

Weather

Continued cloudy with slight chance of showers. Afternoon clearing. High 68-72.

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Contaminated soil clean up guidelines not followed

By MICHAEL KELLEY

of the Summer Barometer

The recent rains, which have caused people to wonder if there is going to ever be a summer, may have the OSU Motor Pool in deep water.

Max Rosenberg, environmental specialist for the Department of Environmental Quality, said the Motor Pool may have violated its permit for storing the contaminated soil, which was excavated from the Motor Pool during the last two months.

The contaminated soil is supposed to be covered during heavy rains to prevent runoff from contaminating the area the soil is sitting on, according to terms of the permit.

During last week's heavy rain the site where the soil was moved to remained uncovered, which may have resulted in runoff contaminating the area.

"We have issued the Motor Pool a permit to store the contaminated soils and it has some conditions. Surface water runoff or runoff will be controlled. If there is a runoff then, it is a violation," Rosenberg said.

Rosenberg will be investigating the site, and if there is a violation the Motor Pool will probably get a notice of non-compliance sent to them.

The deposit site is located west of the fire station on 35th street and is approximately 120 feet from Oak Creek.

Motor Pool director Jerry Ward said he thought the soil was covered and was unaware that it was not. When Ward was asked why it wasn't covered he said, "I don't know, it was supposed to be covered."

CSC Environmental of Cottage Grove is under contract for removing the soil from the Motor Pool to the site off 35th street. "They are the ones responsible," Ward said.

Sandy Meyers, one of the owners of CSC Environmental, said she would not comment on the situation right now and would be checking into it.

Ward said approximately 500 cubic yards of the contaminated soil has been moved to the built-up site and the rest of the soil remains at the Motor Pool and is covered with plastic.

"They (CSC) couldn't move the rest of the soil because of the bad weather, it would tear up the road over there," Ward said.

The built-up site has two layers of plastic under the soil and berms around all the sides. An inspection of the site shows that



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Contaminated soil from the OSU Motor Pool sits behind the fire station on 35th street only 30 yards north of Oak Creek. The soil is supposed to be enclosed by a berm, like the one on the right, all the way around. It was also supposed to be covered during the recent heavy rains.

some of the soil is piled on top of the berms and some of the berms do not exist in front of the piles due to trucks running over it.

A report by CSC recently released shows that soil contamination due to petroleum spills at the OSU Motor Pool has been remediated to the extent practicable. Groundwater contamination resulting from the spills is slight.

The nearest surface water is over one mile from the Motor

Pool and is not in danger of being contaminated by practices at the motor pool facility. There may be some domestic use of groundwater in the Corvallis area, however these wells are more than one-half mile from the property and are probably deep enough to ensure protection from surface or shallow contamination.

It also states in the report that a field survey of domestic wells in the area was not conducted.

Stadium construction running slightly behind schedule

By CYNTHIA DOUGLAS

of the Summer Barometer

Beaver football fans who rush to the first home game of next fall's season expecting to see a new version of old Parker Stadium might find that the paint on the walls is still wet — or not there at all.

Inside

Its all in the genes

Genetic engineering is being applied to the problem of availability of pesticide for the control of a pest that damages potato crops year after year. Research into making the potatoes more resistant to the pest are being conducted at the OSU Experiment Station near Hermiston. Story, page 2.

And the band played on

Measure 5 cuts are affecting almost all aspects life on the OSU campus including the atmosphere of Beaver football games. Because of these cuts the OSU marching band will no longer march during games, but their not completely gone. Story, page 3.

The \$3.5 million construction on Parker Stadium, which was slated to be completed on Sept. 1, will not be completely finished by the first home football game, said Bob Bray, construction supervisor of the OSU Physical Plant.

"The first game is the seventh of September," he said. "We will have a functional facility by that time."

By functional, he said, he means the facility is there to be used and it is safe for people to use.

Bray said the new press box, sky boxes, rest rooms, new perimeter fence and gate system, and the roof over the grandstand area will be completed by the time of the first game, but final touches like painting and landscaping may not be ready.

"I want to be careful that people aren't expecting a perfect facility by that time," Bray said.

L. Edwin Coate, vice president for finance and administration, said, "The sky boxes and the press boxes and the roof will be there and people will be able to sit in them, but it might not be finished."

Completion of the "minor corrections" can be expected within another 30 to 60 days of the first football game, Bray said.

Bray said part of the reason for the delay is that the construction was a "fast track" project, which means by bid time, the design for the project had not been completed.

Because of that, he said, "There have been some mismatches and minor glitches that have to be corrected."

He said the design was not perfect, but the final facility will not show that.

The goal of having a functional facility by Sept. 7 is his "best

guess," Coate said. "At this point, until it's built, anything can happen."

Despite the possible inconveniences of missing paint, carpet and landscaping, Coate said the project is really not very behind schedule.

"We did not expect to be completely finished by the first game," he said. "I'd say we're about a week behind."

Bray said there were no problems on the construction site that he wanted to talk about, but Coate said a delay in steel delivery helped to stall the work.

No university money is being used to pay Blumenstein-Dean Construction of Stayton for its contract to do the Parker construction, Coate said. The project is being paid for using alumni gifts, rentals and bonds.

The state bonds would be paid back with football ticket revenues, said John Koch, director of the facilities planning division.

The sky boxes are being paid for by gifts and five-year rentals of the luxury viewing boxes, Coate said.

"Essentially, we figured out the cost to build them and asked people to rent them and set the rent high enough to pay for them," Coate said. "There's no state and no grant money involved in the sky boxes."

Of the 11 boxes, eight have been rented so far, Coate said. The money to build the remaining three boxes was borrowed, and will be paid back out of future sky box rentals.

The sky boxes will help fund athletics at OSU, Coate said.

"At the end of five years, we will re-rent them and that money will become available for other athletic attractions," he said.

Study tries to ward off potato pests through genetics

By WENDY KAY FAULK
of the Summer Barometer

A new genetically engineered potato being field-tested at OSU's Agricultural Experiment Station in Hermiston could be replacing certain insecticides within four to six years.

Aldicarb, a chemical used in the potato industry to kill Colorado potato beetles, has been voluntarily removed from the market, leaving potato growers looking for a new, safe, affordable defense against the beetle. There is hope that a *Bacillus thuringiensis* (B.t.)-containing potato may be the next widely used agent against these insects. The potato is altered by adding a B.t.-producing gene into its tissue. B.t. is a naturally occurring bacterium which kills certain insects when ingested.

B.t. has been used to some extent for twenty-five years as a biological insecticide. However, until now it has been an extremely expensive way to control the beetle. One of the reasons for the high expense is that the sun's rays break down B.t., making it necessary to be sprayed over fields daily.

Monsanto Co. of St. Louis has been working on the B.t.-containing potato since 1987. Last year the potato plants were field-tested in Illinois. In May, testing was moved to Oregon to

test the potato where more of the crop is actually grown.

It is still too early to know any results of the testing, said Russ Meints, director of the Center for Gene Research at OSU. There is a chance that the field-testing may be concluded at the end of this school year, but more than likely will continue through a second growing season.

Tests will also be conducted in other major potato-growing states next year, according to an article in the May 2 issue of the *Oregonian*.

New research is necessary to keep food available in stores.

"Our food supply is always under (natural) attack," Meints said.

The task of getting food from a seed to the grocery stores "is enormously complex," he said. "(Many people seem to think) you throw your seeds in the ground, add a little water and you've got tomatoes."

But there is much more to it. Effective pesticides are constantly discovered or produced, but many insects have been able to adapt to them by building up an immunity. B.t., on the other hand, kills certain insects when ingested, leaving them no time to build up an immunity.

There are about 1,000 known bacterium that kill insects. These are believed to be extremely safe, although there is some controversy.

Safety is a chief concern in the OSU Extension Station's testing.

Meints said he hoped from the beginning that B.t. would be proved safe.

"If you're going to (change) a product, hopefully you're going to improve on its safety," he said. "You don't want to replace a bomb with a gun."

Scientific and biogenetic research are often met with suspicion and fear — fear that food industries are looking for the easiest way to grow and preserve food with no consideration for the health of consumers.

"If the public doesn't trust us, then we can't do our job," Meints said, citing the complexity of the industry.

Genetic tests have been completed on tomatoes, peppers, and tobacco, to name a few, he said, and virus testing is currently being conducted. Viruses are one of the major killers of plants.

Meints said it is important for people to understand "agriculture is a complex industry, and that people need to understand that to have a safe, wholesome food supply is a complex problem."

Giving to charity



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The Oregon Grand Assembly of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, a service organization sponsored by the Masonic Lodges, presents an \$11,058.83 check to a leader from Camp U-Kandu, a camp for children with cancer. Guests from California, Ohio, Illinois and Oklahoma also attended the meeting held at the LaSells Stewart Center Saturday.

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Marching band becomes stadium band

Measure 5 ends band's marching days

By CYNTHIA DOUGLAS

of the Summer Barometer

OSU football fans will be able to enjoy band music during games this fall, despite the fact that funding for the marching band was discontinued in February in response to Measure 5 budget cuts.

The marching band will be replaced by a stadium band made up of about 150 students, said James Douglass, director of bands at OSU.

Students involved in the new band will be required to put in two hours of rehearsal per week instead of the five-and-a-half that marching band members have put in in the past, Douglass said. Because of the shorter time commitment, he said he thought students would be interested in the stadium band.

"Because of the less time commitment, but still the aura of being part of the football spectacle on Saturday, maybe kids would still want to play with us," Douglass said.

Playing in the stadium band will also give students a chance to earn credit for their participation, but Douglass said the music department is not sure yet how much it will offer.

Because of the fewer rehearsal hours, the general feeling is that one credit-hour should be offered instead of the two that marching band students received, Douglass said.

One of those two credits came from the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) for the marching portion of the band. With marching eliminated, Douglass said, it is not realistic that the students will be able to pick up the credit offered by ROTC.

Douglass said that in the past, money for the bands on campus has come from the athletic department, the president's office and the student fees, with each contributing \$20,000.

But the athletic department came into its own financial problems, and it could no longer support the marching band, Douglass said.

The president's office picked up the extra \$20,000, Douglass

said, which meant that a total of \$40,000 of marching band money coming from the president's discretionary fund.

Because the discretionary fund is state-funded, Measure 5 affected it — and the marching band, Douglass said.

"I have been informed by the dean of the College of Liberal Arts that this money would no longer be available through the president's office and I assume that was because of Measure 5," he said.

Douglass said he thought he understood the administration's decision to halt funding for the marching band.

"I am not speaking for the higher administration," Douglass said. "But it seems to me that the administration felt that they could not continue to allocate this kind of money to the marching band when the academic areas of the university where so severely affected."

Douglass said that in most other Pac-10 schools, the athletic department picks up the funding for the marching band.

OSU's marching band's reputation helped to recruit some of the approximately 300 people who are involved in the band program here, Douglass said.

The fall bands draw about 150 new students, Douglass said. Many of those students get involved because of the marching band.

"What worried me was that if we closed down the marching band and did nothing at all to support the football team, this would have a very serious affect on the other bands throughout the year, especially the basketball band," he said.

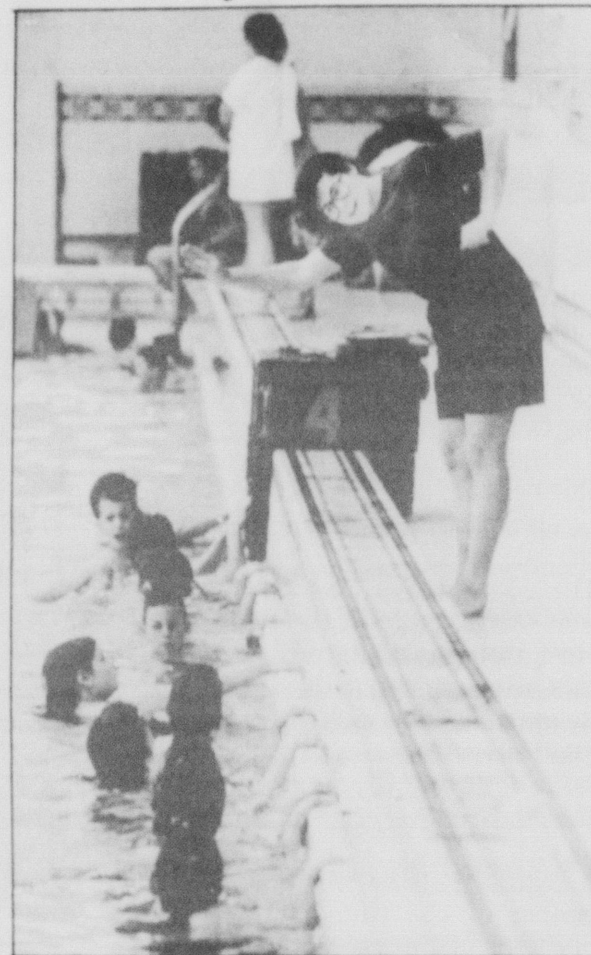
Douglass said the marching band established a strong tradition of marching at OSU in the 1970s and early 1980s.

"The marching band was a tradition that I always felt was highly respected and admired by high schools and colleges throughout the Northwest," he said.

But now, things will change.

"To my knowledge, we are the only major university in the United States that will not have a marching band," Douglass said.

Summer fun



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Darla Foulston, a junior in pre-med, gives her students a swimming-stroke lesson at Langton pool Tuesday. Kids in the Youth Sports Program participate in soccer, softball, baseball, gymnastics, fitness, tennis and pickleball for four hours a day Monday through Thursday.

Championship slated at OSU

Associated Press

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Oregon State University has been selected by the NCAA to play host to its 1993 women's gymnastics championships.

The decision must be approved by the NCAA Executive Committee in August.

Gill Coliseum on the Oregon State campus has been the site of several post-season

gymnastics events in recent years. Oregon State played host to NCAA championships for the first time in 1990.

The NCAA Western Regionals and the World University Games trials were held at the university last season.

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Editorial

Issue finally gets right look

It's amazing how easily issues get clouded in politics these days.

Take the controversy over the use of peyote by the Native American Church for example. As Governor Roberts pointed out, while signing a bill permitting sacramental use of the hallucinogenic drug, this was never a drug issue but rather a religious freedom issue.

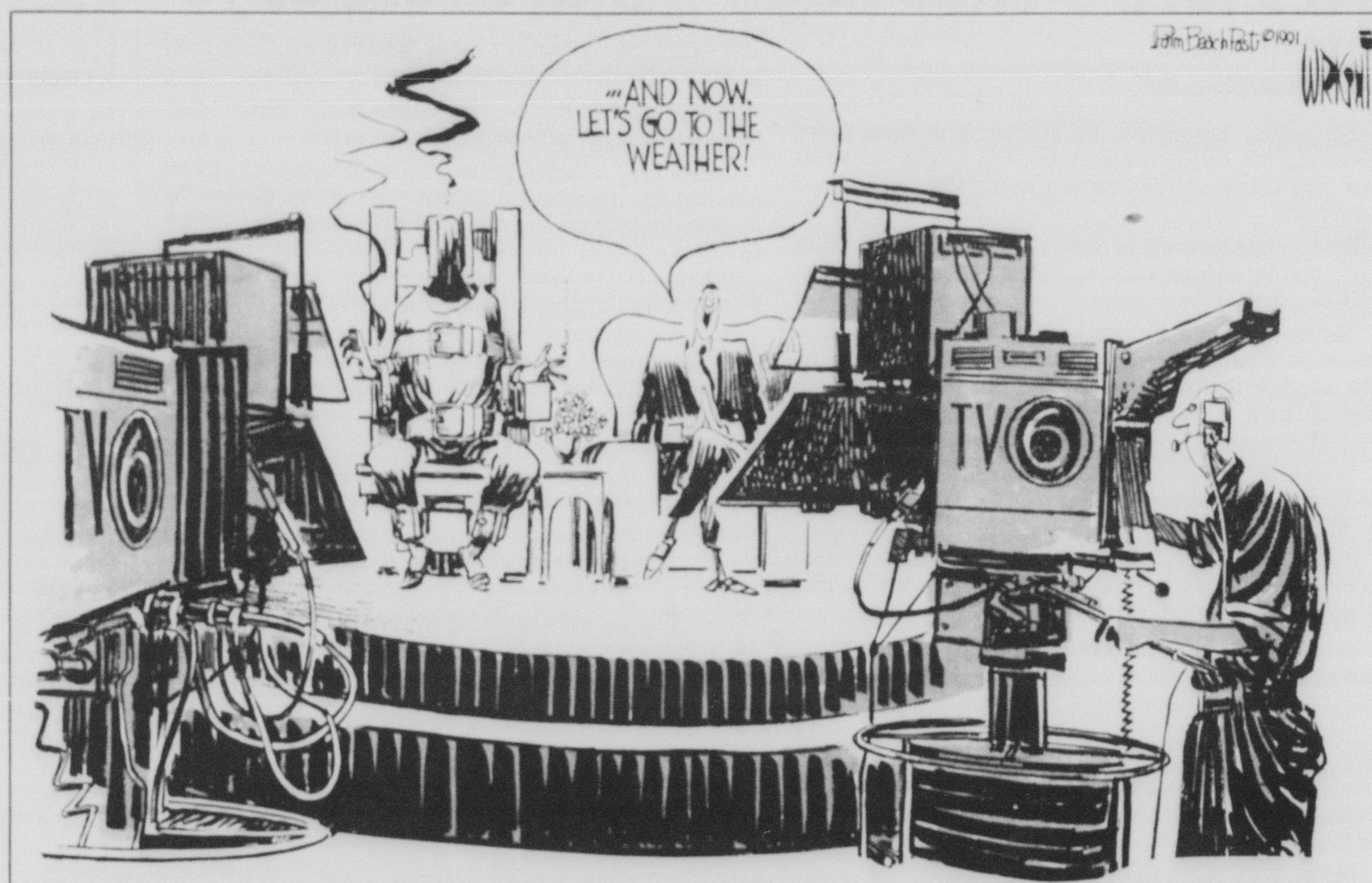
The controversy over the use of peyote stemmed from the 1982 firing of two Douglas County drug counselors who admitted they used the drug in connection with the practices of the Native American Church. The two had unemployment benefits withheld because of their admitted drug use.

It seems that the whole drug war hysteria of the time clouded the judgement of the people involved in the case. The case went all the way to the Supreme Court which supported the state's decision to deny benefits.

Hopefully with this newly enacted law the confusion between recreational use of an illegal drug and its use for religious purposes will be alleviated.

The new law allows the use of peyote when used as a sacrament to be used as a defense against drug charges. It does not legalize the drug, so other uses of the drug are still prosecutable.

Maybe this will go toward correct-



ing the problem of imposing non-Indian values on the Native American culture groups in the state and the rest of the country. This country was founded on freedom of religion and that means all religions even those that are difficult for the establishment to understand.

Bravo to the Oregon legislature for recognizing the problem and doing something about it, especially since their solution did not go overboard and just fixed the problem without creating more. LR

Newspapers going to the birds

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. newsprint consumption in April 1991 was 927,603 metric tons, a decrease of 10.6 percent from the same period last year, preliminary estimates show. Stories like that ought to break a heart. Every week I read about another pair of newspapers merging, another voice gone. What is clear to even the most casual observer is that little by little over the past 20 years we, as a nation, have stopped reading the paper.

Linda Ellerbee

Why this has happened and what to do about it was the subject of the recent conference of the American Newspaper Publishers Association. According to one of the speakers at the conference, the "why" actually is pretty simple.

First, he said, readers' lifestyles have changed with far more competition for their time and attention. Second, advertisers have changed the way they make marketing decisions. And third, he said, new, stronger and more sophisticated competitors "have begun to vie for the available advertising dollars upon which we have depended to fuel our growth."

What the man was trying to say is that television did it.

Yes, of course, television did it, but what to do now? The chairman of the organization said that dramatic changes will be required. "Time

marches on and it will march right over our backs if we let it," he said. Almost everyone who spoke at the conference brought the same message: Newspapers were told to "adapt to the interests and demands of a time-pressed readership."

Now what does that mean?

Have you read the *Boca Raton News*? You haven't? As fortune would have it, you will, and probably sooner rather than later. Oh, it may not be called that. It may be called the *Peoria News*, or the *Juneau News* or perhaps one day the *Los Angeles News*, but read it you will, because where this Florida newspaper has gone, others likely will follow.

When *USA Today* first began publishing, I wrote that it was a newspaper for people who found television news too complex. In some ways, the *Boca Raton News* may be described as a newspaper for people who find *USA Today* too complex. Call it the newspaper of tomorrow.

Trouble is, when reading the *Boca Raton News* (it doesn't take long), there's no one thing you can point to and say, "There it is. This is the devil talking." No article, headline or piece of artwork in it is inherently bad, but taken together, it is not good. It trivializes. There's a little of this, a little of that and not much of anything. MacNews. What the paper's

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China trade policy hard to sell

WASHINGTON — I'm starting a new non-profit organization called the Larry Eagleburger Rescue League.

Lawrence S. Eagleburger, the rumpled professional diplomat who is deputy secretary of state, is maybe a pound or two on the plump side — and a chain-smoker. But the real threat to his health and well-being is that he has to climb up Capitol Hill time after time burdened by the task of defending the president's almost indefensible China policy.

Legislators like him a lot better than they like the policy he is assigned to advocate, so there's nothing mean-minded about their assault. Nonetheless, Eagleburger always ends up flat on his back, gasping for air.

The other day, it was the Senate Finance Committee's turn to pummel Bush's antic notion that the United States should not use the leverage of "most favored nation" (MFN) trading status to induce China to adopt more honorable trade and arms-shipment policies in the world and more humane policies toward its own people.

"When I come before these hearings," a defensive Eagleburger said toward the end of this latest ordeal, "I find out that it's always my department that seems to be the problem."

But he knows — as well as the senators do — that the real source of the absurdly inconsistent U.S. policy lies with the president, who feels he needs no guidance from anyone when it comes to China. Bush is determined to grant the Chinese every break our best customers get on tariffs and trade, no matter how egregious their behavior. And it is egregious.

Eagleburger doesn't try to disguise the facts. "Even the passage of two years cannot erase the terrible images of Tiananmen Square — the sight of tanks and troops advancing on unarmed students," Eagleburger said. The administration has imposed sanctions and sent a succession of envoys, asking the Chinese to ease up, he said, but "the results of our policy, to be quite candid, have been less than we would have liked ... China's human-rights record remains deplorable."

The United States is also indignant about China's piracy of U.S. software designs and

other "intellectual property," its shipment of slave-labor products into this country, its raising ever-higher barriers against U.S. goods and — most acutely — the mounting reports that it is straining to sell missiles to such unsavory governments as Syria.

David S. Broder

Some legislators want to deny China MFN status, which would probably be a mistake, given that no other Western nation is contemplating such retaliation. But majorities in the House and Senate will vote to condition a renewal of China's MFN privilege on progress in all these areas. Bush insists that no conditions be attached, and is determined to veto any congressional restrictions. So poor old Eagleburger has to face the senators and say that denying the Chinese free access to U.S. markets or attaching conditions to that privilege "does not relate directly to any of" our problems with China and "would not put pressure on the Chinese to change their behavior in specific areas."

He said this with a straight face, which just proves that the stage lost a great actor when he became a diplomat.

The fact of the matter is that the United States has become China's biggest hard-currency customer. Last year, the Chinese sold us \$10 billion more of their goods than they bought from us. This year, their trade surplus with the United States is expected to reach \$15 billion. Those billions of dollars are vital to its struggling third-world economy, as are the 2 million to 3 million Chinese jobs dependent on U.S. markets.

But Eagleburger loyally argued that this does not give the United States any leverage. "Of course," Finance committee Chairman Lloyd Bentsen (D-Texas) exploded, "it is not a trade lever, if you won't ever use it and they have no concern about your using it ... If they think you're never going to use that tool, they will never pay any attention to it."

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Couple has quads fertility drug free

BELLEVUE, Wash. (AP) — When Stacia Olivia Mattson and her brothers came into the world, it was with the help of 19 doctors and nurses at Overlake Hospital Medical Center.

Caren Mattson, 36, of Bellevue, gave birth to quadruplets — three boys and a girl — by Caesarean section Tuesday morning.

The birth was considered even more unusual than normal, because Mrs. Mattson and her husband, Gregg, conceived the children naturally. About 97 percent of quadruplets born in the United States are born to couples who have used fertility drugs, said Mrs. Mattson's obstetrician, Dr. Michael Lawler.

The odds of such natural conception are about one in 677,000.

With Gregg standing by in the operating room, the first baby, a boy, arrived at 9:19 a.m. Olivia tagged along last of the four, emerging at 9:21 a.m. The babies' weights ranged from 3

pounds, 10 ounces, to 4 pounds, 5 ounces.

Mother and babies were doing well. As a precaution, one of the three boys was transferred to Seattle's Children's Hospital and Medical Center to be placed on a ventilator, which helps breathing. He was listed in satisfactory condition.

Besides Stacia, only one of the boys — Michael Curtiss — was named.

Lawler delivered the babies with assistance from two other obstetricians. Five neonatal doctors and nurses were assigned to take care of individual newborns.

With the help of a two-month hospitalization and around-the-clock monitoring, Mrs. Mattson was able to carry the quadruplets 34 weeks. Multiple births usually arrive prematurely, Lawler said.

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owner (a mighty newspaper chain) calls "explaining the world for people who don't want the world in great depth" is, simply, an newspaper with less news in it.

No story is allowed to go beyond one page (not that any story actually takes up an entire page). There is, however, an entire section of the paper called "The Good Life," a concept I'm not against, but as a story, there's no second line, maybe no first. What there are, are ads, plenty of them, enough to put a newspaper in the black, they hope, and that's good, that's wonderful, but that doesn't make it a newspaper. At best, it makes it a shoppers' guide with filler. But that, they say, is what young people want.

The worst thing about the *Boca Raton News* and other newspapers like it is that in the end, making the paper smaller, shorter, simpler or sillier will not solve the problem. If people don't read newspapers because they grew up on television, trying to make a television newscast out of a newspaper in hopes of ga-

thering new readers will ultimately turn away real readers. You really can't watch a newspaper. You must read it, therefore, it ought to contain something worth reading. I'm all for any newspaper's trying to stay in business but as in television, there ought to be some way of raising the ceiling other than by lowering the floor.

Meanwhile, we who love newspapers must show we do by buying them, every single day; otherwise, we are saying to young people, "You really aren't missing much by not reading newspapers."

They are. They are missing much. If only the TV listings. And so it goes.

Linda Ellerbee is a syndicated columnist.

CHINA, from page 4

That is only the beginning of the contradictions Bush has built into his China policy. The Taiwan piece is even loonier. For 40 years, Republicans have been ardent defenders of the Taiwan Chinese, whose free-market policies have made it the sixth-largest trading nation in the world. Taiwan wants to join GATT (the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade), where free-world nations negotiate trade-liberalization policies that are the centerpiece of Bush's international economic policy.

The world would obviously benefit from its joining GATT. But Bush is holding up U.S. support for Taiwan's membership to appease Beijing, whose trade policies are so obnoxious the world won't consider it for membership.

Sen. William V. Roth (R-De.) pressed Eagleburger on this point, and all the poor man could say was, "The administration is of the view that while the two should not be linked, we would like to see both Taiwan and the People's Republic of China enter GATT at more or less the same time."

What a policy! No pudgy, chain-smoking diplomat should have to lug that burden up Capitol Hill. Free Larry Eagleburger from this folly, Mr. President.

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Gable trial begins jury deliberations

By ANDREW E. NACHISON

Associated Press Writer

SALEM, Ore. — A jury began deliberations yesterday in the aggravated murder trial of Frank Gable, who is charged in the slaying of Oregon Corrections Chief Michael Francke.

Judge Gregory West told the jurors Wednesday they must judge for themselves the believability of testimony in the case. He said that if they feel a witness has lied, they should take this as an indication that the witness has lied at some other point in his testimony.

He also told the jurors it is proper for them to consider the criminal records of witnesses when judging the truthfulness of their testimony.

In closing arguments Tuesday, Gable's attorney, Bob Abel, said police "found nothing, not one single shred of evidence that links the defendant, Frank Gable, to the murder of Michael Francke."

Gable, 31, is charged with six counts of aggravated murder and one count of murder. If convicted of aggravated murder, he could face the death penalty.

The prosecutor in the case told jurors in her closing arguments that they must consider a consistent pattern of statements from police, witnesses and even Gable himself.

"Leave out information, rumor, speculation, conjecture heard from the news media, friends and family," Deputy Dis-

trict Attorney Sarah Moore said to close the prosecution case nearly eight weeks after her opening statement.

Moore said Gable killed Francke during a bungled car burglary. She highlighted the testimony of a Salem drug dealer who said he saw the killing and four witnesses who said Gable confessed to the killing.

Like Moore, Abel went through a tight chronology of more than a dozen people who were outside the Dome Building between about 7 p.m. and 7:20 p.m. the night of the killing.

"They haven't given any proof beyond a reasonable doubt," Abel concluded. "The verdict has to be not guilty on all counts. Thank you."

Moore said in a 1½-hour rebuttal that Harden and the other key witnesses testified the killing was quick. So it makes sense that Francke would have been dead or dying on the Dome Building porch when people walked by the building minutes after 7 p.m.

Correction

The outline for a photo printed on page 7 of last week's *Summer Barometer* incorrectly identified Dani Hawe and Ashley Straub as the subjects. Neither person was in the picture. The Barometer regrets any confusion caused by this mistake.

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Associated Press

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The project would provide about 80 jobs for at least eight years, producing about 137 million pounds of copper.

Officials with Plexus Resources Corp. of Salt Lake City said about 65 of the workers could be hired from the economically depressed timber towns of the North Santiam Canyon.

Ore would be extracted from tunnels, in contrast to open pit mining, in which topsoil is

scraped away.

The operation would be the state's largest underground mine.

The proposal faces at least two years of environmental study by the U.S. Forest Service and state agencies.

The mine would be in the Cedar Creek valley, about 50 miles east of Salem.

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Measure puts restrictions on child support

By HAL SPENCER
Associated Press Writer

OLYMPIA — A judge may not consider the income of a second spouse when setting child support levels required of a divorced parent under a Senate measure sent to the House on Wednesday.

The bill also would provide that overtime and second-job income could be included as the basis for support payments only if they were steady sources. But the bill would require that social security and disability income be included in calculating support levels.

In addition, a judge could reduce child support payments if the paying parent

spent a "significant amount of time" with the child, with the judge deciding what is significant.

SB5996 is expected to win House passage, House Judiciary Chairman Marlin Appelwick, D-Seattle, said following the 43-0 Senate vote.

The bill, which has won at least tepid support from all interest groups, takes another run at revisions vetoed by Gov. Booth Gardner in SB5120, a more sweeping child support overhaul passed during the regular session ending April 28.

"I think we'll send it to the governor," Appelwick said, adding that he thinks the measure, which he dubbed

"Child Support X, the Sequel," will pass Gardner's muster this time around.

The bill cleared the Senate after Sen. Scott Barr, R-Colville, led a successful floor fight to strike a section that would have ended Lincoln County's grip on the divorce business.

The bill would have required prospective divorcees to file in their home counties, a provision sought by Senate Law and Justice Committee Chairman Gary Nelson, R-Edmonds and others.

Lincoln County, nicknamed "Splitsville," for its "quickie" and mail-order divorces, has become a haven for people seeking a better deal in child

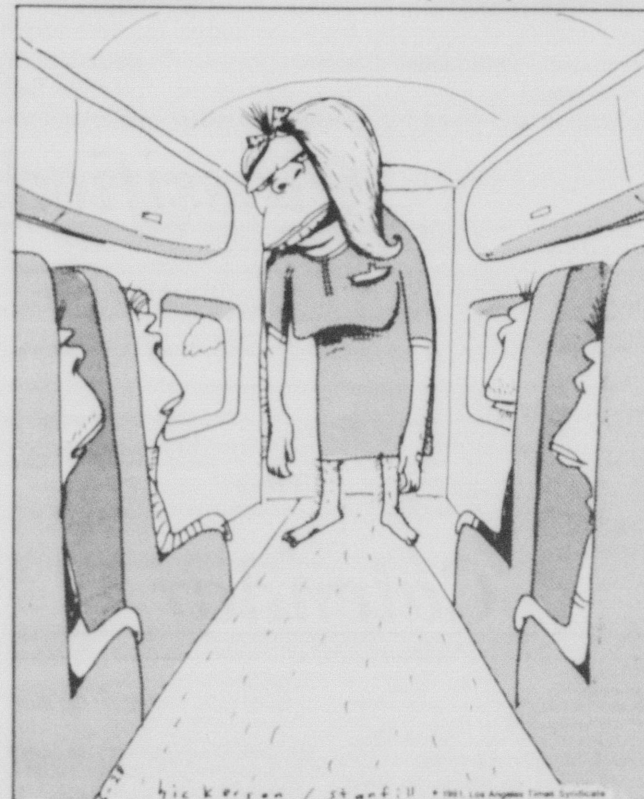
support, custody and other divorce issues, Sen. Phil Talmadge, D-Seattle argued. But Barr contended people should be free to seek a divorce in any county they wish.

Overall "the bill is basically OK," said Lonnie Johnson, a lobbyist for the Na-

tional Organization for Women. Bob Hoyden, lobbyist for Parents Opposed to Punitive Support, said he also supports the measure. But he added that his group would be back next year seeking additional legislation to reduce child support obligations.

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by Buddy Hickerson



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