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LB Celebrates Earth Day

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What do you get when you mix solar energy, organic farming, water conservation, and pollution prevention- Earth Day. LBCC's Green Club and Sustainability Committee will be hosting the college's second annual Earth Day Sustainability Fair today from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the college courtyard.

The event will be completely free and open to all, so there's no reason not to stop by and take a tour of the green roof on White Oak Hall, or purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at a farmers market, or maybe just browse through the many tables that will be showcasing the efforts of various contributors.

Aside from the courtyard gathering Meghan Dalton from OSU's Oregon Climate Change Research Institute and Pacific Northwest Climate Impacts Research Consortium will make an appearance in Madrone Hall 113 to speak of the impacts of climate change in the Pacific Northwest.

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Hear Here! Upcoming Valley Writers Event

Kendal Waters

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Come one, come all – lend an ear and support local literary artists by joining your fellow man at the Valley Writers Series events. If you feel like getting inspired, or just feel like hearing beautiful words, come by and keep the written word alive.

The Valley Writers Series contains multiple live readings by writers of regional or national importance taking place throughout the year. Each event focuses on either a certain theme or a single author, and will be held at multiple places around LBCC and OSU campuses.

The next reading will be held today, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Fireside Room in LBCC's Albany campus. It will feature Marjorie Sandor, George Estreich, and Charles Goodrich, who are all Oregon writers. There will be a ten minute intermission between the two hours, so busy students can come for part or all of it.

Alison Ruch was a reader for the Valley Writers Series last spring.

"It's just really a treat to be able to go for an hour out of your day and be moved, and feel something based on someone's words," said Ruch.

It is a fantastic opportunity for writers of all backgrounds to come and bounce ideas off of other writers. The three readers who will be present were nominated for the Oregon Book Award, the state's most prestigious literary award. They are all very esteemed and recognized writers, and are the people to contact if you're interested in writing.

"It's a really relaxed atmosphere. It's not just like a stiff reading, it's usually interactive and fun," Ruch



provided by LBCC

Marjorie Sandor, one of three Oregon writers speaking at the upcoming Valley Writer's Series.

said. "A lot of the pieces that people end up reading are funny, but if not that, moving ... They've really had a range of writers, from poets to non-fiction writers, to fiction writers, so each time I think there ends up being a discussion of that particular genre that the writer writes in."

The Valley Writers Series started in the late 80s, bringing professional published writers to LBCC students for inspiration. It also encourages Oregon

Valley Writer's Series

Who's Next: Marjorie Sandor
George Estreich
Charles Goodrich

Where: Fireside Room
Albany Campus

When: April 18, 12-2 p.m.

Cost: Completely free
and open to the public

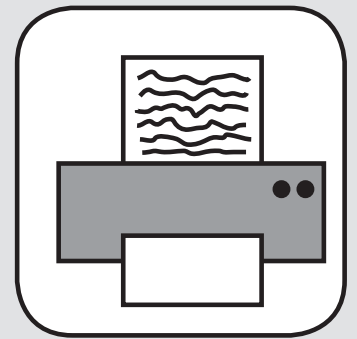
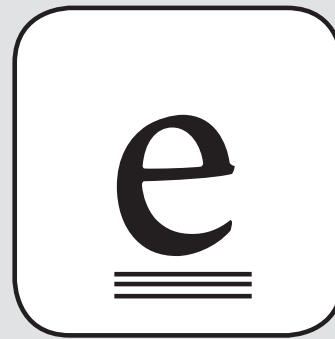
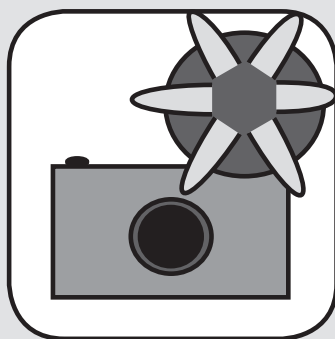
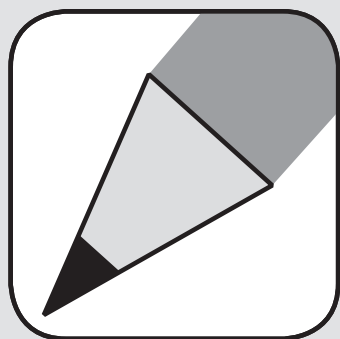
writers, as the events are completely open to the public.

The program changed management often through its many years of existence, but about seven years ago, Jane White handed off the majority of the responsibilities to Lucette Wood. White still has a hand in the matters, mostly handling the funding, while Wood enlists the writers to present.

Unfortunately, there were serious issues with funding a few years back, and financial backing for the project was cut. Since then, the finances to power the Valley Writer Series have been meager.

To solve this issue, they are asking supporters of the written word or the pursuit of knowledge in general to donate what they can to the English Endowment Fund, which helps fund the Valley Writers Series.

If you love the written word, desire exaltation, adore reading, or just want to hang out with some wonderful and awesome people, come to the Fireside Room today and experience the majesty of the Valley Writers Series.



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Having a Voice on Campus: Voter Registration

Sean Bassinger
Staff Writer

Student Life and Leadership exceeded their goal of getting 500 students registered to vote on Monday. They plan on continuing all the way to 1,000.

Working with the Oregon Student Association, there are currently 17 community colleges and 13 universities participating in the campaign to spread voting awareness.

LBCC's student leaders are visiting classes and standing around campus in an effort to inform other college students – a demographic voting history shows is poorly represented – on why it's important to empower themselves and vote.

For Eric Noll, legislative affairs officer of the Student Leadership Council, the biggest challenge was getting started.

"We had to figure out campus policies, including what we can and can't do."

LBCC does not currently have any voter institutionalizations, so this is a large step for both students and student government.

"We want to put something together that gives us a stable base for the future," said Noll.

Visiting classrooms within the first five minutes of the duration was most effective at getting the attention of students. Even when volunteers covered classes previously hit by Noll, they still convinced additional students to register.

Laurie Wilson of the Oregon Student Association described how honored she was to lend a hand. As a representative of the OSA, LBCC



Sean Bassinger

Kevin Lyon outlining the importance of voter registration at a class in White Oak Hall

was her first assignment outside of her own college.

"[LBCC] has been a great and welcoming campus," she said.

Wilson highlighted the importance of voting and how essential it is in a time when legislatures are listening more than ever; she noted how students can use voting as a form of

collective empowerment to make their voices heard.

So how is LBCC stacking up compared to other colleges and universities in the area? According to Wilson, LBCC was the first campus to hit their proposed goal of 500 completed registrations on Monday. As of last Thursday, the number reached

610 and continues to climb.

On the same day, OSU had reached 693 out of their primary goal of 1,000, and the University of Oregon had 1,095 out of their proposed 2,500. In the community college race, Lane Community College surpassed their goal of 1,000 with 1,272, and Portland Community College

reached over 470 of their proposed goal of 750. LBCC's numbers are smaller, but enrollment rates here are much smaller than those at other colleges.

Overall, the OSA hopes to see 12,000 college students register to vote throughout the state of Oregon.

Dan Stone and His Latest Production

Nora Palmtag
Staff Writer

Sitting in his dark office, Dan Stone quietly talks about his new project, which is not titled yet. If you do not know of the reputation of this great director, he is known for putting an interesting spin on a story with innovative styles and different twists, which only enhances the experience.

With "A Christmas Carol," Stone used human puppets to portray the Christmas ghosts and with Wiley and the Hairy Man, Stone implemented hand and live puppets in a new and original fashion, which was very different.

This time, Stone is attempting to tell five stories about Hecuba, Iphigenia, Agamemnon, Trojan Women and Electra, the five Greek tragedies. Stone has adapted them into a two-hour production in the future.

Paris, son of Priam and Hecuba, King and Queen of Troy, was chosen to be the judge of a beauty contest between the goddesses Aphrodite, Athena, and Hera, Zeus's wife. Paris declares Aphrodite the winner and, as a reward, she promised him that Helen, the most beautiful woman in the world, would be his wife even though she was already married to Menelaus, younger brother of Agamemnon.

Helen of Troy was kidnapped. While a guest in Paris's home, Menelaus asked his brother

Agamemnon to help rescue his wife. Which started the Trojan War. Agamemnon sacrificed his eldest daughter, Iphigenia, to the goddess Artemis, enraging his wife, Clytaemnestra, who was then determined that he would die for this.

Hecuba, Iphigenia and Electra are all daughters of Clytaemnestra and Agamemnon.

Iphigenia is sacrificed by her father, Agamemnon, who is then killed by their mother, Clytaemnestra.

Electra and her brother Orestes, got revenge on their mother and their stepfather Aegisthus, for killing their father.

Hecuba is the wife of Priam, who went mad when she saw the bodies of her children, who were murdered by Polymestor. She eventually blinded him and killed two of his children.

Murder and mayhem are abundant in this tragedy.

These five tragedies are two hours each when performed separately. It will be one of the highlights of the year to see this accomplishment.

Stone said he has a cast of 33. However, there are always people in the background who help to make each production: wardrobe, lighting, design and technical to name a few.

Stone has set up a giant ritual that the audience and the actors will participate in.

The story will be set 60 years in the post-apocalyptic future in a society that needs rebuilding. In this retelling of the Trojan War and



provided by LBCC

LBCC Theater Instructor Dan Stone

the tragedies of war, reverting to old ways and religion. Stone is trying to produce Greek theater like it was in ancient times, but with relevance to today's audience.

Stone has been directing for 20 years. At age 10, Stone said his parents took him to Universal Studios, where he saw Conan the Barbarian, which later influenced him. Stone stated it was

5 Greek Tragedies

When: May 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Matinee: May 13 at 2 p.m.

not the best production, but at 10, "it was the coolest thing [he] had ever seen." He remembered getting upset that he could not stay and watch the production over and over. With the sword fights, spectacles and showmanship, he remembered seeing it many times later that day. He was hooked.

His parents supported Stone, but he suspects he got the artistic bug from his maternal grandfather, Russell Goodwin, a sculptor and painter from Dallas, Texas.

Stone is still working out details besides a working title, procuring original songs written, and getting the production in the bag for the opening on May 10, 2012.

Please go to the Student Union (Student Life and Leadership), right next to the clock in the courtyard, and fill out an entry to win two FREE sets of two tickets to the play for the weekend of May 10-13. The drawing will be open for these tickets until the end of April. Two tickets will be held at will call in Takena Hall in your name for the date and time you choose.

New Fuel Technology at LBCC

Johanna Lundahl

Contributing Writer

LBCC is partnering with many local and national corporations to create the Advanced Transportation Technology Center (ATTC) in Lebanon, opening as soon as Fall of 2013.

The center will train technicians for work on alternative energy vehicles, such as bio fuels, electric, compressed natural gas (CNG), hydrogen, hybrid, telematics, and other new technologies. The program will offer degrees, but will be more focused on retraining workers already in the field. About 80 to 100 people will study in the program.

The building will cost over \$8 million dollars to build and equip. It's an expensive project. "It's an investment in the longterm success of our Auto Diesel Program. To provide our students the best education possible and the skills to be desirable in the job market," said John McArdle, the director of development and government relations at LBCC.

LBCC is working very closely with local businesses for as much outside funding as possible. Some contributors include Tool Corp., Wachang, Pacific Power, Whatonics, ATI, Oregon Freeze Dry, Snap-on, John Deere, LKQ, and various banks around the Willamette Valley. The State of Oregon has already donated \$800,000, and the city of Lebanon invested \$1.5 million. The support they continue to receive is similar to when LBCC built its new science building. Brian Schiedler, automotive instructor at LBCC, reports working with Incubator Space Industry for a grant as well.

The LBCC administration started planning for the ATTC almost four years ago, when the industry communicated a need for alternative transportation education through advising



Michael Kelly

A closer look at the LBCC Automotive Technology workshop. This is called a "Safe Fuel Canister."

committees, economic development discussions with the college president, and other investors letting the administration and staff know that this education will train students for what's going on in the industry today, and what will happen in the future.

"One of the things we're really focused on is the needs of the community ... The center will provide career and technical training for the kinds of

jobs that this state needs." McArdle said.

The ATTC is going to relocate most of the auto and diesel programs to Lebanon, creating space for more welding, mechatronics (robotics, mechanical, hydraulics, computers), and machine tools. The current auto-diesel program will expand, and there will be more opportunities for current workers to come and take classes in the

subjects most useful to them.

A greater number of the classes will be taught by instructors already working at LBCC, but the college hopes to hire two new instructors full-time. LBCC will be teaching off of national curriculum. "What we are going to be doing is adding on advanced propulsion systems [to the curriculum]. Other ways of powering a vehicle rather than inward combustion engines."

Schiedler said.

Schiedler explained that technicians need more skill sets today than ever before because of the different types of integrated systems. Being a mechanic requires a lot more knowledge in our high tech world.

"Technology is going to be ridiculous, but it's a good thing. Everyone needs to know what they can or can't do with these vehicles."

Campus Scene



Mason Le Britton

Rashanda Brown gives a speech during the African American Youth Leadership Conference on Tuesday April 10, in the forum at LBCC.

Happy Earth Day!



Kelly Griffith

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LBCC's Career Fair Helps Students Make Connections, Get Jobs



The 34th Annual Career Fair, held last Wednesday, April 11.

Photos by Dale Hummel



Laura Vinson of Safeway proudly showing off recent resumes.



Connie Garmin speaking with a representative from Mega-Tech of Oregon.

Dale Hummel

Contributing Writer

A moderately damp day could not keep people from the 34th Annual Career Fair in the Activities Center at LBCC. The fair ran from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. last Wednesday, April 11, and was host to many business and services throughout the Mid-Willamette Valley.

The fair was free and open to the public. There were as many as 200 job seekers and approximately 55 business and company representatives there at one time promoting everything from tech companies to child care to law enforcement.

The fair also provided workshops in areas such as successful interviewing tips, apprenticeship training opportunities, and creating targeted resumes.

Laura Vinson is a district manager for Safeway and was very excited about coming back to the career fair. She thoroughly enjoyed the activity and meeting new people. Vinson was thrilled at the stack of resumes she received.

Because the fair took place during class time, many businesses noticed the lack of students in the Activities Center. It was estimated that non-students outnumbered students at the fair by as much as 4 to 1. Some students, however, did squeeze the career fair into their busy schedules.

Ray Kopczynski is with Worksource Oregon and was happy to give out tips on using the career fair as a tool to help finding a job.

"This is an incredible way to get in to meet people in a company face to face," Kopczynski claimed. "You can't get this kind of contact opportunity in the real world."

He also pointed out if you want to make good use of the career fair, you need to dress accordingly, bring a resume, and watch what you say. "The conversations you have with business people can either make you or break you," advises Kopczynski. He went on to say that many people just come and look around, but never get anything out of it but a bag of junk.

Many of the businesses were very excited about nearly running out of pamphlets, applications, and other information. They seemed very optimistic about the supply of future employees.

With the job market of today, it is increasingly difficult to find any kind of work, let alone a career that you love. The career fair is an excellent opportunity for anyone to actually meet the business people in the area, make contacts, or maybe even find your dream job.

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Sex AND THE Campus

Keeping the Relationship Fresh

Jill Mahler

Editor-in-Chief

Have you ever seen a couple that glowed? Something about them made you wonder how you could have a spark like theirs. If you have been in a relationship for a decent amount of time, you may be wondering at times how couples who have been together for 20 years or more have lasted so long.

After all, if they have been able to keep their spark, kept it fresh beyond the initial phases of their relationship, you should be able to as well.

There is no surprise that relationships are a lot of work. And there are many factors that play into the successfulness of the relationship, such as communication, respect, and effort, but there is another that can be just as important.

"Keeping the spark" is as crucial as any other part in a relationship, however, many do not think about this area until they have been together for a long time and they begin to feel the effects when some of the luster has begun to rub off.

With time in any relationship, you transcend from learning about one another to growing with each other. The firsts are gone for the most part, and as with true intimacy, there is nothing left to surprise your partner with. They've heard all your wild stories, all the moments that made you into who you are, they even have what you're preferences are when it comes to dinner on a Tuesday night.

So, when you have covered all your bases, sometimes it can feel like a stretch trying to find new and exciting ways to keep your relationship from feeling monotonous and unfulfilling.

The silent killer to a relationship's health is complacency. It is my firm belief that when couples become complacent in their relationships, accepting their routines and separate interests, they begin to drift apart. You don't mean to stop trying; life just happens.

It begins simply enough – separate plans, shallow efforts, separate goals, then you look up one day to find it difficult to spend quality time with each other. Dinner together is out of the question and the bed is only a place of sleep. This is the only explanation I can see when I think of marriages of 20 years or more ending. I do not believe it is possible to fall out of love, but it is to drift apart.

When it comes to renewing relationships, sometimes there is too much placed on the work you have to accomplish to repair what has been put on the shelf. Sometimes, our expectations can be too high.

Expecting that, in order to keep it fresh, you have to try a new experience every day together may be a disappointing pitfall waiting to happen. It is a nice goal, but the emphasis shouldn't be on what you do, but that you are doing something together.

With that said, and in the spirit of Earth Day, we can recycle some similar principles into our relationships, such as recycling former traditions or experiences. Perhaps you both enjoyed a shared hobby like hiking, but you haven't laced up your shoes together in a while. There is no time like the present.

There is an endless amount of ways you can end your distance and return some of the excitement. Show your partner what they mean to you. Even saying simple compliments and praises to each other every day can renew some of the same fire you had kindled before.

Taking the time to fulfill their needs and getting into the habit of making them a daily priority in your life can mean more than a million roses or expensive dinners ... although that couldn't hurt.

OPINION

Do's and Don'ts of Social Media

William Allison

Contributing Writer

Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Blogger – nearly all of us have an account on at least one social networking website, but do we really know etiquette when it comes to using them?

First and foremost, DO let your friends know what you're up to, but DON'T share too much – the whole world doesn't need to know that you're using the bathroom.

Additionally, if you're having family or relationship problems, keep said problems off of the Internet; other people involved don't want everyone knowing. And please, don't break up with someone over Facebook or Twitter.

When it comes to Twitter, retweeting is great, but don't retweet everything on your timeline. Not only does it get annoying, but it floods everyone else's timeline too.

The same applies to Facebook; sharing things is a good way to share something funny, but there's no need to fill all of your friends' news feeds with light saber wielding kittens.

Invites – where to even start? Have fun and play your Facebook games, but for the sake of everyone's sanity: Please don't send Farmville invites to all of your friends every few minutes; it's unnecessary.

This is also true for Facebook's event invites. While they're a great tool for planning events and contacting a group of friends quickly, the invitations don't need to be sent several times.

Although it should be common sense, it still needs to be said: Don't talk trash about other people, especially online. It happens oh, so many times – someone posts something crude about another person online, and just a few minutes later, there's an argument between the two. Just don't do it. It's not nice, and it can cause more trouble than it's worth.

Most of this can be avoided by Internet modesty and safety. DO pay attention to your privacy settings! While it's not a great idea to make everything visible to the public, it can be just as annoying to make everything private. Security settings allow you to go as far as hiding your name



William Allison

Ian Butcher enjoys some time between classes checking his Facebook while sitting in Takena Hall.

Quick Tips

- Do share, Don't overshare
- Do Retweet some, Don't retweet all
- Do play games, Don't repeatedly invite people
- Do invite friends to events, Don't repeatedly invite everyone
- Do mind what you say, Don't trash talk people online
- Do pay attention to your privacy settings; Don't leave everything public, or everything private

and profile picture, but what good is that?

Regardless of how you tweak your privacy settings, still be careful of what you post online, as you never know what your future boss may dig up. He doesn't need to know the details of last weekend's party, or what you really think of your old manager.

The final "don't" is for the social networks themselves, and the majority of users will agree: Quit changing things!

In reference to Facebook's new timeline feature, LBCC journalism student Ian Butcher described it as "playing hopscotch on the Internet." What better way is there to explain it?

Students' Major Situation

Michelle Strachan

Contributing Writer

Choosing a major isn't always easy, so if you're having doubts, don't hit the panic button just yet. At least one-third of all students are undecided on a major when they start school, according to Career Counselor Mark Weiss. But just because you're undecided doesn't mean you can't begin working towards your future.

Mason Sims, an Army veteran who started attending LBCC Winter Term, is undecided on a major and says he doesn't feel pressured to choose one at this time. He's currently working to fill the general requirements for his associate's degree, and ultimately will work to achieve his bachelor's degree. He's also enrolled in a class called Career Life Planning, which is offered at LBCC for students interested in "exploring the values, interests, and skills needed to reach personal, professional, and educational goals."

Many students will choose a major based on what job they wish to have and how long they want to go to school. Others might choose based on what they enjoy doing, and what they feel they're good at. Ideally, the route you choose will include the best of both worlds: a money-making career doing exactly what you are

most passionate about. But even for someone who knows exactly what they want; plans can change.

David Hallock, who is studying to become a civil engineering technician, just switched his major after studying electrical engineering for almost three years. He's eager to begin his career and plans to have the required certificate for his job in one to two years as opposed to three additional years required for his previous major.

Although many of the classes Hallock has taken aren't required for his new major, he says he has enjoyed the journey and has no regrets. He advises those just starting out to "go into school with an open mind. See what's out there and what would be the most fun for you."

If you haven't met with a career counselor already, it's definitely worth your time. A career counselor is someone who's qualified on a professional and psychological level to help you figure out a plan to be successful. They help you set goals and come up with a plan to reach those goals. Weiss is a firm believer that setting goals is an important part of the process. "Students who are able to set clear goals will do better."

At LBCC, you'll want to visit the First Stop Center and set up an appointment to meet with a counselor and begin your career

testing on a Career Information System. This program will suggest 25 or 30 strong matches based on your skills and interests.

"A few of the suggestions will seem absurd and should be ignored. Half of them may be options the students have already thought of on their own. And then there will be a handful of new ideas they have never thought of; ideas that intrigue them."

Another benefit of participating in this process is that there will be someone there to help you with getting your questions answered from the system, questions such as: starting wages, job outlook, and how much training is required. You're then able to print out this information and bring it to one of the career counselors to help them better assist you in moving forward. They can also assist you with choosing the classes you need to reach your goal and will often set you up with an adviser in your chosen field.

Whether you are undecided, unsure about the major you have chosen, or about ready to switch majors AGAIN, keep smiling, keep moving, and remember these words of wisdom from Ralph Waldo Emerson:

"The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be."



Ten Ways to Avoid Being an Asshole

Michael Rivera

Staff Videographer

College is full of diversity – diversity of people, beliefs, beauty and of course ... assholes. In order to properly address how not to be “that guy,” we should cover these basics:

The “assholes” are people who seem to go out of their way to piss you off. They possess a cynical lack of care for other people’s feelings or beliefs.

Let’s face it: From time to time, we find ourselves in that category of the flatulent gatekeeper. Now that you understand how assholes work, here are some tips, from least to the most important, on how to avoid becoming “that guy”:

10. If laundry in the dryer is still wet, please run it again:

This applies to people living in apartment complexes or shared laundry units. Nobody likes waiting around to use the dryer. We have homework to do, beer to drink, etc. There is a catch, though: I’d say no more than 20 minutes on this rule. However, if they packed the dryer too tight, then they are the assholes and should have to deal with that problem.

9. Don’t be a hater:

“If you have nothing nice to say, don’t say it at all” is a phrase that everyone’s mother has told them at least once in their lives. Why? People don’t want to hear you complain about someone or something. No one cares about your negative opinion. This also coincides with racism, sexism, and making fun of homosexuals.

8. Drunk is NOT an excuse:

How many times have you heard a friend say, “I’m sorry I was an asshole last night; I was really drunk”? That’s like saying, “I’m sorry I kissed your girlfriend last night; I was drunk” or, “I’m sorry I took a crap on your floor; I was just really, really drunk.” Don’t waste your breath.

7. Don’t cheat:

Yes, we are young, dumb, and full of ... well, you get the picture. We are experimenting with relationships, but it is never cool to mess around with someone who’s not your boyfriend or girlfriend, regardless of the circumstance. It’s hurtful to be unfaithful and destroys the trust you share.

6. Clean up after yourself:

If you are regularly being called out by your roomies for being a pig, just clean up your stuff. People will start liking you again. Examples: You make some food. DO YOUR DISHES! Puke on the driveway. SPRAY OFF THE DRIVEWAY! Your mom isn’t



(from left) Vinnie, Snookie, and The Situation from MTV’s “Jersey Shore.”

mtv.com

around to follow and clean up after you. If you live with your mother, you should still clean up. She’s probably sick and tired of you acting childish.

5. Be respectful:

When you give respect, you get respect. Assholes, generally, don’t care about what people think of them, thus deserving of the categorical name. Plus, if you talk smack to someone who is bigger than you, and they hit you in the mouth, you had it coming. If you go to jail and aren’t respectful, you will most likely experience very unpleasant consequences. A wise man once said: “Don’t bite the hand that feeds you.”

4. Let it go:

If you have a disagreement with someone, just release it into the wind and let it float away. Assholes enjoy it when things fester, which causes severe constipation of the attitude. These anal-retentives like to re-harsh problems from long ago, even after there was closure. Trust me, people already know when they messed up and sure as heck don’t like constant reminders. If they did something drastic, you probably don’t want to be friends with that person anyway. So get the hell over it, please.

3. Be quiet in the library:

We like the library because it’s a quiet, serene place to study. We pay a lot of good money for our education. Some students have no other outlet for a study environment than the library, and nobody cares about your overly excited conversation with your frat bro. Do this quietly via text message, or go outside of the study area.

2. Shower regularly:

Sometimes, you wake up late for class and are in a rush, so you skip the shower to make it to class on time. Please, do everyone a favor: Turn around and go take a damn shower.

1. Don’t give people STDs/STIs:

The worst way to impress that special someone is to give them some kind of STD. Herpes isn’t the gift that keeps on giving. Generally, people will be disgusted/horrified, tell their friends, and you will become a social piranha. Regular checks with the doctor will save you much hatred.

On behalf of everyone, please do your best to watch out for these types of behavior, and don’t be the asshole!

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Dear Conscience,



How do we sustain our earth for the many generations to come?

Jill Mahler

Shoulder Devil

Earth Day to me is one of the most humorous so called holidays we have come up with – next to National Licorice Day. Don't get me started on Christmas. Next we are going to have a Dirt Day, I mean really.

What is clever here is that businesses make millions of dollars repackaging watered down formula and labeling it as "Natural" and "Green." You buy it because you think you are doing your step and minimizing your "footprint," but you're not. Joke's on you.

The issue on this forsaken planet isn't what kind of bleach we wipe our tables with, or how many plastic bags we use; it's people. Who has filled the landfills, polluted the oceans, over harvested resources?

I'll give you a hint. They're the blobs slowing you down for work, for your coffee to-go, and kicking your seat at the theatre.

I'll even be "green" and let you reuse my secret and super effective method. It's a cheap and simple way of reducing the issues with our planet. It's a little thing I like to call Population Control.

Who do you start with?

Great question. You begin with the slow ones: anyone who has ever eaten your sandwich at work "accidentally," your in-laws, your dentist, and, well, anyone, I suppose.

Presto, the smarter, more resourceful ones will survive, and you will have all the space and riches you can imagine.

Wow, you say? What a great idea I have, you say? Well, folks?

Jennifer M. Hartsock

Shoulder Angel

Isn't Earth Day every day? I didn't know there was a specific day of the year where people pay a little more attention to how they treat the earth.

Well, my friends, we need to change this mind-track. It is forever forbidden to not treat every day like this so-called "Earth Day" holiday.

Instead of driving your car, take the bus, or ride a gosh darn bicycle. What is wrong with you?

Instead of eating out every single day, buy some local vegetables and cook some stir-fry. This not only helps your health, but it reduces industrial farming and unsafe conditions. Isn't that interesting?

(If you can't afford organic, locally grown food, get a job. Can't get a job? Grow it yourself.)

Instead of envisioning a huge mansion when you grow up, consider building an ecologically sustainable house, complete with solar panels and the reusing of compost to create heat.

Joining a local team that cleans up the beach, forests, or the side of highways is also a great way to exercise your role as a human being on this planet.

No more littering, no more aerosol hairspray, no more throwing recyclables in the garbage, no more driving when you don't need to, no more using single-use bags instead of reusable bags, and no more burning garbage!

Although we are blessed beings, and have a larger body to brain ratio. We cannot put our present needs above long-term existence.

It just doesn't work out. At all.

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Healthywage.com's Health Plan



Nora Palmtag

Staff Writer

One of the most watched television programs about weight loss is "The Biggest Loser." Contestants are rewarded monetarily for losing the most Body Mass Index (BMI)—the percentage of body fat proportionate to weight/height of a person.

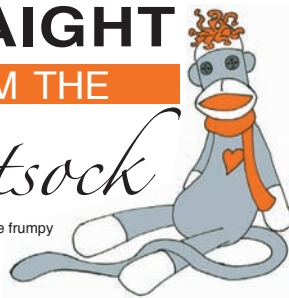
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OPINION STRAIGHT

FROM THE

Hartsock

Brain stuffing from the frumpy sock monkey



Work With Nature, or Destroy It

Jennifer M. Hartsock

Opinion Editor

Among different societies, various driving forces affect methods for obtaining natural resources. In early America, the land was used very differently because of the different values in religion. Some religions encourage ecologically sustainable environments, whereas others fuel the drive for advancement in technology.

Besides geography, climate, and species that are available, the way Americans use these resources can be linked to a western religion influence. For example, Genesis 1:26 states: "Let us make man ... and let them be masters of the fish of the sea, the birds of heaven, the cattle, all the wild animals and all the creatures that creep along the ground."

This ideal affects how western populations manage the environment: We are responsible for an animal's care, but it is also at our disposal. This includes natural resources, and with this mindset, Man used whatever means necessary to progress technology, such as the evolution of medicine.

Put this in contrast with an Apache prayer, and we obtain an entirely different view: "... Honor all with whom we share the Earth: Four-leggeds, two-leggeds, winged ones, swimmers, crawlers, plant and rock people. Walk in balance and beauty."

Before the advancement of western religion, natives to America viewed all living things as spiritual and possessing their own intrinsic worth beyond their benefits to humanity – a partnership between man and nature.

They treated the land and its inhabitants in specific ways that benefited both their culture and the environment. Those who resided on the Columbia Gorge consumed seven times the amount of salmon that we currently harvest, and did so without harming the populations of salmon. In fact, it was their duty as equals to ensure that the populations of all entities remain unaltered.

Huston Smith, a religious studies scholar in the United States and author of "The World's Religions" said, "On the whole, the modern Western attitude has been to regard nature as an antagonist, an object to be squared off against, dominated, controlled, conquered."

In his book, Smith demonstrates the difference between western and eastern approaches to nature in an illuminating example: When the British summited Mt. Everest, they referred to it as a "conquest," while the Japanese would have referred to it as a "befriending."

However, this lifestyle does not lead to rapid technological advances. Better health, education, and effective communication all benefit a society. Not only do we have the means to prolong life, but medical research furthers treatment and cures for diseases. As technology advances, so do teaching methods for a range of students based on particular needs, learning styles, and disabilities. As well, progress in technology continues to increase global communication by providing connections never before possible.

Unfortunately, such rapid progress is due to a lack of restraint and excessive production. The overuse of land, the use of fossil fuels, and the over-grazing of livestock all provide quick results and plentiful materials, but also result in an ecological crisis. Due to land degradation, the amount of soil available for agriculture is steadily decreasing while demand for food is increasing. Because of the over-consumption of fresh water for irrigation, water tables are lowering across the globe. And our continued use of fossil fuels is making our air more polluted. These, among countless other damages to environments and species, are taking a serious toll.

It is true that modern technological advances aid a society, but in order to obtain these benefits without negative ecological consequences, we must first alter our view of Man and his relationship with nature.

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Fundraiser for Former LB Student

Nora Palmtag
Staff Writer

Keegan Burnett, 27, former LBCC student and son of Rick and Alice Burnett, who works at the LBCC Sweet Home Center, was in a serious skiing accident on January 28, 2012.

Keegan was hospitalized after crushing his spine during a night skiing at Hoodoo Ski Area. In addition to crushing his spine, he "blew out his and ruptured the C4 and C5 vertebrae," said his mother. He is now paralyzed from the waist down.

Keegan was hospitalized at the St. Charles Medical Center in Bend. He will be released this Friday and will be continuing his recovery at his parent's home. As you can imagine this has been a life-changing experience for Keegan and for his parents as well.

Keegan graduated in 2008 from the University of Oregon with a bachelor's degree in human physiology and had applied to master's degree programs at both Oregon and Oregon State



provided photo
Former LB Student Keegan Burnett

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Sweet Home, Oregon 97386
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University before his accident.

Keegan, a former Sweet Home athlete had previously suffered a traumatic head injury while college pole vaulting in 2007.

Keegan had begun a new job at Entek in Lebanon and does not have medical insurance, which presents many challenges for his family.

There will be a fundraiser at the Sweet Home River of Life Church next Friday, April 20. A free dinner will be served, beginning at 5:30 p.m. the movie "Courageous" will follow at 7 p.m. Donations of money and desserts will be gladly accepted.

If you cannot come to the event and would like to help out, you can send money donations to Karri Byram at the Lebanon Center and she will make sure the church gets it. However, if you would like to donate a dessert, you can drop it off at the church, from now until 1 p.m. on Friday.

Thank you for any donations given to help this former LBCC student.



Donate Old Phones to Good Cause

Nora Palmtag
Staff Writer

The nonprofit Cell Phones for Soldiers Inc. and Ray's Food Place are requesting gently-used cell phones from local residents to help troops call home.

Local residents can provide troops with a connection to loved ones here at home by donating cellular phones that are lying around collecting dust in your home. As many as 369,000 troops are serving in the U. S. military overseas at any given time, with ongoing deployments to combat areas and elsewhere, who wouldn't love to communicate with loved ones.

Through May 1, residents can donate phones at Ray's Food Place in Albany at 621 Hickory St NW, which is in the mall, located off Highway 20 in North Albany, just over the bridge.

When donated phones are collected, they are sent to Michigan-based ReCellular for recycling. "For every donated phone valued at just \$5, Cell Phones for Soldiers is able to provide two and a half hours of free talk time to deployed troops.

Remember, this is only good until May 1, so please contribute if you can.

More info at cellphonesforsoldiers.com

Free Vehicle Inspections from Crabtree Auto

Alan Boone
Contributing Writer

Wondering what that funny sound is underneath the hood of your car? Would you like to know what condition your car, truck or SUV is currently in? Contact Crabtree Automotive Inc. the week of April 16th to the 20th for free vehicle inspections. That's right, FREE!

This inspection is very basic, but can save you hundreds to even thousands of dollars

in repair costs. The service technicians can teach you ways to maintain your vehicle so it will run strong and smooth for years to come. There is no reason not to get your car looked at by knowledgeable staff who are friendly and courteous. Typical vehicle inspections include checking all fluids (oil, brakes, transmission or trans-axle, differential, radiator and windshield washer), belt and hose inspection, battery voltage test, tire pressure wear indicator, lighting check and an exterior look over.

Crabtree Auto recommends three ways to make an appointment. You can go to their website at <http://www.crabtreeautorepair.com>, email them at crabtree@crabtreeautorepair.com, or simply call them at (541)-967-7892. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm. The address is 1110 SE Hill Street here in Albany, right next to At Home Furniture. Call them soon because slots are filling up fast!



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Internet at Risk Again *What you should know about CISPA*

Amanda Hayden
Copy Editor

Imagine your favorite website being shut down without warning – for good. This is a possibility. Didn't we just avoid this issue a few months ago?

The Cyber Intelligence Sharing and Protection Act of 2011 (CISPA) is fast approaching its limelight in congress after its initial introduction last December. Yet again, Internet security issues come to the table. Just four months ago, SOPA and PIPA were denied approval and were shelved for later review.

These pieces of legislation would amend the National Security Act of 1947, which has not included any reference to cyber crimes since its creation.

Many companies are trying to protect their rights and property, which cannot be argued. On the other hand, this legislation also confronts the issue of identity theft and cyberbullying, which have been in the news quite a bit in recent years. The question is, to what extent will we allow our government to place limitations on freedom of speech?

Some opponents are referring to this new legislation as SOPA 2.0 because the limitations on governmental control are considered extremely low, just like CISPA's predecessors.

The main arguments for SOPA and PIPA were to prevent theft of ideas, and possible revenue resulting from

copyright infringement. The biggest arguments against those bills were that most websites contained some sort of copyright information and could be shut down after being sued.

For example, if you have a picture of yourself wearing name-brand clothing on your Facebook wall, your entire account could be shut down for copyright infringement. Even if no sales occurred from the appearance of copyrighted information, SOPA and PIPA would support any company in having any website shut down.

CISPA is claimed to be a much lighter version of the previous ideas, and many of the opponents of PIPA/SOPA are more likely to support it. Facebook supports CISPA, where it vehemently opposed the previous legislation.

Since the previous bills experienced such heavy opposition from individuals and businesses alike, and now CISPA is facing the same concerns, co-sponsors intend to amend the bill to address the issue of few limitations on governmental control. They plan to clarify the meaning of "cyber-threat," "theft of intellectual property," and other key terms.

Penalties are now being suggested to protect against private companies and government using data gathered through CISPA for purposes "unrelated to cyber threats." These latest offers to change the legislation are considered a good faith offering to protect consumers.

Oregon Governor Aims to Ban Death Penalty

Justeen Elliott
News Editor

In Oregon there are currently 37 inmates on death row, and since 1978, there have been only two executions.

Governor John Kitzhaber is trying to abolish the death penalty during his term, and said there will be no more executions while he is governor. In doing so, he thinks that he will be able to save Oregon \$20 million annually, and hopes to find a more humane way of dealing with inmates on death row. Kitzhaber also wants to get rid of, or change, the law stating that if an inmate is in prison for life, they have the possibility of applying for parole after serving a minimum of 30 years.

The Oregonians with Alternatives to the Death Penalty (OADP) are rallying behind Kitzhaber and want to find an alternate method of dealing with death row inmates.

The OADP's mission is to repeal the death penalty in Oregon as an essential step toward a more cost-effective, humane, and restorative response to violent crime and toward safer, more peaceful, and just communities.

"Oregon does need alternatives," said Devon Cook, a senior majoring in psychology at Willamette University. "We shouldn't take someone's life, but find a healthier alternative than resorting to violence."

Frank Thompson, former superintendent for the Oregon State Penitentiary, has seen first hand what the death penalty is like.

"During my reign, I had the experience of mandating two executions," said Thompson. "One reason why I came to Oregon is because there hadn't been an execution in a while. Then within 18 months of starting the job, I had my first execution."

According to Thompson, for an execution they need to train an officer of the penitentiary to watch the inmate that is up for execution for a full 24 hours, so they don't commit suicide before their lethal injection. Thompson also had to



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Governor John Kitzhaber fights to ban the death penalty in Oregon.

train the governor about his role for the executions.

For all of the inmates on death row, they are there for a good 10 plus years before they even get a date set for execution. While they are waiting those 10 plus years, their attorneys are trying to get them appeal after appeal, which takes about 10-15 years.

The possibility of having an execution costs \$20 million annually. For an inmate in prison without the possibility of parole, it costs around \$50,000 per inmate serving a life sentence. Thus far, the only inmates that have been executed have given up their rights to parole.

Thompson has an idea that America can stop victimization by learning the signs and watching the children in grade schools. He thinks that people know the signs and will be able to do something about it.

In the News:

Local:

Turner, Ore.: Michael Wilson Yann, 39, was drunk when he fired the rounds from his home at police. Officers did not return fire because Yann's wife was in the line of fire. Yann is a transportation officer for the Department of Corrections is in jail facing attempted murder charges. Marion County officers took up positions around the house, while the Marion County SWAT team was called in. Neighbors were evacuated and the road was closed, while negotiators attempted to contact the suspect, who was hiding inside the home. Yann was taken to the Marion County Jail and booked on two counts of aggravated attempted murder, two counts of attempted murder and one count of disorderly conduct. He is being held without bail.

source: KTPV

Salem, Ore.: Salem firefighters have filed a grievance to protest what they call the city's "dangerous effort to save money by cutting public safety." The city plans to close two fire stations at night, cutting 24-hour protection. Firefighters want public officials to work with them to maintain public safety. The city manager has said that the reduced hours are necessary to manage Salem's city budget and that there would be no layoffs or pay cuts.

source: KATU

Nation:

Greenland NH: Cullen Mutrie shot

his 26-year-old girlfriend Brittany Tibbetts to death and then turned his gun on himself Thursday, after allegedly killing a police chief and injuring four other officers in a hail of gunfire. The town's police chief, 48-year-old Michael Maloney, was killed in the shooting and four other officers were injured. Officials say they entered the home Friday morning after a tense overnight standoff and found the bodies of Tibbetts and Mutrie. Maloney, a 26-year-veteran of the police force and a 12-year chief, was only days from retirement when he was killed.

source: FOX News

World:

Cartagena, Colombia: A group of Secret Service agents and officers sent to Colombia ahead of President Barack Obama were relieved of duty and returned home amid allegations of misconduct that involved prostitution, according to two U.S. government sources. They are under investigation after preliminary findings revealed that they brought back several prostitutes to the Hotel Caribe in Cartagena. None of the agents or officers being investigated was part of the president's personal protective detail and Obama isn't based at the hotel. But dignitaries and journalists reporting on the hemispheric meeting were staying there.

source: CNN

Islamabad, Pakistan: Authorities in northern Pakistan were looking for 384 inmates, who escaped from a prison early Sunday morning after hundreds

of Taliban militants raided the facility. The attack took place in the city of Bannu in northwest Pakistan, an area known for a heavy militant presence. Four prison officials were wounded in the attack, which lasted more than two hours. The attackers apparently were aiming to free a senior Taliban commander, but prison records were destroyed in the attack, and officials were still working to verify the names and crimes of those who escaped.

source: CNN

Weird:

Philadelphia, PA: After being together for 72 years, Mike and Ike are getting a divorce. Mike plans to pursue music, while Ike dabbles in art. The Mike and Ike split was announced on the brand's Facebook page on April 2. The candy has added more than 200,000 Facebook fans since then, to about 650,000, thanks in part to media reports about what some call Mike and Ike's gay "divorce."

source: AP

Florida: A repeal to Florida's ban on dwarf tossing has been dropped by the state legislator, who initially proposed it. In November, Rep. Ritch Workman spearheaded an effort to repeal a longstanding ban on "dwarf-tossing," a bar fad in which individuals of small stature are thrown around for entertainment purposes. After the repeal effort was reported, Workman said he was contacted by little people from all over America who asked him to reconsider.

source: Huffington Post

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Day of Silence

Press Release

Join the GSA and supporters for the Day of Silence event in the DAC, Friday, April 20 from noon - 3 p.m. We will be sharing our favorite work by an LGBTQ artist. We would love to see artwork of any kind, so if you have it, please share it.

Refreshments will be served. T-shirts for Day of Silence are on sale all week, \$5 for students and \$10 for non-students. Red shirts indicate that the wearer will observe silence for the day,

and we hope that any faculty or staff will respect the wearer's choice. White shirts are available for those who want to support Day of Silence, but who are required to speak for professional reasons. Shirts are for sale in the DAC and in NSH 104 (Jeremy Cornforth's office).

Contact Callie Palmer with any questions: palmerca@linnbenton.edu.

Day of Silence t-shirts, designed by our very own Kevin Lyon, LBCC art student, are available to the public.

Dance Club "Inspirations"

Press Release

LBCC Dance Club Performs "Inspirations" Friday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 21 at 2 p.m. in the Russell Tripp Performance Center

The performance will showcase student and faculty in jazz, hip-hop, and modern dance styles under the direction of LBCC dance instructor Katherine Sanders with special guests East Dream Chinese Dance Group and Downtown Dance.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and seniors. Children four and under are free. Tickets can be purchased online at www.linnbenton.edu/go/tickets in connection with Box Office Avenue, at the Russell Tripp Performance Center box office Tuesday - Thursday from 8-10 a.m. and 2- 4 p.m., by phone at 541-917-4531, or one hour prior to curtain.

For more information, contact the LBCC Performance Center box office at 541-917-4531. For special needs and accommodations, contact the LBCC office of Disability Services at Phone 541-917-4690 or via Oregon Relay TDD at 1-800-735-2900 at least 72 hours in advance of this event.

French Banquet Coming Soon

Press Release

It's time to mark your calendars for the Culinary Arts 39th Annual French Banquet. Our students have researched the culinary world of France and have come up with a beautiful menu.

This year's banquet will be held on Thursday, May 24 and Friday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Calapooia Center Commons Dining Room. The cost of the pre-purchased ticket is \$32 per person.

Tickets will go on sale Tuesday, May 1 at 8:30 a.m. on the LBCC Albany campus in room CC-214. This is

a very popular banquet, and unfortunately, we must limit sales to 8 tickets per person. If you still require more tickets, you will need to return to the end of the line. There will be no phone sales on this day.

All tickets are pre-sold, and all sales are final. Sales by phone will be available on Wednesday, May 2 (541-917-4385) should there be any remaining tickets. If there are any vegetarians in your party, please let us know when you purchase your tickets.

The theme this year is "An Appellation Adventure," A tour through the wine regions of France.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 4/18

Registration is now open for "Backyard Woodworking Projects." Classes begin on May 1. For more information or to register, contact LBCC Albany Community Education at 541-917-4840.

5-7 p.m. CH2M Hill Alumni Center, join author and activist, Jay Michaelson for a discussion on "God Vs. Gay" the religious case for equality.

Thursday 4/19

LBCC and all centers closed due to college inservice. Classes will resume April 20.

7 p.m. Community Center for the Performing Arts

Wanda Jackson and the Dusty 45s with Sallie Ford and the Sound Outside perform!

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at door.

Friday 4/20

Noon in MKH 118

Active Minds Meeting

6:30-10 p.m. Whiteside Theatre Mr. Spartan Benefit concert for the Mario Pastega House. Local bands including Summer Soundtrack will be featured. Tickets are \$10 students, \$12 adults. Can be purchased at Grass Roots, Rice's Pharmacy or at the door.

7:30 p.m. Community Center for the Performing Arts

Inner Limits, Blue Lotus, and Work Horse perform! Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$10 at door.

7:30 p.m. Russel Tripp Performance Center LBCC Dance Club performance with special guests East Dream Chinese Dance Group and Downtown Dance. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for students, free for 4 and under.

9 p.m. Rileys Bar and Grill The Cave Dwellers--Fresh Man perform.

Saturday 4/21

2 p.m. Russel Tripp Performance Center

LBCC Dance Club performance with special guests East Dream Chinese Dance Group and Downtown Dance. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for students, free for 4 and under.

6:30 p.m. Community Center for the Performing Arts

Doug Benson with Graham Elwood perform their comedic act. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at door.

9 p.m. Bombs Away Cafe The Exit Electric--Kalico performs.

Wednesday 4/25

7:30 p.m. Community Center for the Performing Arts

A classic Jamaican Ska performance by The Skatalites featuring Norma Fraser. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at door.

If you have an Upcoming Events, please e-mail them to commuter@linnbenton.edu.

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Corvallis Rugby Team Going Strong

Michael Rivera
 Contributing Writer

There are two things that the Corvallis Brewers do extremely well: warm welcomes to all and playing rugby.

The Corvallis Rugby Club is part of the Pacific Northwest Rugby Football Union Men's Division III League. From players and members ranging 18 to 50, this social club brings people from around the Linn, Benton, and Marion Counties together.

Jeff Billings, member and LBCC student, says that the recently turned non-profit organization wants to focus on community by starting rugby clinics during the summer, help other organizations (such as Habitat for Humanity), and establishing their women's team. Billings says that the club wants to be involved around the communities to show people that rugby is a sport for everyone.

"This is a great club throughout the whole league. We are a lot more organized since past years, our first year with a coach, and a really tight-knit group that meld as a unit."

The Corvallis Brewers started in 1973. The program folded up in the early '90s, yet some members held onto the bank accounts and uniforms. After approaching many ex-rugby players at OSU who were past the eligibility, the club started back up. Except this time, they're growth has been exponential every new year.

"The club is growing," said Yonatan Weiss, team representative. "Our practices went from 8-15 players to 15-30 players this year."

From a small group of friends to a community club, the Brewers have banded together to put their home town on the page of prestige in the rugby community. Members range from Corvallis, Albany, and the Salem area. Fighting tooth and nail, tit for tat, the Brewers are making a rumble throughout Washington and Oregon as a force to be reckoned with.

This club rugby team has been able to hold the number three ranked spot in the Pacific Northwest Rugby Union as they headed



The Corvallis Brewers Rugby team.

into the playoffs that started April 15 at Skyliner Park in Bend, Oregon.

"Our best qualities are the team spirit, encouragement, and the inclusive culture," said Winston McCullough, first-year coach of the Brewers. "One thing that has improved us from last year is the commitment of these players."

Jake Jones, president of the Corvallis Rugby Club, was a former Oregon State Rugby player. He talks about the club as an opportunity to continue rugby, a lifelong passion, and a place of great friendships.

"Overall, the mentality isn't super competitive. Don't get me

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wrong; we still do compete to win, but our club is more social with everyone on our team and within our conference. Think about it: How many club sports teams house the opposing team as they visit? You don't find that very often."



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Tue May 8	SWOCC	HOME
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Tue May 15	Chemeketa C.C.	HOME
Thur May 17	Lane C.C.	Away
Thur May 24	Championships	Away

photos by Ron Borst



Team Roster

- | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 20 Mark Allen | 17 Austin Marsh |
| 21 Max Anderson | 18 Keldon Martin |
| 28 Miles Bedford | 33 Clark McKittrick |
| 27 Michael Bradshaw | 3 Garrett Miller |
| 2 Marcus Brown | 32 Christian Morrison |
| 5 Chase Clair | 4 Brandon Nelson |
| 8 Sean Curry | 23 Cameron Newell |
| 44 Ethan Daugherty | 10 Ken Norgaard |
| 35 Will DeKruger | 7 Dillon Porter |
| 1 Austin Hamilton | 9 Nick Schnedar |
| 6 Logan Henry | 19 Joel Shippy |
| 13 Cody James | 12 Kellen Sparkes |
| 29 Brandon Jones | 22 Lee Stoops |
| 11 Taylor Landwehr | 25 Austin Woodward |

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Kelly Griffith

Oregon on Display

Kelly Griffith

Editorial Assistant

The unique beauty of Oregon is brought together in this great Spring term exhibit.

With 29 local photographers contributing their work, this exhibit shows the raw beauty nature surrounds us with everyday. These amazing photographers are bringing out beauty that may otherwise be overlooked.

Stop by and check out this exhibit for an invigorating experience, and feel free to share any comments in "The Nature of Oregon" comment book.

Some of the artists brought nature "up close and personal," others share it from afar, some capture it all in one shot. The gallery lighting is inviting and makes details "pop," and mesmerizing reflections add elegance and dimension to the room.

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"The Nature of Oregon"

When:
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Above: One piece on display is Ricardo Small's "Hooded Pumpkins."

Top left: "The Nature of Oregon" photography display in South Santiam Gallery.

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4/20-5/20
TMNT: Cowabunga, dude! Turtle power! Go eat some pizza.



GEMINI
5/21-6/21
Doug: You're perfectly adequate.



CANCER
6/22-7/22
Invader Zim: Stop trying to take over the world, you're bad at it. At least you have GIR.



LEO
7/23-8/22
Tiny Toons: You're tiny, you're toony, and you're a little looney.



VIRGO
8/23-9/22
Rugrats: You're young and full of energy, just try to keep the shenanigans down.



LIBRA
9/23-10/23
X-Men: You and Professor X, keepin' the balance.



SCORPIO
10/24-11/21
Dragon Ball Z: You seem awesome from a distance, but up close ... not so much.



SAGITTARIUS
11/22-12/21
Wild Thornberrys: Always up for an adventure in the wilderness.



CAPRICORN
12/22-1/19
Daria: Misunderstood and a little weird, but super awesome.



AQUARIUS
1/20-2/18
Ren and Stimpy: You're not afraid of a little raunchiness, are you?



PISCES
2/19-3/20
Magic School Bus: Because someone has to be a little educational.

Untitled

by Benjamin Hodges

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Mirror still rattles
Try to wake me up
Full blast, it's still a battle



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This day in history ...

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The great San Francisco earthquake happens. Soon to be a major motion picture by James Cameron.

April 19, 1775 - Look how far we have come

The American Revolution begins. Look at America now ...

April 20, 1926 - The Jazz Singer

A new sound process for films is announced. I hear they have these new movies called talkies.

April 21, 1895 - In the beginning

The first movie projector is demonstrated in the United States. For further information on the subject, see the movie "Hugo."

April 22, 1970 - That's a thing

On this day Earth Day is celebrated for the first time. And in other news ...

April 23, 1564 - Also in the beginning

William Shakespeare is born on this day. Also most of the tropes of modern fiction are born on this day.

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Thursday: Inservice

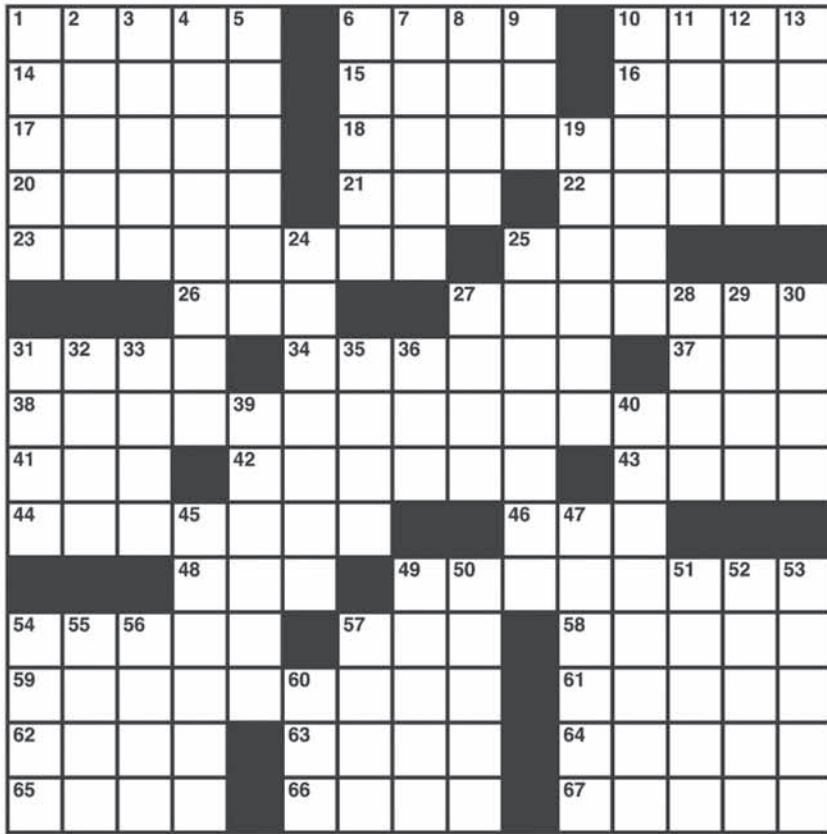
Friday: Chef's Choice

Monday: Roasted Beer-Brined Chicken w/ Pan Gravy, Tuscan Braised Pork over Polenta*, Portabella Sandwich. Soups: Turkey Vegetable*, Sausage Potato and Kale

Tuesday: Rogan Josh* over Couscous, Rubeen Sandwich w/ Coleslaw, Vegetable Pot Pie. Soups: Corn Chowder, Shrimp Bisque*

*Items denoted with a * are gluten free

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- 1 Athenian with harsh laws
 - 6 "Star Wars" princess
 - 10 Hip-hop mogul who married Beyoncé
 - 14 Grapevine traveler
 - 15 Srs.' lobbying gp.
 - 16 "Dies ___": hymn
 - 17 Get hitched quick
 - 18 Jam on the brakes
 - 20 Stick-on design
 - 21 Go astray
 - 22 Press conf. format
 - 23 Soft court stroke
 - 25 Wallowing place
 - 26 Pasture
 - 27 Colorfully patterned fabric
 - 31 Songstress Adams
 - 34 RCA Victor pooch
 - 37 Altar consent
 - 38 Small family businesses
 - 41 Driver's lic. et al.
 - 42 Lend a hand
 - 43 Fast time
 - 44 Gander
 - 46 Embarrassed
 - 48 World Series mo.
 - 49 Stir-fried dish
 - 54 Legend automaker
 - 57 Cross shape
 - 58 Yellowish earth tone
 - 59 Hush-hush activities, briefly, and a hint to the hidden theme in 18-, 23-, 38- and 49-Across
 - 61 Magician Henning et al.
 - 62 Region
 - 63 Shoshoneans
 - 64 ___ the side of caution
 - 65 College official
 - 66 Like slasher movies
 - 67 1954-1977 defense gp.



By Donna S. Levin

- 4 Admit one's guilt to serve less time
- 5 Threat-ending words
- 6 Rodeo rope
- 7 Weird AI
- 8 It's pumped in gyms
- 9 PC program
- 10 Holy wars
- 11 Elvis ___ Presley
- 12 Swing set site
- 13 Epsilon follower
- 19 Water gun stream
- 24 Desk phone unit
- 25 Orchestra leader
- 27 Third afterthought, in a ltr.
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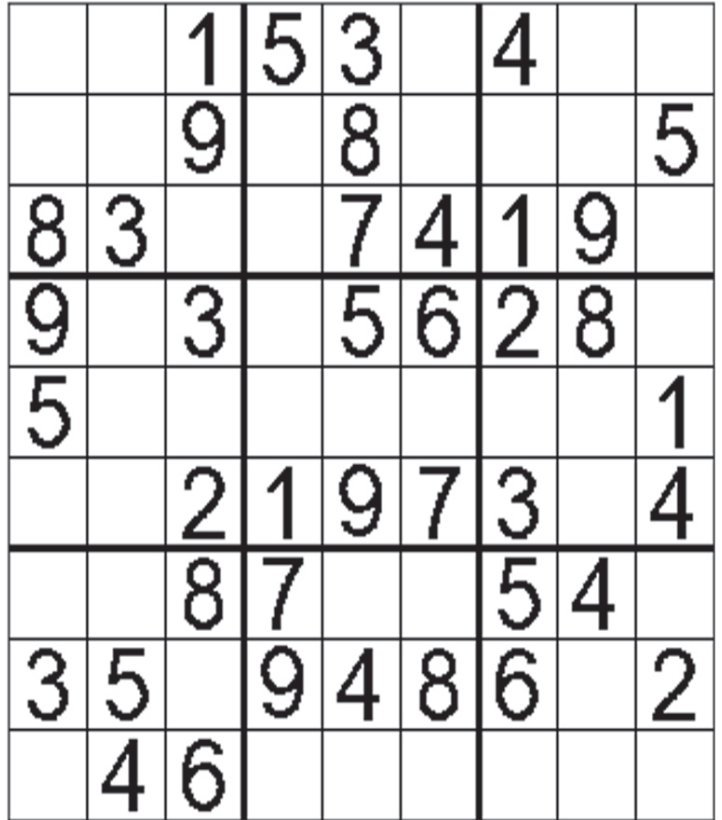


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- 39 Sprint Cup org.
- 40 It may take years to settle one
- 45 Seoul man
- 47 Lyric poems
- 49 Playful prank
- 50 Brazen minx
- 51 "Star Trek" communications officer
- 52 Grain disease
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- 57 He bit Miss Gulch in a 1939 film
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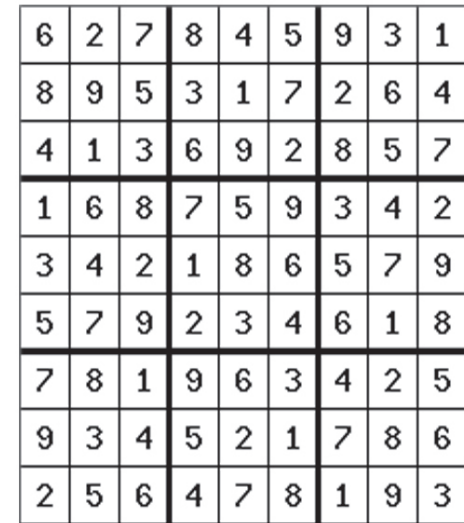
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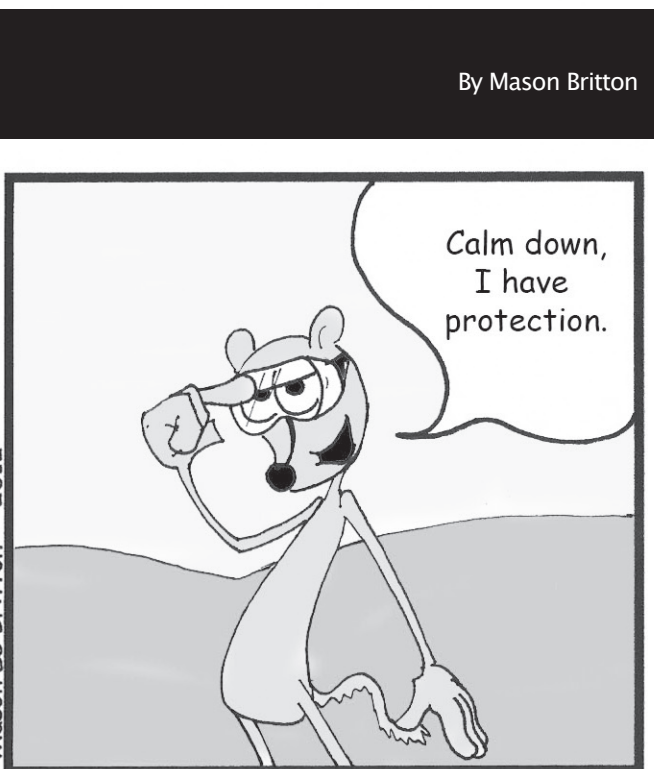


Last Week's Puzzle Solved



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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Franchise Loses Director

Gary Ross Exits "Games"

Ian Butcher

Staff Writer

As we all know, "The Hunger Games" continues to make a boatload of money, and naturally, the studio is looking ahead to the sequel. Just one problem. It's a little difficult to make a movie when there is no director. However, when it comes to actually making the next book "Catching Fire" into a movie, they may have shot themselves in the foot.

Before the first film was released, a release date for "Catching Fire" was set for November 22, 2013. This sounds reasonable right? Until Jennifer Lawrence's other big franchise came knocking.

As many would remember, Lawrence played Mystique in last summer's X-Men:First Class. That movie is getting a sequel and starts filming this January. That means that "Catching Fire" would have to start filming in August in order to work around her schedule. Because of this, "Hunger Games" director Gary Ross dropped "Catching Fire" because he doesn't feel he has enough time to make a film that would be good. However, the film is still trucking along to its release date. Do you see anything wrong with this? I sure do.

Just looking back at previous examples of films that through hell or high water were going to come out on their original release dates, you can see it's given us only the best movies. "X-Men: The Last Stand, Last Action Hero,



and Alien Vs. Predator: Requiem. Oh wait. Here's an idea, push the release back just six months. That's all I'm asking is six months. Is the movie going to make any less money coming out summer 2014 than it would Thanksgiving 2013?

I understand that you want to strike while the iron is hot, but I really doubt that the "Hunger Games" audience would vanish in a mere six months. All I'm asking for is that you remember that a big reason why so many people turned out to the first movie was because it was a good movie. And it was based on good source material. Take a little more time to make this movie good and, for the love of God, find a director already. You kids need one of those to make a movie.

Tyga Impresses in Corvallis

Andre Armattoo

Contributing Writer

You wouldn't have the slightest idea it was a Monday night with the incredible turnout and energy at the Benton County Fair Grounds earlier this week.

Hip hop sensation, Tyga, made an unscheduled stop in Oregon in several locations for his Careless World Tour, named after his second studio album. There was a crowd of roughly 1,300 individuals all gathered inside the fairgrounds to see one of hip hop's hottest artists along with his crew consisting of Honey Cocaine and Lil Twist.

Tickets sold fast! Almost as fast the performance seemed to have gone. "Everyone was having a great time and you never wanted it to end, but it did way quicker than expected" said concert attendee Josh Knoll.

Tyga played many of his hit singles, such as "Rack City," "Make it Nasty," and "The Motto."

Brennan White was lucky enough to meet the performer in person after the concert had ended, and he had nothing, but good things to say about the rapper.

"He really was a great guy. I always expected rappers like him to be stuck up or self absorbed, but he was really chill," White said. "[He was] a lot shorter than I was expecting, but he even made some jokes about his height."

Those who were unable to attend the concert can visit Oncloudn9ne's Facebook page to view pictures of the event, or you can visit Ticketmaster to view other locations he will be performing.

You can also visit Tyga's official website to learn a bit about what this young rapper is about.



Haunted "Cabin" Does Horror Right

Ian Butcher

Staff Writer

How does one accurately describe this film? Every horror movie fan's wet dream? Or, more appropriately, Joss Whedon and Drew Goddard passing around a bong while talking about horror movies?

Let me start off by saying that if you have any interest in seeing "The Cabin in the Woods," DO NOT watch any trailers before seeing it. Go into the film as blind as possible. I would also like to start off by saying "The Cabin in the Woods" just might be the end-all-be-all of horror films. I don't think there's anything left to say about the genre, and any horror movie from now on is going to be partially ruined by this film. I would also like to say that "The Cabin In The Woods" is a masterpiece. Big words, I know.

The brain child of geek god Joss Whedon (Buffy, Firefly, The Avengers) and directorial debut of Drew Goddard (writer of Cloverfield), "The Cabin in the Woods" is a hilarious, gory, and all around genius commentary horror movie cliches, as well as the state of modern horror. The film follows the typical group of friends that you find in every horror movie going on a typical weekend getaway to a remote cabin in the woods. Five friends that consist of The Jock, The Nerd, The Pothead, The Virgin, and The Slut. Yes, they are supposed to be cardboard cutouts of every group of horror movie friends. Sex and drinking ensues until the crap hits the fan. AND THAT'S ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE MOVIE BEFORE GOING IN!

Now with that out of the way, let me say that if you are

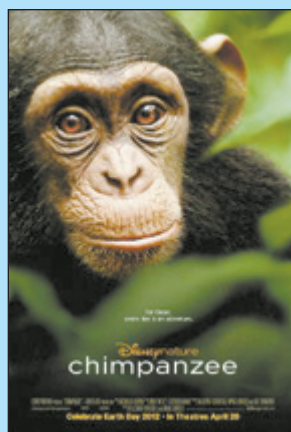
even remotely a fan of horror, this is a film made for you. This film takes all of the horror movie tropes and turns them on their head. This film isn't just a deconstruction of horror films, it's an in depth examination that takes everything apart and shatters any preconceived notions of what makes a horror movie.

Even if you are not a real fan of horror, you will still love this film. Mainly because this isn't really a "scary" film. More because it's hilarious. The film is filled with laugh-out-loud funny jabs at horror movies and an all around great sense of humor. And if you are a horror fan, there are a ton of subtle jokes that you will greatly appreciate.

This is a film made by people who clearly love horror and have some stuff to say about where it's at nowadays. Any insane idea you've ever had with your friends about what would make for the most ridiculousness awesome movie ever, they put in this film. By that I mean they throw everything including the kitchen sink in the film in terms of ideas. Any out there silly idea you've ever had while watching a horror film is in this.

If it seems like I'm being a little vague, that's all for your benefit. I don't want to go too much into detail at the risk of giving away the endless number of jaw dropping surprises that are in this film. This film is a true game changer for the horror genre, and to be completely honest, I don't know how anyone would be able to make a horror film after this one. This is the most fun I've had in a theater in a very long time, and if you are looking for an intelligent, gory, and all around great laugh at the movies, then I strongly recommend "The Cabin In The Woods."

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Chimpanzee
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Genre: Disney Documentary



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Rated: PG-13
Genre: Rom-Com



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Rated: PG-13
Genre: Tear Jerker

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