

State picking up after earthquake

□ Earthquake damages the Capitol building and areas outside Woodburn

PORTLAND (AP) — Many Oregonians breathed easier after Oregon's latest earthquake. Others were digging in to clean up the rubble and look over the damage.

The 5:34 a.m. Thursday earthquake, which measured between 5.3 and 5.7 on the Richter scale, wasn't strong enough to create havoc throughout the state. But it did damage older structures near its epicenter outside of Woodburn.

The damage to Molalla High School alone was about \$2 million, according to Clackamas County commissioners. The county on Friday declared a state of emergency and asked for assistance from Gov. Barbara Roberts.

The rotunda area in the state Capitol in Salem was kept off-limits Friday as structural engineers tried to determine what it would take to fix the 55-year-old domed structure.

"The building is very quiet today, subdued," said Bill Leach, administrative services manager for the Capitol. "I think the effects of the earthquake in the building here have really opened our eyes to the potential."

"Our biggest concern is that, if the earthquake had been of any longer duration, we could have had serious structural failure in the building," Leach said.

Sitting on top of the dome is a 23-foot, 10-ton gold-plated statue of a pioneer, which twisted an eighth of an inch after the temblor, but remained anchored to the building.

Experts will determine whether it will be necessary to remove the pioneer so that repairs can be made to the rotunda.

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Baiting the hook



Photo by Anthony Forney

Steve Warren (right) helps his son Chris fix up his line with cheese as Warren's other son Travis awaits during a trout fishing outing at Delta Ponds.

Disabled say campus ignorant

□ Students with disabilities say they are being treated unfairly

By Tammy Batey
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Paul Triantafilos was walking with a couple of friends near Prince Lucien Campbell Hall when a group of five or six men walked by. The men snickered and called him names he forced himself to forget.

"Small minds amuse easily," Triantafilos said to the men. He feared they would attack him, but they walked away.

Triantafilos is 4-foot-10 with a normal torso and disproportionately short legs. But he said he's a lot bigger inside than the people who make fun of him.

"I have just as much a right to be here as anybody," said Triantafilos, 33.

Hilary Gerdes, a counselor for students with disabilities, said she's worked with about 200 of similar students now attending the University. Many students complain about ignorant classmates and unaccommodating professors.

Students with disabilities ask Gerdes to notify their professors of their needs. Professors are

required by law to accommodate students with disabilities, but Gerdes said a few professors she's worked with lack information about disabilities, especially learning disabilities.

The most common accommodation professors make is allowing students to take exams away from class or giving them more time to complete exams, Gerdes said.

"Once professors understand we're not lowering our standards, but allowing our disabled students to have the opportunity to learn like everyone else, they're willing to make accommodations," Gerdes said.

Fellow students can be the worst nightmare for a student with disabilities. Often students want to be helpful, but end up doing the wrong thing, Gerdes said.

"We've had cases of students grabbing the arms of blind students and coming up behind and pushing students in wheelchairs," she said. "Not only is it inappropriate, but also scary."

Susannah Meininger, 25, said students aren't mean or patronizingly nice to her, but they are curious.

"The problem isn't people who aren't nice,

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Eugene shoots down city restaurant tax

□ Levies approved, but 3 percent tax does not pass mail-in election during last week

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Eugene citizens turned down a proposed 3 percent restaurant tax by a vote of 20,072 to 13,592 in the March 23 mail-in election.

However, voters passed both the county law enforcement levy, supporting correctional programs and sheriff's deputies, and the county extension levy, funding the agricultural extension service.

The restaurant tax was originally selected by the City Council because it was preferred by respondents in last year's Eugene Decisions survey.

The tax would have generated \$5.3 million for the city's general fund in one year, partially alleviating Eugene's predicted \$9 million budget shortfall. The tax would have applied to meals sold by restaurants, caterers and ready-to-eat foods sold in supermarkets.

Eugene Mayor Ruth Bascom said she believed one reason the tax failed was because the money generated was not earmarked for a specific area.

"I think that voters are likely to support tax measures that support a specific need, for example, the law enforcement levy," Bascom said. "Our vote was for general government, and I think that doesn't sell as well."

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WEATHER

Western Oregon weather should be fair today with highs in the 60s and lows in the upper 30s.

Expect increasing clouds Tuesday with a chance of rain late, mainly in the southern Willamette Valley.



Archive Photo

FROM THE PAST

Vietnam War protesters burned Esslinger Hall in May 1970 in response to ROTC recruiting on campus. The building was gutted, which was the only way to destroy the ROTC uniforms stored in the basement.

SPORTS

Oregon wrestler Kevin Roberts had the most impressive showing for the Ducks at the NCAA Championships in Ames, Iowa.

Roberts, wrestling at 118 pounds, won the first two of his three matches and eventually lost to Purdue's Gabe Zirkelbach in the consolation bracket.

One of Robert's wins came against 10th-ranked Brad Bruhl of Northern Iowa.

Oregon's Pat Craig also won his first round match, but lost his next two.

Chris Anderson, Mat Sprague and Cory Sonnen all lost in the first round of the meet, which was March 17-21.