

All Steamed Up

Chris Sanders, a part-time campus groundskeeper, blasts the dirt off the courtyard with a 3,000-psi steam cleaner. Sanders spent the past week cleaning a two-year buildup of dirt and algae off the concrete and bricks. This week he is cleaning the bricks around the College Center fountain. Grounds supervisor George van Keuler said the courtyard has been on a two-year cleaning schedule, but that as the campus ages, he is considering stepping up the schedule to clean it annually. "It needs it," van Keuler said. "I'd also like to put some stucco on the walls around the courtyard to get some color out there."



Photo by Roger Lebar

ASG seeks ways to leave legacy, improve campus

by Mary Hake
of The Commuter

LBCC's student government is looking for more ideas on what to purchase as a legacy to the campus in the name of the Class of 1997.

Each year the LBCC student government budget includes money to purchase a permanent addition to the campus as a gift for future students.

The most recent gift was The Peace Garden, located near Eastway Loop, which was dedicated in May 1995.

It was created after the Oklahoma bombing two years ago as a memorial "to all innocent victims of violence." Last year's project money was used to add the keyhole-shaped sidewalk that leads up to the memorial.

Last Wednesday the student council considered a variety of ways to spend the \$4,000 available for this year's gift. The only project approved was \$499 to purchase dictionaries for Adult Basic Education and ESOL, while other proposals were taken under consideration.

One of those proposals requested \$1,600 for a new system of metal locking "Pass the Buck" boxes with motivational pieces. That idea is still being studied, however, because the full cost is not yet known, said Tami Paul Bryant, director of Student Life and Leadership.

ASG is also checking on the cost of refurbishing the present boxes and installing more, Bryant said, adding

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Felon not wanted in neighborhood near campus

Police, parole officer meet with concerned parents to discuss record of convicted pedophile

by Schellene Pils
of The Commuter

A convicted sex offender plans to move into a neighborhood just north of the LBCC campus, but families in the area have other ideas.

When it became known earlier this month that convicted sex-offender Henry Montellano intends to make the Southwest Looney Lane neighborhood his home in July, several families who live nearby came together in an attempt to keep him out.

According to Theresa Johnson of the Albany police department, more than 50 residents of the area held a Neighborhood Watch meeting at Liberty Elementary School on April 10. They were informed by Renee Pileggi, Montellano's parole officer, of Montellano's prior convictions and warned that he is a predatory sex offender who "grooms" his victims. She said the term "grooming" means the offender looks for children and prepares them by giving them gifts and being nice to them.

Parents were also told by Johnson what they can do to keep their children safe.

The 45-year-old Montellano is described as a Hispanic male, 5-feet-5-inches tall, weighing about 120 pounds, with brown hair and eyes and a light goatee. He has been convicted four times, including assault with attempt to rape a child in 1971, two counts of public indecency in 1979 and first-degree sexual abuse in 1982. He was released from Linn County Jail on March 23 at midnight and paroled at the end of March. The children that he was convicted of molesting were all girls, ranging in age from seven to nine.

"We know who he is, and we know what he does; we don't want him in our neighborhood."

—Susy Leonard

Parole Officer Pileggi, who also attended the Neighborhood Watch meeting, told the citizens that Montellano's parole expired in March, which means he has no special conditions. "He's an ordinary citizen," she said. The group was also informed that he had not finished the treatment required of a sex

offender. "His parole expired so he's not required to go any more to finish it," she said.

Because he is considered a predatory offender, according to Johnson, the parole board has determined the offender is at risk to reoffend.

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Local group 'comes out' with Ellen

"Ellen" is coming out on ABC on April 30, and LBCC's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Support Group is inviting members and supporters to join them in a "Coming out with Ellen" celebration on campus.

The group will play the hour-long taped sitcom in the College Center Board Rooms at 11:45 a.m. May 1. The room will be open from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The group encourages everyone to come early and stay late. A discussion will follow the video.

The Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Support Group organized on April 14 in response to requests from students for a safe meeting place to exchange information and ideas. It is a free, drop-in group with no preregistration required. The group meets Mondays 7:30-8:30 a.m. in AHSS Room 103.



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Annual banquet to honor business students

The 24th annual Business Awards Banquet honoring outstanding students in business management, business technology and computer programs, will be held May 2 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Commons. Admission is \$9.95. For tickets, call Susan Castellon at ext. 4255.

High school students to shadow LBCC students

Local high school students are invited to participate in the LBCC "Shadow Program" which begins today. The program matches high school students with LBCC students with similar interests, and the pair spend a day together on campus. The program, sponsored by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, will continue until the end of the spring term, June 13. Interested high school students should contact their high school counselors for applications.

Local Hispanic festival planned for May 10

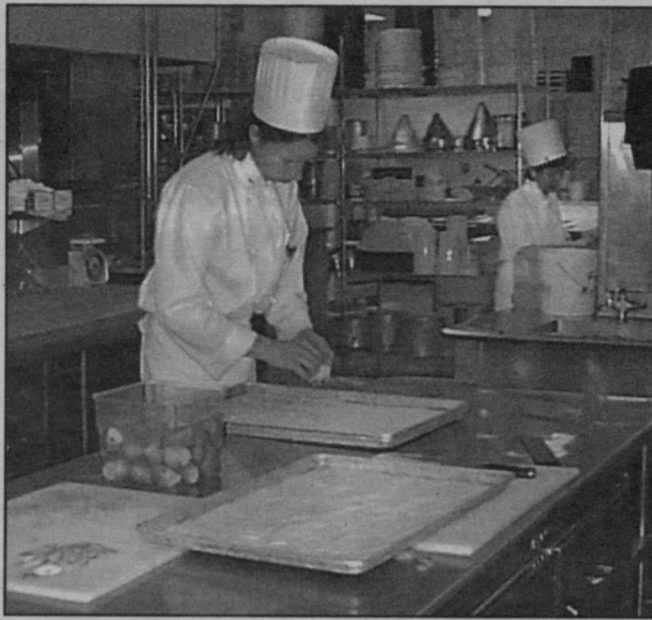
"La Fiesta de Nuestra Comunidad," a community festival for the families and youth of the area, will take place Saturday, May 10, at the Shop 'n Kart of Albany. Teresa Porras, of Dallas Radio "La Campeona," will be entertaining live. Other entertainment will include music, folkloric dance and drama. Food booths, arts and crafts for youth and resource booths will also be on site. Presented by the Linn-Benton Hispanic Community Advisory Group, the festivities will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Auction to raise funds for scholarships

Gift baskets, hand made items and baked goods will be auctioned at the Corvallis Public Library main meeting room this Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. to noon. Sponsored by the PEO Chapter FN of Corvallis, a women's community organization, the auction will raise funds to provide scholarships for women. Complementary coffee and baked goods will be available.

Bookstore Tip: Hold onto your books till June

The deadline for full refunds on returned textbooks has passed. Although students may return books anytime for wholesale buyback, they'll get more money if they wait for Book Buyback Week, June 9-11.



Ostrich

The Other Red Meat

Culinary Arts Club serves up ostrich feast for over 100

Eric Michaelis cuts up spuds in the cafeteria kitchen as Chanel Westman helps set the tables in preparation for the Culinary Arts Club's first Ostrich

Feast Monday night. The event, which featured ostrich carpaccio, pan-seared ostrich medallion and grilled ostrich fillet, drew more than 100 people from as far away as Portland. The Culinary Arts program has been developing recipes for ostrich this year using meat donated by local ostrich farmer Sherry Cooper, who wants to get more people interested in what the industry is calling "the premier red meat of the next century."

Digital photos by Josh Burk

Families object to felon moving nearby

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Susy Leonard, one of the mothers who has helped organize opposition to Montellano's residency, has reported that her property has been vandalized since the meeting. She has said that the neighborhood is keeping an eye on each other's children and not allowing them to go to the park or anywhere else alone.

"Just like we told (the Albany Demo-

crat Herald), we know who he is, and we know what he does; we don't want him in our neighborhood," she said.

State Sen. Mae Yih, who was also at the Neighborhood Watch meeting, recommended that the neighbors use the Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Program to educate students about sexual abuse. Yih also urged them to support tougher sexual abuse legislation.

Special project ideas sought by student council

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that originally there were about 30 to 35 boxes around campus for student complaints and comments. Now there are about 14 left.

Bryant said student government plans to publicize the "Pass the Buck" system and share past success stories.

"What other means are there for students to get their complaints addressed?" she asked. She wants to let students who use the forms know they will be heard within the administration.

Bryant has requested that ASG make its decisions by the end of April so that the projects can be completed by June 30, the end of the fiscal year. Any funds not spent by then will be rolled over, she

said. Although usually allocated during spring term, "special project" money may be spent any time during the school year.

Council members would like input from students regarding appropriate gifts for future students.

In other business at Wednesday's meeting, ASG interviewed and appointed a new member, Timothy French, Science and Industry representative.

The Student Programming Board also added new members last week. Timothy Garnier was named campus events specialist; Leann Yock was appointed series events specialist; Neil Jensen became the new health and recreation specialist; and Briggett Bailey was named multi-cultural activities specialist.

Four mini-sessions offered by library to improve skills

The library is offering a series of four mini-sessions designed to "make your time in the library more productive by taking a mini-session," according to Reference Librarian Judith Turner.

Four sessions will be offered this spring. Each will be offered twice.

•General Reference Tools—What's there and how to use it, April 24, 1 p.m.; and May 14, 10 a.m.

•Research Strategy—How to structure a search for information, April 30, 2 p.m.; and May 15, 11 a.m.

•Search Engines—Special Internet features and how to use them, April 22, 10 a.m.; and May 5, 1 p.m.

•EBSCOhost—How to search for periodical articles electronically, May 2, 11 a.m.; and May 8, 1 p.m.

Meet at the reference desk in the library for the free sessions. Each session will last 30 to 40 minutes and is available on a drop-in basis. Contact the reference desk or call X4645 for more information.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

review

Insults and sarcasm await listeners of 'Whaddya' Know' radio show

by Ani Sky Phelan
for The Commuter

Winter and springtime in Oregon provides us with some cold, soggy weekends. Being stuck indoors, stranded by inclement weather and monotonous meaningless television programming, can make us feel stir-crazy.

This is the perfect cue for turning off the tube, turning on the radio and tuning in to "Whaddya' Know?" with host Michael Feldman (Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on National Public Radio).

Feldman's two-hour comedy/quiz show is a format of spiced variety cynical observations, intelligent humor and trivia ranging from the delicate to the risqué.

Feldman is accompanied by announcer Jim Packard and backed up by the talents of John and Jeff on piano and bass. Feldman is a retired teacher of Jewish descent and a radio star in the great tradition of Groucho Marx.

At the start of the show Feldman begins with hilarious quips and quotes on current issues. He covers everything from politics to religion to O.J. He does not discriminate; everyone and everything is insulted.

After about eight minutes of monologue he asks the audience, "Whaddya' know?" to which they respond, "Not much. You?"

Then the fun begins. The show is filled with sarcasm and irony, especially when the more serious issues are affronted with the funniest lines. Feldman's humor appeals to an educated audience—it is subtle and requires a thoughtful listener to enjoy every pun and quick-witted remark.

The format of "Whaddya' Know" hinges on Feldman's interaction with the live audience and phone participation from radio listeners.

There is a salute to the "town of the

week," determined by a blind toss of the dart by Feldman at a U.S. map at the end of the previous week's show.

Feldman also does phone interviews with not-so-famous celebrities, answers random questions of any depth from audience members, and always comes up with obscure innuendoes to further entertain the listeners.

At the end of each hour is the coveted "Whaddya' Know Quiz." First an audience member is selected to read the four disclaimers. Then an audience member need only give an intriguing reason to play the quiz, while a phone participant must answer an ambiguous trivia question to be included in the game.

The two players then team up to correctly answer more trivia questions from the following categories: people, places, current events, science, odds-n-ends and things you should have learned in school had you been listening.

The best three out of five correctly answered questions wins each player an assortment of prizes, generally including a tape/compact disc of Feldman and a four-foot-square map of Wisconsin made of cheese. If the players answer five out of five questions correctly, after dubious praise they are awarded "The Giant Kielbasametaphor" for

the most that can be awarded—usually including a month's supply of Beano (a flatulence remedy).

We who are partial to such shows as "Prairie Home Companion," with host Garrison Keillor, may find ourselves initially shocked by Feldman's blatant wit. But be assured that within the nothing-is-safe boundaries of "Whaddya' Know" the appeal is challenging.

Behind the music, humor and trivia is the genius of a retired teacher and his contributors, and if we're not careful, we may just learn something.



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Blown-glass artifacts by William Morris on exhibit

The Salem Art Association's Bush Barn Art Center is showing the glasswork of William Morris, considered to be one of the best glass artists in the country. Morris' work, which has never before been exhibited in the Willamette Valley, will be shown May 2 to June 26. An opening reception for the show is scheduled for 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on May 2, with a gallery talk at 6:30 p.m. Exhibit hours are 12 to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Bush Barn is located in Bush's Pasture Park in Salem. For more information call (541) 581-2228.

Internet Intersection: Sites to See

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<http://www.coppocktech.com/cbooks/index.html>

Publishers Weekly Bestseller Lists:
<http://www.bookwire.com/PW/bsl/bestseller-index.html>

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SPORTS PAGE

Track team falls short despite strong individual performances

Sherrod and Pinston take firsts in running events, while Phillips pole vaults to second

by Shawna Phillips of The Commuter

Although not everything went Linn-Benton's way in the four-way track meet on Friday, Coach Brad Carman felt better about the way his team competed than he had all season.

"People understood the team score, and they were right there cheering for each other and helping each other up," said Carman. "When something went bad, they pulled the guy off the track and pulled them up so they were right back in the next event."

The Roadrunners were up against some tough competition. Lane and Clackamas ended up first and second in both the men's and women's divisions. Southwestern Oregon's women finished third and the Roadrunner men also finished third.

Kyle Sherrod and T.J. Pinkston were the only 'Runners to place first. Sherrod,

who was solid all day, placed first in the 100 meters and second in the 200. He also gave LB a good first leg to help lead the 4x100 relay team to a second-place finish. Pinkston suffered a hard fall in the hurdles, but then stepped it up in the high jump to capture a season-best 6-6 3/4.

Matt Phillips placed second in the pole vault with a mark of 15-0. Though Rich Stauble struggled a little, he still managed to come in third in both the 200 and the high jump. Also, Ryan Grant placed third in the long jump.

Three men placed fourth and picked up some much-needed points for LBCC in their events—Josh Bjornstad, Essii Taylor and Mark Strader. Strader made a diving effort in the hurdles after his teammate fell. Taylor had a personal best in the hammer with 80-11. Bjornstad threw the shot put 34-5 and competed in the 400 hurdles for the first time this year.

"The women struggled a little bit," Carman said. "There were some things that we thought that we could have done to score a little bit better."

Darcy Zettler placed third in the 800. Cambria Martin came in third in the 3,000. Heather Decker acquired a personal best in the hammer throw and placed fourth with a 117 mark, which is 20 feet farther than her previous best.

Renee Growcock took on a tough double event, finishing fourth in both the 1,500 and 3,000. Despite her nagging shoulder pain, Melissa Gale still came out and scored points for Linn-Benton in the javelin.

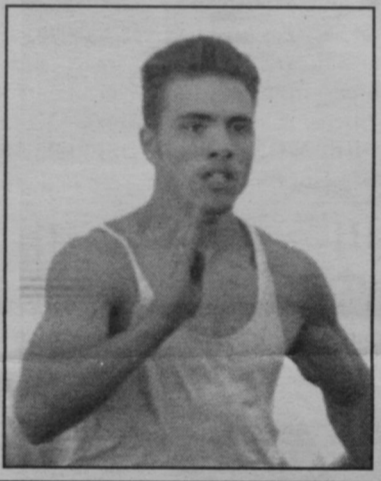
"Right now we just have the classic problem. We're lacking enough bodies to score against that large of competition," Carman commented. "But every event we had people in, they were right there digging and scratching and clawing for every point that was out there."

The Roadrunners will be traveling to Monmouth this Saturday to compete in the Western Oregon Open before coming home to compete in the NWAACC Multi Event that will take place on Monday and Tuesday.

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—Brad Carman

jock in the box



Who: Kyle Sherrod

What: Freshman Sprinter

Background: Newport High School/Newport, Ore.

Recent Highlights: At the meet on Friday he placed first in the 100-meter dash, second in both the 200 and 4x100 relay.

Personal Bests: 11:03 in the 100-meter, 22:02 in the 200 and 43.21 in the first leg of the 4x100 which is .1 second off the school record.

Sports Hero: Michael Johnson

Coollest Sports Moment:

"I was in high school in Montana, and we ran a race when it was 10 degrees below zero, so we had to run with our warm-ups on. It was kind of a kick."

hawk squawk box

"Everybody got rained out at the same time, so everything ought to be equal. To me what it's going to mean is who's got the most pitching depth. Whoever's got the most is going to be the team that surfaces this week and, in the second or third round of league play, will be looking at the playoff spot."



—Greg Hawk

'Runners take revenge on Lane after losing doubleheader in last meeting

by Shawna Phillips of The Commuter

The Roadrunners tasted sweet revenge for the first time this season after downing Lane last Tuesday 7-4.

Brannon Cedergreen improved his record to 4-2 by allowing only one earned run, walking none and striking out four.

"Cedergreen has established himself as the ace on the club. Now we're looking for two or three other guys to step up and meet the challenge," said Coach Greg Hawk.

Linn-Benton's offense didn't kick in until the fifth inning, when John McManus started things off with a single. Robbie Hollister and Omar Cepeda had the only other hits of the inning, but because of some Titan errors and fielder's choices three runs ended up scoring.

In the sixth, Cepeda drove in Craig Pfeifer with a bases loaded single to tie the game. Then Domingo Amaya, who had been 0 for 3 up to then, smacked what looked like a single to right field. But the ball took a nasty hop over the right fielder, who twisted his ankle as he

turned to run it down. That converted Amaya's hit into a three-run triple that eventually won the game.

"We felt that we owed them one after our first meeting. It took us a couple of days to think about it at home, and we went back there and played very, very well. I was impressed with the way we hit the ball," Hawk stated.

Both Pfeifer and Roger Sebastian went 2-4. McManus and Cepeda were 2-5, with Cepeda driving in two. Amaya ended up with four RBIs for the day.

Because of the rain on Saturday, all four of the games that were supposed to have been played over the weekend were canceled.

The doubleheader against Mt. Hood has been rescheduled for Thursday at 1 p.m. on Linn-Benton's field. That starts a five-game home stand, with Southwestern Oregon visiting Saturday for a doubleheader at 1 p.m., followed by a single game at 12 p.m. on Sunday.

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City of Lake Oswego Parks and Recreation Dept. is now accepting applications for the Summer Day Camp Program and the Swim Park. Day Camp employees are responsible for planning activities for children ages 4 to 10. Positions include Leaders and Aides. Swim Park positions include Lifeguards and Head Guard, responsible for overseeing operations and supervising guarding staff. For more information go to the Career Center, Takena Hall or call 917-7480.

Northwest Youth Corps (NYC) is a summer education and job training program for high school youth ages 16-19 and are now offering jobs as Assistant Crewleader and Crewleader. Summer camp is from May 29 or June 6 to Sept. 1; and fall camp is from Sept. 7 to Oct. 12. For more information go to the Career Center, Takena Hall or call 917-4780.

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Agri-Tech Inc. of Oregon is advertising for approximately 20 Summer Seasonal positions. The jobs that are currently open are as follows: Tractor Operator, Loader Operator and Site Lead.

The Chicago Botanical Garden will begin its selection process to fill positions for the 1997 Internship Program in late March. See information in the Career Center.

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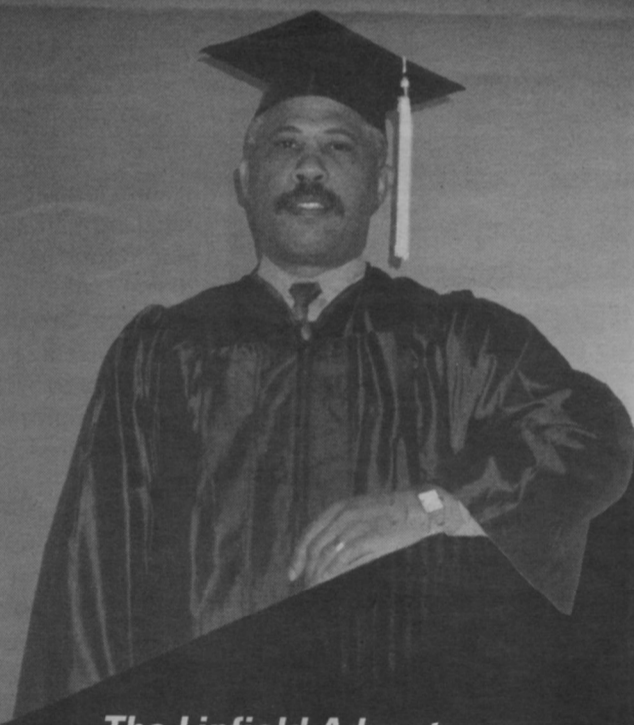
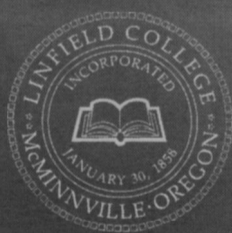
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OPINION PAGE

Letters

Earth Day interest fades as awareness grows

To the Editor:

Pete Petryszak's column on Earth Day "The Commuter, April 16) was well-reasoned and thought-provoking.

In regard to his remarks, I have some comments to make about markets and how they are key to the success of all human endeavors, including the environmental movement.

Any human activity involves a trade of some sort, a choice. Normally, we choose the option we perceive to be of greatest value. No rational and good individual, for example, intentionally walks off a cliff, throws her money out of windows or inflicts injury on others.

With no habitat other than our brain, humans survive by being intelligent, inventive and foresightful. We try and make good choices, since the alternative may be a fatal fall, needless poverty or a retaliatory strike.

Except for a few remote cultures, most civilizations during human history have enjoyed fantastic progress, measured by their higher standards of living—longer life expectancy, more opportunities for work and play, better means of communication, etc. These advancements are the direct results of dynamic and continuous commerce in goods, services and ideas. Markets work.

Of course, for all his progress, man has been messy.

But only man can clean it up. And the most efficient way for recycling and reuse is in open markets.

Perhaps the reason Earth Day is no longer the trendy celebration it used to be is that to some degree, man has always recycled and reused. To their credit, environmentalists (as Petryszak observes) successfully raised individual awareness about pollution and its consequences. We're paying more attention now.

What environmentalists have done less successfully, however, is force markets to move. Markets thrive when people voluntarily perceive value in a transaction. They do not work well when they are hurriedly invoked by force.

We do not live on a perfect Earth. But we do live in a dynamic civilization where free markets can assure us of at least a cleaner environment.

Jerry Boal, Corvallis

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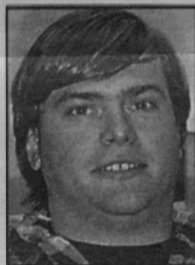
pete petryszak

The war is over, but the desert is still stormy

The Gulf War may have ended six years ago, but our military operations in the Middle East don't make that fact very obvious.

The cease-fire that ended the Gulf War in 1991 stopped the shooting, but our forces there still resemble one engaged in wartime operations. U.S. Central Command reported to the Associated Press on March 31 that nearly 20,000 American servicemen and women remain in the gulf.

U.S. troops and sailors are stationed at bases in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait and Quatar, and on 14 ships patrolling the water. Navy and Air Force pilots fly approximately 200 sorties over Iraq each day to enforce no-fly zones that encompass two-thirds of the country.



Over the past half-decade, air strikes against Iraq have periodically grabbed headlines. Violence in the Gulf drew the nation's attention suddenly when news of a bombing was released, and then vanished just as abruptly as the status quo returned. The U.S. has stepped in to curtail Saddam Hussein's violence against the Kurds, and destroyed Iraqi military and radar equipment.

Despite the continued U.S. presence, armed conflicts still flare up in the region. Iraqi Kurds are plagued by in-fighting that swells to civil wars, and the Iraqi government shelters and trains rebel soldiers from Iran. Given the intensity of these conflicts and the hostility all sides hold against the U.S., the current forces stationed in the Middle East are unlikely to bring a resolution of them any closer.

During the time that these troops have been in the gulf, a force of similar size was deployed to and withdrawn from Somalia, and another 30,000 have been sent to Bosnia on what looks to be another long term, open-ended commitment.

Unlike Bosnia, it doesn't take long to figure out what American interests are in the Persian Gulf. Gas prices in the U.S. are lower than anywhere else in the world. To keep our fuel supplies coming in at the least cost to consumers, we need to maintain security in the region, at least that of our trading partners. Of course, we'll be paying for the military operations to bring in that cheap oil, which could negate our savings at the pump. This year alone, we're spending \$714 million on operations in the gulf (which is cheap when compared to \$2.5 billion for Bosnia).

During the war, there was no lack of support for U.S. military action. Operation Desert Storm was greeted enthusiastically by the vast majority of American people, the Congress and our coalition partners in the gulf.

That support has eroded since the war ended, however. U.S. operations have evolved into a quasi-occupation of Iraq's airspace, leading to sporadic attacks on Iraqi forces when they fired on American planes. Our continuing efforts to keep Hussein "in his box," as we define it, could lead our host countries to expel our troops. We're still operating under provisional agreements with our coalition partners. There are no long-term commitments from those countries to allow us to locate bases in their territory.

The dilemma that surfaced this week may push us further in the direction of abandoning some or all of our air operations over Iraq. Iraq's intention to fly pilgrims home from Mecca raises the question of whether it is worthwhile to try to enforce the no-fly zone against aircraft carrying civilians, and whether a decision to do so would sour relations with our allies. It is unthinkable that our military would shoot down aircraft carrying civilians, but to permit non-military flights while trying to keep military aircraft on the ground would be next to impossible.

In addition to damaging our reputation among our Gulf War allies, more strikes against Iraq could weaken our standing as an intermediary in Arab-Israeli relations as well.

The view that Saddam Hussein was a renegade and that Kuwait's sovereignty and security needed to be defended was shared by our partners during the war, but recently that commitment to sovereignty has been turned around on us. The nations that saluted our defense of Kuwait's sovereignty in 1991 are starting to view our actions in Iraq as a violation of Iraqi sovereignty. The belief that Saddam, having been reigned in, should now be permitted to run his government, corrupt though it may be, as he sees fit, is gaining popularity among Arab states. Further attacks could add strength to anti-American terrorist groups in the region. However, if we stopped enforcing the no-fly zones now, we would still probably have enough support, in Kuwait at least, to maintain a military presence in the region to defend our interests and those of our allies.

The Associated Press reports that U.S. troops are now stationed in 41 countries around the world. Having that many commitments produces both logistical nightmares and conflicts among our allies. It's important that our actions in one area, taken to protect our interests and those of one ally, do not weaken, destabilize or offend other allies.

It looks like we have nothing more to gain by using Saddam Hussein as a punching bag, and that we can take other steps to protect our interests that would still be effective and less threatening to our standing among allies.

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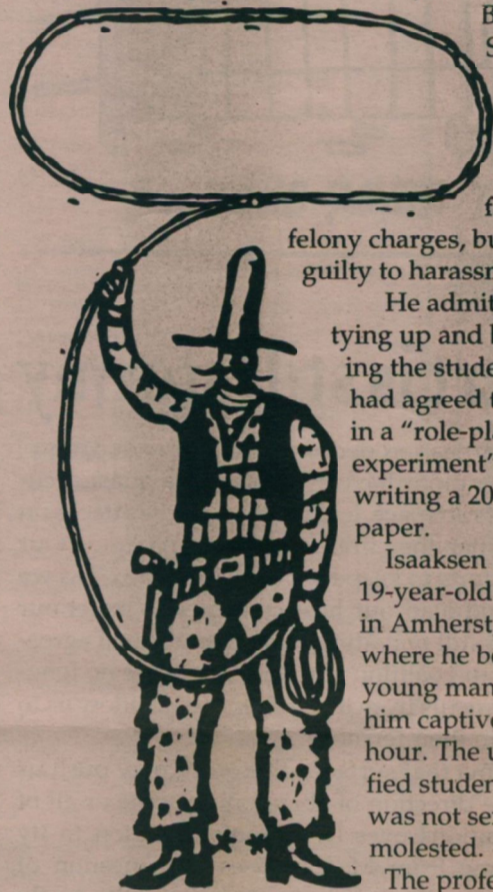
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Oddball Stories from Around the Globe

College professor gets busted for twisted experiment

Reuter

BUFFALO, N.Y.—A New York professor of creative studies who handcuffed and hog-tied a student has agreed in a plea deal to quit his job, get counseling and perform community service.



Buffalo State College professor Scott Isaaksen faced

felony charges, but pleaded guilty to harassment.

He admitted to tying up and blindfolding the student, who had agreed to take part in a "role-playing experiment" instead of writing a 20-page paper.

Isaaksen took the 19-year-old to a hotel in Amherst, N.Y., where he bound the young man and kept him captive for an hour. The unidentified student says he was not sexually molested.

The professor, who has been a consultant for the Disney company and was director of the Buffalo Center for Creative Studies, is also barred from future employment as a teacher. His 150 hours of community service must not involve anyone under the age of 21.

Drunk fruit flies offer answers towards alcoholism

Reuter

LONDON—Topsy fruit flies that act just like people who have had a few too many could hold the key to why some people become alcoholics, U.S. researchers reported Friday.

New Scientist magazine quoted Ulrike Heberlein and colleagues at the University of California San Francisco as saying they had found five previously unidentified genes in fruit flies that appeared to be linked to alcohol susceptibility and tolerance.

They told a conference at the National Institutes of Health in Baltimore that the flies, when made to breathe alcohol vapor, acted just like human drunks — stumbling, falling over and passing out.



This could add to evidence that genes are one source of tolerance to alcohol, Heberlein said. "If we can get a handle on the genes, we might be able to intervene," she added.

To try to find the genes involved, her group disrupted various gene sequences in the fruit flies—a favorite tool of genetic researchers because of their fast life cycle.

The flies were put into an "inebriometer"—a glass cylinder into which alcohol vapor was pumped.

The drunkest-acting flies were picked out and their genes identified, which is how Heberlein's group found the five possible genes involved in alcohol tolerance.

"The genes we carry have many counterparts in fruit flies," geneticist Ed Lewis of the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena said. "There is a high likelihood that these genetic pathways which affect behavior will carry over to humans."

Instructor implicated in inexcusable incident

UPI

SAN DIEGO—A marketing professor at Mesa College in San Diego has been indicted for accepting bribes in return for selling passing grades to foreign students so they could remain in the United States illegally.

Federal prosecutors announced last Thursday that 49-year-old Darnell L. Hayes is accused of accepting money in exchange for giving grades of A or B starting in 1992 to 31 foreign students who were enrolled in more than 60 classes he taught.

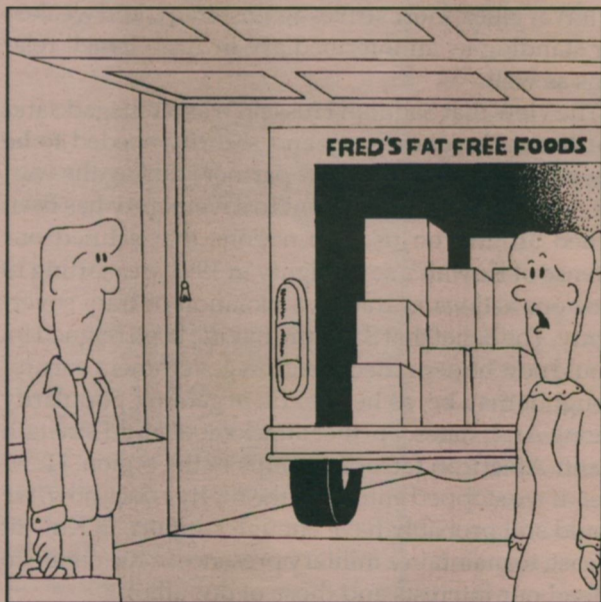
Prosecutors say the students didn't attend classes, perform any course work or complete any examinations, and that Hayes got about \$150 from co-conspirator Sam Koutchesfahani for every passing grade he sold the students.

Hayes also is accused of accepting money from foreign students through Koutchesfahani for falsely certifying to Ohio University, the University of Oklahoma and Eastern Kentucky University that he proctored 87 correspondence courses for 34 foreign students. The students used the unearned credits to maintain their student status in the United States.

Four other people, including Koutchesfahani and officials and professors at three other San Diego area colleges, have already pleaded guilty in connection with the scheme.

Koutchesfahani recently made news when 39 members of the Heaven's Gate cult committed mass suicide at the mansion he owns in the posh community of Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., north of San Diego.

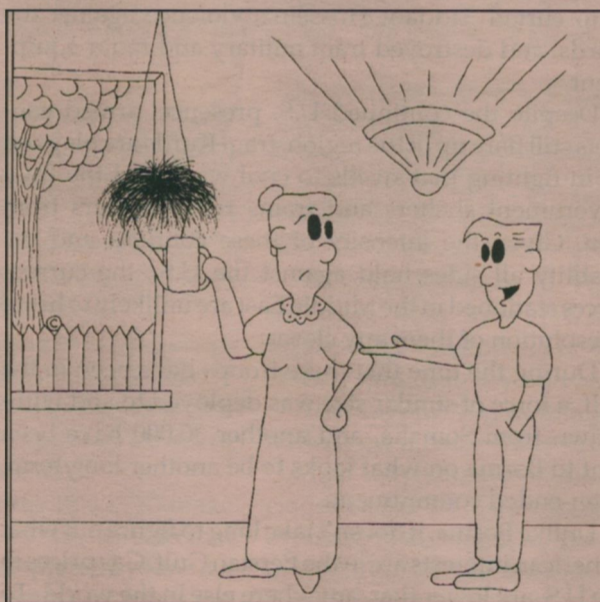
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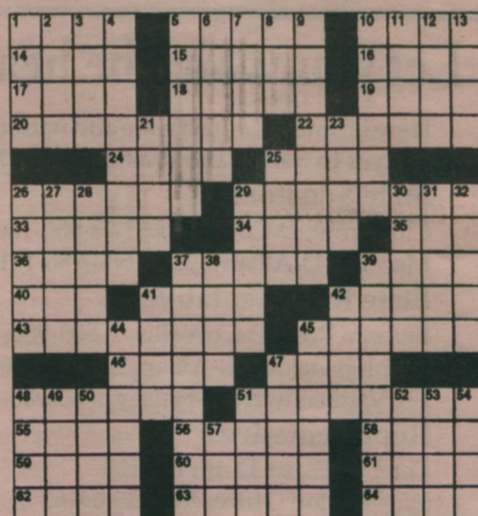
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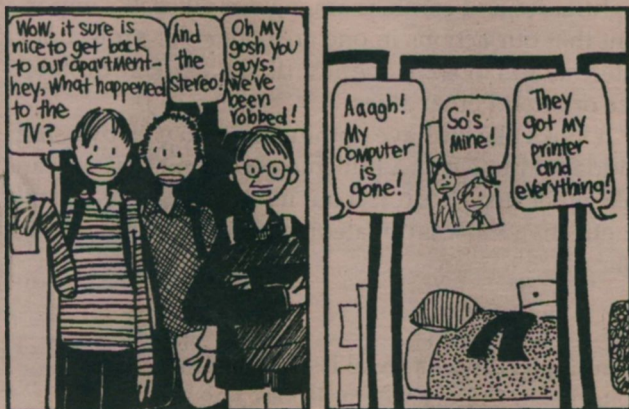


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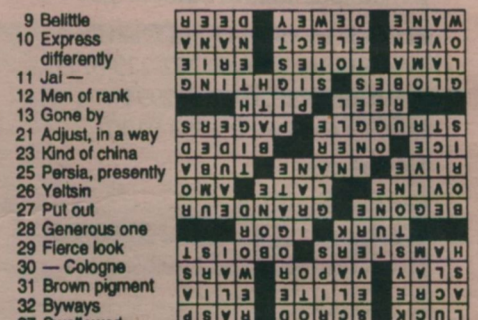
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