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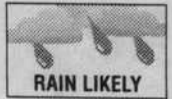
All-around performance

Santiago Lorenzo beat out 17 other competitors to win the Texas Relays Decathlon. **PAGE 7**

Targeting racial profiling

Vicki Walker, D-Eugene, has proposed a bill in the Oregon House to help stop racial profiling. **PAGE 5**

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Attacks on campus prompt DPS to post alerts



ARTIST'S COMPOSITE OF SUSPECT

■ Three women have been attacked since February, and DPS has hung posters around campus to educate students

By Lindsay Buchele
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Eugene Police Department spokeswoman Pam Alejandre said that among the three attacks against women that have occurred on the University campus since February, at least one has an identifiable suspect.

Though each woman attacked has described a different assailant than the other victims, one woman has been able to

provide the police with enough information to develop a composite drawing of the suspect.

This woman, a high school student, was attacked from behind on Feb. 22 while walking on the south sidewalk of Johnson Hall.

"The young woman was carrying a book and was able to turn and hit her attacker with it," said Tom Hicks, associate director for the University Department of Public Safety. "She's the only one who's been able to see her attacker's face."

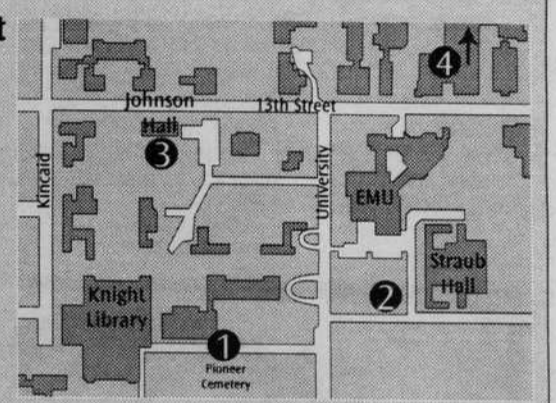
Alejandre said each attack took place after dark and all the victims were grabbed from behind.

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Locations of recent attacks on campus

There are three locations on campus where attacks on women have occurred recently.

A fourth location is off campus in Alton Baker Park, north of the Autzen Foot Bridge.



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Kanoko Manabe practices her lines for the Singapore Student Association's dinner production of 'Seventy Candles' in the Fir Room.

A night of MYSTERY

The Singapore Student Association will celebrate its culture night with the interactive play 'Seventy Candles'

By Kara Cogswell
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Soon, someone will be murdered — and when it happens, it will be up to the audience members of "Seventy Candles" to solve the crime.

"Seventy Candles," an original audience participation play, will be performed from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday in the EMU Fir Room to celebrate the annual Singapore Culture Night. The event is sponsored by the Singapore Students Association.

The play combines a classic "whodunit" murder mystery with a celebration of Singapore food and culture, SSA member

Christian Tan said. Tan co-wrote the play with fellow SSA member May Heng.

The bright red posters SSA has posted around campus tie into the play with a single Chinese character, which symbolizes both "longevity" and "birthday." The group chose the character because it represents two of the themes in "Seventy Candles."

The play's storyline revolves around the fictitious Weng family, which is throwing a surprise 70th birthday party for the family patriarch Ah-Kong — Chinese for "grandfather."

But the cast of the show ex-

tends beyond the actors on stage, SSA president Lindsay Goh said.

"The audience has a role in the whole drama," she said.

Audience members will be treated as if they are "guests" at the surprise party. During the show, they will be served an eight-course dinner that will feature a wide variety of traditional Singapore cuisine, SSA member Aileen Tan said.

"The menu reflects the diversity of different racial groups and cultures in Singapore," she said.

The interactive aspect of the
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EPD establishes arson task force

■ An increasing number of "suspicious" fires has led to the creation of the squad, a cooperative effort by several agencies

By Aaron K. Breniman
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On the heels of last week's Romania Chevrolet fire, the second arson at the dealership in a year, the Eugene Police Department announced Thursday the formation of the Joint Arson Task Force to address the rising number of "suspicious" fires in the Eugene area.

The task force will comprise more than 40 officers from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Oregon State Department of Justice, Oregon State Police and the EPD.

In the past year, there have been 128 fires in the Eugene area that the department considers "suspicious," said EPD spokeswoman Pam Alejandre.

The task force announcement was made during the first day of Jeffrey Michael Luers' criminal case proceedings in Lane County Court. Luers has been charged with multiple

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ROSEBRAUGH

Oil companies hurt Africa, speakers say

■ Activists Annie Brisibe and Carwill James discussed the impact of America's oil companies Thursday night at a Survival Center-sponsored event

By Kara Cogswell
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Two leading environmental activists spoke at the University last night to raise awareness about the effects of U.S. oil consumption on African nations.

"I'd like to remind you, as you ride in your cars, as you live in your beautiful homes ... that in faraway Africa, in the country which holds the oil Americans consume, people are dying," said activist Annie Brisibe, president of the Niger Delta Women for Justice.

U.S. oil companies, which buy 50 percent of the oil produced in Nigeria, have little regard for the lives of the Nigerian people, said Brisibe.

They release toxic chemicals which destroy crops and contaminate the water supply, and the oil pipelines they often

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