



## Oregon doctors prepped for SARS

There have been no reported SARS deaths in the United States, but health providers are prepared for the mysterious respiratory illness

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The Oregon Department of Human Services is looking into a possible Oregon case of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome. The patient, a 57-year-old Portland resident, experienced symptoms after a trip to China last month and was admitted to a Portland hospital last week. Her condition is stable and she is responding to treatment, according to a news release from DHS.

Though the patient's symptoms meet the criteria for SARS diagnosis and the Center for Disease Control has added the case to its list of reported cases, health officials say the patient has not been officially diagnosed with SARS.

"Although this person technically meets the case definition prescribed by the Center for Disease Control, and is counted as a case on their Web site today, other more common diagnoses are thought to be more likely at this time," state epidemiologist Mel Kohn said.

This is the first case of SARS reported  
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### SARS facts

#### What is SARS?

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, otherwise known as SARS, is a respiratory disease, similar to pneumonia, caused by a virus of unknown origin.

#### How is SARS spread?

SARS is spread through contact with respiratory droplets of an infected person. SARS might also be spread

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## Forces close tight on Baghdad

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Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

OUTSIDE BAGHDAD — Coalition troops closing in on Baghdad found resistance diminishing Monday while Marine commanders gave subordinates the best news in a while: It was no longer necessary to wear their stifling anti-chemical suits.

The order signaled that the threat of chemical or biological attack in defense of the capital had subsided along with the decimation of Iraqi forces. It meant that Marines could shed the thick, padded suits that had grown increasingly uncomfortable as desert temperatures

reached into the 90s.

Units approaching Baghdad from the south on Monday reported little resistance and increasing seizures of abandoned munitions, including anti-tank weapons as a new sand storm loomed.

The gains came a day after the noose tightened around the capital and patrols in the countryside detected what might have been the presence of a nerve agent at a captured military compound.

Elsewhere in Iraq, British troops moved into the besieged city of Basra, found little resistance and said they would stay.

Marines examined a suspected  
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A soldier searches the unlighted underground tunnels that connect Baghdad International Airport buildings in Baghdad, Iraq, on Sunday.  
David P. Gilkey  
Detroit Free Press

## INVESTIGATIVE INSIGHT

Renowned author Greg Palast discussed Bush's Iraq policies and the controversy around the 2000 election on Sunday

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Environment/Science/Technology Reporter

More than 600 community members and University students filled the seats, walls and floor of Columbia 150 on Sunday evening, all waiting to hear investigative journalist Greg Palast speak about controversies in American politics.

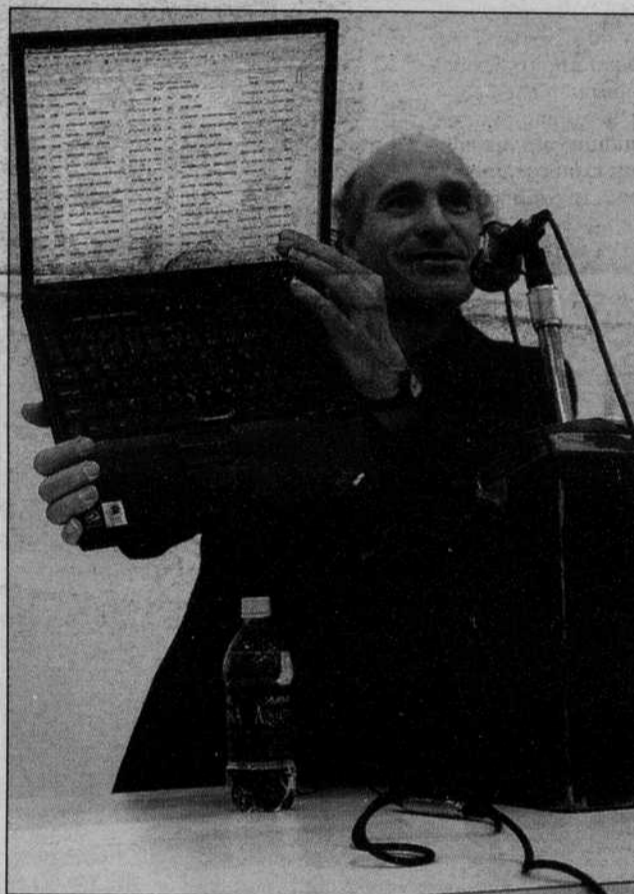
The event, sponsored by the University Survival Center and featuring Palast as the keynote speaker, was in celebration of Palast's book, "The Best Democracy Money Can Buy." The book focuses on Palast's investigative reporting into debates like the 2000 presidential election results in Florida and the reasons for the war in Iraq.

Two other speakers spoke before Palast: Edward Monks, a local attorney, and Alan Siporin, host of KLCC's talk show Critical Mass and author of "Fire's Edge."

Monks spoke first and focused on the radical changes he said media has made since the Reagan administration's appeal of the fairness doctrine.

"Commercial talk radio is completely gone," he said. "It is a

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Danielle Hickey Emerald

Greg Palast spoke in Columbia 150 on Sunday night about U.S. government policies. "The computer program that elected the president. A list of 57,700 voters - mostly black - removed from the Florida voter role," Palast said, holding up a computer.

## Foreign students show off cultures

International Week will celebrate a variety of cultures with speeches and group performances

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Campus/City Culture Reporter

Students can take the opportunity to celebrate some of the many cultures that make up the campus community during International Week, kicking off at 11 a.m. today with a parade featuring students wearing traditional clothing and playing instruments. The events conclude on Sunday with the University's 40th annual International Night.

International Week, organized by the International Student Association, is featuring several speakers, including University President Dave Frohnmayer.

"We try very hard to be an international campus ... not merely in numbers," Frohnmayer said. He added that International Week "showcases some of our finer students."

ISA members said that anyone who wants to make a lot of noise and draw attention to themselves is welcome to participate.

"It's just to get people familiar with other cultures," said organizer Caitlin

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## PFC At-Large candidates aim for program involvement

Two candidates emphasize solid program relations in their bids for the PFC At-Large position

### ASUO elections

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Environment/Science/Technology Reporter

Two candidates are running for the ASUO Programs Finance Committee At-Large position. The position is one of seven responsible for the annual process of allocating funds to student groups on campus.

The Emerald asked each candidate three general questions and also two specific questions about PFC: Who does PFC submit its budgeting benchmark to (answer: the Student Senate), and what is the most important part of Section 4 of the ASUO PFC bylaws, which lists PFC member duties?

Toby Piering, a freshman pre-public policies and planning management and political science double major, is an intern with ASUO and is actively involved with Campus Crusaders for Christ, a Christian youth group.

Piering did not know to whom PFC submits its budgeting benchmark and would not

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## Seat 9 candidates to work on ticket prices, distribution

Three candidates are running for Senate Seat 9, a two-year term that negotiates the availability of student athletic tickets

### ASUO elections

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City/State Politics Reporter

For many University students, free or discounted tickets to campus athletic events are an expected perk to an otherwise sedentary college life. These free tickets are not guaranteed, however. The Athletic Department Fi-

nance Committee negotiates with the University Athletic Department to

### Voting April 9-11

Read the full transcripts of candidate interviews every day on the Web.

determine the number of student tickets available, the price of tickets and how they will be distributed. Three ASUO senators are included on the ADFC.

Senate Seat 9, one of the ADFC, seats, is a two-year term. This year, there are three candidates in the race: Anthony R. Cain,

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