

| Today                                                                             | Tuesday                                                                           | Wednesday                                                                         |
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| High: 59<br>Low: 46<br>Precip: 80%                                                | High: 62<br>Low: 45<br>Precip: 30%                                                | High: 65<br>Low: 45<br>Precip: 20%                                                |

## IN BRIEF

### Middle East expert to discuss Iraq and terrorism

Elan Carr, a linguist, attorney, military officer, community leader and Middle East expert, will be leading a discussion today at 7 p.m. in 180 PLC to address Iraq, the war on terrorism and the future of the Middle East.

Recently returned from military deployment in Iraq, Carr serves as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve and has assisted the Coalition Provisional Authority's efforts to establish an independent Iraqi judiciary to train Iraqi judges and lawyers on topics such as constitutional law.

Tonight's discussion is sponsored by the Oregon Hillel, Alpha Epsilon Pi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon Pi.

— Brittini McClenahan

### Bangladesh filmmaker to address religious conflict

A filmmaker from Bangladesh will show and discuss his film today on that country's struggle between radical and moderate Muslims.

Naeem Mohaiemen, who currently lives in New York, made the film "Muslim or Heretics," which documents the conflict between militant groups and Ahmadiis, who the militants consider to be non-Muslims. The Ahmadiis are a minority religious sect who consider themselves to be Muslims but do not believe that Mohammed was the last prophet.

Mohaiemen is currently working on "Disappeared in America," a film on the disappearance of Muslim men in New York after the Sept. 11 attacks.

The Center for Asian and Pacific Studies organized the event, which is at 4 p.m. in the Knight Library Browsing Room.

— Ayisha Yahya

### Oregon's struggling economy becoming robust

SALEM — Oregon's economy is no longer just climbing out of the doldrums but looks to be on a roll, analysts say.

The state's job growth is running ahead of nearly all other states, and Oregon unemployment in March was at its lowest rate since mid-2001.

"We're not in a recovery any more, we're setting new highs," said John Mitchell, regional economist for U.S. Bank in Portland.

After suffering through recession from 2001-03 with jobless rates that were the highest or near-highest in the nation, Oregon employment rates in March showed significant signs of recovery.

Mitchell said the state's job-growth

rate in March led every other state except Nevada and Arizona.

"This is what's happening across the country," Mitchell said in an interview this past week.

### Multnomah County asked to repay legal fees

PORTLAND — Opponents of same-sex marriage are calling on Multnomah County to reimburse their legal fees.

To win its lawsuit last month, the Defense of Marriage Coalition spent a total of \$399,023.25, according to official records.

In a petition filed Thursday with the Oregon Supreme Court, the anti-gay marriage coalition claims its four experienced attorneys billed 2,477.68 hours during a yearlong legal battle over Multnomah County's March 2004 decision to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

"This is a reasonable amount given the difficulties on this case, the experience of the litigation team, and the successful outcome," Kelly Clark, the lead attorney in the case, wrote in the petition.

The Oregon Supreme Court in April ruled that Multnomah County had no authority to issue licenses against state law, which allows only

heterosexual marriage.

In Oregon under certain circumstances, parties that prevail in a lawsuit can get attorney fees from the losers.

### Explosive device found on SUV dismantled

KLAMATH FALLS — Bomb technicians dismantled an explosive device that had been placed on a man's sport utility vehicle.

John Ivie of Klamath Falls called the authorities Saturday night after he noticed a suspicious container and trip wire on his SUV, said Tim Evinger, the Klamath County sheriff. Bomb experts determined it was a live explosive device, which the technicians dismantled shortly before midnight.

Authorities on Sunday arrested Trace Lee Pederson, 47, the estranged husband of a woman who lives at the place where Ivie's SUV was parked.

Pederson was charged with violating a protective order involving his wife. He was being held at the Klamath County Jail on \$10,000 bail and is scheduled to be arraigned today.

Pederson has not been charged with any crime involving the explosive, though the investigation remains active, Evinger said.

— The Associated Press

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