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### Rainout

The LB baseball team rolls out the infield tarp as showers threatened to cancel their league home opener on March 24. The Runners have had their share of close battles, but perhaps their toughest opponent has been the Oregon rainfall. Despite having to reschedule three of their first five league doubleheaders due, LB is riding the wave of a three-game winning streak as they sit in third place of the NWAACC Southern Division with a 4-4 record.

## Student fees help maintain programs

Robert Wong  
The Commuter

Twenty-five dollars: the price of a new shirt, a couple of CDs, or a movie night with friends. That's the price that a full-time student at LBCC pays to cover student fees every term.

Student fees touch many LBCC students on a day-to-day basis. They pay for the Loop bus and Linn County shuttle that transports students to and from school every day. Vocational programs such as the culinary arts and the various sections of the Industrial Tech Society are funded by the \$2.14 that is charged to every credit hour.

More than \$200,000 in student fees has been collected for the 2005-2006 school year. Talent grants help students immerse themselves in a field of interest while receiving money to help partially or fully cover their tuition.

Roughly \$80,000 of the student fee balance goes to more

than one hundred LBCC students receive grants. Grants are disbursed for the programs mentioned above, along with the Hot Shot coffee house, student government officials, and some of the staff members for the paper that you hold in your hand right now.

The various events that are held around campus also benefit from student fees. A quick look at the student events calendar for the spring term shows a wide variety of events available to the LBCC student. Without this money, many of the events, speakers and other distractions that some might take for granted would not be held because of affordability.

Other groups that benefit from student fees include the various Roadrunner sports teams, the performing arts department, the livestock judging team, the equestrian team, LBCC's Peace Studies program, and the assortment of clubs and co-curricular

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## Jobs available at Career Fair

Stephen Whitener  
The Commuter

After 45 years, the average person will have worked some 90,000 hours. With so much of life spent working, it might help to have a career one actually enjoyed.

Such a career could be waiting at the 28th annual LBCC Career Fair, Wednesday, April 19, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The fair, free and open to the public, will be held in the Activities Center Gym on LBCC's main campus.

Marci Johnston, Career Fair coordinator, sees a sign for optimism in the increased number of expected participants this year, about 65 businesses and industries, from Agritech, Inc. of Oregon to Yamhill County Juvenile Corrections.

Last year's fair had about 50 participants. New this year is Costco, Coast to Coast Event Services and Toastmasters. As

in past fairs, a wide variety of employers will be on hand to represent careers in healthcare, mills, warehouses, retail, government, military, industry and communications.

According to Johnston, career and employment specialist at LBCC's Career Center, the fair emphasizes the types of employers who would hire LBCC students.

The benefits of attending the fair include learning what employers are seeking, determining one's suitability for a given field, considering the pros and cons of different careers, and networking, said Johnston, who urges attendees to visit as many employers as possible and to "be prepared to ask questions."

Career Center staff will attend this year's fair to answer questions, discuss career exploration and schooling options, and help craft "personal statements."

Johnston stresses the im-

portance of giving prospective employers a 30 second to one minute statement of one's key strengths, skills, education level and work experience. "You want to keep the door open," Johnston said.

Open minds are also encouraged. The Career Fair will feature a Non-Traditional Careers exhibit, hosted by Valerie Zeigler, LBCC outreach and retention specialist for Non-Traditional Careers.

Zeigler, who works in the LBCC Multicultural Center, helps men and women consider careers they might usually overlook.

"Non-traditional careers are any occupations employing less than 25 percent of one gender," explained Zeigler. She said that with the exception of nursing, most female-dominated fields tend to pay less than male-dominated fields. But there are other

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photo by Dan Wise

### Ceremonial Dance

Brilliant colors mixed with dance at the Siletz powwow last August. Read about LB's own powwow on page 14.

### The Weather Through the Week

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# OPINION

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## Murder demands justice

Without harsh consequences, more innocent people will be killed

I don't regard my position on the death penalty to be cruel or heartless, but necessary to society. Conversely, I believe revenge killing to be a simple excuse to take another's life out of anger. However, there are some deeper things to be considered when analyzing the death penalty than just the simplistic "eye for an eye" policy. Many people reject the notion of a death penalty because they believe that the value of life is too high to allow government killing of convicted murderers. They do not take into account the fact that the life of the victims of any given murder had value too, and it was heartlessly taken from them. In order to prevent this from happening in the future, capital punishment must be employed.

One more explanation needs to be given in order for me to present an accurate defense of my point of view on this issue. In the last decade, the United States has executed an average of 75 people each year, out of thousands of convicted murderers. Furthermore, killers spend years on death row, even after being sentenced to death, and cost the U.S. government millions to keep alive, and eventually kill.

This is what makes the United States' version of the death penalty largely ineffective. In order to implement an effectual death penalty, all convicted murderers would need to be executed, not more than a week after they receive a death sentence (after one possible appeal).

In this way, potential murderers would realize that were they convicted, they would be killed, not given years in a jail cell watching TV. Homicide rates would rapidly decline if it were made clear that consequences were unchanging and final.

As it is, some of 90 percent of convicted murderers are sentenced to prison instead of death. Repeat offenders are also an issue both inside prisons and out if the killer escapes a life sentence.

Some avoid advocating the death penalty because of the innocent people who might be killed, were they mistakenly convicted of murder. I would like to point out that, in light of DNA evidence and other advanced techniques, very few of those convicted are innocent.

On the other hand, if the homicide rate increased for the lack of severe consequences, many more people would die. None of these victims would be convicted, or even accused, of any crime.

The nation needs to make a choice. If it is not in the power of the government to quickly and inexpensively execute murderers, then thousands of innocent people will die in their place.



JOEL DEVYLDERE

## Death penalty is murder

People that have been found to be innocent have been put to death

The subject of the execution of a human being has become a very long and arduous conversation when looked at from the many different perspectives involved.

From the biblical and religious point of view it violates a very distinct four word sentence contained in the commandments.

Thou Shalt Not Kill seems to be a very distinct statement, yet creates a whole host of questions in the process. Does that mean you shall not kill an animal for food? Does that mean you should not kill someone attempting to murder you?

Without question that simple statement attributed to God from biblical times is food for deep thought. Another deep question arises from the practice of execution and the possibility of killing an innocent person. Regardless of how the execution of a guilty party is viewed, the execution of an innocent person is nothing less than murder and once carried out there is no undoing it.

Any number of cases can be found as examples of that. The real murderer or guilty party committed the act, then made a deal to turn state's evidence and help convict another person who was with them in return for a life sentence. The other person, who neither killed nor murdered anyone ends up being executed while the real murderers are enjoying warm beds, three meals a day and television privileges in prison.

An interesting place to look is the Web site [www.innocenceproject.org](http://www.innocenceproject.org), which points out cases where individuals convicted of murder have been found innocent and released from prison after spending years on death row.



WALT HUGHES

Another place to gather serious information on the subject is the Death Penalty Information Center, ([www.deathpenaltyinfo.org](http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org)) which lists names, crimes and other pertinent information including the dates that individuals were executed.

Perhaps former Illinois Governor Jim Thompson had the right idea a few years ago when he commuted the death sentences of everyone in the Illinois penal system to life in prison.

To date, 13 of those individuals have been proven innocent by new DNA testing and other means. Vilified for commuting those sentences at the time, he saved the lives of at least 13 innocent people, who would have eventually been murdered by the state otherwise. That in itself justifies his actions.

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## New spring, same old politics

Walt Hughes, Sr.  
 The Commuter

It's that time of year again. The grass turns a little greener, the sky looks a little bluer, the clocks jump an hour ahead and days grow longer. The only thing that does not seem to change is the ongoing political situation in Washington, D.C. and the world.

Turn on about any Cable News Network program frequently and you hear about war, hate and discontent among nations and the possibility of more wars. Problems with our borders and illegal immigration, a couple of countries that seem bound and determined to acquire nuclear capabilities, and a president who feels that he is above the laws of the land are increasingly in the news.

Like a sleeping giant, the general public is waking up to the fact we have some very serious problems in this country. For the past year or so we have quietly watched as North Korea thumbs its nose at the world and continues to produce nuclear weapons, and Iran seems to have the same idea.

Regardless of whether you like or dislike George W. Bush and those who represent us in the House and Senate it seems obvious that they are slowly being backed into a corner.

Consider illegal immigrant and border problems for which there seems to be no easy answer. When you look at the quality of life in Mexico and slip on the shoes of those wanting a better existence you can probably understand why many are willing to risk everything to cross the border and find a job in the United States. On the other hand, rewarding someone for breaking the law is not a real answer.

That issue and its ongoing problems seems to have

grown into something far different of late because now many of those living in this country illegally have joined to demand not only civil rights, but also feel that they want to take the states of California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas back to Mexican territory. The whole thing will end up being a very slippery slope to climb.

The political situation and the calls for the impeachment of George W. Bush seemed to be growing by the day. According to an article by Associated Press Writer David Gram, the leading Democrats in Vermont plan to decide in April whether to urge state lawmakers to petition for Bush's impeachment using a little-known provision in the rules of the United States House of Congress.

Gram states that Democratic committees in at least half of Vermont's 14 counties have passed resolutions calling for impeachment citing a rule in "Jefferson's Manual," a book of parliamentary guidelines written by Thomas Jefferson that supplements U.S. House rules. Gram's article quotes state Democratic Party Executive Director Jon Copans as saying "The anti-Bush movement is genuinely bubbling up from the grass roots."

Other articles carried by the Associated Press during the past week state that Vermont's Democratic Party committee is the fifth state to call for President Bush's impeachment, following New Mexico, Nevada, North Carolina and Wisconsin.

Another AP article quotes committee member Margaret Lucenti as saying that, "the president misled the country into war, conducted illegal electronic spying on Americans and violated international torture treaties." She also said, "I would hope that any one of these infractions would bring the administration down. We need to restore accountability in our federal government."

### TO THE EDITOR

#### Assisted suicide

Joel DeVylde's recent opinion piece in opposition of physician-assisted suicide demonstrates an astounding lack of understanding about how Oregon's Death with Dignity Act functions. Assisted suicide is not a selfish way out.

Of the 38 people who utilized physician-assisted suicide in 2005, 92 percent were enrolled in some form of hospice care, indicating that they were unable to perform simple tasks such as bathing, dressing, walking or eating without assistance. The median age of patients was 70, and 84 percent of patients suffered from malignant neoplasms, the kind of cancer that tends to spread throughout the body.

These are not people who have been told that they have less than six months to live and made a snap decision to die before they get sick, nor are they people whose illnesses will miraculously disappear; these are people who have suffered prolonged pain and loss of dignity and are unable to function independently in their daily lives.

A patient who wishes to utilize physician-assisted suicide must make an oral request to his doctor (twice, with at least 15 days between requests for the patient to consider the decision), then a written request signed in the presence of witnesses. His diagnosis and prognosis must be confirmed by both attending and consulting physicians, and he must be judged capable of making the decision (patients exhibiting signs of depression must be referred for psychiatric care). The attending physician

must inform the patient of alternatives, such as hospice care and pain management, and he must also request (but not require) that the patient notify next of kin of the decision. The patient is offered every opportunity to continue with alternative care. Physician participation is purely voluntary, and pharmacists are made aware of the purpose of the drugs they are dispensing. A physician's job is, as DeVylde states, to save life and preserve health; but when a patient's life cannot be saved and their health can be neither preserved nor improved, the outcome is not in question, but how long the patient will have to endure the pain before dying.

I can find no scientific evidence to support the assertion that legalized assisted suicide has any relationship to rates of suicide among non-terminal or physically healthy people, and DeVylde's characterization of the terminally ill as people selfishly seeking an escape from life without consideration of others is not only ridiculous but insulting.

Assisted suicide - which has survived challenges in U.S. District Court, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, and now the U.S. Supreme Court - gives patients a way to end their lives when the pain and deteriorated standard of living simply becomes too much for patients and their families to bear. In allowing terminal patients to retain some control over the circumstances of their own deaths, Oregon allows its people to live and die with dignity.

Lisa Kincaid

from possibly hundreds of other applicants when job searching.

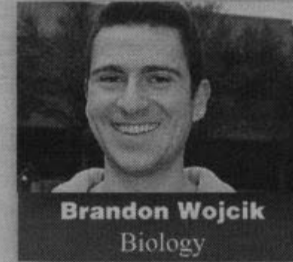
Some of the opportunities that I, or my fellow student government officers, have had by serving on the student government are leadership retreats (some with all expense paid travel), service learning, attending regional and even national conferences, mentoring, project planning, decision making on a large scale, and reflection activities (all expense paid).

I encourage you all to take a closer look at yourselves and what you are doing with your college career in order to build character, demonstrate and learn your skills, and serve your community. We all have time to do our best, one way or another.

Erin Mosley

### PERSPECTIVES

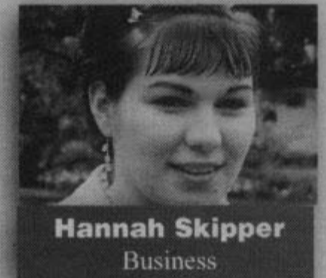
## What do you think about the current immigration problems?



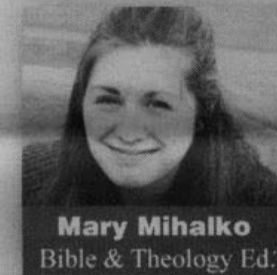
**Brandon Wojcik**  
 Biology

"Although it has a lot of problems it has great benefits for the country. It might affect social services. Immigrants might use social services that might otherwise be used for citizens."

"I think a lot of people make assumptions without the facts. It is more complex than many people acknowledge."



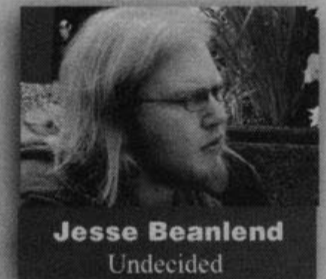
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**Mary Mihalko**  
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"I think immigrants should be legal because where they're coming from, they don't have adequate living conditions. Also, they can more readily hear the gospel and have religious freedom."

"I don't think there is a problem. I think we're not lenient enough. The more laws we pass, the further we get from where we started."



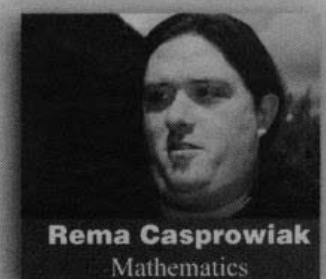
**Jesse Beanlend**  
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**Rafael Gomez**  
 Machine Tool Tech.

"I think that we should send all the immigrants home and see what happens to our economy, to see how badly we need them. I think it would cripple us."

"I think there should be no wall. The idea that immigration creates a lack of jobs is not true. These jobs are jobs that were not doing. They should have the protection that citizens have."



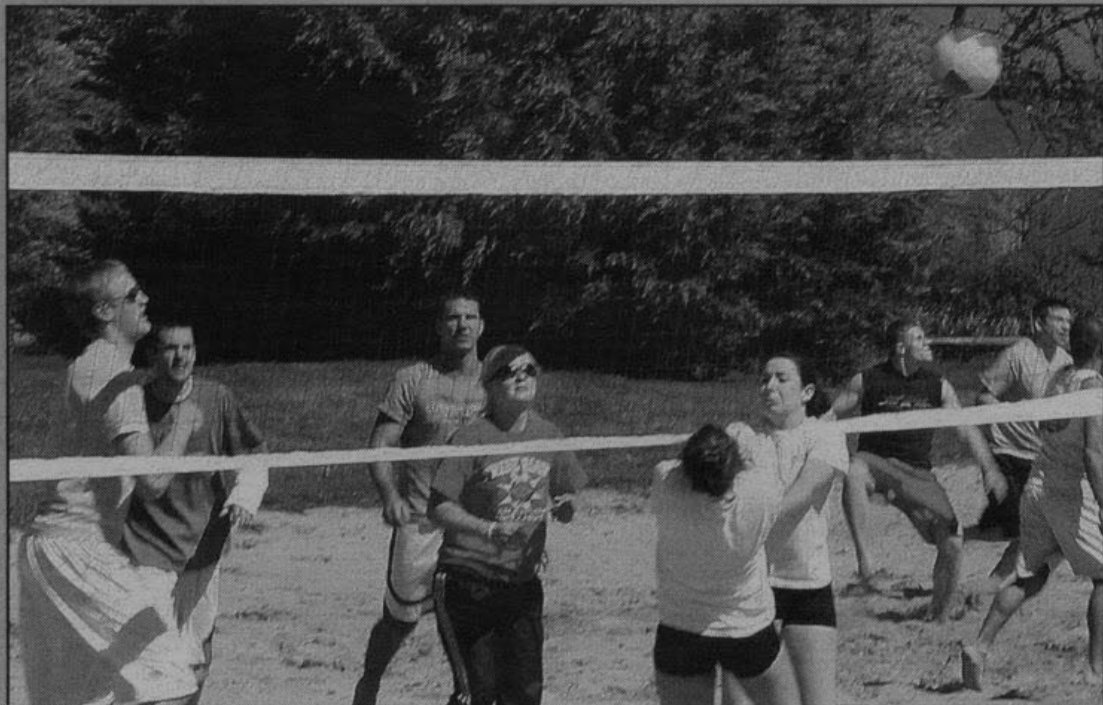
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# CAMPUS NEWS

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### Beach Dreams

Volleyball courts that have been under water most of the winter are finally being put to use.

photo by Dan Wise

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#### HELP WANTED

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**2006 LBCC Career Fair** This is it! Once a year is your only opportunity to visit with 70 employers about jobs and career information. Some faculty will let you attend—ask them. Come to the AC gym on Wed. April 19th from 10:30-2:30pm. To check who's coming and get tips, go to <http://cf.linnbenton.edu/careerfair>.

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## Fees: The price you pay

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programs that meet on campus. However, it isn't a free ride for programs receiving funding from student fees. According to Diane Watson, Dean of Student Services, many of the participating programs must fundraise 20 percent of the money that they are allocated. Some programs raise a surplus of money that can be used for running an additional event or something that affects the student body in a beneficial manner with the college's approval, said Watson.

Watson also noted that money is pooled from all programs to an emergency fund that serves unforeseen expenses such as sending outstanding LBCC students to attend national competitions

in various fields. "The money is stretched to go a long, long way," said Watson.

Budget Advisory Committee meetings are held on a regular basis from October through March for those interested in making a suggestion on what to do with surplus funds.

Anyone can volunteer a suggestion as long as it is submitted in brief, handwritten form to the committee 48 hours prior to a scheduled meeting.

More consideration is given to ideas that affect a large number of students and are backed by a club or co-curricular group.

If the Budget Advisory Committee approves the idea, it then goes to the Board of Education for a final decision.

## Jobs: At the Fair

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factors men should consider, including working conditions, stress levels and job stability.

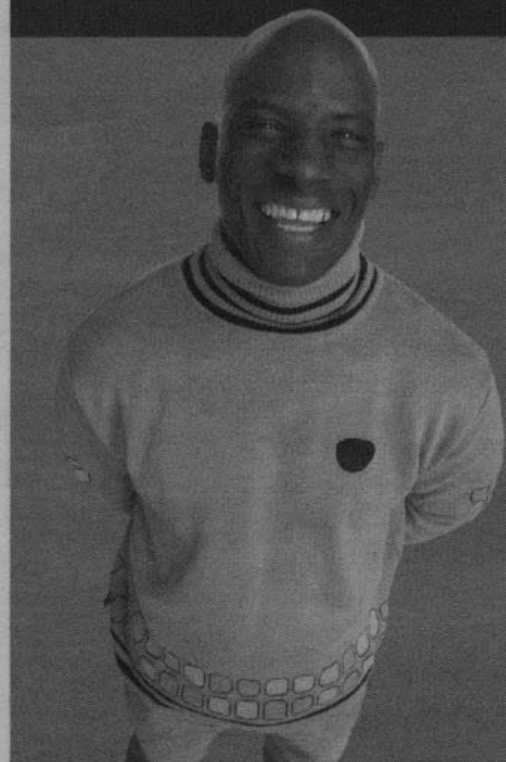
Zeigler sees non-traditional careers as opportunities to be "pioneers" who can see beyond stereotypes and social stigmas.

More information on the Career Fair and its participants is available online at [cf.linnbenton.edu/careerfair](http://cf.linnbenton.edu/careerfair).

The Career Center, located at Takena 101, offers assistance in areas such as writing resumes, preparing for interviews, researching occupations and choosing majors.

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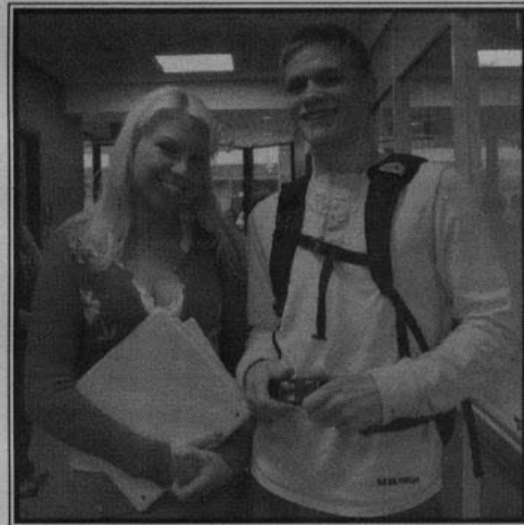


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## Health care budget cut casualty

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Nancey West

Students needing immediate or routine health services on campus have several options. For students, staff or faculty that simply need a Band-Aid, standard first-aid kits are located in each department, usually with the department secretary.

For situations that may require more attention, the security office has an aid station. Individuals with minor injuries can call 411 or go to the security office at the College Center Room 123. The office is equipped with a place to lie down and an officer to evaluate individual conditions.

"The office is never unmanned during the day," said Bruce Thompson, LBCC Security Manager.

Each officer on campus must have a CPR/first aid certificate, which is updated yearly. They do standard assessments and make recommendations, and also perform minor procedures, such as clean and dress wounds.

For medical emergencies Thompson says to dial 911. "Their response time is 3.5 minutes. That is a very important factor to me," he said.

Thompson explains that he knows the response time because he times it himself. A couple of years ago it was 6 minutes and he is pleased with the improvement.

When someone dials 911 from campus or the Lebanon Center, the call automatically notifies the cell phone of the officer on duty. "The officer knows what's going on and can respond quicker. That's the key element, the response time," Thompson said. "The Benton Center will have that capability soon."

Thompson explained the importance of the connection between 911 and the responding officer's cell. "People don't realize that 911 may not respond. They (police) will respond for medical needs but they don't always for a criminal call. The (campus) officer can evaluate

the situation."

In 2005, Emergency Medical Services were called six times, and approximately 75 accident reports were filed in the security office. "Most of the accidents

**"The program was cut about three years ago due to budget cuts."**

Pat Crozier

come out of the kitchen; usually cuts," explaining the severity of accidents, Thompson said, "Egos are bruised over anything else." 2006 has had two EMS responses.

Coaches also maintain a current CPR/first aid card to provide assessment of any injuries during sports practice. An athletic trainer from OSU is on hand for sports games. "We have aggressive, competitive activities, but most injuries are minor," said Greg Hawk, athletic director.

For several years the Linn County Health Department provided routine health care on campus one afternoon a week. "They originally had a mobile van until about six years ago," said Pat Crozier, public health nurses supervisor for the health department who participated in the program, "Then we used rooms in the school; the last one was in Takena Hall."

A nurse practitioner, public health nurse and a medical assistant were available for appoint-

ments or walk-ins. "Because we had a nurse practitioner, we could see minor illnesses," Crozier said. "We provided immunizations for nursing and dental students who needed hepatitis-B or MMR, or a TB skin test." Other services included HIV testing and consulting, pregnancy testing, birth control, and sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment. "We got maybe 10 to 15 (students) a day."

"The program was cut about three years ago due to budget cuts," Crozier said.

Mike Holland, vice president of administrative and student affairs, said that as long as he has worked at LBCC there has never been a paid health official. "We don't have money to do what we want in education. Our focus is education," Holland said.

Students looking for routine health care can find information at [www.linnbenton.edu/health-services/](http://www.linnbenton.edu/health-services/).

"Information on the website is compiled and kept updated by Student Life & Leadership," said Ann Marie Yacobucci, student activities coordinator.

The site includes information on how to find different health resources. A similar pamphlet, in both English and Spanish, can be picked up in SL&L office at the Student Union. Referral and resource information on many health issues may be obtained by calling Family Connections' Parent Advice Line at 917-4899 or 800-845-1363.



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### School's Back

Jensina Carter and Petr Horak greet LB spring term students with coffee, doughnuts and information during the first two days of class.

## RSVP to work for VISTA

Maria Gonzalez  
The Commuter

A full-time recruitment position is available at AmeriCorp\*VISTA, according to Beth Fox, director of the RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) and administrator of the LBVision volunteer center. Fox works in both programs to increase volunteers in Linn and Benton counties and is looking for a one year commitment.

Candidates must be 18 or older, organized, experienced in marketing, have good computer skills and an interest in promoting meaningful volunteer service for people 55 to 65 years old.

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VISTA is a federal program founded in 1964 by President Lyndon B. Johnson. VISTA

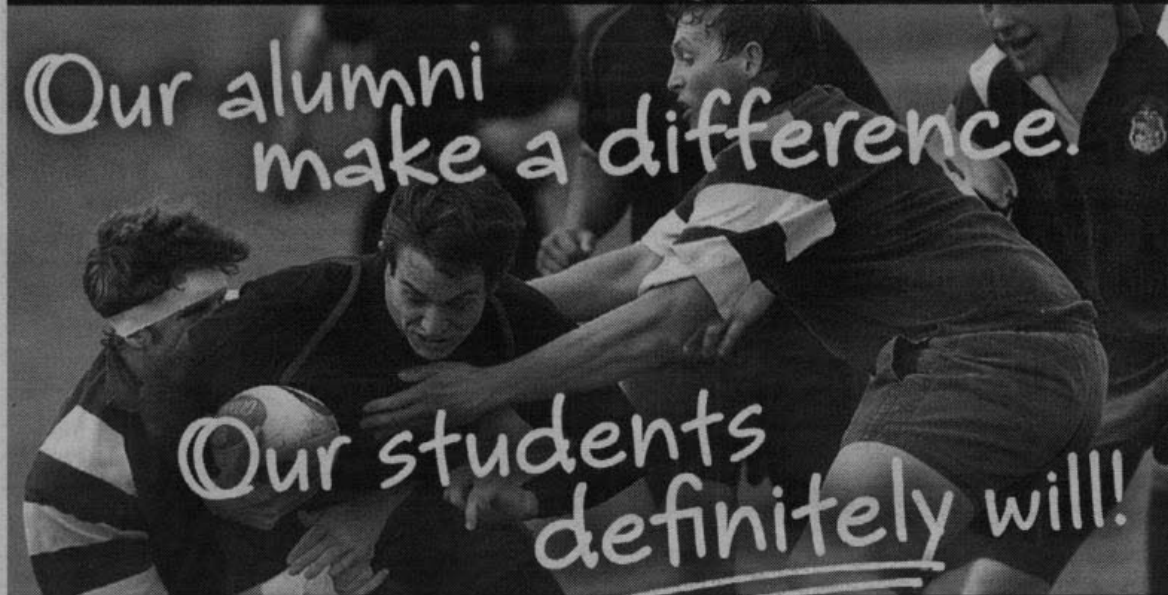
stands for Volunteers In Service to America. Since 1965, more than 130,000 VISTA members have served in homeless shelters, community development corporations, local credit unions, literacy coalitions and other community-based programs.

VISTA members serve with sponsors in rural and urban areas in all 50 states. The AmeriCorps VISTA programs open doors to new places, new opportunities and new careers. Members apply their knowledge and experience in practical ways while learning new skills and serving the country, Fox said.

The RSVP office is in the service center next to the mailroom. The first orientation training will be in Provo, Utah with all costs covered including airfare. The first working day at RSVP will be April 28. During the year of service more training will be provided.

For more information go to [www.americorps.gov](http://www.americorps.gov) and click on VISTA. Fox can be reached at (541) 917-4476 at LB or at (541) 753-9197 at the Benton Center or

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## Tattoos, permanent self expression: Art tradition comes alive on a canvas of flesh

Elizabeth Uriarte  
 The Commuter

With a canvas of flesh and needles and ink as tools, a tattoo is born. This permanent, painful form of art has been a part of human culture for thousands of years, and yet has only recently become considered less deviant and more socially acceptable in the U.S.

"In the '90s, a lot of 'mainstream' people started getting tattooed," said Chris Whittaker, local tattoo artist, owner of Permagrafix Tattoos & Body Piercing in Albany, and instructor at his newly established school of tattooing. With more than 18 years of experience, Whittaker has been witness to the evolution of both the tattooing industry and the variety of its clientele.

Whittaker said that two reasons for the change in society's attitude are that more celebrities have tattoos, and TV shows such as "Miami Ink" have helped to popularize the art.

"It means people are opening up to the customs of different people and cultures," said Lynsay Klink, 19-year-old theater major at LBCC. She describes her first and so far only tattoo, a black tribal rose, as "a permanent beauty mark."

The permanence of a tattoo is one of the most challenging aspects of the whole process, according to Whittaker. "Your canvas is moving, breathing, sweating, talking, and who knows what else," he said. Trying to craft the perfect work of art under such conditions is not a simple task.

A tattoo machine can drive



needles into skin up to 3,000 times a minute, according to Tantrix Body Art. The process is painful, though the degree of pain depends on the area of the body being tattooed as well as the individual's tolerance.

"No gain without pain," said Alicia Gillen, a 25-year-old art major. While she has yet to experience her first tattoo, she plans to get one soon, and is well aware of what is in store. "The pain is a positive aspect, because you really have to want the tattoo if you're going to get it," she said. "If it didn't

hurt, imagine how many people would have them!"

In addition to the pain, the price of a tattoo can be a major deterrent. At Permagrafix, tattoos start at \$40 and go up from there. Pieces smaller than 8-by-10 inches are priced by the piece, and larger work by the hour, at the rate of \$80 an hour.

"Prices are completely outrageous," said Vincent Whitebird, a 33-year-old welding technician major. His tattoos are from people outside a professional setting and some he even did himself.

Though there are numerous health risks with non-professional tattoos, many people choose this route because of the high cost at a shop.

However, "there's no such thing as good cheap work," according to Klink. She says the price of a tattoo is well worth it. She would never have a tattoo done by a non-licensed professional because of sanitation reasons.

Whittaker figures the pricing of his work based on the size of the design, the number of hours in both preparation and actual inking, and other factors such as his own physical comfort (eye strain, back strain, etc).

When choosing a tattoo design, people can either bring in their own, have the artist draw one, or simply choose a pre-made design off the flash sheets on the shop's wall (or in books). Just about anything that can be drawn can be placed on the skin, including portraits. Whittaker said he is rarely pre-



(Top left) Cameron Straub gives Andrea Clark her first tattoo. She chose a butterfly and her daughter's name. (Middle and lower left) Chris Whittaker tattoos James Brawley's daughter's name on his forearm.

sented with a design he can't do and the most difficult ones can usually work if enlarged.

Some people are content with just one tattoo; however, many people can't stop after their first and end up getting several more. Some cover their entire bodies with tattoo art.

One common type of tattoo is that of a significant other's name. Whittaker said when someone wants such a tattoo he prices it high enough that they have to put some serious thought into getting it. "Usually they've already heard from everybody why not to do it, so they're pretty much going to keep hammering away until they find somebody to do it. We figure we might as well do it and do it right, make it look nice, and then be ready to cover it up."

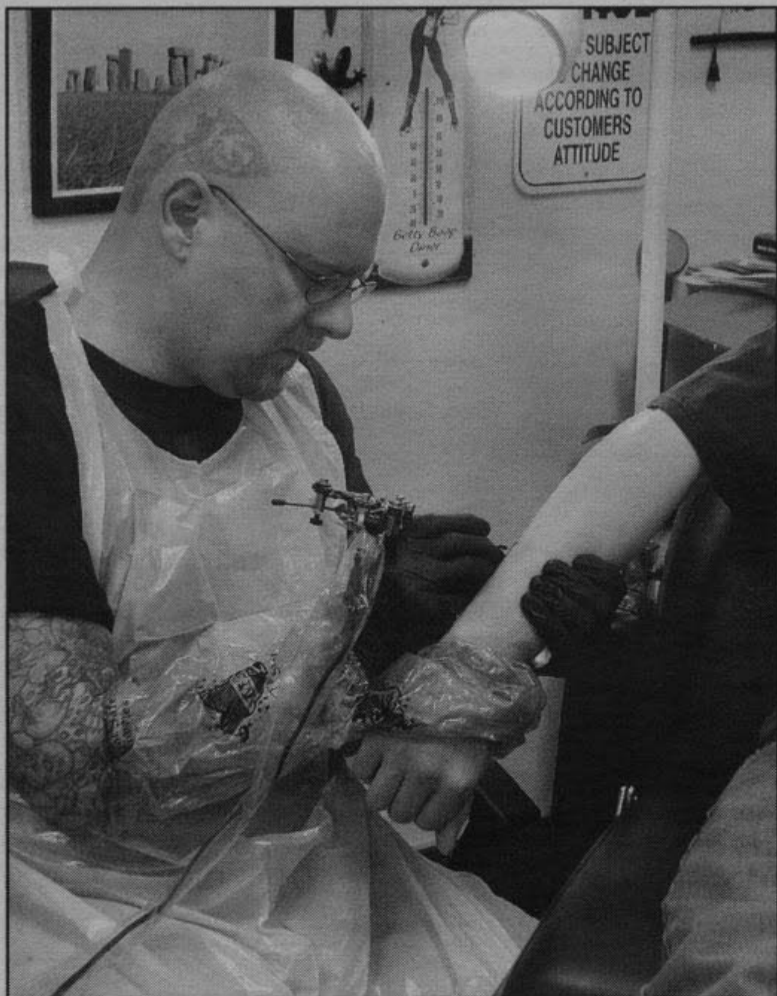
Gillen agrees that it is a bad idea to get a tattoo of someone else's name. "I don't care if you're married for 25 years; do

not do it.

"It's one of the dumbest things you can do. It doesn't show your personality, it only shows how obsessive you are about that person," said Klink.

Most other tattoos can be beautiful works of art and can even be judged as such. At an upcoming tattoo contest on May 6, 2 p.m. at the First Round in Albany, there will be artists from various local tattoo parlors, including Permagrafix Tattoos & Body Piercing, Sacred Art Tattoo, Lucky Star Tattoo, and Downtown Piercing and Tattoo.

There are 14 different categories for judging the tattoos and prizes include trophies and gift certificates to participating tattoo shops. There is a small entry fee of \$5 per category, or \$25 for unlimited entries. For more information, contact Chris Whittaker at Permagrafix Tattoos and Body Piercing, 915 Ninth Ave. S.E.



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## Participants survive Fun Run Wellness Program rewards an active lifestyle

Nancey West  
 The Commuter

The courtyard was busy Tuesday afternoon with participants of the Spring Fun Run.

The Fun Run is an annual event sponsored by the Independent Association of Classified Employees and the Wellness Program.

Individuals received a raffle ticket for every five laps of walking or running around the courtyard. Tickets were then drawn for prizes.

The Wellness Program works with Student Life & Leadership and Family Connections to also sponsor the fall Turkey Trot, the flu shot clinic, the health fair and to present speakers addressing health issues for students and staff.

The Wellness Program, which has been on campus for more than 20 years, is an incentive program to encourage staff to work on improving or maintaining good health.

The program is made up of many components from which individuals may choose to participate.

The program also distributes a monthly newsletter, Health-Works, and provides Lunch-N-

Learn Seminars with varying topics.

Amenities offered through the program include blood pressure machines placed around

**"They can keep track of their physical activities, their weight or smoking, to record some health change."**

Richard Gibbs

campus; screenings for cholesterol and lab assessment for height/weight, percent body fat, flexibility, blood pressure and heart rate four times a year; and on-site chair massage every two months.

Three 20-minute wellness breaks are allowed each week.

"Someone may attend a class and need the extra time beyond their lunch hour to shower and return to their desk," explained Richard Gibbs, Wellness Program manager, "or someone may need a break and just walk the wellness trail or meditate."

The wellness trail is a bark trail behind the track and baseball field that connects to the sidewalk around campus.

The Fit and Fun program, one of the Wellness components, allows participants to collect

points that are translated into wellness dollars.

Sixty points are equal to one Wellness dollar that may be spent on items provided by the program, such as shirts, mugs or massages.

Points are earned in different ways. Nearly any type of exercise or activity may be accepted as long as the intent is for fitness.

One point is given for each minute of exercise or activity, with a 10-minute minimum and a 120-minute maximum per day.

A participant keeps track of his or her own points on a score card that is turned in monthly.

"It's all on an honor system," said Gibbs. "They can keep track of their physical activities, their weight or smoking, to record some health change."

Extra points are earned by getting annual physical and dental exams, or by stopping tobacco use.

Other options are the Health Risk Analysis Program for individual feedback on lifestyle, the staff fitness class offered three days a week, plus new employees are given a welcome basket and information on the program.



photo by Dan Wise

Two LB staff members, Angie Klampe (right) and Linda Newell (left) pick up tickets after a circuit of the courtyard. They are participating in the Spring Fun Run which is sponsored annually.

## Math T-shirt design winner named

LBCC news service

The Math Awareness Week T-shirt Design Contest winner is Bud Morgan. The math department selected the design submitted by Morgan for the 2006 Math Awareness Week T-shirt. Morgan's design was chosen from a field of 10 designs submitted by students and staff of LBCC. During Math Awareness Week, held May 1 to May 5, 2006, Morgan will receive a \$50 check and two free T-shirts.

Students and staff have the opportunity to pre-order T-shirts at the Learning Center testing counter. The shirts are available in a variety of colors and sizes and cost \$9 for short sleeve and \$11 for long sleeve. T-shirts can

be ordered between Thursday, April 5 and Thursday, April 13.


T-shirts will also be available for sale during the Math Awareness Week activities, taking place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the week of May 1 in the courtyard.

Math Awareness Week is an annual activity put on by the

math faculty for the students and staff of LBCC. Faculty will sponsor games and activities relating to the theme, including daily estimation contests and a team contest on Friday.

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# SPORTS

Coverage of competitive and recreational activities at LBCC, as well as from around the state and nation.

## Runners ride Opsal's arm into winning streak

Jake Rosenberg  
The Commuter

While LB students were enjoying their Spring break, Road-runners baseball hit full stride compiling a 10-9 overall record while going 4-4 in league play to start the season.

Last week's six-game home stand began with LB splitting their contests with Mt. Hood. In the Tuesday opener, Gary Richardson had a shutout through 6 2/3 innings thanks to some help from his defense. Unfortunately, a mental lapse with two outs in the ninth cost LB a run and the game on a wild throw to first as they lost 2-1.

LB got revenge in the late game though as third baseman Tim Puckett had three RBI's, including the game winner in the seventh, to give the Runners a 5-4 victory.

Lane came to Albany the following Thursday and the Runners were ready for battle. Bryant Kraus had a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the eighth to bring the runners within one, but a controversial call at second base cost the Runners the inning and eventually another opening loss as LB fell 4-3.

The Runners needed ten innings, but only two runs in the second contest to beat Lane as Robert Stevens continually laid down Titan batters in his complete game 2-1 victory, with the winning run coming off of a Lane wild pitch in the third extra-inning.

Although Saturday's games at Clackamas fell victim to rain, it didn't keep the Runners from riding the wave of success. The LB bats got hot early and often against first place Chemeketa, with three home runs to left-centerfield provided by the heart of the order in the 10-6 win. Eight of the 10 tallies crossing the plate came from Jordan Sim's solo homer in the first, Puckett's three-run shot in the third and Kraus' grand slam in the fifth.

Starting ace Ian Opsal took the mound in the night cap and put on a show-stopping performance in the 1-0 victory. Sim provided the only offense as he drove in Charles Olson in the third. Opsal did the rest of the

work by striking out ten Storm batters, including the final one, on his way to a two-hit complete game shutout to earn his third victory of the season and put LB over the .500 mark.

"I put everything I had in to that last pitch," said Opsal. "I just kept focused during the entire game so we could get that victory."

Coach Greg Hawk led an enthused cheer at the end of the Runners third consecutive victory and predicts that they will carry the winning attitude in to the upcoming games at Clackamas on Thursday and at home versus Southwestern Oregon on Saturday.

"We're swinging that big bat now and we are finally playing like we are supposed to be playing," said Hawk. "This is a good group and I expect us to do some good things the rest of the way."



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LB pitcher Ian Opsal threw a two-hit complete game shutout against Chemeketa yesterday. The 1-0 victory gives the runners a winning record and a three-game winning streak.



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## National League looks to end American League dominance

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 The Commuter

After the 2004 Red Sox and the 2005 White Sox ended their eight-plus decade championship drought, only one perpetually cursed ball club remains to see World Series glory.

A fairy-tale three-peat is in the works as the Chicago Cubs once again attempt to win their first Major League title since 1908. The Cubs haven't even made World Series appearance in more than 60 years, but if the trend continues, a third consecutive Cinderella and a third consecutive NL Central team will represent the National League come October.

MVP Albert Pujols and the Cardinals remain the favorite in the Central following two straight seasons of leading the league in wins. Houston will look to oust the Cards in the regular season as they did last year in the NLCS, as they beg Roger Clemens to return from temporary retirement in search of a trip to the World Series.

Milwaukee and Pittsburgh have regularly finished in the division's basement, but as the Brewers have recently emerged, the Pirates tied for the NL worst mark in 2005 at 67-95. Most likely to join the Pirates as NL cell dwellers are the Marlins. As the last NL winners of a World Series in 2003, Florida has little hope after echoing their 1997 off-season by cleaning house shortly after high cost success.



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Barry Bonds will try to catch Hank and the Babe in 2006, but the San Francisco Giants may be blown foul by a swirling steroids controversy.

On the other end of the spending spectrum are the Mets. Another off-season of free agent splurging may have given them enough to keep the Atlanta Braves from winning a 15th consecutive division title.

The Phillies will join New York as emerging NL East front-runners as long as 2005 Rookie-of-the-Year Ryan Howard and speedster Jimmy Rollins, who recently finished a 38-game hitting streak, continue to add punch to the Philadelphia lineup. The Washington Nationals have come a long way since their doldrum days as the Montreal Expos but remain long-shots in a division full of contenders.

There was hardly a contender to be found in the West in 2005 as San Diego took the title by default with a mark of 82-80, the worst record by a division winner in Major League history. There isn't much improvement expected as a few Portland Beavers, such as second baseman Josh Barfield, are expected to see playing time for the depleted Padres.

The Diamondbacks and Rockies don't pose much of a threat to overthrow the West, but if the Dodgers and Giants can overcome their issues of age and injury, either team can make a case for the post-season. San Francisco especially has issues regarding the return of Barry Bonds but the controversy surrounding the 41-year-old's steroid scandal has dwarfed those questions regarding Bonds' home run chase and the durability of the oldest starting lineup in baseball.

## Chief Wahoo's yahoos could win it all in 2006

Adam Loghides  
 The Commuter

During each of the last two seasons, the American League has been represented in the World Series by teams that had not won the World Series in nearly a century. This season, expect that trend to continue.

You heard it here first. The Cleveland Indians will win the American League pennant in 2006.

The mix of veterans and youth Cleveland has assembled will be good enough to unseat the World Champion White Sox in the Central division and is enough to hold off perennial Eastern powerhouse New York, along with Oakland in the West.

Cleveland's pitching staff is anchored by veteran C.C. Sabathia, who may have been ready to make a run at the Cy Young this year if not for an early season trip to the disabled list. Sabathia will be back by the middle of May and should win 15

games again this season. The Indians will simply plug in young Jeremy Sowers (14-4 in the minors last season) until Sabathia is ready to return.

The Tribe features a lineup that showcases veterans Aaron Boone at third base and Ronnie Belliard at second base, along with young talent Grady Sizemore, Jhonny Peralta, Ben Broussard and Victor Martinez.

The best of them all may be designated hitter Travis Hafner, who already had four home runs at the end of the first week of the season.

Every player in their lineup is capable of hitting between 20 and 30 home runs while driving in more than 80 runs. This team can match up favorably with the Indians teams of the '90s that mashed their way to two AL pennants. This team will outscore their opponents all season.

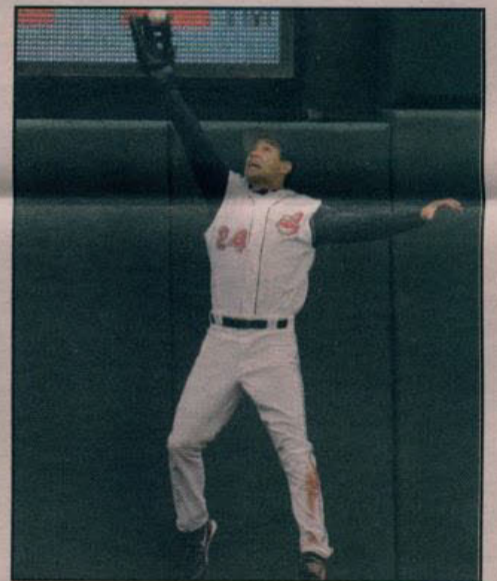
In the East, there is no reason to believe the Yankees can be dethroned. The biggest thing to happen in that division in 2006 will be Toronto finishing second

instead of Boston.

The additions of Troy Glaus and Lyle Overbay to the Blue Jays' lineup, teamed with new starter A.J. Burnett and closer B.J. Ryan, will be enough to topple the Red Sox in the division, but not enough to jump over the Yankees this year.

In the West, Oakland will win by default. The youth movement is on in Anaheim and Seattle, and Texas is, well, Texas. The only way the A's won't win this division is if rookies Jeff Mathis and Casey Kotchman have big years in Anaheim. Don't count on it. Don't get too excited, A's fans. They won't win a playoff series - again.

The Blue Jays, as the wild card, will be in the postseason for the first time since 1993, but will not get out of the first round. Expect to see the Yankees and Indians play in the American League Championship Series. Chief Wahoo will be banging his drum while George Steinbrenner blows a gasket, Tribe over the Yanks in seven games.



KRT photo

Grady Sizemore (above) and his talented teammates might carry the Cleveland Indians to their first World Championship in 58 years in 2006.



KRT photo

Golf fans should tip their hats to Mickelson, who just added a second green jacket to his wardrobe. Mickelson has won a major in each of the past three years.

## Phil Mickelson, a master of majors

Caleb Hawley  
 The Commuter

The monkey is definitely off of Phil Mickelson's back and a second green jacket is on it. By winning the Masters at Augusta National in Augusta, Ga. this weekend, Mickelson has garnered his third major championship in his last six attempts, solidifying himself as one of golf's elite.

No longer do people refer to him at Phil "chokes a lot" Mickelson, but rather a force to be reckoned with.

The 7-under 281 Mickelson shot was his most comfortable major victory to date. Starting the day, Freddy Couples trailed Mickelson only by a stroke, but a complete and utter putter break down, beginning with a three-

putt on his 11th hole of the day, gave Mickelson the breathing room he needed for an effortless jaunt to the finish line.

The breakdown erased all thoughts for Couples to become the oldest player to ever win a major championship at 46 years and six months old. "I didn't hit the ball like I was 46," Couples said. "I putted like I was 66."

Second place was captured by Tim Clark who finished with a total of 5-under 283. Clark holed a bunker shot on the 18th green for a birdie and grabbed sole position of the two spot.

Five players were tied in third position with a 4-under 284. Among the players were Jose Maria Olazabal (66), Retief Goosen (69), Tiger Woods (70), Freddy Couples (71) and Chad Campbell (71).

The miscues Mickelson had been known for in the weekend rounds were absent from his game and in turn were littered over the rest of the field.

Mickelson shot lights out, mistake free golf. He played a complete round of golf on a newly renovated and lengthened Augusta National course, everything the rest of the field cannot claim.

The 2006 Masters Championship marks Mickelson's third major championship victory in the past three years.

"In '04 when I won, I felt this great feeling of relief that I could win the tournament I dreamt about," Mickelson said. "This time, it's a great feeling of satisfaction and accomplishment to have been able to beat such a great field."

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## Students connect to family resources

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The Commuter

Being a parent and a student poses many extra challenges for success in school. For those in this situation, a resource on campus is available: Family Connections, located in Luckiamute Building, Room 132. They provide assistance and resource information in many areas. "We serve all families and all childcare providers in Linn and Benton counties," said Pam Dunn, Chair of Family Connections.

"Students can look to us for lots of family needs or issues," said Dunn. "Issues may be with housing, child discipline or guidance, or scheduling classes to best use child care."

"We are a one-stop resource; even health concerns such as needing to find a doctor or getting options on birth control; issues of any kind," Dunn said. "We have people who keep a bead on the community and know what is out there for family needs."

Family Connections has been on campus for nearly 20 years and serves both students and the community. Student services are free. There are three divisions of Family Connections to help serve a wide range of situations. The Child Care Resource and Referral provides information along with help in finding child care. "We do not recommend, we give information and referrals," Dunn said.

The office has profiles on nearly 300 childcare facilities in Linn and Benton counties, any that operate legally under Oregon requirements. The profiles contain as many as 40 different types of information, from activities provided to pets on site, or whether there is a religious emphasis or smoking allowed on the premises.

"We do all the legwork for the student. Families have different levels of objectives and needs," Dunn said. "They may look at three or four places and the family makes their own choice."

Dunn's office helps the student prepare to make that decision by discussing how to interview a potential provider or what to observe on site. "It's that one-on-one on what's really going to work," Dunn said.

Once the family chooses a provider, Family Connections offers assistance in applying for state subsidy and help in navigating the system. "We can find out where a problem is and go between family, state, case worker or providers to correct it," Dunn said. If childcare for the summer is the issue, they can supply information on recreation and summer camps.

Family Connections also works with the providers with

recruiting and training. "We offer the classes providers need to meet all the requirements of the state," Dunn said, "plus many other classes, such as how to run a business." They also work with Student Life & Leadership and the Wellness Program to have speakers on campus to present different topics.

Programs are available for someone wanting to be involved in the childcare workforce or in early childhood development. Through the Child & Family Studies, Periwinkle Child Development Center is a lab school where classroom activity can be studied from observation rooms. Another program Family Connections offers is the Lifespan Respite Care, which, according to their pamphlet, offers short-term relief from the responsibilities of caring for an elder or an individual with special needs. "We help find services and support," Dunn said. "It gives them a break."

"We hope to find funding to bring back a service we used to provide as a monthly activity at Periwinkle for students to leave a special needs child and their siblings for a few hours," said Dunn. The third program, Family Support & Connections, works with the Human Services Department and families with more crucial needs. There are five consultants available to offer technical assistance. Each has an area of expertise and Spanish is available. The office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the phone lines open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone numbers are 917-4899 or 800-845-1363. "We are a resource for all students," Dunn said. She encourages anyone to call or stop by their office.

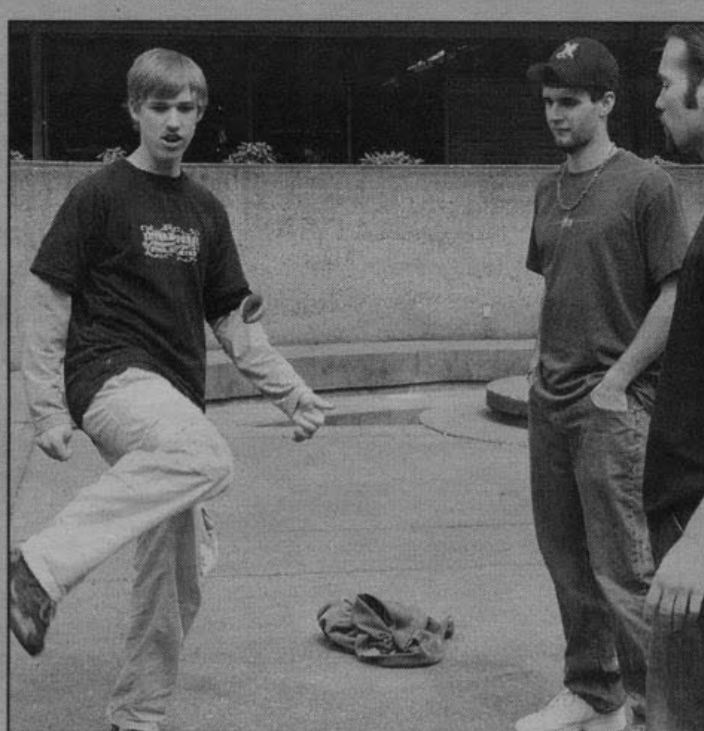


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### Hacky Sack

Justin Tidrick and Cassidy Stokes enjoy a break in the rain on Monday. Several others joined in an extended hacky sack game.

## Campus Shorts...

### Show Off Your Talent

The deadline for submitting art to the annual LBCC Juried Student Art Exhibit is Thursday, April 13. All media (except video, film and performance art) may be entered. All work must be ready to hang or install. There will be various awards presented to selected works from the exhibit with an awards presentation/reception on April 20 at 12 p.m. in North Santiam Hall. For further information call (541) 917-4247.

### Preschool Coop Open House

LBCC Albany Parent Preschool Cooperative will hold an open house on Thursday, April 27, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Stop by our new location at the Oak Creek Christian Center, 5775 S. Columbus, meet our teacher and hear about how parents, children and the teacher all learn and have fun together. For more information call 917-4897.

### Suicide Awareness

The LBCC counselors will be offering a Suicide Awareness and Prevention workshop for all staff and faculty. Practical advice will be offered about warning signs and how to access help when you need it.

The workshop will be offered at the following times and locations: April 12 12 - 12:50 in the Albany Campus Fireside Room, April 18 12 - 12:50 at the Sweet Home Center, and May 8, from 4 to 4:50 at the Benton Center.

For more information contact Dael Dixon at 917-4780.

## '05-'06 ASG hands off to new elected officials

The LBCC Associated Student Government positions have been filled for next year.

Despite a slight increase in voter turnout, only around 100 students and staff voted, and applicants for the positions were few and far between.

The new officers spent the weekend on campus learning what their jobs entail and will take over their official duties after the May 3 Recognition Banquet.

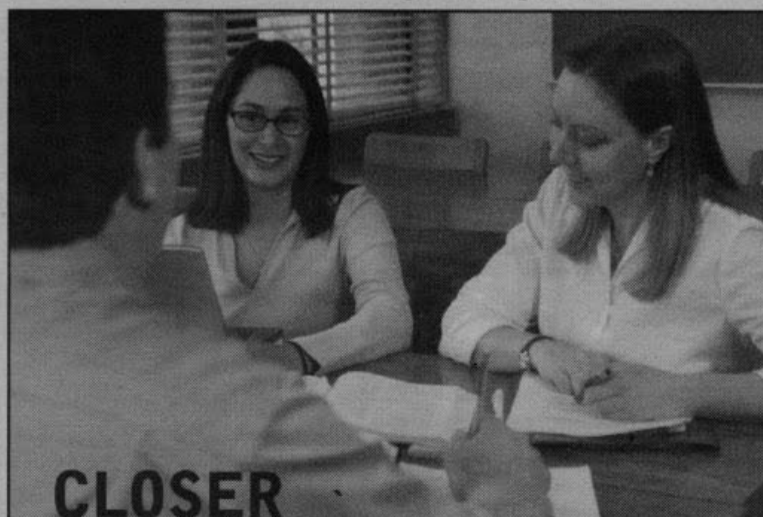
The banquet will take place from 5-7 p.m. in the Commons. ASG officers will be sworn in and outstanding leadership and participation will be recognized.

In addition to the swearing in the ASG will present an award to the Employee of the Year.

Please RSVP to 917-4457 by 4 p.m. on April 17.

### New officers are:

- **President**  
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— Joey Markgraf
- **Public Relations Secretary**  
— Charlie Ellich
- **Science**  
— Derek Dunham
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SIDES: Baked Pesto Pasta, Raisin Rice Pilaf and Peas & Mushrooms  
SOUPS: Red Lentil and Chicken & Rice

### Thursday:

ENTREES: Turkey Club with Pasta Salad, Chili Verde with Flour Tortilla (Platter Style)  
VEGETARIAN: Eggplant Parmesan  
SIDES: Potato Gaufrettes, Mexican Rice and Stuffed Zucchini  
SOUPS: Turkey Vegetable and Split Pea

### Friday: Chef's Choice

### Monday:

ENTREES: Buttermilk Baked Chicken and Pappardelle Bolognese  
VEGETARIAN: Frittata  
SIDES: Oven Roasted Yukon Potatoes, Rice Pilaf and green beans with hazelnuts  
SOUPS: Pozole, Puree of Potato with Leeks

### Tuesday:

ENTREES: Beef (style) Stroganoff and Seafood Risotto  
VEGETARIAN: Stuffed Portabella Sandwich  
SIDES: Penne with Sundried Tomatoes and Spaetzel  
SOUPS: Mulligatawny and Vegetarian Vegetable

Weekly Menu

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# NATIONAL NEWS

News from around the world and across the country that involves and interests students and staff.

## Discriminatory housing ads cited in lawsuit vs. websites

By Mike Hughlett  
 Chicago Tribune  
 (KRT)

CHICAGO, A Chicago fair-housing group recently made headlines nationwide when it sued Craigslist, saying the popular Web site ran about 100 discriminatory housing ads over a six-month period.

Both the Department of Housing and Urban Development and The Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law argue that the Fair Housing Act applies to the Internet just as it does to print media. And that would mean all Web sites, just like newspapers, are liable for discriminatory housing ads.

But there is another landmark federal statute, Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act (CDA), that has stacked the odds against HUD and the Chicago Lawyers' Committee, Internet law experts say.

The CDA provides broad protection for Internet forums that post ads and opinions submitted by their users.

"CDA 230 is a very powerful shield," said Kurt Opsahl, an attorney with the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a technology and civil liberties group. "I think Craigslist has the law on its side."

Opsahl said the suits against Craigslist and Roommates.com highlight what is ultimately a policy dispute, Internet freedom versus civil rights, one that should be ultimately decided by Congress.

That's because housing classifieds are increasingly migrating to the Internet.

Schwemm, a law professor in Kentucky, said that when he asks his students if they have heard of Craigslist, 100 percent raise their hands in the affirmative.

"You can't take a fair-housing law that governs all advertising and say, 'We have this new technology that a younger generation uses, it's not covered,'" Schwemm said. "You have a hole here that is just going to get bigger."

Passed in 1968, the Fair Housing Act bars discrimination based on race, sex, religion and other factors. Publishers of ads deemed discriminatory can be held liable for violating the law.

The Chicago Lawyers' Committee sued Craigslist in February after monitoring the site for six months beginning in July.

Many of the ads cited in the suit were prohibitions against renters with children, a lesser-known violation of the Fair Housing Act, and preferences for singles.

Others note simply that a rental was near a church, which could be construed as a violation of the FHA.

But several pointedly brought up race or religion. "No Minorities," read one. "African-Americans and Arabians tend to clash with me so that won't work out,"

read another.

Craigslist's chief executive, Jim Buckmaster, has said the site is "very concerned about discrimination in housing ads." Craigslist has a system in which its own users can flag inappropriate or illegal ads, ads that are quickly removed.

The suit against Craigslist came several months after HUD began pursuing a similar complaint against the site by a group from Austin, Texas.

"We have had discussions with Craigslist," said Kim Kendrick, assistant HUD secretary for fair housing and equal opportunity.

The complaint has not been settled, but since those discussions, "We have seen more prominently displayed links (on Craigslist) to fair-housing sites," Kendrick said. "I applaud them for doing something."

Pursuing a complaint through HUD is more conciliatory than suing. HUD tries to reach a settlement. It can sue, but hasn't done so on a Web ad complaint, HUD officials say.

The Department of Justice, which can also pursue such complaints, has sued, though only once. It sued the proprietor of the Sublet.com in federal court in New Jersey, alleging discriminatory rental ads.

The suit was settled in December 2003, with the Sublet.com's parent firm agreeing to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty and to establish a \$10,000 fund to compensate people hurt by the ads.

HUD has seen an increase in complaints about discriminatory Web ads over the past year, Kendrick said. The agency is currently investigating about a dozen complaints, including the one against Craigslist.

About half of HUD's Web ad caseload stems from sites put

up to help Hurricane Katrina victims find shelter.

Kendrick said that in her view the FHA applies as much to the Internet as it does to print media.

"For society, we would be going backwards saying that now that we have this new innovation, we can discriminate," Kendrick said. She added that allowing the CDA to essentially trump the FHA, "can't be what Congress intended."

That may well be true. When the CDA's protections were created, Congress probably had in mind defamation and libel claims, not discrimination, said Eugene Volokh, a professor at UCLA's law school and an expert in cyber civil liberties.

Congress created the CDA in 1996 primarily to restrict children from Internet pornography. But the Supreme Court later struck down much of the law, saying it violated free speech protections.

Section 230 of the CDA was spared, though. And it specifically says that an "interactive computer service" should not be treated as a publisher of information provided by somebody else.

Courts have essentially interpreted Section 230 to mean this: Run a Web site and write your own material, you're liable for your statements; post opinions or ads crafted by others, and you're not (though the posters themselves may be).

Internet law experts say Section 230 has been vital for the Internet's rapid, unfettered growth.

"Web sites (like Craigslist) get thousands of posts a day and you can't physically cull them all," Opsahl said. Only big, rich media companies would have the ability to do so, Opsahl said.

Opsahl and Volokh said CDA

Section 230 was written broadly and has been interpreted broadly by the courts.

"It doesn't limit itself to defamation," Volokh said. "The principle is the same, whether it's libel or discrimination."

That's what a court in California concluded in October 2004 in a suit against Roommates.com, a popular Arizona-based site.

The fair-housing councils of San Diego and the San Fernando Valley sued Roommates.com in December 2003.

U.S. District Court Judge Percy Anderson noted that he was mindful of the plaintiffs' worries that the CDA might eviscerate the FHA. But the CDA immunized Roommates.com from any housing discrimination claims under the FHA, he ruled.

The Roommates.com case has similarities to the suit filed in Chicago against Craigslist, said Michael Evans, a lawyer for the housing councils and an assistant professor at Whittier Law School.

In one way, though, he said his clients' case against

Roommates.com was perhaps stronger than the case against Craigslist.

Unlike Craigslist, Roommates.com requires users to fill out a form that asks their gender, sexual orientation and whether they have children. The housing council claims the form itself discriminates.

Roommates.com disagrees, its attorney saying the form is geared for people who will essentially be living together, and they have the right to be comfortable with each other.

Laurie Wardell, fair housing director for the Chicago Lawyers' Committee, said the Roommates.com decision is not a legal precedent for the suit in Chicago against Craigslist.

That's because the two cases are in different federal judicial circuits, she said.

Wardell said case law which helps shape a judge's opinion in the Illinois circuit is more favorable for a pro-FHA argument than in California.

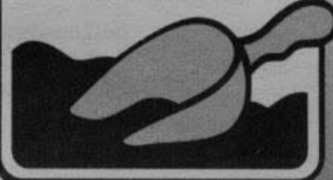
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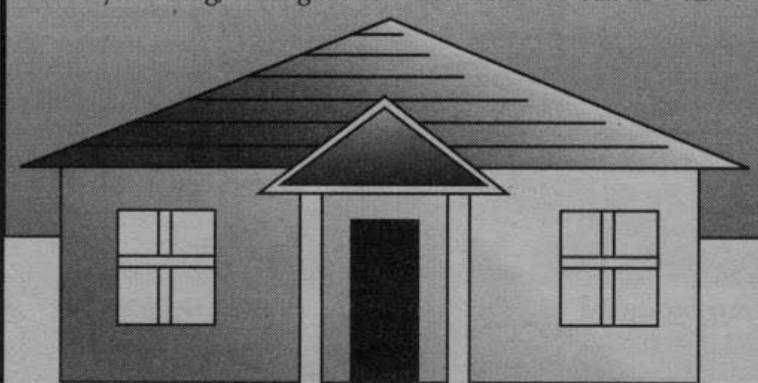
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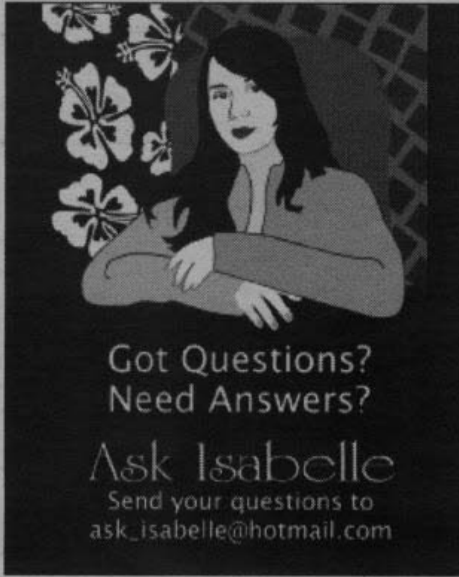


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"Frida's divorcing me because I tried to spice up our marriage. My mistake was using Ginger."

**Two Dudes**



by Aaron Warner

## Sudoku By Michael Mepham

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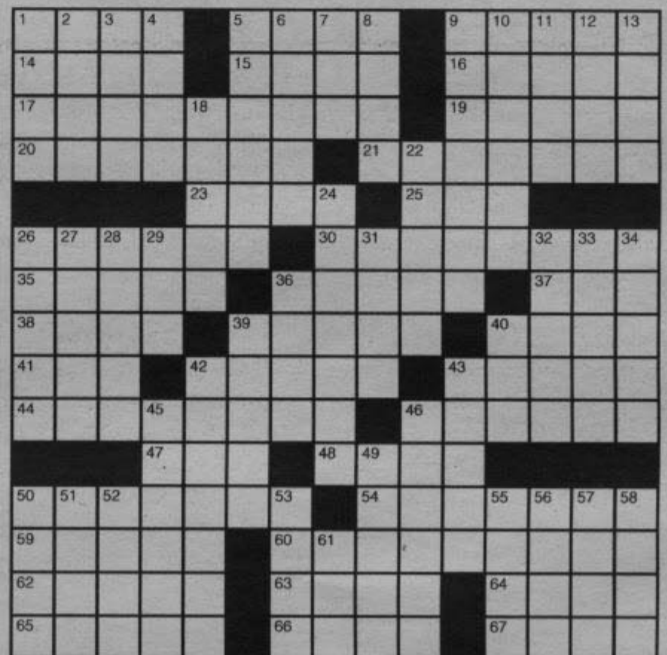
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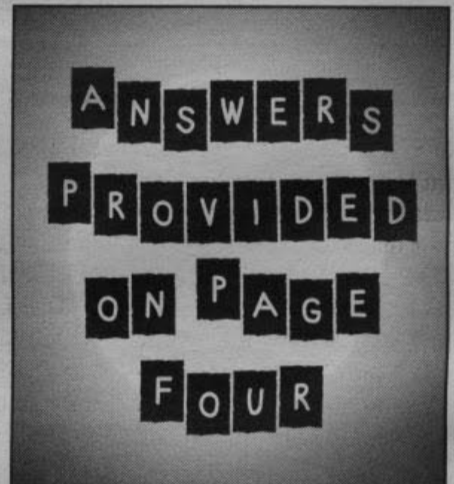
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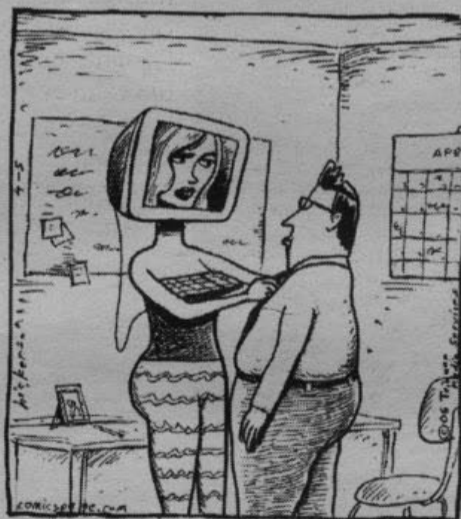
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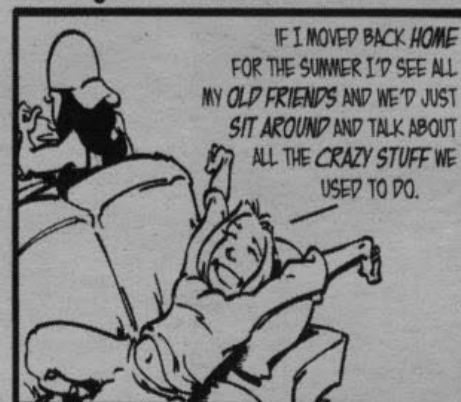


"I'm an extremely personal computer."



"Who's this human? That's right, that's right! It's Adrien Brody."

### A College Girl Named Joe



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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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## Check It Out

**Panoramic Photographs  
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 LBCC Ceramics Past and Present**  
 LBCC Staff  
 North Santiam Hall Gallery  
 Through April 14  
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 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**"Verekai"**  
**Cirque du Soleil**  
 2750 S.W. Moody Avenue  
 Portland  
 Through April 23  
 24.00-70.00  
 www.cirquedusoleil.com

**"Enchanted April"**  
 Albany Civic Theater  
 113 W. First Ave.  
 Albany  
 April 13, 14, 15  
 8 p.m.  
 Adults \$9  
 Students & Seniors \$6  
 www.albanycivic.org

**Pegasus Gallery  
 Artist Reception**  
 341 S.W. Second St.  
 Corvallis  
 April 13  
 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
 Free

**Steve Willis**  
 Big River Restaurant  
 101 N.W. Jackson  
 April 14  
 9 p.m.  
 Corvallis

**Floater**  
 WOW Hall Benefit  
 291 W. Eighth Ave.  
 Eugene  
 April 21 & 22  
 7 p.m.  
 \$10  
 www.wowhall.org

**"Inherit the Wind"**  
 Pentacle Theater  
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 Get your event in Check it Out. Send all information to  
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### VAC Art Show & Auction

Elizabeth Hernandez and Patti Fisher look over some of the submitted artwork and photography that will be hanging in Riley's Pool Hall in downtown Albany for the next two weeks before it's auctioned off at the VAC Art Show & Auction April 22 in the LBCC Commons. All proceeds go toward the Visual Arts Club.

## Dancing expresses spirit, art

**Aaron Broich**  
 The Commuter

Powwows are made up of many dance competitions, storytelling, and trading of goods.

A powwow is a rendezvous of Native American nations at which they express themselves spiritually and artistically, and celebrate warriors and skillful artistry.

During LB's Second Annual Powwow, Native Americans from the surrounding area, and perhaps a few other people just getting into the spirit of the celebration, will wear colorful regalia for dancing.

There will be competitions with drum circles, a skirt contest, fancy dancing, jingle dancing, and grass dancing, which involves a whole lot of stomping around.

Traditionally the grass dancing was for preparing a flat area on which to hang out.

Almost anything may be used for the regalia, but owl feathers are often taboo, because they represent death, according to Rocky Gavin, the Native American Program Assistant at LB. However, eagle feathers are especially sacred.

Gavin talked about how when an eagle feather is dropped during the powwow, all the

events are stopped. For each feather dropped a special ritual must be performed before events are continued.

If you would like to capture the beautiful art of the powwow dancers on film, it would be advisable to first ask for permission. Taking unwanted photographs is akin to spiritual theft.

Nick Sixkiller will be the master of ceremonies this year.

The Second Annual Powwow will be on Saturday, April 15, at the LBCC main campus, in the Activity Center Gym. Doors will open at 3 p.m. and the grand entry will be at 5 p.m. Entry is free and open to the public.

## Dinner shines light on Morocco

**Joel DeVyldere**  
 The Commuter

"The goal is to expose the campus community to a culture that they don't know much about and provide events for our foreign exchange students," says Jason Miller, director of the Multicultural Center and one of the planners of the international dinner this week. The Multicultural Center has been conducting international dinners annually for the last six years, and this year's theme is Morocco.

The dinner, which will take

place on Wednesday night in the Commons, will feature authentic Moroccan food, provided by the LBCC catering service. In addition, a belly dancer from Eugene named Razia will present two dances.

The speaker will be Safae El Yaaqoubi, a foreign exchange student at OSU, who comes from Morocco. She will talk about Moroccan culture, and many of its values and traditions. Following the speech, Razia will return to perform her "sword dance."

However, this isn't the only international dinner around.

In Corvallis, on every Monday night in the term, a home-cooked ethnic dinner is served to visitors from the area. It attracts a crowd of around thirty guests that often includes students from LBCC. Every week, food from a different culture is dished up, followed by a time of hanging out and singing.

International dinners are designed to provide a fun way to learn about other cultures and fill your stomach at the same time. Predictably, college students seem to respond fairly well to the dual message.

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## An April in Italy enchants dreary lovers

Colleen Franzoia  
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Albany Civic Theater's production of "Enchanted April," directed by Lorraine Sorenson, thoroughly charmed the appreciative audience last Friday evening. The mostly veteran ACT cast demonstrates that love blooms in spring and you may not need to look farther than your own backyard.

Lotty Wilton, played by Anya Corbitt, finds life in London dreary and perpetually gray in the years following World War I. Included in her assessment of the bleak life she leads is her oblivious husband, Melersh, played by Bruce Wells. Once

Lotty reads an advertisement for a castle for rent in Italy, she becomes obsessed in her quest to secure it for the month of April—without her husband's knowledge.

Knowing she can't foot the bill on her meager resources, Lotty takes a cue from the castle owner and places her own advertisement for three female traveling companions to share the 60 pound rate. Only three women reply.

Pious Rose Arnott, played by Elva VanDevender, finds her life and husband, Frederick, played by Phillip Brown, equally lacking. She teams up with Lotty to screen the remaining respondents. Lady Caroline Bramble,

played by Lynelle Littke, seems rather lonely and vague but they include her for the trip. Mrs. Graves, played by Pharaba Pankratz, an elderly, old-fashioned fussbudget supplies the additional 15 pounds to make their goal.

Lotty leaves her spouse rather shocked back in London. Poor Melersh didn't know what to think.

Act 1 is performed entirely in front of a black curtain. Sparse furnishings, muted lighting and the sound of the incessant rain falling added to the dreariness of the London setting. The eye-popping set for Act 2 evoked applause from the audience. Where London was cold and

lifeless, the Italian castle glowed with warmth. Flowers adorned the patio and the blue Mediterranean shimmered in the background.

Greeting the guests is the Italian maid, Costanza, hilariously played by Marina Cassandra. Fluent in Italian, Cassandra really hit the mark in her role with barely a word spoken in English.

Arlin Roler, as Antony Wilding, the castle owner, shows up to ensure the castle inhabitants are comfortable.

Within a week at the castle, Lotty begins to miss her husband and invites him to join her there and renew their relationship. Lady Caroline also invites a

writer friend and when he arrives, it's none other than Rose's husband, Frederick. The sad Caroline steps aside to let the Arnotts find their way back to each other. And Mrs. Graves and Antony spark a relationship of their own.

The final performances for this production will be April 13, 14 and 15 at 8 p.m., 113 W. First Ave. Tickets are \$6 for students and seniors and \$8 for adults.

Bring your high school or college ID card to the Thursday performance and get half off the price of one ticket with the purchase of one at the regular price. More information can be found on the ACT Web site at [www.albanycivic.org](http://www.albanycivic.org).

## Retiring becomes life and death struggle 'Layer Cake'

Arlen Proctor  
 The Commuter

"Layer Cake," produced by Matthew Vaughn, producer of "Snatch" (2000), is a crime drama set in London and based on a J.J. Connolly book. While there are plenty of recognizable themes: rug sales going completely wrong, brutal beatings in corner cafes and kidnappings at gunpoint, "Layer Cake" takes the formula to a higher level thanks

to flawless direction, humorous but complicated dialogue and a deep set of parallel storylines.

Daniel Craig stars in the central role as a nameless drug dealer who tries to make one last big sale before retiring. Craig's character might be greedy, but he has friends in all the right places and needs just a little luck to leave the game on top. Dealing with the "Mr. Big" of the dealing world, Jimmy Price (Kenneth Cranham), brings its own unique

challenges. For every "Mr. Big," we soon find out, there is always a "Mr. Even Bigger," who in this case turns out to be London's most feared crime boss, Eddie Temple (Michael Gambon). For their own reasons neither Jimmy nor Eddie want to see their main supplier leave the business.

As Jimmy and Eddie attempt to manipulate Craig's character into staying, the final drug deal in Holland goes fatally wrong when Duke (Jamie Foreman) at-

tempts to end the negotiations at gunpoint. This ends very badly and soon there is a hitman in London after Craig's character.

With multiple storylines stacked into 105 minutes, "Layer Cake" requires some concentration to follow its twisting plots. Essentially, while it is from the same school of films as "Snatch," there is a greater depth to it. Though the basic story may be ordinary and uninspired the gangster trying one last raid

before he stops, it is the execution by director Vaughn that adds a greater sense of drama and tension that grips the viewer from the opening scene. Craig is effortlessly charming with an almost James Bond-like charisma in the lead role and a superb supporting cast which includes Cranham, Gambon and Colm Meany.

This film is drama at its best and captivates from beginning to end.

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# DISCOVERY

Community festivals, tours, far off treks, trips and interesting places that readers might enjoy visiting in their free time.



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Israel was a strange mix of pious culture, secular materialism and racial tensions. I saw amazing new developments in the midst of crumbling buildings hundreds of years old. Some city neighborhoods were like mini ghost towns; skeletons of war-ravaged buildings dotted here and there. Many old buildings were being remodeled but had the appearance of having been abandoned. So much history is hidden below the surface.

Israel is a land between the continents where rare birds migrate from Africa to Europe and back. In the southern desert, birds make their homes in the hidden oasis of Ein Gedi. According to the Bible, David hid here in the caves from the deranged Saul, the first king of Israel. David also wrote many psalms there, reflecting on the trials of life. All across the land there are thousands of archeological sites just waiting to be further uncovered. Ancient ruins act as a lens into the distant past.

Ein Gedi is along the shore of the Dead Sea, the lowest point on Earth. The plentiful oxygen there is said to cause relaxation, induce amazing dreams and leave one feeling amazingly well rested in the morning, according to the tour guide Ilan. Swimming in the Dead Sea on a hazy afternoon is like being on another planet. You can lift your legs and body above the water level and just float on your buns. It's the closest thing to the sensation of zero gravity on Earth.

I traveled to Israel for a 12-day tour in February with my church, Calvary Chapel Corvallis. Pastor Rob Verdeyen has been leading the tour with the same tour guide for the past eight years, his old friend Ilan. I went to Israel with the hope of becoming more familiar with biblical sites, sharing God's message of love with the people, and to experience an amaz-



Top: Camel rides are a surprisingly popular attraction. Above: Tel Aviv at twilight by the Mediterranean Sea. Below: An example of a burial tomb with the covering stone rolled away, near Meggido.

ing story to tell. It was difficult to be limited to only a short time at each site, but my time there was greatly enriched by Ilan's wealth of knowledge.

Ilan is a reformed Jew who was born in Jerusalem, grew up in Morocco, and found his way back to Israel like many Diaspora Jews. It was amazing to me how many Jews immigrate to Israel every year from all over the world, and they bring with themselves bits and pieces of their culture. Ilan told us about the various divisions in Judaism and I wasn't at all surprised to hear him state that around 35 percent of Jews are secular. This lukewarm nominal faith is a lot like Christianity in the United States; lots of people talk about how they're Christian without the walk.

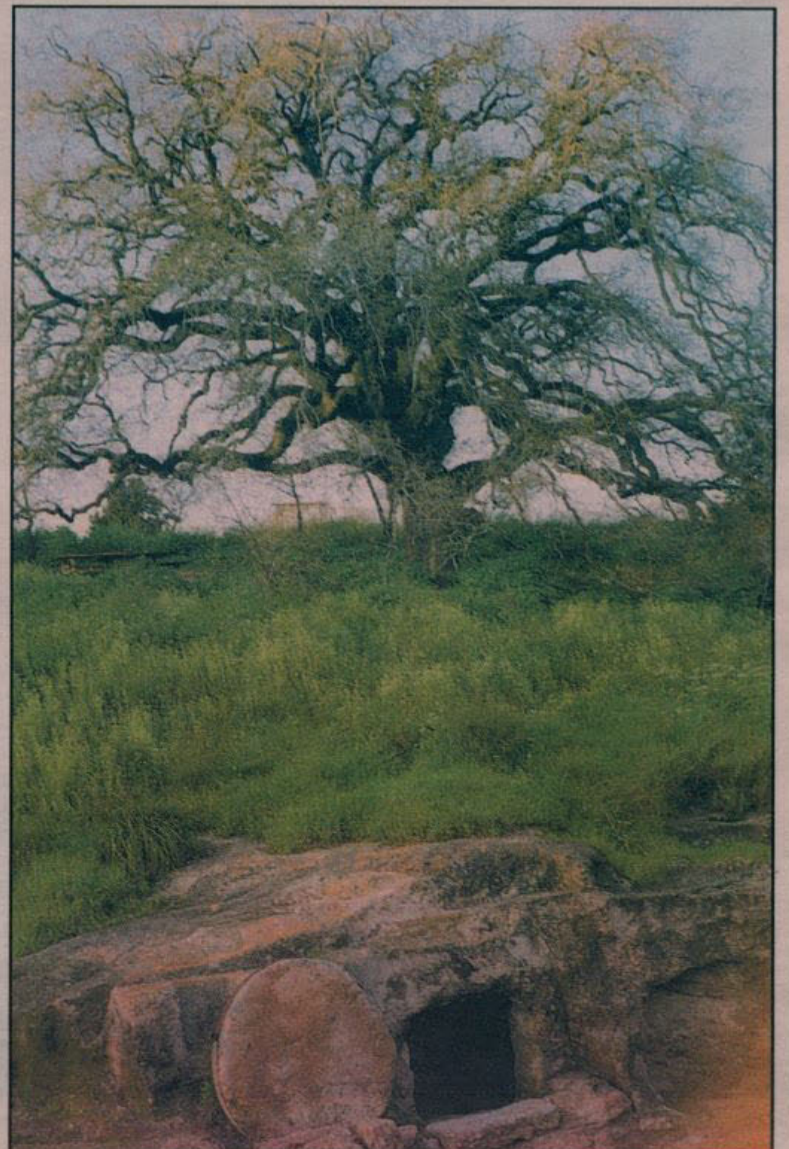
We first arrived in Jerusalem at the start of the Sabbath, the onset of twilight on Friday. After unpacking at the hotel, a group of us walked into a Hasidic Jewish neighborhood. Hasidic Jews are ultra-orthodox. Many families were on their way to a synagogue, the religious center of the Jewish people. I didn't have a camera, but some of the others did and they

were taking lots of pictures. The Jews were not happy about this. One man explained, "This is not right, what you are doing!" We were very apologetic, and one of the elders started to strike up a conversation. He offered most of us rose-scented herbs that looked like snuff and told us it was for sniffing. Normally I don't take strange herbs to sniff up my nose from bearded strangers dressed in black, but I thought it would be all right this time. It gave me a mild headache.

Israel's positive aspects included moderate weather, good food, cultural diversity, tons of ancient ruins, good swimming, hot water springs, political intrigue, and clear and specific evidence of biblical prophecies being fulfilled. Less favorable were the numerous barriers, noise pollution, the Palestinian/Israeli conflict, the usual tourist traps and people with guns all over the place.

Israel remains a place of dismal conflicts and unfolding adventures.

Photos by Aaron Broich and Sterling Clark



# ISRAEL