



The only pond at Brasada Canyons protects the left side of the green on the par-5 finishing hole.

# GOOD GOLF in the BADLANDS

## At Brasada Canyons Golf Course, the hazards include distracting mountain views

By MIKE STAHLBERG  
The Register-Guard

POWELL BUTTE — Brasada Canyons Golf Course is like the game of golf itself — seldom as easy as it looks. Not by a long shot. Wide fairways. Large greens. Only one water hazard, and that well off to one side. At first blush, it appears course designers Peter Jacobsen and Jim Hardy left their latest creation as defenseless as a sod buster in a drought. Yet the course at Brasada Ranch is among Oregon's 15 toughest to play, based on its United States Golf Association course rating of 74.3. Elevation changes, undulating greens and clever bunkering — not to mention distracting panoramic views that make it difficult to keep your head down — combine to make shooting par 72 a challenge, no matter which of the five sets of tees best suit your game.

Brasada Canyons Golf Course is the centerpiece of Brasada Ranch, one of several new resort communities springing up in Central Oregon. The course's second nine opened for play last August. It is located on the west slope of Powell Buttes, a short chain of volcanic hills about 16 miles northeast of Bend and 13 miles southeast of Redmond. The 1,800-acre site was previously known as the Shumway Ranch, but the resort's developer (Jeld-Wen Development, Inc.) renamed it Brasada — a Spanish term for "brush country" often associated with the badlands of south Texas. This sagebrush, juniper and lava rock country is rugged enough to have a badlands feel to it. But it's badlands with a view. Brasada Ranch is perched above the surrounding High Desert plateau and offers sweeping views of Newberry Crater, Smith Rock, Black Butte and the Cascade Range. "It's a beautiful piece of property with beautiful

vistas," said Jacobsen, the former three-time all-American golfer at the University of Oregon and seven-time winner on the PGA Tour. Currently rehabbing from knee replacement surgery, Jacobsen hopes to resume play on the Champions Tour soon. (He was heading for the practice range when interviewed by telephone last week). "We had an opportunity to build a great course," Jacobsen said, "and I think we accomplished that." The main design challenge, he said, was choosing from among the many options for locating holes. "On a piece of property like that, there are a lot of holes you can build — you can route a lot of different ways," Jacobsen said. "The difficulty was making sure we found the best 18 holes out there" while providing a good variety. Jacobsen and Hardy utilized the network of natu-

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The Three Sisters provide visual distraction from the golfing task at hand from the tee at the par-3 sixth hole at Brasada Canyons Golf Course.

## Brasada Canyons on course to be tough test

Based on course rating and slope rating, the course is among the state's most difficult

By MIKE STAHLBERG  
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It's too soon to say where Brasada Canyons Golf Course will rank among Oregon's great golf courses. The major golf magazines have yet to weigh in with their ratings of the semi-private resort layout that opened east of Redmond last August. But Brasada Canyons has already made the list of the Oregon Golf Association's most difficult 18-hole courses to play from the tips — or "Jake's tees," as Brasada Club members refer to the back tees in honor of Peter Jacobsen, the former University of Oregon golfer who helped design the course. The 7,295-yard, par-72 layout has been assigned a course rating of 74.3 by the OGA, putting it in a tie for

the 13th-most difficult course in the state. "Course rating" is the score a scratch-handicap male golfer "who plays to the standard of the U.S. Amateur" would theoretically average on a particular course. According to the United States Golf Association manual on course ratings, the mythical male golfer the handicapping system is based upon "can hit tee shots an average of 250 yards and reach a 470-yard hole in two shots." The USGA's Course Rating System provides a way to level the playing field among golfers by taking into account the fact that some courses are more difficult than others. In Oregon, the most difficult course to play from the back tees is Bandon Dunes, on which the mythical scratch golfer is expected to post an average score of 76.7 — nearly five strokes over par. Crosswater at Sunriver is second with a rating of

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OREGON'S MOST DIFFICULT 18-HOLE GOLF COURSES*			
Course	Rating	Slope	Yards
1. Bandon Dunes	76.7	149	7,326
2. Crosswater Club	76.5	145	7,683
3. Pronghorn — Nicklaus Course	76.2	151	7,379
4. Pronghorn — Fazio Course	75.8	148	7,447
5. Sandpines Golf Links	75.2	131	7,173
6. Centennial Golf Club	75.0	130	7,309
7. Chehalem Glenn Golf Course	74.8	154	7,054
8. Pumpkin Ridge — Witch Hollow	74.7	139	7,017
8. (tie) The Reserve Vineyards — South	74.7	132	7,170
10. Wildhorse Resort Golf Course	74.6	131	7,060
11. Diamond Woods Golf Course	74.5	143	6,975
12. Aspen Lakes Golf Course	74.4	139	7,302
13. (tie) Brasada Canyons Golf Course	74.3	147	7,314
13. (tie) Royal Oaks Country Club	74.3	133	7,017
15. Eugene Country Club	74.2	136	7,033

\*All ratings, slopes and yardages calculated from the back tees. Source: Oregon Golf Association



OUTDOORS BRIEFLY  
NEWS & NOTES

Many favorite Memorial Day campsites still snowed in

This is not a good year for Memorial Day to fall on the earliest date possible — that just means fewer days for the heaviest snowpack in a decade to melt. Many campgrounds, day-use sites and trails are still covered by snow and are not open. For example, the popular Proxy, Koosah and Sahalie Falls sites, as well as Fish Lake, Ice Cap, Coldwater Cove, Lakes End and Big Lake campgrounds are covered by snow, according to Willamette National Forest officials. Holiday campers are encouraged to contact a local ranger district for details. All four WNF ranger stations are open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. every day. Information can be found online at [www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette/recreation/tripplanning/index.html](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/willamette/recreation/tripplanning/index.html). Also, [www.hoodoo.com](http://www.hoodoo.com) has details on more than 2,000 USFS campsites managed by Hoodoo Recreation Services.

Angling regulations subject of three meetings

Proposed changes in Oregon’s angling regulations for 2009 and beyond will be discussed at a trio of public meetings in southwestern Oregon this week. The Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife will host sessions tonight at the Douglas County Library in Roseburg, Wednesday at Lane Community College in Eugene (Room 308 of Building 17) and Thursday at the Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport. All begin at 7 p.m. (An article in the May 13 Outdoors section incorrectly indicated the meetings were last week). For more details, go to: [www.dfw.state.or.us](http://www.dfw.state.or.us) and click on the “ODFW invites public comment on proposed fishing rules” link.

Annual bicycle ‘Ride of Silence’ set for Wednesday

Eugene’s second annual Ride of Silence will be held Wednesday. Bicyclists will gather at the Erb Memorial Union Amphitheater at the University of Oregon starting at 6:45 p.m., then begin a slow-paced ride at 7 p.m. The Ride of Silence, in its sixth year worldwide, is held to honor the memories of bicyclists who have been killed or seriously injured by motor vehicles on public roads, and to promote safety and “sharing the road.” Details: [www.rideofsilence.org](http://www.rideofsilence.org).

Youth Outdoor Day events planned May 31

Ducks Unlimited and several other sportsmen’s and conservation groups will host an outdoor skills day for youth Saturday, May 3 at EE Wilson Wildlife Area north of Corvallis. Participants will select from among dozens of outdoor activities. The \$5 registration fee includes a T-shirt, lunch and prizes. Details and a registration form are available at [www.ducks.org/Page1143.aspx](http://www.ducks.org/Page1143.aspx). Youngsters are urged to sign up by 5 p.m. today to assure a spot.

Sign-up under way for bike education courses

Registration is open for four bicycle education classes sponsored by the city of Eugene and area bicycle organizations. The classes — Commuter Skills, Street Skills I, Street Skills II and Kids I — use curriculum developed by the League of American Bicyclists and are aimed to make cyclists responsible, safe and effective road users. Information on the classes can be found in the education section of [www.bikeleague.org](http://www.bikeleague.org). Online registration is available at [eugenegears.org](http://eugenegears.org). For more information, call Cindy at 682-5285.

FISHING, HUNTING & WILDLIFE VIEWING

**Rivers and streams:** The McKenzie above Leaburg Dam is scheduled be stocked this week with 7,000 rainbow, but high flows could change that. Fall Creek and Salmon Creek will each be planted with 2,000 fish. The Middle Fork Willamette above Hills Creek will be stocked with 1,350 legals, and the Coast Fork Willamette at Cottage Grove will get 1,400. Spring chinook salmon and summer steelhead fishing in area rivers is very slow, but prospects are gradually improving; about 3,100 salmon and 3,500 steelhead had been counted through Willamette Falls Fish Passage as of May 14. Salmon fishing is better on the Umpqua River.

**Lakes and ponds:** Carmen (3,000 trout) and Smith (5,000) reservoirs and Clear Lake (3,750) will each will be stocked this week with hatchery rainbow. Junction City Pond (1,500) and Leaburg Lake (1,350) will each be planted with a mixture of legal-size and larger fish. Wickiup Reservoir continues to kick out lots kokanee. Several high lakes remain inaccessible because of snow; call before you go.

**Marine zone:** Halibut fishing is good when ocean conditions cooperate. Anglers are also doing well on rockfish and cabezon. Bay crabbing remains quite slow.

Hunting

**Timely tips:** Hunters have 12 days to fill their spring turkey and bear tags. Those seasons end May 31.

— *Compiled from ODFW and Register-Guard reports. For updates: [www.registerguard.com/rg/Weekly/Outdoors/index.csp](http://www.registerguard.com/rg/Weekly/Outdoors/index.csp)*

CALENDAR

**To submit events**  
Submit listings to: [outdoors@registerguard.com](mailto:outdoors@registerguard.com). Unless otherwise noted, events are free.

**Bicycling**  
**WEDNESDAY**  
**GEARS:** 20-mile Dillard Road ride, 6 p.m., Alton Baker Park.

**SATURDAY**  
**GEARS:** 32- and 44-mile Pleasant Hill and Dale Kuni area rides, 9 a.m. for faster riders and 9:30 a.m. for slower riders, Alton Baker Park.

**SUNDAY**  
**GEARS:** 32-mile Mohawk Store ride and 80-mile Brownsville/Brush Creek Road ride, 9 a.m. faster riders, 9:30 a.m. slower riders, Alton Baker Park.

**MONDAY**  
**Altair Ski & Sports Club:** Biking: 15-mile Amazon Creek ride, 10 a.m. Details, RSVP: 510-3846.

**GEARS:** 50-mile Wolf Creek ride from Twin Oaks Elementary, 9 a.m.

**Birding**  
**SUNDAY**  
**The Obsidians:** Janet Hall will lead a 20-mile Fern Ridge bike ride for birders. Details, sign-up at the Eugene Family YMCA, 2055 Patterson St.

**TUESDAY, MAY 27**  
**Audubon Society:** “A Visit to Wild China” presentation by Robert Fleming, 7:30 p.m., Eugene Garden Club, 1645 High St., Eugene.

**Cooking**  
**THURSDAY**  
**Joe’s:** Traeger barbecue demo, 1-3 p.m., Joe’s, 1030 Green Acres Road.

**Gold mining**  
**SATURDAY-MONDAY**  
**Bohemia Mine Owners:** Learn how to pan and sluice for gold at the association’s claim about three miles up Sharp’s Creek east of Cottage Grove, 9 a.m. to dusk Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday.

**Hiking**  
**SATURDAY**  
**Altair Ski & Sports Club:** Demetri Liotonts will lead a 7-mile hike and potluck at Gwen Creek. Details, RSVP 434-0207.

**Obsidians:** Richard Sundt will lead a 3-mile Baldy hike and Laurie Funkhouser will lead a 6.6-mile Rooster Rock hike, Details, sign-up at the Eugene Family YMCA, 2055 Patterson.

**MONDAY**  
**Obsidians:** Janet Jacobsen will lead a 4-mile Masonic Cemetery hike. Details, sign-up at the Eugene Family YMCA, 2055 Patterson St.

**Hunting**  
**TODAY**  
**Oregon Hunter’s Association:** biologist Brian Wolfer will speak on 2008-09 tag updates and local wildlife surveys and hunt results, 7 p.m., Emerald Peoples Utility District offices, 33733 Seavey Loop Road, Eugene.

**Nature**  
**TODAY**  
**Obsidians:** “Nature Conservancy Projects in the Southern Willamette Valley,” a presentation by Charlie Quinn, 7 p.m., Obsidians Lodge near the end of Spring Boulevard above Laurelwood Golf Course.

**Navigation**  
**TODAY**  
**REI:** Basic GPS seminar, 7 p.m., REI, 306 Lawrence St. Details, registration: 465-1800.

**Water sports**  
**THURSDAY**  
**UO Outdoor Program:** “Home-town Throwdown” kayak festival, 6 p.m. Details: 346-4365 or [www.worldkayakblogs.com/throwdown/register/](http://www.worldkayakblogs.com/throwdown/register/).

**TUESDAY, MAY 27**  
**UO Outdoor Program:** “Discover SCUBA” program, 6:30 p.m. Register at the OP office in the Erb Memorial Union by Friday, May 23. Details: 334-0696.

**Walking**  
**WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY**  
**Altair:** 5- to 6-mile Hendricks Park Walk, 9 a.m. Details, RSVP: 726-8154.

**THURSDAY**  
**REI:** “Wonders of Walking” club presentation, 7 p.m., 306 Lawrence St.

**SATURDAY**  
**Altair:** 4.5-mile river trails walk, 9 a.m. Details, RSVP: 343-7893.

**Mossbacks Volkssport Club:** Carpool to Silver Falls State Park for a 6.8-mile walk, 8 a.m., Willamalane, 215 West C St., Springfield. Details: [www.mossbacks.org](http://www.mossbacks.org) or 726-7169.

**SUNDAY**  
**Mossbacks:** Carpool to southeast Albany walk of 3.1 or 6.2 miles, 1 p.m., Willamalane, 215 West C St., Springfield. Details: [www.mossbacks.org](http://www.mossbacks.org) or 726-7169

GOLF NOTEBOOK

Leiken leads at Emerald Valley

The former South Eugene High School golfer takes over as head pro and general manager in Creswell

By Mike Stahlberg  
The Register-Guard

A changing of the guard at Emerald Valley Golf Club tops this month’s edition of Golf Notebook.

Todd O’Neal, head pro and general manager of the Creswell public course during its recent revitalization under the ownership of Jim and Hal Pliska, resigned in February to become general manager of Orchard Hills Country Club in Washougal, Wash.

O’Neal told “Golf Oregon” magazine he wanted to be closer to family.

Taking his place is Brad Leiken, 44, who for the past nine years has been general manager and head pro of Oak Hills Golf Course in Sutherlin.

He is the brother of Springfield Mayor Sid Leiken, who is also involved in the ownership of Oak Hills.

Like O’Neal, Leiken grew up playing golf at Emerald Valley and played competitively for South Eugene High School and Oregon State University. He and O’Neal were even teammates at OSU for a year. Leiken graduated from South Eugene, where he won the Midwestern League district title in 1981, and from Oregon State in 1986.

He worked as an accountant and in the construction development business until 1998, when he was part of a group of investors that bought Oak Hills. He became a golf pro shortly thereafter.

No significant changes in the operation of Emerald

Valley are planned, Leiken said.

The owners “wanted a seamless transition,” he said, “and I knew a lot of the members coming in.”

Emerald Valley is a daily fee golf course that sells annual passes that allow unlimited play for \$265 per month. Greens fees are \$50, up \$5 from what they’ve been the past two years.

Diamond Woods lodging under construction

The owners of Diamond Woods Golf Course were among the organizers of Golf Lane County, a nonprofit organization formed to promote area golf by encouraging visitors to “stay and play” in the county.

Now they are in the process of making it possible to both stay and play at Diamond Woods’ Monroe-area course.

Construction of a five-bedroom, 6,000 square foot “bed and breakfast” is under way on the slope overlooking the 10th fairway, with sweeping views of the Willamette Valley and the distant Cascade Mountains.

The addition, which represents an investment of more than \$500,000, according to co-owner Jeff Doyle, is needed “more to create a good spot for non-golf events” than to provide accommodations for road-weary golfers.

“We mostly did it because we get so many requests for weddings and reunions” as a result of the course’s scenic

setting, Doyle said.

The clubhouse and parking lot get overcrowded when non-golf events are held on busy summer weekends, he said. The B&B building “has enough acreage for parking in back and a big, well-landscaped area in front.”

Construction is expected to be completed this fall.

Golf course owners group honors Eugene’s Giustina

Eugene businessman and golfer Larry Giustina has been honored for his leadership of the National Golf Course Owners Association (NGCOA).

Giustina, who owns Tokatee Golf Club in Blue River, was named winner of the association’s Don Rossi Award, which goes to an NGCOA member who has served the association with distinction. Giustina served on the association’s board of directors from 1992-2005.

Golf Oregon, the magazine of the Oregon Golf Association, quoted NGCOA executive Mike Hughes as saying, “Larry’s vision for what the association could do and needed to do in order to represent owners’ best interests and serve the game was a guiding light in our development.”

Range-finders, hybrids on fathers’ wish list

By the time the next edition of Golf Extra rolls around in June, Father’s Day will be on the tee.

According to Fiddler’s Green’s Alan Whalen, many golfing dads are likely to be hoping to receive a laser range-finder or one of those

GPS devices that substitute for a caddy.

“That’s been the darling category” of golf-related items, Whalen said.

“A lot of guys wouldn’t use them, but now that their competition is, they’re thinking they need one too,” Whalen said. “When the other guy hits a good shot after using one, it makes a believer out of you.”

Hybrid and “rescue” clubs are another popular category this year, Whalen said.

Golfing in Oregon among LIFE’s top vacation choices

Golfing in Oregon is one of the 100 best ways to spend a vacation, according to the editors of LIFE magazine. “Dream Destinations: 100 of the World’s Best Vacations” includes golfing in Oregon in a chapter on the best vacations for “sporty types.” The coffee-table style hardbound book released May 1 sells for 29.95 at bookstores and at [www.life.com/dream](http://www.life.com/dream).

Golf courses experience increase in rounds played

The number of rounds of golf played in Oregon during the first three months of 2008 was up 1.2 percent over last year, according to the PGA of America and the National Golf Course Owners Association.

That in spite of miserable weather in March that saw rounds played that month drop 5.9 percent from 2007.

Nationwide, however, the number or rounds played year to date is down. Last year, rounds played were up 0.2 percent.

Brasada: Few forced carries, but greens are difficult

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ral “canyons” on the property — routing some holes through them, some along their edges and some either from one edge into the canyon below or across them to another edge. (It must be pointed out, however, that term “canyon,” is a bit of real estate hyperbole; most of the geologic features on the site are not steep-sided enough to be true canyons. Arroyos, draws or gulches would be more accurate terms).

The first hole is a 573-yard par 5 that plays uphill, with the fairway cupped in a slope-shouldered “canyon.”

The 430-yard, par-4 second hole plays on top of a long natural ridge. The green is perched at the end of a steep natural lava escarpment.

Tee shots on No. 3, a 404-yard par 4, are played from atop a ridge down into a gulch, where the green sits in a natural bowl.

Hole No. 4 is a 222-yard par 3 that plays from one ridge downhill across a draw to another ridge. Views from its tee boxes are stunning.

By this point in the round,

a golfer has avoided — or maybe not — 21 white sand bunkers and discovered the challenge at Brasada Ranch Golf Course doesn’t end once the ball is on the green.

“The greens are tough,” said head professional Zach Swoffer, who has worked at Coeur d’Alene Resort, River’s Edge in Bend and The Quarry at La Quinta. “A lot of folks over-read the break here.”

While generous in size — they average about 5,000 square feet, Swoffer said — the greens require precise iron play to have a good chance at two-putting or better.

“The greens might be big on paper, but Jacobsen and Hardy make a lot of pockets” on their greens, Swoffer said. “If the pin is in the front and you’re in back, it’s not an easy two-putt.”

Jacobsen-Hardy designs (others in Oregon include Oregon Golf Club in West Linn, Creekside in Salem, Stone Creek in Oregon City and the renovation of Salishan Golf Links in Glenden Beach) emphasize playability by all skill levels. Thus, there are virtually no forced carries, even over bunkers, facing golf-

ers who play from the front tees.

“We’d rather challenge people when they get to the green, and make it an inclusive golf course,” Jacobsen said.

That’s not to say that those who want a challenge can’t find plenty of them at Brasada Canyons.

It all has to do with which set of tees you choose to use.

Jacobsen and Hardy placed tee boxes so as to provide a wide variety in distance, elevation and angles of shots.

From the three back tees, about half the holes require forced carries over natural chaparral to reach fairways.

“I try to get people to alternate tees as much as they can,” said Swoffer. “The tees are so different that with every tee box you get a lot more yardage, but more importantly a lot more elevation change.”

Brasada Canyons has “more elevation change than any course in Central Oregon,” he said. “We’ve got about a 1,000 feet of elevation change throughout all 18 holes.”

That alone would make

walking the course a chore, but the fact that the holes are so widely scattered around the resort’s 1,800 acres makes walking difficult. The course may measure 7,000 yards as the ball flies, but it’s two to three times that distance as the golf cart rolls.

“It’s probably on the edge of being almost a course where you need to take a cart,” said Jacobsen. “I have walked it, and it’s a tough course. You have to be in good shape to walk it.”

The Golf Club at Brasada Ranch is private, with memberships capped at 325.

However, the course is open to anyone staying in one the resort’s rental units. The green fee of \$125 includes power cart and unlimited practice balls.

For more information, go to [www.brasada.com](http://www.brasada.com).

Ratings: Brasada Canyons’ slope seventh

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76.5.

Following in close order are two Central Oregon courses that Brasada Canyons overlooks from the shoulders of Powell Buttes — the Nicklaus Course (76.2) and Fazio Course (75.8) at Pronghorn, a few miles to the northwest.

Rounding out the top five is Sandpines in Florence, at 75.2.

Brasada Canyons’ course rating of 74.3 puts it in a tie for 13th with Royal Oaks Country Club in Vancouver, Wash., just ahead of Eugene Country Club at 74.2, and a couple of spots behind Diamond Woods, in 11th place at 74.5, (Several of the above courses will be bumped down a notch when Tetherow, the new David McLay Kidd track in Bend, opens later this summer. The OGA last week announced Tethrow’s USGA course rating is 74.8.)

Brasada Canyons also ranks high in the second component of the handicapping system — “slope.”

Slope is a formula-driven number designed to reflect a course’s difference in difficulty for a scratch player versus a bogey player.

Slope adjustments work on a

sliding scale and are more significant the higher the handicap. For example, it takes 20 units of slope to equal one stroke of course rating at the 5-handicap level, while at a 20-handicap level, five or six units of slope can equal one stroke.

The average course in the U.S. has a slope rating of 113.

Brasada Canyons’ slope rating is 147 from the back tees. Only six courses in Oregon have higher slope ratings. (Tetherow’s slope is 141).

A typical (mid- to high-handicap) golfer would get three more strokes playing a course with a slope rating of 130 than at an average course.

Course ratings are designed to help adjust a golfer to par, while slope ratings adjust one’s handicap for the course (or set of tees) being played.

Brasada Canyons and Eugene Country Club, for example, have nearly identical course ratings from the championship tees, but Brasada has 11 more slope points. So, it plays a stroke higher than ECC at most handicap levels — and two strokes higher at some index levels.

For example, a 10-handicapper actually gets 12 strokes when playing from the back tees at Eugene Country Club. The same golfer would get 13 strokes at Brasada Canyon.

To correctly figure a net score, one needs to consult a course handicap table that takes the USGA slope and course ratings into account.

A handicap chart for any course and set of tees can be generated by using the free calculator at [www.mulligansoftware.com/golf/stats.html](http://www.mulligansoftware.com/golf/stats.html).

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## Move by adult club drawing opponents

Several Springfield residents ask councilors to block the shift to the city's core

By **JACK MORAN**  
The Register-Guard

SPRINGFIELD — Lori Eichelberger is sure of one thing. “I know (strip) bars and high schools don’t go together,” Eichelberger, whose daughter attends the Academy of Arts and Academics in downtown Springfield, told the City Council on Monday night.

Eichelberger was one of 11 people who pleaded with councilors to stop adult club Shakers Bar and Grill from relocating to the city core, to a spot just two doors down from the arts school and directly across Main Street from City Hall.

“Find a way to prevent this from happening,” Springfield resident Jason Gayton asked of the council.

City officials told the crowd that they are studying potential strategies that could work to keep the bar — which owner Jack Dugger characterizes as a “gentlemen’s club” — from moving into the space at 535 Main St. The building is owned by Eugene investor Peter Kryl.

But the city’s options may be limited, considering that local governments cannot bar establishments that employ nude dancers from setting up shop in a commercial district such as downtown Springfield.

Still, Mayor Sid Leiken said the challenge is well worth pursuing. “This is an opportunity for the council to be bold,” Leiken said, adding that he was pleased that people care enough about the issue to ask city officials to address it.

“We can’t do it alone,” Leiken told the crowd. “We take our cue from you.”

City Attorney Joe Leahy said

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## High-rise raises issues of infill, density in city

An apartment proposal changes, but the controversy it created still simmers

By **DIANE DIETZ**  
The Register-Guard

A dispute over a planned seven-story apartment building in south Eugene has ended, with neighbors singing the praises of the developer. But a broader conflict over the issue of building high-density projects in older, core neighborhoods of Eugene as an alternative to urban sprawl still looms on the horizon.

Developer Dean Pickett had planned to put up a 52-unit, 212-bedroom apartment building on the northeast corner of East 19th Avenue and Alder Street, which is one block south of the University of Oregon campus. The project was strongly opposed by some of the nearby residents, who felt it was out of scale for the neighborhood.

After sitting in the neighbors’ living rooms, exchanging e-mails and frequent telephone conversations, the Portland developer agreed to scale back his project to four floors and no more than 20 units, although he didn’t have to do this. “Their concern is real,” he said.

“He is a good man,” said south university neighbor Lauren Hulse,

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## ELECTION 2008

# Nation awaits Oregon tale

Barack Obama hopes to capture a majority of the pledged delegates with a victory today against Hillary Clinton

By **JEFF ZELENY AND PATRICK HEALY**  
The New York Times

Sen. Barack Obama is poised to reach a milestone in the presidential race today by capturing a majority of pledged delegates, but he said he would not declare victory in the long Democratic nominating fight against

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton or suggest that it should end until the final three contests are finished on June 3.

For Obama, the situation is delicate. While eager to proceed to a general election match with Sen. John McCain of Arizona, the likely Republican nominee, Obama also is trying to bring the contest to a close in

a way that allows him to win over Clinton’s supporters and unify the party.

For her part, Clinton is making a counterargument that she is winning the popular vote if Florida and Michigan are counted, and that the party’s leaders should take that into consideration before deciding which candidate to support.

The results from the Kentucky and Oregon primaries today will almost certainly allow Obama to reach a threshold that his campaign has long sought to establish

as the critical measure of the will of the party: winning a majority of the delegates awarded in primaries and caucuses. He also continues to gather support from the party leaders known as superdelegates that he still needs to secure the nomination, picking up five more endorsements on Monday.

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**Lane County election worker** Tom Lesiak drops a ballot in the box after checking to make sure it was signed. Lesiak and Robert Graves collected ballots on Pearl Street between Seventh and Eighth avenues Monday afternoon.

# DROP-IT-OFF DEADLINE

### Today's primary election is drawing higher-than-normal ballot returns in Lane County

By **ANDREA DAMEWOOD**  
The Register-Guard

This primary election offers unquestionably hot national and local races. And Oregonians received their ballots a full two weeks ago. But tens of thousands of Lane County voters aren’t about to be rushed into a decision.

They’re leaving their vote until the last moment, which is pretty much now.

On Monday alone, Lane County voters had deposited 10,492 envelopes in drop boxes by late after-

noon, signaling the beginning of the rush that will continue through today, Lane County elections supervisor Annette Newingham said.

“It’s been pretty steady,” Newingham said. “So far, the returns have been higher than normal.”

By 4:30 p.m., a cumulative total of 46.5 percent of Lane County registered voters had weighed in on today’s primary race, setting the pace for an impressive turnout in the low 60 percent range, she said. The county has 197,236 registered voters.

Statewide, the latest figures showed 36 percent of the 2 million-

plus registered voters had turned in their ballots, but those numbers include only up to the end of the day Sunday.

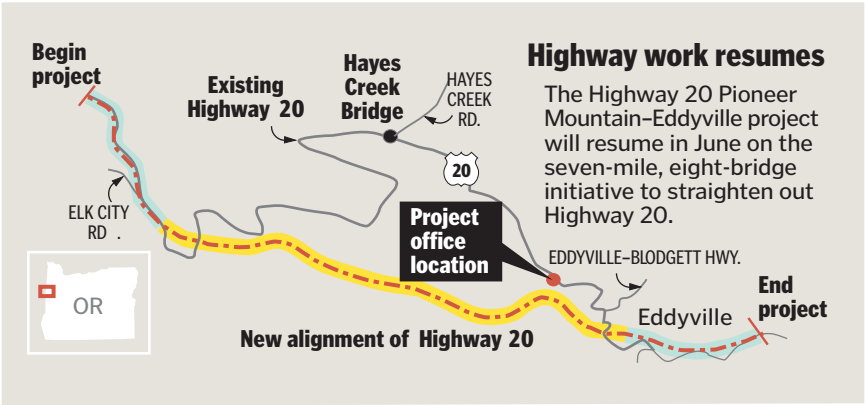
The expected crush of last-minute voters eager to get their ballot in by today’s 8 p.m. deadline prompted Eugene police to issue a traffic congestion warning for the drop box near City Hall on Pearl Street through today. Newingham has nicknamed the site “The Mother of Pearl” because of the bounty of ballots that drop box yields.

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**ON THE WEB**  
**Results:** Get the latest updates on election returns as ballots are counted at [www.registerguard.com](http://www.registerguard.com)

**BALLOTS RETURNED**  
**Voting deadline:** Ballots not returned by mail must be deposited in a drop box by 8 p.m. today. Ballots turned in as of Monday:  
**Lane County:** 46.5%  
**Oregon:** 36%

**INSIDE**  
◆ A list of ballot drop boxes in Lane County/**A4**



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## Stalled Highway 20 project gets back on track as price tag soars

By **WINSTON ROSS**  
The Register-Guard

NEWPORT — One of the largest highway construction projects in state history is back on again, after an eight-month delay.

Oh, and there’s a new price tag for straightening a seven-mile, eight-bridge section of Highway 20: \$177 million, up from the original \$129.9

million.

The project will replace a dangerous stretch of roadway linking the central coast to the southern Willamette Valley. The highway winds through the Coast Range and is the main connection between Corvallis and Newport.

Unforeseen landslides caused the

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