

Court overturns convictions ending legal battles for 'Frog'



"Frog"

Decision: Court rules the street vendor's constitutional rights were violated

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David "Frog" Miller scored a victory against the city Thursday when the Oregon Supreme Court unanimously overturned his two convictions for selling homemade joke

books without a city permit.

The decision ends four years of legal battles between the city and the colorful sidewalk peddler.

The state high court ruled that Miller's constitutional rights had been violated by the enforcement of a 1985 Eugene ordinance restricting sidewalk vendors to selling only food, beverages, flowers and balloons. The court did not say the sales restrictions themselves were

unconstitutional, but rather that the city applied them illegally to Miller by not giving him the same opportunities as vendors of other goods.

"As long as the city chooses to make its sidewalks available for some general commercial activity," the court said, "it may not treat a vendor of expressive material more restrictively than vendors of other merchandise."

But the court also provided the

city with a loophole. It said the exception would be when the city could show how the "sale of the expressive material in question gives rise to special problems reasonably justifying the regulation of the vendor of expressive material differently and more stringently than other vendors." In the case of Miller, the court said, the city provided no such explanation.

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Experts examine rare findings at museum

Event: Public brings items to show during Identification Day

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What do Viking axes, blue heron thigh bones, close quarter swords and cylinder, tube-like pieces of carbon have in common?

These items and more were part of the rare findings examined Saturday afternoon during the Museum of Natural History's fifth annual Identification Day. Experts from various fields of natural history were present to examine objects, determine what they were, their age and where they came from.

"The most common items we see are deer bones," said Guy Tasa, an osteologist for the museum. "People are always hoping that there will be something interesting to them."

Eugene resident Cathy Chandler knew she didn't have a deer bone, but she, too, was hoping for something interesting to come from the bone she had found in front of her mother-in-law's house.

"He said it's a great blue heron thigh bone," Chandler said. "It makes sense since we've seen a lot of them around the house. I thought I would have it checked out anyway."

One visitor who didn't leave Saturday's event disappointed was Salem resident Pat Darold. Darold had

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Jim Long, working an arrowhead from volcanic glass, gave a flintknapping demonstration Saturday.

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UNIVERSITY

Noted author, anthropologist dies at age 96

Death: Luther Cressman was the founder of the University's anthropology department

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Luther Sheeleigh Cressman, the founding director of the University's department of anthropology and a pioneer in the study of ancient people in the Pacific Northwest, died Monday at age 96.

Cressman is most well known for his 1938 discovery of a pair of 9,000-year-old sandals in an Eastern Oregon cave which shook the world of anthropology and established his reputation as an archaeologist and anthropologist.

Prior to Cressman's discovery, anthropologists had contended that ancient humans came to the Northwest 4,000 years ago. Cressman's discovery, vindicated by radiocarbon dating techniques developed in the 1940s, revolutionized existing theories about the Northwest's prehistoric inhabitants.

The discovery of the ancient sandals and hundreds of other artifacts while excavating in Oregon between 1934 and 1940 inspired his book *The Sandal and the Cave*. He also wrote the book *Prehistory of the Far West: Homes of Vanished Peoples* and published many articles in peer-reviewed publications.

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Warren has high hopes of ASUO presidency with new running mate

Campaign: Political Science, English major, Mark Rhinard runs for vice president

By Edward Klopfenstein
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Last year, Leslie Warren and Mark Johnson ran for ASUO president and vice president, losing by just 51 votes.

This year, Warren is running for president again and thinks she'll win.

Why? She's not running with Johnson, she said. "We were put together not knowing each other," Warren said of Johnson in a Sunday interview. She said she had based her choice on the advice of those who knew him.

"The only thing he knew was on international students," she said. "I only found out about that later."

Warren thinks her choice of Mark Rhinard will make the difference in the upcoming April 19 to 20 primary.

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GOOD MORNING

► After a fire last week, the transmission signal at the University of Oregon classical music station KWAX-FM has been broadcasting at only one percent of its usual strength.

A fire shortly before noon March 30 destroyed the transmission cable, which stretches from the transmitter in the broadcast booth to the antenna.

Listeners in Eugene, Springfield and Bend are within the currently limited broadcast range, but listeners throughout the rest of the Mid-Willamette Valley have been unable to receive broadcasts.

Hundreds of listeners called the station immediately



listeners in Lane County and parts of Benton, Linn, Marion and Douglas counties.

Bjornstad and Operations Manager Rocky Lamanna estimate that the station will be broadcasting at its usual 22,000 watts of power within the next week.

after the fire to report that they were unable to receive broadcasts, according to General Manager Paul Bjornstad.

The station serves