

Supporters doubt bid date delay

Amazon: Some question ability to find 'reasonable' buyer

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An extension on the date for opening bids to begin on the sale of Amazon has caused supporters this week to not only question the extension, but also the feasibility of a "reasonable" buyer to meet the University's bid requirements.

According to Chris Ramey, director of University planning, opening times and dates for bidding to begin on Amazon were originally scheduled for Nov. 3 but were extended this week to Dec. 7 in order for the University to meet an advertisement publication requirement.

Under the Historic Preservation Ordinance, the University must solicit purchase offers for the historic property by giving notice of the sale of Amazon by listing

the property in both *The Register-Guard* and *The Oregonian* at least eight times, and at regular intervals, beginning 90 days prior to submitting an application (for demolition).

The University must also list the property in at least two preservation newspapers or magazines at least 30 days before submitting the application, post visible for-sale signs on the property and make a financial prospectus on the status of Amazon available to interested persons beginning 90 days before submitting the application.

Although a reasonable amount of time is obviously required to meet the ordinance, several Amazon residents this week have said they suspect there's more to the extension than just time constraints.

"If time constraints is all it is, then why has the wording

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Candidate proposes plan to reduce tuition

Budget: Ed Hickam might lower fees by changing retirement program

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One of the most feared pieces of mail from the University is the billing statement. With college tuition rising steadily every year, the standard response to these statements is either a groan or a gasp.

American Party gubernatorial candidate Ed Hickam said he hopes to turn those groans into sighs of relief.

In his 1995-97 budget propos-

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Too great a pumpkin



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Keegan Albi, 5, tries to heft a pumpkin at the Lone Pine Farms pumpkin patch on River Road Tuesday afternoon. Albi later settled on a pumpkin of a more manageable size.

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► PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A patty raid on a Wendy's has left inspectors asking "Where's the beef?" and others wondering "What's the beef?"

Tests on 24 uncooked patties Wednesday found that 22 weren't quarter-pounders as advertised and that several were as much as a quarter-ounce light.

City inspectors grabbed the whole batch of 960 patties and fined Wendy's \$100 a burger, or \$96,000, in keeping with state law and federal Department of Agriculture guidelines.

The fine for skimpy burgers was the first in the 25-year history of Wendy's International Inc., the nation's third-largest hamburger chain, company spokesman Denny Lynch said.

Wendy's has used the theme against the competition with its popular "Where's the Beef?" TV ads starring Clara Peller as a feisty old woman in search of a beefier burger.

The patty inspections were a



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follow-up to an August raid that also found underweight burgers at the Wendy's in the city's Olney section.

"This is the first time that we've exercised the option of confiscating when we reinspect and find not only did they not correct the problem but the problem got worse," said Frank Antico, enforcement chief at the city Department of Licenses and Inspections.

Similar inspections earlier this year found underweight patties at McDonald's, among other places, said Licenses and Inspections Commissioner Bennett Levin. They also will be receiving follow-up inspections.

The confiscated Wendy's patties were given to a city homeless shelter and an emergency foster-care center.

► PORTLAND — An ocean earthquake reported today off the southern Oregon Coast was not expected to have any impact onshore, officials said.

The 5.9 magnitude quake struck at 10:46 a.m. and was centered in the Pacific Ocean 160 miles west of Coos Bay, according to the U.S. Geological Survey in Menlo Park, Calif.

Officers at Coast Guard stations at Newport, Depoe Bay and North Bend all said they did not feel the earthquake.

The National Weather Service said the earthquake was not large enough to generate a tidal wave.

Fence installed at Condon to combat loitering, drug use

Security: OPS responds to complaints from those who work in the building

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Drug use and loitering compelled the University Physical Plant to erect a fence on the north side of Condon Hall earlier this month, according to a University official.

Carey Drayton, director of the University Office of Public Safety, said repeated complaints from people who work in Condon resulted in OPS recommending that the fence be installed. The complaints centered on people congregating outside the windows.

A number of "rather disgusting" events took place around Condon, including drug deals and people urinating on the

lawn, Drayton said. Installing a fence on one side of the building was a good way to combat crime, he said.

"Physical security measures are more cost effective than placing an officer outside" the building, he said. He had "hoped that people would have modified their behavior" around Condon to make the fence unnecessary.

A fence once existed around Condon for three years but was later removed. Jerry Dominy, a Physical Plant supervisor, said the fence was replaced this month after OPS requested it.

It has not been decided whether the fence will remain permanently, Dominy said. He estimated the cost of installing the fence as less than \$200.

Some students around Con-

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