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## Entek gives \$100k to LB

MaryAnne Turner  
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Entek Manufacturing, Inc. has made a \$100,000 donation to LBCC's Engineering and Industrial Division. It will be released in two \$50,000 increments occurring in March and December 2008.

The purpose of this is to meet the needs of the aggressive sales goals of Entek, according to a press release.

"We plan to grow significantly over the next five years and we will need well-trained machinists to support this growth," said Entek's president Larry Keith.

As an important part of Entek's mission they strive to support the local community, and their partnership with LBCC has played an important role in providing them with well-trained employees.

"LBCC is honored to have the generous support of Entek," stated LBCC President Rita Cavin. "Their donation will fund the growth of our technical programs so that LBCC can meet the workforce needs of the mid Willamette Valley."

Entek stated that it is happy to support the college with much-needed funding, and looks forward to working with them in

the future. "This donation will lead to more and better training, and will help us meet our hiring needs in the future. The wages these positions will provide will support local families and keep manufacturing strong," stated Keith.

In response to the donation, LBCC's Engineering and Industrial Division Dean, Fred Haynes, said, "Entek's donation will support the machine tool technology program in upgrading and replacing some aging technology to expand the capacity of the program in the areas of CNC machining and inspection technology."



Photo courtesy of Entek

Representatives of Entek and LBCC meet at the company's headquarters in Lebanon.

## Career Fair on campus Thursday

Monique Cohen  
The Commuter

With just eight weeks of school left, it's not too early to start job hunting.

LBCC will host its 30th career fair in the Activities Center gym Thursday, April 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. About 70 employers will have booths set up. The fair is free and open to students and community members.

A wide range of employers in retail, banking and industry are represented. A few of the participating employers include Samaritan Health Services, ATI Wah Chang, and OSU Federal Credit Union. City and state government representatives will also have booths. There will be two information tables to assist military veterans. Marci Johnston, LBCC career fair coordinator, suggests dressing professionally for the

event. She also suggests bringing a resume and past employment information in case you have to fill out an application.

One important tip she stresses is to come prepared with questions to ask employers. The majority of employers are actively recruiting, she noted.

The fair is also an excellent opportunity for career exploration and to find out what type of education or training is required for certain careers.

LBCC Career Services specialists will be available to answer questions and review resumes.

"It's very rare that you get to see people face to face these days. This is a great opportunity for marketing yourself," Johnston said.

For more information about the career fair, go to [www.linnbenton.edu/go/careerfair](http://www.linnbenton.edu/go/careerfair). The Web site has links to employer Web sites and additional career information.

## ASG president for hire

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The Associated Student Government is seeking a new student body president for the 2008/09 school year. Though a standard election was held last term (with 61 total voters), the write-in candidate for president, Hannah Gzik, did not meet the qualifications for the position, according to Tammi Paul, director of Student Leadership, Outreach and Retention.

The requirements to apply for student body president are that the candidate is a student; is enrolled in at least six credits; has a minimum GPA of 2.0; is available Wednesdays from 3 to 4 p.m.; is available for five office hours per week and for committee meetings.

The one hired for president will receive a 12-credit tuition grant for fall, winter and spring terms.

To apply, students may pick up an application at the Student Life & Leadership office. The deadline for applications is April 14, with interviews being held April 16.

For more information, contact Paul at (541) 917-4457.

## Events, activities draw attention to child abuse in Oregon

Davis LaMuerta  
The Commuter

Child abuse is not a pleasant subject, and as such has not received a lot of public awareness until recent years.

According to the Linn County Coalition of the Prevention of Child Abuse, "In Oregon: a child is abused or neglected every 55 seconds; nine out of 10 abusers are the child's own parents/guardians; children are 11 times more likely to be abused in foster care than in their own home.

"In Linn County: over 320 children per month are in foster

care, tripling since 2003 when the average was 100; in 2006 Linn County ranked fifth in Oregon for the number of victims of child abuse and neglect; there were 614 victims; 49 percent of the child victims of abuse and neglect are under the age of 6, the most vulnerable population; there are approximately 625 open juvenile dependency cases, equating to approximately 1,563 children who by federal and state mandate, are required to have a Court Appointed Special Advocate-CASA."

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and seven groups

in Linn County are working to present several events to raise awareness of child abuse.

Friday, April 18 is "Denim Day," a countywide event sponsored by the Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV). The basis for this day is a 1998 case in the Italian Supreme Court, which overturned a rape conviction on the basis that the victim was wearing denim jeans. Wearing jeans on Denim Day is now an international symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual assault, according to the press release.

On April 19, the Albany Heritage Mall will host "Heel-to-Heal," a display of 300 pairs of children's shoes for the 300 children in foster care in Linn County. This event will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Those who wish to donate a pair of children's shoes can drop them off at Family Tree Relief Nursery, 1100 Jackson St. S.E., Albany, or the Linn County Commission of Children and Families, 308 S.W. Broadalbin St., Albany.

The largest event, "Protecting Children From Sexual Abuse," is Thursday, April 24 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Albany Boys

and Girls Club. This is a bilingual presentation for parents, teachers and community members to learn what they can do to prevent child sexual assault. It is presented by members of the Linn County Sheriff's Office, Parole and Probation, Albany Police, ABC House, Albany School District and Lebanon Police. Childcare is available with pre-registration. For more information, contact Karen Scheler at the ABC House, (541) 926-2203, or Detective Todd Hargrove at the Linn County Sheriff's Office

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# OPINION

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## Despite popular belief, PC video games are still alive and kicking

Greg Dewar  
 The Commuter

The dirge of PC gaming isn't upon us quite yet. Every year the popularity of consoles rises as juggernaut blockbusters such as the "Halo" franchise roll out and surprise hits like "Assasin's Creed" fill people's optical media drives.

Handhelds abound as popular and cheap forms of entertainment, whether on the go or in the home, where most of the people I know play theirs, comically enough. With Square-Enix mass-marketing the "Final Fantasy" franchise to anyone who will give them money, and Capcom, Konami, and Nintendo firmly rooted in the console industry, many people believe this is the only viable route to take to get their gaming fix.

All across the Internet, forum posters are already making funeral arrangements for PC gaming, but it is far from having one foot in its grave. Contrary to the popular beliefs that the mangled language skills of the gaming underworld's forum posters convey, PC Gaming is the oldest form of electronic gaming, with many sources citing the first game as having been created at a U.S. Department of Energy laboratory in 1958. PC Gaming also has the largest library of overall games; in my personal collection of over 400, I have games dating back to 1980.

Backwards compatibility is something console gamers beg their respective makers for, but a simple, free to download PC emulator enables any PC gamer to take a trip down memory lane, so eat your heart out. In another blow to consoles, emulators for almost any console up to the last generation are available on the PC, able to run games at higher graphical quality and offering internet play.

PC gaming as a viable market and entertainment platform has one thing that consoles don't: market saturation. How many people do you know that don't have at least one PC in their home? I have five in mine, personally. Again, faith is installed in the PC market as Will Wright (Of "Simcity" and "The Sims" fame) has chosen this vessel to unleash his newest creation, "Spore." "Spore" is a PC game which guides players on an epic journey through life, allowing players to control evolution from the basest single-celled organisms all the way up to formidable space-faring cultures, is one of the most anticipated games this decade, with a U.S. release date scheduled for September 7th, 2008.

"World of Warcraft" has demonstrated that by creating a game that will run on a variety of PCs well,

you can make extreme amounts of money. "World of Warcraft" pushed 10 million units and another 3.5 million for their "The Burning Crusade" expansion pack. Every player must pay a monthly subscription fee in addition to purchasing the game.

"Lineage 2" has around 14 million subscribers with a similar deal to "World of Warcraft" subscription-wise. "The Sims" for the PC is the greatest selling game of all time with 50 million units (including expansion packs) moved. In contrast, the closest selling console game is "Super Mario Bros 3" for the NES, selling a respectable 18 million units.

What really shines about PC gaming, however, is the rich "modding" community. There are myriad and varied total conversion modifications for almost any game you can imagine in recent years.

A quick search of www.moddb.com will net you 312 released "mods" for "Half-Life 2" (one of the most popular First Person Shooters of all time) and another 545 in the works as of printing, all for free. In a similar suit, a quick Google search for "Neverwinter Nights Modules" will bring up more custom content than you can shake a limp console joystick at. I'd like to see you get that kind of gaming for \$50 (Or less for budget titles) for a console.

PC gaming still has the largest amount of free to play online games, ranging from top of the line first person shooters like "Call of Duty 4" to free to play 2D Massive Multiplayer Online games like "Gunbound" or "Maplestory."

With PC gaming, the sky is the limit in terms of online play and user-created custom content. You also don't have to buy into proprietary hardware for an arm and a leg to get your game on. I'm sure that consoles will attempt to tag along and create their own game editors eventually, or move to much more affordable online services than "Xbox Live," which requires you to pay an additional fee on top of your ISP fees just to play online and download patches and content for games that normally have free online play on the PC.

More than anything, however, is that personal computing already has a framework laid down, of Internet-connected machines capable of doing much more than consoles. In today's world you have to own a PC, but do you have to own a "PS3?"

It is a market that is being plucked by savvy entrepreneurs, while consoles still "war" for supremacy on your TV, spending way too much on ad campaigns and bickering amongst each other to convince you to buy their box, the people at savvy PC Gaming development houses bathe in thousand dollar bills. Consoles rise and fall, but PCs are forever.

**"With PC gaming, the sky is the limit in terms of online play and user created custom content."**

Greg Dewar



## PERSPECTIVES

### Q: Coffee or Tea?



"Coffee, Mexican mocha breve."

• Amy Bremer •  
 Business

"Coffee, the Snickers mocha from the Hot Shot is pretty good."

• Ryan Fiero •  
 Computer Support



"Gatorade."

• Sonny Jones •  
 Sports Science



"Coffee or Gatorade."

• Justin Harris •  
 Business



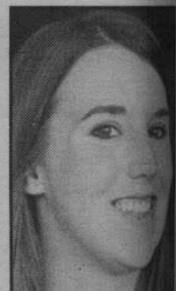
"White tea."



• Ali Peterson •  
 Business

"Coffee, white chocolate caramel mocha."

• Katie Mespelt •  
 Dental Hygiene



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# OPINION

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## Democracy ... a thing of the past?

Will Parker  
 The Commuter

Political shenanigans are everywhere in this presidential election year. From one politician saying the wrong thing, damning pictures or whatever the newest scandal happened with "-gate," there's always something. But the sorts of disingenuous stunts that we have come to expect from the candidates running are not limited to just them and their staff.

I got the chance to go see Barack Obama as a member of the media when he came to Eugene. So did everyone else who decided to call themselves media, as there was no list, just an inspection by the bomb squad.

And of all the things that stood out for me at the rally, the signs were the most memorable.

You see, no one was allowed to bring their own signs. The organizers handed out the preprinted signs, blue and white or red and white, that are so commonly seen. But they also handed out the ones that look like they were handmade, and only to the people that might be seen by the cameras in the media sections.

It got me thinking that it's probably the norm for most rallies, just so the organizers can ensure the right signs end up in the backgrounds of pictures. Oh sure, there's no free speech, and as a result the whole affair became contrived.

And speaking of contrived, how about that student body election?

Now I've been "accused" of having some unspoken bias against them in the past, so in the interest of full disclosure and keeping all my cards on the table, I should

disclose the source of my bias.

I dislike wasteful government (I lump the SPB in there, too) in all levels and all forms.

Knowing that part of my tuition dollar goes to fund activities that are less than ideal, I get pissed that my money is being wasted. I think most people feel somewhat similar about having their money wasted.

When the number of people participating in an elec-



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Will Parker

tion drops more than 60 percent, I begin to wonder about things.

This year, our ASG election featured only three candidates and 61 voters. But that was OK because write-ins are allowed. Sure only some infinitesimally small percentage of the student population was aware of the election (small enough to be a clique?) But at least we elected people to most of the positions. Well, I didn't. I didn't know about the election. But 61 people did.

Oh, except for the president. Apparently, the person that the 61 people (or whatever fraction thereof) did not meet the meager requirements to be president: enrolled in 6 credits, 2.0 or better G.P.A., and time for meetings and such.

Except they must have met the requirements at the time of the letter that was posted all over campus before

spring break defending the election against another piece that was in The Commuter, or why would that be the person that was elected? Even if the person was a write-in, they wouldn't plaster their name all over campus if they weren't qualified at the time, would they?

That debacle aside, we no longer have an elected president for this year or next.

How LBCC will get its new student body president is what we all should question. No new election (like Michigan). No using the old one (like Florida). Instead, the new president will be selected from a group of people interviewing for the process and appointed.

Appointed, not elected.

I hear fascist dictatorships like to appoint their leadership, too.

Higher education has always been the field in which democracy has grown. Even though we're a community college, we, the students, should expect more from our "supposed" representatives than a botched election and a president appointed for the next year with no say from the general student body. The current group of student body representatives stands behind their "constitution and bylaws" like they were etched in stone and handed down from on high. Why can't we have a new election? Is it so hard to adequately let people know that there is an election and what the requirements for running are? Or is it that some of the people that were elected by the botched event don't want to risk their cushy job in the face of another who might want the job?

These are the questions we need to be asking. Lincoln talked about a government, "of the people, by the people, for the people," which is something our student government should take to heart.

## A term without textbooks

Will Parker  
 The Commuter

Eight hundred dollars. No, that's not the cost of my tuition. It would have been the cost of my books, had I the money to buy them, just for spring term.

I live in Corvallis, and I have a modest amount of part-time work that I do, in addition to going to school full time. Most of my tuition and books are paid for by the government in the form of the G.I. Bill. I won't go into details, but the G.I. Bill is a sophisticated form of reimbursement; that is, you have to have the money first since you don't get paid from the G.I. Bill until the end of the first month of the term. I began the term with \$25 to my name.

Obviously, \$25 wasn't going to cover the \$650-\$800 that the LBCC Bookstore wanted for their materials. And I was faced with a choice. I could drop classes to pay for books, except that didn't work because I hadn't paid for classes. I could go beg for money from my parents, except that they couldn't just pull about \$1,000 out of thin air.

Or I could not buy the books.

And I thought about it.

And I decided to not buy the books.

I would do my 20 credits of classes without any books bought from the LBCC Bookstore. My classes for the term were College Algebra, Biology 102, Econ 215, Technical Writing, and Web Development II. And so, I created a plan for how to handle each class.

First off, with math I was a little worried. But the way my class goes, not having the book isn't such a big deal

for the class work. There is daily homework; luckily, both the Library and the Learning Center have math books that I can use during the day (and tutors and calculators and everything else.)

Biology looks to be fairly simple. The only thing I had to buy from the Bookstore was the lab manual, and that was only \$12 or so. And the way the class is set up with having the lab on Monday followed by lecture material on the lab covered in excruciating detail, I intend to rely on Wikipedia for all my information needs.

That's right: Wikipedia.

For those few who don't know, Wikipedia.org is an online encyclopedia full of articles on just about everything written by users. Because of the supposed lack of fact checking, some people in the academic circles don't like students using it. Of course, what with the plagiarism at big papers and fictional stories passed off as facts from major book publishers, maybe it just comes with the territory now. Success or fail, Wikipedia is going to teach me biology this term.

Econ 215 actually scared me as we have to read a chapter or two before each class, and the Learning Center didn't have any copies of the book. But the Library did! And on our first quiz, I got 100 percent with no book!

For Technical Writing, I am putting all my eggs in one basket: Myself. I'm betting that between what's posted online for the class and my rather expansive writing knowledge so far, I can pass the class. Of all of the classes so far, this is the greatest "leap of faith" I'm taking with the no book

thing.

And finally, for my Web Development class, I have to have the book. All of the assignments come straight from the book, and I can't do any of the work in the Learning Center or the Library. But, it's okay. I would normally buy the book on my own, as my own library of design books would illustrate, and I don't have to buy it at the Bookstore. In fact, a classmate of mine turned me on to Buy.com, where I got it for half price.

This is just my plan, and I don't know how well it will actually work. Nor do I have any idea how my teachers will take this if they find out about it. But it's a start, and I intend to follow it to the (hopefully not) bitter end.

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 12-12:50  
 Takeda Hall 215

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**Space is limited so make sure to sign up!**

## Letter to the editor

Dear Customers:

We at the coffee house would like to take the opportunity to thank you for buying our coffee and supporting our student managed facility. When we opened our doors back in January 2004 we never expected the success we've had or the fun we had while we've done it.

We've grown up a lot since

then and we want to keep on growing. Starting in spring term, the coffee house is making additional efforts to go green and healthy.

The Hot Shot Coffee House will focus on doing our part for the environment and provide healthier choices for the student body. We've already started with our recycling containers, using fat free milk, and our coffee is organically grown. We put plans into motion to buy Ecotainer

cups that are more biodegradable, cleaning products that are non toxic and our coffee grounds will be composted and reused by the Horticulture department on campus.

With your continued support this is just the start of what we can do to do this term but we can't do it alone. Show your support for a greener world and a healthier student body by stopping by the Hot Shot Coffee House.

Sincerely,  
 Hot Shot Baristas

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# CAMPUS NEWS

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 College campus eve

## Child abuse

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Some of the topics covered in this presentation include: Who offends and why; tactics used by sex offenders; problems with traditional prevention programs; talking to children about sexual abuse; responding to sex abuse disclosures; reporting disclosures; addressing sex offenders in our own community; practical child and family rules. Discretion is advised as the presentation contains graphic discussions about sex crimes and real video and news footage of interviews with sex offenders. Attendees must be 18 or older.

In addition to these events, throughout the week of April 14 to 18 is a display in the Linn County Courthouse. The display depicts cutouts of children and talks about various facts on child abuse.

"Looking at the statistics and recognizing abuse are the important things in this event," said Cyrel Gable of LBCC's family resources and education. "A lot more kids are abused and neglected than we like to recognize, and this is a major issue in our community," Gable said.

There are a number of ways for students and community members to get involved. The following organizations are in constant need of volunteers: The Court Appointed Special Advocates of Linn County (CASA), contact Micki Steele at (541) 926-2651; ABC House, contact Christine at (541) 926-2203, ext. 202; CARDV, at 4786 S.W. Philomath Blvd. in Corvallis; Linn County Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse, contact Marsha Swanson at (541) 619-8321; and Family Tree Relief Nursery, contact Alison Myers at (541) 967-6580.

## Career Fair list of employers

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 Agri-Tech Inc. of Oregon  
 Albany Democrat-Herald  
 ATI Wah Chang  
 Benton County Government  
 Benton County Sheriff's Office  
 Cascade to Coast - AWWA & LBCC W/WW  
 Central Willamette Community Credit Union  
 Citizens Bank  
 City of Salem  
 Colonial Life  
 Comcast Cable  
 Corvallis School District  
 Costco Wholesale  
 Davis Tool, Inc.  
 Employers Overload  
 Enterprise for Employment and Education  
 Express Personnel  
 Farmers Insurance Group  
 Federal Aviation Administration  
 Fisher Implement Co  
 Goodwill Job Connection  
 Halton Co.  
 Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites Albany  
 Home Life, Inc.  
 KGAL/KSHO Radio  
 Knife River Western Oregon Division  
 Lanz Cabinets Shop Inc.  
 LBCC Admissions  
 LBCC Apprenticeship Office  
 LBCC Business Technology  
 LBCC Career Services  
 LBCC Collision Repair  
 LBCC Family Connections  
 LBCC Heavy Equipment/

Diesel Department  
 LBCC HOWE/Professional Development  
 LBCC Non-Traditional Career Program  
 LBCC RHVAC Program  
 Les Schwab Tire Centers  
 Linn County Circuit Court  
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 National Frozen Foods Corporation  
 New Horizons In-Home Care  
 Norpac Foods, Inc.  
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 Oregon Youth Authority  
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 Pinnacle Healthcare  
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 Selectemp  
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 Social Security - Albany  
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 The Home Depot  
 Timberview Care Center  
 T-Mobile  
 Toastmasters International  
 Trillium Family Services  
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 United States Army  
 United States Army ROTC  
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Academy  
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## The Hotshot Coffee House

Located in Student Union on Main Campus

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1. Come in, hand your pass to the barista.
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## The Hotshot Coffee House

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## Graduation Application Deadline April 11



### Cap & Gown Orders:

April 30 & May 1, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.,  
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### Cap & Gown Distribution:

June 3, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
 June 4, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.  
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**PLEASE NOTE:** You may be required to meet with your advisor before you apply. Don't wait until it's too late! Graduation applications and worksheets are available at the Admissions Office or online at [www.linnbenton.edu/admissions](http://www.linnbenton.edu/admissions), and click on "forms".

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### Application Deadline April 25

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 • David Jordan Memorial Scholarship • Ed and Mary Watson Scholarship  
 • Founder's Circle/LBCC-OSU Degree Scholarship • Glenda Sasser-Tepner Scholarship  
 • Jimmy and Danette Willingham Art Scholarship • John & Betty Gray Early Childhood Scholarship • John C. and Jeanne L. Mackey Scholarship • Jon Carnahan President Emeritus Scholarship • LBCC Scholar's Award • Libby Memorial Scholarship • Oregon State Sheriff's Association • Raschein Family Farmland Tractor Scholarship • Rita Cavin Scholarship  
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# CAMPUS NEWS

News about Linn-Benton Community College campus events.

## Campus Shorts

### Summer Tuition Reduction

This summer, LBCC will offer credit courses at the Lebanon Center for \$40 per credit. The tuition reduction is for credit classes, summer term, and Lebanon Center only. Any student (including out of state and international students) who registers for a summer term credit class at the Lebanon Center will receive the \$40 tuition rate. In-district seniors will receive the customary 5 percent tuition reduction.

For several years, the idea of reducing tuition for summer term has been discussed. We decided to try it this summer at one location to see what impact it has on enrollment. We chose the Lebanon Center because we have been working to increase enrollment there for the last few years and we had the capacity to add a few classes to the schedule to accommodate some increased enrollment. It is our hope that this will attract some new students this summer and that they will continue in future terms.

We will be marketing this discount closer to the start of summer enrollment. Classes at the Benton Center and Albany campus will remain at the regular tuition rate. The Sweet Home Center is closed during the summer.

### LBCC Names VP of Student Services and Government Relations

Dr. Bill Thallemer has been named vice president of student services and government affairs at LBCC effective June 2.

Dr. Thallemer holds a Ph.D in higher education administration and a master's in education and higher education/student personnel from the University of Mississippi. He also holds a bachelor of business administration in management from the University of Notre Dame, and a master's certificate in Six Sigma from Villanova University.

Previous to coming to LBCC, Dr. Thallemer served as president of Lake Land

College in Matton, Ill. Prior to that role, he served as vice president for student services at Odessa College in Odessa Texas.

Dr. Thallemer has 21 years of educational experience, and has served as director, dean, vice president and president. He has also taught at the community college and university level for 12 years, and currently teaches online in the doctoral leadership program for the University of Phoenix.

Dr. Thallemer is a reservist soldier with the United States Coast Guard. He served on active duty for Operation Iraqi Freedom and was awarded the Commandant's Medal, Good Conduct Medal and earned a Letter of Commendation. Dr. Thallemer is married and has one child. The family plans to reside in Albany.

### The Library

"Rock Posters from San Francisco 1966-71" features 25 "psychedelic" music posters from the Fillmore Auditorium and the Avalon Ballroom.

Musicians included here are Jimi Hendrix, The Doors, the Jefferson Airplane, Grateful Dead, Chuck Berry, Jethro Tull, Santana, Elton John, and many others. Also on display are examples of vintage 1960's clothing for a man and woman.

### LBCC Choirs Call for Singers

Singers from the community are invited to join the LBCC Concert Choir and Chamber Choir in their spring concert featuring the Missa Gaia: Earth Mass by the Paul Winter Consort, on Thursday, June 5 at 7:30 p.m.

The concert will be directed by LBCC music instructor Susan Peck and accompanied by Joy Byers with guest musicians on guitar, drums, soprano saxophone, and cello.

The Missa Gaia, "integrating world music with songs from the wild to celebrate the whole earth as a sacred space, was commissioned by the Dean of the Cathedral as a contemporary ecumenical Mass."

This contemporary Mass for the Earth features the voices of wolf,

whale, eagle, harp seal, wren, loon, instrumental and vocal soloists, and chorus.

Rehearsals will be from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday evenings on the LBCC Albany campus in South Santiam Hall, room 213.

The June 5 concert will be held in the Russell Tripp Performance Center on the Albany campus.

For more information, contact Susan Peck at (541) 207-2889 or by e-mail at Susan.Peck@linnbenton.edu.

### Benton Center Free Lecture Series: Sustainable Home

A free lecture series "If I Had a Hammer: The Sustainable Home" will be held this spring through LBCC's Benton Center.

Join in and learn about sustainable building as local experts give valuable information and updates on green resources for your home. Topics include Creating Your Ecological House, Net-Zero Home Remodels, Not So Small House, Energy Efficient Lighting for the Home, Green Building Materials, Naturoscaping, Green Building and Going Solar.

This eight-week series will be held at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library on Tuesdays from 12:10 to 1 p.m. starting April 8. For more information, contact the Benton Center at 757-8944.

### LBCC Cottonwoods Ballroom Exhibit Reception

A reception for the Cottonwoods Ballroom exhibit on display at LBCC's South Santiam Hall Gallery will be held today from noon to 1 p.m. in the Gallery.

The exhibit runs through April 30 and showcases the history of The Cottonwoods Ballroom, a very popular dance and music hall located on Highway 20 between Albany and Lebanon from 1930-1961. The

exhibit features many original concert posters and publicity photographs and an original section of the dance floor from the collection of Jim Creighton.

Performers at the Cottonwoods included Louie Armstrong, Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Woody Herman, The Sons of the Pioneers, Hank Snow, Lefty Frizzel, Fats Domino, Johnny Cash, and Duane Eddy. Local groups included Maddox Brothers and Rose, Heck Harper, Tommy Kizziah and the West Coast Ramblers.

The SSH Gallery is located at the LBCC Albany main campus. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The exhibit is part of the American Popular Culture Festival being held at LBCC through the month of April. For a list of scheduled festival events, visit online at [www.linnbenton.edu/go/festival](http://www.linnbenton.edu/go/festival). For more information, contact LBCC Arts and Communications Division at (541) 917-4534.

### BCC Hosts Mid Valley Online Editor Graham Kislingbury

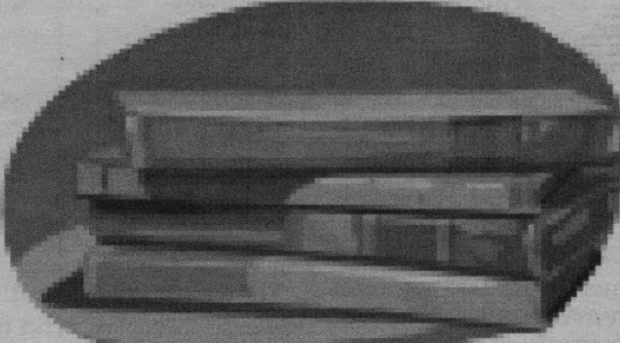
Graham Kislingbury, editor of the Mid Valley Online newspaper, will present Online Media and Popular Culture today from noon to 1 p.m. at Linn-Benton Community College in the Russell Tripp Performance Center in Takena Hall.

Kislingbury will discuss how the explosion of online media has changed the way our culture takes in news stories and how the immediacy of online news and "infotainment" may change or distort the pace of our everyday lives.

This event is part of LBCC's American Popular Culture Festival held at the college through the month of April. For a list of festival events, visit online at [www.linnbenton.edu/go/festival](http://www.linnbenton.edu/go/festival) or contact LBCC Arts and Communications Division at (541) 917-4534.

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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Information about plays, movies, books, artwork, and other entertaining or artistic endeavors

## Highrolling "21" goes bust by end

Aaron Broich  
 The Commuter

There haven't been so many lame sex jokes about masculine libido in a movie of this caliber since the wildly overrated "Good Will Hunting." "21" is basically a story of one man's search for identity.

It's loosely based on the true story recounted in "Bringing Down the House" about a group of Massachusetts Institute of Technology college students who took Vegas for millions at the blackjack tables. "21" aptly depicts the typical college experience from the get go, fraught with identity angst and feeling like a nobody in the big scheme of things.

Ben Campbell (Jim Sturgess) is determined to make it into Harvard Med School, but has no way of footing the \$300,000 bill. He's worked hard all his life to make the grade, but while being interviewed for a full ride scholarship he's got nothing to

establish himself from the rest of the smart folks—he hasn't done anything dazzling in life.

Enter Micky Rosa (Kevin Spacey), the brilliant math teacher who has put together a team of card counting students who can beat the odds with clever mnemonics. He calls it a business. After taking notice of Ben's talents, Micky invites him to lead the team. Sturgess has the right look for the part—a young nerdy looking Paul McCartney. Ben is eventually persuaded to give up his \$8 an hour sales job for weekends at Vegas, with little help from his preppy crush, Jill Taylor (Kate Bosworth).

Ben goes from a college geek to big time high roller almost overnight. He suddenly has an alternate identity that he doesn't even share with his nerdy best friend. He even lies to his poor widowed mother. He took up card counting to pay for medical school, but just as Micky predicted, he doesn't quit after making his goal. It's no longer

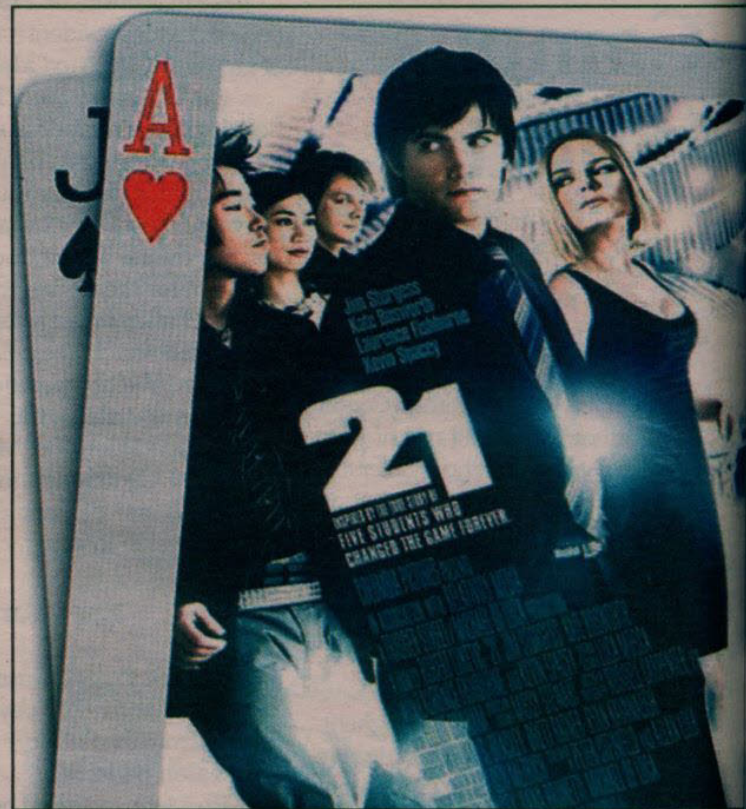
about the money. Ben wants to maintain his alter-identity and life, even taking over the team after a falling out with Micky. The former card counter, Cole Williams (Laurence Fishburne) is working security in Vegas and is on to Ben's scheming.

"21" is a well-conceived story and has impressive camera shots, catching lucid scenes of MIT and Vegas—it could have been a classic.

However, it has poor character development and shoddy dialogue through half the movie, as well as crass gratuities. "21" sandwiches in the whoredom of Vegas and somehow avoids an R rating.

The most glaring character gap resides in Jill who lacks depth for the leading support role—"21" is clearly a script written by dudes. Spacey is brilliant in a macabre Mephistopheles, although typecast, and Fishburne exudes visceral sophistication.

Dialogue inconsistencies appear when Micky tries to re-



Laurence Fishburne takes on Kevin Spacey who coaches a card-counting team of clever college kids and wins it big in Vegas.

cruit Ben to the team. Ben was picked out because he doesn't let his emotions get in the way of decision-making, but Micky and the others use emotional arguments to persuade him. Micky's character does ring true by the end of the film.



Josef Westlind of the LBCC Poetry Club performs an original song during the Poetry Club's performance yesterday in the Russell Tripp Performance Center.

photo by Lydia Elliott

## African tribute album to U2 shines

Aaron Broich  
 The Commuter

Various African artists from 10 different countries cover U2 songs in the tribute album, "In the Name of Love: Africa Celebrates U2."

An electrified array of talented artists bring a decisively African feel to the much beloved music of U2, whose songs are often infused with Bono's Irish angst. Instead, the Africans uplift with a punctuated staccato-singing that acknowledges discord, yet distinctly triumphs with inspirational hope, like in Ba Cissoko's cover of "Sunday Bloody Sunday"—a maelstrom of harpsichord sounding kora and electrified wa wa.

Vieux Farka Toure, from Mali, sings in several languages in "Bullet the Blue Sky" and tears up the electric guitar on a phat solo. The soul of the original songs remain but so much is different, especially in Keziah Jones' cover of "One," perhaps U2's most well known song internationally. Acoustic guitars glisten and the keys groove.

Les Nubians from Cameroon graces the album with a techno version of "With or Without You," an excellent blend of keys and house beats. There's a weak hip-hop cover of "Desire" by African Under-

ground All-Stars from Liberia, but it's musically pleasing and has some added culturally relevant themes.

Highlights of the album include Vusi Mahlasela's cover of "Sometimes You Can't Make it on Your Own," the emotionally stirring "Love is Blindness" by Angolan defector Waldemar Bastos, and "Pride (In the Name of Love)" by the Soweto Gospel Choir. This one has only hand drum instrumentation, and is anointed by the amazing talents of the dazzling singers. It's got soul. The song is about the love that overcomes and the life and death of Martin Luther King Jr. who was assassinated on April 4, 1968—how timely is the release of this tribute album?

The album is truly spectacular and uplifting. This may one of the few cover albums that stands up to the originals. The covers are not better, just different. The various musicians display greater technical skill than U2 (except perhaps their drummer). Pervasive acoustic guitars are bright and well mixed.

The whole project is well produced and provides cultural information on the respective countries involved. It's bound to be regarded as the most notable tribute album in recent times.

## Poetry Club

A New Kind of "Cool" by KLE

You are my association with all things cool.  
 -Not "cool" in the sense of "cool" things that are actually shit  
 but really cool  
 like  
 dimly lit clubs with smooth jazzzz playing live  
 in an underground way that only people like  
 you  
 can be hip to.  
 I'd never even wanted to be cool  
 & then I met You  
 and learned just how cool "cool" could actually be.  
 You introduced me to Hip cats  
 like  
 Monk Boudroix, Allen Toussaint, The Pointer Sisters  
 and even  
 Prince.  
 You reminded me of the importance of dead pan  
 as you donned your fuzzy pink cowgirl hat,  
 jesu robe,  
 and sticks, only  
 partially obscured by your enourmous girly-shades  
 offset by a haze of stubble.  
 Yet.  
 for the most part  
 Your eyes don't speak,  
 even when spoken to.  
 They know the art of never showing their cards  
 even when it's their turn to show.  
 -Me?  
 I play it freestyle  
 wavingmycards inmyopponentsface as i gesturewildly,  
 telling some story,  
 sharing another small part of myself.  
 Unless—  
 -Of course,  
 YOU'RE within sight,  
 Then it's less ham and more cow  
 squinting out at you through a glare of light  
 Entranced.  
 Well, floor the pedal, gun'er down, swing the blade, I'm  
 hung and ready  
 let it rip!  
 Maybe then it could pour out of me in a warm rush of gush-  
 ing, colorful spray.

Please send your submissions to  
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## The Badfish Band rocks the Peacock

MaryAnne Turner  
 The Commuter

As the door to the Peacock Bar and Grill on Second Street in Corvallis swings open, the caressing sound of a funkadelic reggae floods the air. Through a crowd of diversity, cheap well drinks, and dollar beer, the venue is overcome by The Badfish Band.

Johnny D. is on vocals and rhythm guitar; his Badfish are Matt Urabe also on vocals, keys, and tenor saxophone bringing the Hawaiian flavor; and new bass player Kailana Baldwin-Francis, also from Hawaii. Curtis Monette, former band member of Stairway Denied, tears

it up on lead guitar, and contributes to vocals. Lance Lacey keeps us groovin' all night on the drums, and the signature reggae sound of the colorful horns are skillfully played by Robert Pawlowski and Evan Churchill, both on trumpet, and Grant Thomas on trombone.

The Badfish plan to release a new album on Cinco de Mayo at the Bomb's Away Café. "Ride the Rhythm" will be The Badfish Band's first full length, all original album. It will include 12 tracks, including "Apparition," "Only One," "Pin Cushion," "Message of Love," and others.

The Badfish Band is well known around Corvallis for pleasing the crowd with their groovy music and funky

rhythms. They do a lot to show their fan appreciation such as birthday recognitions. The chemistry between band and fans is nothing but good vibes. The people not dancing must have had too much to drink.

"We love playing music, and we love the fans," stated Urabe. "We feed [vibes] off of them, and they feed off of us."

You can listen to the Badfish, get show dates, and other information at Thebadfishband.com. They will be playing in Corvallis again on Thursday, April 17, at Bomb's Away Café with Natural Vibrations. Also, don't miss the Cinco de Mayo CD release party, and the Free World music in the MU quad at OSU on May 31.

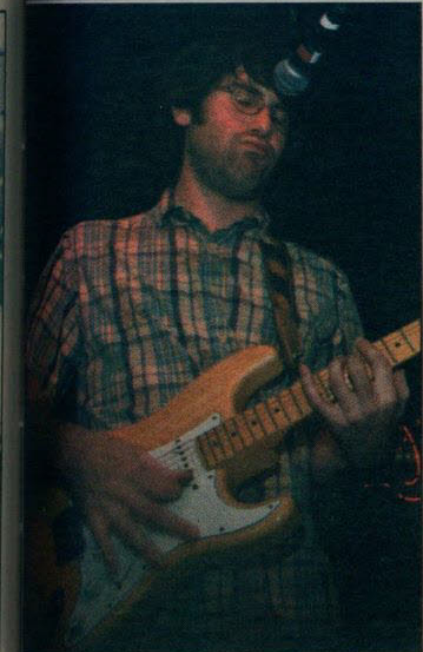


Photo by MaryAnne Turner  
 Curtis Monette swims through the chords of a local dive.

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CCC Career Fair !! (Tomorrow, Thurs, April 10) Come to see over 70 employers from 10:30am to 2:30pm in the Activities Center (main campus). Bring your friends and family as it is free and open to the public. Check out <http://cf.linnbenton.edu/careerfair> for a list of the employers, career tips and sample questions.

Employers are hiring now for summer jobs: Jobs at Yellowstone Park, Clear Lake Resort, Oregon parks, Big Sky Resort, Crater Lake, farm jobs, intern positions with local counties, cities, etc. Don't wait until June to look!! Some summer jobs will be at the Career Fair.

Part-time Web Developer (#6209, Albany & Eugene) This part-time job pays \$10-14/hr DOE for a radio station group maintaining their websites. You can work out of Albany or Eugene.

Civil Engineering Intern for this summer (#6215, Newberg) Work full-time for this summer on a variety of civil engineering projects related to transportation, sewer & water systems, land surveying, GIS, and project management.

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# LOCAL NEWS

News about our local community including Albany, Corvallis, Lebanon, Sweet Home and Philomath

## Corvallis to celebrate Earth Faire downtown

Press Release

Make your way downtown on Saturday, April 19 for an outdoor community event celebrating Earth Day and life along the Willamette River. The celebration will include the Sixth Annual Procession of the Species, the Environmental Center's Earth Faire, and an Art Walk through downtown Corvallis.

The Corvallis Environmental Center's Earth Faire will be held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on First Street between Monroe and Madison. Festivities will include exhibitors, music, crafts, and playful creations. There will be activities for children and families in the Eco-Village where exhibitors will share the exciting work that is taking place locally to make our community a healthy, thoughtful, safe, interesting, and sustainable place to live. The Eco-Village is an opportunity for residents to explore resources and find information about water conservation, native landscaping, bicycle transportation, renewable energy, organic gardening, 'green' materials, resource efficiency, local foods, alternative currency, and more. Earth Faire 2008 will feature Corvallis-based live music.

The Procession of the Species will gather at noon in Jackson Plaza on the Riverfront. The Procession will begin at 12:30 p.m.

and wind its way through downtown Corvallis. Participants are invited to represent species from each of the elements: Earth - land animals, Air - winged creatures, Water - fish or aquatic species, or Fire - extinct, mythological, or fantasy species. There are three basic rules: no motorized vehicles, no pets, and no written words. There will be costumes and masks available for loan prior to the start time at the information table in Jackson Plaza. These are limited and available on a first come, first serve basis.

Local businesses and eight area schools have teamed up to offer an Art Walk the morning of April 19. Window displays will feature Earth Day themed creations by students. This Art Walk is a benefit for Art in the Classroom as each business has contributed money to the classroom they have teamed up with for their art projects. City of Corvallis Parks and Recreation organized Art Walk.

Procession of the Species is a collaborative effort of Common Pulse, the Corvallis Environmental Center, Downtown Corvallis Association, City of Corvallis Parks and Recreation, and the HOUR Trader.

For more information about these events contact the Corvallis Environmental Center at (541) 753-9211.

## Oregon Shakespeare Festival debuts new spring program

For The Commuter

Ashland, Ore.- The Oregon Shakespeare Festival is debuting a new program that offers a way for 19-35 year olds to meet and mingle with other playgoers.

19.35, also the year of OSF's founding, offers five events throughout the season. Tickets for participants are \$20 and following the show, playgoers can head over to an after-party at Standing Stone Brewing Company (www.standingstonebrewing.com) for music, food and a cash bar. Members of the OSF company and acting ensemble will also be on hand to mingle.

19.35 evenings are scheduled for:

April 20, 8 p.m. - A Midsummer Night's Dream May 28

May 28, 8 p.m. - Welcome Home Jenny Sutter

June 5, 8:30 p.m. - The Further Adventures of Hedda Gabler

July 1, 8:30 p.m. - Othello

Sept. 11, 8 p.m. - The Clay Cart

For more information about the plays, go to [www.osfashland.org/plays/](http://www.osfashland.org/plays/).

Tickets for each evening are \$20. Those interested can buy one evening or all five. To purchase online go to <https://www.osfashland.org/account/login.aspx> and enter the promotion code 19-35 to get your special price, select the desired performances from the list above on the availability page. Or call the OSF Box Office at (541) 482-4331 for the best seats.

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## DeFazio announces plan for Oregon wilderness, rivers

For The Commuter

Washington D.C. - Tuesday, April 1, Congressmen Peter DeFazio (D-Ore.) and Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) announced their plan for increasing Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers in Oregon this year.

Their vision includes adding approximately 132,000 acres of Wilderness, 79.6 miles of Wild and Scenic Rivers, and 34,550 acres of National Recreation Areas to the Mt. Hood National Forest. It also calls for over 142 miles of new Wild and Scenic rivers for Rogue River tributaries, and adds protection for the Oregon Caves National Monument.

"Our beautiful state has so many places that are worthy of congressional recognition," Congressman DeFazio noted.

"I am thrilled to be able to work with my colleague Congressman Blumenauer to bring protection to just a few of them. From the tributaries of the Wild Rogue; to the Cave Creek watershed, to the iconic Mt. Hood, we have an historic opportunity to leave a natural legacy for the next generation."

"These unique places are indeed worthy of protection," said Congressman Blumenauer. "I have worked for over five years on a proposal to protect Mt. Hood for future generations. Throughout that process, I have

been amazed at the number of Oregonians who care deeply about increasing Wilderness areas and Wild and Scenic Rivers on the mountain. I look forward to working with Congressman DeFazio and the entire Oregon delegation to pass a bill that protects Mt. Hood and other Oregon treasures. I strongly encourage the Senate to consider our proposal."

The "Oregon Treasures" proposal would include areas proposed for wilderness and wild and scenic rivers protection in the Senate's pending Lewis and Clark Mt. Hood Wilderness bill, with an additional 6500 acres of wilderness in the Mt. Hood National Forest. These areas include: the Salmon Huckleberry "Keyhole," Bluegrass Ridge, and Boulder Lake.

The proposal would also add over 14 miles of tributaries to the Lower Rogue Wild and Scenic River, and increase drinking water protection and public recreation opportunities for the Oregon Caves National Monument with a 4,000 acre boundary adjustment.

In 2006, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 5025, the "Mt. Hood Stewardship Legacy Act." In 2007, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee passed the Lewis and Clark Mt. Hood Wilderness Bill of 2007, but the bill has yet to clear the full Senate.

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## Crossword

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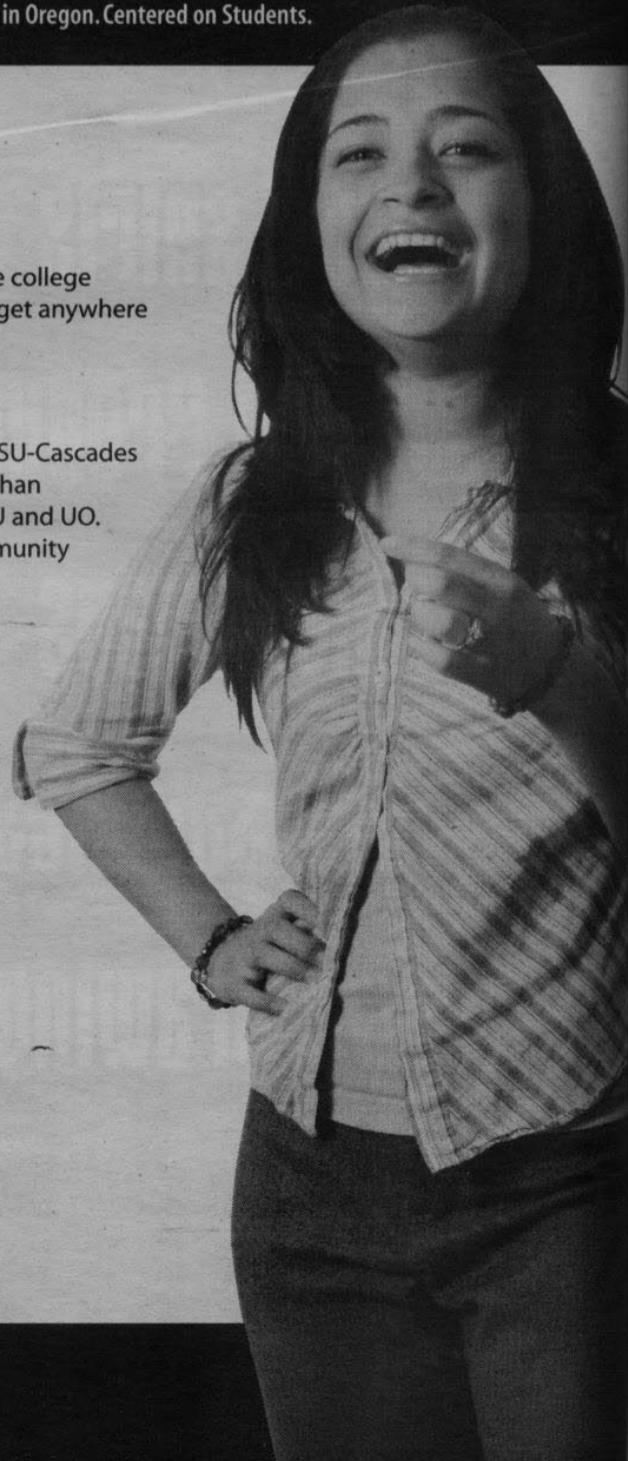
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## Fossilized feces suggest earliest humans in N. America

By Andi Doughton  
 The Seattle Times (MCT)

SEATTLE--Hold the potty humor, please, but archaeologists digging in a rocky cave in Oregon have unearthed fossilized feces that appear to be the oldest biological evidence of humans in North America.

The ancient poop dates back 14,300 years. If the results hold up, that means the continent was populated more than 1,000 years before the so-called Clovis culture, long believed to be the first Americans.

This adds to a growing body of evidence that the human presence in the Americas predates Clovis," said Michael Waters, an anthropologist at Texas A&M University who was not involved in the project.

DNA analysis of the dried excrement shows the people who lived in the caves were closely related to modern Native Americans. Their genetic roots reach across the Bering Strait to Siberia and

eastern Asia.

"These are probably the ancestors of some of the Native Americans living in America now," said Eske Willerslev, director of the Centre for Ancient Genetics at the University of Copenhagen. He co-authored the report that appeared in Thursday's online Science Express.

The age of the finding also calls into question the theory that people who crossed the Bering Land Bridge to Alaska migrated south through ice-free corridors as glaciers began to break up. Geological evidence suggests the corridors weren't open 14,300 years ago, though the glaciers had pulled back from the coasts.

"People probably came either by boat or maybe even walking along the West Coast," Willerslev said.

Before the Oregon discovery, the oldest human remains in North America were two sets of bones about 13,000 years old from California and Nevada. Kennewick Man, the skeleton found on the banks of the Columbia River in Eastern Washing-

ton, dates to 9,400 years ago.

Willerslev acknowledged that working with feces lacks the cachet of studies on skulls or spear tips. He and his collaborators say their subject matter drew jokesters like flies are drawn to ... well, you know.

"I've heard it all," said Dennis Jenkins, the University of Oregon archaeologist who led the excavations. "My colleagues call me Dr. Poop."

But coprolites, as fossil dung is called in polite scientific society, can be a trove of information on diet and genetics.

Jenkins and his students uncovered hundreds of coprolites in their six years of work at Paisley Caves, about 220 miles southeast of Portland as the crow flies. Dry weather preserved the poop, which was sheltered from rain and tucked into corners apparently used as latrines.

"They look just like Fido's droppings in the backyard," he said.

The Americas were the last continents populated by humans, and scientists have

long believed that the Clovis people were the first to arrive in what are now Canada and the United States. They brought with them their distinctively fluted stone spear points and tools.

A recent re-analysis of Clovis artifacts pinpointed the era's beginning at about 13,000 years ago.

But several other archaeological discoveries have raised doubts about the "Clovis first" theory, including evidence of human settlement 15,000 years ago in Chile. Stone tools and mammoth bones with butchering marks from two sites in Wisconsin date to more than 14,000 years ago. Artifacts from a rock shelter in Pennsylvania have dated back 18,000 years.

But none of those sites, all of which are controversial, offered up human remains—even in the form of poop.

"That's what Paisley Caves provides," Waters said. "Solid evidence of a human presence."

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## FACE OFF

### Major League Baseball Predictions



#### American League East

**Chris "Cheese" Kelley:** Boston Red Sox. The team had a great chance to bond and mesh together when they went over to Japan. Daisuke Matsuzaka isn't a rookie anymore and will be more effective in each start this year. Rookie outfielder Jacoby Ellsbury showed how dominant he could be in the clutch last year in the World Series so look for him to be effective this year as well.

**Tyler Dahlgren:** New York Yankees. They have the best player in the game in Alex Rodriguez and an impressive supporting cast that includes "Mr. Reliable" Derrick Jeter, a big hitting DH in Hideki Matsui who can also play the field, veteran closer Mariano Rivera and not to mention the consistency in catcher Jorge Posada.

#### AL Central

**Cheese:** Detroit Tigers. The Tigers added in Dontrelle Willis and Miguel Cabrera to boost an already powerful lineup. If Justin Verlander, Kenny Rodgers and Carlos Guillen can stay healthy, the Tigers will be mauling teams down the stretch.

**Dahlgren:** I agree that the Tigers have a great team with the acquisition of Cabrera who they just signed to a \$153.3 million deal until 2016. That is going to be their big name "x-factor" so to speak. Edgar Renteria at SS filled a huge hole the team had last year. Not to mention they have Gary Sheffield and Ivan Rodriguez, two very good veterans and team leaders.

#### AL West

**Cheese:** Seattle Mariners. Despite last year's blow up at the end of the year, the team went through their coach resigning in the middle of the season and had a strong core of players that put together five win streaks of five games or more including eight in a row at the end of June.

**Dahlgren:** Seattle Mariners. Eric Bedard and Felix Hernandez have me in favor of the Mariners this year. Their strong 2007 season will lead into 2008 and with

Jose Lopez starting out hot alongside Ichiro Suzuki and Raul Ibanez in the batting order, the Mariners chances to take the AL west look good. Not to mention they have debatably the best closer in the game, J.J. Putz.

#### AL Wildcard

**Cheese:** Toronto Blue Jays. It is Frank Thomas' year to lead a team deep into the playoffs! Roy Halladay and Vernon Wells are also key to the Blue Jays' success this year.

**Dahlgren:** Boston Red Sox. The Yankees are going to take the AL East and the Red Sox should finish second. Since the best second place divisional team overall in the AL goes to the Wild Card, I can't see the Angels, even with Vladimir Guerrero and the acquisition of Tori Hunter, ending with a better overall record than the Red Sox.

#### National League East

**Dahlgren:** New York Mets. I can't see it any other way in this division. In 2007 they started the season strong with a 34-18 record through the end of May. However in Sept., the Mets became the first team in MLB history to blow a lead of seven or more games with only 17 games to play. With Johan Santana and a strong closer in Billy Wagner and a barrage of hitting power, the Mets should take the East.

**Cheese:** Atlanta Braves. They are two years removed from the playoffs and have phenomenal farm clubs that built their dynasty in the 90s. The veteran core of the Braves, Chipper Jones, John Smoltz, and now Tom Glavine and Mark Kotsay acquired in trades, will teach the strong bunch of rookies how to compete like champions.

#### NL West

**Dahlgren:** Los Angeles Dodgers. With a newly revamped infield aided by the signing of Rafael Furcal and Nomar Garciaparra the Dodgers look strong. Not to mention they are also said to have the best farm system in baseball. Look out.

**Cheese:** Los Angeles Dodgers. Joe Torre is a huge coaching addition. Their bullpen is one of the best in the league. Derek Lowe and Brad Penny are going to have big years and will be helped by Takashi Saito

closing. Furcal, Jeff Kent and Mark Sweeney a very talented and experienced infield. If Garciaparra can come back and stay healthy, no one can stop the Dodgers!

#### NL Central

**Dahlgren:** Chicago Cubs. In a weak division the mediocre Cubs the edge here. Alfonso Soriano moving around both in the hitting order and in the field, batting both leadoff and second in the division as well as playing left field and second base. As he gets settled-in the Cubs look strong. Kerry Wood also back and offers a viable closing option.

**Cheese:** St. Louis Cardinals. Albert Pujols is leading the league in walks and second in batting average. Moving in Rick Ankiel to the everyday lineup and Troy Glaus in the off-season from Toronto will move the Cardinals into top contention in the Central.

#### NL Wildcard

**Dahlgren:** Atlanta Braves. What more can you ask for? A late run than experience? The Braves have pitchers Tom Glavine, Mike Hampton and Smoltz to mention Chipper Jones at third. If the pitching is up to snuff, Atlanta to possibly steal an NL title. The Braves should be a worthy wild card contender.

**Cheese:** New York Mets. The addition of Santana goes without mentioning. The Mets' bullpen is strong but lacks the veteran knowledge of Tom Glavine who went to Atlanta over the winter, to guide the bullpen. With Pedro on the DL, the Mets might have a thunderous fall like they did at the end of last season.

#### World Series

**Cheese:** I have the Detroit Tigers losing to the Atlanta Braves in five games. After the win, look for the Braves teammates/golf partners Glavine and Smoltz to go together as well as Bobby Cox at manager.

**Dahlgren:** I have the New York Yankees winning the World Series. What would be better than the Yankees? Between these two New York teams? There's no question pitching from both clubs but I have the Yankees winning the seventh game to capture their 27th World Series title with their offensive power.

## The Sideline

Jailed Michael Vick staying in shape, playing prison football...QB David Garrard signs richest deal in Jaguar history... Major League Baseball season underway...Dick Vitale, Patrick Ewing, Pat Riley, and Hakeem Olajuwon are four of seven 2008 inductees into the Basketball Hall of Fame... Oregon State hires Craig Robinson from Brown University as Men's Basketball coach... Jose Canseco says in his new book that Alex Rodriguez is not as he seems...Sprint Cup drivers Carl Edwards, Kyle Busch and Jimmie Johnson mixed on new car's aero push, and their ability to pass in traffic...Isiah Thomas could be leaving the Knicks for Indiana Hoosier job...Former Portland Trailblazers guard-forward Isiah Rider arrested in L.A., allegedly driving a stolen car.

## Pitching gives Runners high hopes

Tyler Dahlgren  
 The Commuter

Runners' baseball was back in action Tuesday, April 4 after the previous Saturday's rain delay. The men faced Mt. Hood in their second double header of league play.

Mitchell Nelson was three for six with a stolen base and a homerun but that wasn't enough as they fell 7-6.

Linn-Benton scored two runs in the bottom of the ninth to tie the game and send it to extra innings, but Mt. Hood quickly responded in the top of the 10th, driving in what proved to be the winning run as the Runners were unable to score in the bottom half of the inning.

LBCC was unable to aide an impressive complete second-game effort by pitcher Scott Allred, struggling offensively. Allred allowed just three runs on seven hits, striking out six Mt. Hood hitters, while offensively the runners had just three hits, making contact but failing to get on base and drive in runs losing the game 3-0.



photo by Chris Kelley

Sophomore infielder Kyle Kanaeholo tags a sliding Shoreline baserunner for the out earlier this season.

Despite the two losses a very impressive, first place in the Mt. Hood squad, the Runners look off to a strong start this season. They are currently 2-2 in league with an overall record of 12-8-1, their first two league games coming against SWOCC in late March.

Linn-Benton currently has 11 hitters hitting at or over .300 in 19 games with 40-plus at bats. Defensive pitching staff has been more than impressive. Led by Liam Baron, a full-time exchange student from Australia, the pitching staff has a combined ERA of 1.57 in 164 innings, a statistic that gives the Runners a chance to win the league.

Baron, a nice surprise for the team, has pitched 42 1/3 innings with a combined ERA of just 0.66. His record of 4-0 is currently leading the entire league.

The Lane Titans visit Linn-Benton on Thursday, April 10 in a make-up game and Saturday LBCC vs SWOCC, all first games starting at 1 p.m.