

Construction begins to open Willamette

Construction work began Monday afternoon on a \$1.8 million project to reopen Willamette Street between Eighth and 10th avenues and to construct a new plaza at the intersection of Broadway and Willamette streets.

Crews from Wildish Construction Co. began demolition work in the fountain area at 3 p.m. The work is scheduled to resume Tuesday and Wednesday beginning at 3 p.m. and continuing on through the evening. As the project progresses, construction hours will vary depending on the type of work being done.

During construction, pedestrian access will be maintained to all downtown businesses. Both Eighth and 10th avenues will remain open although there may be occasional lane closures in the

COMMUNITY calendar

Willamette Street area.

The project is scheduled to be completed by mid-September, in time for the Eugene Celebration.

Panel of 50 citizens to query candidates

All of the Republican and Democratic candidates have agreed to participate in a Citizen's Agenda project, which will culminate in a meeting with representative panels of voters Saturday at the Casanova Center.

Fifty local citizens have been selected to serve on the panels. Between 10 a.m. and noon the candidates will meet with the panelists. The panels will deliberate until 3 p.m.

The Citizen's Agenda is sponsored by the Deliberative Democracy Project, *The Register-Guard*, and KLCC-FM; supporters include the League of Women Voters, The City Club of Eugene, Oregon Public Networking and Project Vote Smart.

Historical sites toured for preservation week

Citizens in Eugene and Springfield will join thousands of individuals around the country in a nationwide celebration of the 23rd annual National Historic Preservation Week from May 12 to 19.

"Preserve Community" is the theme of the week-long celebration co-sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the cities of Eugene and Springfield. It urges community members to expand the preservation vision and to realize that

responsibility extends far beyond saving individual buildings.

Fifteen historical sites in Eugene and Springfield will take part in the annual celebration. These sites will feature walking tours, open houses, lectures, refreshments and period costumes.

Events at the University include:

- Guest speakers will discuss "Oregon House Museums" as a part of Associated Students for Historic Preservation on Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. in Room 279 Lawrence.

- The Pioneer Cemetery, 18th Avenue and University Street, will host a Walking-Talking tour titled "Your Cemetery is Alive" on the lives of pioneers who built our community from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. People will tour the green space, and there will be stone rubbings for kids.

- A scavenger hunt at Masonic Cemetery, 25th Avenue and University Street, for Roebuck mail-order tombstones, with prizes. There will be a tour of the mausoleum and at the recent plot and tombstone restorations from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Heart Attack REACT program in Eugene

The Eugene/Springfield area has been chosen as one of only 10 communities in the nation for a life-saving education campaign on heart attack response.

The Heart Attack REACT (Rapid Early Action for Coronary Treatment) campaign provides our area the opportunity to reduce patient delay time from the onset of heart symptoms to contact with hospital-based emergency medical care.

For more information, call Jean Lum or Laura Phillips at 984-4000.

AFRICAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

invites you to

A CELEBRATION OF AFRICA

Tuesday, May 14

- **African movie presentations** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Cedar A, EMU
- **African drum and dance workshop with Aliou Diout** 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Fir Room, Everyone is Welcome
- **"Africa's Place in the Global Economy: Past, Present and Future"** 2 p.m., open panel discussion, Cedar A, EMU
The discussion will be related to Ali Mazrui's documentaries "The Africans"

African art displays throughout the day in the EMU lobby

DANCE

MUSIC

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WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG YOU
WANTED TO BE SUPERMAN.
—BUT EVEN HE HAS PROBLEMS—

DO I WANT TO BE A
SUPERHERO, A JOURNALIST
OR WORK IN INTERIOR
DESIGN?

TIME IS RUNNING
OUT FOR THE MAN
OF STEEL—
—AND SO IS HIS
PARENTS' MONEY!

ONLY ONE MORE YEAR 'TIL
GRADUATION. BETTER GET TO MY ADVISER
PRONTO!

ACADEMIC ADVISING—
TIPS FOR AVOIDING GREEN
KRYPTONITE AND THE
7-YEAR ACADEMIC PLAN.

*SEE YOUR ADVISER MAY 15-16

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Man sues hospital for failing to reattach his 'possessed' right hand

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — A man who cut off his right hand because he thought it was possessed by the devil, then refused to let surgeons reattach it, is suing the hospital and the doctors over the loss of the hand.

Thomas W. Passmore claims doctors at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital should have contacted his parents or his sister to overrule his decision.

According to the lawsuit, Passmore, a 32-year-old worker on a construction job, thought he saw the number "666" on his hand and believed it was a demonic sign. Obeying the biblical instruction "If thy right hand offend thee, cut it off," Passmore sliced off his hand with a circular saw.

At the hospital, the lawsuit said, Passmore told doctors he had a history of psychiatric disorders, including manic depression, and had had little sleep, little food and racing thoughts for the past week.

He refused to consent to surgery, saying he thought he would go to hell if the hand were reattached. The hospital contacted a judge, who advised that it heed Passmore's wishes, the lawsuit said.

According to the suit, the surgeon and the hospital did not tell the judge that Passmore was incompetent.

The lawsuit, which asks for \$3.35 million, was filed April 22.

Under state law, a doctor or hospital cannot be held liable for withholding treatment if a judge approves that action and the patient is capable of an informed decision.

Sheik's custom-built, two-piece limousine exceeds legal lengths

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — A 66 1/2-foot limousine built for an Arab sheik has been curbed by the California Highway Patrol — it's 18 inches too long.

No problem, Ultra Custom Coach general manager Kraig Kavanagh said Monday.

He's doing some "cosmetic work" to make the 14,000-pound, \$1.8 million ride street legal — that is, no more than 65 feet long.

"We've taken some of the plastic off the bumpers, and we're tightening up the clear-

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ance a little bit," Kavanagh said.

The white Lincoln Town Car built for Sheik Hamad Bin Hamdan Al-Nahayan of the United Arab Emirates can carry 36 passengers. It's in two pieces with a hitch in the middle like a tractor-trailer so it can bend around corners. It has five axles.

Last week, CHP officers spotted it cruising through Carlsbad, ordered it to the curb and pulled out their tape measures.

A normal Town Car is 18 feet long; most city buses are 40 feet.

Officers' treatment of obese woman's body offensive, family says

CHICAGO (AP) — Police officers called to remove the body of a 500-pound woman made crude remarks about the woman's size and left her naked corpse in open view, family members say.

Relatives and neighbors of Patricia Mullen, 31, said officers left Mullen's naked body near an open door for five hours Tuesday, raided her refrigerator and played video games while they awaited help in moving the body.

They also said children looking into the basement apartment saw officers jiggling the body with their feet and heard them making unkind comments.

The family has filed a formal complaint against the officers.

"It's bad enough to lose a family member, but to have the body treated with such disrespect," said niece Tammy Meschick. "It's a travesty."

Witnesses also said that when the body was finally moved, the officers dragged the woman by the ankles up the steps and across the lawn to a waiting truck.

"They did not give her any dignity at all," said Evelyn Makris, a family friend.

The police department's Office of Professional Standards is investigating the complaint, said spokesman Patrick Camden. He declined to comment further.

Mullen died Tuesday of heart failure resulting from extreme obesity, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. Her body was discovered in the bathroom by her daughters, ages 7 and 11.