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news Briefs

MUTATED MONKEY VIRUSES?

Florida author Ed Haslam will be discussing his new book *Dr. Mary's Monkey* via audio link at a free event from 7 to 9 pm Thursday, May 24 at Tsunami Books. Haslam's new book is published by TrineDay in rural Lane County.

The book presents evidence of a biological weapon project in New Orleans in the summer preceding JFK's assassination. Haslam says the project involved mutated monkey viruses and was linked to plots to kill Fidel Castro, contaminated polio vaccines, Lee Harvey Oswald, the Mafia and high-ranking government officials.

Haslam attended high school in New Orleans in the late 1960s, and his father, a professor at Tulane Medical School, had been a colleague of a murdered cancer researcher, Dr. Mary Sherman. "Shortly before his death in 1971, Haslam's father warned him about the dangers of investigating that murder and the related secret operations in New Orleans because doing so would cross swords with some of the most powerful people in our country," says book publisher Kris Millegan. "Haslam took his father's advice seriously and was quiet for many years."

Haslam's first book was *Mary, Ferrie & the Monkey Virus: The Story of an Underground Medical Laboratory*, one of the

first works to expose the contamination of polio vaccines in the 1950s. His new book presents evidence confirming the existence of a bio-weapon project suspected in his first book.

CULTURE OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

An expert panel of four speakers with different perspectives on military sexual harassment and assault will come together from 7 to 9 pm Wednesday, May 30 in 110 Knight Law on the UO campus to explore the culture of sexual harassment in the military. The panel will look at the recruitment process and personal experience, the cultural and historical context and examine where to go from here.

The Suzanne Swift case has opened a local and national dialogue about what is being referred to as "command rape." Swift, an Army specialist from Eugene, went AWOL rather than redeploy to Iraq where she was sexually harassed and assaulted by her commanding officer. She was arrested, court-martialed and detained.

Swift's experience is far from unique, according to organizers of the panel. The panelists will explore "the traditional and recent trends of military sexual harassment and why it has become endemic during the Iraq and



Fidel Castro circa 1960s

Y Active Older Adults Day

Free to the community! Come & experience a fun day at the YMCA, take part in classes, hear an educational talk, get your blood pressure checked & more. Pass the word on to your friends & neighbors so they can experience some FUN at the Eugene Family YMCA.

May 31st, 2007

Classes...

8:00-9:00am	Tai Chi (Movement Center)
9:00-10:00am	Hatha Yoga (Meading Room)
10:30-11:30am	Circle Swim (Big Pool)
10:30-12:00pm	Strength & Stretch (Movement Center)
11:30-12:15pm	H2O Arthritis Fitness (Small Pool)

Activities...

8:30-10:30am	Blood Pressure Check (Lobby) Resting Heart Rate (Lobby) Flexibility Check (Lobby)
9:00-10:30am	Solvang Retirement Community serves treats & Q&A session Goodie bags provided (Beck Center)
9:30-11:30am	Chair Massage (Lobby)
11:15-12:15pm	Blood Pressure Check (Lobby) Resting Heart Rate (Lobby) Flexibility Tests (Lobby)
12:10-1:00pm	Talk from P. T. Solutions (Beck Center)



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EDANE APPLGATE MUELLER

In addition to her studies in the Family and Human Services program at the UO, sixth-generation Oregonian Edane Applegate Mueller works half-time as an educational assistant in a life-skills classroom at Springfield High School. She also works at the Full Access Brokerage, an agency that helps developmentally disabled adults to live in the community. "I've had two part-time jobs while I've gone to school," says Mueller, a 31-year-old returning student with a 3.8 GPA. For a senior project, she is raising funds to support a summer schedule for the Springfield School District's Community Transition Program, aimed at 18- to 21-year-old students. "The goal with a senior project is to fill gaps in service," she explains. "We decided to throw a benefit concert. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go for the kids' extended school year." The all-ages event is scheduled for 6 to 9 pm Thursday, May 31 at Cozmic Pizza in Eugene and will feature a variety of performers, from folk to hip-hop. Ten days after graduation in June, Mueller will begin a master's degree program in special ed. at the UO.

