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Democratic presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich talks to supporters at the opening of his Portland campaign headquarters earlier this month. Kucinich hopes to finish strong enough in Oregon's May 18 primary to earn delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

Kucinich banking on Oregon's primary

Colleen Jacks
The Commuter

Presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich is an enigma: Magnanimous, introspective, pacifist, vegan.

But his message is clear: He wants U.S. troops out of Iraq—and if he were to win the election in November, his plan is to bring them home within 90 days, repeal the Patriot Act and withdraw the United States from global trade pacts that he says sends jobs overseas.

Kucinich, an U.S. congressman from Ohio, has been stumping Oregon for the last month hoping to gain enough support to carry him to the Democratic National Convention in Boston this July, where he hopes to challenge Sen. John Kerry for the Democratic Party nomination. Kucinich wants to move the Democratic party in a new direction and further to the left.

The congressman concedes it's mathematically impossible to win the nomination,

but he hopes to gather enough delegates to force Kerry—and party officials—to pay attention to his message.

This is where Oregon comes in.

Before the Oregon primary on May 18, Kucinich plans to spend nearly all his time campaigning around the state. He needs to win some of Oregon's delegates to the national convention, and the key is the Willamette Valley.

He's already made several stops in Corvallis and Eugene, and plans to come back.

The Congressman, a Roman Cath-

olic, was born to working-class parents, in Cleveland, Ohio, on Oct. 8, 1946 and is the eldest of seven children. He and his family lived in 21 places, including a couple of cars, by the time he was 17. John Kerry's life of privilege offers a stark contrast. This background gives Kucinich a personal perspective on poverty and has helped make him a national advocate for the homeless.

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"He is a voice for us. Oregon will speak to the rest of the country about unity and peace."

▶ Janelle Juris

Donor gives \$1.5 million to upgrade, expand library

Laurent L.N. Bonczijk
The Commuter

LBCC has received a \$1.5 million pledge from an anonymous donor to improve and expand the Library and the Learning Resource Center.

"The donor gave the money because of an interest in education and LBCC in particular," said LBCC Marketing Director Marlene Propst. She said the money will come in as the donor wishes, which could be spread

out over as long as three years.

Librarian Jorry Rolfe is thrilled by the news. She said that LBCC could "perhaps get matching money from the state." Although there are no definitive plans for now, the library and LRC staffs have drawn a "wish list," says Learning Center Coordinator Chareane Wimbley-Gouveia.

The library could see the addition of "four to five small study rooms," says Rolfe. Improving the lighting is also high on

the priority list. The currently out of date lighting should be improved and Rolfe would like to see a more comfortable study area for the students.

There are also plans "to remodel the technical service area for the staff," she said.

Wimbley-Gouveia wants to change the entry pattern in the LRC to ensure that students check-in. "We receive federal funding based on the number of students checking in," she

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photo by Bonnie Quinones

As friends look on, LB student Tomás Gouverneur balances on a slackline strung a couple of feet above the ground in his back yard. The sport, similar to tight-rope walking, is used to help train athletes for rock climbing.

Campus bans slacklining

Michelle Bertalot
The Commuter

"(The school) considers slacklining an ultra dangerous sport," LB student Spencer Hull says. Slacklining is no longer dangerous, it's in a whole other realm of danger.

The practice of slacklining is almost the same as tight-rope walking. The person attempts to balance on a 1 inch wide line of webbing resembling a dog-leash. The difference in the two comes in the amount of tension in the line. "It puts us about 2 feet off of the ground, the same distance you

would fall if you jumped up to catch a football, head a soccer ball or hit a volleyball,"

"Main reason we do this is for training for rock climbing. It really focuses on balance and certain strengths you don't get from other training techniques," said fellow slackliner Tomás Gouverneur.

About two weeks ago Hull and Gouverneur had some time to pass between classes. In the past, when the duo had slacklined on campus they had setup on the northeast side of the school, but that area was a swamp and most importantly is closed

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OPINION

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Abstinence is not a solution

Laurent L.N. Bonczijk
 The Commuter

After a recent display against abortion rights at the OSU campus, Nathanael Blake argued the case against abortion in The Daily Barometer. His argumentation is decent, but it lacks a major point: Solutions.

I suppose that at this point the easy answer from the conservatives is abstinence pledges. Let me laugh for a minute. Those pledges are not only a joke; they are dangerous.

A recent study whose results were published in USA Today (www.usatoday.com/news/health/2004-03-09-abstinence-study_x.html) shows that STD rates, for example, are statistically equivalent for those having taken the pledge and those who haven't. Even worse, communities that have at least 20 percent of pledgers have higher rates of STDs than communities with less than 7 percent.

You may wonder why that is. The answer is quite simple indeed—a non-pledger will be prepared and educated about safe sex; in other words they will use condoms. Pledgers, on the other hand, are much less likely to use one when they break their pledge. And break it they do, with 88 percent reported to have had sex before marriage. Kudos for the 12 percent, though it does make me wonder if the males have normal testosterone levels. Alright, that was a low blow.

Now don't take me wrong, I am not saying that abstinence is worthless. I think that it is a tool that only works for a very small percentage of the population, not the panacea that the right wing advertises it to be.

So the choice we face is simple: We can either stick our heads in the sand and deny that kids are going to have sex (the conservatives' plan) or give them tools to prevent unwanted pregnancies and the spread of STDs.

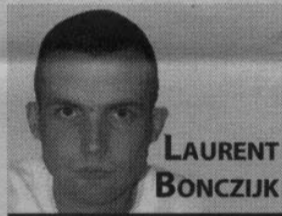
What would that be? Condom machines in high-school bathrooms; easy, confidential access to birth control drugs and a continued involvement in teaching sex ed.

While I was browsing the Web about the subject I stumbled upon www.plannedparenthood.org/library/facts/14anti-choiceFS.html on the Planned Parenthood Web site. It lists the major groups lobbying against abortion. In general they oppose medically accurate sex education, feminism, contraception, homosexuality, women in the military and equal rights legislation. Some go as far as opposing in-vitro fertilization and artificial insemination.

Talk about a family friendly group! I suppose that Concerned Women for America's opposition to the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women is indeed for the greater good of women. Can you spell hypocrisy and stupidity?

The anti-choice lobbies have changed their tactics. They do not openly seek a total ban on abortion anymore. Instead they are implementing a step-by-step process to slowly chip away at Roe v. Wade. But make no mistake about it, their goal of outlawing abortion has not changed, only the means to attain it.

This issue does not have a middle ground; you cannot just sit and watch and not take position. The right wing has long ago decided to use any means necessary to achieve their hideous agenda of limiting personal freedoms. It is more than time for liberals to wake up and join the fray, no holds barred. The best and easiest way to fight back ignorance is to register for the upcoming election and vote. Voting is the only sure-fire way to get your voice heard and to preserve your rights.



LAURENT BONCZIK

COMMENTARY

Showing flag-draped coffins of fallen U.S. soldiers uncalled for

Adam Swackhamer
 The Commuter

When I heard that photos of fallen soldiers' flag-draped caskets had been published on the front page of the Seattle Times I was deeply troubled.

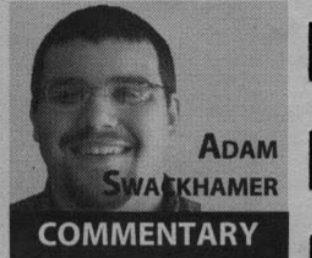
Those who believe that the photos should be seen by all Americans claim that it brings the war "closer to home" or will help the average American understand the realities of war. Neither of which is an acceptable reason to be putting dead young men and women on display.

Some families of the dead have spoken out in support for the Seattle Times decision to publish the photos, which is fine. Only family members of the deceased have the right to give permission to a photographer.

Others claim the photographs are excellent anti-war material. My question to those who feel that way is, would these soldiers want to be made anti-war icons? They gave their life to defend their country's citizens and ideals and were enlisted, knowing that one day they may have to make the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

While the photos were not graphic or obscene in any way, it is my opinion that slathering the pictures of their coffins across nationwide publications can only make light of their incredible sacrifice.

I believe that any American who is aware of the world around them fully understands the losses we are incurring in Iraq. The scrolling lists of the dead on nightly news reports are enough to move many to tears. We don't need to see the bodies associated with the names.



ADAM SWACKHAMER
COMMENTARY

CORRECTIONS

In the April 21 issue of The Commuter Nick Santana was referred to as a welding student, when in fact he is a diesel student.

In the same issue, "GSA lunchbox training a 'wake-up call' for students," we stated that the new building on campus would include a single-use bathroom. However, this decision has not been finalized yet.

The Commuter regrets these errors.

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Both letters to the editor and guest columns are welcome. Letters should be limited to 250 words, but columns can be longer.

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ESOL program helps students improve their English skills

Adam Swackhamer
 The Commuter

About 16 students at the Benton Center have begun the often difficult task of learning a new language, all for varying reasons. For some, like Dodji Assimpah, who already speaks Ewe and French English, it's only "a little bit challenging," but for those who are both new to the U.S. and the English language, it hasn't been easy.

The students taking English Speakers of Other Languages have reasons for being there as varied as their nationalities. This week is nationally recognized as ESOL week.

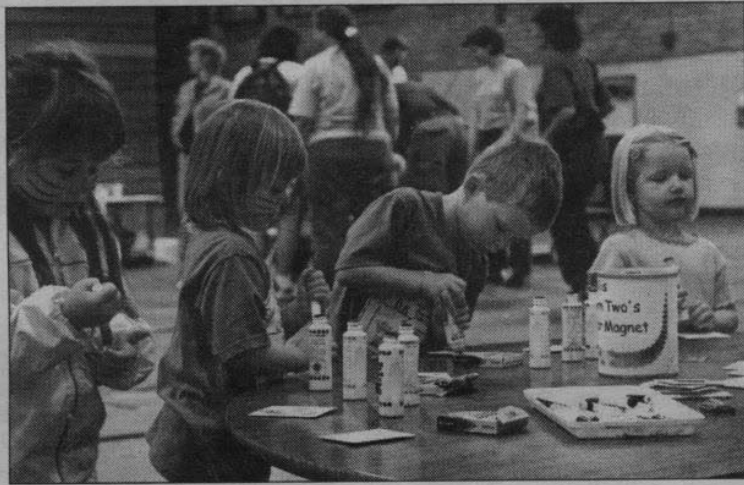
Renata De Marchi is in Oregon for one year from Brazil to work with an Oregon State University professor to complete her Ph.D. in Food Sciences. Many others chose to make their move to America because of the opportunities available and have learned that being able to converse in English is essential to finding a job.

In recent years some of the ESOL students have noticed their opportunities slowly drying up, making it difficult to find a job at all. While others have had to settle for jobs that are far below what they performed in their native country.

Donaciano Tijerina moved to the U.S. 10 years ago. While in Mexico, he was a supervisor and had his own computer, desk and managed a number of people. In America, Tijerina has had to take on physical jobs and now works for an auto wrecking company. "There is more money, but the problem it is difficult (to earn)," Tijerina said.

Surprisingly, many of the students in the ESOL program have been in the U.S. for less than six months, yet are already able to answer questions and continue dialogues in English. Some students in the program had previous training in their homeland, but all mentioned the important role TV has played in helping them learn English.

Whether they are taking English to further their career or simply to be able to converse around the globe, the students and staff of the Benton Centers ESOL program are very dedicated to their cause.



Raising Funds Can Be Fun

Annabelle transforms some Play-Doh (right) while other children create with glue and magnets (above) during the 27th annual Family Fun Raiser last Saturday in the LBCC Activities Center. Established in 1977, the fund raiser is for the Parent Grant fund, which pays partial tuition for some of the nearly 2,000 parents who take parenting education classes each year. Activities were designed for young children and their parents, family and friends. Children enjoyed bubbles, bowling, planting seeds, frosting crackers and other activities.

photos by Scott McClure



Iraq support group connects employees

Erica Hennig
 The Commuter

The first meeting of a newly formed support group for LBCC employees with loved ones in Iraq was held this Tuesday, April 27. The meetings will continue every Tuesday from 12-1 p.m. in Takena Hall, room 111.

A similar group may be formed for students. Mark Weiss, counselor, plans to speak with other counselors about the best way to address the need for a student support group.

Diane Watson, dean of student services, called together the first meeting, seeing it as a way to share information and support.

"After a discussion with others in Takena Hall who have loved ones in Iraq, I sent out the e-mail (announcing the support group.) We all thought it would be a good idea to get together on a regular basis. We also wanted to include other staff members with loved ones in Iraq."

Watson sees the need for networking out of personal experience. "My son is an Army Scout with the 1st Cavalry and 162nd out of Springfield. He is a Sargent with a Humvee unit. He is now at Camp Provider in Baghdad."

Watson will share information she has learned, including how to send items to those in the service, as some things are restricted. For example, she had planned to send her son a James Bond movie, but images deemed "too revealing" are restricted.

"Information on how to support our loved ones is very important. I just bought my son four flea collars. I wouldn't have had the slightest idea that he would be needing flea collars, except for a conversation with one of the other individuals who has a loved one Iraq. Fleas in Iraq carry a disease that causes open sores. Soldiers treat their uniforms to repel the fleas, however their wrists and ankles are still vulnerable. So

now my son will have flea collars to wear on his wrists and ankles!" said Watson.

She continued, "I think this group will help those attending by simply connecting with someone who understands first hand what it is like to have a loved one in Iraq at this time. Connecting and sharing is very important. I am hoping that we will identify some positive action that can be taken."

Watson explained, "Overall, I think the value of this group will be in the connecting, knowing that you're not alone . . . I have heard from many other staff members indicating that they really support this group and are glad that we are doing this. I even heard from one of our staff members who is in Iraq. He found out about the Iraq Connections Group through e-mail and offered to try and help answer any questions that the group may have."

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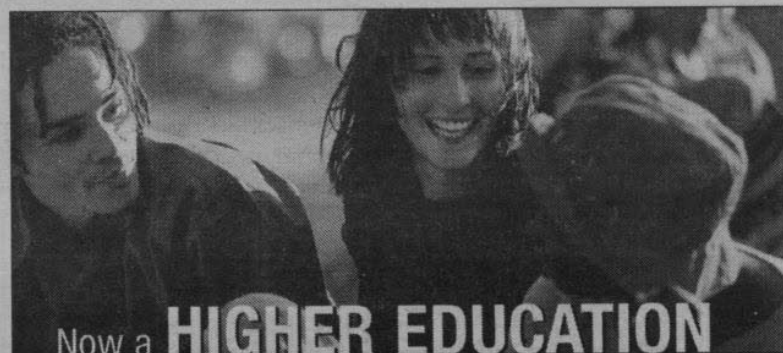
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Slacklining: Sport called too dangerous

▲ **From Pg. 1**
 off to the public after the winter storms. Instead they opted for a perfect grassy area outside the Bookstore, but the two were greeted by security who asked them to promptly take down their equipment. After a brief meeting with Mike Holland, LB Vice President, slacklining was outlawed on campus.

"If you call up any sports medicine professional or emergency room, the ratio of accidents per sport is less likely for getting hurt slacklining than soccer, yet soccer is allowed on campus," explains Hull.

However, no matter how the two advocates boast their sport it still will not be allowed on campus.

"We make the best judgment we can at the time the facts are presented to us and by our judgment, allowing slacking is a unnecessary risk," stated Holland. "It isn't associated with any program we have," he continued.

One option still remains for

the athletes. Forming a slacklining club would help raise awareness, yet even with a club, slacklining would not be allowed on campus.

"They can form a club, they can do slacklining, but they can't do it on campus," Holland stated. "We don't care if they are slacklining, we just don't want them to do this on college property," he explained.

Hull and Gouverneur say they are willing to sign a waiver, just as students in physical education classes do. "A waiver is not bullet proof," countered Holland. "The students might think that a waiver may insulate the college from a liability, but that's not how waivers work. As a matter of public policy waivers are not allowed to insulate an institution from negligence."

Yet, students in physical education classes like ultimate Frisbee, step aerobics and karate classes must sign waivers to participate in activities. A student in a step aerobics class broke their



photo by Bonnie Quinones

LB students Tomas Gouverneur and Spencer Hull set up a slackline in their front yard. According to the duo, slacklining is safe for both participants and the tree.

hip last term, a student in volleyball twisted her ankle and one got hit in the head with a Frisbee on the bridge of their nose.

A letter from Barker Uerlings Insurance, the school's insurance company, does not recommend allowing "any activity described as slacklining, high wire, or rope balancing, ropes courses or related activities."

"The college has to make thousands of decisions about what kinds of behavior and conduct we can allow within its appetite for risk and what kind of behaviors it may disallow," explained Holland.

The bottom line still remains: For Hull and Gouverneur their ultra-dangerous activities are through on the LB campus.

Library: Larger study areas, more computers planned

▲ **From Pg. 1**
 said. Checking in helps the center to keep their hours open. In times of budget cuts, low attendance numbers could prompt closures on those specific days and times. On an average day about 800 students use the LRC and its services and it gets very congested.

Wimbley-Gouveia would like to see "more room for tutoring, math assistance and the writing desk." A better layout and friendlier space while keeping the facility wheelchair accessible is also one of her goals. Her vision includes a double door entrance with couches so that students can wait for study partners or use their cell phones without being subject to the elements since cell phones are banned in the LRC.

Wimbley-Gouveia wants the whole center to go wireless so that students with laptops and wireless cards won't need to use the center's computers for their Internet needs anymore. This

would enable students without computers easier access to those offered by the LRC.

Both Rolfe and Wimbley-Gouveia are looking forward to having more locker space available for the students and more square footage.

In the future the library will remain the quietest study and research area while the LRC will

accommodate informal talking and group study.

Another Foundation-funded project already underway is the remodeling of the Takena Theater to re-upholster seats, add new carpet paint walls and ceiling, and upgrade the light and sound systems. That donation came from the family of Russ Tripp, a retired Albany

realtor and civic leader who was one of the college's founders.

Also on the drawing boards is a new classroom building for the main campus near the AHSS Building. Unlike the library and theater projects, however, this new structure will be funded with the remainder of the college's capital improvement bond.

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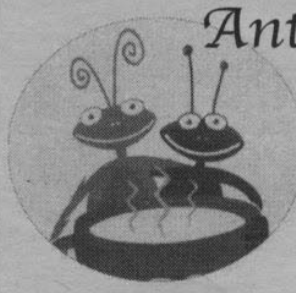
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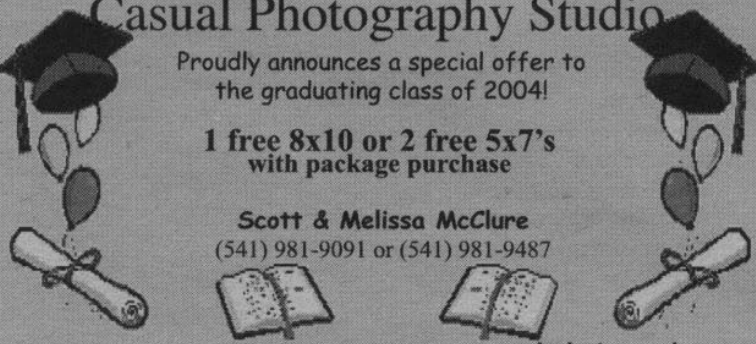
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John and Phil's Toyota is the first business to put a "full wrap" advertisement on a Corvallis Transit bus. Bus No. 743, which gets alternated on eight routes in the city. In a new program aimed at raising money, the Corvallis Transit System is offering local advertisers the opportunity to become a rolling billboard. The film containing the ad is placed on the sides, front, back and even the top of the bus.

Corvallis Transit buses wrap themselves in advertisements for local businesses

Peggy Isaacs
 The Commuter

"It's a wrap" said Lee Shoemaker, Transportation Program Specialist for the City of Corvallis Public Works Department, about the new colorful look for the city buses.

The Corvallis Transit System decided to look into the benefits of advertising on the outside (inside later) of the buses to offset the \$1.6 million in costs in maintaining six buses on eight routes.

The Corvallis bus system is owned by the city and the management is contracted out to Laidlaw, a Canadian organization that operates bus companies nationwide.

CACOT (Citizens Advisory Commission On Transit) when discussing advertising on the buses 10 years ago, decided at that time it would be more of a challenging issue than the benefits received, and not much financial gain.

Jon Katin, army engineer of 27 years, now retired, was hired seven months ago as a supervisor for Corvallis Transportation Services. "Basically the city is entertaining and we can advertise. So then it was who does it and what the payoff is," Katin said. Katin admitted that the idea was presented to the city by Obie, a media-market for out-of-home advertising.

"Obie slowly got the transit department interested and to make a long story short, Obie pays us thirty percent of the net earnings per contract," said Katin.

He also added, "The only thing they take out is the cost of the vinyl wrap, which varies from contract to contract, depending on the size of the wrap."

Obie projected \$20-25,000 a year with revenue created by advertising.

"Actual revenue, at this point, looks like its closer \$34 thousand," remarked Katin. "It helps to keep cost down, especially with fuel right now" he added.

There were rules for the advertising. There could be no alcohol or tobacco ads, nothing degrading to race, color or creed or anything thought to be pornographic. When the city ran the rules by the lawyers, they said the city had to "couch the restrictions" informed Katin. Obie was then given the task to screen the ads.

Katin stated, "The city has a right to say no and be sensitive to Corvallis values. We want to keep commercial and no political issues, period!"

For \$20-25 thousand a year, the question was, if the city wanted to take a risk and move forward. The city took that risk and the first process started in March.

What is vinyl wrap bus advertising? It is the newest form of "out-of-home" advertising. The first generated bus advertisement was produced in 1993. Using the latest digital capabilities, an electrostatic, single pass four-color printer, the transfer image is fed through a thermal laminator to transfer the image to pressure sensitive adhesive film. The film is placed on the bus (on the sides, front, back and even top) creating a rolling billboard.

Vinyl wrap advertising is big and bold and can be colorful and extremely creative. This can be seen with the first full wrap by John & Phil Toyota, rolling down the road.

For more information call the Corvallis Transit System information line at (541) 766-6998.

Run raises funds for victims of violence

Adam Peoples
 The Commuter

Registration is underway for the second annual Mother's Day Run/Walk for Safe Families put on by the Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV).

The fund-raising event takes place May 8 in Corvallis. Participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt if they register before the April 30 deadline.

Last year's event drew 214 participants. Proceeds from this year's event will be distributed in support of the shelter and services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, according to Nancy O'Mara, a representative of CARDV.

CARDV is a local non-profit organization that has been providing care in the Willamette Valley community for over 20 years. "Services include a confidential shelter, 24-hour hotline, legal advocacy, support groups, counseling, hospital advocacy

and educational speaking," according to the CARDV Web site, found at www.cardv.peak.org.

The site also lists sponsors for the upcoming event and maps of the paths of both the run and walk courses. The course layouts start on the riverfront at Second Street and Western Boulevard. Walking will begin at 9 a.m. and the runners follow at 9:15. Registrations forms are available online as well as promotional posters meant to raise consciousness within the area.

A raffle will coincide with the walk/run, with tickets selling for \$1 for singles, or \$5 for six. After the race, gifts provided from sponsors will be given as prizes for the raffle, including five digital music players, valued at \$150 each, from iRiver, an electronic music company.

Further information can be found at CARDV's Web site. Volunteer opportunities and statistical data are readily accessible, as well as links to other online resources.

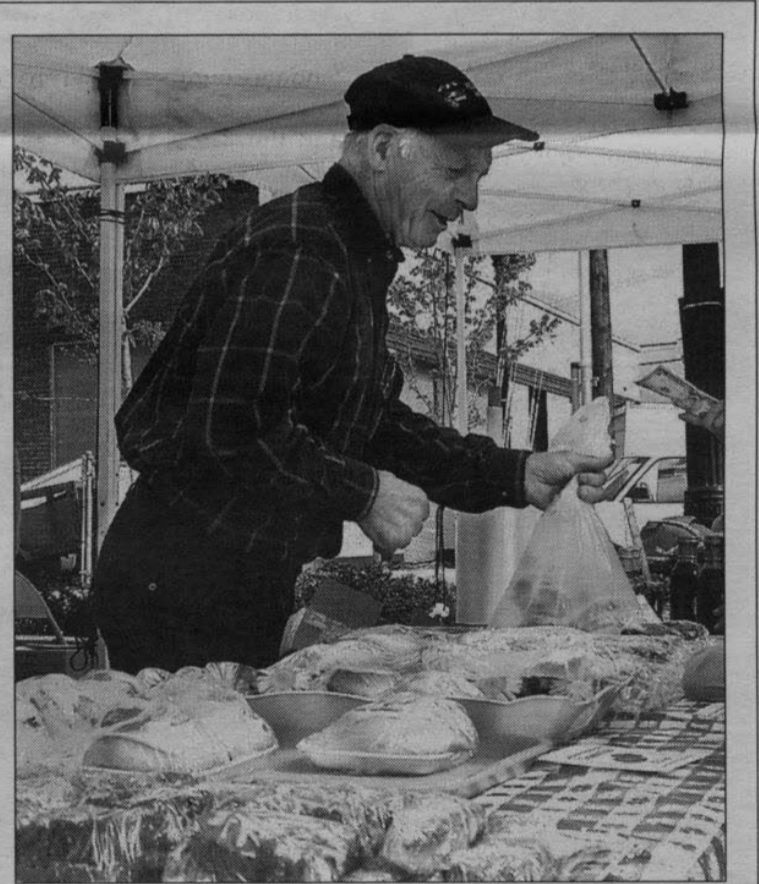


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Farmers' Bounty

Jim Nelson of Nelson Farms in Brownsville sells syrups, nuts and salsa to customers at the Corvallis Saturday Farmers Market, which opened earlier this month.

Program trains stores to recognize suspicious purchases

Adam Swackhamer
 The Commuter

With the explosion in methamphetamine abuse in the past decade, many states have begun to take steps stop meth production at its source.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and Kansas Bureau of Investigation began the Kansas Retailer Meth Watch Program to protect their communities and retailers from theft and the criminal element methamphetamines introduce.

The Meth Watch Programs being implemented all over the U.S. work by helping retailers to train their employees to recognize suspicious purchases and track thefts of methamphetamine precursors. The colorful

Meth Watch stickers placed at store counters and near precursor products serve as a deterrent to potential theft as well as informing general shoppers of the problem in their community.

According the KDHE's Web site one large retailer showed a \$2,000 decrease in ephedrine theft. Along with decreasing methamphetamine related losses, the Meth Watch Program aims to keep meth cooks away from large stores and their customers. The KDHE's Web site says, "Often meth 'cooks' are on a drug induced high and possibly feeling paranoid, or worse yet are over aggressive making employee and customer safety an issue." By using their paranoia against them retailers can drive these people out of their stores.

The success of the program in Kansas has spread

to 12 other states. Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Iowa, Oklahoma, Oregon, North Carolina, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Washington and Wyoming have all recently adopted a variation of Kansas's Meth Watch Program.

In Oregon the program is still in its fledgling state. Organizers are still in the process of contacting businesses across the state. More often than not it is easier for them to convince large chains to begin the Meth Watch Program than smaller "mom and pop" stores.

Along with the prevention methods used through high schools, local officials are hoping the creation of an Oregon Meth Watch Program will allow law enforcement to better track areas with high concentration of meth cooks and meth related crimes.

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ON THE ROAD DISCOVERING THE OLD PACIFIC HIGHWAY



Written by Brent VonCannon

Wild purple lupine flowers dot the grassy banks on either side of the road to Burp Hollow. A large swath of clear-cut forest is easily picked out at the top of the ridge and looks as though the loggers forgot a few trees—a few large timber stands are still standing, spread out on the clear-cut poking out over the horizon. A large pond soon appears on the south, a pristine-looking water hole of crane flies, cattail stalks and amphibious life, patrolled by geese and ducks.

The clear-cuts might be considered major eyesores if not for some of the animal life now more easily visible. Black-tailed deer come out to feed on the grasses and flowering plants, which thrive in the sunshine and provide food for some of these big game animals.

Traveling along Hall Road, on which Burp Hollow straddles, one can get a great sense of both the beauty and contrast of nature, and the isolation. The road starts just outside of Cheshire, heading west on Highway 36. The highway takes off from the main Highway 99 less than a mile south of Junction City.

This off-the-beaten-path adventure marks just one of many such opportunities along old Highway 99 to view some of the beautiful Oregon countryside and take in some very localized sights and sounds. It is this highway, first created from a hodgepodge of existing dirt roads and trails in

1926, that brought many of these communities into some form of prominence, and later, neglect.

For several decades, 99 was the only route that crisscrossed the whole state from north to south, immediately becoming a major commercial route and commute for many. The timber industry was a major player, and employer, in developing some of this area and providing for local businesses. Cheshire and many other small towns, while never exactly booming population-wise, did have their heyday during this time period.

Gas stations, hotels and other service stations and attractions sprung up as commerce boomed. Many of these older structures still stand, from Seattle to Junction City to farming towns in Northern California.

Once the longest paved highway in the world, the reign of Highway 99 was not long-lived. Interstate 5 was completed in 1966, redirecting most of the commercial traffic away from the highway.

Commuters also found I-5 to be much quicker and more efficient. Today, the difference between these two routes is like comparing night to day. This is positive for the country traveler, in search of a quieter atmosphere and escape from the hassles of freeway driving. For those willing to spend more time just traveling and observing,

99 is an ideal route to take.

All sorts of little towns and attractions line this historic highway. One great example is Aurora, 30 miles north of Salem, a pioneer town and Oregon's first National Historic District. Founded as a Christian religious colony, Aurora boasts a museum of relics from the mid-19th century, where one can see scenes from day-to-day living in a religious fundamentalist commune.

To the north of Aurora lies Oregon City, one-time capital of the state and now home to one of the largest lumber mills in Oregon. A long, scenic walkway, the Promenade, snakes along the city's west side overlooking the Willamette River and offers a myriad of views.

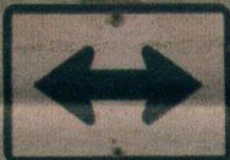
Back in Burp Hollow, the air is quiet except for an occasional small burst of wispy wind. Quaint houses and orchards dot the path on either side of Hall Road. All of these homes have a couple of things in common: A Cheshire address and hardy (perhaps folksy) residents who don't mind driving quite a distance to anywhere.

To the probable relief of many here, Burp Hollow is not the name of residence for these people; it just defines a region of the state.

Tom Rogers, a resident of Hall Road, is familiar with some of the history of the area.

"This is an old logging community," he states. "There was once more of a town atmosphere here. It all really started in the 20s. We had a general store, a bar and a gas

One can get a great sense of both the beauty and contrast of nature, and the isolation.



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station. But all that collapsed in a big snow storm in '68." He also elaborated on the peculiar name of the region.

"Jones Creek has a confluence of several branches, and in the spring, the noise the frogs make at this point is just horrendous, 'Brrrrup.' That's where the name Burp Hollow comes from."

Tom and his wife Jacque have lived here for many years. A retired sheep farmer and architectural designer, Tom compared his life now to when he was in the business of selling his services. Starting out as a contractor, he got into the business of architectural planning and design.

"I would draw plans for homes, including a lands design for my next door neighbor," said Tom. Indeed, Rogers admits that the quiet country atmosphere was what initially drew him to Burp Hollow.

"If you don't care about being right close to the city, want some space, this is a great place."

Their section of Hall Road lies about 5 miles west of Cheshire. Jacque Rogers formerly ran a business out of their home, selling pieces of art and this came to be called Burp Hollow Design in some circles.

Shad and Cheryl Turner live right next door to the Rogers and are well acquainted with them. They

have taken some inspiration from them in putting together their new fledgling business, Burp Hollow Farm. Their specialty is in dahlias, a large, bright, multi-colored flower. They also sell other plants and produce at market in Corvallis and operate numerous bee hives. The Turners agree wholeheartedly with the Rogers in their desire for isolation.

"This gives us the opportunity to do things we wouldn't otherwise be able to do," noted Shad. "And this country is absolutely beautiful."

Taryl Perry, executive director of the Junction City-Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce, has also taken interest in the Cheshire area. "Houses are coming up all over those parts. It is definitely growing," she commented. "And the highway's still busy for commerce, especially in early morning and after work."

Perry also noted that Burp Holler (Hollow) isn't and never was a town. "It's just the name of a spot on the map. Cheshire isn't even an incorporated town." Perry is knowledgeable in the history of Junction City, which has been largely tied to the highway, and is promoting the city for visitors/tourists.

For instance, Junction City sports an old-style 418 train monument, along with a bright red South Pacific

railroad station memento across the street. The city is also where Highways 99E and 99W merge into plain old 99.

Luring people here in the summer is the famous Scandinavian Festival, in which downtown is transformed into a charming Old World town of cultural entertainment, overrun by more than 150,000 people.

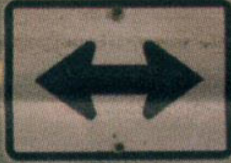
North of Junction City a little off the highway sits Monroe, a small community of grape-growing ventures and home to Hareline Dubbin, a major supplier to the fly-fishing industry.

Like Cheshire and Burp Hollow, Monroe boasts isolation and the small town atmosphere. None of these communities are far from recreational opportunities of all types, like fishing and hiking at Triangle Lake just 15 miles west of Cheshire on Highway 36.

Other attractions span 99 near here. The towering Seed & Grain building in Halsey and the famous steel bridge spanning the Willamette River just outside of Harrisburg are among many curiosities for the observant traveler. Burp Hollow is just one of the curiosities that make up the communities surrounding the course of the old-highway.

For travelers interested in saving a few bucks by visiting free attractions and cruising the countryside, discovering the sights and sounds of Highway 99 may be up your alley. And who knows? Maybe the soothing sounds of Burp Hollow will one day draw you in as it has the Rogers and Turners.

"It's just the name of a spot on the map."
Taryl Perry



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

Runners struggle against Lane after week of rain

Jacob Espinoza
 The Commuter

Rain delays last week kept the Roadrunners idle until Saturday, when they hosted Lane in a rematch of their previous Saturday's doubleheader against the Titans.

Lane, which is the current Southern Division leader, managed to repeat its sweep of the Roadrunners, 4-2 and 6-4.

Linn-Benton, however, has an opportunity to defend its playoff spot in games on the road against Clackamas and Chemeketa this week.

"We've got a full week on the road and we're going to have to play solid baseball to come away with some wins," head coach Greg Hawk said.

Clackamas is currently tied with Linn-Benton for third place in the Southern Division, with a 7-7 record. Chemeketa has also kept themselves in the playoff race with a 7-9 record.

"Hopefully (we'll) move forward," Hawk continued, "That's what we want, to move toward the upper half of our league."

Their games against Clackamas were originally scheduled for last Tuesday, but have been



Sophomore Jeremy Robinson pitches in Linn-Benton's doubleheader against Lane last Saturday. The Runners lost both games against Lane, but are still tied for third place in the Southern Division.

photo by Lewis Forquer

rescheduled to tomorrow, April 29 because of last week's rain. The Roadrunners will travel to Salem to play Chemeketa this Saturday.

Both doubleheaders will begin at 1 p.m.

"We definitely need to win all

of these games to create some space away from other teams and try to stay in the top three (of the Southern Division)," said freshman third baseman Ryan Savage.

Next Tuesday, Linn-Benton will host SWOCC.

"We should sweep SWOCC easily, they're not a team that can play with us if we play at our ability," said freshman Travis Rice.

Rice hit 3-5 with two RBIs in Linn-Benton's opening game against Lane last Saturday, but

it wasn't enough to help Linn-Benton overcome consecutive losses against the Titans.

"We didn't really come to hit once again," Rice said. "I'm disappointed. We should have done better. We dropped five out of six games to them."

Lane swept Mt. Hood, the Southern Division's second place team, last Friday.

"They've got a club that is doing the little things to get them over the top. We haven't been able to get that big hit in that game or the advance that we needed," Hawk said.

"Every time we had an answer they had a better answer—That's the way the series went."

Linn-Benton took a 4-1 lead in the sixth inning, but Lane was able to score five runs in the seventh inning after a potential double play took a bad bounce.

"The winner of game one was gonna win game two and that's what happened," Coach Hawk said. "The balls just seemed to fall for them. That's the best club in our league and we played them tooth and nail right to the end of each game. I'm proud of my guys and that's the bottom line."

National Basketball Association serves up sweeps week in the first round of playoffs

Jacob Espinoza
 The Commuter

Just a week into the playoff race and three teams have already exited without a win.

Boston lost four straight to Indiana, the Nets beat the Knicks in four straight and the Grizzlies couldn't get a win over the Spurs.

Tim Duncan averaged a double-double for the series with over 24 points and 10 rebounds. The Spurs barely escaped game three on a Mike Miller missed three pointer at the buzzer, but won by over double digits in the series' remaining games.

The Grizzlies had a great year though, making it to the playoffs for the first time in franchise history and should have good things in store for their future with their general manager Jerry West, including possibly housing Kobe Bryant's future.

The Indiana-Boston series was the most lopsided series of the playoffs so far. This was expected, however, because Boston is only in the playoffs because Cleveland point guard and former Blazer, Jeff McInnis suffered a late-season injury. Indiana's defense proved too much for Boston to overcome. The Celtics scored 90 points only once in the series.

Oregonian Fred Jones has

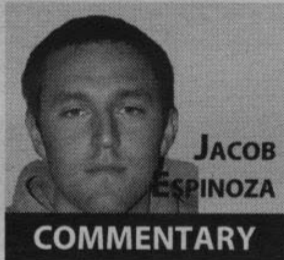
been playing big minutes for Indiana during their playoff run. He has been averaging over 25 minutes and eight points per game.

The battle between New York and New Jersey should have been a lot more intense than it was, considering it involved two

of the NBA's top point guards.

The point guards were both impressive, Stephon Marbury led his team with 21 points and six and a half assists per game and Jason Kidd led the series with nine assists a game.

New York simply didn't have enough fire power to match New Jersey's high flying game. Kenyon Martin was a monster, averaging 23 points and 9 rebounds a game.



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May 1	Chemeketa C.C.	Salem	1 p.m.
May 4	SWOCC	LBCC	1 p.m.
May 5	Linfield JVs	McMinnville	4 p.m.
May 8	Mt. Hood C.C.	Gresham, OR	1 p.m.
May 11	Clackamas C.C.	LBCC	1 p.m.
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Enforcers pound Hunters to open NNFL season

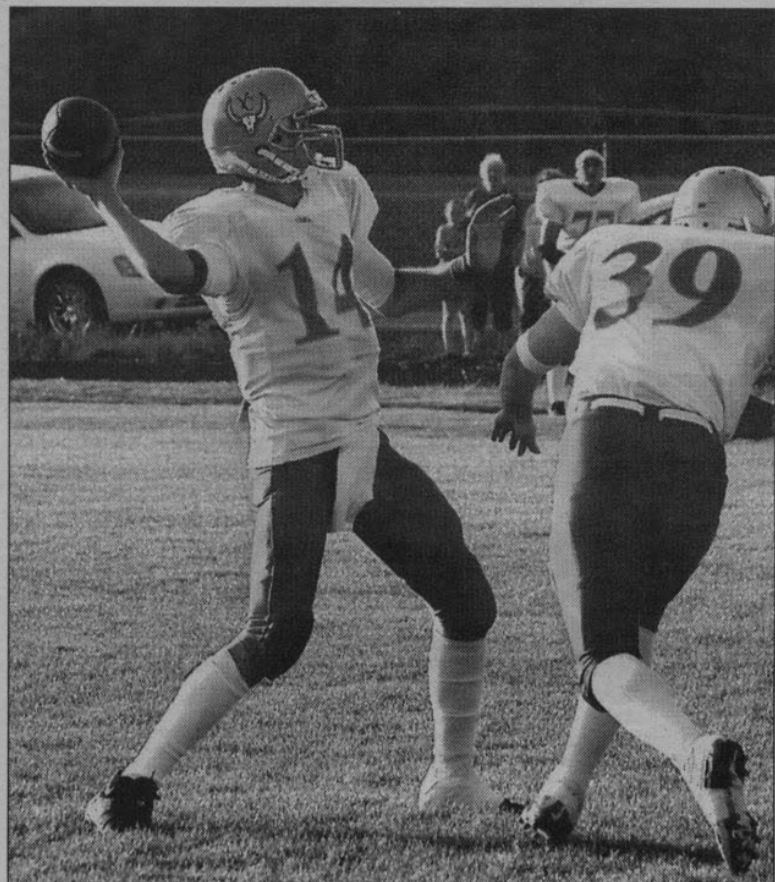


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Enforcers' quarterback Phil DePont prepares to fire one of his two touchdown passes in the team's season opening 44-14 win over the North Valley Hunters last Saturday.

Sheena Bishop
 The Commuter

Saturday, the Capitol Enforcers crunched the North Valley Hunters 44-14. It was the first game for the Hunters, matched with last years returning champions.

"When we showed up we really didn't come on the field ready to play," Hunter's quarterback David Agular said. Nervousness plagued the team, particularly in the first half.

The Enforcers stepped up with two touchdowns during the first minutes of the game, a wakeup call for the Hunters. While both teams started off sketchy, the Enforcers had experience on their side.

Defensive coordinator Chris Day was happy with how his quarterback threw and the Hunters' three interceptions.

"We have a lot of improving (to do)," Day said. "In the second half we had a hard time stopping the run of the tight end."

Lineman Clarence Galloway was recently injured, but stood

on the sideline in his jersey throughout the game cheering on his team. It was hard to miss his presence on the sideline with all the noise he made for the Hunters.

"I feel we learned something," Galloway said. "We're not undefeatable."

While a final game score of 44-14 is impressive, even the Enforcers have mistakes to learn from. Teamwork was not as strong in the first half as it could have been and they were obviously anxious, losing concentration a few times during the half. They kicked up the heat during the second half, however, adding 30 points to the scoreboard.

Around half of the Enforcers are returning players from last year. Many of them haven't played together before with the exception of practice.

"We had a good chance to jump on them early," head coach David Heuberger said. "The first ten plays the team used had never been run before."

The Enforcers scored 30 points after returning from the

break. "It showed they had better diversity in the second half," he said.

Toward the end of the second half the Hunters kept getting stopped only a few yards from the goal line. Flags were thrown, penalties were called, yet four downs weren't enough. The ball went back to the Enforcers after a last ditch effort to get the ball in for a touchdown.

Fans roared when Enforcers' quarterback Phil DuPont threw the ball from the three-yard line into receiver Andre' Harris' arms, who in turn ran the ball the remaining distance to the goal on the other end of the field, a 97-yard play.

The game was filled with flags on holding and chop blocks, some of which caused some controversy.

Most of the flags went down on the Enforcers, although the Hunters took a few for holding as well.

"They have a chance to be really good if they strive to work together," Heuberger commented.

Luke Frankel uses motivational force to mold 'rock solid' bodies

Joel Meacham
 The Commuter

"Today is the first day of the rest of your life and you will make of the rest of your life what you choose."

Those words of inspiration are spoken by Luke Frankel as you enter his wholesale supplement store and private training studio, Rock Solid Health Center.

Frankel, a graduate from OSU with a degree emphasizing in exercise sciences, has lived an active lifestyle that has prepared him for his career from a young age.

Involved in several athletic endeavors throughout his youth, he lists baseball, football, basketball, swimming, golf, weightlifting, martial arts and others as activities he enjoys the most.

Once he graduated from high school, he broke off from structured athletics and became a swim instructor and lifeguard for the Grants Pass YMCA.

It was at the YMCA that Frankel started to focus more seriously on weight training. He also began eating healthier and started a cardiovascular exercise program.

Thanks to that intensive training, Frankel developed his physique to the point that he was able to win fifth place in the Bill Pearl Classic Body Building competition.

Following up that placement he competed in the Ironman Bodybuilding competition, where he finished in the top ten. He went on to compete in several other competitions and is planning to return to it more in the future.

One of Frankel's greatest success stories is that of World Class Judo Competitor and author of the book Perfect Physique, Nathan D. Pietsch.

By training with Frankel he made huge strength gains and muscular de-

velopments that led him to the Olympic trials in judo.

In addition to his degree from OSU, he has endorsements from world-class athletes such as Pietsch.

Frankel is also certified with one of the most highly recognized personal trainer certifications in the nation, from the National Academy of Sports Medicine.

As a result of his hard work he has received countless job opportunities around the country, but rather than accept those he has chosen to open up the health center in Corvallis.

Frankel said that the greatest satisfaction that he gets out of his work is, "Taking people that have no personal self worth and giving them something that helps to turn that around."

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▶ Luke Frankel

One such person is Corvallis resident Elmer Wambolt. Wambolt has been a client

of Frankel's for two weeks and already he has seen results.

"Thanks to Luke, I feel enthusiastic and pumped up when I start and even more so when I leave." He considers Frankel a great inspiration and said that he has lost around seven pounds in the two weeks he has trained at Rock Solid.

He summed up his experience with one word: "Positive."

Today Frankel travels in the Northwest and has seminars on health, fitness and supplements. His specialties range from body composition testing to physique transformation.

He has helped change the lives of hundreds of people. His desire is to help motivate and teach people to improve their quality of life and to obtain their personal fitness goals.

The Rock Solid Health Center is located at 425 SW Madison Ave., Suite S in Corvallis. For more information you can go to www.rocksolidhc.com.

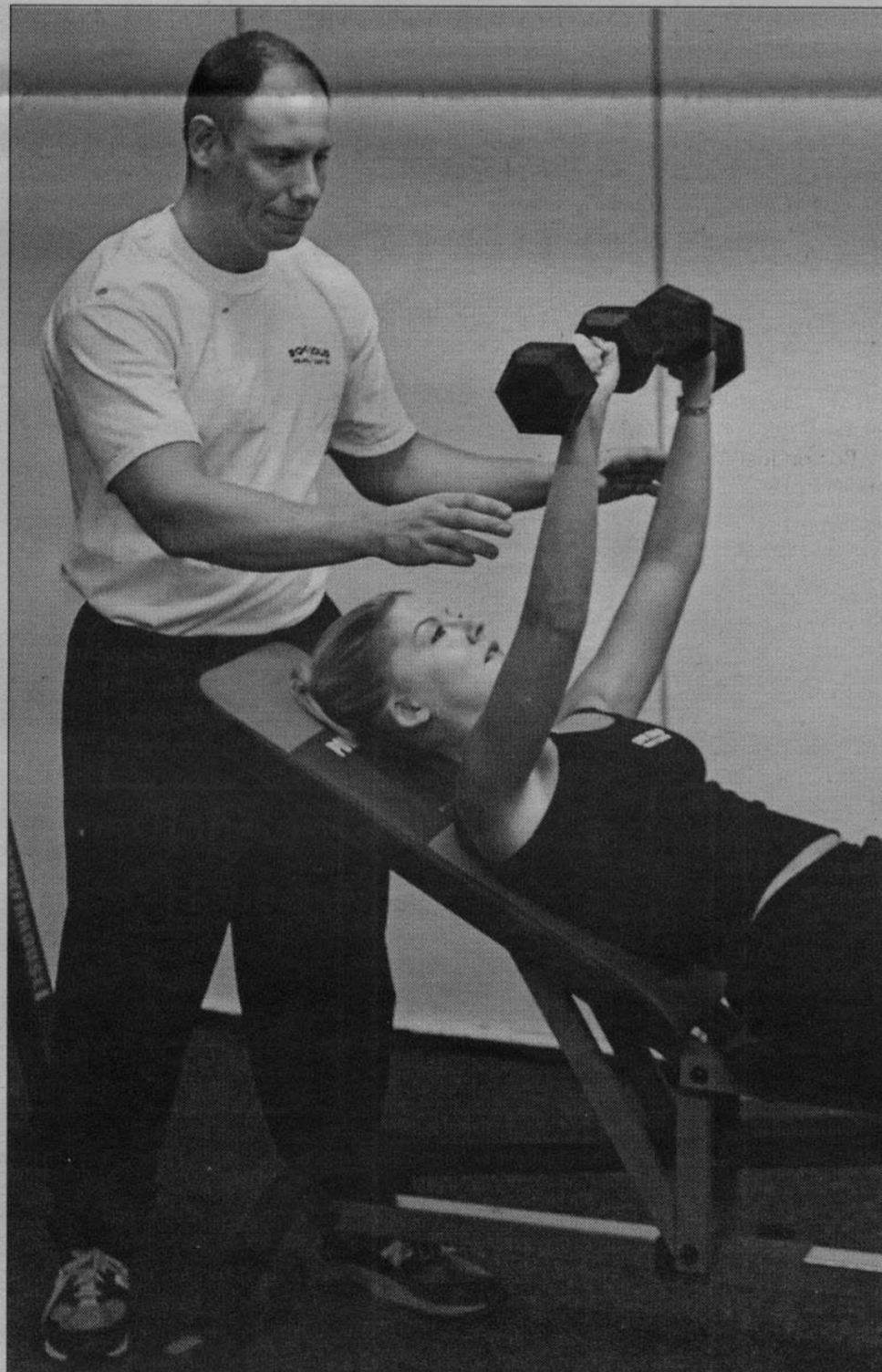


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Luke Frankel works with Gina Hgley at his downtown Corvallis health center. Frankel graduated from OSU with a degree in exercise science.

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NATIONAL NEWS

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Kucinich: Reputation as maverick inspires supporters

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In 1977, at the age of 31, he was elected mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, the youngest person ever elected to lead a major American city. When he took office, the municipal power company, Muny Light, was in financial trouble. The banks, which had an interest in a private utility company, urged the city to sell Muny Light to this firm. Kucinich refused, and the banks put the city in default.

Two years later, Kucinich lost his reelection bid, but was vindicated 15 years later for resisting the corporate take over, which resulted in Cleveland residents saving hundreds of millions of dollars. His campaign symbol became the light bulb.

Kucinich recently opened a new campaign office in Portland in an old, converted white-clapboard house tucked behind a small office supply store. The evening of the ribbon-cutting ceremony last month was cool and overcast, but it didn't dampen the spirits

of the devoted volunteers.

Kucinich, arrived for the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new headquarters, smiling and shaking hands with the small but enthusiastic crowd which lined the narrow driveway. He is slim man at 5 foot 7 inches and 135 pounds and looks younger than his 56 years.

"We're about six weeks out," (from the Oregon primary) Kucinich told the group crowded into a small upstairs office. "Everyone must pull together with high energy. The goal, is to have a functioning field office and canvas door to door with materials."

However, he also cautioned his supporters to pace themselves. "A volunteer in California was driving home late one night, fell asleep at the wheel and was killed—I don't want that to happen again. Please get plenty of rest."

"He is a voice for us," said Janelle Juris a campaign volunteer. "Oregon will speak to the rest of the country about unity

and peace."

Soon after he arrived, the strong smell of garlic wafted from the kitchen. Kucinich, a vegan (whole foods, no meat or dairy) gulped the dinner prepared for him.

Kucinich wants to lead a national movement toward peace. He fears that if the country continues on its current course in Iraq, the government will reinstall the draft. "We waded into Vietnam. Didn't we learn something?"

Kucinich's message to college students is clear: They must change the priority of America. "We need to cancel the tax cuts given to the wealthy and use that money to fund free tuition for everyone attending a public college or university," Kucinich said.

His Web site states: "education is the only proven way to reduce poverty, it is unacceptable that a child's education be dependent on where they are born or the financial status of their family.

The federal government spends only 2.9 percent of its budget on education. That will change under a Kucinich administration, because quality education is a core American right and value."

Kucinich introduced a piece of legislation to create a U.S. Department of Peace and make it be a cabinet-level position. The Secretary of Peace would seek to find ways of peace-building policy options for domestic and international use. The department would focus on finding non-military, peaceful conflict resolutions, promote justice and expand human rights.

"We want the youth to know about the Department of Peace," said Melissa Adams, the campaign's student outreach volunteer. "It aims to reduce violence at the local level, child abuse and to teach young people to be peaceful to each other, and find other ways to solve problems."

Kucinich wants to lead a national movement toward peace.

He fears that if the country continues on its present course in Iraq, the government will reinstall the draft. "We waded into Vietnam," he warns. "Didn't we learn something?"

In 2003, Kucinich received the Gandhi Peace Award given by Promoting Enduring Peace, an organization established in 1952 by Yale Professor Jerome Davis that seeks to "build friendships among people by educating them about one another's lives and cultures." Previous GPA recipients were Eleanor Roosevelt, Dr. Linus Pauling and Cesar Chavez.

While Kucinich has a serious side, he also has a sense of humor. The twice-divorced congressman said he's like to find a first lady who shares his views and who would like to work with him to promote his plans.

At last report, Kucinich is still looking for a mate.

For more information about Kucinich and his campaign, see his Web site: www.kucinich.us.

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

'Kill Bill: Vol. 2' delivers death and revenge

Sheena Bishop
 The Commuter

You know you are in for some action and blood with a movie harboring the tag line, "Revenge is a dish best served cold," which is exactly what director Quentin Tarantino, with the added talents of actress Uma Thurman, have done in "Kill Bill Vol. 2."

In case you are still in the dark on the history of this movie and it's prequel, it started several years ago when Thurman and Tarantino were on the set of another movie. The duo started throwing around ideas, birthing "Kill Bill."

Then Thurman had children

and Tarantino took up another project, throwing the notes they had created into a drawer until recently, when he pulled them out, called up Thurman and the ball started rolling again. The DVD Special Features on Vol. 1 go into great detail on how the two movies finally went from the junk drawer to the big screen.

Seeing her personal involvement in the development of her character, it's no wonder Thurman does the amazing job she does portraying The Bride.

The first "Kill Bill" is a complete setup to the second one. In "Kill Bill Vol. 2" viewers revisit the happy little wedding chapel where bloody mayhem

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starts it all, with greater detail. The Bride's hit list makes sense after the recap, as well as her skills and abilities after a few side trips down memory lane.

The connection between The Bride and Bill becomes deeper, roots are exposed and as the plot unfolds you find yourself scooting to the edge of your seat.

Had I been at home and not a theater, I probably would have stood up and cheered at the end of the movie. You have to celebrate a little when you see a character get exactly what she deserves.

While Vol. 1 touched on all

the logistics and the big picture, the fine print comes out in Vol. 2, making it the more dramatic of the two. You don't need Vol. 1 to understand Vol. 2 because of the way it is done, but Vol. 1 without Vol. 2 isn't enough to hold your attention long.

While the promises of death and destruction made in Vol. 1 all worked into Vol. 2, it's how they happen that holds your eyes to the screen.

The Bride's weapon of choice is the Hattori Hanzo made katana she convinced him to make for her in Vol. 1, a perfect balance between the vengeful woman on the handle and whoever she is swinging at: The balance of good

and evil, chopped apart with one fateful swoosh.

In an attempt not to give away the ending, I can only say "wow" and leave it at that. You know what is going to happen because you are told so in Vol. 1, but you still don't believe it when it finally does happen. The Bride does more than just walk around showing off her moves and intelligence while swinging a blade, she shows a nurturing, human side that the villains she seeks don't seem to comprehend. It's that side that ultimately puts her out on top.

If you aren't afraid to see some action and a lot of blood, go see this movie.

Award-winning 'Guide to Getting It On' shows how to

Peggy Isaacs
 The Commuter

Do you have sex? Do you want to have sex? Are you having sex right now? If you are, get your copy of the sex manual "Guide To Getting It On" by Paul Joannides, published by Goofy Foot Press.

This "how to" manual teaches, illustrates and gives complete techniques about all those questions you were afraid to ask and wondered about.

If there are problems with hand placement, this guide will explain step-by-step exactly, and I mean exactly, how to do whatever it is that is on your mind.

There are chapters on kissing, bodily fluids, satisfying your partner, oral sex, masturbation, sexual fantasies and

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a chapter on what to do when your system crashes.

Besides the updates and corrections, there are eight new chapters. The new topics range from Gland & Seminal Vessels, Internet Dating, Men's Underwear and let's not forget the ultimate and up-to-date chapter on Sex and Cyberspace.

The new fourth edition has 51 new illustrations that help emphasize techniques or illustrates how the male and female bodies work. The illustrations alone could teach even the most knowledgeable a few new tricks.

For those of you who may be offended just by this article, this manual may not be for you. If you are one with a curious mind, thirst for knowledge or just want

to improve your sex life, try this manual. There is even "The Goofy Glossary" with 506 definitions that will help make the reading even more enjoyable.

The author, Joannides, wants to make sure that each new edition reaches farther and takes new risks. It was his intention that this edition be as intelligent as any book ever written on sex, but also wanted it to be down-to-earth and fun so that anyone could enjoy and benefit from it.

"The Guide To Getting It On" has won three awards, The American Foundation for Gender and Genital Medicine, the Firecracker Alternative book award and the Ben Franklin award. It is assigned reading in college sex-ed courses all over the country and translated into fourteen languages, including a separate UK edition.

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Church
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 Spring Concert
 7:30 p.m.
 \$10

Fox & Firkin
 202 SW 1st St.
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 753-8533

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No Comply Rats
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 9:30 p.m.
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 Multicultural Center
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April 30
Knowing Her Place
 Film Series
 12-1 p.m.
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OSU
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17th Annual Pet Day
Activities and Booths
 Fun Run 9:15 a.m.
 Events: 10-4 p.m.
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April 30
Chirgilchin
Stephen Kent
Sarymai Urchmayeu
 Tuvan Throat Singers
 8:30 p.m.
 \$10 advance/ \$12 Door



photo by Peggy Isaacs

Rocker T

Rocker T, seen here playing the melodic, sends loving sounds to reggae fans Monday night at Platinum in Corvallis. Local band The Hounds warmed the crowd up for dancing before Rocker T took the stage.



photo by Peggy Isaacs

Albany Civic Theater puts on a hilarious show of stupidity in "Fools." Ten thespians make up this humorous and quirky tale that takes place in a small Russian town. Members are: Front row – Sjon Grover (Butcher), Second row – Sean Hotspeich (Count), Devon Gray (Sophia), Robert Moore (Magistrate), Tim Jaeger (Tutor), Back row – Leesa Jones (Lenya), Arlin Roler (Dr. Nikolai), Ryan Williamson (Mailman), Emmet Whittaker (sheep herder) and Sandi Wilson (Yencha).

Curtain rises at Albany Civic Theater for Neil Simon's 'Fools'

Peggy Isaacs
 The Commuter

Albany Civic Theater opened this weekend with Neil Simon's "Fools." A humorous tale of a tutor, Leon Tolchinsky who travel to the remote village of Kulyenchikov, Russia to teach the people of the town.

He arrives only to find a sheep herder trying to find his sheep. He tries to converse with the shepherd and finds that to be impossible for the shepherd is stupid.

As he proceeds to try to locate the doctor, Nikolai Zubritsky who invited him there, he is greeted by a vendor, Yenchna, selling white fish. The fish are actually white flowers and the explanation for this is stupid.

By this time the tutor is beginning to wonder about the villagers in the town. He finally learns the town is cursed with stupidity so profound that they sweep dust into their houses, and milk cows upside down to get more cream.

After finding and meeting the doctor and his wife, Lenya Zubritsky, he realizes the task of teaching will be hard when the wife gets excited just by him asking her a question.

The question: What is the meaning of man's existence? Both villagers don't even want to discuss the question. They thought it was wasted and didn't want to push the subject. They were satisfied with just being asked a question.

The doctor's daughter, Sophia Zubritsky, came downstairs and the tutor fell in love at first sight. He agrees to stay and teach her, in which case he has 24 hours to break the curse, save the town and release the burden of stupidity from the villagers.

Sophia is being pursued by the count, Gregor Yousekevitch, who is asking her twice a day to get married. The count finds out he has competition from the tutor and pursues her more.

In the end the good guy gets the girl and everyone lives happily ever after . . . and smart. Ten members make up the comical folk tale

that includes: Tim Jaeger playing Leon Tolchinsky, who made the best stupid face I've seen in awhile. Emmet Whittaker, making his stage debut as Snetsky, the sheep herder.

Returning actor Robert Moore plays Magistrate Kupchik, the time-keeper of the village. Beginning his acting career in West Albany High School, Sjon Grover plays Slovitch, the butcher.

The mailman of the town, Mishkin, is played by Corvallis college student, Ryan Williamson. Eugene resident, Sandi Wilson plays Yencha, the town vendor.

An invaluable member of the construction crew for ACT, Arlin Roler plays Dr. Nikolai Zubritsky, who stole the show. Roler is an excellent stupid doctor. He thinks it's okay to be stupid and life is wonderful that way. A great character who keeps the laughs rolling along with his wife Lenya Zubritsky played by Leesa Jones, who makes "Fools" her third performance at the ACT.

The Zubritskys' daughter, Sophia, a beautiful brunette who make the men swoon is played by Devon Gray. Sophia knows she's stupid and lives with it matter-of-factly. She is so funny and even sometimes makes sense.

The Count of Kulyenchikov, Gregor Yousekevitch played by Sean Lotspeich, is a gallant man who knows what he wants, but is also cursed even though it was his family that started the curse years ago over a lost love.

Entertaining, hilarious and even a bit quirky, the cast of "Fools" put on a show that is worth seeing, if just for the laughs of stupidity.

Performances are at 8 p.m. on April 30 and May 1,6,7,8, 2004. An afternoon matinee at 2:30 p.m. will be given on May 2.

The theater is located at 113 W First Avenue, Albany.

For tickets contact Sid Stevens Jewelers in Albany (541) 967-8140 or Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis (541) 752-7779. Ticket reservations must be made at the outlets. The box office opens 45 minutes before curtain.

For more information contact Act Theater (541) 928-4603.



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