

CORRECTIONS

In Friday's edition of the Oregon Daily Emerald, it was reported that the EMU Beer Garden will be terminated at the end of spring term.

Actually, the program will be up for review at that time, and may not be halted. The Emerald regrets the error.

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An informational seminar will be held on February 5, from 6:00-7:00 pm in EMU Godar C. If you are unable to attend but would like more information, please call Verna Duffy at (503) 223-7533.

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NEWS BRIEFING

A LOOK AT THIS MORNING'S HEADLINES

Sen. Hatfield pushes to pass Columbia dredging project



NORTHWEST

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — In four months, a new generation of container and grain ships will begin squeezing up the Columbia River to Portland.

Often, they will have to leave only partially loaded for fear their hulls will scrape the bottom of the river's 40-foot-deep shipping channel.

To remedy the problem, Sen. Mark Hatfield is pushing for a \$100 million project to make the channel another 3 feet deeper. It would be a parting gift from the senator, who is retiring at the end of the year.

"I'm building what I think is a very solid base of future political clout that can see this project through," Hatfield said.

But he faces opposition from some state officials and environmentalists who say the river bottom contains dioxin and other poisons. Disturbing the river bottom, they say, could cause environmental harm, especially to already imperiled fish runs.

"I'm wary of this project," said Gayle Killam, water program director for the Oregon Environmental Council.

Proponents of the dredging say that failing to deepen the channel could severely harm the trade business for the Port of Portland. Steamship managers, faced with added expense and delays, may decide to end service to the city.

Hatfield leaves Wednesday for Taiwan and South Korea, where he will urge steamship executives to continue service to Portland while he pushes for the dredging money.

The big ships that already ply the river present a major challenge.

"It's like driving an 800-foot-long car on a sheet of black ice," said one of the pilots, Reed Sigfridson.

More than \$15 billion worth of cargo moves on the Columbia River each year. Portland is the nation's No. 1 wheat exporting port. The port creates 7,650 jobs and supports 42,600 more.

Man faces trial for killing two abortion clinic receptionists



NATIONAL

DEDHAM, Mass. (AP) — A man accused of killing two receptionists minutes apart in separate abortion clinics says he wants to face the death penalty if convicted.

Jury selection was to begin Monday in Norfolk Superior Court, where John C. Salvi III faces two counts of first-degree murder and five counts of assault with intent to murder.

In the 13 months since the Dec. 30, 1994 shooting spree in Brookline, Salvi has clashed with his own attorneys, who tried to have him found incompetent.

Judge Barbara Dortch-Okara deemed Salvi fit to stand trial. Salvi's attorney, J.W. Carney Jr., said he will present an insanity defense. He said Salvi was so obsessed with a perceived conspiracy against Catholics that he was unable to help himself.

Salvi is accused of walking into both Boston-area clinics, asking if he was in the right place, and then pulling a semiautomatic rifle from a duffel bag and opening fire. Killed were receptionists Shannon Lowney and Lee Ann Nichols, who was shot nine times while begging for her life.

Clinton to submit budget today — by law

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's budget for 1997 will be formally unveiled on Monday, but the president and the country could certainly be excused for wondering, "Why bother?"

A president's budget is often declared dead on arrival by an opposition Congress intent on setting its own spending priorities, but Clinton's new budget seems to be the ultimate exercise in futility.

While he is presenting a budget for the 1997 fiscal year, he and the Republican Congress are still locked in stalemated talks over the 1996 spending plan, even though the current budget year is one-third gone.

There's a simple answer why the president is producing a new budget: He is required by law to submit a spending plan to Congress by the first Monday in February that will cover the fiscal year starting the next Oct. 1.

Colombian plane kills passengers, civilians in neighborhood crash



WORLD

ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP) — A Colombian cargo plane caught fire in the air shortly after takeoff Sunday, killing at least 22 people when it crashed into houses in a suburban neighborhood, the government said.

The plane's three-person crew and one passenger died in the crash. All were Colombians. The civil aviation office said firefighters found the aircraft's black box in the smoldering debris.

Among the victims were seven children, including five brothers, who had been playing an outdoor volleyball match in the streets of the Juan Sinforiano Bogarin neighborhood, 2 1/2 miles northwest of the airport and 9 miles north of the capital.

Eyewitness Cesar Rivarola told reporters he saw the aircraft's left turbine catch fire in mid-air before the plane apparently went out of control and crashed.

"It started spinning in the air, as if it was doing acrobatics and then fell to the ground nose-first," Rivarola said.

A couple told television reporters they had left their five children with their grandmother, who had taken them to play volleyball. On returning to look for them, the parents found all six were dead.

The plane, which was not carrying any cargo, crashed into seven houses and burst into flames, destroying the buildings. Light rain was helping to douse the fires, rescue workers said.

Parents began a desperate search for children who had been playing in the streets of the middle-class neighborhood. Firefighters searched for other victims among the debris.

Television footage showed several people raking through the debris. One man was seen stealing part of the plane's turbine.

Officials said the plane was en route to Miami via the Brazilian airport of Campinas, near the city of Sao Paulo.

The plane had brought an unidentified cargo which was being held at Asuncion airport's customs offices.

Seventy-five percent of Americans are overweight, poll finds

NEW YORK (AP) — Who's ahead in the latest poll? Not dieters.

Seventy-four percent of Americans 25 or older are overweight, up from 71 percent a year ago, 69 percent in 1994, 66 percent in 1992 and only 59 percent 10 years ago, Louis Harris and Associates reported.

The Harris Poll asked 1,005 randomly selected adults about their weight and compared the responses to recommended weight ranges for various heights and body sizes. The company has been doing this regularly since 1983, using Metropolitan Life insurance tables from that year.

For example, the insurance table recommends that a medium-framed 5-foot-7 man weighs

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140 to 152 pounds; a woman, 133 to 147.

The survey, taken Jan. 18-22, indicates that 24 percent of adults are over their recommended weight range by 20 percent or more.

That's generally agreed to be the definition of obesity, although there has been some controversy in recent years about whether the old Metropolitan Life tables were too strict.

Hawaii fishing crew seized at gunpoint for not having license

HONOLULU (AP) — The Pacific island nation of Kiribati

has seized a Hawaii fishing vessel and its crew for fishing without a license.

Capt. Mark Collins of the 96-foot South Pacific told The Honolulu Advertiser in a telephone interview Saturday that he and his crew, which included a Seattle man, were being held at gunpoint at the Captain Cook Hotel on Christmas Island.

Government officials are investigating charges the boat illegally caught 2,000 pounds of ono.

Collins, who lives on the Hawaiian island of Maui, said he had a goodwill, verbal agreement to help Kiribati fishermen learn how to catch and prepare fish for shipment to Hawaii.

Kiribati is located about 1,300 miles south of Hawaii. It straddles both the equator and international date line.

Collins said he and his crew were taken off the boat at gunpoint last Tuesday.