

## Super conductor



Conductor Kyung-Soo Won rehearses with his ensemble for the Oregon Bach Festival. Won has guest conducted orchestras the world over, including the London Philharmonia and the Berlin Symphony Orchestra. MELODY CONROY/Emerald

## Highway 99N closed as police negotiate with 'suicidal' man

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A one-block section of Highway 99 North was closed for six hours Tuesday amidst the rush of Fourth of July traffic as Eugene police tried to talk an upset man into leaving his place of business.

The police responded to a phone call at 5:48 p.m. from the man's brother-in-law in Wyoming. The brother-in-law said the subject's wife was visiting him and that she had received a phone call from her husband indicating that he was inside his place of business with a gun making suicidal statements.

The 44-year-old owner of McKenzie Cycle Shop, 1955 Highway 99N, seemed to be upset about a recent separation with his wife and possible financial difficulties, police spokesman Tim Birr said.

Because several attempts to call him on the phone were unsuccessful, the SWAT and crisis negotiation teams were called to the scene at 6:30 p.m., police reports said.

Highway 99 North was closed between Dove Lane and Barger Avenue, and traffic was rerouted.

The SWAT team established a perimeter around the motorcycle shop and a half-dozen people were either

evacuated or prohibited from returning to a house next to the building.

The man began talking to negotiators after repeated attempts at contact. He denied being armed and suicidal, police reports said, but despite being assured that he had not committed a crime and that officers only had to talk to him to assure themselves he was OK, he refused to leave the business and hung up the phone on several occasions.

A brother from the Portland area came to the scene and joined negotiators in talking with the man on the phone shortly before midnight.

At 12:15 a.m., the man left his business and was taken into custody without incident. Since he had committed no crime and appeared to be lucid, he was released to his brother after being interviewed by police and members of Whitebird's "CAHOOTS" crisis unit.

Highway 99 North was reopened to traffic at 12:30 a.m.

"The biggest impact [for the community] was a delay in response to minor things, like illegal fireworks," Birr said. "We had a lot of cars and people committed to Autzen Stadium and Highway 99."

## Museum of Natural History field trips explore local nature spots

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The University's Museum of Natural History invites visitors to "Learn the Landscape" with a series of field trips beginning Sunday.

This will be the second half of the field trip series, which began in April. The series will continue until late September.

The mostly one-day trips explore local natural areas largely unknown to Eugene-Springfield residents.

"Most area residents know more about the Coast or Portland or Bend than they do about their own backyard," said Dennis Lueck, one of the trip leaders.

Lueck said it's great that the trips focus on the local area, in that it forces him to go out and meet with local state officials and wildlife experts. He said he learns a great deal and is able to pass it along to trip participants.

Joseph Minato, the other leader of the field trips, stressed that anyone who is interested is welcome. "No previous knowledge of natural history is required," he said, adding that mature teenagers and

young adults are invited to attend but that the trips are not appropriate for young children. The museum hopes to offer some family trips in the future.

The groups are small, with a maximum of 15 people allowed to register. Moderate exercise is required, with each trip involving one to five miles of hiking, some on-trail and some off, depending on that day's excursion.

Those attending are responsible for their own food and water. Comfortable clothing and hiking boots or walking shoes are advised. Binoculars and hand lenses are also suggested.

The trips cost \$25 per person for the one-day trips, and \$120 per person for the series' one three-day trip. There are discounts for museum members, and those who pay for four one-day trips get a fifth trip free.

Last year was the first year the museum started offering regular field trips. Prior to that, the museum had periodically offered trips but they were never coordinated to relate to a specific exhibit.

The destinations for the second half of this year's trips are Mary's Peak, the High

Cascades, Newberry Crater (the three-day excursion), Mt. June and the Falls of the Moon, Triangle Lake and vicinity, and the Coburg Hills. All of the trips still have open spaces, except for the one to Newberry Crater, which has a small waiting list.

Lueck, who leads the trips to Mary's Peak, Mt. June, Triangle Lake and Coburg Hills, primarily focuses on plant life of the areas.

During the trips, Lueck has what he calls "whisper zones," where the trip attendees are not allowed to talk. He advocates "Seaton watching," named after the well-known Canadian naturalist, which involves going out into the wilderness and waiting — not hurrying through, specifically looking for something.

Minato, who leads the trips to the High Cascades and Newberry Crater, focuses on geology, and conducts general talks at the museum prior to the trips. These talks are open to the public, although they primarily function as an overview for the trips.

The first talk will be Wednesday, July 12, from 7 to 9 p.m., and the second will be Wednesday, July 19, from 6:30 to 9:30

p.m. The first hour will cover trip logistics, and the remaining two will focus on the natural history of the Newberry Crater.

Minato also explained why he never defines a trip too much, relating an incident that happened during last year's trip to the High Cascades. He had promised a visit to an Alpine lake, but when they arrived at the destination, Hand Lake, it had mostly become a mud flat due to the severe drought.

So, instead of an Alpine lake, the trip participants got to see a "tremendous amount of butterflies" — who get their water from mud — and pieces of worked obsidian, including arrowheads and such. Since it is illegal in Oregon to in any way handle or remove native peoples' artifacts, these were simply admired.

They also got to see a native frog, which was unexpected at the high altitude. Frog populations at such heights have experienced a decline, which some scientists have linked to the depletion of the ozone layer.

For more information about the trips, call the museum at 346-3024.



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