothballed and disabled” under an agree-

ment reached in October 2007 during talks among North Korea, the United States and four other nations, KCNA said.

The announcement was followed by a plea for calm from U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who is South Korean.

“The current crisis has already gone too far,” he said in a statement from Andorra. “Nuclear threats are not a game. Aggressive rhetoric and military posturing only result in counteractions, and fuel fear and instability.

“Things must begin to calm down, as this situation, made worse by the lack of communication, could lead down a path that nobody should want to follow.”

Ban said dialogue and negotiations are “the only way to resolve the current crisis.”

The tensions on the Korean Peninsula have led Pyongyang to sever a key military hot line with Seoul and declare void the 1953 armistice that stopped the Korean War.

The United States has made a show of its military strength amid annual training exercises with South Korea, flying B-2 stealth bombers capable of carrying conventional or nuclear weapons, Cold War-era B-52s and F-22 Raptor stealth fighters over South Korea.

On Tuesday, the United States positioned a second guided missile cruiser — the USS Stephen Decatur — near the Korean peninsula, a defense official said on condition of anonymity. The official was not authorized to release details to the media.

A day earlier, the U.S. Navy moved a warship and a sea-based radar platform closer to the North Korean coast in order to monitor that country's military moves, including possible new missile launches, the Defense Department said Monday.

North Korea on Wednesday also blocked roughly 400 South Korean workers from entering the jointly run Kaesong

Industrial Complex, which sits on the North Korea side of the border, according to South Korea's Yonhap news agency.

At the same time, Yonhap reported, another 400 workers were scheduled to come out.

The move comes after threats in recent days by Pyongyang to shut down the industrial complex.

Seoul, meanwhile, on Monday warned that any provocative moves from North Korea would trigger a strong response “without any political considerations.”

### Murky motivation

The motivation behind the North's announcement Tuesday on the nuclear facilities was unclear, said Ramesh Thakur, director of the Center for Nuclear Nonproliferation and Disarmament at Australian National University in Canberra, suggesting that it was unlikely to make a big difference militarily for the country, which is already believed to have four to 10 nuclear weapons.

The North Koreans may be hoping to use the move as a bargaining chip in any future talks, he said, or it could be an attempt by the country's young leader to shore up support domestically.

“It's just a very murky situation,” Thakur said. “The danger is that we can misread one another and end up with a conflict that no one wants.”

China, a key North Korean ally, expressed regret over Pyongyang's announcement about the reactor.

“China has consistently advocated denuclearization on the peninsula and maintaining peace and stability in the region,” Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hong Lei said Tuesday at a regular news briefing.

Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said the move would need to be dealt with in a serious manner, noting that it breached the North's previous commitments.

On Tuesday, Kerry refused to

speculate about North Korea's intentions or what its strategy may be with regard to its plans to reopen its reactor.

“We've heard an extraordinary amount of unacceptable rhetoric from the North Korean government in the last days. So let me be perfectly clear here today: The United States will defend and protect ourselves, and our treaty ally, the Republic of Korea,” he said.

Kerry reiterated the U.S. policy with regard to North Korea, saying the United States believes there is “a very simple way” for Pyongyang to end the sanctions by ending its nuclear ambitions.

Kerry was scheduled to visit Seoul next week, while South Korea's president was due in Washington for talks with President Barack Obama.

### A torrent of threats

The North's latest declaration comes after a stream of verbal attacks against South Korea and the United States in recent weeks, including the threat of a nuclear strike.

Pyongyang's angry words appear to have been fueled by the recent joint military exercises by the United States and South Korea in the region, as well as tougher U.N. sanctions in response to North Korea's latest nuclear test in February.

Much of the bellicose rhetoric, analysts say, isn't matched by the country's military capabilities.

The North's announcement Tuesday follows a new strategic line “on simultaneously pushing forward economic construction and the building of the nuclear armed force.” It was announced Sunday during a meeting of a key committee of the ruling Workers' Party of Korea headed by Kim Jong Un.

The work of adapting and restarting the nuclear facilities “will be put into practice without delay,” KCNA said.

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## Neighbor of slain prosecutor said he heard nothing unusual

KAUFMAN COUNTY, Texas (CNN) — David Crone and his wife were friends with their next-door neighbors, Mike and Cynthia McLelland. They enjoyed life in their quiet, idyllic neighborhood east of Dallas.

Tuesday, crime scene tape separating their homes showed that not all was well and peaceful.

Deputies and other investigators continued their search for evidence at the home of Mike McLelland, district attorney for Kaufman County. The prosecutor and his wife were killed there over the weekend.

Friends discovered their bodies Saturday, nearly two months to the day after someone killed McLelland's chief felony prosecutor, Mark Hasse, in a daytime shooting outside the county courthouse January 31.

The Crones were at home during the time frame in which their neighbors were slain.

"I never heard anything," David Crone told CNN on Tuesday. His dogs were outside part of the time and never barked, he said. A storm passed through early Saturday, he said.

The resident said a neighbor who lives farther away claimed to have heard gunshots.

Crone said he and Mike McLelland were members of a rifle and pistol club.

As state and federal investigators flood this north Texas county searching for clues in the killing of two prosecutors in two months, the 100,000 people who live here can do little but nervously watch and hope.

"The residents are, I think, astounded," said Delois Stalusky, who has lived in Kaufman, the county seat, for 30 years. "It's just, one and one make two. You can't keep from connecting these. And it's just scary because we have no clue of who did the first shooting. And no clue, of course, yet, who did this one. And so, of course, our concern is what's going to happen next."

The killings have also rattled law enforcement officials, leading to increased security at the Kaufman County courthouse and around the county's elected leaders.

"I can promise you that all of the people in this courthouse, all of the elected officials, all of the other people who are involved in this inves-

tigation, are being very well-protected," County Judge Bruce Wood told reporters Tuesday.

### Texas-sized investigation

Wood said "literally hundreds" of investigators are working the case.

"I'm not sure what time frame we're on, but I'm confident that they will find whoever committed this crime," he said.

The investigation is starting from scratch, with no leads in the McLellands' deaths, CNN affiliate WFAA reported.

Nor do officials have any further ideas on who killed Hasse.

McLelland talked to relatives on Friday night, a search warrant affidavit said. Investigators have asked a judge for records of mobile phone calls that were relayed through at least one nearby tower, the documents show.

Law enforcement analysts say they believe those behind the attacks had been monitoring and following the two prosecutors, given the locations of the attacks and the brazenness of killing the men where they were most comfortable.

The killings have put justice officials across the state on high alert, unsure if or when another such strike might occur.

"This, I think, is a clear concern to individuals who are in public life, particularly those who deal with some very mean and vicious individuals — whether they're white supremacy groups or drug cartels that we have," Texas Gov. Rick Perry said.

Some, like Harris County's district attorney in Houston, are now under 24-hour security.

McLelland himself had a sheriff's deputy guarding his house after Hasse's death. Exactly why the deputy stopped patrolling the home is unclear.

CNN affiliate KTVT said the sheriff's department removed the security detail because McLelland thought it was unnecessary and didn't want to waste taxpayer dollars.

But sources told WFAA a deputy was dispatched to McLelland's home only as a temporary assignment. The home was equipped with surveillance cameras, but not the kind that constantly record, the affiliate said.

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