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Elvis Presley was born on this day in 1935 in Tupelo, Mississippi. Celebrations will take place in the EMU Aperture Gallery.



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Court case could affect Oregon law

■ **DEATH:** The state's law legalizing assisted suicide relates to two cases facing the Supreme Court today

By Brad Cain
The Associated Press

SALEM — One of the drafters of Oregon's 1994 assisted suicide law says he thinks the state's medical community is ready to implement the act. But it could be a year or more before legal questions surrounding physician-assisted suicide are resolved.

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■ The Supreme Court will hear arguments regarding assisted suicide for the court cases beginning today/6

The U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments today challenging laws passed in Washington and New York that make physician-assisted suicide a felony.

Though not directly related to Oregon's law, the case being heard by the nation's highest court ultimately could help determine whether doctors should be allowed to prescribe life-ending drugs to dying patients.

Approved by voters in November 1994, Oregon's assisted suicide law allows a patient to request a lethal dose of drugs if at least two doctors determine that the person has less than six months to live.

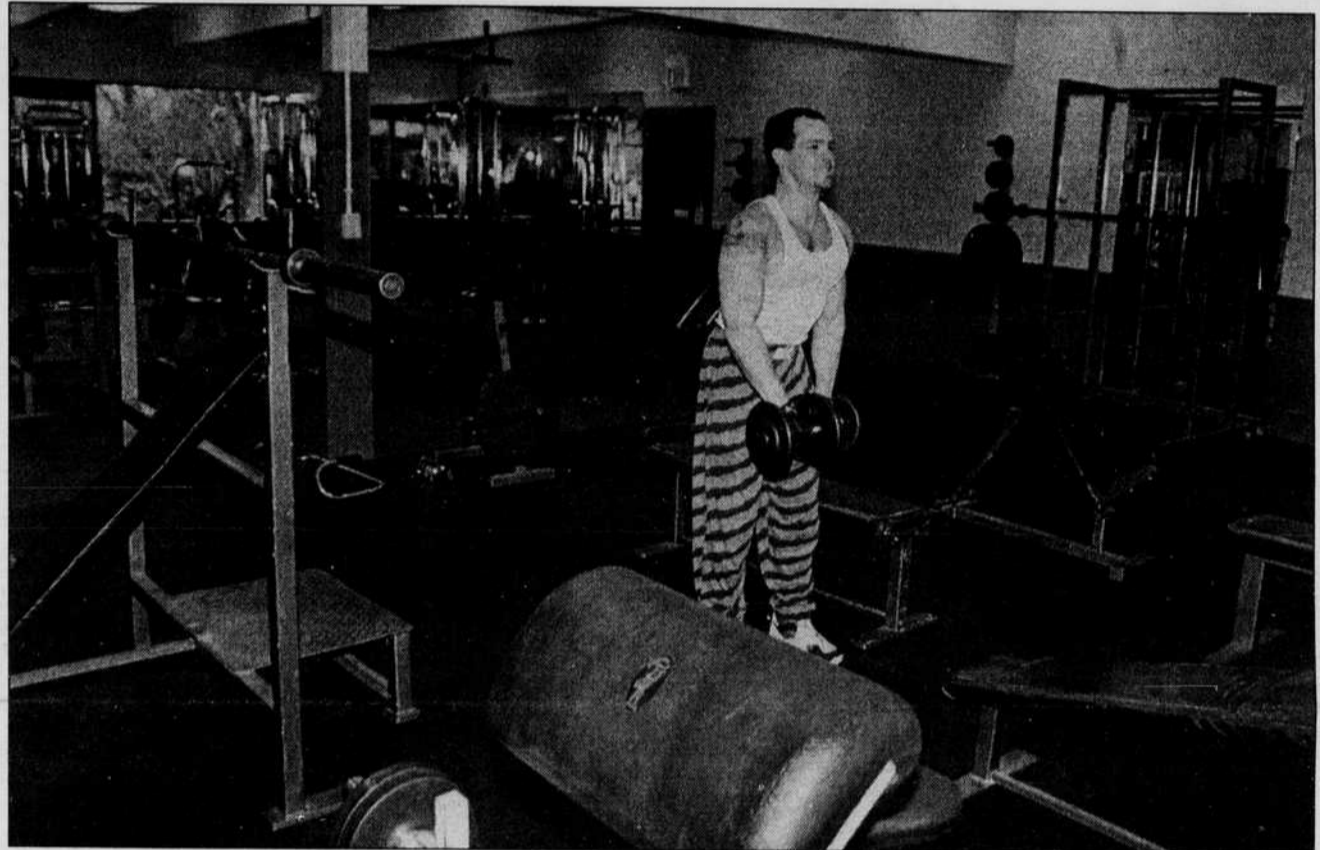
The Oregon law was blocked from taking effect by U.S. District Judge Michael Hogan, who ruled that it failed to safeguard the rights of the terminally ill.

Dr. Peter Goodwin, a Portland physician who helped draw up the assisted suicide law, said Tuesday he thinks the courts eventually will allow doctors to help their dying patients end their lives.

When that day comes, Goodwin said, Oregon will be prepared to carry out the law. The state Health Division already has provisional rules in place to administer it,

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Keeping Fit



MATHEW STIFFLER/Emerald

Matthew Titus of Eugene lifts weights at the former Oregon West Fitness. The building's lease was taken over by Better Bodies.

Fitness center across from UO changes hands

■ **EXERCISE:** Members of Oregon West Fitness have several choices, including the center's new owner

By Eric Collins
Community Reporter

Students with memberships to Oregon West Fitness will still get their exercise this year, but the exercise may no longer be just across the street.

Oregon West Fitness, formerly located on Franklin Boulevard across from campus, opted not to renew its Dec. 31 lease and has since been taken over and reopened as a member of Better Bodies

Family Athletic Centers.

"We are opening an upgraded facility that will add another location for all of our members to enjoy," said Sharon Munyon, general manager of Better Bodies.

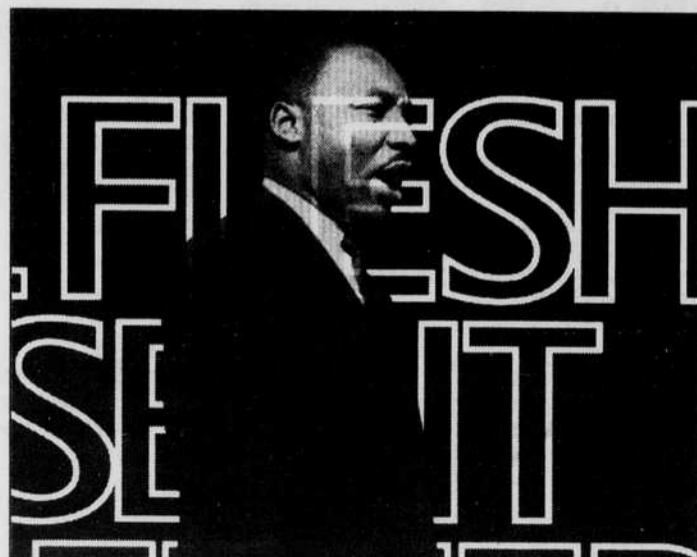
Munyon said all former Oregon West memberships will be honored at Better Bodies, and members may use any Better Bodies facility in Eugene.

The problem for former members may be deciding whether to join Better Bodies or the plethora of exercise facilities around Eugene, all of which are also hon-

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The official poster for the University's Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration was designed by visual design student Elizabeth Morrow.

Morrow designs winning poster for celebration

■ **AWARD:** The winner in the UO contest received \$200 and got to work on a non-commercial project

By Dana Williams
Multicultural Issues Reporter

A University visual design student won \$200 for creating the official poster for the University's 1997 Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration.

Elizabeth Morrow's poster was chosen by the Coordinating Committee to promote events for this year's celebration. The Celebration will focus on how King's vision has changed race relations in America, and how those changes affect the campus community, said Lyllye Parker, committee representative.

Morrow said inspiration for her poster design came from King's words; she wanted

the power of his speech to speak through her poster.

This year's theme, "Realizing the Dream", comes from King's "I Have a Dream" speech, Parker said.

Morrow said she wants her art to communicate the civil rights leader's vision.

"The [poster] design is a marker that shows the struggle for civil rights as a progression from what has happened to what is still to come," Morrow said.

Though Morrow already knows how she will spend her award, she was happy just to work on the project.

"You spend so much of your time designing things for consumers and capitalism, it's nice to be able to do it for something I believe in," Morrow said about her artwork.

"When you design something, there is



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