



Sam Hebb of Salem scans the ocean for whales Saturday off the Oregon Coast.

Photo by Michael Shindler

Tour boat sails for sight of whales

□ Depoe Bay tour boat searches for a glimpse of Baja-bound gray whales

By Meg Dedolph
Emerald Reporter

DEPOE BAY — The Kadaho, tied to a wooden pier with blistered iron railings, has watched whales for at least 20 years, guided by owner Darrell Hobbs.

Even though it wasn't peak whale migration season, the 11 people

aboard the Kadaho Saturday hoped for a glimpse of a whale between the swells.

Hobbs was about to leave on a morning whale-watching tour from Depoe Bay Sport Fishing.

"We're in between seasons now," Hobbs said, "but they saw some yesterday about 35 fathoms out. We'll go out and work that area for a while."

Hobbs guided the boat beneath the arch that framed the harbor entrance, and, flanked by bobbing sea birds with yellow beaks, headed away from the coast and into deeper waters

where the whales had last been seen.

In water that deep, about 210 feet, and at that distance from shore, Hobbs said the migrating whales were "basically traveling." Whales found closer to shore were there to feed on the plankton trapped in the kelp beds.

Later in the year, after most of the migratory whales have left, a few "local" whales remain in the kelp beds off Depoe Bay's coast, where they are among the first to leave at the beginning of the next migration.

Turn to **WHALES**, Page 4

Future roommates should look ahead

□ Communication is the key to settling recurrent conflicts, psychologist says

By Tammy Batey
Emerald Associate Editor

Senior Alicia Ferrari's former roommate lined his toothbrush up exactly two inches away from and perpendicular to his shaver on the bathroom counter.

"He was very anal," she said. "He was psycho about cleanliness."

Sophomore Cathleen Rafferty's last roommate shelled up in her bedroom and hung a photo on her door of her flipping the camera off.

"It was like she was flipping me off," Rafferty said. Students like Ferrari and Rafferty said they've had their share of roommate mismatches. But as in marriage, communication is the key to resolving differences, said psychologists and the ASUO mediation director.

"The most important thing is to communicate honestly, clearly and without delay," said Nancy Robbins, a clinical psychologist. "Rather than just look for land mines, they should look at every conceivable thing that could be a problem."

And people should discuss potential problems before, not after, they move in together, Robbins said.

A key difference between marriage partners and roommates makes it easier for roommates to leave their problems unresolved — by moving out. Unlike marriage, roommates are

Turn to **ROOMMATE**, Page 3

OCA won't start initiative

□ Plans are held after Springfield meetings with OCA members

By Katy Moeller
Emerald Contributor

SPRINGFIELD — The Oregon Citizens Alliance announced Friday it will not file a new city initiative in Springfield but will closely monitor the city's defense of last year's Ballot Measure 20-08 against the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon.

Plans to begin a renewed initiative drive were put on hold after members of the OCA discussed the proposal with the city attorney and citizens of Springfield, said Larry Allwander, the OCA Lane County director.

"The consensus at this particular point in time is that it would not be in the best interest of Springfield to pursue this course, unless we see that the citizens of Springfield are not being upheld in a proper manner," Allwander said during a news conference outside Springfield City Hall Friday.

The ACLU said last month it has filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of Springfield's anti-gay rights charter amendment, which was adopted in May 1992 under Ballot Measure 20-08.

The OCA proposed to the Springfield City Council an adoption of a revised amendment that would not be as vulnerable to a lawsuit as the current wording. The proposal was rejected by the City Council.

Allwander said the City Council has shown little effort to provide modifications to the amendment necessary to alleviate some potential legal problems.

"We are disappointed with the City Council," he said. "We are disappointed with (Mayor) Bill Morrisette that this has been brought before them for deliberation and they have spent a total of one meeting time deliberating on it."

A revision of last year's Measure 9, the statewide anti-gay rights measure, will be completed and ready for submission to the state attorney general in two to three weeks, Allwander said.



WEATHER

Partly cloudy skies will bring a slight chance of rain with them, as the temperatures remain in the 50s.

Today in History

One hundred years ago, inventor Thomas A. Edison completed work on the world's first motion picture studio, his Black Maria, in West Orange, N.J.



FROM THE PAST

This is a photograph of the parking lot that resided on 13th Avenue in the late 1960s, where Oregon Hall stands today.

Archives Photo

SPORTS

The Oregon basketball programs continued their losing ways over the weekend, both falling to Arizona State Saturday night.

The men trailed by only one point at halftime, but the Ducks eventually gave in to the Sun Devils 99-84 at McArthur Court. Arizona State guard Stevin Smith hit a Pacific-10 Conference-record 10 three-pointers. Smith scored 34 points, and Oregon's Antoine Stoudamire led his team with 21.

The women trailed by 14 at halftime and scored only 19 points in the second half, losing 79-42 in Tempe. No Duck scored more than 10 points, and the team shot 28 percent from the field.

Both Oregon teams are 0-8 in the Pac-10.