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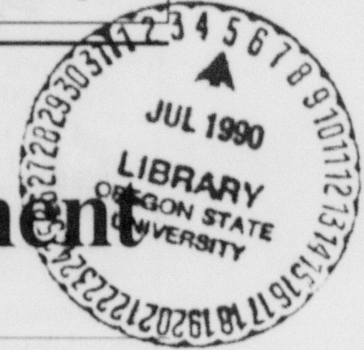
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Lone woman objects

Tree-removal plan gets endorsement

By TRACY LOEW

of the Summer Barometer



A plan to remove more than two dozen trees on campus was approved Tuesday afternoon despite the protests of one woman who objected to basing the decision solely on economics.

"What is the solution for someone who values a tree for its historical or aesthetic value," asked Connie King, who said she has been a watchdog for university trees since a controversial plan to remove all elm trees on campus was proposed several years ago.

"You can't automatically write off all these trees," King said.

King also objected to the fact that the hearing was held the afternoon before Independence Day, which may have contributed to low attendance. King was the only community representative at the hearing, which was also attended by about eight university representatives.

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Most of the trees scheduled for removal are in various stages of dying or are considered hazardous, according to physical plant personnel. Although some of the trees could possibly be saved, it would take "heroic measures" and would be uneconomical, according to Tom Cook, OSU Professor of Horticulture. Cook said most of the trees were damaged during construction of buildings or walkways and are in various stages of decline.

"It makes more sense to plant new trees rather than trying to save old trees whenever you change the environment," Cook said.

Trees scheduled for removal include:

- A row of flame ashes on 30th Street near the tennis courts. Two of the trees have split in the trunk, and the others may do the same. The trees will be replaced with Norway maples to be transplanted from lower campus.

- A dying oak at 30th and Campus Way. Pathologists have been unable to determine what is killing the tree, but suspect it may be caused by an herbicide or chemical, perhaps intentionally. Removing the tree will help find the cause and keep it from affecting two other oaks nearby.

- Pine trees located south of the women's field. These pines are dying because they are not well-adapted for the area. Replacement trees have already been planted.

- Two big-leaf maples and a birch tree to be removed as part of the demolition and construction of the new Family Studies Center. The trees could be hazardous and removal will create a nicer environment for a play-yard.

- A blue spruce near Milam Hall which had its top broken out for the second time during February's snow. It will be replaced with another columnar evergreen tree.

This was the first tree-removal hearing held since 1986, when the University was preparing for the possibility of mass removal of elm trees if Dutch elm disease struck. The disease has not yet hit Corvallis, although it is prevalent in Eugene and Portland. Part of OSU's preparation for the disease included planting replacement trees, which are now competing with existing trees for light, space, and water. If these trees cannot be transplanted elsewhere on campus, they will also have to be removed, said Jim Miller, Physical Plant Landscape Supervisor.

This dying oak tree at 30th and Campus way is slated for removal.

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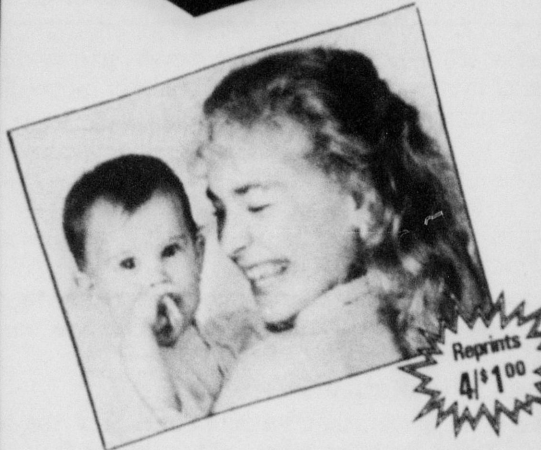
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Looking for a signature festival for the city of Corvallis, a group of citizens started the annual event last year as way of bringing tourists to Corvallis during the summer to show off the city and the campus.

The theme for Da Vinci days is: "A celebration of Art, Science, and Technology." The festival runs July 20-22, with food, music, and fun guaranteed for all.

Unlike most festivals, Da Vinci days is a learning experience, with keynote speakers and demonstrations of science, art, and technology on the OSU campus and at Corvallis' Central Park.

A television station from Eugene, KVAL, will help kickoff the celebration on Friday when they do a live newscast from Central Park. The celebration will go late into the first night, with a free street dance on the lower campus in front of the McNary Dormitory.

For the night owls — those who don't want to get down to the sounds of Bochinche — there will be an astronomer-hosted star party at Walnut Park at 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

And if astronomy isn't your bag, B. Gentry Lee, chief engi-

neer of the Galileo Space Mission, will speak on "Toward the 21st Century," Saturday evening at 6 p.m. in the LaSells Stewart Center. After the speech and a short walk down to the lower campus, celebrants can enjoy the music of two-time Grammy-award winner Diane Schuur. Tickets for the concert are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 12 and under, and can be purchased at the First Interstate Bank, OSU Federal Credit Union, and Rice's Pharmacy.

For food lovers, the Pasta Plaza, will have all sorts of food for sale by different vendors. A wine garden in Central Park will also be open for festival goers who want to sip a glass of wine and enjoy the music.

Participants wishing to enjoy works of art will be able to see the creations of some of the Northwest's best artists — at no cost. Displays will be in several different buildings on campus.

Last year 35,000 people took part in the celebration, but Hendrick expects that total to reach 40,000-50,000 this year. Hendrick can afford to be optimistic, after receiving \$25,000 of free advertising on KOIN-TV in Portland and money from sponsors like Oregon State University, CH2M Hill, the OSU Credit Union, Starker Forests, Corvallis Clinic, and Hewlett-Packard.

With continued corporate and individual support, Hendrick hopes to expand Da Vinci Days into more events and have visitors come to Corvallis all year long for the celebration.

Volunteers needed

Special Olympics offers summer schedule

By SANDRA LEVITT
of the Summer Barometer

The Benton County Special Olympics program has been operating for years, it's an old program said Ray Shimabuku, the Athletic Services Coordinator. The program offers 12 different sports and activities for the children, teens and adults of Corvallis and Albany.

The summer schedule centers on softball and a unified walk/run program.

Softball players from the ages of 8-15 practice Mondays and Thursdays at Garfield Park from 6:30-7:30pm. The high school aged teams practice on Sundays at Williams Park at 5:00pm.

The unified sports program is concentrating on runners and walkers. The athlete will pair up with a coach to shoot for a goal, possibly participation in a road race.

The department is looking for volunteers to help with both softball and the unified sports program. "We are looking for anyone, from coach to novice to help and the volunteer doesn't need to be athletic," Shimabuku said.

Benton County is the only county in the state to implement a softball/t-ball program. "It's great, but the kids can't compete with many other teams."

Next year the department is trying to unify the Special Olympic teams with the other county teams. "Just to get the kids into the regular population, to watch them, like a role model," Shimabuku said.

During the rest of the year the department offers many other programs, soccer, volleyball, swimming, bowling and track and field, just to mention a few.

"It's really neat, our program is growing and we are targeting on the younger population. By the time they become adults they will have had more exposure and socialization."

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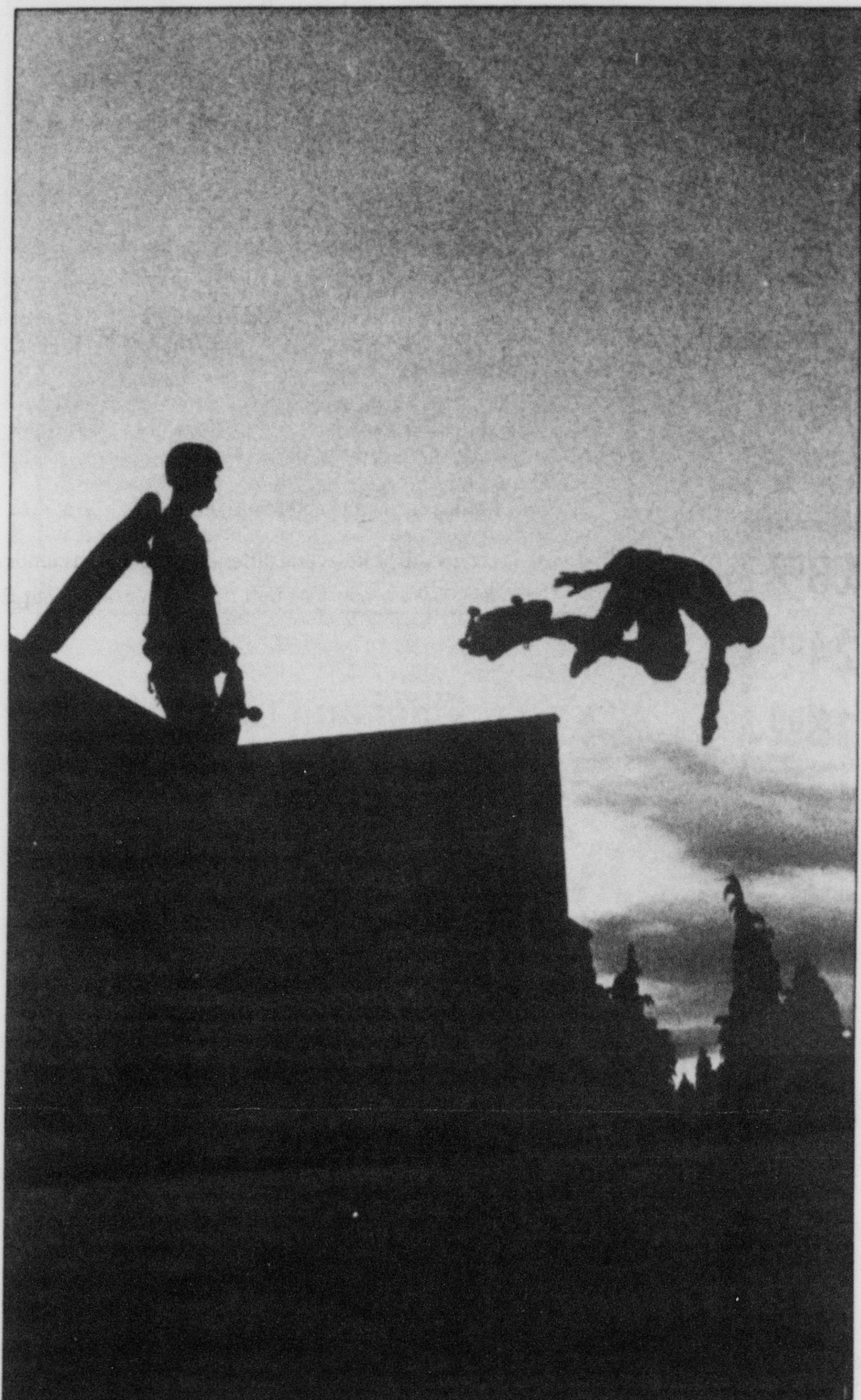
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A skater momentarily salutes another beautiful Oregon sunset before he crashes to the bottom of the ramp and ends a good ride. The ramp, located in Avery Park, is available to those with the proper safety gear and is open seven days a week.

OSL to oppose tuition boost

Tuition hearing scheduled

By ROBYN COCHRAN
of the Summer Barometer

The Oregon Student Lobby (OSL) will be testifying at an open hearing on July 16 against a proposal that would raise tuition fees this fall.

The proposal by the Oregon State Board of Higher Education (OSBHE) calls for an increase in tuition for in-state students by 9.95 percent and an increase of 13.7 percent for out-of-state students at Portland State University, University of Oregon, and Oregon State University.

ASOSU President Shahid Yusaf will be attending the hearing in Eugene and urges students to go with him and testify against the increase. "Students who cannot go to the hearing can write letters to the Board," Yusaf said.

"OSL has taken a firm stand," said Yusaf, "but it's very important that the board hears from students, not just the OSL board or OSL lobbyists."

According to OSL Executive Director Lyn

Pickney, the proposed tuition hikes would include not only OSU, U of O, and PSU, but also the five other regional colleges administered by the OSBHE. If the proposal is passed at the OSBHE meeting on July 20 in Portland, tuition at the other five regional colleges would be increased by 8.25 percent for in-state tuition and 12 percent for out-of-state.

"The issue becomes very important when you look at the financial aid resources, because they are going down every year," Yusaf said. "Even this year we did not see any increase at the federal level."

Yusaf said a recent study indicates that students graduate in an average of 4.8 years — due to financial aid. Students are having to prolong their undergraduate years because of a lack of funds.

The hearing is open to all students. Anyone interested in going should contact Shahid Yusaf at 737-2101. Letters can be given to Yusaf or mailed directly to the Oregon State Board of Higher Education.

OSU owl study released

By ALAN LITCHFIELD
of the Summer Barometer

OSU Researchers released a scientific study last week estimating that thousands of Oregonians could lose their jobs by mid-1990 if northern spotted owl protection measures recommended by the "Jack Ward Thomas report" are implemented.

The proposed conservation plans could cost Oregon 12 to 50 thousand jobs and \$470 million to \$2 billion in lost wages. According to researchers, the proposed conservation plans, when coupled with proposed public plans, would put all communities outside the Interstate 5 corridor and non-coastal areas at risk and would lower re-employment opportunities in western rural communities.

Meanwhile, Oregon's em-

ployment levels are expected to grow slowly — approximately 1.5 percent per year on the average in the 1990's, with growth centered in the metropolitan and large recreational centers.

The study — produced by Brian Greber, assistant professor of forest economics at OSU; K. Norman Johnson, associate professor of forest economics at OSU; and Gary Lettman, economic analyst for the Oregon Department of Forestry — was conducted at the request of Gov. Neil Goldschmidt.

According to Greber, the researchers ran three different

scenarios while conducting the study. One scenario included the implementation of Thomas report recommendations on private as well as public lands. However, Thomas, a senior U.S. Forest Service wildlife biologist, has stated that his report is separate from this particular scenario used by the OSU researchers, and that private lands are not included in his report's recommendations unless they are combined with federal lands.

"Thomas is trying, and rightfully so, to divorce himself from this one particular scenario," Greber said.

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ELI needs conversants for summer programs

The English Language Institute (ELI) expects to enroll 160 foreign students from all over the world in its 1990 summer intensive language program. In addition, approximately 100 students from three different educational institutions in Japan (Tokyo University, YWCA, Waseda University) will attend special three-week intensive language programs. These programs will run throughout the summer.

Students attending the ELI not only enroll in intensive language study, they also participate in extracurricular activities such as field trips around Corvallis and Oregon. Last year, participants went berry picking and made jam, visited the Oregon coast and attended the Art Fair in Salem.

One of the most important extracurricular activities an ELI student can participate in is the conversant program. This program allows an ELI student to meet for one hour per week with an American conversant. The ELI student is able to practice his/her English and to learn more about the culture of this country. The American conversant has the opportunity to learn about another part of the world, and to help the foreign student adjust to life in the United States.

According to Marianne McDougal, coordinator of special programs at the ELI, the conversant program is one of the most popular activities available to students. "Many students make lasting friendships with their conversants. It's not unusual for a student and his/her conversant to stay in touch after the term ends. Many conversants even visit the students in their home countries."

Summer is a difficult time to recruit conversants, though. "Many of our regular conversants return home for the summer, have full-time jobs, or are in summer school full-time," explains Valerie Rosenberg, conversant program coordinator. "For students who will remain on campus this summer, this is a great time to try out the conversant program because of all the different options available. You can sign up for one or all of the special three-week sessions, or you can participate in the 'regular' ELI program which lasts about eight weeks."

Interested students need to sign up as soon as possible if they wish to participate in the summer conversant program. For further information contact Valerie Rosenberg or Lori Schaell at 737-2464.

Air Maroc picks up jets

United Press International

SEATTLE — Royal Air Maroc of Morocco took delivery Tuesday of its first Boeing 737-400, the manufacturer said.

The carrier will be the first airline in Africa and the Middle East to operate the advanced-technology 737-400, Boeing Commercial Airplane Group officials said.

Royal Air Maroc has ordered 10 new-generation 737s and holds options on another 10, Boeing said. The airline has selected two 737-400s and two 737-500s for its first deliveries.

Boeing said the second 737-400 will be delivered later this month and the 737-500s by early next year. The remaining aircraft are to be delivered by the end of the decade, officials said.

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Week-long camp ends with concert

The sounds of trumpets, trombones and tubas could be heard around campus along with other instruments when more than 130 high school musicians practiced during band camp at OSU last week.

The students spent the week touching up their musical skills and sharpening their knowledge of music. One subject that they studied in the classroom was music appreciation.

Henry Miyamura, associate conductor of the Honolulu Symphony Orchestra and professor at the University of Hawaii school of music, joined OSU faculty and public school music educators to teach at the camp. Teachers prepared the musicians for a concert, which was the conclusion of the week-long camp and was held last Saturday at LaSells Stewart Center.

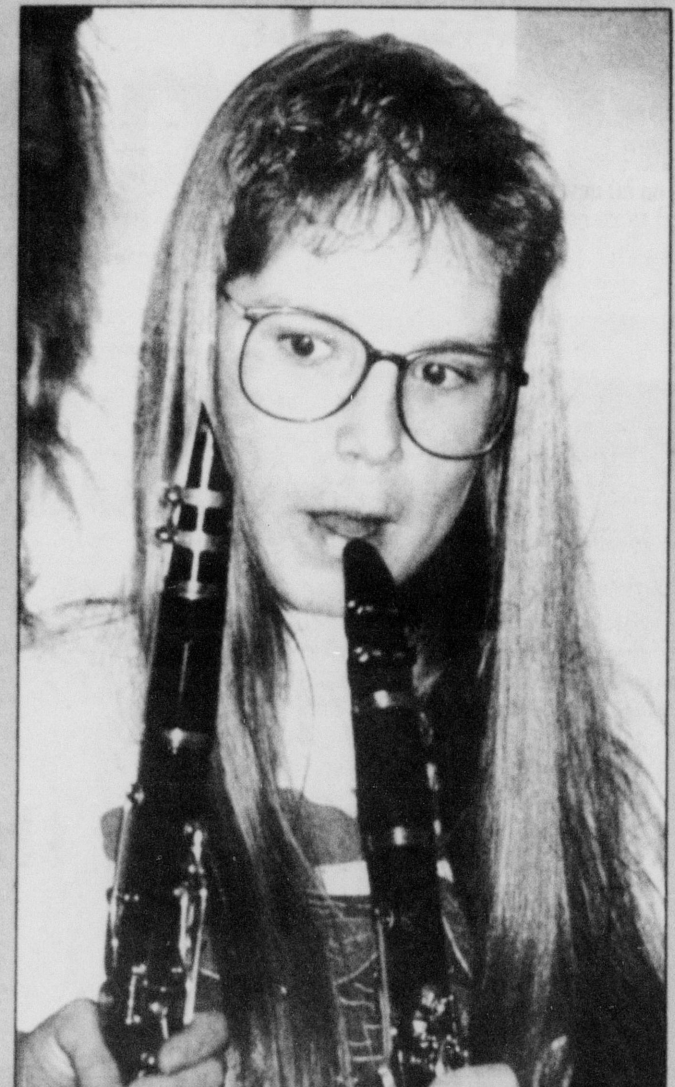
Three groups played at the concert: a symphonic band, a concert band, and a jazz ensemble. The concert ended with all of the musicians gathered together on stage and played a patriotic final song: "America the Beautiful."

The camp was sponsored by the OSU department of music and directed by Jim Douglass, OSU director of bands.



Photos and story by Karen Marr

Warren Baker, a music instructor at OSU, leads members of the jazz band through a practice session last Friday.



A student plays her clarinet in front of other musicians during a recital at Callahan Hall last Friday.

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Weaknesses in vessel design cited

Task force makes proposals to reduce oil spills

United Press International

OLYMPIA, Wash. — A task force representing four Pacific Coast states and the province of British Columbia Tuesday released proposed safety recommendations, including the phasing out of single-hull tankers, to reduce the risk of oil spills.

The report also calls for more stringent liability and surveillance of oil carriers and higher requirements for pilots and tanker captains.

"Weaknesses in vessel design, inadequate personnel training, insufficient vessel traffic management and limited cleanup technology clearly show that prevention is the only effective way to address the problem," said Chris Gregoire, director of the Washington Department of Ecology.

The task force was created by Washington Gov. Booth Gardner and British Columbia Premier William Vander Zalm in January 1989 following the December 1988 Nestucca oil spill in which a barge loaded with crude oil capsized on the Washington coast and spread oil northward to Vancouver Island.

California, Oregon and Alaska joined the task force following the March 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska's Prince William Sound.

The task force called for requiring double hulls on all new tankers and phasing out single-hulled tankers within seven years. It also recommended that single-hulled tankers be

escorted by tugs in specified waterways.

- Other recommendations included:
- Upgrading vessel traffic systems;
- Developing guidelines for tow cables and retrieving runaway barges;
- Establishing regional speed limits for tankers in inland waters;

- Establishing more stringent mariner qualifications, and alcohol and drug testing;
- Raising proof of financial responsibility requirements to ensure spillers can finance cleanup and damage costs;

- Requiring all facilities including tankers which handle petroleum products to develop spill prevention plans;
- Increasing civil and criminal penalties for non-compliance with oil spill regulations;

- Removing the limit of liability provisions in Admiralty Law to guarantee the right of states to exercise liability standards;

- Increasing the U.S. Coast Guard's ability to conduct surveillance patrols and vessel inspections, and

- Requiring tankers to carry spill response equipment.

In addition to the joint recommendations, the report includes the recommendations of individual states. Notably, Washington suggested the state impose a barrel tax on crude oil imports to fund state spill prevention measures and evaluate any proposals for oil pipelines

that would reduce tanker traffic in Puget Sound.

But federal action would be required to implement most of the recommendations, including the tax idea. Thus, despite the radical nature of some of the proposals, the report received approval from some oil industry spokesmen.

Jerry Aspland, president of Arco Marine Inc., a subsidiary of Atlantic Richfield Corp., said the task force "did a good job of trying to

take a look at all the elements of tanker safety."

He also praised the group for recognizing that federal law preempts state action on many of the safety measures that the group favored.

John Ballantine, a Washington Environmental Council director and a consultant to the Department of Ecology, said he was "very pleased" that the task force resisted oil industry pressure to water down its proposals.

The timing was right

OM's closed and sold

By DENNIS NELSON
of the Summer Barometer

An Oregon State University tradition came to an end last week as the Oregon Museum closed its doors for the final time on June 25.

Better known to most students as "OM's," the Museum had been a hangout for college students since it opened in the mid-1970's. Joe Berg, the Museum's owner for the past 12 years, sold the business last week and doesn't know what the new owner's plans are — except to re-open the building as another pub.

"I'm tired, and I had a chance to sell it," said Berg. "The timing was right to sell it. I really held off for a long time."

Selling OM's was a hard decision for Berg

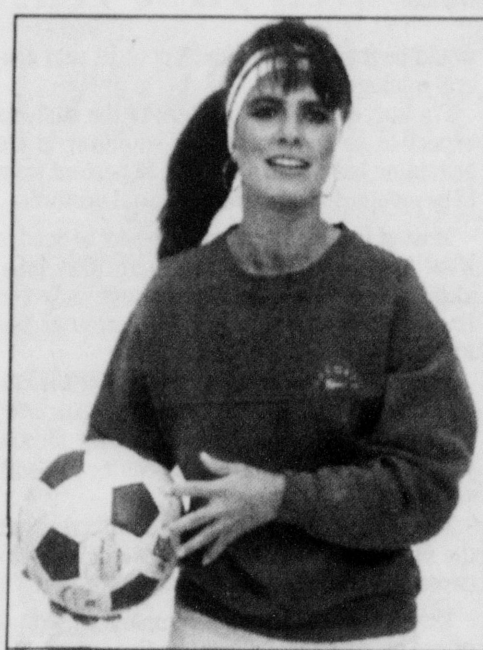
because he knew he'd no longer be able to hang out with the OSU students that were his patrons. Now, after the sale, Berg doesn't plan on going back into the tavern business.

"I don't think I could ever replace this," Berg said, as he looked around the empty building that once housed a lively business where students stood in line to get in. "I don't think you could duplicate the OSU students."

Berg gave the new owners the option to keep the name, but that is all that remains in the empty building.

For Berg, there is life after OM's. He plans on lowering his handicap and laying back for a while.

"I've had a hell of a lot of fun," Berg said, thinking back over his memories of the Museum.



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Still up for the year

Portland home sales drop sharply

United Press International

PORTLAND, Ore. — Portland-area home sales dropped sharply in June, off almost 26 percent from the previous month, the Oregon Multiple Listing Service reported Tuesday.

The 1,982 homes and townhouse-condominiums sold still represented an increase of 3.66 percent from

June of last year. Average sales prices were up 4.16 percent from May and 19.01 percent from the previous June.

Despite June's drop, Portland-area home sales for the first half of the year were up 36.14 percent from last year and 51.76 percent from the same period in 1988, the real estate-listing service reported.

OMLS officials said there

were about 6,500 homes for sale in the area, up a bit from last month but almost 900 fewer than at this time a year ago. Homes took an average of 59 days to sell in June, compared to 67 days in May and 83 days in June of last year.

Average sales prices in June ranged from \$47,345 in north Portland to \$174,920 in Lake Oswego-West Linn.

MBA's want 62 grand their first year

United Press International

PITTSBURGH — A survey released Tuesday by the University of Pittsburgh reveals most 1990 MBA graduates from the country's top business schools expect to make \$62,602 total compensation in their first year of employment.

The average base salary expected by students who answered the survey was \$51,786, but they also anticipated an average signing bonus of \$9,754.

The goal of the Katz Business School Report was to determine prevailing attitudes, career plans and values of MBA graduates loosed on the corporate world in June.

Pitt mailed 1,400 surveys in April and received a 50 percent response rate from students whose median age was 27, with four years prior work experience. Men made up 74 percent of the group, minorities 13 percent, and most respondents were single.

Against 1989 results, the survey reveals the consumer products and high-tech industries hold less appeal but students are still looking in those areas, along with industrial manufacturing and investment banking.

Only 22 percent expected to be employed in a finance career upon graduation, compared to 32 percent in 1989. Roughly 19 percent expected to find jobs in either marketing or consulting, another 10 percent said investment banking

would be their first job and 8 percent said general management.

The survey shows 96 percent of the students expect to be working for an employer in the beginning but within a decade, 53 percent want to be involved in an entrepreneurial venture.

Most of the MBA graduates expect to head to New York or Chicago for their first jobs, although roughly 6 percent believe they can find what they need in Boston, Detroit or San Francisco.

There are some areas a majority of the students would not consider in their job search — tobacco products, defense contractors, alcohol manufacturers and direct investors in South Africa.

The students rated health and marriage as the most important goals, followed closely by career, ethics, leisure and family.

Exxon topped the list of companies least admired by students, followed by General Motors and Drexel Burnham Lambert. Fifty-six percent said of the fall of Drexel, "It provided a useful service but the business was managed poorly." But 39 percent believe "the company abused its power and got what it deserved."

Contacts or relationships with other students was the one aspect most highly valued by those launching careers, and most said if they could make one suggestion to the dean of their business school it would be "need better teaching."

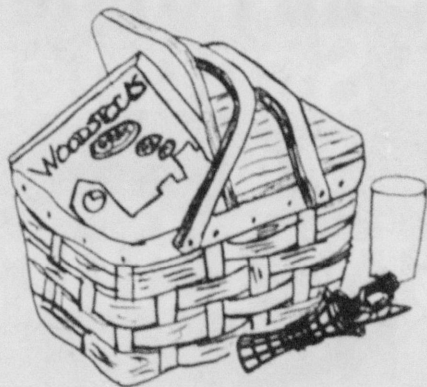


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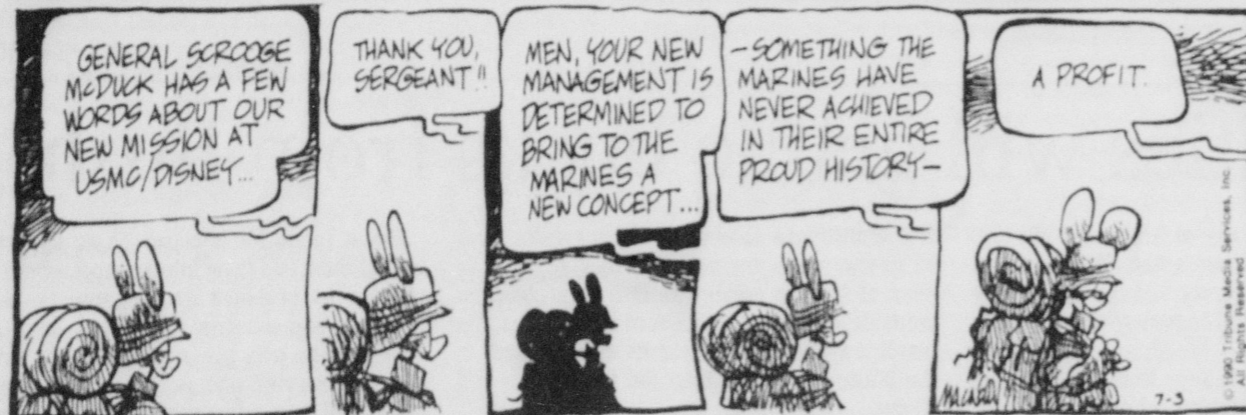
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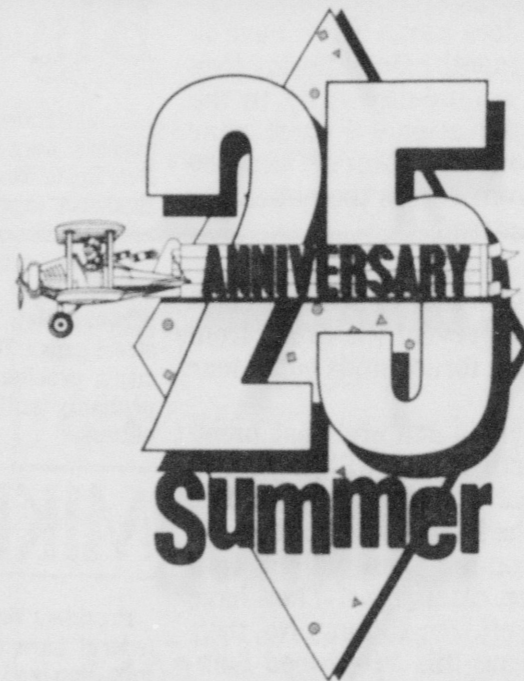
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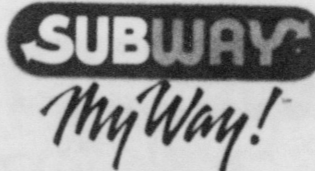
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Earth First! should put down the picket signs and grab a shovel

An arsonist's wildfire destroys thousands of acres of trees, shrubs and wildlife in the hills surrounding Santa Barbara, California.

Last year, in Yellowstone Park, a naturally occurring forest fire grew out of control and nearly burned down one of America's most famous nature preserve.

In Oregon, Washington and Idaho summertime means fire season. And for the past few years, because of drought, hundreds of fire fighters, forest service personnel and volunteers spent several weeks risking their lives to combat the flames that threatened to ravage the forests of the Northwest.

So where was Earth First! It seems like a group dedicated to saving the trees and preserving the wild lands of North America would be more than happy lend support to the noble cause of fire fighting.

Actions speak louder than words, and if the Earth First!, along with their more radical clones, would spend their time fighting fires rather than chaining themselves to logging equipment, blocking roads and mills, and carrying picket signs, perhaps their message would have more of an impact.

America is becoming more sensitive to environmental issues, no thanks to the aforementioned organizations, and a few noble actions might make Americans stand up and take notice.

But what does Earth First! have on tap for this month? On Saturday they will begin a nine-day rally in the Beaverhead National Forest near Helena Montana. More than 500 members from across the nation are expected to attend.

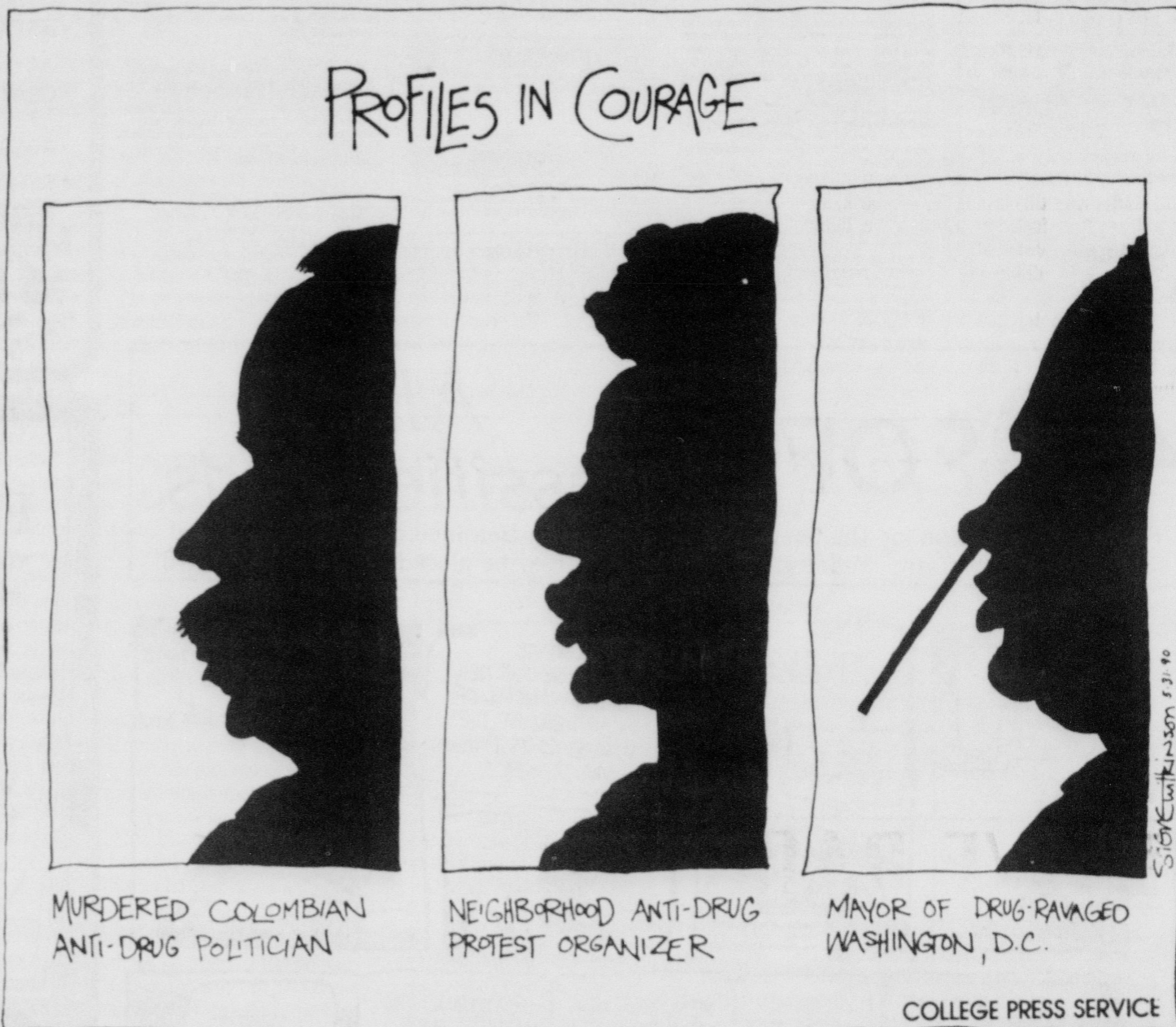
This has prompted conservative leaders in Montana to seek an court injunction to prevent the group from using national forest lands out of fear of sabotage.

However, it is doubtful that members of Earth First! will engage in any criminal activity while holding the rally. The have made public their intent to conduct non-violent civil disobedience campaigns. They have even sworn off tree spiking. No, their agenda during this "Redwood Summer" is a peaceful protest of the timber industry.

That's just dandy. Are we supposed to feel good about them now?

Americans might feel a little more sympathetic toward Earth Firsters if they were seen working side by side with forest service workers, rural fire fighters, and high schools kids. A better public image would be shovels in their hands and a face blackened by smoke.

At least they would actually be saving some trees instead of just whining about them.



Big cities will get no bucks from Bush

I don't know why any of America's big city mayors were surprised when Congressman Dan Rostenkowski bluntly told them that they shouldn't expect Washington to throw some money their way.

Did they actually believe that the Bush administration is fretting about Chicago's schools, New York's crack dealers, L.A.'s street gangs, Detroit's housing or any other big city's problems? If they believe that, they probably still put their teeth under their pillows.

MIKE ROYKO

President Bush, like much of Congress, the federal bureaucracy, state legislatures and suburban and small-town politicians, views cities as sort of outdated. They have seen the future, and it's a suburban shopping mall, not a dark street with empty storefronts and welfare families living upstairs.

It isn't that they lack compassion or a sense of fairness. They feel for the underdog. Just look at how many Washington insiders were eager to help out Charles Keating, the S&L superhustler, when the going got tough for him.

But the Bush administration believes it represents mainstream America. And to the mainstream, big cities are dangerous, dirty, mean and a nuisance. Some of them are a fun place to visit, but they wouldn't want to live there. And they definitely don't want tax dollars being spent on solving city problems.

The Bush administration, being Republican,

also knows how to read election results. And when the votes are counted, they see that in most of the big cities, the Democrat gets the votes. It's the friendly folks in the suburbs, the small towns and on the farms who put Bush in the White House. As they did for Reagan and Nixon.

If you were president, not to be vindictive, but wouldn't you ask: "Hey, what have you done for me lately?"

The trouble with big cities is that we're too black, too Hispanic, too Asian, too gay, too union, too everything that isn't conservative and Republican.

Not that the Bush administration is bigoted. Of course it isn't. But faced with the choice of helping a school system that has mostly black students, or a tobacco growing industry that is owned by white farmers, you have to consider who is neediest. Or at least who made the biggest campaign contributions.

If the choice is between more money for local law enforcement and effective ways of going after drug dealers, or making sure that needy defense contractors survive the collapse of the Berlin Wall, you say "yes, you got it," to the defense contractors, and tell the drug dealers' customers to "just say no."

I'm sure Bush cares deeply about the educational needs of city kids. To show his concern, he recently visited a Chicago elementary school and chatted with some of the students.

Of course, it happened to be one of the few really good elementary schools in Chicago. I know that because my kids went there for a while. So it wasn't really typical of most of Chicago's schools.

But it made for a better photo opportunity than if Bush had gone into a school where there were a lot of black or Hispanic faces, and teachers and parents who might have asked him what he was going to do besides pose for the wire service photos with a well-scrubbed tyke on his lap. Like, what about some money for new books, prez? No, the mayors had better wake up. Those of us who live in the cities don't have a lot of friends out there in Washington or anywhere else.

Sure, in some ways we're appreciated for being a resource. A lot of colleges like the big cities because we provide them with tall, young black men who can slam dunk or catch passes. And after four years of slam-dunking and filling the stadium, the young men are out the door and told: "Sorry, no degree, but maybe you can get a job in a carwash. With your reach, you can wipe the top of an RV."

And we're a useful place to store America's homeless, to house new immigrants and to stack up the chronically poor and uneducated. Can't have all these human off-brands wandering around Kennebunkport.

We're a useful poaching ground too. Suburbs and smaller cities like to send in their pitchers to say: "Pssst! How about moving your company out our way. We'll give you a tax break, and you can hire workers with the kind of pink cheeks you prefer."

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Western fires under control, yet Fourth of July causes some worries

By MICHAEL C. TIPPING

United Press International

Firefighters declared full control Tuesday of a \$500-million arson-caused blaze in the canyons above Santa Barbara, Calif., while improving weather conditions brightened firefighting prospects throughout the West.

A 3,300-acre blaze on an Indian reservation in Arizona was the only major fire still burning out of control, a week after the first of a dozen fires fueled by a heat wave, lightning and arsonists erupted in several states.

Eight people, all but one of them firefighters, were killed in the fires.

At the Boise Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho, where firefighting efforts nationwide are coordinated and monitored, spokesman Arnold Hartigan said the weather has become an ally.

"There's cooler, moister weather (in the Southwest), with higher humidities and some thunderstorms, all of which helps," he said. "That pattern should persist for a few days until it heats up again, which should give them a chance to get a handle on all these fires."

Weary firefighters stopped the spread of flames north of Santa Barbara on Monday and declared the fire out at 6 a.m. Tuesday, U.S. Forest Service spokesman Maeton Freel said.

About 100 firefighters will remain on the lines for the next few days to mop up hot spots, Freel said.

Hundreds of other firefighters looked forward to some rest before being returned to the pool of crews that can be dispatched to other fires burning in the West, he said.

"Most of the crews are tired and anxious to get a good night's rest in a regular bed before they go on to the next fire," Freel said.

Fire officials were worried that the Fourth of July holiday

would bring another potentially explosive situation, with California's brush and forests parched from a four-year drought.

The Santa Barbara fire, which began June 27, consumed 487 buildings, including 430 homes and 15 businesses. Officials said the latest estimate put losses at \$500 million.

Investigators found an incendiary device in the brush, and \$120,000 in rewards was offered for information leading to the arrest of the arsonist, who could also be charged with murder because a woman was killed trying to flee a fireball that engulfed her home.

Arson also was suspected in most of the California fires, including blazes that destroyed 60 homes in the Los Angeles suburb of Glendale, 14 homes in the Carbon Canyon area of Orange County and hundreds of acres of brush in eastern Los Angeles County and San Bernardino County.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the California Office of Emergency Services opened two disaster aid application offices Tuesday for those who suffered uninsured losses in the Santa Barbara and Los Angeles-area fires.

In San Diego County, a fire north of Lake Wohlford consumed 125 acres before it was contained Monday night. Complete control was expected Tuesday. No structure were lost, but residents of about 10 homes at a resort area on the east shore of the lake were briefly evacuated, said Audrey Hagen of the California Department of Forestry.

Firefighters in San Diego also expected to finish work Tuesday on a 4,300-acre arson brushfire that burned two homes, a Boy Scout camp building and a Navy Seabee training facility.

The only major fire still burning in Arizona was on the Fort Apache Indian Reservation. It has burned 3,300 acres of prime timber and recreational country since being ignited by lightning Saturday, but was not threatening any structures. Eight hundred firefighters from as far away as Texas and Florida were on the lines, assisted by a helicopter and five air tankers, and had the fire 25 percent contained. High winds and steep terrain were hampering the effort.

Airline food and the fear of flying

So I was getting on a plane in Seattle, and I was feeling a touch nervous because that very morning a plane was forced to make an emergency landing at that very airport after a window blew out at 14,000 feet and a passenger almost got sucked out of the plane headfirst. This is the kind of thing that the flight attendants never mention during the Preflight Safety Demonstration, although maybe they should. I bet they could put on a very impressive demonstration using an industrial vacuum cleaner and a Barbie doll, and we passengers would never take our seat belts off, even when the plane landed. We'd walk out into the terminal with our seats still strapped to our backs.

DAVE BARRY

Anyway, the good news is that the passenger in Seattle was wearing his seat belt, and the other passengers were able to pull him back inside, and he's expected to make a complete recovery except for no longer having a head. This will definitely limit his ability to enjoy future in-flight meals ("Would you like a dense omelet-like substance, sir? Just nod your stump.").

Ha ha! I am just joshing of course. The man retained all his major body parts. But just the same I don't like to hear this type of story, because I usually take a window seat, because I want to know if a wing falls off. The pilot would never mention this. It is a violation of Federal Aviation Administration regulations for a pilot to tell you anything except that you are experiencing "a little turbulence." You frequent fliers know what I'm talking about. You're flying along at 500 miles an hour, seven miles up, and suddenly there's an enormous shuddering WHUMP. Obviously the plane had struck something at least the size of a of a Winnebago motor home — in fact sometimes you can actually see Winnebago parts flashing past your window — but the pilot, trying to sound bored, announces that you have experienced "a little turbulence." Meanwhile you just know that up in the cockpit they're hastily deploying their emergency Inflatable Religious Shrine.

Here's what bothers me. You know, during the Preflight

Safety Demonstration, they tell you that in the event of an emergency, oxygen masks will pop out of the ceiling? My question is: who wants oxygen? If I'm going to be in an emergency seven miles up, I want nitrous oxide, followed immediately by Emergency Intravenous Beverage Cart Service, so that I and my fellow passengers can be as relaxed as possible. ("Wow! Those are some beautiful engine flames!")

Anyway, nothing terrible happened on my flight, which was unfortunate, because there was a high school marching band on board. My advice to airline passengers is: Always request a non-marching-band flight. Oh, I'm sure these were wonderful teen-age kids on an individual basis, but when you get 60 of them together in a confined area, they reach Critical Adolescent Mass, with huge waves of runaway hormones sloshing up and down the aisle, knocking over the flight attendants and causing the older passengers to experience sudden puberty symptoms (the pilot's voice went up several octaves when he tried to say "turbulence").

Mealtime was the worst. The entree was Beef Stroganoff Airline Style, a hearty dish featuring chunks of yellowish meatlike byproducts that apparently have been pre-chewed for your convenience by weasels. I was desperately hungry, so I was actually going to attempt to eat mine, when one of the male band members seated near me, in the age-old adolescent tradition of Impressing Girls Through Grossness, launched into an anecdote about an earlier in-flight meal:

"...so she was eating chocolate all day, right? And she gets on the plane and they serve her the meal, right? And she looks at it, and she goes, like, RALPH all over her tray, and it's like BROWN and it's getting ALL OVER her TRAY and onto the FLOOR, so she like stands up and she goes RALPH all over the people in front of her and it's like running down their HAIR and..."

This anecdote didn't bother the band girls at all.

"Ewwwww," they said, chewing happily. Whereas I lost my appetite altogether. I just sat there, a frequent flier looking at his Vaguely Beeflike Stroganoff and wondering how come airline windows never suck people out when you really need them to.

Dave Barry is a columnist for *The Miami Herald*

ROYKO, from page 10

Even the Japanese take a detour. They don't mind buying some real estate, but when they build a production plant, they prefer the boonies, especially where unions aren't in high regard.

Some years ago, New York went through a financial crisis. When President Ford squeezed the federal nickels, a New York paper ran the headline that said something like: "Ford to City: Drop Dead."

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Mike Royko is a columnist for *The Chicago Tribune*

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Funding woes threaten campuses

College Press Service

University of Pittsburgh President Wesley Posvar said on June 14 that Pitt would have to freeze hiring of new faculty and staff members, defer maintenance work on many buildings, and perhaps cancel some course sections to compensate for a projected \$9 million deficit.

Three days earlier, Florida State Univer-

sity Chancellor Charlie Reed said state budget cuts might force FSU to cut up to 53 academic programs next school year. "We could lose 800 faculty positions immediately," Reed said after a new state budget slashed \$48 million earmarked for public colleges. Elsewhere, North Carolina Governor Jim Martin said June 12 that taxes might have to be raised to maintain N.C.'s 58-campus community college system.

"Experience nature"

South Slough offers programs

By ROBYN COCHRAN
 of the Summer Barometer

Twilight walks through the forest and canoe tours on the South Slough are only a few of the programs being offered by the South Slough National Estuarine Reserve this summer.

The South Slough National Estuarine Reserve is a non-profit organization located in Charleston, Oregon that offers events aimed at educating the public about the sanctuary through a wide variety of activities and programs.

Guest speakers such as Reg Pullen, a local archaeologist, and Cranson Fosburg, a local photographer, will visit the reserve in July to give talks and slide shows on topics ranging from ancient Indians to Oregon wild flowers.

Opportunities to view bald eagles, herons, river otters, deer, raccoons and more are given to the public as they participate in various

walks and hikes through upland forests, salt marshes, tide flats and open water trails.

Carolyn Russell of the South Slough National Estuarine Reserve explained that the main goals of the organization are research and education. "We have programs for students from elementary school through college age," Russell said.

An organization called Friends of South Slough is a supportive group for the National Estuarine Reserve and helps fund the reserve's educational program.

The reserve was established in 1974 and was a cooperative effort of the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration. It was the country's first National Estuarine and is today one of approximately only 20 others.

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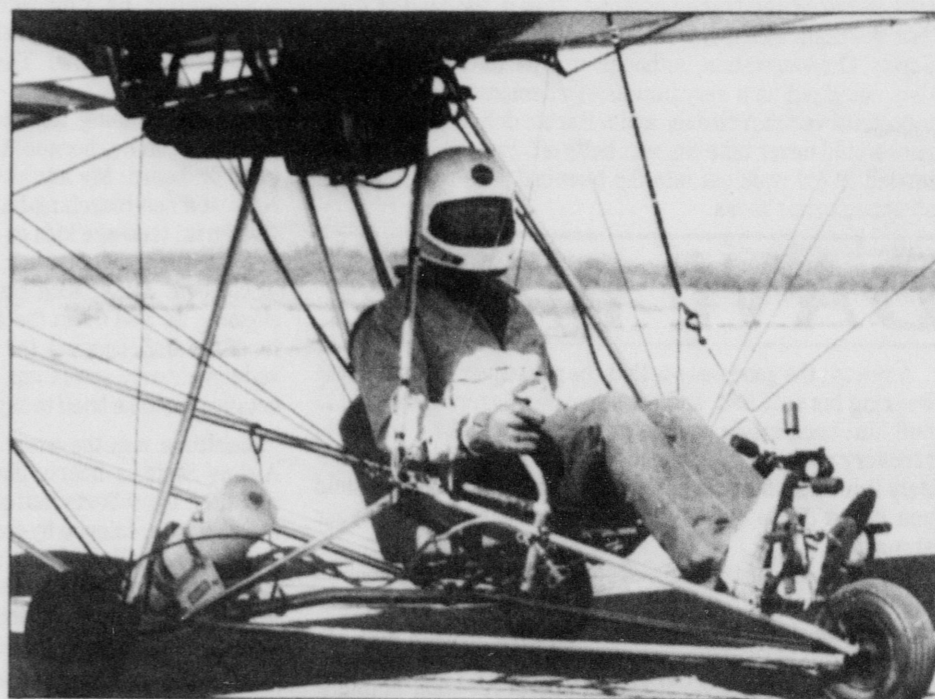
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