

Tadpole vault



Photo by Jeff Paslay

Eight-year-old Alexander Owre prepares to hurl himself over the bar in the pole vault competition during Thursday's All-Comers track meet at Hayward Field. Owre also took part in the hammer and discus events. **See story, Page 5.**

Court allows more abortion restrictions

States given more leeway, but Roe v. Wade not overturned

By Tim Neff
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Local anti-abortion groups were quick to declare victory after Monday's Supreme Court decision to allow states greater leeway to restrict abortion, while pro-choice forces launched damage control efforts.

But both sides of the issue recognized the ruling as one battle in a much larger conflict.

Cindy Rahm, spokeswoman for Oregon Right to Life, said that although the Supreme Court did not overturn the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion, Monday's ruling was encouraging.

"It's a cause for hope," Rahm said. "It's one step forward in a long process. But it's a victory for women and children."

Dave Findanque, associate director of the Oregon American Civil Liberties Union, said the decision undercuts individual rights but leaves room for future expansion of abortion rights.

"The court left the shell of Roe v. Wade," Findanque said. "At some point the court may decide to pump some life back into that shell. But the decision

is clearly a net loss for individual rights."

In its majority opinion, the court reaffirmed a woman's right to have an abortion. That has sparked speculation that the conservative court may be more moderate than expected.

But Kitty Piercy, Oregon board president of the National Abortion Rights Action League, said such conjecture is dangerous.

"Our fear is that this will make people feel that no real danger exists for abortion rights," Piercy said. "Leaving Roe v. Wade intact is a small silver lining on a large, gray cloud."

Rahm said Roe v. Wade will get a more direct challenge when the Supreme Court considers the strong anti-abortion laws enacted by Louisiana, Utah and Guam.

"These cases will more directly confront the Roe v. Wade decision," Rahm said. "They didn't need to deal directly with Roe v. Wade in this case."

The 5-4 ruling upheld several provisions of a Pennsylvania law that restricted access to abortion. Although the court ruled that states cannot impose outright bans on abortion, it held that following regulations are constitutional:

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Ducks' Byrne-out leaves void

Departing AD, who heads for Nebraska in November, has Oregon wondering who can fill his shoes

By Pat Malach
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Ten years ago, a lot of people were questioning whether Oregon would be able to continue competing in the Pacific-10 Conference. Now those doubts are gone. Unfortunately, the man who played a key part in erasing them is leaving too.

Athletic director Bill Byrne announced Friday that he has accepted a position at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. Byrne will leave Oregon and take over the athletic director role for the Big-Eight Conference school in November.

"I like to win," Byrne said Monday,

explaining that greater resources at the University of Nebraska present more opportunities to win. "There are more chances for success because of the amount of support."

Byrne said Nebraska has historically been one of the top programs in the nation because of a statewide commitment. He said the 300 consecutive sell-outs for Husker football are an indication of that support. He also pointed to the state's passage of a one-cent sports tax, similar to an initiative that recently failed in Oregon. Byrne said higher education and athletics are a priority in Nebraska.

While he has revived a struggling Duck program with new facilities and a greater fundraising capacity, Byrne said he regrets not being able to see Oregon teams fare well in the NCAA basketball tournament or play in the Rose Bowl.

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Student indicted over protest

By Pat Malach
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A second University student has been indicted in connection with the vandalism at the Eugene Federal Building April 30 following the Rodney King verdict.

Efrem Mehretab, 20, a senior finance major at the University, entered a plea of not guilty at a hearing June 16 after turning himself in at the federal courthouse and was later released on his own recognizance.

Mehretab is the third person to be charged in the federal building vandalism. In May, University student Brian Hoop and former student Carlos Alejandro Arias were arrested in connection with the incident and were later released.

Mehretab was indicted June 11 and will appear in court at a motions

hearing July 14, said Assistant U.S. Attorney John Ray. Mehretab's trial date will probably be set at that time and will most likely be some time in August, Ray said. Hoop's and Arias' trials are scheduled for July 14.

Ray said he could not comment on whether there will be any further indictments in the case because it is still under investigation.

The violence at the federal building followed a rally in the EMU Courtyard protesting the not-guilty verdicts of four white police officers accused of beating black motorist Rodney King. Protesters caused \$27,000 damage to the building, mostly by breaking windows. If convicted under federal sentencing guidelines, Hoop, Arias and Mehretab could face 10 to 16 months in prison, said Barry Sheldahl, of the U.S. Attorney's office.

WEATHER



Don't even think about putting those umbrellas away, you might need them today. Monday's high reached 71 under cloudy skies and brief periods of rain. Today's outlook calls for a 50-percent chance of showers with partial clearing. Expect highs near 70.

POLL SHOWS DEAD HEAT

WASHINGTON (AP) - Bill Clinton, Ross Perot and George Bush were virtually tied in a national poll released Monday, further muddling the three-way presidential race and freeing Clinton from third place for the first time in weeks.

The ABC News-Washington Post poll showed Clinton with 33 percent, Perot with 30 percent and Bush with 29 percent. The poll was good news for Clinton, the certain Democratic nominee, who has stuck behind Perot's 38 percent and Bush's 30 percent.

In an ABC-Post survey on May 31, Perot led with 37 percent. Bush and Clinton were tied at 29 percent.

REGIONAL

ASHLAND (AP) - The Oregon Shakespeare Festival is looking forward to cool stary skies over its outdoor Elizabethan Theater after heat and rain put a new acoustical pavilion to the test.

"We see it as the end of the test period for the pavilion," General Manager Paul Nicholson said Monday. "We've had rain. We've had heat. The only thing we haven't had is hail. Now that the test period is complete, we'd appreciate it if we could get back to normal."

Torrential rain Sunday night forced the opening performance of "As You Like It" to be cut off.