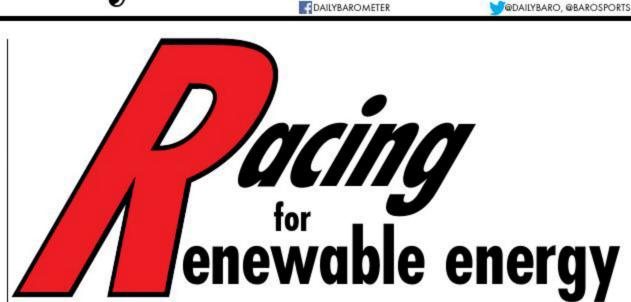
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COURTESY OF OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber will speak at Oregon State University Wednesday.

## Governor to speak at OSU

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Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber will be on campus for a discussion with Oregon State University students Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 5:30 in the Linus Pauling Science Center 125. Kitzhaber's presentation will focus on equity, specifically in

higher education. The event will feature a talk from Kitzhaber followed by a Q-and-A session with students. During his fourth inaugural speech, Kitzhaber highlighted his

commitment to equity and community. In addition, he spoke about the hardships facing Oregonians, such as poverty and food insecurity, and how to solve these problems.

"Now, the answers to these questions are complicated — I know that — and no one person, least of all me, has all the answers," Kitzhaber said in his speech. "But if we begin by asking the right questions, I know we can make progress, because an Oregon economy that moves some of us forward while leaving others behind diminishes progress for everyone." There will be a live-stream of the event available at live. oregonstate.edu.

For accessibility accommodations, call 541-737-2137. For more coverage, visit dailybarometer.com following the event.

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## **President talks higher** ed, economic growth

### THE DAILY BAROMETER

President Barack Obama gave his State of the Union address Tuesday night, bringing up access and affordability of higher education.

The speech focused on moving forward as a nation during the president's remaining time in office, economic growth and free community college.

"By the end of this decade, two in three job openings will require some higher education — two in three," Obama said during the address, according to official White House transcripts. "And yet, we still live in a country where too many bright, striving Americans are priced out of the education they need. It's not fair to them, and it's sure not smart for our future. That's why I'm sending this Congress a bold new plan to lower

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**By Chris Correll** 

THE DAILY BAROMETER It was the same sun that powered the Phoenix at Oregon State University, but OSU Solar Vehicle Team was a world away when they put their race car to the test in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

This is the first year the United Arab Emirates has hosted the Abu Dhabi Solar Challenge. The rules are simple, but demanding. Each team must construct a car that runs entirely on solar energy while still being fast and durable enough to make it to the finish line.

OSU's squad of engineers - nine students, one alumnus - and their race car, the Phoenix, ran into trouble just before the qualifier when rough transportation

jarred the vehicle's wiring. Chemical engineering junior John Ren was one of several students on site trying to make quick repairs.

The day of the qualifier, we had just

flown in our car by airplane, so there Sun Grand Prix. The team starts fresh with were lots of bumps and vibrations on a new model next year.

The Oregon State University Solar Vehicle Team works on their solar car, the Phoenix, under the watchful eye of

Solar Vehicle Team competes in 4-day, 1,200 km race across United Arab Emirates

cal problems with wiring coming undone. Then we accidently broke a crucial piece of the motor," Ren said. "Luckily, we were able to get it replaced and were good to go.

The Phoenix ended up as one of just 15 cars to make it through the 45-lap qualifier at Yas Marina Circuit and placed 12th overall.

At its peak, the light, one-man vehicle can reach top speeds of more than 80 miles per hour.

OSU engineers had finished the car in fields," said Ryan Warrick, a computer 2012, and its innovative design brought the university victory in the 2013 Formula

The Abu Dhabi Solar Challenge began as a friendly contest to promote solar energy as a cleaner, more sustainable method of energy.

According the race's official webpage, the event philosophy encourages "the latest international competition promoting education, energy efficiency and environmental consciousness.

"Solar cars in themselves aren't entirely practical, but what we learn about in solar car racing is applicable across many

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Dr. Sex talks about satisfaction, roles and domination

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**Bruins defeat Oregon State** 

swimmers at home

a camel. The team visited the United Arab Emirates for the Abu Dhabi Solar Challenge.

the way over. We had a ton of electri-It's really about training better engineers that will

the world.

**Ryan Warrick** 

freshman, computer science

benefit not only the solar industry, but engineering across

### Saturday, January 17

### Too loud of a party

An officer from the Corvallis Police Department responded to a citizen report of a loud party Saturday night. The officer logged that he could "easily" hear music coming from the home as far as 250 feet away from the residence. The officer also alleged that people within the residence "turned off the lights and tried to hide" but "eventually" responded to the officer at the door. According to CPD logs, the officer cited one woman for unlawful amplified sound.

### **Carrying alcohol** while underage

A patrolling CPD officer contacted a man walking along the 900 block of Northwest Buchanan Avenue Saturday night. The man was allegedly carrying a 24-pack of beer, despite being only 20 years old. The officer cited the man for minor in possession of alcohol and released him.



Thursday, January 15

### Found ammunition

Campus-based Oregon State Police responded to Poling Hall on Thursday after a resident assistant found a round of ammunition in the third floor shower area. According to OSP logs, the RA said a student had informed him of the ammo's presence, which was allegedly on top of a rack in one of the shower stalls. The student allegedly told the RA that he'd seen the bullet around 7:30 a.m. that day and that several people handled the bullet before they contacted the RA. OSP logged that they identified the bullet as belonging to a Luger 9mm and brought it into custody as temporary evidence.

### Attempted thefts

A CPD officer logged that he witnessed and responded to what appeared to be attempted unlawful entry of a vehicle. According to CPD logs, the officer allegedly saw a man attempt to enter two difference vehicles, which were parked in a driveway around 4 a.m. The officer logged that he found

## Need to Know

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Recording on-duty officers: The ease of recording and sharing video footage of incidents has

brought into question the legal-

ity of taking video or photo docu-

mentation of interactions with

on-duty law enforcement officers.

According to an Aug. 2014 article by

The Oregonian, it is legal to record

a video or photo so long as the

a "snort tube" and a piece of burnt aluminum foil in the suspect's possession, which the officer reportedly sent to CPD crime labs. CPD logs report the officer arrested the man for two counts of unlawful entry of a motorized vehicle and released him to staff at the Benton County Correctional Facility.

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event takes place in a public place, where the courts have ruled that there is 'no reasonable expectation of privacy.'" However, the act of recording or photographing an officer becomes illegal if it interferes with the officer's ability to perform their job. More detail on the laws and exemptions for "obtaining contents of communications" can be found on OregonLaws.org under ORS 165.540.

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U of 0 board preparing to hire 18th university president

### By Diane Dietz THE REGISTER-GUARD

EUGENE - The University of Oregon Board committee in charge of "all things presidential" is meeting today to consider how much to pay the next UO president, what the president's contract should require and how the board will evaluate the next president.

The trustees are preparing for their first UO presidential hire since the Board of Trustees came into being via state legislative action in mid-2014. The presidential search is expected to run through April.

Documents associated with the hiring process contain clues about what the next president should expect from the university community and the Board of Trustees

The board is mulling whether to bring business sector employment practices to the job of hiring a new university president.

The committee will seek advice from a consultant that "understands not just the world

of public higher education, but also more nimble, evaluative-based entities," according to board documents.

The committee is interested in executive pay models employed both inside and outside of higher education institutions, the document said.

The "ideal candidate" profile published on behalf of the UO by Parker Executive Search out of Atlanta doesn't specify that the candidate will have a doctorate or experience running a university, leaving some to speculate the board will consider candidates from the business or political realms.

The candidate has to be committed to "raising the aspirations of all Oregonians while recognizing the increasing role the private sector can play in fulfilling the University's aspirations."

That includes helping to raise \$2 billion from the private sector during the current multi-year fund raising campaign.

The committee also is studying how the university could tie presidential pay to performance

The Phoenix completes the last qualifier lap on the Yas Marina Circuit with driver Simon Crocker,

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goals, a strategy more frequently dent's office last fall in support of a strike by the UO Graduate seeing the captains of industry.

The candidate will face a host of sticky problems at the University of Oregon, according to research firm documents.

One is keeping tuition and fees affordable when they are the major source of funds for the \$961 million university budget.

Another issue is that the minority of faculty members at the University of Oregon are tenured or eligible for tenure - 719 compared with 1,207 non-tenure track faculty.

The candidate should be prepared for a culture of independent thinking and egalitarian ideals, the according to the Parker Executive Search document.

The 24,500 strong student body is known nationally for its activism. "UO students have been named the most active in the country by Mother Jones magazine," the document said.

Some recent examples: Undergraduates conducted days of 'study-ins" outside the presi-

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of a strike by the UO Graduate Teaching Fellows Federation.

Today, students are pressuring the UO Foundation to divest its \$650 million endowment of fossil fuel holdings. The student body

voted in favor of divestment last spring and the University Senate followed suite earlier this month.

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the cost of community college to zero.

In addition, Obama discussed Ferguson and its aftermath.

"We may have different takes on the events of Ferguson and New York. But surely we can understand a father who fears his son can't walk home without being harassed. And surely we can understand the wife who won't rest until the police officer she married walks through the front door at the end of his

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science freshman. "It's really about training better engineers that will benefit not only the solar industry, but engineering across the world."

Warrick helped develop racing strategies and managed the computer system during the three separate driving segments. He described his time abroad as "eye-opening and super fun."

The first segment departed from the nation's capital, Abu Dhabi, From there, each stretch of raceway was designed to test the vehicles' adaptation, endurance and efficiency.

Drivers must perform continuously for several hours at a time while their teams monitor weather and road conditions to prevent any slowdown. Their takes them through city and desert courses.

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Passages in the presidential documents indicate that the incoming president should expect a short leash from the UO trustees.

In an "outline of expectations" addendum to interim President Scott Coltrane's contract requires weekly meetings with board Chairman Chuck Lillis.

shift," Obama said. "And surely we can agree that it's a good thing that for the first time in 40 years, the crime rate and the incarceration rate have come down together, and use that as a starting point for Democrats and Republicans, community leaders and law enforcement, to reform America's criminal justice system so that it protects and serves all of us.

For a full transcript and audio of the president's State of the Union address, visit NPR.org.

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are invited to take part in the spirit of international cooperation. But even in rivalry, they still get together and socialized when ot on the road.

Ren described solar racing as "a tight-knit community." The Phoenix team spent the most time with team Apollo, a group from Taiwan.

Computer science sophomore Aspen Russell said his journey was a "once in a lifetime opportunity" to represent OSU and the nation.

"On a personal level, this trip is about showing that Oregon State as a solar vehicle team can compete internationally," Russell said. "This is years of hard work and this is kind of our payoff. It's our last race with the Phoenix and our first international race. I

can see this team going very far in the future. Being a part of that is one of the biggest things for me. Chris Correll, news reporter

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### Wednesday, Jan. 21 Meetings

Gaming Club at OSU, 7pm, MU 222. Dixon Recreational Sports, 9-10am, Dixon Rec. Conference Room. Recreational Sports Board Meeting ASOSU House of Representatives, 7pm, MU Lounge. Weekly meeting. ASOSU, 5:30pm, 149 Snell Hall. ASOSU Public Meeting and Open Hearing for 2015-16 budget request.

### Thursday, Jan. 22

Events Campus Recycling, SSI, Waste Watchers, 5:30-7:30pm, OSUsed Store (644 SW 13th St.). January Repair Fair - Bring your broken items and volunteers will help you learn how to repair your belongings!

Friday, Jan. 23 Meetings Student Organization Resources for

Community Engagement (SORCE), 10-11:30am, MU 221/Board Room. SORCE Committee Hearings Student Parent Advisory Board, Noon, Barometer Conference Room (120 MU East/Snell Hall). FY16 Open Budget Meeting.

### Saturday, Jan. 24

Events Oregon State University Polo Club, 5-7pm, Benton County Fairgrounds Arena. OSU Men's (horse not water)

Polo Team vs. Colorado State University. Free parking and bleacher seating. OSU Polo since 1923. Come and watch this exciting and fast-paced game in

### Sunday, Jan. 25

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Oregon State University Polo Club, 10am-Noon, Benton County Fair-grounds Arena. OSU Women's (horse not water) Polo Team vs. Colorado State University. Free parking and bleacher seating. OSU Polo since 1923. Come and watch this exciting and fastpaced game in person

### Monday, Jan. 26

### Meetings

Waste Watchers, 5:30-7pm, Gilkey 104. Weekly meeting - Help plan and get involved with waste reduction events, education and outreach!

### Thursday, Jan. 29 Meetings

Baha'i Campus Association, 12:30pm MU Talisman Room. Empowering Children and Youth - A discussion.

### Friday, Jan. 30

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## Portland City Council revisits FBI task force issue

### By Jim Redden PORTLAND TRIBUNE

PORTLAND — Less than two weeks before President Obama convenes an international conference on fighting terrorism, the City Council is once again scheduled to discuss its involvement with the local FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Mayor Charlie Hales has tentatively scheduled a work session on Portland's participation in the JTTF for Feb. 5. The White House has announced plans for world leaders to gather Feb. 18 in Washington, D.C., to better coordinate their efforts against homegrown terrorists and other extremists. The "Summit on Countering Violent Extremism" was called in the wake of the attack on the satirical magazine Charlie Hebo in Paris, where 17 people died.

Portland's current involvement in the JTTF is limited. No police are permanently assigned to the JTTF, but they are allowed to participate in its investigations on an "as-needed basis," provided they are investigating suspected criminal activity. The Portland police chief must also present an annual report to the council on activities in the previous year.

Mayor Hales is not pleased with that level of participation, according to spokesman Dana Haynes. Hales also thinks the annual reports have not provided enough information for the council to understand what the investigations involving the police have entailed.

"The mayor thinks the city should either be all in or all out. He does not have preference at this point, but wants the council to discuss it and make a decision, one way or another." Havnes says.

Portland FBI Special Agent in Charge Gregory Bretzing says his agency prefers the city to be fully involved in the task force.

"We think Portland is safer if the police are fully involved. They have a unique perspective of the city and have knowledge of people we night not be aware of," Bretzing says.

The ACLU of Oregon believes the city should fully withdraw from the

JTTF, however, according to Legislative Director Becky Straus. "The FBI has a well-documented his-

tory of abusing the rights of law-abiding citizens," Straus says.

According to Straus, although the ACLU supported the current arrangement when it was approved in 2011, the organization has been disappointed by the lack of information in the annual reports.

"We think Portland should be a national model for protecting rights and transparency, and there is not enough information in the reports for us to tell if the arrangement is working," Straus says.

### **Homegrown extremists**

Hales first requested the work session in December, weeks before the Paris attacks and upcoming interna-

tional terrorism summit. Haynes says those events could affect the council's deliberations, because they are so emotional and high profile. At the very least, they have focused attention on the role of local law enforcement agencies in fighting homegrown extremists.

The Paris attacks and others in Canada and Australia in recent months

involved "lone wolfs" who are not easily tracked by national authorities. Controversy has acco

"Recent events show the nature of terrorism is changing and we need to respond to that," Bretzing says.

According to Bretzing, even if Portland completely withdraws from the JTTF, the FBI will brief Hales and new Police Chief Larry O'Dea on any imminent threat to the city.

### Portland and the FBI

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citizens.

**Becky Straus** 

Legislative Director, ACLU of Oregon

The FBI Portland JTTF is one of 104 task forces based in cities involving federal, state and local law enforcement officials in the county. The first was established in

New York in 1980. More than half — 71 — have been created since the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.

Portland's involvement in the local JTTF always has been controversial. When the council voted to authorize Portland police to participate in 2000, civil libertarians complained about the FBI's civil rights viola-

tions, among other things. Hales, who was a city commissioner at the time, was the lone "no" vote. Haynes says Hales always has opposed assigning police to duties, such as border patrol, outside the scope of the Portland Police Bureau.

Objections surfaced each time the council reauthorized the participation until 2005, when then-Mayor Tom Potter complained he could not properly oversee the officers' involved in it and the council voted to withdraw.

The council came up with its current arrangement in 2011 after 19-year-old Mohamed Osman Mohamud was arrested by the FBI on charges of trying to detonate a bomb in Pioneer Courthouse Square several months earlier. The deal was brokered by Dwight Holton, who was the Oregon

U.S. Attorney. He argued

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Portlanders would be **Recent events** safer if the police were once again participating show the nature in the JTTE The council of terrorism only agreed to limited is changing involvement, however, and required the annual and we need to reports that have proven respond to that. controversial. Former Police Chief Mike Reese

Gregory Bretzing Portland FBI Special Agent in Charge

ited to not compromise ongoing investigations.

Controversy has accompanied all of the JTTF's known investigations. Mohamud's lawyers unsuccessful argued he was entrapped in the bomb plot by overzealous undercover agents who took advantage of his young age. Six years before that, the FBI apologized for suspecting Portland lawyer Brandon Mayfield, a Muslim, of participating in a terrorist bombing in Spain. Some people even criticized the FBI for pursuing the Portland Seven, a group of local Muslims whose members tried to travel to Afghanistan to fight coalition forces in 2002. Although some of them talked about attacking local targets when they returned home, local Muslims and others accused the FBI of setting them up.

More recently, Reaz Qadir Khan, a Portland Bureau of Environmental Services employee, was arrested in March 2013 on charges of aiding a terrorist attack on a Pakistani government compound four years ago that killed 30 and injured 300 people.

The White House says the Feb. 18 terrorism summit will "highlight domestic and international efforts to prevent violent extremists and their supporters from radicalizing, recruiting, or inspiring individuals or groups in the United States and abroad to commit acts of violence."

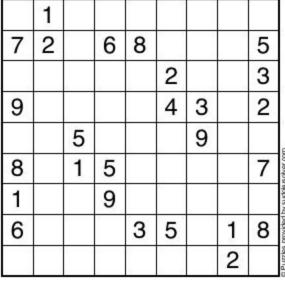
The announcement specifically mentioned the role local governments can play in such efforts. Officials from such cities as Boston, Los Angeles, and Minneapolis-St. Paul are scheduled to discuss strategies they have used.



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## Do you think dictionaries should incorporate slang words?



I don't think so. That's not really a necessary place for it because slang is used in the modern day, usually by younger generations. I feel it's unnecessary because a lot of slang also has, like, multiple meanings to it and things like that.

Gabriel Ramirez Sophomore, pre-mechanical engineering



I think if they're used for a certain period of time, then they eventually become accepted even if they're colloquial terms. Is 'twerk' going to be used in a year and a half? Maybe, maybe not. I think Urban **Dictionary needs** to become a bigger thing, but I think official dictionaries should have more really common slang words. Kevin Camp Senior, bioengineering



I'd say language is evolutionary and is always changing, always growing. I personally don't view those words as 'words'. However, if the general population of our nation believes that 'man crush' needs to be in the dictionary then so be it.

> Mason Grine Graduate student in arts and teaching



There's a place for them there. I don't think all of it should be there, but they're getting more and more popular and being used more and more in everyday conversation. Tyler Moore

Junior, communications



I think it's wise. There are lots of people learning English that don't understand slang, so if it's in the dictionary, they can easily find out what it means.

> Karli Hull Freshman, communications



I think that language is evolving, so I think that's good. There might be good cause for some wait time after when a word becomes popular. You should determine if it has staying power first. Jens Gilman

Senior, math

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Senior psychology majors Erika Frandrup (right) and Sara McCracken (center) speak to liberal studies sophomore Katie Rodriggs (left) about Moebius syndrome.

# Looking 'beyond face value'

 Disability and Social Interaction Lab tables in quad to raise awareness of Moebius syndrome

### By Kat Kothen and Nicki Silva THE DAILY BAROMETER

The Disability and Social Interaction Lab at Oregon State University is urging students this week to "look beyond face value."

The lab is tabling in the Memorial Union quad this week to raise awareness for Moebius syndrome, a rare neurological disorder.

"A lot of students aren't aware of Moebius syndrome at all, so we've had people come by and ask us, point blank, 'what is Moebius syndrome?' and it's nice to just inform them and spread the word," said psychology senior Erika Frandrup.

Frandrup and Cramer Kallem, a senior in psychology, work in the Disability and Social Interaction Lab. The director of the lab is Kathleen Bogart, an assistant professor and psychologist who has Moebius syndrome.

Moebius syndrome affects facial nerves,

causing facial paralysis. Because of the paralysis, those afflicted with the disease are left unable to express themselves through the use of facial expressions.

In order to raise awareness for the syndrome, the Disability and Social Interaction Lab is asking students to fill out posters describing the different ways they express themselves besides facial expressions. This is part of a social media campaign with the Moebius Syndrome Foundation. Those who make posters at the table will have their picture taken and posted to the Moebius Syndrome Foundation Facebook page to show support for the cause.

page to show support for the cause. "It's important to me as a psychology major because I work in a lab — the DSIL lab — and just knowing these people with Moebius syndrome have these social stigmas, I'm here to help eliminate them so they can feel like they're part of society and not stigmatized," Frandrup said.

Tabling in the quad will continue every day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Friday, Jan. 23.

> Kat Kothen, associate news editor Nicki Silva, photographer news@dailybarometer.com



Junior mechanical engineering majors Ruth Hamblin (left) and Sadie Boyle (right) hold up their own posters stating how they express themselves and look beyond face value.



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Tinkle, **OSU** look to repeat history



Former Montana coach faces UCLA for second time in career, looks for another win

#### By Josh Worden THE DAILY BAROMETER

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Wayne Tinkle is in his first year as Oregon State's head basketball coach, but when his team faces UCLA on Thursday in Gill Coliseum, it will be the second time Tinkle will coach against the Bruins.

While the head coach at Montana, Tinkle's Grizzlies traveled to Los Angeles on Dec. 5, 2010 and took a 66-57 victory over a UCLA team that went on to make the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

"It was a thrill to take our Montana team into Pauley (Pavilion) ... and get a win against a really talented team," Tinkle said. "It was a big shot in the arm and it was a marquee win for our program at that time.

On Thursday, Tinkle will look for a similar signature win — again against UCLA - with his OSU squad. The 6 p.m. tipoff Thursday will have the visiting Bruins (11-7, 3-2 Pac-12) attempt-ing to be the first team to beat the Beavers (12-5, 3-2) in Gill this season. Tinkle hopes to gain a similar sense

of momentum his Montana squad built in 2010. After all, 10 days after the win over UCLA, Tinkle and Montana See MEN'S HOOPS | page 6



Sophomore guard Malcolm Duvivier gets his hands up on defense against the Arizona State Sun Devils Jan. 8 at Gill Coliseum.



JUSTIN QUINN | THE DAILY BAROMETER Junior distance swimmer Sammy Harrison prepares for her next heat during the Beavers' meet against UCLA Jan. 16 at Osborn Aquatic Center.

## Bruins prove too much for Beavers at Osborn

 After long road schedule, women's swim team

returns home to face UCLA

THE DAILY BAROMETER

After spending more than two months away from home, the Oregon State women's swimming team returned to Corvallis and the Osborn Aquatic Center to face inconference opponent UCLA Friday.

Unfortunately for the Beavers, the return home was not enough to help them break a home skid that dates back to early October, as they fell to the Bruins 151 to 102.

Junior distance swimmer Sammy Harrison continued her dominance in the 1,000yard freestyle clocking a time of 9:46.70. Harrison managed to take a couple second places during the meet, with finishes in the 200 and 500 yard freestyle events.

Sophomore breaststroke specialist Czsarina Isleta managed to hit the wall first when she competed in the 100yard breaststroke event. Isleta recorded a time of 1:04.81, which was almost two seconds

faster than her next competitor. Isleta managed a few other top three finishes on the day, coming in second in the 200 breaststroke and third in the 200 IM.

Isleta's other top place finish came in the 200-yard medley relay where she took second, thanks to the help of teammates junior backstroke swimmer Amani Amr, sophomore freestyle swimmer Andrea Young and redshirt sophomore freestyler Claire McLaggan.

The Beavers managed one more first place finish at the end of the meet when they took part in the 400-yard freestyle relay. Harrison, who was accompanied by teammates freshman freestyle swimmer Tair Maimon, freshman freestyler Noemie Midrez and junior free swimmer Constance Toulemonde, hit the wall with a time of 3:32.77, good enough for first and 11 points for the team.

The Beavers will now enjoy a stint at home that starts with a meet against Washington State on Friday Jan. 23 at 5 p.m.

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C ports at times can be hard to follow.

A team that you love has a great start to a season and then life comes along and throws a wrench into the whole situation.

At times this can mean the end of a season for a fantasy football player, but in the most dramatic moments it can mean the end of the hopes and dreams of many.

Sometimes those endings are clear —like an injury — and yet others leave you puzzled and full of bewilderment. Case-in-point: Oregon State men's basketball player junior forward Victor Robbins.

Robbins is currently serving a 10-game suspension for violating athletic department policy. What that means I have no idea, but I'm sure it's safe to assume it isn't good.

For Robbins that means not playing basketball; for his teammates, that means losing a player who off the bench—even after serving two games of the suspension —- is fourth on the team in points, third on the team in steals and fourth on the team in total rebounds.

Such a loss is not just hard on the players, but on Beaver Nation as a whole.

And yet the only explanation we get as far as why this suspension has happened, is as bland and unappealing as a bowl of puffed rice.

I understand protecting the player and the organization from anything and the organization from anything distracting or negative is important, but this is not a matter of National Security. This is just a young man who probably did a young man thing and has plenty of time in life to move past it.

I'm not saying don't enforce the suspension, I'm saying communicate with your public about the truth of the situation instead of hiding behind a veil of gray.

I don't know what it is about our world today that makes "more qualified" people choose what we should and shouldn't know, but in the arena of sports — which I will mention again, is about games - we should be free to know.

Robbins's absence was more than prevalent during the game against Washington and it wasn't just his absence on the court.

Something within the players was different, as if a piece of them was missing.

Junior guards Gary Payton II and Langston Morris-Walker combine for eight points on the night?

I mean, I understand Oregon beat the Beavers and the Huskies beat the Ducks, but let's be real — Washington's defense isn't so prolific that it's able to shut down the top two scorers on the team.

No, both Payton II and Morris-Walker were off that night, and without a clear explanation as to why Robbins wasn't there, I'm only left to assume that the piece that was in a funk was not an off night for the junior guards, but the absence of a friend, teammate and contributor to what makes them a team.

Even head coach Wayne Tinkle had to motivate the team with the loss of Robbins and tell them to work with what they had. And after he did, the two top scorers combine for 35 points and 24 rebounds showing - as great teams do - that through adversity, a winning team is made.

Undoubtedly there will again come a day where the absence of Robbins will be felt, and on that day, I will again wonder why.

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(16-1, 6-0 Pac-12) and

No. 13 Arizona State (17-1, 6-0)

Oregon State and Arizona State are

They are one and two in

scoring defense, scor-

ing margin, field goal

the only two teams that remain undefeated in conference play, and have each only lost once outside of inconference play.

percentage and rebounding margin.

Oregon State showed its grit this last

weekend with a pair of close wins

against tough Washington teams, prov-

ing that even on an off-night it is able to

scrape together a win. Arizona State was

tested this last weekend with a 3-point

victory on the road against Stanford.

These two teams are meeting this week-

end, and it should be the showcase of

After being top of the Pac-12 for more

unbeatable force it use to be.

The Cardinal was recently

defeated by Arizona State on

their home court. ASU took

the lead early and maintained

it throughout the game, while Stanford was able to come

than 10 years, Stanford is no longer the

back from a 17-point deficit to only lose by three. That showed its determination

and fight to not give up. Its other game last weekend against Arizona showed

that the team's ability to dominate is

still in its repertoire with the 70-47 win.

Although Stanford is not top dog any-

While the Huskies are only .500 with-

ends of the floor, and are able to score

quickly through fast-paced transition

play. The Huskies are No. 1 in scoring

offense in the conference and in free

throw percentage, complimenting their

in inconference play, they

entered conference play with only one loss. They are

a very efficient team on both

more, it is still a potent threat.

Washington (14-4, 3-3)

No. 11 Stanford (13-5, 5-1)

the season so far.





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fast paced play to get to the line and was an expected loss, convert fouls to easy points. They are a team to watch out for as the season progresses.

Cal (12-5, 4-2)

Cal's two conference losses were against top teams Arizona State and Washington. It has been able to score often and efficiently, coming in third in the conference in scoring and field

goal percentage. It has, however, the worst free throw percentage, and that could prove to be trouble al

for it later in the season when games are close and are often decided by free throws. So while it is finding wins, it is not a team that can't be exploited and defeated.

### Washington State (11-6, 2-4)

While they only have two confer-ence wins, the Cougars do have a unique and aggressive defense that can cause teams trouble. They are number

two in steals in the conference, and are very good at turning those turnovers into easy points on fast breaks. When they are able

to execute their defense throughout a whole game, they are able to stifle their opponents' offense and win. The Cougars are only a few points and plays away from getting wins instead of losses.

UCLA (8-9, 4-2) and

USC (11-6, 3-3)

With a .500 conference record, USC is sitting firmly in the middle of the Pac-12. It is number one in offensive rebounding and in steals.

In conference play it has had some varying results with a 20-point win against Colorado, and

then only a three point victory against bottom of the Pac-12 Utah last weekend. Similarly to UCLA, the Trojans have had some mixed results in conference play. Their two losses were against Oregon and Oregon State. While Oregon State

### losing to Oregon was an unexpected lose. These displays show the appro-

Colorado (9-8, 2-4) While Colorado only lost to Stanford by seven points, its other Pac-12 losses are doubledigit losses, including a 20 point loss to USC. Its

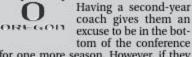
first two conference wins were this last weekend against Utah, which hasn't won a conference game this season. So while it is at the bottom of the Pac-12, it has firmly showed itself to not be the absolute bottom.

priate placement of these teams in the

middle of the conference.

#### Oregon (8-9, 1-5)

Oregon is struggling again this season, after going 6-12 in conference play last year. The Ducks are still adjusting to their new coach from last year. They are in the bottom half of all stats in the conference, except three pointers made and assists.



for one more season. However, if they don't show improvement towards the end of the season, it is safe to say that they lack the talent to compete competitively in conference play.

Arizona (7-10, 0-6) and

Utah (6-11, 0-6)

Both these teams have yet to find a win in conference play. To no surprise, Arizona and Utah are the worst in the conference for scoring and field goal percentage. It is hard to win when you

can't score. Neither team is a bad team, but they aren't up to the high standards of the Pac-12 this season. They could get a win if they played their best games, but they can be seen as a semi-easy win for the other teams inconference.

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played Oregon State - coached by Craig Robinson — and won by five points.

Today, OSU and UCLA are tied in the Pac-12 standings, both one game back from the peak of the conference.

The Beavers are in a crossroads currently, playing without junior forward Victor Robbins, who has eight games remaining in his 10-game suspension for violating athletic department policy.

OSU lost by 13 to Washington in Robbin's first game away from the team before capturing a 15-point victory over Washington State on Saturday.

That first game at Washington, (we said) 'oh no, that's our second-leading scorer. Where are we going to go with our point production?'" Tinkle said. "But then it was just kind've like, 'hey, this is what we have. Let's go find a way to win.' And the guys really bought into that against Washington State."

Against Washington, OSU's starters totaled only 33 points and junior forward Jarmal Reid's 10 points represented the only scoring from bench players.

"It was our first game with a guy short, so we had to know what player had to step up," said junior guard Gary Payton II. "Going into the Washington State game, we knew what we had to do.

Payton and junior guard Langston Morris-Walker combined for 35 points against the Cougars in the 62-47 win, though the Beavers only got seven bench points without Robbins, who had been averaging 10.3 points per game in a reserve role.

"We were a little short-handed with our roster, and the guys stayed together," Tinkle said. We focused on the defensive end and controlled the tempo great overall bounce-back on the second game (against WSU)

Going forward, Reid knows he will continue to be one of

outside of the starting five. "I think it will definitely be noticeable, considering the fact that me and Vic were the main guys coming off, and now it's just me and the walk-ons," Reid

the lone scoring contributors

said. "It's going to be tough ... but I think we can definitely get it done." Tinkle said that Reid and N'Diaye, despite playing differ-ent positions, can spell Gomis and other players while also allowing Schaftenaar to play more at the power forward position than center. Also, freshman walk-on guards Tanner Sanders and Dylan Livesay as well as forward Matt Dahlen could see more playing time with

Robbins out. 'Everybody has to step up; the walk-ons have to step up, Payton II said. "That carries over to the starters ... we've got to pick up what Victor brought to the table."

The Bruins have had a tumultuous season of their own, playing four teams ranked in the top-10 nationally and losing all three by a combined 106 points. UCLA started 8-7 and was on a five-game losing streak before rattling off three straight wins including a double-overtime 86-81 thriller over Stanford, the only loss for the Cardinal in the Pac-12 — leading up to

Thursday's game against OSU. The Beavers, meanwhile, are 10-0 in Corvallis, matching the best mark for an OSU team since 1984, and most recently winning over then-No. 7 Arizona, 58-56.

Though home games have been favorable for OSU this season, Tinkle commented on the necessity to not negatively compensate with the bonus of a home crowd.

"The one challenge is to not ust think that because we're at home, we're going to get a win," Tinkle said. "It's been neat to this point, but we still have a lot moving forward and we have to stay focused."

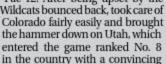
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Arizona (16-2, 4-1 Pac-12)

Message received, Arizona: you are still the class of the Pac-12. After being upset by the Beavers, the Wildcats bounced back, took care of





in the country with a convincing 69-51 beating at home. The next matchup for the Wildcats does not get any easier, as they need to travel to the Bay Area to take on a very tough Stanford team and finish off against Cal.

Utah (14-3, 4-1)

I bet Utah cannot wait for Feb. 28 when they



get to play Arizona again on their court, because they got ran out of the McKale Center in Tucson, Ariz. with an 18 point defeat. That had to have been a huge letdown for the Utes as they entered the

game ranked 8th in the nation and had breezed through their Pac-12 schedule. How the team will respond is the big question: after a loss like the one Utah suffered, its next test comes at home against Washington - who is coming off a sweep of the Oregon schools -and Washington State.

Stanford (13-4, 4-1)



Stanford is a tough team. They could make a case being the top-team in the Pac-12 after blowing past Cal in the second half in Berkeley, Calif. and then blowing out defending national champions UCONN last

week. Stanford wants a chance to prove it belongs in the conversation for top of the Pac. Fortunately for the Cardinal, they host No. 7 Arizona on Thursday on their home court. Are they as good as their record? We should find out soon enough.

### Oregon State (12-5, 3-2)

Another positive weekend for the Beavers as

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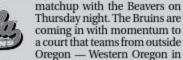
they split their road trip in Washington and get their first inconference victory away from their home court - an impressive feat for a team that continues to surprise everyone outside its own locker room with its play each week. This week the Beavers return to Gill Coliseum, where they

are a perfect 10-0, to host UCLÁ and USC. UCLA will be coming in on a three-game winning

streak bouncing back from its rough start to conference play. The Bruins are also already battle tested, having played four top-10 teams this season, and USC is coming off of their first conference victory. This could end up being a very important week for the Beavers.

UCLA (11-7, 3-2) I am guilty for pressing the panic button on UCLA; I had the Bruins ranked 12th in the

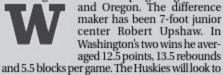
conference a couple weeks ago, as they had just lost their fifth game in a row. Here they are now, in the top-five and riding a three-game win streak as they travel up to Corvallis for a



an exhibition - have had no luck winning in. They will finish off their road trip against a Duck team that is just as tough at home and is coming off a tough road trip. UCLA could be a big riser

or faller after this week.

Washington (13-4, 2-3) Washington, much like UCLA, has gotten back to its winning ways. After winning the first 13 games, it went on to lose its next four, before bouncing back and sweeping Oregon State and Oregon. The difference



keep their winning streak alive when they travel

THE DAILY BAROMETER to take on Colorado and No. 12 Utah this week. Washington State (9-8, 3-2) Five games into conference play and the

Cougars have already matched their win total of three games - within the conference from

a year ago, a big step for first-year head coach Ernie Kent. Speaking of Kent, he faced his former team, a team he was fired from after the

2009-2010 season, last week and beat it in overtime. Wazzu beat the Ducks 108-99 in the overtime shoot-out to give them their third inconference win. The Cougars were unable to get their fourth conference victory, as they were held to 61 points fewer in their matchup against the Beavers than they were against the Ducks in their 62-47 defeat to the Beavers.

Oregon (12-6, 2-3)

Defense is what killed the Ducks last week. Against Washington State, they gave up 108 points

in their overtime loss to the Cougars; against Washington the Ducks allowed 53 second-half points and were OREGON unable to protect their 10-point

halftime lead as they fell to the Huskies 85-77. The Ducks can score the basketball - they rank 24th in points per game - but until they improve on their 287th ranked defense, wins

will be hard to come by in Pac-12 play. Arizona State(9-9, 1-4)

There is no longer a winless team in the conference. Arizona State finally got the monkey off its back and picked up its first conference win in its

78-72 victory over Colorado on Saturday. There is even a chance that the Sun Devils could keep ASU this hot streak going, as they travel to Berkeley to take on the Golden Bears on Thursday, who

are in the midst of a four game losing streak.

Colorado (9-9, 2-3)

Last week I wanted to know who this Colorado team was. I have come to the conclusion that

ference victory, it's safe to say that the Buffaloes are in a down year. Colorado will try to stop its three game losing streak at home against Washington and Washington State to try and get its season back on track.

Cal (11-7, 1-4)

Rough stretch for the Golden Bears: They started off Pac-12 play with a very nice victory against then No. 21 Washington — which has also fallen off — then proceeded to drop their next four games including double-digit losses to UCIA and USC. There is no way around it: Cal is in a slump.

it is not a team that will represent the Pac-12 in

the NCAA tournament, like it has the past three

seasons. After getting blown out by Arizona and

giving Arizona State its first con-

Fortunately for the Golden Bears, their is a potential slump-buster in Arizona State coming to Berkeley on Thursday. If Cal doesn't close ar the deal against the Sun Devils, they face a much harder task in taking down Arizona. Things are bad for Cal - with the potential to get much worse

if they can't get a win this weekend.

USC (9-8, 1-4)

The men of Troy only had one game this week, against their in-city rival UCLA. In that game the Trojans could not close out both of the halves in that game, as the Bruins outscored them 26-6 in the closing minutes of both halves. USC is the only team in the Pac-12

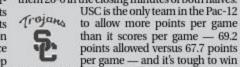
many games when you allow that to happen. Next up for the Trojans is a matchup against the

struggling Ducks in Eugene, before taking on the

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Beavers on Saturday.

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resident Barack Obama issued the State of the Union Tuesday, Jan. 20 and addressed many victories and promises that have occurred in the past decade - among which was the illusive "bold new plan to lower the cost of community college to zero," according to the transcript from the White House Office of the Press Secretary.

Obama expressed in his speech that free community college was already available in locations such as Tennessee and Chicago — confirmed by The Chicago Tribune and The Tennessean — and that he wanted to make community college as free and accessible as American public high school.

This would allow Americans to get

merica has many programs

to try to help the poor, the

sick and those with acces-

As far as the latter goes, many

steps have been taken since the

Americans with Disabilities Act of

1990 to make sure that people with

disabilities are not discriminated

against, and that certain accommo-

dations are made in public places to

But like any well-meaning system, there are always abusers of it.

way through an accessible parking

placard application. According to

the DMV, one simply needs to fill

out an application and get obtain

doctor's signature in order to reap the benefits meant for people with

actual disabilities. This could mean

forging a signature, or a doctor qui-

etly handing them out to his or her

But who would be so dastardly

spouse, kids or friends.

It is all too easy now to fake one's

sibility needs.

increase mobility.

### Editorial

out into the work force sooner and with significantly less debt than is currently possible.

It would definitely create a much more feasible route for our society to smarten up without eating Top Ramen constantly.

We commend his goal and desire to shower the nation with free education in terms of gifts, it's probably the nicest present anyone has ever tried to give us students.

But how exactly will this plan work when Obama only has a year and a half left in office and a Congress and Senate filled with people who have done nothing but try to block all of his bills out of spite?

What is the budget like for this kind of endeavor? We know that he doesn't really have to worry about voter approval since it's his second term, and if he wants to go hog wild, there is really no stopping the guy. Except for the other branches of

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government. Don't get us wrong: we would love to see free community college.

We are just very cynical, skeptical students who were once told that a red-suited fat man came down a chimney once a year to give us goodies, free of charge. Spoiler: the redsuited fat man does not exist. Could the budget or the bill for free

community college exist?

It is very easy for a politician to get up on a podium and give grand promises that guarantee change.

onto the horizons of people com-

In the city, parking is very lim-

And although we concur that significant changes have taken place during the Obama administration gas is lower, there are fewer troops in Afghanistan and more jobs have been created - we remain skeptical.

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The thing we worry about, though, is even if these plans for free community college go through, what is to stop the next president from undoing it?

What we have now, in comparison to where we started at the end of the Bush administration, is definitely better. But it is definitely not over.

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## Young voters necessary to win elections

'n today's society, where politics have become increasingly divid-ed between the Republican and Democratic parties, it has never been more important to view political issues

from a purely individualistic perspective. More often than not, we tend to see propaganda that supports only the conservative or liberal aspects of a certain issue — whether it is on news channels, in newspaper articles or on the radio.

With many Americans listening to these extreme perspectives, we are unfortunately more apt to agree with our own particular political party's stance instead of truly focusing on our own ideals and coming to a unique conclusion.

Politics is not intended to look at issues in purely black and white perspectives, although our current political system may make it appear that way.

By listening to various points of view and keeping an open mind at all times, we are able to cultivate more considerate and productive opinions.

Although I do not agree with the Obama administration on many of their approaches towards certain political issues, I do appreciate their most recent attempt to reach out to younger generations through social media.

According to an article in the New York Times called "Obama's Social Media Team Tries to Widen Audience for State of the Union Address," not only has the current administration recognized the need for advertisement through social media, but they have developed a team that will create various advertisements on Facebook, Twitter and other social media that will allow a wide variety of people the opportunity to follow the State of the Union Address via the Internet.

When it comes to the younger generations, this is a crucial step towards increasing public participation in political issues, and more importantly the upcoming Presidential election in 2016.

In past years, there has been a significant lack in voting from young adults ages 18-24, as only 38 percent of Americans in this age category voted in the 2012 Presidential election.

With such a low turnout, it is critical that our administration attempt to reach out to these young adults in order to gain their perspective, as they are the future of this nation.

Here at Oregon State University, the Associated Students of Oregon State University has done an excellent job of motivating students to register to vote, as well as participate in local issues.

However, there is still much that can be done in order to increase participation in the on-goings of our nation - but I applaud the current administration for taking the necessary action to incorporate more perspectives into our current political society.

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spaces meant for people who actually need them? Unfortunately, the answer is quite

Because the system is so easy to

rather slowly.



as to pretend they have to park in

a few people.

But progress is being made, if

example, dark clouds of doom rolled

mitting fraud. ited, and there are currently double the amounts of accessible parking placards as there are blue parking

abuse, and the benefits so tantalizing, many people do. The abuse of the system can range from ablebodied people obtaining an accessible parking card in their names, to people borrowing a relatives' placard for a trip to the library, grocery store or into the city.

In 2012 in San Francisco, for

spaces, according to SFGate. City council members met to dis-

cuss what to do about the issue, and mulled over a few possible solutions.

One, of course, was to start crack-ing down on able-bodied people parking in accessible spaces. And this has been done with more gusto; the punishment for committing such fraud in the city has been raised from a fine to possible jail time.

Although the city has been cracking down on people who lie on their parking placard applications, the council also raised the possibility of making disabled San Franciscans pay at meters.

Currently, most city parking is metered parking, but people with accessibility needs are exempt from this and are able to park for free for almost unlimited amounts of time.

But because of the astounding number of issued placards in the city and the limited amount of coinciding spaces, it would make it easier for people to find accessible parking spaces if the incentive to keep one's car in the same spot (free parking) were to be taken away.

Although this may seem like a reasonable solution, the population of those with accessibility needs was less than pleased with the idea, according to SFGate.

It has now turned into a threeyear-long dispute, with the handicapped population continuing to push back against the efforts of the city to install meters in handicapped spaces.

Despite these setbacks, many people are becoming more educated about the problem, not just in San

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## Domination, submission and the pursuit of happiness

ear Dr. Sex: My fiancé and I were looking up things for us to do to spice up our sex life. We then discovered a type of role-play that some straight couples have been doing called gender swapping where the

male and female physically reverse roles. An example would be if the female wears a strap on and then penetrates the male.

This act also involves cross dressing as well which I already know is more common than it was before, but I want to know how common this gender swapping is, particularly how common it is among straight people couples today?

Signed, Sex – Sriracha Style Dear SSS,

The behavior you are describing certainly isn't new.

Kathy Greaves

vided by the American Association of Ask Dr. Sex Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists more than 20 years ago and

I went to a

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women wearing strap-ons to penetrate their male partners was a topic. The phrase "Gender Swapping" is used more in the

realm of video gaming. I actually haven't seen that phrase used much at all in the context of heterosexual sexual behavior.

I think a more common phrase for a heterosexual couple switching roles is Domination and Submission or simply sexual role reversal.

I'm not saying the phrase Gender Swapping is wrong, but simply that I haven't seen it used for what you are

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# Popcorn is an American classic

hat did the baby corn say to the mom corn? Where's my "pop" corn?

OK, that was a bit corny. I'm sure you're a bit cornfused too.

Well, did you know that Monday was National Popcorn Day? That's right, popcorn: the late night snack many of us munch on when preparing for that "pop" quiz.

Well did you know that Americans consume about 16 billion quarts of popped popcorn each year?

That's about 13 gallons of buttery goodness per person.

Approximately 70 percent of that is purchased at retail stores in both raw and popped form, and eaten at home — or in our case, college.

Popping popcorn is one of the number one uses for microwaves.

Therefore, most microwave ovens have a "popcorn" pre-timed button.

The remainder pops up almost anywhere, from movie theaters to sporting events, entertainment arenas to amusement parks.

Lets face it, Americans love popcorn because it tastes great, and without all the extras, it's super healthy.

Plus its super cheap — unless you're at the theater, in which case it's \$75 a kernel. That might not be an accurate price, but you'll probably pay more for popcorn than you paid for your ticket.

You will likely even devour 80 percent of that popcorn before the movie starts in heaping handfuls far larger than is humanly possible to be consumed.

Popcorn truly is an American snack, as it originates from North America. Long before the arrival of Europeans, Native

Americans consumed popcorn. Corn ears nearly 5,600 years old have been

carbon dated in New Mexico, and in a tomb in Peru, researchers uncovered 1,000-yearold grains of popcorn so well-preserved they still pop.

I'm trying to think of a popcorn pun that

Gregory Christensen

Cultivating Innovation really pops, but I can't think of anything butter than this.

Popcorn is a member of the grass family, scientifically known as "Zea mays everta." Of the six types of maize-corn in the grass family: Pod, sweet, flour, dent, flint and pop-

corn — only popcorn will pop. Currently, major popcorn producing states are Illinois, Kansas, Ohio, Kentucky and Nebraska.

Maybe that's why Mike Riley left Oregon State University for the Cornhuskers. So what makes popcorn pop?

Our tasty delectable treat pops because

corn kernels contain a small drop of water that expands when exposed to high heat. The water causes the kernel to explode,

turning it inside out. Popcorn actually requires between 13.5 to 14 percent moisture to pop, and frozen pop-

corn won't pop at all. Air-popped popcorn is naturally high in dietary fiber and low in calories and fat.

In fact, it is a very healthy snack when left plain.

However, to enhance its flavor, most of us add salt, butter and sugary toppings.

So if you're still working on the New Years resolution to lose weight, try some of the following flavorful additions: cinnamon, a dash of cayenne, a squirt of lemon or lime or

a sprinkling of Parmesan and Italian herbs. Next time you go to the theater, rent a movie or just need a good snack, grab that pouch of

microwavable popcorn and enjoy.

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cappedfraud.org. At this site, people can report a sighting of an able-bodied person parking in an accessible spot to the "abuse board" or reports

sible spot to the "abuse board" or reports list, making note of the placard number and license plate number. Every month the compiled list is sent to

state DMVs, where report trends are analyzed. If a certain placard number is reported a large number of times, "fines may be issued, and placards revoked," according to the website. And it is no joke: the reports list shows abuse sightings from across the United States. There seem to be about five to 10 reports per day.

Parking placard abuse is infuriating, and it's not going to disappear overnight.

That's why it's going to take a little effort from everyone to ensure that those who are truly entitled to special accommodations don't have a hard time getting them.

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## Protest of Uber, Portland task force picks up

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PORTLAND — Portland is working hard to legalize businesses that haven't followed the rules — so far.

The first meeting of a task force created to pave the way for so-called ride sharing companies to operate in the city was held last Wednesday afternoon. It was appointed by Commissioner Steve Novick after Uber, the largest and most aggressive of the companies, made it clear they want to operate in Portland.

The meeting took place the day after all six Portland taxi companies protested Uber at a Pioneer Courthouse Square rally. They are upset because Uber began offering rides in town on Dec. 5, even though its drivers don't meet city rules that all taxi companies and drivers must follow, like specific comprehensive insurance coverage. Uber drivers — who pick up passengers through the company's smartphone app — also charge less than taxi drivers, whose rates are set by the city.

"Uber is hoping that the task force findings will prompt Portland City Council to amend existing laws and essentially deregulate the for-hire transportation industry in our city, at least as it applies to the for-hire service they provide. This outcome would threaten the safety of people seeking rides in our community," Radio Cab supervisor Noah Ernst said at the protest.

Ernst also complained that taxi companies and drivers had no input into the creation of the Private For Hire Transportation Innovation Task Force, even though it could recommend changes that affect their livelihood.

Uber suspended service in Portland after the city sought an injunction in court. The company has said it will return to the city on April 9, however, whether or not the council has adopted new regulations allowing their drivers to pick up passengers. Staff members representing Hales and Novick told the task force their bosses believe it can resolve all the safety and accessibility issues by then. Some task force members agreed, but others said such work will take much longer.

The task force met hours after the City Council expanded rules governing short-term residential rentals, a change made to accommodate Airbnb and other new businesses that help people rent out rooms in their homes. The council already had approved such rentals in single-family houses.

The expansion covers apartment and condominium buildings. The expansion was approved even though an estimated 93 percent of Airbnb hosts are not following with previous requirements to obtain permits and pay transient lodging taxes, like hotels and motels.

Only Commissioner Nick Fish voted no, saying he is concerned Airbnb and their hosts aren't

following the existing requirements. The council is scheduled to consider an enforcement ordinance this week.

### Uber genie and the bottle

Uber and Airbnb are just two companies that are making money by disrupting traditional business models. They profit by offering cheaper services than existing businesses. Investors have poured large sums of money into them — in Uber's case, \$2.5 billion — even though they disregard the laws and rules in many of the communities they operate. Wynde Dyer, a medical driver for Green Transportation, wonders why Portland officials think Uber will comply with any new rules it doesn't like. She is concerned a deal has been struck for

think Ober will comply with any new rules it doesn't like. She is concerned a deal has been struck for Uber to begin operating in Portland again on April 9, even though no one can predict what the task force will come up with by then.

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describing.

Domination and Submission works really well as a label for what you are describing. In most heterosexual couples, he takes on the dominant role and she takes on the submissive role — he's the initiator, he decides what the couples does and in what order.

Therefore, we don't have a name for that since that's "normal."

We had to come up with a name for when the woman has the dominant role and the man has the submissive role.

This is where the term dominatrix originally comes from — a woman who holds the dominant position in a sexual situation with a man.

Today, the term Dominatrix has many more uses.

Most commonly it refers to a person who holds the dominant role in BDSM — Bondage, Domination, Submission and

Sadomasochism. The Dominatrix in this scenario need not be a woman and the submissive partner need not "Once you let that genie out of the bottle, it's going to be impossible to get it back in," says Wynde Dyer, who drives medical trips for Green Transportation, one of Portland's existing taxi companies.

Urber and businesses like it are officially known as Transportation Network Companies. Hales and Novick want the 11-member task force to propose new regulations for them covering such safetyrelated issues as mandatory driver background checks, vehicle inspections and insurance coverage by April 2. The task force has scheduled a series of meetings between now and then, including a forum with existing taxi drivers on Feb. 10 and a public listening session on Feb. 19.

After April 2, Hales and Novick want the task force to make recommendations on such larger issues as whether the city should continue to limit the number of permits issued to taxi drivers and set the fares they can charge for rides. The schedule calls for those recommendations to be finalized by July 2.

Task force members did not discuss any of the issues at length during the first meeting, which involved background briefings and the remaining schedule. Comments made by several of the members revealed deep philosophical splits, however.

Early in the meeting, Richard Lazar, a member of the Technology Association of Oregon, said he thought all of the issues could be easily resolved before the April 2 deadline. This was met with surprise by Sue Stahl, a member of the Portland Commission on Disability, who said the federal Americans with Disabilities Act has many requirements that paid-ride providers must meet. JoAnn Herrigel, representing Elders in Action, said ensuring safety and accessibility is a top concern for seniors.

When discussing the forum with drivers, citizen representative Jeff Lang balked at having to meet them face to face. He proposed video testimony to maintain a professional level of detachment. But Kayse Jama of the Center for Intercultural Organizing said many drivers are Somali immigrants for whom personal conversations are the cultural norm.

The next meeting is set for 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28 in Room C of the Portland Building. It will include presentations for those in the paid-ride industry. Among those invited to testify are representatives of Uber and the taxi companies.

### Integrity of the system

Uber has found success around the world because it offers something people want — a cheaper and quicker alternative to local taxi companies. It also allows people who own cars to make money without having to go through lengthy, expensive and restricting permitting procedures.

The taxi protest was organized by the newly formed Transportation Fairness Alliance, which includes Broadway Cab, Green Transportation, Portland Taxi Cab Co., Sassy's Cab Co., Union Cab PDX, and Radio Cab. Although they normally compete against one another for customers, Emst says they came together because company's like Uber threaten the integrity of the city's public transportation system.

Although taxis are privately owned, they are part of the public transportation system the city has established over many years. It is intended to provide safe and equal transportation services to all people in the city on a 24-hour basis, regardless of where they live, the color of the skin, their sexual orientation, or their physical condition, Ernst says.

"Portland has spent years adopting rules that make sure taxis provide a public service. They are part of the city's overall public transportation system," he says.

be a man. It could be a heterosexual couple that already practices gender role reversal in the normal

relationship interactions. Therefore, Domination and Submission for them would be the normally submissive man taking the dominant sexual role while his normally dominant female partner is sexually submissive.

It could also be a lesbian couple or a gay couple.

Thus the term has evolved over the centuries.

There really isn't much in the way of large-scale data to tell us who or how many people practice this sexual activity, but I can give you a couple of educated guesses as to who is more likely. First, older, more established couples are probably more likely to be interested in this behavior. For one thing, the longer you are together, the more likely you are to seek out new things.

to seek out new things. Also, more established couples probably have higher levels of trust, and trust is definitely needed to take on a role or position you are not normally accustomed to or comfortable with.

Second, I'll bet older heterosexual men are more open to

being penetrated by a strap-on. The reason is that they are less likely to equate anal penetration with being gay and therefore, would probably be more open to being the receptive partner in

anal sex. My advice to you is to not worry who is doing this or how many people there are doing it.

If it interests you, give it a try. Many men are interested in Domination and Submission because it gives them the opportunity to finally not be in charge — to not be the sexual initiator, to not always be the one making

the decisions. As always with anal sex, be sure to use some lube and proceed gently and slowly. Don't buy a cheap strap-on.

There's no fun to be had with

a strap-on that either won't stay

strapped on or won't stay in place.

Maybe next week I'll talk about

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