

Walk in the park

The Oregon women's basketball team walked away with a 23-point win at Oregon State after leading by 21 at the half

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Digital solution?

TCI offers a new digital cable package, but cable staples are noticeably missing from the channel lineup



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Judy Yung will give a lecture on Asian-American history at 12:30 in the EMU Ben Linder Room.

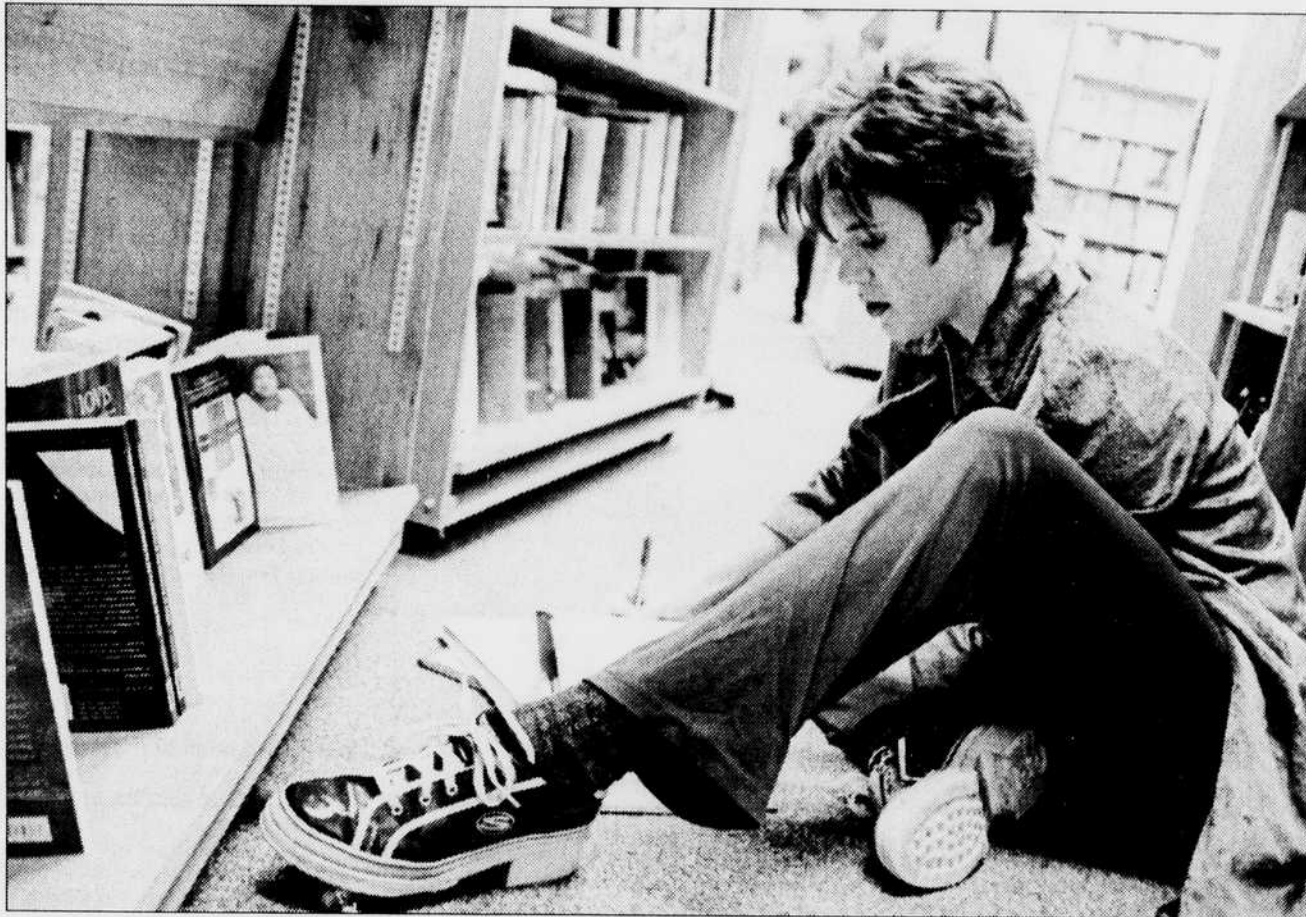
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Today
Fog
High 51. Low 38.
Saturday
Showers
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Psychology major Maja Wolfe browses through the wide selection of books at Mother Kali's.

Mother Kali's survives 23 years

The women's specialty bookstore faces stiff competition from chains like Barnes and Noble

By Nicole Kristal
Higher Education Reporter

The University of Oregon Bookstore specializes in text books. Smith Family Books specializes in used books.

Mother Kali's specializes in women's books.

"We specialize in women's issues, so I think we have more in those areas than anybody else," said E.A. "Izzie" Harbaugh, current manager of the store.

As the only women's bookstore in Eugene, Mother Kali's has provided books that meet women's needs for the last 23

years. Harbaugh has witnessed the evolution of the non-profit corporation for the last 20 years.

Mother Kali's, named after the Hindu goddess of birth and death, was started by three women, Ellen Greenlaw, Muff Picariello and Devi Hunt. The store first opened in a tiny house on West 11th Avenue and Lawrence Street. It featured a women's lending library, news about community events and book readings.

"I think it's nothing short of miraculous that they could keep the thing afloat," Har-

"The whole books industry ... is a hard way to make 10 cents."

E.A. "Izzie" Harbaugh
Store manager

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Torrey backs youth curfew despite critics

Mayor Jim Torrey's proposed daytime curfew for youth has raised objections from the ACLU

By Tricia Duryee
Community Reporter

Mayor Jim Torrey had no idea what he was getting into when he first announced a possible daytime curfew ordinance.

Not only has the idea been unpopular with those under the age of 18, who could be picked off the street and returned to school by an officer, but also with the American Civil Liberties Union, school superintendents and others.

Torrey has also found that in order for the curfew to work, and for everyone to be happy, other provisions have to be made, such as a truant facility or an alternative school that would cater to kids who can't or won't go to school for a number of reasons.



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"This has gotten bigger than I ever thought it was going to," Torrey said.

However, he doesn't see the \$278,000 plan being implemented until Sept. 1, which allows him plenty of time to persuade opponents that this is the best way to keep kids in school and out of trouble.

He said he is expecting to go at it full force until someone offers him a better alternative. "I'll back off of this when someone comes up to me and tells me that they can ensure me that these kids will have an opportunity of education and protection," Torrey said.

Despite his good intentions, the ACLU argues that the curfew would be an infringement on the rights of youth.

"We are very concerned about it," said Polly Nelson, education director for the ACLU of Oregon. "Teenagers have a right. Just because they aren't a certain class of

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Harvard professor addresses future of race relations in America

Professor Cornel West argues that the United States has a history of white supremacy

By Kari Thorene
Higher Education Reporter

"Race remains America's rawest nerve," Harvard University Professor Cornel West told a standing-room only crowd in the EMU Ballroom Thursday afternoon. "But it can't be understood without being linked to other forms of evil."

West, author of the 1993 bestseller "Race Matters," as well as 12 other books, spoke at the University as the 1998 Robert and Beverly Lewis Lecturer in the Humanities, and also as the last event in a series commemorating the life of Martin Luther King Jr.

West's speech, "Restoring Hope," ad-

ressed the future of race relations in America in the context of the history of American racism.

"Let us not confuse this with cheap PC [politically correct] chit-chat," West said. The United States has a strong history of white supremacy, he said, which he traced from slavery to today through homages to anti-racist activists.

He included in them Harriet Beecher Stowe, John Brown and Martin Luther King Jr., among others.

"To talk about race," West said, "raises the question of what kind of person we want to be."

Amid this white supremacist history, West said, is the insistence that the United

States was borne out of innocence and the contradiction that it is an example of freedom in the modern world.

The contemporary reflection of this contradiction, West said, was President Clinton's assertion in the State of the Union address that these are "good times in America."

"For who?" West asked. "Who do you have in mind, Mr. President?" He cited statistics that the top 2 percent in the country are doing very well financially, but that every time wages increase for the bottom 40 percent the Federal Reserve Board adjusts inflation to keep them poor.

"I don't believe in conspiracy theories," West said, "but I do believe in coordinated activity at the top."

With hands either fluttering constantly at the sides of the podium or waving in the air,

West told the audience that American white supremacy and racism is interconnected with patriarchy, corporate dominance, homophobia and ecological destruction.

As for the 21st century, West said he is not optimistic. "What will serve as the countervailing democratic forces against the profit-driven, fast-paced capitalism that could easily reinforce the worst in each and every one of us? That could easily be a nightmare even more dark than the 20th century?" West asked the audience.

But West also stressed hope, even though "there are no guarantees."

"I am not only going down with a fight," he said. "I am going down fighting with the memory of the foremothers and forefathers that came before me, and I am thoroughly convinced that they did not go down in vain."



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