

Volunteers want items donated, not dumped

Organization will send unwanted items to Tijuana

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Plan on chucking that shirt in that interesting shade of orange you bought on a whim? What about that oh-so-fashionable hat your aunt bought you for Christmas? And don't forget those lamps you couldn't stop yourself from buying because they were a dollar apiece at a garage sale.

The end of the school year means University students will be cleaning their dorm rooms, houses and apartments and finding stuff they don't want — and can't believe they bought. But University junior Suzanne O'Shea encourages students to give her their old junk, instead of throwing it away.

O'Shea is helping collect items for the Mission of Joe Brown, an organization that collects and donates items to homeless people in Tijuana, Mexico. Items that Brown, a reverend who began his service in 1960, can't ship to Tijuana will be distributed to the working poor and homeless in Lane County.

"For a long time I've wanted a place where stuff is for free," O'Shea said. "Even if a pair of blue jeans costs \$5, if you're trying to pay your rent, \$5 can be too much."

In past years, O'Shea has been amazed at what students throw out. She said she has found sheets still in their packaging and sweaters that look brand new outside

of greek houses and dorms.

"There's this market out there in the dumpsters," she said. "They throw all that stuff away. The main thing is catching them before they leave and letting them know there's a need."

At 19, Brown first visited Tijuana with a church group. He started up his organization because of an accident.

The church members were returning to the United States when their bus broke down. Brown went to get gas and soon found himself in a garbage dump. He almost stepped on a baby girl covered with dirt and maggots.

Besides the abandoned girl, Brown saw other people living in cardboard shacks and wearing paper sacks. He took the girl back to the bus, and a few weeks later she was adopted. The experience changed his life.

Brown began collecting furniture, clothes and food to take the homeless in Tijuana. He now returns every six months.

"It's a great feeling," he said. "I've made friends who are like my own family. They treat me like I'm their brother. You reach out to help them and they reach out and love you."

O'Shea is one of about 350 volunteers who help collect items to send to Tijuana.

To donate items to be picked up, call O'Shea at 683-9185. For more information on the Mission of Joe Brown, call Brown at 266-4333 in Mapleton or write to P.O. Box 537, Mapleton, OR 97453.

Buckle up



Photo by Jeff Paslay

Rain leaked into the EMU floor from the building's roof and other water was swept in from the side. After the floor dried, the blocks buckled and formed mounds. EMU Director Dusty Miller said the floor would be torn apart and put back together either Tuesday night or tonight.



File photo

Much ATM fraud can be avoided by keeping PINs personal.

ATM fraud can take many forms

Recent robbery cases raise concerns

NEW YORK (AP) — It's like a script from an underworld mastermind's *Mission Impossible*: High-tech thieves install a phony automated teller machine at a suburban Connecticut mall, steal data from user cards and bilk bank accounts nationwide.

Or how about this: Crooks in New York furtively videotape ATM users as they punch in their secret access codes. The videotapers use the information to make cash withdrawals.

Then there's the con artist in Fairfax County, Va., who posed as a bank manager, duped bank-

card theft victims into revealing confidential information about their codes and used it to steal even more of their money.

These are some recent examples of headline-grabbing cases that have focused attention on the safety and security of the nation's 87,000 ATMs, one of the most popular ways to get cash.

ATMs have been an attractive target for robbers ever since they were introduced two decades ago. But the threat of physical assault on users has been overshadowed by nonviolent, more sophisticated thievery, hatched in some extremely clever criminal brains.

"Bankers are naturally con-

cerned," said Boris F. Melnikoff, an Atlanta bank executive who advises the American Bankers Association on security issues. "It's been an eye opener to the industry, to say the least."

Yet industry experts insist that ATM fraud still is relatively rare — with losses minuscule compared with those of the credit-card industry.

They say average bank customers, especially those gearing up for some heavy ATM use this summer, have little to worry about as long as they guard their personal identification numbers, or PINs, and take proper precautions when using a bank

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WEATHER

There may be a break in the stormy weather today. Forecast calls for partial clearing after some scattered morning showers.

Today in History

In 1851, Maine became the first state to enact a law prohibiting alcohol.

RACE, GENDER CONTINUES

The University Assembly will continue discussion of a revised race, gender and non-European requirement today at 3:30 p.m. in the EMU Ballroom.

Several amendments to the revision are up for consideration. One would change the proposed requirement's first course back to addressing African-Americans, Asian-Americans, Native Americans and Latinos/Chicanos instead of "minority groups in the U.S.A.," which the assembly changed it to at its May meeting.

The assembly may extend study of the issues surrounding the revision and vote on the requirement in the fall.

SPORTS

DETROIT (AP) — The American League is investigating the conduct of Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr., who swore and made obscene gestures at Detroit manager Sparky Anderson while rounding the bases after hitting a three-run homer in a Tigers-Mariners game.

Griffey had been angry about Tiger pitchers' efforts to keep him from batting in a weekend series in Seattle.

Griffey is batting .285 with 10 home runs and 30 RBIs this season. The homer was his only hit of the three-game series in which the Tigers mostly pitched around him.

Griffey said Monday night that he planned to apologize to Anderson.