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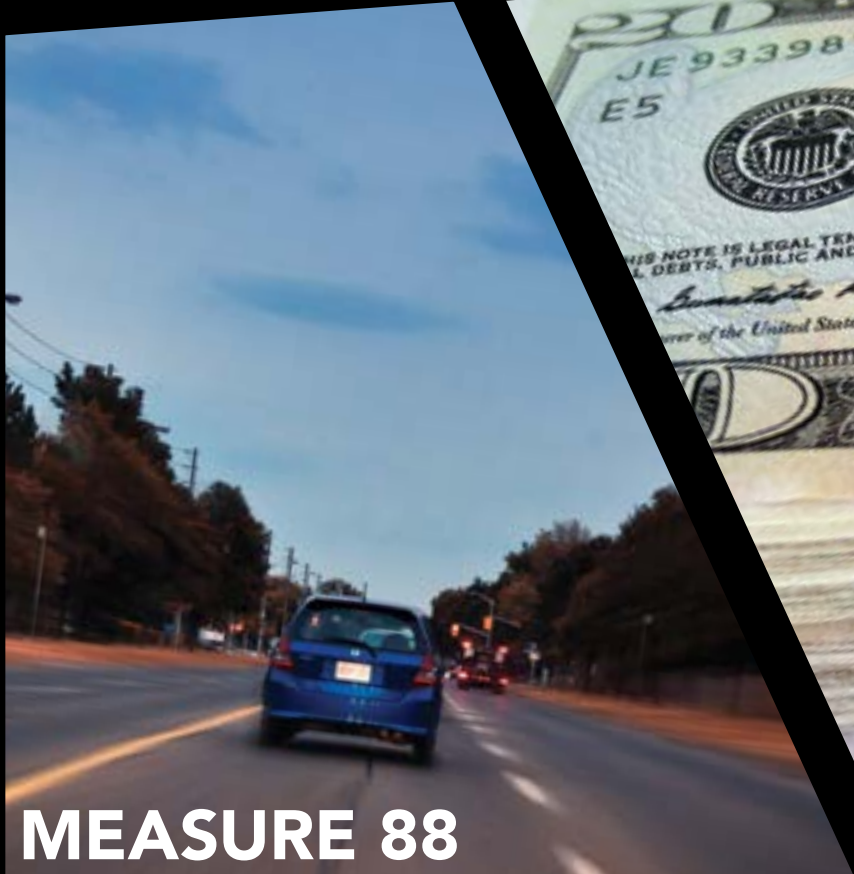
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# SARA GELSER SPEAKS TO STUDENTS

Tuesday, Oct. 28 Representative Sara Gelser (D) spoke on the Linn-Benton Community College campus. Invited by the Student Leadership Council to talk of her future plans for Oregon, attending students had opportunity to ask her questions.

Fifty students gathered in the Forum as Rep. Gelser spoke about current projects in her elected District 16, Corvallis and Philomath. She is running for U.S. Senate District 8 against Senator Betsy Close (R) elected in 2012. District 8 would expand Gelser's scope to include Albany.

Both Senator Close and Rep. Gelser were invited to LBCC by SLC for a candidate debate. However, Close did not acknowledge the request with a formal "no" until the morning of the event. Gelser on the other hand obliged. After her visit on Tuesday she took to her Facebook page.

**"Senate District 8 includes tens of thousands of student voters, so I was honored to accept an invitation to participate in a candidate forum at Linn-Benton Community College today. It was a little lonely being the only candidate to attend, but I enjoyed the great discussion with students about working families, college affordability, and equality. Thank you, LBCC and OSA for hosting a great forum!"**

Adelaine Carter, SLC president, and Melissa Jeffers, staffer of The Commuter, were mediators fielding prepared questions for Rep. Gelser. Questions including her stance on higher education, cost of tuition, current midterm election ballot measures, and student safety.

"I really would like to see the cost of tuition not just to freeze but to decrease," said Gelser.

Gelser has already impacted child abuse laws and victims

of abuse laws in the state of Oregon, a focal point of her campaign. She discussed her intention to bring awareness to sexual assaults on campuses.

"I think we need to talk a lot more about not only assault but the stigma in reporting assault. Men and women are sexually assaulted on campuses." She continued, "Rape is rape and there's no excuse for it."

There was much discussion about Measure 88, making four-year driver licenses available for those that cannot prove legal presence in the state. Rep. Gelser addressed her concerns about hate and racial stereotyping.

"My opponent has run an ad that is very offensive calling 'them' illegal. No human being is illegal."

A student in the audience asked for her stance on Measure 91, legalization of marijuana.

"I think that the voters are likely to pass Measure 91 in the fall," adding, "I respect the voters, but also want to make sure we are keeping drugs out of the hands of kids and minors, and making sure no intoxicants are used when driving."

Another student asked her thoughts on Measure 92, the labeling of GMO foodstuffs.

"We all have a right to know what we are buying. Consumers want to know what they are putting in their bodies."

In response to a question about Measure 89, equal rights for women, Rep. Gelser explained that across the state on average women are paid less than men. As Co-Chair for Oregon's Women Health and Wellness Alliance, equality is on her radar.

"I get an email every day with a personal story of how things affect them."

When asked specifically if Rep. Gelser supported local Measure 22-130, the \$34 million bond for LBCC, she responded with conviction.

"I absolutely support the bond."

Of her two degrees, she earned her Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies from OSU. Rep. Gelser currently lives with her family in Corvallis. A past member of the Corvallis School Board, Parent Educator and LBCC, she has been in legislation since 2005. ♡

STORY BY ALLISON LAMPLUGH

PHOTOS BY MARWAH ALZABIDI



Election Update as of 9 p.m. Tuesday: Sara Gelser leading Betsy Close by about 4,000 votes.

# SECRETARY OF STATE ON CAMPUS

Secretary of State Kate Brown made a special trip to the campus of LBCC on Oct. 29.

Brown and her small entourage toured the campus while making stops in a few classrooms along the way.

She reminded students of the impact they have when casting their vote by offering some insights on her career in politics over the last two decades.

Elected to the house of representatives in 1991 at the tender age of 31, one of Brown's first actions was to help the state of Oregon make history and with her support of Measure 60. Oregon raised the bar for the rest of the country with its implementation of mail in ballots.

Measure 60 was a contested citizens ballot measure that at one point of its inception was intervened on by Bill Clinton, the president at that time. In the end the voters of Oregon were able to decide for themselves how voting should be conducted.

Brown has made other contributions to the election process as well. One example in 2009 was when an online voter registration program was made available to voters for the first time in Oregon history.

One of the more difficult questions fielded by Brown came during Mark Urista's communications class. She was asked what her stance on pay-per-signature petitioning was. Pay-per-signature circulators are receiving financial compensation for collecting signatures on ballot measures in the state of Oregon.

She answered the room full of students by explaining that Oregon has stringent protocols regarding petition circulators. Paid circulators are distinguished by identification badges, colored petitions, and receive specialized training on proper signature gathering protocol, juxtaposed with volunteer petitioners who do not have badges, colored petitions, and do not receive special training. Non-paid petitioners in Oregon use white paper only.

Brown was on a tight schedule while she was on campus. In all, she spent an hour making her rounds.

One of her stops was to visit Sandra Shinkle's Careers and Life Planning class. The students were star-struck by the perky politician at first, but after the class warmed up to Brown they had some hard-hitting questions.



SLC President Adelaine Carter and Kate Brown.

"What is the biggest problem in Oregon?" one student asked.

Brown thought for a moment before answering, "Over time we have struggled to fund basic programs."

Brown stopped at the Student Leadership Council office located in the lower level of the Forum building. She was greeted by beaming smiles and the halting of office work as SLC staff members were eager for some pointers from their guest.

Brown thanked the group of students and congratulated the student government on helping 4,000 students register to vote in the election this year.

Steve Druckenmiller, a member of Brown's entourage and Linn County clerk, has an intimate working-knowledge of the electoral process. He invited the students at the SLC office to drop by anytime to see how the process of counting ballots first-hand.

"I think it is important for students to know what's on the ballot," said Druckenmiller. ♡

STORY BY CHRISTOPHER TROTCHIE



PHOTOS: ANDREW GILLETTE

Mark Urista's Communications class gathers around Kate Brown.

# A VISIT TO THE COUNTY CLERK



Steve Druckenmiller is the Linn County Clerk. He is responsible for the supervision of 64,000 voter ballots each election. The County Clerk's Office is bustling this week as voters take to the polls.

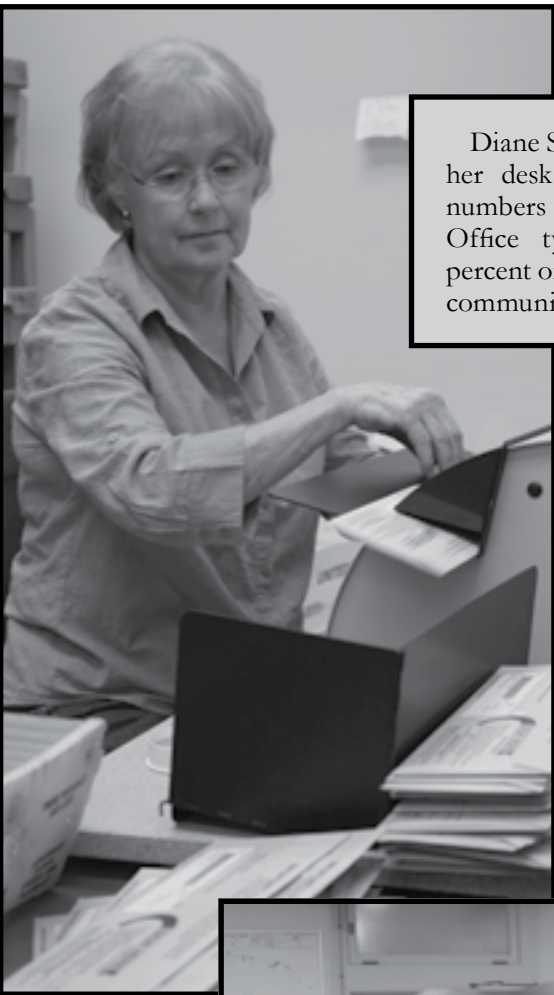
"Everybody likes to think what they do is important. I know what I do is important because everything starts and stops here," said Druckenmiller.

For the last two years Nonie Harcomebe has volunteered her time to the Democratic Party. She supervises the signatures authentication process from behind security glass. She verifies for her party that each election official in Linn County has conducted a fair ballot count.

"Im here to make sure things are running smoothly," said Harcomebe.



Each table in the counting room consists of five different volunteers. The room is comprised of five counting tables with a floor supervisor and a supervisor assistant. They start with counting ballots at one end of the table and then pass them through one at a time looking for abnormalities, followed by another count at the other end of the table. The group works with a small amount of ballots at a time. Each person at the table looks over the submitted ballot making sure it is clear of any mistakes.




Diane Simis scans ballots as they reach her desk. They are scanned so total numbers can be recorded. The Clerk's Office typically receives back 60-70 percent of the ballots they sent out to the community.

STORY BY **CHRISTOPHER TROTCHIE**  
 PHOTOS BY **CHRISTOPHER TROTCHIE**  
 AND **ANDREW GILLETTE**

Tom Leggate casts his ballot directly in the Clerk's Office. He, like 64,000 other voters in Linn County, are tasked with approving new laws and picking the leaders who will help individual voices to be heard on a national scale. The County Clerk's Office safeguards the American right to vote.



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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## PC GAMING MODS

One particular advantage of PC gaming is the potential for games to be modified and have features added onto them by fans with the proper know-how. These are commonly referred to as “mods” and can range from small tweaks for the user interface to entirely new incarnations of the game.

For convenience’s sake we can break the nearly infinite amount of mod varieties down into three common categories: add-ons, total conversions, and unofficial patches.

### Add-ons

An add-on simply adds something to the game without changing any pre-existing content. For example, an add-on for a first person shooter could be a new gun or a new map to play on. A strategy game may receive a new faction to play as or new soldier units to use.

Tools that allow you to track in-game statistics, change the style of the game’s user interface, or other various quality of life improvements also fall into this category.

“Minecraft” is one of the most popular games of all time, partly because of its large and diverse add-on modding community. From things as simple as adding new animals to the game world, to including the ability to create and monitor nuclear reactors; the game can become much more than its relatively simple base.

### Total Conversion

Some people can look at a game and imagine it in a totally different light. Maybe this modern military shooter could use a lot more zombies. Maybe this historical grand-strategy needs to be about mythical races like elves and goblins instead of historically accurate European countries. A few users will go to great lengths to make a game they like, into a game they love.

When a game receives a total conversion mod it basically uses the game’s mechanics and engine to create what is essentially an entirely new game. The game feels and plays the same, but may be entirely different otherwise.

Games such as “Counter Strike” and “Team Fortress” originated as total conversion mods for the game “Half-Life.” The creators of the mods succeeded in creating some of the most interesting and unique gameplay of that time. They took the

physics and weapon system from the single player “Half-Life” and created two different team based multiplayer shooters with them.

### Unofficial Patches

Sometimes games that could be amazing are released riddled with bugs, missing content, or they simply don’t live up to their full potential, much to the dismay of the players.

Sometimes games are rushed out too soon or the developers abandon them before without fixing the problems the game has, game-breaking or otherwise. Occasionally members of the game’s fanbase will take it upon themselves to fix the game and, more often than not, they will share said fix with the rest of the community as an “unofficial patch.”

Occasionally game content or graphical settings are locked for whatever reason, though it is usually due to them being unfinished at the time of the game’s release. In this case, modders may take it upon themselves to finish these aspects of the game and release them as a mod.

Notable examples include the games “Vampire: The Masquerade” and “X-Com: UFO Defense.”

The former was released buggy and with unfinished and broken content, was subsequently fixed by fans of the source material, and still has a popular mod community today. The latter is a classic DOS game that had problems running on modern operating systems. It has since been modded to run smoothly and boasts years worth of fan-made content as well.

### Warning

Though mods can be an exciting and entertaining experience for any gamer, they often require a certain degree of user know-how. I advise reading installation tutorials very carefully and familiarizing yourself on how your operating system works before you begin.

Also beware of websites falsely advertising malicious programs and viruses as easy to install game mods. These sites tend to prey on children and novice users, so watch out!

Do some research on the mod in particular beforehand and try to only use reputable mod sources such as: Steam Workshop, Desura, Nexusmods, or the mod’s official website. ♣

STORY BY **MATHEW BROCK**

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### DID YOU KNOW?

Fantasy writer George R. R. Martin, creator of the novel series that brought us “Game of Thrones,” began writing the story as a child. The characters were based off of plastic turtles he collected in his room that lived in a model castle. He called it the “turtle kingdom.”

## Career Connections

**Office:** Adm Asst (Job #860) Corvallis, Accounting & Adm Asst (Job #850), Acct Receivable (Job #853) Corvallis

**Education:** Adm Asst (Job #860) Corvallis, Accounting & Adm Asst (Job #850), Acct Receivable (Job #853) Corvallis

**Industrial:** Maintenance Planner (Job #680) Corvallis, Manufacturing (Job #855) Corvallis, HVAC Tech (Job #848) Corvallis

**Healthcare:** CNA, Portland (Job #858), CMA (Job #814) Corvallis

More information, including position requirements, for these positions can be found by logging in online at [www.linnbenton.edu/Career-Connections](http://www.linnbenton.edu/Career-Connections)

# POETRY CORNER



## *"Immortal Kiss"*

As hunger wakes the evening storm  
She sinks her venom in my veins.  
Then as the whirlwind starts to form

We dance across the windy plains  
That never blow her kiss away.  
And even though her darkness rains

Her billows float where angels play  
And soak my dreams, in honey grasses.  
And so I beg her clouds to stay

And pray the evening never passes,  
Because although her lips may bite—  
They soak my dreams, in honey grasses.

Until the morning casts its light  
And burns her venom from my veins—  
But we shall kiss again tonight

When I invite the ashen rains  
To dance across the haunted plains.

*By Tony Makosica*

## *"You're So Smart"*

"Look at this, this brilliant kid  
Made a masterwork, our genius did."  
A perfect grade, brings pride galore.  
You hunger now, you want some more.  
An endless mission, bring home the A's  
To hear you're smart, the greatest praise.

"But wait, what's this, did you get a B?  
Sit down, let's talk, I want you to see  
A B isn't terrible, this imperfect letter  
I think we both know though, that you can do better."  
So that's how it is, those words that now weighed  
Only dullards could be content, with an imperfect grade.

Do or do not, there is no "try"  
Become risk-averse, become failure-shy!  
The easiest path, is the only one to take  
Be careful, do it right, never risk a mistake!  
A mistake's an indictment, a proof of stupidity  
But you NEED to be smart, an ego's cupidity.

Studies have shown, that when praising a child  
Praising mere talent, only leaves them beguiled.  
Being proud of what they are, but not how they act  
Encourages stagnation, is motivationally cracked.  
"You're so smart" sounds nice, but it's such a  
dangerous phrase  
One message to avoid, among the hundred ways to  
praise.

*By Nathan Tav Knight*

## CALL TO POETS

DEADLINE (RECEIVED)  
**November 17, 2014**

### *"Poetry Birdhouses, Building Community"*

Linn-Benton Community College invites Oregon poets living in Linn and Benton counties to submit 1-3 poems to be considered for a public art project on the Albany campus, "Poetry Birdhouses: Building Community." Five wooden birdhouses have already been embellished/transformed by these selected visual artists: Alexis Spakoski, Kerry McFall, Rachel Urista, Robert Dudenhofer, and Deian Moore (see completed birdhouse photos). But the project is not yet complete; each birdhouse needs a poem to be affixed on the inside door. A small journal will then be placed inside each birdhouse to encourage responses to the birdhouses and poetry.

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### ABOUT THE PROJECT

The houses, made out of cedar wood, have a door that opens and closes; the poem will be placed on the inside of the 4" x 8" door. Poets are asked to create a poem in response to a particular birdhouse or to respond to the general themes of home, shelter, community, birds, nature, or journeys. The poetry birdhouses will be installed in the Albany campus courtyard around the end of October; poets are welcome to view them in person too.

### POETRY GUIDELINES

- Each poet may submit up to 3 poems for consideration.
- All poems must be able to fit within the dimensions of the inside of the birdhouse door (4"x8") and make the installed poems easy to read. (As an example, with Times New Roman and a font size of 13, a poem would need to be 200 words or less to fit the door). Poems that exceed the length allowed by these dimensions will not be considered.
- If a poem is written in response to a particular birdhouse, please indicate this information on the application form attached to the poem.
- A completed application form should be attached to each poem submitted. The name of the poet should not appear on the poems themselves.

### AWARDS

**Cash awards of \$50 will be allocated to each selected poet.**

### ABOUT THE JURORS

Jurors will be members of the LBCC Poetry Club and the Arts & Aesthetics Resource Team, a committee comprised of staff, faculty, and community members committed to the promotion of art and aesthetics to transform the college environment, strengthen our community, and provide diverse cultural resources to our region.

### METHOD OF ENTRY

**No entry fee**  
**Submissions must include the following:**

1. One to three poems. Each poem must fit the inside of the birdhouse doors (4" x 8"). The poems can be in response to different birdhouses or themes we have suggested.
2. One hard copy of the application form for each poem submitted; please attach to the poem.
3. Completed application forms and poems must be received **no later than November 17, 2014** (not postmarked by that date).

These results reflect counts as of 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 4.

# MEASURE 22-130



The measure will allow relocation of the Healthcare Occupations program and ATTC Center from the Albany campus to Lebanon campuses, expansion of the Benton Center campus and parking lot, and remodel on Albany campus. The total project cost is estimated at \$41.05 million, of which the state has already allocated \$8 million in matching funds and the college will fund-raise an additional \$3.1 million.

*"I think we did well constructed research, building ideas around what the community wanted, and we built the projects around that," said LBCC President Greg Hamann. "We worked hard in both counties."*

**At last count Benton County was approving the measure 17,490 to 9,904; In Linn County the vote was 11,866 to 18,987. Overall the measure was leading by 465 votes.**

**PASSING**



**REJECTED**

# MEASURE 86

Will amend Oregon Constitution to create funds for Oregonians pursuing post-secondary education, including technical, professional and career training. Measure authorizes state to lend credit and incur debt to finance fund. Indebtedness incurred may not exceed one percent of real market value of all property in state.  
 Result of "Yes" Vote: If approved, amends constitution and requires legislature to establish fund for Oregonians pursuing post-secondary education and career training. Authorizes state to incur debt to finance fund.

**Result of "No" Vote: If rejected, authorization for state to extend credit and incur debt to create dedicated fund for Oregon students pursuing post-secondary education and career training.**



**APPROVED**

# MEASURE 87

Will amend constitution and allow state judges to be employed by the National Guard and state public universities as teachers, and it would allow school employees to serve in the state legislature.  
 Result of "Yes" Vote: If approved, amends constitution to permit state

**judges to be employed by Oregon National Guard for military service purposes, state public universities for teaching purposes.**  
 Result of "No" Vote: If rejected, retains existing constitutional restrictions on employment of Oregon state court judges by the Oregon National Guard and by the state public university system.



**REJECTED**

# MEASURE 88

Will direct the Department of Transportation to issue a four-year "driver card" to someone who cannot provide proof of legal presence in the United States, but who has otherwise complied with all Oregon requirements for the type of driving privileges sought, has provided proof of residence in Oregon for more than one year, and has provided proof of identity and date of birth.  
 Result of "Yes" Vote: If approved, directs Department of Transportation to issue "driver card" to Oregon resident

meeting specified eligibility, without requiring proof of legal presence in United States.  
 Result of "No" Vote: If rejected, no law will direct the Department of Transportation to issue "driver card" to eligible Oregon resident without requiring proof of legal presence in United States.

# MEASURE 89

Under Article I, section 20, of the Oregon Constitution, laws granting privileges or immunities must apply equally to all persons. The Oregon Supreme Court has held that that provision prohibits laws treating people differently based on sex unless justified by specific biological differences. No current provision in the constitution expressly states that prohibition. Measure amends Article I by creating new section 46, which provides that equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the state or any political subdivision on account of sex.

**Result of "Yes" Vote: If approved, amends state constitution, prohibits state and any political subdivision from denying or abridging equality of rights under the law on account of sex.**

**Result of "No" Vote: If rejected, retains current prohibition on laws granting/denying privileges or immunities on account of sex, unless justified by specific biological differences between men/women.**



# MEASURE 90

The measure would create a top-two system of general election voting where all voters receive the same primary ballot that shows all candidates, regardless of political party. Candidates would be allowed to include on the ballot their party registration and if they've been endorsed by a party. The top two candidates, regardless of political party, would then be voted upon in the general election.

**Result of "Yes" Vote: If approved, replaces**

**general election nomination processes for most partisan offices; all candidates listed on one single primary ballot; two advance to general election ballot.**

**Result of "No" Vote: If rejected, retains current general election nomination processes, including party primaries for major parties; separate primary ballots; multiple candidates can appear on general election ballot.**

# MEASURE 91

The measure would legalize recreational marijuana for people ages 21 and older, allowing adults over this age to possess up to eight ounces of "dried" marijuana and up to four plants. Additionally, the measure would task the Oregon Liquor Control Commission with regulating sales of the drug.

**Result of "Yes" Vote: If approved, allows possession, authorizes in-state manufacture, processing, sale of marijuana by/to adults; licensing, regulation, taxation by state; retains current medical marijuana laws.**

**Result of "No" Vote: If rejected, retains laws classifying cannabis as a controlled substance, prohibiting most sale, possession, manufacture of cannabis; permitting production, possession of cannabis for medical use.**



# MEASURE 92

Measure requires retailers of genetically-engineered raw food to include "Genetically Engineered" on packages, display bins, or shelves; suppliers must label shipping containers. Requires manufacturers of packaged food produced entirely or partially by genetic engineering to include "Produced with Genetic

**Engineering" or "Partially Produced with Genetic Engineering" on packages.**

**Result of "Yes" Vote: If approved, requires the labeling of raw and packaged foods produced entirely or partially by "genetic engineering," effective January 2016; applies to retailers, suppliers, manufacturers.**

**Result of "No" Vote: If rejected, retains existing law, which does not require "genetically engineered" food to be labeled as such.**

# MICHELLE SAND



Originally from Cottage Grove, Ore. Michelle Sand grew up athletically inclined. She started playing soccer with her twin brother Michael at an early age, but volleyball has always been her favorite sport.

“My mom got me into volleyball. She was always my coach.”

Her favorite volleyball memory was when she got a chance to play in a Reno tournament with her club team. Her family and two other families from the team drove to Reno together.

“I can’t even describe how fun that was. It was probably a whole week of non-stop volleyball. We did really well at the tournament, so that made it even better.”

When Sand got into high school she continued to play sports. She joined the basketball, track and cross country teams mainly to stay in shape. Her focus was always on volleyball.

Sand redshirted her first year at LBCC. Now in her second year as a student she is in her first year of eligibility as a player. She is dual enrolled at OSU and is majoring in Sports Science.

On the court Sand adds a solid defensive presence to the RoadRunners from her Libero and Defensive Specialist positions. Off the court she has a positive and supportive nature.

“I’m always energetic and enthusiastic.”

Sand would love to play for OSU one day, but her scholastic career remains a priority.

“It would be a dream come true.” ♡

“Michelle is an incredible team player. She works hard every day in practice and is always willing to do what the team needs. As a defensive specialist, Michelle is consistently ready and is always supporting her teammates in such a positive manner. She currently has .98 serve percentage which makes her our number one server in the serve specialist position,” said Coach Jayme Frazier

STORY BY COOPER PAWSON

# PAIGE KELSEY



Growing up in the Willamette Valley and starting sports early was encouraged for Paige Kelsey, she was raised in a family of sports enthusiasts.

“My whole family did it, so I did.”

Following her sister’s example, Kelsey was introduced at an early age to volleyball. She started playing when she was in the third grade.

While playing basketball and running track for Crescent Valley High School, Kelsey also played for the Mid Valley Volleyball Club in Albany.

Kelsey’s best memories come from being on the road with her team. She enjoys the time she gets to spend with them in hotel rooms and the drive time on the bus.

After graduating high school Kelsey joined the RoadRunner team. She established herself as an all-around player and contributed significantly in her freshman season. Starting

her sophomore season with a bang, Kelsey won Conference Setter of the Week to start this year.

Planning to graduate from LBCC with her AAOT in nutrition, Kelsey is interested in continuing playing volleyball at an university.

“I want to stay local but if I get the opportunity to play somewhere else I’ll take it.” ♡

“Paige has leadership on and off the court, her work ethic is great, she is going to do it not just say it,” said Coach Jayme Frazier.

STORY BY ANDREW GILLETTE

# ROADRUNNERS WIN AGAIN STAY UNDEFEATED AT HOME



RoadRunners team secures the perimeter for the block.

Linn-Benton Volleyball continued their run of good form with another three set sweep.

LB squared off against conference opponent Mt. Hood Community College Wednesday, Oct. 29. In a crucial NWAC match, the RoadRunners defeated Mt. Hood 25-19, 25-17, 25-12.

In a game against tough competition, LB needed to be at their best. Limiting unforced errors and executing defensively were key parts of the game plan.

“We continue to ask our team to execute and play clean and reduce unforced errors as we move into the end of the second half of the season,” said Head Coach Jayme Frazier.

LB knew that in order to be successful they would have to execute on their serving. The RoadRunners attacked with their serves in order to put Mt. Hood out of order.

Freshman Amber Parker and Sophomore Kristen Epps had two big attacking performances. Parker led the RoadRunners with 13 kills over the three sets. Epps added another eight kills for the RoadRunners.

Winning their second straight conference match at home, LB made the most of a home court advantage again. The RoadRunners have yet to drop a set at home this year. The win helped keep LB in second place in their division, only behind Clackamas Community College.

Coach Frazier was happy with the win, but was looking forward to the upcoming matchups.

“Every team in the Southern Region has its strengths, so we need to bring our very best each



PHOTOS: JOE HEFTY

Paige Kelsey dips the ball past the opponent.

night in order to finish strong and secure a spot in the NWAC tournament.”

Looking forward, the RoadRunners go on the road for their next two matches. On Nov. 7 they visit Umpqua Community College. The match starts at 6 p.m. LB then faces Southwestern Oregon Community College Nov. 8 at 1 p.m. ♡

STORY BY CALEB CLEARMAN



# BEARS BEAT DOWN THE BEAVERS

The Beavers conference record fell to 1-4 on Homecoming night after a 45-31 loss to Cal.

Quarterback Sean Mannion set the new Pac-12 career passing yards record. Despite Mannion bringing his career yards total to 12,454 and surpassing former USC star Matt Barkley for most all time in the Pac-12, the Beavers' offense couldn't produce enough big plays to beat the Bears.

"I'm not even thinking about it, we didn't win so it's pretty much meaningless at this point," Mannion said of his record.

The Beavers couldn't stop the Bears' running game. California running back Daniel Lasco ran for 188 of the Bears' 269 total rushing yards and three touchdowns.

"When we went on that stretch and took the lead we looked really good on both sides of the ball and then, boom, we went completely flat," said Head Coach Mike Riley.

Mannion and Freshman wide receiver Jordan Villamin improved their cohesion on the field Saturday. Villamin recorded 140 yards on nine receptions and one touchdown. Mannion finished with 320 yards, two touchdowns and one interception. With the absence of wide receiver Richard Mullaney, due to an elbow injury, this should be encouraging to Beaver fans.



The Beavers will have to find a way to defeat Washington State Saturday, Nov. 8 to avoid falling into last place in the Pac-12 North Division.

Washington State is off to a similar season start as OSU with a conference record of 1-5. After a season ending leg injury to the Cougar's quarterback Connor Halliday this past Saturday, they will be struggling to find offensive production. Halliday lead the nation in passing touchdowns, yards and completions per game.

The season isn't over yet but the Beaver's bowl probability is looking bleak. OSU must win two of their last four games to be bowl eligible. The final three games after WSU include Arizona State, University of Washington, and the season finale against Oregon in the Civil War. 📍

STORY BY **COOPER PAWSON**  
PHOTOS BY **RICHARD STEEVES**

## SPORTS BULLETIN

### LBCC

#### Volleyball:

Nov. 7  
Linn-Benton at Umpqua at 6 p.m.

Nov. 8  
Linn-Benton at SW Oregon at 1 p.m.

### Oregon

#### Basketball:

Nov. 9  
Western Oregon at Oregon at 6 p.m.

#### Football:

Nov. 8  
Oregon at Utah at 7 p.m.

### Oregon State

#### Basketball:

Nov. 7  
Western Oregon at Oregon State at 7 p.m.

#### Football:

Nov. 8  
Washington State at Oregon State at 1 p.m.

# DUCKS FLY BY STANFORD

The Ducks look ahead to Utah after they took care of business Saturday, beating Stanford for the first time in three years 45-16.

Marcus Mariota looked impressive in his first win against Stanford, combining for over 330 total yards and four touchdowns. The game was the most important of the year for Mariota's Heisman chances as he finally got over the Stanford hurdle in convincing fashion.

Royce Freeman looked solid for a third week in a row, falling just short of 100 yards. A healthy Thomas Tyner had two rushing touchdowns. Oregon's running game has gotten its stride and has rushed for over 200 total yards in the past four games.

Up next for the Ducks is a trip to Salt Lake City to play Utah on Saturday at 7 p.m. PT on ESPN. After a heart breaking loss to Arizona State in overtime, the Utes look to bounce back into contention for the PAC-12 South.

Utah has played tight games against PAC-12 foes all season. All five games have been won by less than a field goal or have gone into overtime.

For Utah to keep the game close they are going to need to contain Oregon's passing game. Mariota ranks second in the nation at 10.2 yards per attempt. The Utes pass defense has been less than spectacular this year, giving up over 250 yards per game and ranking them at 100 in the nation.

Oregon's playoff hopes got a boost this week after a staple win against Stanford and with a loss by fourth ranked Ole Miss the Ducks are projected to move into the fourth playoff spot. Oregon's hopes still rest on winning the rest of their conference games.

"They are playing lights out, especially on the defensive side of the ball," said Oregon Coach Mark Helfrich on Utah.

If Oregon is to beat Utah, they need to continue working on their pass defense. The Ducks allowed almost 300 yards in their Stanford win and are still dependant on strong defensive stops to win games.

Erik Dargan came up big for the Ducks again, picking up an interception and a forced fumble from Stanford quarterback Kevin Hogan. Oregon will be lucky to come up with two drive stopping turnovers against the Utes who currently rank eleventh in turnover margin, just behind Oregon at fifth. 📍

STORY AND PHOTOS BY **ANDREW GILLETTE**



Marcus Mariota rushes for a touchdown.

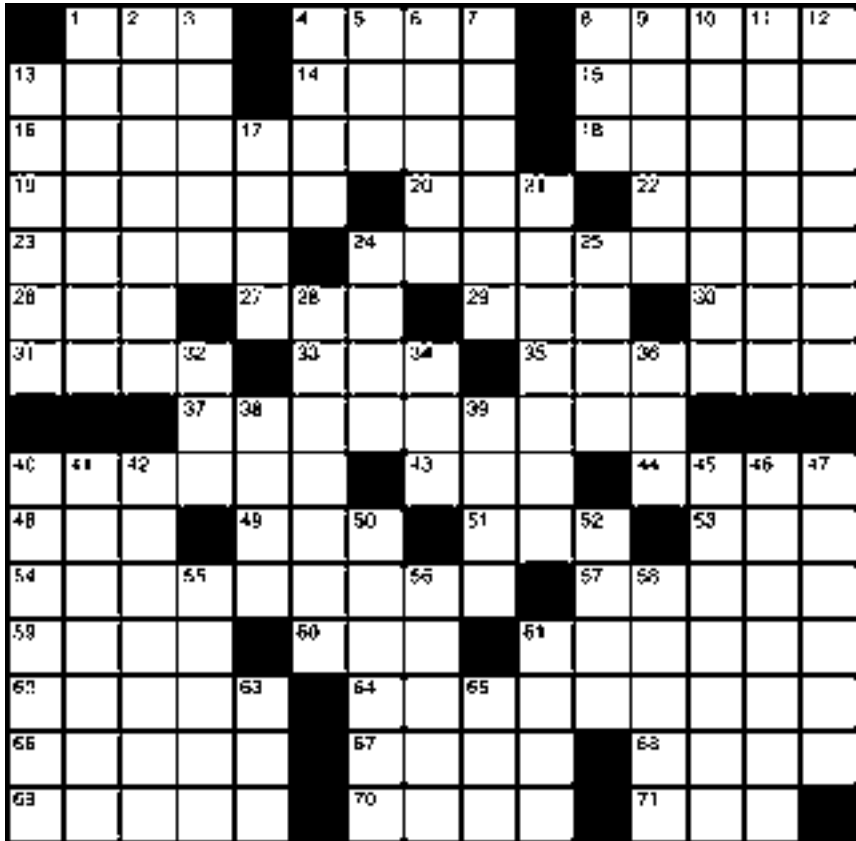


Charles Nelson's touchdown reception.

# Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bambi's mom, e.g.
  - 4 First grade lessons
  - 8 Father-son actors Robert and Alan
  - 13 Essence
  - 14 Sodium hydroxide, in chem class
  - 15 Deserve
  - 16 Tricky situation to deal with
  - 18 Chicago airport
  - 19 Smitten
  - 20 Piper's son of rhyme
  - 22 Radio switch letters
  - 23 End
  - 24 Salon styling stuff
  - 26 Santa's laugh sounds
  - 27 Victrola corp.
  - 29 Govt. intelligence gp.
  - 30 Dr. of rap
  - 31 Division word
  - 33 Taiwanese-born director Lee
  - 35 Asked God for guidance
  - 37 Former NFLer with a season record 23 touchdown receptions
  - 40 JFK's vessel
  - 43 Soft slip-on
  - 44 Norse trickster
  - 48 "I got it!"
  - 49 "Norma \_\_\_"
  - 51 Approves
  - 53 Flying Peter
  - 54 Flying socialite
  - 57 Start of a fitness motto
  - 59 Curved foot part
  - 60 Minor league rink org.
  - 61 "Just watch me!"
  - 62 "Politically Incorrect" host Bill
  - 64 Hearty meal often made with mutton, and, in a way, what the ends of 16-, 24-, 37- and 54-Across comprise
  - 66 "Not \_\_\_ out of you!"
  - 67 Casino freebie
  - 68 Chile's Cape \_\_\_
  - 69 Methods: Abbr.
  - 70 "Ghost Hunters" channel
  - 71 Two-time loser to DDE



By Charlie Riley

11/5/14

- DOWN**
- 1 Talk and talk and ...
  - 2 Show more staying power than
  - 3 Old Montreal team
  - 4 Poker game starter
  - 5 Sheep's sound
  - 6 Terra \_\_\_: pottery clay
  - 7 Surefire winner
  - 8 Latin "I love"
  - 9 "The Merry Widow" composer Franz
  - 10 Serious-and-funny show
  - 11 Orbitz quote
  - 12 Originated (from)
  - 13 Oh-so-stylish
  - 17 Finished for good
  - 21 Logical guy with pointy ears
  - 24 Ranch worker
  - 25 Auto dealer's inventory
  - 28 Bach composition
  - 32 Gold, to Gomez
  - 34 Workout place
  - 36 Communication for the deaf: Abbr.

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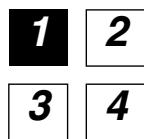
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- 38 Swiss river
- 39 Othello, for one
- 40 Pillow fight garb
- 41 Psychologist's treatment
- 42 Cookie dough units
- 45 Summer shoe style
- 46 Former German leaders
- 47 Back home after traveling, say
- 50 Moral principles
- 52 For instance, with "as"
- 55 Piece of paper
- 56 "The Jetsons" boy
- 58 Malia Obama's sister
- 61 Cosby/Culp TV series
- 63 Rotation meas.
- 65 Global currency org.

# SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level:



SOLUTION TO LAST EDITION'S PUZZLE

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# THE COMMONS Cafeteria

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11/5 - 11/12

**Wednesday:** Paella\* (chicken, sausage, and seafood,) Grilled Steak with Béarnaise\*, Portabella Sandwich. Soups: Turkey Chowder, and African Sweet Potato\*.

**Thursday:** Tuscan Pork over Creamy Polenta\*, Chicken and a Biscuit, Chile Rellenos. Soups: Billy Bi, and Split Pea\*

**Friday:** Chef's Choice

**Monday:** Poached Salmon, Roasted Pork Loin, Tofu and Broccoli Stir Fry with Steamed Rice. Soups: Italian Sausage, and Pumpkin Soup\*.

**Tuesday:** Holiday

Items denoted with a \* are gluten-free

Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

# ZOMBIE SURVIVAL

This Halloween the biology department ran and sponsored a series of ghoulish events.

At 2 p.m. the biology department hosted a Zombie Run on the Wellness Trail. The run consisted of students running from a zombie herd in a fictional post-apocalyptic setting.

Faculty members Melissa Scherr and Kevin Meyer rallied students and gave out prizes for the event. Scherr applied makeup for the students chosen to be zombies.

The rules of the run were if students on the Wellness Trail were detained and had their pre-

assigned bracelets stripped from them they were transformed into zombies. The winners of the run were survivors who made it through all three checkpoints, and returned to the starting zone with their bracelets.

The volleyball and basketball teams were involved in giving participants a run they won't soon forget. The lucky survivors won treats, graciously baked by the biology department. ♡

STORY BY **JOE HEFTY**



PHOTOS: **MARWAH ALZABIDI**

*Sinaiah Melendez and Scott Harrington join the group for the zombie run.*

# HONOR SOCIETY AT LBCC

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) is a co-curricular at LBCC and this term invited 460 students, a record number, to join.

Invited students must have completed at least 12 credits and have a minimum of 3.5 GPA. Motivated by the four hallmarks: scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship, PTK students thrive for both academic performance and community engagement.

In 1910, several female students at Stephens College in Montana established a society under the name Kappa Phi Omicron. They became Phi Theta Kappa in 1918 and gained national recognition as an honor society for two-year colleges.

Now an international organization, PTK offers countless programs that benefit students in both personal and professional growth. There are also leadership programs such as Leadership Development Studies that help students with self reflection and personal philosophy as leaders.

"Whatever it is that you urge to succeed in, PTK has a program for you," said Jeff Lehn, vice president of PTK for the Rocky Mountain Cascade region and SLC.

Each year, PTK provides access to over

\$80 million in scholarships for members. Scholarships range from rewarding academic excellence and PTK participation, to campus and community involvement.

Participation and engagement of PTK and community events are highly rewarded and can possibly qualify students for multiple scholarships.

"I haven't received any scholarship yet, but I was able to travel to St. Louis and attend the regional conference," said Sierra Hawley, vice president of Phi Theta Kappa at LBCC.

Members qualify for talent grants to assist with paying for school. Chapter officers receive six credits and the president and vice president receive 12 credits per person.

All students are welcome to attend the weekly PTK meeting with officers and other student members at MKH-109 on Monday at 11:45 a.m. or join the next scholarship workshop at LBCC on Feb 25.

The deadline to apply for membership this term is Dec. 1.

For questions contact Chris Riseley, co-advisor, at [riselec@linnbenton.edu](mailto:riselec@linnbenton.edu). ♡

STORY BY **YULING ZHOU**

## CAMPUS BULLETIN

### National Donut Day Sale

**Wednesday, Nov. 5**

Students will set up a booth in Takena Hall for National Donut Day. Money from purchased Krispy Kreme doughnuts will go to support the PTK honor society. Students will also deliver pre-ordered doughnuts to offices and classrooms.

Each dozen costs \$10 and funds raised will help PTK members to attend regional and international events. They will also be used to purchase supplies for Honors in Action projects. Those who are interested in ordering can leave payments and orders with Ginger Peterson at WH-120.

### Pharmacy Technician Program

**Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2 to 4 p.m.**

LBCC is offering a free Pharmacy Technician Program pre-application information session for those interested in training to work as a Pharmacy Technician. No need to preregister to attend. Attendance at the information session is mandatory in order to take the program. The 18-week Pharmacy Technician Program starts Feb. 2 through June 5, 2015.

### Flu Shot

**Thursday Nov. 6, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.**

The Benton Center will host a flu shot clinic in BC-107. Bring your insurance card. If you have medicare, please bring a photo-copy of your medicare card. Non-insured cost of a flu shot is \$28.

### Thanksgiving Food Drive

**Now until Nov. 20**

LBCC is accepting food and cash donations for community members in need. Please make checks out to AAWCC. Cash or checks can be given to Tammi Drury (T-105), Leta Howell (in Printing), and Gwen Cox (at the Benton Center).

Food donation boxes are set up around campus - look for a box near you. Please make sure that the food you donate has not expired. Donations can also be taken directly to Printing Services.

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# HALLOWEEN AT LBCC

On Oct. 31 Halloween festivities were in full swing at LBCC. Starting at noon, Dan Stone and Rebecca Otto created flesh eating zombies in the courtyard. Staff and students lined up for a chance for face painting to transform them into blood-thirsty undead. If only for a day, The Walking Dead were on campus. SLC provided pie, cheesecake, and candy for dozens of dressed up students. People in costumes of all kinds appeared for sweet treats. Witches, bats and superheroes, oh my!

At 1 p.m. a costume contest was held in White Oak Hall. All characters were photographed in front of a themed backdrop and were entered into the contest for a chance to win best costume. The winners were emailed later to collect their prize.

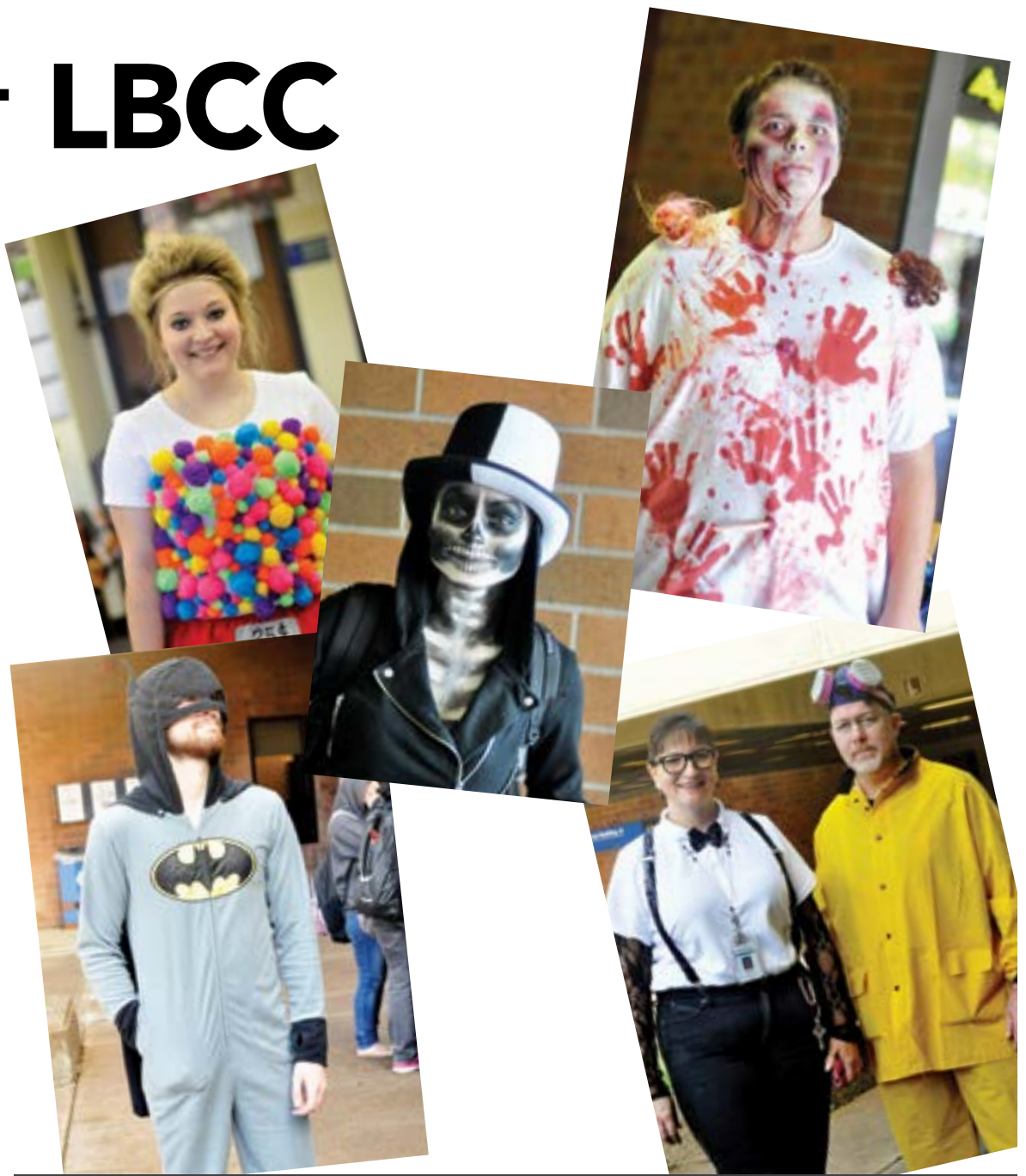
During the costume contest Poet Laureate Crash and student Joseph Quiner recited a poem each to entertain the crowd. On display was a hairy tarantula, cockroaches, and snakes adding to the ambiance of spookiness.

Halloween at LBCC was a bootastic event. 📍

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
**MELISSA JEFFERS**



PHOTO: NAKUL KATARIA  
Visual art students display painted pumpkins.



Students bring a Halloween fashion show to campus: Nicky Gangewer, Travis Bazanele, Kelsi Moon, Daniel Flores, Kim Kopplien and Paul Tannahill (left to right).



Dan Stone does Jenna Guziak's makeup for the zombie run.



Kim Sullivan, Christine Baker and Abdulhadi Alatiq chill in the courtyard.

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