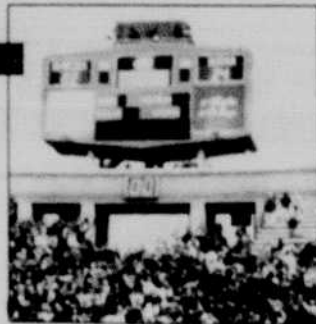


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A candlelight vigil for Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will be held tonight at 6 in the EMU Courtyard.



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Israeli leader's death mourned by many

■ **MEMORIAL:** Members of community gather to honor Yitzhak Rabin's peace efforts

By Abe Estimada
Community Reporter

About 600 people gathered in prayer and song at the Eugene Hilton Sunday night to remember Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was assassinated Saturday by a Jewish gunman in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Rabin, along with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat, won the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize for brokering a peace agreement with the PLO in the troubled Middle East.

Local Jewish leaders, however, did not want to discuss how Rabin's death may affect the Middle Eastern peace process.

"We know much has been said, and more will be said in the coming days, weeks and months. We are not here as political analysts," said Erwin Diller, president of the Jewish Federation of Lane County. "What we want to do together is pay tribute to a great leader, to share our hurt, our grief and our confusion as to this loss and the way it happened."

Sunday night's community vigil is just one of several memorials planned by local Jewish organizations and synagogues to mourn Rabin's death. Hillel, the Jewish Student Union and the American-Israeli Political Action Committee are sponsoring a gathering tonight at 6 in the EMU courtyard. Temple Beth



Jewish community members gathered Sunday night at the Eugene Hilton to remember Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. He was assassinated Saturday after a rally in Tel Aviv, Israel.

Israel is also holding services tonight at 7.

Attendants of Sunday night's vigil wore black ribbons of mourning and sang traditional Jewish hymns.

"When I heard that Prime Minister Rabin was murdered, it was like a life went out and a deep inner tearing happened," said Rabbi Yitzhak Husbands-Hankin of Temple Beth Israel. "So, let us use these ribbons to truly mourn and remind us of that inner tearing."

Other local Jewish leaders expressed outrage and disbelief that one of Rabin's own countrymen pulled the trigger. The suspected gunman, Yigal Amir, is a third-year law student at a Tel Aviv university and has links to Jewish extremist groups opposed to Israel's peace accords with the Palestinians.

"The slaying of Yitzhak Rabin is an act of lunacy," said Rabbi Efraim Davidson of the Jewish Cultural Center in Eugene. "The slaying of Yitzhak Rabin is a des-

ecration of God, the worst of all possible acts a Jew can commit...It was disconnected from Torah, the source of all our ethics."

Hillel president and University student Sam Gechter said Rabin's death will hopefully force people to see the need for greater cooperation in bringing peace to the Middle East.

"For a lot of people, it's somebody who was Jewish who died," Gechter said. "It doesn't matter who it is. It's still family."

Conference addresses information, Internet problems

■ **COMPUTERS:** Experts in technology discuss latest information restrictions

By Kristin Bailey
Freelance Reporter

Thirty-three speakers addressed topics ranging from intellectual property rights and structural regulation of the telecommunications industry, to electronic data bases and the public domain during a two-day symposium hosted by the School of Law last weekend.

Several of the speakers who attended the conference, titled "Innovation and the Information Environment," were well-known experts in the field of technology. They included Richard Stallman, founder and president of the League for Programming Freedom and professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"I discovered that the market had failed me 100 percent in the field of software," said Stallman during a speech which focused on the current computer software on the market and the restrictions on its users.

Stallman said the computer
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Kwanzaa holiday celebrates African-American cultural history

■ **EVENT:** "I Dream A World" photo exhibit is part of week's activities

By Keijo Hunter
Freelance Editor

Attendance records have been shattered wherever it has appeared. The likenesses of Marian Anderson, Barbara Jordan, Toni Morrison and Leontyne Price are often in attendance.

All of this and it hasn't even toured nationally yet.

The faces of 75 inspirational black women will illuminate the EMU's Fir Room today through Friday as part of the Black Student Union's Second Annual Kwanzaa Fest activities.

Kwanzaa, an African-American cultural holiday usually celebrated from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, is being observed early by the BSU because of the University's conflicting winter break schedule.

"It's a holiday of empowerment, of

realizing and recognizing your history and empowering one's self," said Kenya Luvert, director of the BSU.

Among the week long activities will be a featured exhibit of photojournalist Brian Lanker's widely-acclaimed "I Dream A World: Portraits of Black Women Who Changed America." It took Lanker, now a local Eugene resident, two years of photography and in-depth interviews to complete the "I Dream A World" project. The project is not scheduled to tour nationally until next year.

The women who are featured in Lanker's exhibit and their ability to take down racial barriers plays an important role in what Kwanzaa is all about, Luvert said.

Kwanzaa was created in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, founder of the US (as opposed to "them") organization. The holiday is based on the many "First Fruit" celebrations that have historically taken place in various parts of Africa,

Luvert said. The celebration combines family, community and cultural values by combining traditional and modern elements.

"Part of the Kwanzaa celebration is acknowledging somebody from the past, somebody from history," Luvert said. "I think that African-American history is rich and that a lot of times it's excluded from the history books."

At the core of the holiday is Nguzo Saba, or the seven principles, of Kwanzaa. These principles include: umoja (unity), kujichagulia (self-determination), ujima (collective work and responsibility), ujamaa (cooperative economics), nia (purpose), kuumba (creativity) and ilmani (faith). Each day a different principle is designated for a special time of reflection and application.

"The seven principles, for me personally, I like to apply [them] to my life so

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This portrait of Septima Poinsette Clark is one of several in Brian Lanker's exhibit "I Dream a World," which will be featured in the EMU Fir Room this week as part of the Black Student Union's Second Annual Kwanzaa Fest activities.