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CITY

# IT'S HIGH TIME FOR NEW SIGNS

High Street, long notorious for its missing street signs, finally got a new set between 10th and 18th avenues

IAN GERONIMO | NEWS REPORTER

For more than a year, the street signs overlooking High Street in the West University Neighborhood have been notoriously absent.

But two months ago, the city replaced nine of the missing signs on the corridor between 10th and 18th Streets, and so far there have been no reports of stolen signs in that location. Steve Gallup, traffic technical supervisor for the City of Eugene, said hundreds of street signs went missing each year, but that maintaining the signs on High Street was particularly challenging.

"It's very difficult to keep those signs up," Gallup said. "For whatever reason, they seem to be the most popular."

Sign theft occurs most frequently on the stretch of High Street in the campus vicinity between 10th and 30th avenues. Gallup said about 35 High Street signs were reported missing before the city stopped replacing them, and those replaced were chosen because they were "the oldest of the requests on the books." He said those signs were located at junctions with streets whose signs had also gone missing as well.

"It's always a priority for us to go around and replace signs, but we also understand that those signs on High Street are at high risk of being stolen, and we have to consider spending our resources elsewhere," Gallup said. "Those signs could be gone in a week, even in a weekend; I mean, that's how fast those things go."

Theft of a street sign is generally considered a misdemeanor, EPD Lt. Scott Fellman said, but he pointed out that it

"It's very difficult to keep those signs up. For whatever reason, they seem to be the most popular."

**STEVE GALLUP**  
TRAFFIC TECHNICAL SUPERVISOR FOR THE CITY OF EUGENE

could also be a higher-level offense "if stealing the sign leads to injury or death."

"If you steal a street sign, and an ambulance can't find the address of an emergency because the sign is gone and someone dies, you could be criminally liable in that death," Fellman said. "As a side note, stealing street signs is really inconsiderate. How would you feel if you were new in town and got lost because someone stole the street sign you needed to find your destination?"

University student Audrey Merwin said she noticed the signs were missing because she would "just get lost a lot."

The West University area is a focal point for law enforcement, Fellman said.

"We focus considerable patrol resources in that area on weekend nights due to the high level of disorder crimes that happen there, such as disorderly conduct, alcohol offenses and loud noise violations," he said.

Many students regard the sign-less street as an iconic quirk of the West University Neighborhood.

University student Otis Laney said, "I've driven that street maybe 100 times, and I don't think I've ever seen a sign."

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The City of Eugene replaced High Street signs between East 10th and 18th avenues after their long absence because of theft.



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## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR ROOMMIE?

DORM RESIDENTS BATTLE IT OUT FOR ROOMMATE BRAGGING RIGHTS

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

## OSPIRG funding decision postponed

ASUO contract negotiators will await a reduced funding proposal before voting again

ALEX TOMCHAK SCOTT  
NEWS REPORTER

OSPIRG will get one more chance to argue for student fee funding after the ASUO's contract negotiators voted to postpone a final decision on its contract Thursday night. However, if OSPIRG gets any money, it is likely to be well below the amount its leaders requested.

The Oregon Student Public Interest Research Group, a statewide, nonprofit, political advocacy organization that draws funding from campus governments, must now answer how it will allocate its funding if given less than the roughly \$117,000 it requested from the ASUO.

The ASUO's Athletics and Contracts Finance Committee, which negotiates contracts for the student government, will likely have the final say on whether OSPIRG receives funding for the 2010-11 school year.

The group has been controversial on campus for years. It functions by hiring Salem- and Washington, D.C.-based professionals to carry out political

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STATE

## Legislators tackle human trafficking

Oregon bill aims to increase awareness of human trafficking, a growing statewide problem

IAN GERONIMO | NEWS REPORTER

Alcohol vendors may soon be playing a part in helping Oregon legislators spread public awareness of human trafficking in the state.

On Tuesday, legislators unanimously passed House Bill 3623, which aims to raise awareness about human trafficking in Oregon and is now undergoing readings in the Senate.

The bill allows the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to choose whether to send informational stickers to beer and liquor distributors throughout the state. The stickers will include a hotline number for victims, reporting tips or for general information regarding human trafficking and would likely be displayed around bars and liquor stores.

"Oregon has become a hub for human

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CAMPUS

## New year, Chinese tradition

JAYNA OMAYE | NEWS REPORTER

With the Chinese New Year quickly approaching, the campus and community are gearing up to partake in festivities hosted by the University's Chinese Students and Scholars Association.

On Saturday, the UOCSSA will host a Chinese New Year celebration, themed "Palace Banquet," that will host a multitude of performances and showcases of the traditional Chinese culture.

This year, Chinese New Year falls on Sunday. In China, the traditional festivities last for 15 days. Spending time with family, giving gifts and eating traditional Chinese food are all aspects of the New Year that are celebrated both in China and at the UOCSSA's event.

Andy Liu, UOCSSA public relations director and event coordinator, said Chinese New Year is "like Christmas and Thanksgiving together."

"Most students who are coming are international students from

### PALACE BANQUET

What: Chinese New Year Celebration

When: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13

Where: EMU Ballroom

Cost: \$9 general public; \$7 students

China, so they don't get to go home," Liu said. "This is a good time to celebrate a family festival with their friends."

The festival is the biggest event for the UOCSSA and the Chinese community, Liu said. The organizers expect 400 to 500 people to attend, including many students. Chinese teachers, restaurant owners and a member of the Chinese Consulate in San Francisco will also attend.

"It's a really significant festival for



JACK HUNTER | PHOTOGRAPHER

(Left to right) University junior Xiao Long, sophomore Qixuan Wang, the American English Institute's Linhan Yang, sophomore Yi Lin, and the American English Institute's Quan Dai rehearse Thursday night for the UO Chinese Students and Scholars Association's Chinese New Year celebration, "Palace Banquet."

our culture," UOCSSA President Oscar Cao said. "We want to have a reunion with other cultures, as well, because other cultures celebrate

Chinese New Year, too."

Before entering the event, guests will experience what the Chinese

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IN MY OPINION | GREG DEWAR

# GAMERS' SOCIAL ISOLATION

Small LANs (or local area networks to the less tech-savvy) and splitscreen cooperative play are slowly dying. Today's gamers are just different in a lot of ways. They're much more demanding of their games graphically. They're much more demanding of a linear, more streamlined fashion of gameplay. And their multiplayer requirements are all large-scale.



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Increasingly, the idea of inviting their friends over for a nice splitscreen 4-player romp on their Xbox 360 seems like a foreign concept. Many log on to a console gaming network, find their friends online and play from home on their own screen — or turn to the Internet in lieu of friends to play with. PC gamers, who used to lug their gaming rigs to and from each other's houses to participate in small-scale LAN parties just a decade ago, increasingly use the Internet to connect to their friends, or, like console gamers, turn to it for allies and opponents.

Sadly, the more gamers I meet here at the University, the more I hear they have never been to a LAN, and that their multiplayer experiences are limited to MMORPGs (Massively Multiplayer Online Role Playing Games like "World of Warcraft") or the Internet skirmishes like one may find in "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare."

The togetherness and bonding that occurs between four to six gamers sitting in a living room or basement overdoing the Dew and Cheetos is something these gamers are missing out on. Seeing the expressions of laughter, joy and disappointment on the faces of their comrades in real time, without use of a headset, is

a completely foreign concept. They have never had the joy of cooperatively beating a "Super Mario Bros." game, cooperatively beating "Halo" on legendary, or more recently, sitting right next to someone and leveling up together in Borderlands or strategizing to conquer your enemies together in "Command & Conquer: Red Alert 3."

Small-group gaming has the same social benefits board games (yes, remember those old things with actual cardboard and plastic pieces?) do in creating a focal point for socialization and togetherness. How much fun would the game of "Life" be if your opponent was half-way around the world and wasn't talking on their microphone, as is common in today's anti-social Internet gaming world? All the tools are there; there's just no communication.

It's downright good, clean fun for the digital age.

Many gamers even seem to lose all patience when small-scale gaming. They have become so ingrained with their MMORPGs that the idea of slowing down to a cooperative pace is tedious. Their attention spans have grown so short and their need for personal achievement has grown so large that they have become incapable of this old-school experience. In an MMORPG, it is common for players to achieve goals as quickly as possible without even stopping to enjoy what they've done before moving onto the next, for fear of being left behind by other players. And when everyone is doing this, it becomes the norm to rush without stopping to smell the roses or even perform basic social graces.

I don't blame the gamers, though; I blame the games. For a long time, many games shipped without any sort of cooperative mode as the world was

completely in love with the online experience, and in making it as massive as possible. If you wanted to multiplayer with everyone else, you had to invest the insane amount of time and energy that an MMORPG requires. If you wanted cooperative play, you had to go dust off an old game and try to convince someone to look past its aged graphics.

The hallmark of gaming, which made it so great for so long — sharing it with friends and family — was completely gone in lieu the more robotic and accessible online play. PC games began to ship without LAN modes and consoles games without cooperative modes.

But no more. The industry has realized that we're pretty sick of the MMORPG inundation, and increasingly its bringing back splitscreen cooperative play modes for consoles and making PC games LAN friendly. Giving power to the players to play on their own networks or their own TVs on their terms.

So while these cold winter months persist and even into the rainy spring bits, stay indoors, but invite your friends over. Sit everyone down on the same couch in front of a single television (or two with system link). Gather 'round the kitchen table with your computers and game, together.

Make gaming social again. Make gaming human again. Bring back those good, clean times when you enjoyed your nerdy, anti-social hobby with other nerdy anti-socials in the flesh. Share a pizza and a pack of Bawls, and when you beat that game on the hardest difficulty together, high-five them. Hard.

Need some suggestions? Check out [www.co-optimus.com](http://www.co-optimus.com) for lists of the best cooperative games for each platform.

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# What you are saying on the Web

## "Senate votes to approve anti-Forum resolution," ODE, Feb. 11

Senators who supported the original resolution circulated a copy of it, asking those in the audience to sign it so that it could be presented to the Pacifica Forum.

Well now, how nice. This will be the Senate's first attempt at communication with we (racist?) "witches."

Who were the three who showed to speak? Williams, Gillespie and Dan Weiner?

Three on the "payroll," cute.

Even community member Dan Weiner, who had spoken at previous meetings in support of finding an alternative space for the Forum to use, testified that the Forum should be removed.

This is disingenuous. It makes it sound like Weiner had spoken in support of the Forum when in actuality, he has been actively trying to find dirt on us since at least 2006, working in tandem with the Jewish Community "Relationships" Council. What he'd said at the previous Senate meeting is that the Forum should be moved to an "adult book store," or some such drivel.

Students are not afraid of the Forum. Students are afraid of the rhetoric of the "Anti"-Hate Task Force. (Was Michael Williams wearing his "hero" costume again?)

DC, FEB. 11, 11:27 A.M.

## "OSPIRG campaigns for ASUO funding," ODE, Feb. 11

OSPIRG isn't a bad organization, but it's a very poor use of student incidental fees. I would assume that most students would like to see their tuition dollars actually going towards improving things on campus, rather than handing it off to an organization in Salem for philanthropic causes.

MIKE, FEB. 11, 7:13 A.M.

If you ever had a question as to whether or not OSPIRG is shady:

"We essentially operate as one organization that are incorporated as two for tax purposes," Denson said of the state OSPIRG."

Dishonest, fraudulent behavior is not what we should be rewarding with barrels of student dollars.

ANONYMOUS, FEB. 11, 11:53 A.M.

The petition drive happened only last week, not "much of winter term." It was four days.

ACTUALLY, FEB. 11, 12:41 P.M.

## "Anonymity undermines validity," ODE, Feb. 10

Some degree of identity — even if under pseudonym but forcibly consistent (login handles, etc...) creates an environment of accountability.

You invest yourself somewhere — even if nobody knows your "true identity." If you thrash that alter identity by being a prick, you can't go back, and you lose your time and emotional investment — thus accountability.

I mostly agree with the author's stance on the topic and it matches-up with my experience.

General identity = good.

"Internet Driver's License"? Ummm — no, the propensity for abuse of basic human rights is too great.

OTTER77, FEB. 11 1:26, P.M.

# The week in thumbs

THE OPINION DESK GIVES A BIG THUMBS UP — AND THUMBS DOWN — TO THE BIGGEST ISSUES THIS WEEK



## Free condoms send a message

An Arizona-based environmental group is planning on dispersing 100,000 free condoms across America. The point? To call attention to human over-population and its effect on endangered species. And there's no harm in a little bit of safe love.



## ASUO approves anti-Pacifica resolution

It doesn't repress free speech to dislike something with a unified voice, and now we can move on to other issues with a collective sigh of relief.



## Google makes Googling safer

Google launches a "safe search" for its YouTube search results. Users may now option out of mature content with comments automatically filtered by default in this mode. No more, "Wow, I really wish I had not just seen that," when Googling.



## Lyzi Diamond resigns from the ASUO Senate

Seven resignations in one academic year: Either we picked our senators wrong in the first place, or the Walnut Room has become a hostile place for reasonable people. Probably more of the latter.



## Iran claims nuclear capability

On Thursday, the 31st anniversary of the Islamic Revolution, Iran's president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, claimed his country has nuclear fuel capabilities. With Iran already a loose cannon as it is, this marks the potential turning point in Iranian foreign policy. Now we just need to wait and see what China will do in response and whether or not they will join us.



## Facebook changes. Again.

Once again, Facebook changes what isn't broke. The Facebook poll answered by 14,000 users: "Who thinks Facebook should go back to the original version?" was answered as 86.7 percent saying yes, 5.1 percent saying no, and 8.2 percent saying "a little change is OK."



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# TRAFFIC

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trafficking on the West Coast," said Rep. Brent Barton, D-Clackamas, one of the bill's sponsors. "Human trafficking is tied with the illegal arms trade as the second largest world-wide illicit activity after the drug trade, and it is growing more rapidly than either. Oregon is not immune to it."

With the bill, Barton hopes to set a precedent for laws dealing with human trafficking.

"It's a pretty modest bill," Barton said. "I consider it a first step, but we need to completely transform the way government interacts with this issue."

Washington and California adopted laws defining and restricting human trafficking in 2003 and 2005, respectively. Oregon lawmakers have been slower to act.

In 2007 the legislature passed ORS 163.266, trafficking in persons, and ORS 167.017,

compelling prostitution. Both statutes identify their respective crimes as Class B felonies — the former for people taking any part in human trafficking and the latter for inducing others to engage in prostitution. Class B felonies result in a maximum prison sentence of 10 years or a \$250,000 maximum fine.

However, Barton said trafficking in persons is difficult to prosecute consistently. Because it is an unranked offense with no set repercussions for the offender, district attorneys rarely use the 2007 statute and instead use ORS 167.012, promoting prostitution, whose "punishment is clearly defined."

Deputy Keith Bickford, Multnomah County sheriff's detective and director of the Oregon Human Trafficking Task Force, said legislative actions like the bill passed Tuesday are crucial for him to do his job.

Bickford said Oregon's human trafficking laws lack

specificity and severity, but "There are several folks who are trying to beef up laws and make trafficking a higher-level crime."

The Task Force considers Portland a troublesome city for human trafficking because of its ports, major waterways and the intersection of Interstate 5 and Interstate 84. Located along the I-5 corridor, Eugene and Salem are also on the Task Force's radar.

No agencies track the number of people trafficked through Oregon, but the FBI estimates about 18,000 people are brought into the United States each year.

"We don't even have a number yet; it could be hundreds, it could be thousands," Bickford said.

Professor Chuck Hunt, whose social inequality course at the University addresses human trafficking, said the number of people in forced-labor situations is unprecedented in historical terms.

"This is a huge, huge problem. There are more slaves today than in 1863," Hunt said. "Any effort to publicize it or blow a whistle is certainly something I'd be inclined to support. My only question would be, is this the most effective way to attack the problem?"

Hunt also said that, although sexual slavery is the most publicized, military and industrial slavery both pose daunting threats to the humanitarian interests of the global community.

Bickford plans to hold informational meetings in cities across Oregon.

"The Task Force also supplies free classes; I'm in charge of the whole state of Oregon, as dumb as that sounds," he said. "A lot of folks don't even know what human trafficking is. If I wanted to put it in layman's terms, it's modern-day slavery."

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OSPIRG supporter Ryan McCarrel speaks out to the Athletics and Contracts Finance Committee and the public on Thursday evening in support of funding for the group, which did not receive ASUO funding last year.



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# OSPIRG

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campaigns on behalf of student activists.

Campus critics have questioned the way it sets its agenda and the amount of influence its Portland-based sister organization, the Oregon State Public Interest Research Group, wields. Those are questions even some OSPIRG supporters said the group still hadn't answered.

Those concerns led the student government to strip the group's funding in 2009. This year, however, ASUO President Emma Kallaway called for the ACFC to restore at least some of the group's funding.

Despite that request, OSPIRG

came before the ACFC asking for roughly \$117,000, which is close to the amount revoked last year. Those sympathetic to OSPIRG proposed amounts as low as \$60,000, which group members said was the lowest feasible amount of funding.

OSPIRG Student Chapter Chair Charles Denson said the organization would be "toothless" without the full funding, which provoked frustration from many student leaders skeptical of OSPIRG, including those on the committee.

"We're not going to hand it over to you and have you accept that \$60,000 begrudgingly," committee member Ben Eckstein said. "You need to convince us that we can still benefit."

By the end of the hearing, OSPIRG's members agreed to

return with proposals for partial budgets. The date for the next hearing on the budget is yet to be determined, but the ACFC must make a decision on OSPIRG's budget by the final week of winter term.

The chance of even a partial request passing still hangs in the balance. The vote on giving OSPIRG another hearing required a tie-breaking "yes" vote from Kallaway's proxy on the committee, Grace Bounds, because only four members were present. The absent fifth member, Joey Freedman, voted to strip OSPIRG's funding in 2009, meaning that on a full ACFC there are likely three votes against the group.

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# CHINESE

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street life is like, with street performances and bands scattered throughout the lobby.

Festivities will continue with an array of activities, including dance performances, cross-talk shows, instrumental music and a fashion show. The dinner menu features items such as spring

rolls, barbecue duck, pork rice noodle stew and pot stickers.

"People who are interested in the Chinese culture can come and learn about the Chinese tradition," Liu said. "It's important for people to see the passion when celebrating Chinese New Year so they can be a part of it."

Olivia Zhang, editor of the UOCSSA Journal, said the Chinese culture was important to the

community and the campus, as the Chinese culture was becoming widespread at the University.

"Celebrating (Chinese New Year) has a very significant cultural meaning for Eugene and Springfield," Zhang said. "It will provide students with a deeper understanding of the Chinese tradition."

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IN MY OPINION | LUCAS CLARK

# A FUN WEEKEND LIES AHEAD

This weekend marks an intriguing time in the NBA season, with players and coaches getting a few days to forget about their regularly scheduled obligations and put on a show for basketball fans to marvel over. I'm personally a bit more invested in this year's All-Star weekend than I generally am, so I've decided to make a few predictions regarding each of the competitions.

I realize neither of us cares about the celebrity game tonight, so I'll just say whichever team picks up Terrell Owens will win it and move on. Second is the rookie challenge. This game could be pretty attention-grabbing with a rookie class that is dominated by guards and a sophomore group that features a handful of talented big men. But aside from the Spurs DeJuan Blair, the rooks don't quite have enough to bang with Marc Gasol, Brook Lopez and Kevin Love in the paint. Golden State's Stephen Curry, Sacramento's Tyreke Evans and of course the Bucks' Brandon Jennings will

each get theirs, but I see the sophomores taking this one.

Saturday begins with the skills challenge featuring Jennings, Steve Nash, Derrick Rose and Deron Williams. I don't generally tune in early enough in the broadcast to catch this one, but I've got to give the nod to the defending champ Rose. There have been some questions about whether or not he'll be healthy enough to go, but assuming he does, with his speed, he's got the advantage early on.



ALLEY OOP

Next up, a mismatched group of Chauncey Billups, Daequan Cook, Stephen Curry, Channing Frye, Danilo Gallinari and Paul Pierce compete for the 3-point shootout. This is easily the toughest one to pick out a clear winner. Billups is capable of anything, literally, while Curry has arguably one of the best pure shooting strokes the game has

seen in a while. I don't put much credence in Pierce just because he's more of a big-game, situational shooter than someone who can knock down 30 shots from the perimeter. But I've got to go with the dark horse on this one, Frye. Standing at 6 feet 11 inches, he really doesn't even need to jump to get his shot off and won't have to battle fatigued legs by the time the final round is upon them. He made the best move of his career getting out of Portland this season, and he's got my vote for the 3-point shootout and most improved player in the NBA through the midpoint of the season.

Everyone loves the dunk contest, and this year will be no different. The "dunk-in" or whatever they're calling the challenge between Eric Gordon and DeMar DeRozan will be entertaining, but neither of them will beat Charlotte's Gerald Wallace. The guy is a freak and looks like he's got a trick or two up his sleeve to complement his high-flying game. The Lakers fan in me

obviously wants Shannon Brown to pick up the win — he's hands down my favorite L.A. player behind the Black Mamba — but he's about as consistent as the Duck basketball team, so I'll move on.

Lastly is the East vs. West All-Star game on Sunday night. Both starting lineups are aging a bit, and the possible loss of Kobe and the replacement of Brandon Roy with Chris Kaman won't help things much either. I'm giving the edge to the East, simply because of Dwyane Wade and the Akron Hammer. The West has the stronger bench, though each team features several first-time all-stars, four on the West and three on the East. In the end LeBron will be named MVP after leading his squad in points, rebounds, assists, steals, blocks, and minutes. And as long as we don't see the death of Allen Iverson, now in his record-setting 38th NBA season, it should be a great weekend for basketball fans. I know I'm looking forward to it.

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## ARIZONA

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wear down as the game went on, and the Ducks shot 48.7 percent from the field in the second half.

"We kind of fell apart once our shots weren't falling," Whyte said. "We just kind of gave into the fatigue."

It was a particularly frustrating night for star forward Ify Ibekwe. The junior picked up two early fouls, and played just seven minutes in the first half. Her troubles continued in the second half as she committed two more fouls, and she was forced to play the rest of the game with four fouls.

"It was very frustrating for me because I was on the bench for the whole first half," Ibekwe said. "When I got back in, I still had to regain what I missed out (on) in the first."

Butts agreed that Ibekwe's foul trouble hindered the team, but did not hesitate to credit Oregon's effort.

"Obviously that hurts us," Butts said. "She is one of the best players in this league, and certainly one of the best players on our team ... but I think more than anything,

"It was very frustrating for me because I was on the bench for the whole first half. When I got back in, I still had to regain what I missed out (on) in the first."

IBY IBEKWE  
ARIZONA FORWARD

Oregon was being really aggressive. They really wanted this basketball game."

Ibekwe still ended up with 12 rebounds, but scored just nine points in her 21 minutes on the floor. Meanwhile Whyte, who leads the team in scoring with 17.5 points per game, also struggled and compiled just 12 points. She was 0-5 from beyond the arc, and shot just 5-13 for the game.

"It was a rough go for us," Butts said. "I certainly don't want to blame that totally on our lack of ability to score. I think Oregon did a great job on us defensively ... they took advantage of our mistakes, and we didn't take advantage of theirs."

The Wildcats have little time to dwell on the loss, as they head to Corvallis to face off with Oregon State on Saturday.

"Sometimes you have games like this, and you've got to be able to move on from them," Butts said. "Saturday's a big day for us, see how we respond right now. We chalked this one up, we split with Oregon. They're a good team ... we won the first one, they won the second.

"What we have to do is kind of look at it from that perspective, and be able to move on."

### Elwin Heiny takes court as honorary captain

Heiny coached the Ducks from 1976-1993. His 310 wins are the most in Oregon history, and he was greeted with a warm round of applause by the crowd of 2,109. The Ducks also sported pink uniforms in support of the "Pink Zone Initiative" to fight cancer.

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Oregon guard Teondre Williams elevates above USC guard Mike Gerrity. Against Arizona, Williams tied for the team lead with 10 points.

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up a plethora of easy buckets around the rim en route to a 46.7 percent (28-of-60) shooting effort from Arizona. The Ducks also lost the rebounding battle by a count of 35 to 32, though they won the turnover battle 15-16.

"I just felt like we really hurt ourselves offensively," Kent continued. "The plays were there to be made tonight."

Neither team had a great night from the charity stripe, with the Wildcats finishing at 9-of-13 and the Ducks hitting

on just 8-of-15. It wasn't until the 17:47 mark of the second half that Oregon even reached the free-throw line, but at that point the momentum had all but left the Ducks. Kent added that the Ducks lack of on-ball defense helped the Wildcats tremendously on offense.

"We gave Arizona confidence in my opinion by not putting pressure on the basketball," he said.

The Ducks will try to rebound from their second-straight loss when they take on the Arizona State Sun Devils (17-8, 7-5 Pac-10) on Sunday afternoon.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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# Ducks go wild on 'Cats



IVAR YONG | PHOTO EDITOR

ABOVE: Guard Nia Jackson lays the ball up against the Wildcats. Jackson led the team with 18 points and five steals.  
TOP RIGHT: Guard Taylor Lilley drives by an Arizona defender. Along with scoring 15 points, Lilley set a career high with nine assists.  
BOTTOM RIGHT: Guard Micaela Cocks controls the ball in the low post. Oregon outrebounded its opponent for the first time since losing to Arizona 119-112 in the two teams' first matchup this season.



## RECAP: Ducks take revenge against UA

The helter-skelter attack of Oregon proved to be too much for the Wildcats

ROBERT HUSSEMAN  
SPORTS REPORTER

Thursday's word of the day, thanks to Oregon assistant coach Kai Felton, was "synergy."

The Ducks coaching staff has left every women's basketball player a picture or a word at their lockers to promote a key to the game. Against the Arizona Wildcats, the one-word message centered on a team effort.

Oregon delivered on that message with six players in double figures in a 92-74 win over the Wildcats. The Ducks

(15-8, 6-5 Pacific-10 Conference) did not match the pace of their last game with UA — a 119-112 defeat, the most points in a game in Pac-10 history — but the defensive and offensive unity was markedly improved.

"We had good synergy. We were helping each other," head coach Paul Westhead said.

Oregon tried to dictate the pace of the game against Arizona, but the Ducks could not separate themselves from the Wildcats. Arizona forward Ify Ibekwe, who torched Oregon for 32 points and 14 rebounds in Tucson, was limited to seven first-half minutes due to foul trouble, but the Ducks had initial trouble capitalizing on her absence.

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## ARIZONA: Wildcats stagnant from field

Breaking the press wasn't hard, but getting the ball in the hoop proved challenging

PATRICK MALEE  
SPORTS REPORTER

Throughout most of the season, scouting reports have emphasized that if teams can break Oregon's full-court press, they will have a solid chance of winning.

It is easier said than done, to be sure, but Arizona did just that in their first meeting with the Ducks on Jan. 16, scoring 119 points in the process. The results last night in Eugene were quite different.

Though Arizona once again thwarted Oregon's press with relative ease, the team was unable to consistently hit shots. The Wildcats shot just 37.3 percent for the game, and a woeful 19 percent from

three-point range.

"We scouted well, we did what we needed to do in breaking the press," freshman guard Davellyn Whyte said. "Our shots ... they weren't there, like the layups we made in the first game, they just weren't falling for us this game and we were rushing our shots."

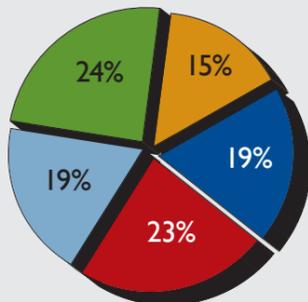
Still, head coach Niya Butts felt the problem ran deeper than shot making.

"We didn't take care of the boards either," Butts said. "I think the unfortunate thing for us is we allowed our frustration on the offensive end to kind of carry over on the defense."

Indeed, the Wildcats were outrebounded 51-40, and allowed the Ducks to grab 11 offensive rebounds. The defense seemed to

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Oregon overwhelmed by Wildcats

Arizona forward Derrick Williams led all scorers with 20 points, including 11 in a row to start the second half

LUCAS CLARK  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Arizona Wildcats used 11 straight points from freshman Derrick Williams to begin the second half as they pulled away for the 70-57 victory over the visiting Oregon Ducks last night in Tucson, Ariz. Williams led all scorers with 20 points on 8-of-10 shooting from the field to go along with his six rebounds and three assists.

The Wildcats completed the season sweep over the Ducks with the win, dropping Oregon to 12-11 overall on the year and

4-7 in conference play.

After scoring the initial first point of the game on Williams' free throw, Arizona (13-11, 7-5 Pacific-10 Conference) trailed for most of the next 9:05 before regaining the 17-16 lead, which they never gave up. Both teams exchanged a pair of three pointers to end the half with the Wildcats leading 36-28.

"It was a great start," Oregon head coach Ernie Kent said. "I just thought we really, really had a chance to put them in a hole here at home."

From there, Williams took over. Scoring 10 of his 20

points in the paint, Williams got several strong passes from guards Kyle Fogg and Nic Wise. Fogg finished the night with a game-high eight assists, while Wise finished with two assists to go along with his 10 points and four rebounds.

Sophomore forward Jeremy Jacob had another strong outing for the Ducks, converting on the double-double as he scored 10 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Fellow sophomore Teondre Williams had a much-needed strong night off the bench for Oregon, coming in and scoring 10 points to go along with his five rebounds. Arizona's Lamont Jones played a key role off the bench for the

**TOP PERFORMERS**

**Jeremy Jacob:** 10 points, 10 rebounds

**Teondre Williams:** 10 points, six rebounds

**Malcolm Armstead:** Six points, six assists

home team, scoring 11 points and pulling six boards during his limited action.

Oregon's shooting woes continued however, as they shot just 38.6 percent (22-of-57) on the night, while giving

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## WOMEN

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Cue the hot hand of Victoria Kenyon, who scored eight of the Ducks' 10 points in a 75-second span to put Oregon ahead, 34-31, with 5:50 remaining. Arizona struggled as the Ducks gained momentum, going scoreless over 3:20 as the first half ended to find itself behind 44-38 at the break.

In the second half, Oregon picked the pace back up at the expense of the undermanned Wildcats, who used all eight of their available players.

"Arizona tried to conserve energy a little bit. Our pace kind of got to them," Westhead said. "The irony is, the pace at Arizona hurt us."

Forward Nicole Canepa caught fire in the second half and helped ice the game against the Wildcats. Canepa did not score in the first half, but scored eight points within a 12-2 run that put the Ducks ahead 62-47 with 12:54 remaining.

"Sometimes I'm not really

feeling it right away. I try and take my time inside," Canepa said. "The first score I had in the game probably helped."

Amanda Johnson followed Canepa up with seven consecutive points, and the Ducks ran away from the Wildcats for their third consecutive victory.

Guard Nia Jackson, who passed a concussion test prior to the game to ensure her availability, led the Ducks with 18 points supplemented by six rebounds, four assists and five steals. Jackson's aggressiveness on offense led to nine free throw attempts, with six conversions.

"It felt great to be playing," Jackson said. "I was a little winded during this game, but it was a lot of fun. It was exciting and we came out really strong. I was pleased with what we did today."

"She just makes things happen, folks," Westhead said.

Canepa finished with 15 points, as did Taylor Lilley, who added nine assists, five rebounds, three steals and no turnovers. Johnson (13 points, 14 rebounds, three

steals), Kenyon (13 points) and Jasmin Holliday (11 points, nine rebounds) also finished in double figures for the Ducks.

Arizona forward Soana Lucet led all scorers with 23 points. Ibekwe played only 21 minutes due to foul trouble but finished with 9 points, 12 rebounds and two steals.

Oregon shot 46.1 percent from the field to Arizona's 37.3 percent and grabbed 51 rebounds to the Wildcats' 40.

"I can't remember the last time we won the battle of the boards," Westhead said.

For the record, the last time the Ducks outrebounded was Arizona, in their January 16 loss. This time around, the distinction came in a victory that was simply synergetic.

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**Nia Jackson:** 18 points, six rebounds, five steals, four assists

**Taylor Lilley:** 15 points, nine assists, four rebounds, three steals

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The Sun Devils come to Eugene having won three of their past five games despite inconsistent performances. After beating Cal on January 30, ASU beat Washington before falling to Washington State, 66-62, last Saturday, the first conference win for the Cougars this season. Arizona State defeated Oregon State 62-49 yesterday to boost its record to 15-8 overall (7-5 Pac-10).

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## PERSONALS

Man of many names with beautiful green soul! Let's grab some herb and have an adventure: Compost run for the geese? You're the best and most loved son, porge! Ma

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#### My Ninja of Love

I told you once, the L-word's totally overrated, but when I'm with you, it's the only thing I feel. Being a hypocrite never felt so good.

### Sugar Pie

I've loved you through long hair and short, dirty dishes and overflowing laundry, gurglers and wetwillies. I love you this Valentines and I'll love you for many more. Grilled Cheese.

#### Happy Valentine's Day!

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## PERSONALS

### the pelvic thrust

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Oh fleshy appendage of the ground I long to embrace your members with my tongue A smooth caress, wet with temptation lingers in my aching mind.

#### Hot patootie

Eddie, I'm so happy you got out of the deep freeze. I've missed you. Meet me at the Rocky Horror Picture Show Feb 12th or 13th at the Bijou Theater 13th and Ferry ~Columbia

#### TO BEN SHY...

I always want to make you smile and be able to see it. You're amazing in every way. Let's always be happy-together. Happy Valentines Day.. -MC

#### Temptress in chief

With a flash of your eyes and a cock of your brow, you make or break my heart.

#### Happy V-Day Dada Stuud

To the girl that is hipper than all hipsters, and more rockin than the best rock stars, Just wanted to say that someone is thinking of you! xoxo gossip girl

#### Show me some muscle

Ah, Rocky, my creation, come up to the lab and meet me at the Rocky Horror Picture Show Feb 12th or 13th 11:30 at the Bijou 13th and Ferry ~Frank

#### Your Chica Loves You

~ she would even eat a green bell pepper for you.

#### Dearest A-

You make me happier than daffodils, sun or vitamin D- what would I do without you? I am so blessed to have you in my life. Here's to a wonderful year together- I love you. -K ... One more time, Sweeter than the first time, Sweeter endlessly...

#### To George

You are the cheese to my macaroni. Where would I be without you? Love Heather

#### I Heart ODE

Happy Valentine's Day to Ms Ross & Ms Barton. Love to X-actos, waxers & Hiron's. xoxo Jenn

#### Mi Amor,

3 years and 10 months later, you still make me melt. Te Amo.

#### Meow!

Lion, You are such a wonderful person; I owe you a thousand thank yous for everything. Your strength, courage and grace are my peace of mind. I have found my turtle dove. Happy Valentine's Day darling! All my love, Yojo.

#### My sexy redhead

My one and only Valentine. Cheers to an exciting year ahead with our first house! I love you so much.

#### To the Bröthel

What a bubbly beautiful bunch you are. And what a joy it is to live, laugh, learn, and love with you. May the cuddles never end.

**Monica** - Everyday your smile brights my mood. I am continually inspired by your love for the planet. Happy Valentines Day! Kathy

#### Dearest Heather

thanks for a great five years. Happy Valentines Day!

## PERSONALS

### Dear Torrin,

You change my world everyday. I love you. -Jocelyn

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Feb. 12). Follow your whims this year, as they will lead you to magical meetings and great insights. Also, in March, one such tangent will be lucrative. April brings the end of a struggle and the beginning of an adventure. May is the chance to reconnect with old ties and heal family bonds. Invest in yourself in September. Sagittarius and Leo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 14, 39, 1 and 17.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You're the one who can take initiative and get a show on the road. And you'll do it, too. You start with no support and wind up with a whole gang of people ready to help you in any way you need.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You used to think that dollars were hard to come by, but you're starting to see that it's not true for everyone. Work on changing your belief system around money. Repeat to yourself: "I always have more than enough."

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). If it's not on the schedule or on your list of things to do, it's not likely to happen. So write things down -- not only the mundane things but the dreamy ones, too. The magic of pen and paper will amaze you.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Your vehicle is in perfect working order -- the chassis is solid, the chrome trim impeccable and shiny, and that last coat of wax was a coat of dreamy dazzle. Someone needs to take you out and show you off.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You have a set of tools for dealing with adversity. There probably won't be any obvious conflict today, except your own resistance to work or a sense of boredom. Use your tools anyway and you'll keep them sharp.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You want people

to like you, but perhaps not everyone, and perhaps not this much. Guard against unwanted attention. Know where you're going and what you're doing at all times, and stay on purpose.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Usually, when you're not sure, you decide to think the best. But don't go against your instincts for the sake of being positive. Sometimes there's a good reason for why you don't feel good about a situation. Honor your gut.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Satisfying yourself may seem like a bigger challenge than it usually is. That's because your taste is changing. What used to interest you has less appeal. You will soon connect with a new passion.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's an assignment you have been given or a deadline you have made for yourself that looms in the distant future. Do not wait until your time is short. Get busy now. This will greatly reduce your stress.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You like some of the changes around you, but there have also been developments that aren't working for you at all. Instead of pining away for the past, get busy finding solutions that will brighten your future.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be a natural crowd pleaser. What you do is so enjoyable to everyone around you that you'll please people you don't even like. And that's just the fact you won't ruin your wonderful mood.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). You are so lucky to have the gift of fanciful thinking. You'll be in another one of your daydreaming moods, and yet you'll also get just the right amount of reality to keep you productive.

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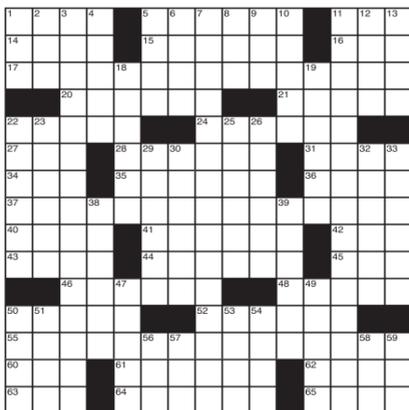
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## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0108

- Across**
- Repeat offenders?
  - Cover
  - Ask too much?
  - Sarcastic reply
  - Unsuitable for mixed company
  - Note traded for bills
  - "That's how it looks to me, anyway"
  - Cheers
  - Weak heart, for example?
  - Does badly at the box office
  - Rubber
  - Org. that awaits your return
  - Hightail
  - In the vicinity of
  - John no one knows
  - Like some glasswork
  - 13th-century literary classic
  - Night light used by Sherlock Holmes
  - Therapist's comment
  - King defeated at Châlons
  - Disembarrass
  - Cricket match
  - Eye shadow?
  - Put in one's \_\_\_ (interfere)
  - Mason's assistant
  - "South Park" boy
  - 1950s-'60s actor known as the Switchblade Kid
  - White robe wearers
  - Crows and others
  - French dip's dip
  - Chevy model discontinued in 2001
  - Deadfall, e.g.
  - Jack, for one
  - Docile marine mammal
  - Daring, in a way
- Down**
- Plame affair org.
  - Things used during crunch time?
  - Extreme exposure
  - Follow closely
  - "Vamoose!"
  - Cheat, slangily
  - Clive Cussler best seller made into a 1980 film
  - Member of Sauron's army
  - Miss \_\_\_
  - Dings
  - Charles IX's court poet
  - It may be played for money
  - \_\_\_ Ball, quinquennial dance in Harry Potter
  - Irritated reactions
  - 1995 thriller about identity theft
  - Chocolate chip, e.g.
  - Stir to action
  - Land



Puzzle by Patrick Barry

- Speedy Gonzales cry
- Words that affect one's standing?
- Father Time's prop
- Monk's first name on "Monk"
- Stopped flowing
- Thorn, once
- Acted as an informant
- Muddies up
- Carriage trade
- Goya's "La \_\_\_ Desnuda"
- 1989 Radio Hall of Fame inductee
- Italian boxer Benvenuti
- Not just nibble
- Prompter action
- Practice overseers: Abbr.
- Not just nudge
- Invisible ink user

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