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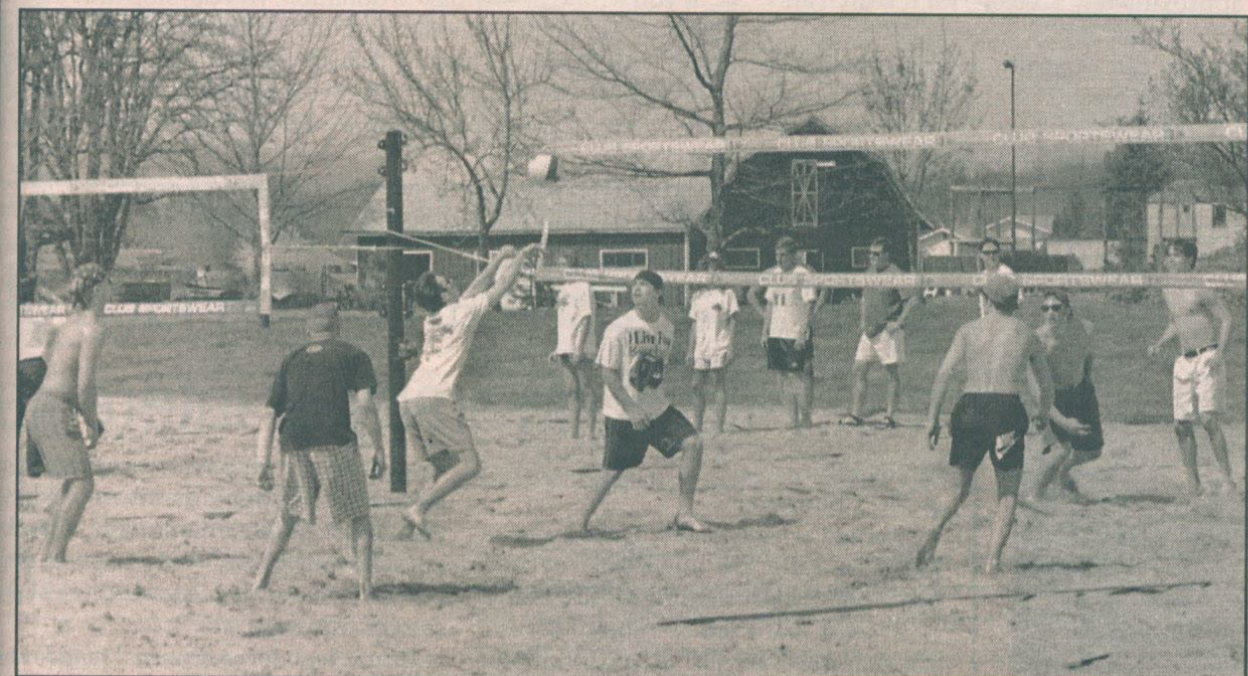


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Sand and Sun

A physical education class takes advantage of the sporadic sunshine to play sand volleyball earlier this term. The sand courts have proven popular with the students ever since they were installed a few years ago.

Tuition hike goes to budget committee

by Jacob Schmid
of The Commuter

Last Thursday, students, staff and a few parents met in the Alsea-Calapooia room at noon to debate the latest proposal to increase tuition by \$2 per credit hour.

The LBCC budget committee unanimously recommended in March 1995 that tuition be increased \$2 each summer from 1995 through 1997. Thursday's hearing gave those who would be affected by the hike a chance to express their opinions.

To the college it means approximately \$300,000 more revenue. To the average full-time student, it means paying \$24-\$30 more per term for classes. Many attending the hearing felt that tuition was already too high and were concerned that the money generated by the 6 percent increase would be squandered. They asked for specifics on how the money would be spent.

President Jon Carnahan explained that the college will not be able to supply its programs with the technological advancements necessary for a quality education without increasing tuition. He came prepared with charts and graphs that compared tuition and fees of community colleges in the state, noting that LBCC will still be competitively priced after the increase.

He also provided the school's shopping list for next year, detailing the equipment and supplies requested by faculty for their programs. Priorities on the list include 40 lap-top computers at a price of \$45,000, and computer upgrades in the graphics lab estimated at \$12,500. The total general fund request for the 1996-97 school year included in the proposed budget is \$243,951.

Carnahan said the school should expect to pay \$500,000 dollars a year in technology upgrades in the years to come, and that \$300,000 is currently set aside in for that purpose. If tuition is not increased, he said, that money will have to go to pay other operating expenses.

"We don't think tuition is a bottomless well we can just keep dipping into," Carnahan said. "We're using the resources in a reasonable and responsible way. Tuition isn't going to keep going up forever."

Several students questioned the efficiency of the budget and proposed alternatives to a tuition increase. Although Carnahan addressed each question and suggestion, in the end he announced that he plans to endorse the budget committee's recommendation at a meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. tonight in the College Center Board Rooms.



Jon Carnahan

ASG rep quits, rechannels leadership role

by Mary Hake
of The Commuter

Frustrated by his inability to achieve the goals he envisioned as a student leader, Mark Frederick, Liberal Arts and Human Performance Representative, officially resigned April 10.

Frederick's withdrawal leaves seven active ASG members, out of the original 11, who are staying on until the end of May, when new officers are scheduled to be sworn in. He will still interact with student leaders, he said, but not in any official capacity.

"This is not to be interpreted as a negative resignation," he said. "I have learned a tremendous amount being involved in this organization (ASG) and I have chosen to move on with my experiences and take my education back to the students."

Frederick, a native of Alaska, entered the work force after high school, just as his parents had. He moved to this area one-and-a-half years ago and friends who were at LBCC helped him get established here, where he has now completed a year on the student council.

He emphasized he believes LBCC is a good school and plans to continue his education here through 1997, but will not participate in student government.

"I feel the administration is not ready to learn from the people they are teaching."

—Mark Frederick

"It was a very difficult decision to make," Frederick said. However, he decided he could no longer be part of the manipulative political process.

He believes the ad-

ministration puts up barriers which inhibit student government from doing all they could to benefit the school. "I feel the administration is not ready to learn from the people they are teaching," he said.

For example, he said, during the recent tuition hearings, which were poorly attended, the administration perceived a student acceptance of the proposed \$2 increase. "What I heard in the hearings is not what the administration heard," he said, pointing out that students didn't want tuition to increase, but would accept a hike if it was unavoidable. "Students say it is not OK, but the administration thinks they accept it."

Frederick is concerned with keeping the cost of education affordable for everyone because getting an education is so valuable. He said that raising tuition "only builds the capitalist society; that doesn't build

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by Melani Whisler
of The Commuter

It was a picture perfect spring day. The soft warm sun shone down on LBCC's campus, offering a chance for the budding flowers that line much of the walkways to spread their petals in the sunlight.

A student walking down the hallways was being followed by a wafting cloud of old, gross, stinky ashes the

So many ashtrays, so little time

wind was carrying from a heaping ashtray a few feet behind him. The cloud seemed to be chanting, "Turn around, you unsuspecting student, turn around and take a deep breath, so I can gag you with my putrid odor."

Who empties these things anyway? Or better yet, who DOESN'T empty them.

The answer is the custodial department. There are ten employees and three event custodians.

"We try to empty them nightly, but sometimes we don't have time to get to them all, so we empty the most heavily used ones," said Kevin Lacey, head of the custodial department.

The ashtrays near Takena Hall and the industrial building are the ones that get the most traffic.

"The ones that get used the least are hard to find. It depends a lot on the weather, if it's raining outside, people are going to stick to using the ones near the doorways away from the weather," said Lacey.

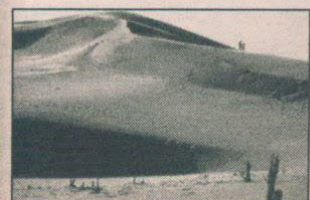
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Students get Thursday off, but not teachers

The LBCC Albany campus and all Extended Learning Centers will be closed to the public all day Thursday, April 18, for training sessions for faculty and staff.

Normal operations will resume Friday, April 19.

Instructors run for funds to fight leukemia

by Dannie Bjornson
of The Commuter

For Elke Asleson, a part-time fitness and wellness instructor at LBCC, running isn't just a passion—it's a commitment by her to raise money for those suffering with leukemia.

Asleson, one of eight mid-valley members of the TEAM Cure 2000, will run in the 26-mile Mayor's Midnight Marathon in Anchorage, Alaska, on June 22. The marathon is expected to raise approximately \$200,000 for research and patient services.

However, before she can officially enter the race she must raise the \$3,000 entry fee. So far she has raised about \$2,585 in pledges from friends and family. Asleson hopes that the publicity she has raised will encourage people,

especially students on campus to give a little to her cause.

Representing the Oregon Chapter of the Leukemia Society of America, she will join with 77 other Oregon runners. Nationally an estimated 2,000 marathoners from 38 Leukemia chapters will also participate.

According to Asleson, each runner is matched with a patient. She will be running for 4-year-old Loren Johnson of Oregon City. Up to one third of the entry fee will go directly to his family, based on their financial needs.

If you would like to make a donation, you can stop in at the P.I. office in the Activity Center and leave a check or sign a pledge sheet with Theresa Thomas. Asleson is also planning a garage sale May 4. Donated items are tax-deductible, and a pick-up service will be available. For more information contact Asleson at 967-7600.



Photo by Zack Deets

On Target

The huge Albany Distribution Center for Target Stores is on schedule to begin receiving freight this June and start shipping in July. Target expects to hire about 300 full- and part-time employees to work day shifts. A job fair will be held April 27.

Donating blood saves lives

by Jennifer Broxson
of The Commuter

"For every person who donates blood, four lives can be saved," said Oscar Santos, chairperson of the Student Programming Board sponsored blood drive.

The traditional coming of the American Red Cross, on April 23, presents an opportunity for LBCC student and staff to save lives.

Those wanting to donate are asked to attain a time slot before hand at CC 213 (Student Programs office), or between 11 a.m and 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday, in the indoor hall outside of College Center 213.

Picnic table ashtrays 'a pain to empty'

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overflowing ash trays, the custodial department has been working on getting more taller standing trays that are much easier to empty.

"The ones that are attached to the picnic tables and along the side railing are a pain to empty. We can't just tip them in to a garbage bag, we have to dig the stuff out," said Lacey.

Although standing ashtrays would help the custodians to keep them emptied, they also create a problem for the buildings.

"Some buildings have asked that we

According to Santos, the students organizing the event hope to reach their goal of 80 donors, 10 fewer than the previous drive. Ideally, they would like to have 105 signatures, since not every volunteer will be eligible. Guidelines for donor eligibility, and other literature, will be available at the stations.

Betha Sumey of LBCC's nursing department said that as she has grown older, the need to give something back to society weighed heavily on her conscience. To alleviate the pressure, she donated blood for the first time five years ago. "It's a selfless thing," she said. "Giving to someone else you don't know."

keep the ashtrays a minimum of fifteen feet from their door. The smoke drifts in through the building, and nonsmokers are appalled when they walk out a door and get slapped in the face with the smoke," said Lacey.

With so many ashtrays and so little time, it's tough to keep up on this enormous task.

"It's such a big problem, and it's so hard to manage. There's always going to be people who won't use them anyway, so we spend a lot of our time just picking up after them. It's an ongoing problem," said Lacey.

Student fights to hold off tuition increase

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the education of all."

He is fighting to keep LBCC tuition the same for at least another year and is circulating a petition against the proposed increase, which he will present to the Board of Education in order to show

how students really feel.

As a student, Frederick intends to remain involved with student affairs, functioning as an advocate for personal and educational growth. The only difference, he said, is that "now I get to pick and choose my battles."

Correction

Heidi McKinney, Series Event Specialist on the Student Programming Board, chose not to reapply for the position of Women's Center representative for spring term. She was not removed by the staff as stated in the April 10 edition.

what students think

Apathy at LB blamed on lack of motivation, diversity of interests

by Josh Burk
of The Commuter

Student activity leaders who bemoan the chronically low attendance at campus events may be fighting a losing battle.

At least that's the opinion of several students interviewed by The Commuter last week in the wake of complaints over student apathy that surfaced last term.

The diverse range of students at LBCC, often hailed as a positive ingredient in the campus environment, may be the very reason events draw such low numbers—what some students think is fun or exciting is mundane to others, they say.

Sarah Jones, a second-year science student, said, "I know it has to be hard organizing something that everyone would partake in but I wish that they would figure out what it is and start doing it. When I went to Lane they always had something going on that was fun. I don't know why LB can't do the same."

Robert Hillstrum, an LBCC graduate, looks back at his extra-curricular experiences as boring. "When I was at LB I was not impressed with the student activities that were coordinated. I went to a dance once and only a handful of people showed up, it didn't make for a very exciting evening."

Mary Kelly had a similar complaint from this year. "Last term I was going to go to the Twister games that they had planned, but when I got there they were

closing it up. I don't know why they closed it, but I think that it would have been fun." At the time, student organizers said they closed early because only one or two students showed up at the start of the event.

Mark Scooner, a criminal justice student, is quite upset with the low school spirit at Linn-Benton. "I remember all through high school we always had stuff going on, but now I get to college and it is boring. I went to a few basketball games, but hardly anyone else showed up. I've gone to a baseball game and there were only about 15 people there. One of my roommates went to a country dance earlier this year and he said that there wasn't anyone there. I guess that figured college to be a little more exciting than it really is."

Carla Daniels, a general studies student, thinks students here need to be a little more self-motivated. "We need to get things going ourselves and not rely on others to do it for us. I know that I like to do things with other people, and I like to go to activities to meet other people. I think that there should be more clubs and more activities."

Shawn Morris agrees with Daniels. "Linn-Benton needs to start offering more things for students to do besides classroom-related things. The college needs to be more united. Maybe if we start up a few clubs or something then we can accomplish this."

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CAMPUS NEWS

Let the good times roll at the Oregon Dunes National Park

The Oregon Dunes National Park provides thousands of acres of playland to the public

by Renee' Lunsford
for The Commuter

When my parents took me to Florence, Oregon, when I was a kid, Mom and Dad were like the typical middle-income American family. "Yeah, we'll take the kids to the beach, but we're not going to spring for them to ride on those expensive dune buggies."

So, we got to walk up the dunes (big thrill) and run down into the lakes at the bottom. Now, this was fun for about the first four times, but after that it got a little old because walking up the sand dune was a lot of work.

I vowed to come back someday and get up those dunes on one of those cute little machines with the big tires that made going up look like a piece of cake. I could hardly wait.

The wait was a long one. I returned when my boys were about the same age as I was when I first went to the dunes. The oldest one is nearing 16 and the youngest 15.

Walking up the dunes was not in the picture for them. They were way too cool to be seen doing that. They were going to ride four-wheelers. For this experience, we chose Sand Land Sports, which is located about 500 yards south of the bridge as you leave Florence on Highway 101.

I came prepared—or so I thought. I had a wad of cash and I was prepared to spend it. We walked in and, while we were waiting in line, we started reading the large sign of rules and regulations written on the wall. "No one under the age of 18 is permitted to ride alone." "Oh, great, just great," my sons started to mutter "We drive all this way and now we can't even ride on the stupid things."

I continued reading. A little clause at the bottom stated, "Minors will be allowed to ride the vehicles, if kept under the supervision of a licensed adult." I checked with the lady at the counter, "Does this mean what I think it means? That they can rent one of these, if I go with them?"

She assured me that this was true,

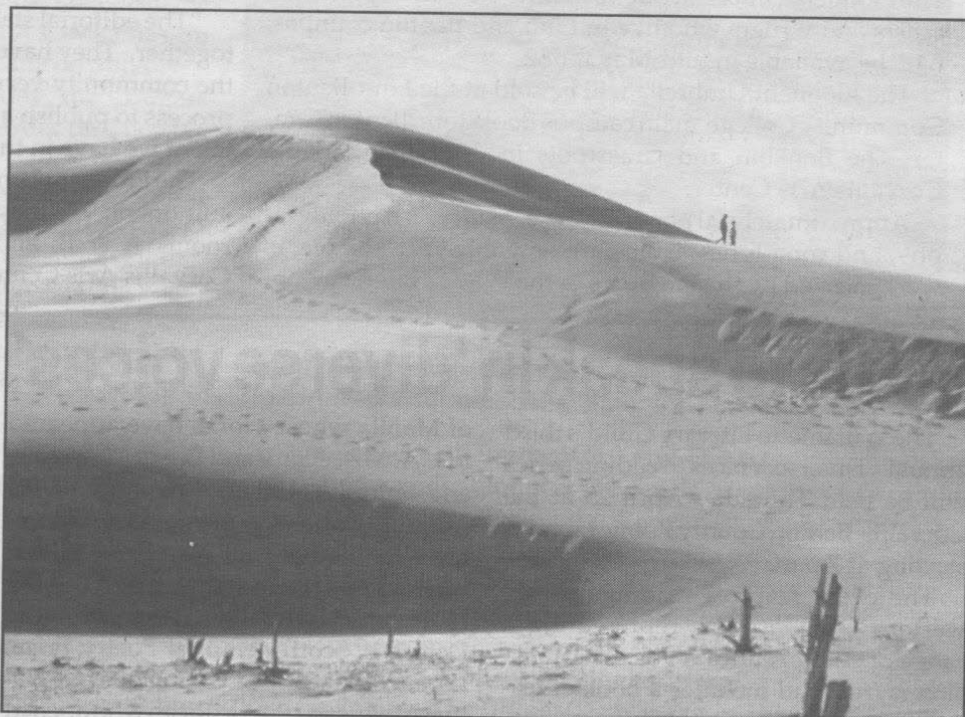


Photo courtesy of Oregon Tourism Commission

The Oregon Dunes National Recreation area covers more than 31,500 acres of rolling sand dunes, estuaries and related ecosystems. More than half, including this section near Eel Creek, are off-limits to vehicles. But about 12,000 acres are set aside for use by dune buggies and other off-road vehicles.

"Man, you really had to pick up speed to make it up those big hills. I can see why people flip. I almost did once I got over the top."

—Cash Lunsford

except for one thing—they couldn't ride the four-wheelers until they were 18. They had to ride the Odysseys (which looked like the same thing that they called dune buggies when I was a kid). So, I plopped down my \$31 per hour per rider plus the required \$50-per-vehicle deposit.

Once we made it through that, we were given our release forms. This is a fairly lengthy document, which lets you know that any loss of limbs or other personal injury will be your own risk and not their responsibility.

It adds a list of penalty fees for violating any of the rules or for damaging any of the equipment. I paid particular attention to the largest one: submersion fee \$1,000.

We were given a little map and were told to follow it to where we would be hooked up with our vehicles. Excitement was running high by this time for

everyone but Dad. He decided he didn't want to shell out another \$81 for just an hour of what he didn't consider fun, but would stay at the park and wait for our return.

When we pulled up to the park, my resolve began to waiver. Somehow, even though I'd been to the dunes before, I had imagined them as much more gently rolling hills. I looked up at this almost perpendicular giant mountain of sand with a small trail leading up and said, "I'm not going up there!"

My sons didn't try very hard to talk me into it either. "I think you'd better come Dad, Mom's going to be a wuss."

"Now wait," I said, "if you'd agree to kind of put-put by me, I could probably make it."

"No, that's OK, Mom, really," they said. "We think it would be better if Dad went, he's a lot braver than you are any-

way." To my surprise, he agreed readily.

The guide explained why they had to keep their hands inside of the hand straps provide—they could get smashed if they rolled—and told them to stay out of the tree line, because the tree line led to the water, which led to the dreaded \$1,000 submersion fee.

They took off up a gently sloping road that led to the sand dunes—and I realized that the trail I first saw leading straight up the mountain was actually the walking path. Great. Here I was stuck in the parking lot with nothing to do while they were having all the fun.

So I decided to ask the guide if there was a good location for taking pictures. He pointed to the big hill and the steep path that I first spotted. Here I was once again — walking up the dunes.

The rest of the story came from the blow-by-blow descriptions I received in the car on the way back to the hotel. The good news, according to my sons, was that once you were on the dunes, you were on your own. "They lost me on the first hill," said Dad. "So much for the adult supervision; I almost think they did it on purpose."

My youngest son, Cash, said, "It was awesome, Mom. My buggy just ripped."

Evidently all Odysseys are not created equal, because my other son said, "Yeah, it wasn't fair; he got the fast one."

Cash said, "Man, you really had to pick up speed to make it up those big hills. I can see why people flip, I almost did once I got over the top."

The bad news was that once you were on the dunes, you were on your own. Dad said without much enthusiasm, "Since they left me behind, I ended up put-putting around and helping a bunch of girls get their vehicles unstuck."

"Yeah, Mom," my sons chimed in. "I don't think you would have done so well, if you'd have got stuck. You don't have the muscles to get yourself out. We got on the wrong trail once and were heading toward the water and had to get out and push ourselves around. You'd never have made it."

I said, "You mean Dad ended up just put-putting and I could have gone with him?" He responded, "It wasn't that great, I feel like I've just been beat to death. Man, that's a really bad idea to drink a 44-ounce Pepsi before you go on those things."

Sand Dunes offer 12,000 acres open to off-roaders

by Renee' Lunsford
for The Commuter

When you're talking about the Oregon Sand Dunes, Sand Lake represents just a tip of the iceberg.

The Oregon Dunes National Recreational area encompasses 31,500 acres with 12,070 open to off-road use.

Silt Coos Road, which provides access to the southern tip of the "duneable" Oregon dunes is near Coos Bay/North Bend. The northern most area used by duners is accessible by South Betty Road, which is located just south of Florence. The entire region spans some 41 miles of coastal territory.

Of the 12,070 acres of open riding areas, you'll find different classifications of usage. Some are posted open and you can go just about anywhere there's sand, but in other spots, you have to stay on existing roads or trails.

Regardless of which area you prefer, certain regulations apply. These include having the following:

- current Oregon off-road sticker or one from your state of origin.
- 12 X 8 -inch red safety flag mounted on a 9-foot pole.
- spark arrester.

Noise output is limited to 99decibels. Areas also have time restrictions, generally they are open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., though there are exceptions.

Another very popular riding area, Sand Lake, does not fall

under the Oregon Dunes National Recreation area and is instead in the Hebo Ranger District. Sand Lake, located on Sand Lake Road just south of Tillamook on Highway 101, is the closest riding spot to Portland.

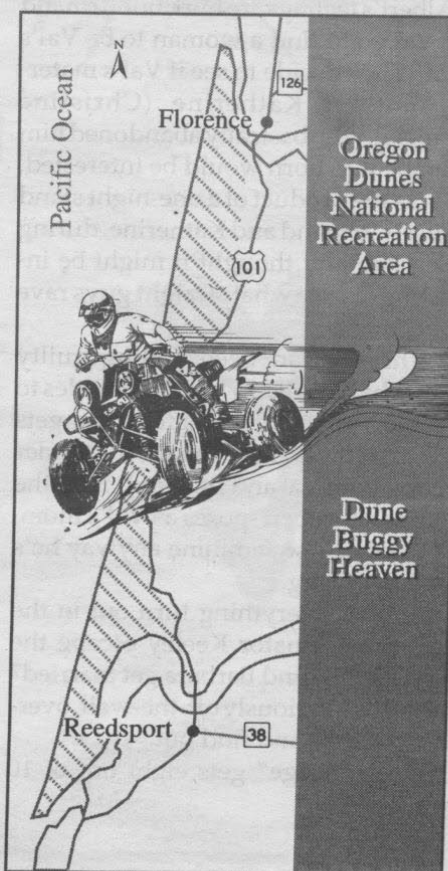
It's a combination of location and smaller acreage (just 1,070 acres) gives it the highest concentration of action. So much so, that on big weekends access is limited. If you plan to visit, you'll want to get there early.

The dunes are surrounded by numerous campgrounds and day-use spots. Some are designed for motorhomes equipped with full hook-ups and allow generators. Others are for tents and "primitive camping" only.

Your best bet is to contact the Oregon Dunes National Recreational Area department for details, or you can contact either the cities of Florence or Reedsport's Chamber of Commerce for a list of available motels, restaurants and points of interest.

For information, contact one of the following:

- Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, 855 Highway Ave., Reedsport, OR 97467, or call (541) 271-3611
- City of Florence Chamber of Commerce, 270 Highway 101, P.O. Box 26000, Florence, Ore. 97439 (541) 997-3128.
- Reedsport Chamber of Commerce, Highway 38/Highway 101, P.O. Box 11, Reedsport, Ore. 97467 (541) 271-3495.
- Hebo Ranger District, (503) 392-3161



review

'Birdcage', is off-the-wall comedy

by Ben Cole
of The Commuter

"The Birdcage", starring Robin Williams and Gene Hackman, is a remake of the French comedy "La Cage Aux Folles". I haven't seen the original, but this remake is fun and hilarious.

Williams stars as Armand, the homosexual proprietor of one of Miami's most popular nightclubs, The Birdcage. His companion, Albert (Nathan Lane), is the drag queen star attraction at the club.

Albert suspects that Armand is seeing another man because there is white wine in their refrigerator, and both of them only drink red wine. It ends up that the "man" Armand had the white wine out for is Armand's son, Val (Dan Futterman). Although he was raised by both Albert and Armand, Val ended up being straight. He is visiting his dad (Albert is the "mother" figure of Val) to tell him that he's getting married. To a girl.

Armand and Albert are disappointed in Val, but want the best for their son, so they give him their blessings. Meanwhile, Val's fiance, Barbara (Calista Flockhart) tells her family about Val and his family. She, of course, lies about everything pertaining to Val's parent's being gay, for good reason; Barbara's father is the ultra-conservative Senator Keeley (Hackman).

Keeley is the running mate of presidential candidate Senator Jackson, and both are founders of an organization called the Coalition for Moral Order with Keeley. Then Jackson is found dead in bed with an underage prostitute. This news greatly troubles Keeley because he knows the press will be dogging him for comments, and it will all lead to a bad public image.

Keeley's wife, Louise (Dianne Wiest), then decides that it would be a good idea to meet Val and his parents, viewing the visit to be good for polishing the Senator's tarnished image. Barbara conveys the news back to Val, who tells his father to act straight for one night. But, there's more to it than that. Val also asks Armand to get rid of his art collection of homoerotic statues and paintings, and get rid of the overly emotional Albert, since both of them know that it would be impossible for Albert to act straight.

Albert's feelings are hurt, but Armand and Val go to find a woman to be Val's mom. They decide to see if Val's maternal mother, Katherine (Christine Baranski), who basically abandoned him when he was born would be interested. Val was the product of a one-night stand between Armand and Katherine, during which Armand thought it might be interesting to "see what straight guys rave about."

Katherine had been feeling guilty about what she did to Val and decides to help out. But, unfortunately, she gets stuck in traffic and can't make the dinner meeting with Val and Armand. So at the last minute, Albert poses as Val's mom, and since he's so feminine anyway he's very convincing.

So, does everything turn out in the end? Does Senator Keeley escape the press? Do Val and Barbara get married? Go see this hilariously off-the-wall, over-the-top movie and find out.

"The Birdcage" gets eight out of 10 stars.

Eloquent Umbrella publication goes on sale

The Eloquent Umbrella publication, a showcase of talented artists and writers who live in Linn and Benton counties, will be available in mid-May for \$2.

The Eloquent Umbrella will be sold at the Linn-Benton Community College main campus Bookstore, Benton Center, The Bookbin and Grassroots in Corvallis, and the Corvallis Arts Center.

Approximately 90 pages of prose, poetry, art, photography, and song lyrics, which are new this year, the pieces were selected by the members of the WR247 Literary Pub-

lication class instructed by Linda Smith.

"The editorial staff did an excellent job and worked well together. They have selected work that shows the talent of the community very well, said Smith. It is a very exciting process to publish a magazine that shows what wonderful talent we have in the local area."

The Eloquent Umbrella will hold readings by a collage of authors on Wednesday, May 22, at noon in LBCC Boardrooms A & B; and Thursday, May 23, 7:00 pm at the Corvallis Arts Center.

Poets to speak in 'diverse voices'

The Willamette Literary Guild's third annual "Diverse Voices" reading series will be held Thursday April 25 at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, starting at 7 p.m.

The event features readings by six western Oregon poets representing a range of ethnic/cultural voices. Admission is free, and includes a booklet featuring poems by the readers.

Taking part in the reading are Corvallis writers Charmaine Black Olive, a Philippine-Chippewa who is a performance poet; Oliver dela Paz, a native

of Manila whose works have appeared in L.A. Miscellany and Prism Magazine; and Shirod Younker, a member of the Coquille Tribe who uses poetry as a vehicle for native oral history. Portland writers participating are Shirley Kishiyama, who has twice won the Denise L. Scott Memorial Poetry Prize; Lorenzo Shadow Sky/Gonzalez, a Native American/Puerto Rican who opened for MTV's Spoken Word Tour in Oregon; and Bee Bee Tan-Beck, a Malaysian-born Chinese who has published in Backbone and the Seattle Review.

Pet Day at OSU May 4

OSU will hold its ninth annual Pet Day on Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the OSU Vet College, Magruder Hall.

The event will take place, rain or shine, and consist of a day full of pet activities including a human-pet fun run/walk, petting zoo, exotic animal displays, educational exhibits. Also, a team of Suffolk Punch draft horses will be giving rides for \$3 per person.

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SPORTS PAGE

Five-run sixth inning lifts Linn-Benton to victory

by Jessica Sprenger
The Commuter

Linn-Benton managed to fit two doubleheaders between the last week, splitting a doubleheader with Clackamas on Tuesday and then dropping two games to Lane on Sunday.

Playing in a persistent sprinkle on Tuesday, the Cougars took the first game of a scheduled doubleheader on Tuesday with a 7-4 victory over the Roadrunners.

Clackamas scored two in the first inning off of Linn-Benton starter Brannon Cedergreen, but Cedergreen settled down and didn't allow the Cougars to score again until the eighth inning.

Linn-Benton got on the scoreboard in the third inning when Craig Pfeifer led off with a single and then scored on Ricky Lowe's sacrifice fly to rightfield. In Clackamas' half of the third inning, Pfeifer got stuck in the outfield's chain link fence while chasing down Jason Mann's double.

The Roadrunners then scored three runs in the eighth inning to take the lead 4-3. Joel Greene started the inning with a double and scored on Miguel Garcia's single. Garcia and Neftali Aguiar also scored in the inning for Linn-Benton. Cedergreen pitched off the ninth inning with a walk to former Roadrunner Chris Schilling, who is now playing for Clackamas, and was replaced by Chad Stateler, who had pitched nine innings three days before. Cory Rooper singled into rightfield after Brad Taylor grounded out, scoring Schilling and tying the score. But the Cougars' threat ended when Stateler got Jeremy Hubbard out and then struck out Jason Gillespie.

In the top of the 11th Stateler gave up back-to-back singles, then hit a batter with the bases loaded, scoring Schilling. Taylor and Rooper then scored on Gillespie's double. Trailing by three, the Roadrunners went down 1-2-3 in the bottom of the 11th inning.

A five-run sixth inning gave Linn-Benton the runs they needed to defeat Clackamas 9-7 in game two. The teams were tied at 2-2 after the first inning, before Clackamas brought eight players to the plate and picked up three runs in the third inning off Greene, the Roadrunner starter. Linn-Benton put two runs on the board in the fifth inning when Pfeifer and Garcia scored on Omar Cepeda's single.

Clackamas' Dylan Givens went through the Roadrunner batting order and gave up singles to Jared Goff, Greene, and



Photo by Jason Andrus

Second baseman Ricky Lowe takes a cut during the Roadrunners doubleheader against Clackamas last week.

Cepeda in the sixth inning. Goff and Derik Gammon, who was issued a walk, scored on Greene's single, and Greene then scored on an error by the Cougar shortstop on Ricky Lowe's hit. Lowe then scored on Cepeda's single.

The top of the seventh inning saw Greene issue a walk to the leadoff batter and then be replaced by Randy Crane, who had pitched seven innings just three days before. Crane faced five batters, two of them hit singles and two of them went down swinging. The fifth batter was put out at first.

Greene finished the day going 4 for 6 at the plate with a run scored and two runs batted in.

On Sunday the Roadrunners lost two games to Lane Community College in another doubleheader, dropping the first game 8-5 and the second game 3-2. The Titans got an early four-run lead on Stateler. Linn-Benton put one run on the board in the second inning and two runs in each of the fifth and seventh innings. Greene went 3 for 5 with a double, three RBI and a run scored. Lowe was 4 for 5 with two runs scored.

In the second game, Linn-Benton picked up their only two runs in the sixth inning, taking a 2-1 lead over the Titans, but Lane got two runs in the top of the seventh inning to get the victory. Mark Morris and Cepeda each hit 2 for 3 with an RBI, while Gammon was 2 for 4 with one run scored.

The Roadrunners, 6-3 in league and 11-5 overall, travel to Mt. Hood on Saturday for a double header.

Bond keeps Roadrunners in contention

by Jessica Sprenger
The Commuter

Sami Bond picked up seven points for the Roadrunner track team at the Mt. Hood Relays over the weekend.

Bond threw the shot put 33-feet-5 and the javelin 100-4.

In the three jump events, Bond went 11 in the long, 32-9 1/2 in the triple

and 4-8 in the high.

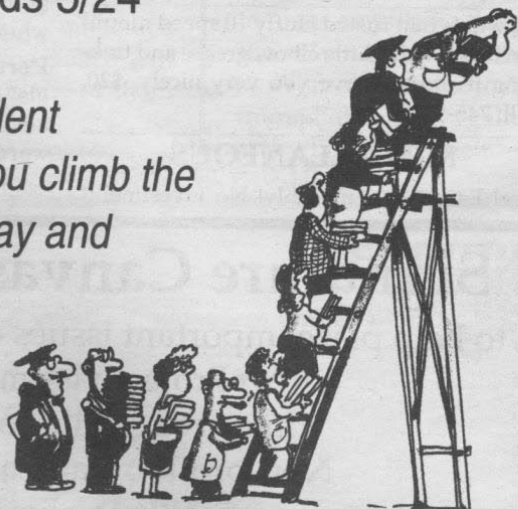
For the men, Robert Boyd threw the javelin 159-8, while Josh Harpole went 20-3 in the long jump and 41-6 1/2 in the triple jump.

The Roadrunners hope to have people return from injuries to compete at a four-way meet hosted by Chemeketa on Saturday.

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LINN-BENTON 9, CLACKAMAS 7

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Linn-Benton 200 025 x — 9 7 3
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Standings

Linn-Benton ..	6	3	.857	—
Clackamas	5	3	.625	1/2
Mt. Hood	3	2	.600	2
SW Oregon	2	2	.500	2 1/2
Chemeketa	3	5	.375	2 1/2
Lane	2	6	.250	3 1/2

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Saturday, April 20

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at Mt. Hood (2), 1 p.m.
Track
at Chemeketa

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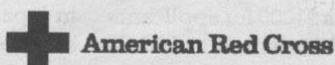
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Lack of education funding invites corporate propaganda

One of the things I enjoyed the most about going to Linn-Benton Community College is that the blatant outside advertising has a bit of a veil. It may be a motheaten piece of cheesecloth, at times, but it was still a veil. At OSU it seems to be almost a sport just how much commercialism can be shoved down the throats of the students. I wonder how much time they spend trying to figure out newer and better ways to expose students to advertising. I can see it now:

"I got it! Let's rent out the space above the men's urinals. Students have no where else to look while they're standing there. They could be reading about Evian spring water while passing water."

"No. No. We'll get the grounds keepers to cut the grass to leave a logo on the lawns. I can see it now—" Dow Chemical" growing in green all over campus."

"Hey, how about shaping one of our swimming pools like a panty-liner, with wings!"

God Bless America.

Turning the OSU Quad into a strip mall for a couple days was like crushing out a Phillip Morris product on the foreheads of many of the students. Last week we had tents from Toyota, Nutrageous candy bars, a fabric softener company, among others littering the Quad. The standout had to be Sports Illustrated—a company noted for its keen and sensitive perception of women's issues.

And the place was packed! I hadn't seen the Quad that full since the All OSU Boycott where 1500 people gathered to do something positive. This day, however, hundreds of people were gathering to make themselves familiar with the products of some multinational companies—I wonder how positive it is making these companies richer?

You might say, so what? The people came out and had fun. Where's the harm?



First off, what the hell has Sports Illustrated done for me? Why should I grant them access to a campus where I'm building up a student debt sure to be five figures? No one asked me if I would mind allowing into my academic world, a company that puts out a swimsuit issue showing some of the worlds most commercially desirable flesh. This periodical perpetuates the lie about what is an attractive woman—the same lie I spend a lot of time making sure my daughters don't buy into.

Advertisers set up fun little tents on campuses to promote product loyalty. That way, once you head out into the world, you will continue to buy that product, you'll associate with your formative years. Kind'a like "Thirty-something." If this wasn't paying off, they wouldn't be doing it. How does it feel to know that your tuition dollars are being spent to make you a lifetime buyer of a fabric softener? You support the institution that brings these companies onto campus—whether it be OSU, LBCC or any campus you pay to attend.

Maybe I'm just being a wee zealous? Advertising is so American. Besides, my tuition isn't the only thing supporting the schools I attend. They need to do stuff like this to pay the bills, after all. Remember ballot measure five? This is the real world, not some liberal fairyland.

So why not let Pat Buchanan do a little campaigning on campus, as long as the price is right? Perhaps we could let the Oregon Citizen's Alliance put condom dispensers in the men's rooms that dispense hetero-only prophylactics? Why not turn one of the lessor (staff?) parking-lots over to Playboy so they can set up an on campus audition tent for their "Women of the PAC-10" issue?

Yes, advertising is a fact of life if you choose to live in the ol' US of A. You can't even buy a Happy Meal without a Disney theme anymore. To snivel and whine about it, as I am doing here, is like complaining about Oregon weather, and expecting it to change. The pres-

ence of advertising, like the weather, is hard to affect. What has to change is our reaction to it.

When it's raining and you want to tan, you can head to the tanning booths. When faced with advertising that's a little too in-your-face, shut off the TV or put down the paper. If it's somewhere you can't avoid it, like in the middle of your campus, then bitch. Loud Advertising as a whole will not vanish—ain't gon' happen. But, if the advertising is blatantly inappropriate, chances are you're not the only one who would like it to vanish.

But, hey, if the powers that be keep cutting education funding, we're gonna have to come up with something to help pay to keep school doors open. Would attendance drop if we renamed the school the Exxon College of Environmental Studies, or Anheuser-Busch School of Alcoholism Research? Maybe you'd think about transferring to Huggies Political Science University.

The fact is we spend little time thinking about the stuff thrust at us on a daily bases. No matter how offensive someone's message is, there is an excuse for it to exist. Do you think Sports Illustrated cares what you think about their product as long as people line up to get the prizes offered at their tent? Someone with more power than you has been paid to allow them access to you and the others who don't think about what's being thrust at them.

Whenever you see advertising on campus, somewhere someone has made money—or else you wouldn't be seeing it. Why are there only Coke products on OSU campus?

Money.

Never forget that you are paying for it to be there—no matter how indirectly. It's OK to ask if the benefits of having companies messages on campus are worth the money that they bring in. Matter of fact, the paper you're reading now is paid for by advertising. Does that make me a hypocrite?

Probably. But, I won't try to tell you that you will be sexier if you read my column. Even if you would be

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'96 Good Samaritan Hospital Auxillary Virginia Welch Scholarship. Elig: Those who plan to pursue a career in a medically related field in a hospital setting. 3.0 minimum GPA required. May 14, 1996 deadline, stop by the Career Center in Takena Hall for an application.

Ford Family Foundation Scholarships. Elig: Applicants must be single heads of households who have custody of dependent children who will be pursuing a baccalaureate degree full-time as an undergraduate at an Oregon 2 or 4 year, non-profit college or univ. Application and rest of material deadline is May 31, 1996. Applications available in the Career Center.

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There's no excuse for police officers who abuse citizens

by Pete Petryszak
of The Commuter

It seems that every time some members of a police department go ballistic and beat the crap out of some suspected offender, cops from across the nation come out of the woodwork to defend their brethren and inform us of what a damn good job they're all doing.

Such was the case in Riverside County, Calif., recently when some sheriff's deputies thrashed the driver and a passenger of a truck that was carrying over 20 suspected illegal aliens.

The incident was videotaped by a local news channel, and the tape clearly shows an unnecessary use of force by the deputies. The deputies kicked, punched and used their billy clubs on the suspects after they had surrendered to the police. This isn't a situation where force was used after the officers were attacked.

Viewing the tape, one sees an officer striking one of the suspects while he is already lying on the ground in the "felony arrest" position—lying on the stomach, legs crossed, face down, hands on the head—and another officer kicking and punching a woman as she climbs from the truck with her hands on her head—clearly giving herself up for arrest.

To defend their actions, the officers cite the stress they experience on the job. Obviously you can't always be polite when you run the risk of being shot at, but it's not asking too much of our police officers to demand that they be professional.

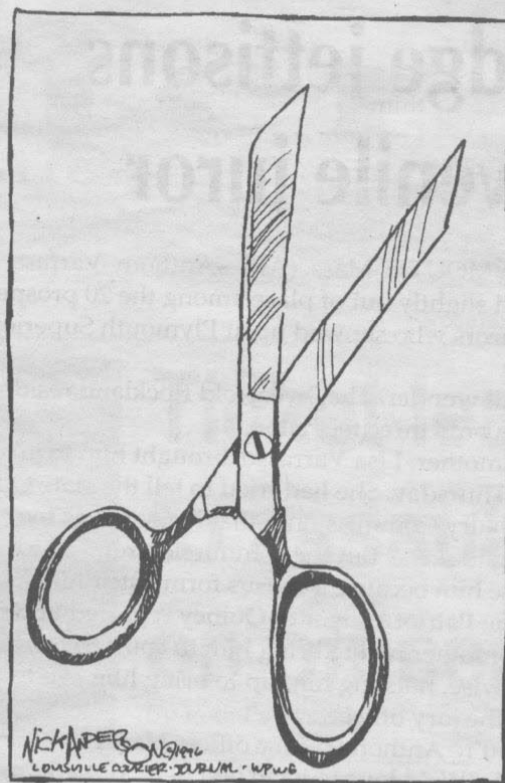
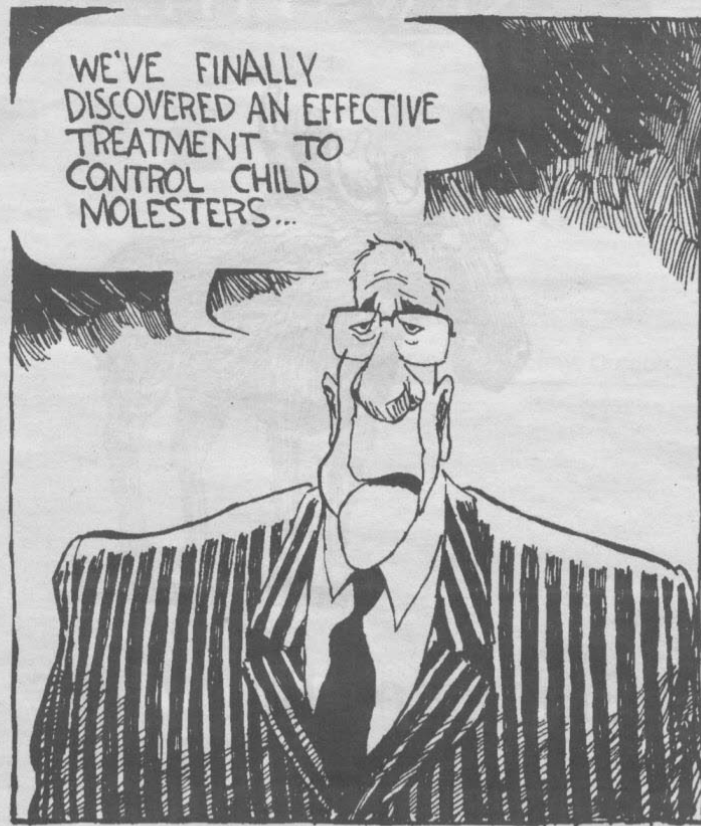
We, the citizens, give the police more leeway to use force than we give the average citizen because we expect them to be able to exercise good judgment and restraint, and we expect them to be trained to determine how much force is needed to subdue a suspect.

In the Riverside County incident, the deputies failed to exercise good judgment. It was obviously not necessary to use force to subdue the suspects. They had already surrendered. The officers used force either to ventilate their aggression and anger or to dispense some sort of punishment they felt the suspects deserved.

No citizen, not even a police officer, has the right to attack another person, either for retribution for some personal affront or as punishment for some perceived wrongdoing. The sheriff of Riverside County made these men deputies, but no one made them judges.

Events like this one and the LAPD's assault and battery of Rodney King in 1991, underscore the need for community review of police departments. The more police spokesmen deny the need for community oversight, the more convinced I become of its necessity.

We surrender quite a bit of power to the police. I think it's reasonable for the people who gave them that power to determine whether or not they use that power properly. Until we take steps to do that, abuses of power by the police will continue, and we will not learn of any of them except by accident.



commentary

Women voters can change America's future

by Cindi Fuller
for The Commuter

Women can change America's future at the ballot box. Women have become the largest block of voters. Women have begun to take the lead in the classification of head of household. Women's issues are an important agenda for candidates in the 21st century. When women find unity on issues, they can have a significant impact on America's future.

In the past men held the political power in government. But times are changing. Women have gained the political ace long awaited for, and they need to change the unacceptable priorities of the past. They are now in a position of power in both the work and home environment. They need laws in place that reflect the basic rights of family, home and work.

The statistics over the last year have determined that 48 to 50 percent of households are headed by women. Half of our country's families are supported and provided for by women, women who are intelligent, hard-working and becoming politically informed. They're no longer satisfied with the continuous lack of support for key issues that have lain dormant at legislators' feet. It is essential that women elect candidates that have the correct perspective for the future.

Statistics show there are 8 million more women voters than men. If all the registered women voters turned out at the polls united in their causes, a landslide win on any issue could be predicted. It is now time for women to become strategically involved with the issues. We have the numbers to petition for measures and laws that protect and provide for future security.

Bella Abzug, who headed WOMEN USA, a national organization that registers women to vote, says, "While our role is important, our success will be assured only if women—one by one, and in groups of twos and threes, and in tens and hundreds—throughout the country join with us, recognizing that our votes will make our voices heard."

Women need to drive the issues hard by voting against candidates who seek to cut budgets for needed help and money for low-income families. Poverty in our country can be changed. Reform of welfare needs to focus on putting the parent to work and not cutting the only subsidy that these families have.

Women can force the government to take strong and immediate action against absent parents who do not and will not face their responsibilities of child support

Proposals such as suspending driver's licenses or a national withholding program should be seriously considered. Making the absent parent provide financial support would improve the living conditions of many families. In the book "Toward Economic Justice for Women," the following statement appears, "As a nation we need to treat children as the precious resource that... they are. All children are 'legitimate' and none should be denied adequate nutrition, health care or educational opportunity on the basis of their race, sex, or parents' marital status."

Another area of low priority is violent crime against women and children. The revolving door for criminals has to be stopped. The raping and molesting of our women and children is outrageous. We have watched and suffered the past insanity of our legal system siding with criminals who have no respect or value for human life. Women can unite against these crimes and demand strict policies to govern the future of these criminals. Their destinies can be controlled by women uniting at the polls.

Our country is hungry for reform. The future is ripe for change. It's time to take a look at the country and what our priorities must be. We need to move forward and try a new tactical plan to break down the gender barriers and hear all voices. We have values and morals that need to be addressed. The issues women are fighting for are not women's issues! They are issues of humanity and what is deserved by each person in America, issues that should already be the foundation of our families and country, and must be if we want to survive in the future.

Women have a core of issues that can unite them. Women want their families to be fed, housed and provided for. They want to know that they and their families are safe and protected by law. Women want their salaries to reflect their true value, giving them the opportunity to improve their living conditions. These issues should already be addressed, they are easy objectives to meet. But if you look at our government and the laws in effect today, it is obvious that these issues have been ignored.

Women, unite and vote! Make your voices loud. Women must elect candidates that align with their issues. They need leaders who will pursue the standard of living strived for and deserved by every American. The 21st century, our future, can be changed by the voting unification of women across America!

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Judge jettisons juvenile juror

PLYMOUTH, Mass. (AP)—Anthony Varrasso looked slightly out of place among the 20 prospective jurors who showed up at Plymouth Superior Court.

Small wonder. The 3-year-old Rockland resident stands only three feet tall.

His mother, Lisa Varrasso, brought him to jury duty Thursday. She had tried to tell the state Office of the Jury Commissioner that her son was too young to serve. But the commission refused to excuse him because a census form listed him as over 18, *The Patriot Ledger* of Quincy reported Friday.

His mother had to bring him to court to prove otherwise, hoisting him up to bring him eye-level with the jury officer.

"You're Anthony?" jury officer Nanci Cordeiro asked. "We'd love to have you here. But you're a little bit too young."

The other prospective jurors broke into applause for the little boy. Then Cordeiro gave him a tour of the court. Mrs. Varrasso said the day turned out to be a good civics lesson for Anthony.

Possible jurors are chosen at random by a computer from census listings. In the past, the Boston computer has selected dead people, children, pets and even buildings including the Boxford town hall and the Nantucket high school because of incorrect census information.

The Boston and Springfield jury commissions send out about a million jury notices a year. About 230,000 people are actually selected for trials in 49 state courts and three federal courts.



Self-righteous spider-nappers caught in web

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP)—A teen-ager claims he and a partner were acting as environmental Robin Hoods by trying to return a large spider — taken from a pet store — to the jungles of South America.

However, theft charges are being considered against the pair.

The \$150 tarantula, also known as a yellow flame knee spider, a native of the Brazilian rain forest, was taken from a pet shop on April 6. The animal's bite can cause an allergic reaction in humans.

A security camera recorded the heist, said Petland store owner Ty Russell.

David Atkinson, 15, said he and his 14-year-old friend didn't think the spider should have been taken from the jungle.

"I thought they were stealing from Mother Nature to make money. I just thought it was cruel," he said Friday.

He added: "But I did it the wrong way. We should have bought it and then sent it home."

The spider was shipped to a brother of one of the boys in Atlanta, who was supposed to release it during a planned trip to Venezuela, authorities said.

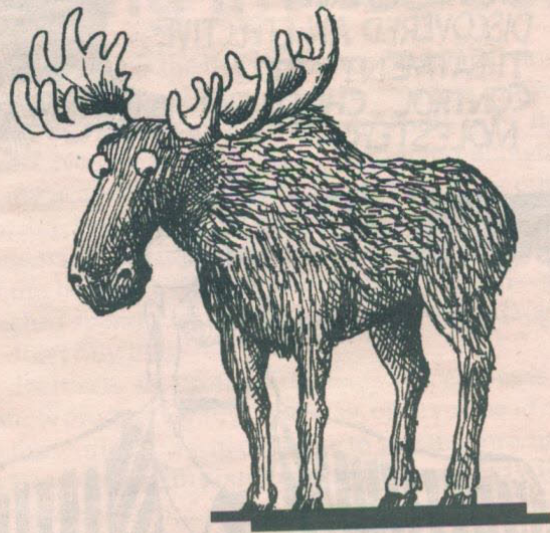
Police intercepted the spider in Atlanta and returned it to Russell.

Russell said his decision on whether to press charges will depend partly on how well the spider recovers.

"She's a little dehydrated," he said.

David's father, Mike Atkinson, said his son recently emptied his bank account to rescue a python.

"Neither one of them are saints," the elder Atkinson said. "But their intentions were not evil."



Burlington Bullwinkle loose in the burbs

SOUTH BURLINGTON, Vt. (AP)—There's a moose on the loose in South Burlington, sighted in the past week near busy intersections and schools in South Burlington.

The sightings have prompted dozens of residents to call police and wildlife officials.

"It's loose all right," South Burlington police Cpl. Ernie Rheaume said.

Since Tuesday, the moose has been sighted near condominiums, in a field and in the parking lot at South Burlington Central School off Williston Road, a main drag in Burlington.

Police and wildlife officials think all the reports involve one moose, which could be a yearling trying to establish territory.

In the spring, pregnant moose often push their year-old offspring away as they prepare to care for newborn calves.

"It's not uncommon for us to have a moose to come in around this time of year," Rheaume said. "It's the time the mom moose kicks the older child out and it goes out to find new territory."

Yearling moose weigh 500 to 600 pounds. A full-grown moose might top 1,000 pounds.

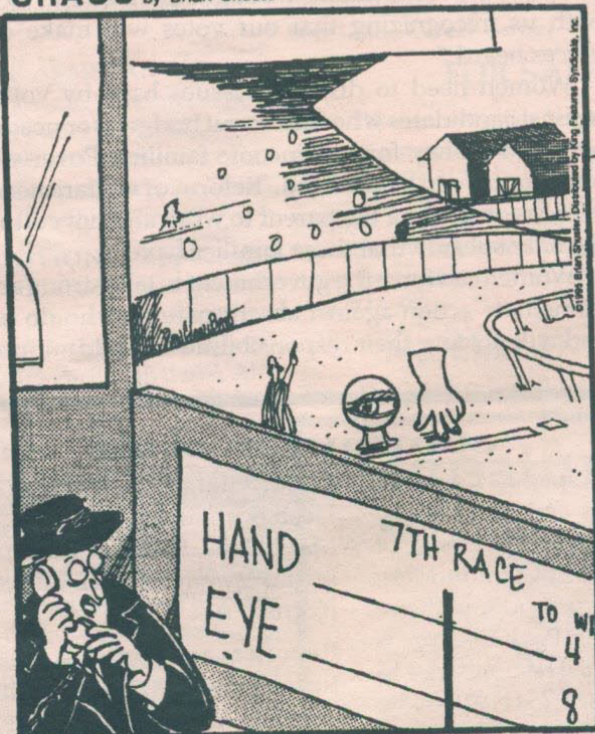
So far the moose has not been struck by a vehicle or caused any car accidents, which is the major concern when the large animals meander through urban areas. In Vermont, there were 123 collisions involving moose and moving vehicles last year.

Two people, including a motorcyclist who hit a moose on Interstate 89, were killed.

Authorities have no plans to remove the moose, which appears to be healthy, despite the fact it is roaming a bustling suburb. But they do advise people to keep their distance.

"Moose are very dangerous if they get cornered," said Lt. Robert Rooks, chief of the northwestern district Fish and Wildlife Department. "They strike with their front hooves. They can easily kill somebody."

CHAOS by Brian Shuster



"I'm telling you, I've got a sure thing in the seventh race."

Anniversary ruined by Spokane scumbags

SPOKANE (AP)—Thieves put a damper on Dorothy Kelly's 51st wedding anniversary when they stole her wedding and engagement rings.

"I couldn't believe it was done in broad daylight," Kelly, 73, said Thursday.

"I feel bad about losing them. But you know, things like that can be replaced. I'm just glad no one was hurt."

Kelly and her husband, Andy, 77, were attending morning Mass on Wednesday, then went to lunch with their daughter to celebrate the anniversary.

Thieves pried open a window of their Spokane apartment, dumped drawers of clothes, and stole necklaces and rings.

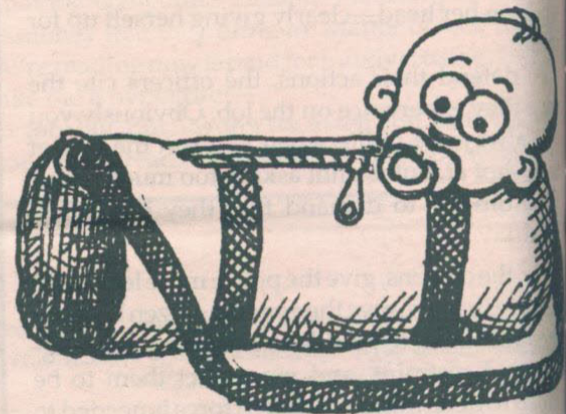
Dorothy Kelly said she was not wearing her silver wedding and engagement rings because she did not want to mix silver and gold.

Instead, she wore gold jewelry and a gold ring with a heart-shaped diamond cluster, a gift from her husband.

It wasn't the first time she had lost a ring. Her original silver engagement ring was destroyed in a fire in Seattle in 1960. Her husband replaced it years later.

Daughter Karyn Kelly said she hoped the thieves would return the rings.

"I'm just so mad," she said. "Here I take them out for their anniversary and someone stole her rings."



Boozing bozo bags baby

WATERBURY, Conn. (AP)—Customers at the Speak Easy Cafe were unwinding and catching up on the latest gossip when they heard a cry coming from a duffle bag on a bar stool.

The bartender kidded around with others about what was in the bag.

"These guys are always pulling pranks on one another and you just figured this was another joke," said bar owner Ron Edmonds.

This was no joke. Inside the bag was a 2-month-old baby.

Leo Ubaldi, 29, was arrested Thursday and charged with risk of injury to a minor. He was released on \$500 bond and scheduled to appear in court April 18.

Outside the courthouse Friday, Ubaldi said he stopped in the bar briefly to get some cigarettes. He said the bag was not zipped closed.

"I took her for a walk, that's all, in a bag. She was safe," he said. "Sometimes you carry kids in knapsacks. That's all it was."

The baby was unharmed and was placed with grandparents, Augelli said.

Police were notified of the incident shortly after 11 p.m. Thursday. By then the father had already taken the baby home a few blocks away.

"At least he didn't leave the baby home alone," said Capt. Robert Segal.

Earlier this month a New York woman was charged with carrying her 2 1/2-year-old son in an inch long nylon camouflaged bag that was zipped up. When police opened the bag they found a child lying there with a smile on his face and his arms wrapped around a half-gallon of milk, New York police said.

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