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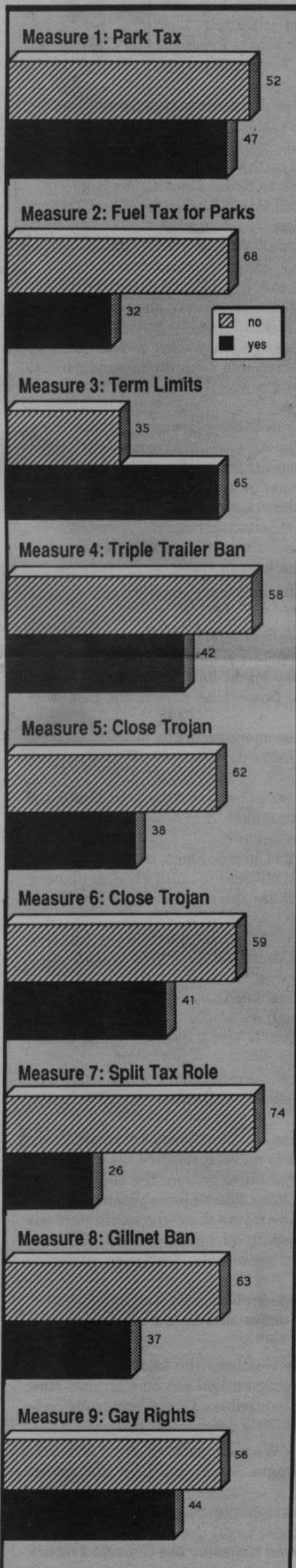
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Clinton ousts Bush; Measure 9 defeated

The Democratic candidate wins in Oregon with 43 percent of the vote; battle between Packwood and AuCoin goes down to the wire

From Knight-Ridder News Service and Commuter Reports

Gov. Bill Clinton, the self-described "agent of change," drove President Bush from power Tuesday night, ending 12 years of Republican control of the White House in swift and dramatic fashion.

Shortly after the polls closed on the West Coast Bush conceded defeat. "We have fought the good fight, and we have kept the faith," Bush told a crowd at the Westin Galleria hotel in Houston. "And I believe I have upheld the honor of the presidency of the United States."

The Arkansas governor and his running mate, Sen. Al Gore of Tennessee, racked up victories in every region in the country. They wrested states that had been firmly in the Republican Party's grasp and won broad support across age, income and ideological lines.

In Oregon issues, Measure 3, which sets term limits for elected officials in the state and Congress, was the only one of the nine measures to pass.

The controversial Measure 9 was being defeated by a margin of 57 to 43 percent late last night, with Linn County one of only three counties in the state supporting the measure. Benton County voters were defeat-

ing Measure 9 64 percent to 35 percent with about half the votes counted.

Late in the evening, Republican incumbent Bob Packwood held a fluctuating 53 to 47 percent lead over Les AuCoin in the hotly contested senate race.

Nationally, the Democrats kept firm control of both the House and Senate, providing President-elect Bill Clinton with an enthusiastic new Congress to pass his proposals after years of Republican presidencies, Democratic Congresses and gridlocked government.

The elections will result in a large number of new faces in Congress, with more minorities than ever before. But despite anti-incumbent fever and congressional scandals, many incumbents were returned to Washington.

The new Senate will include the first black woman, Carol Moseley Braun, an Illinois Democrat, and the first American Indian, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, a Colorado Democrat. Both won seats that were formerly held by Democrats, cementing Democratic control of the chamber.

In another first, California will become the first state in history to be represented by two women senators following victories there by Democrats Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein.

In the House, where there now are 25 blacks, about 38 or 39 are expected to take seats in January. The House has 29 women, and that number was expected to at least double.

The number of Hispanics, now at 10, was also expected to increase.



Photo by Linda Wallace
Sema Guneyli greets morning commuters in Corvallis early Tuesday by waving signs for her favorite candidates.

Northwest Veterans for Peace denied entry in annual Albany Veterans Day parade next week

Local parade organizers complain that Northwest Veterans for Peace is really a Communist-supported organization

By Sharon Nigh Adams
Of The Commuter

"Lest We Forget the Price of Freedom" is the theme of this year's Albany Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 11, but at least one local group that wants to march feels that it's been forgotten.

The Northwest Veterans for Peace were denied entry into the parade by the organization's board of directors on the grounds that it is a Communist-sponsored group.

Greg Rekart, a Vietnam veteran and member of the Northwest Veterans for Peace, said the group was allowed to march last year, and received an enthusiastic reception from the people along the parade route.

"For many Vietnam veterans, last year's parade was the first time we had ever been applauded," Rekart said. "Tears of joy were in my eyes. We were being cheered instead of being called baby killers. One of our slogans stated 'Be First in Vet-Care, Not Warfare.' It will be especially hard to explain to my two children why I am not allowed to be in the parade this year when they knew it was such a good experience for me, being cheered and applauded instead of being called hateful, hurtful names."

Anji Russo, coordinator of this year's parade, said that every entry must conform to the rules of the Veterans Council and must be patriotic.

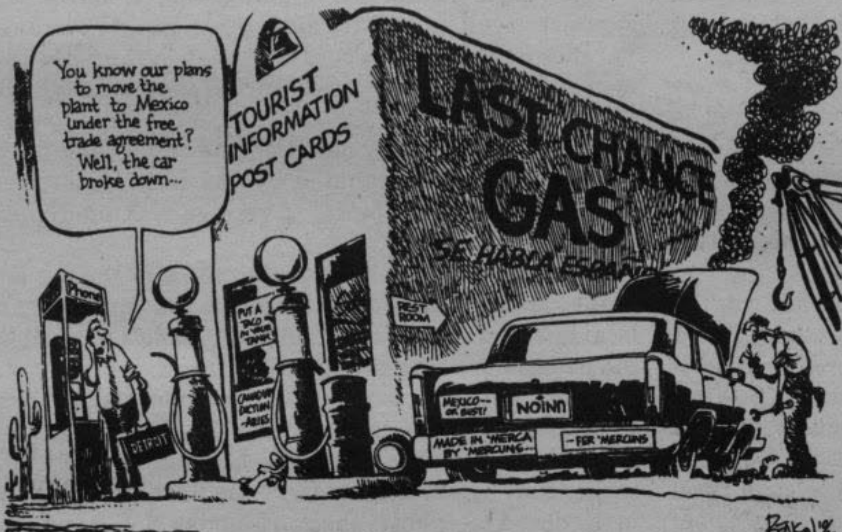
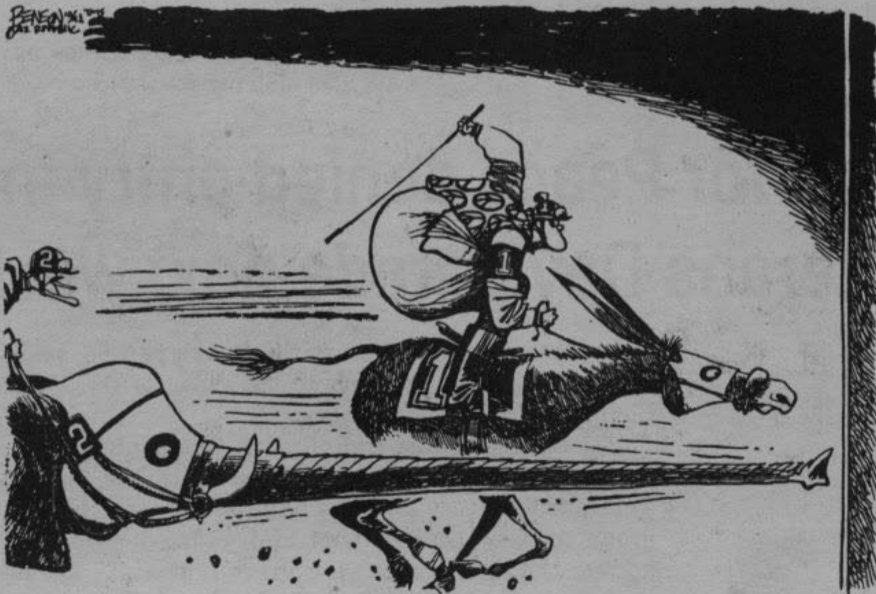
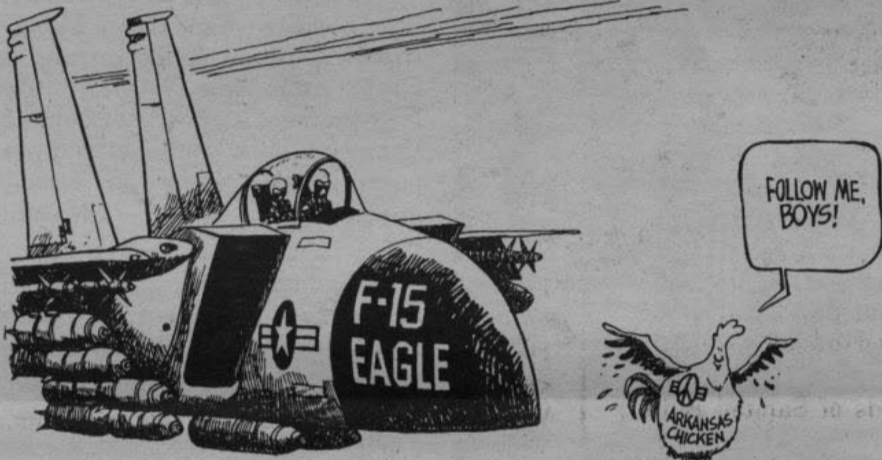
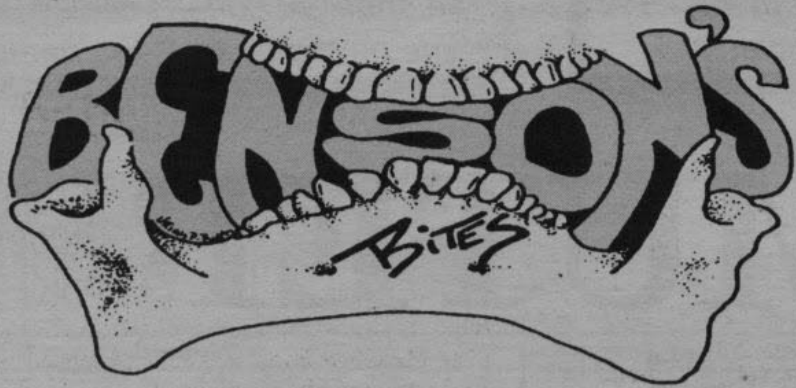
She said the same organization was denied entry last year, but then it changed its name to the Northwest Veterans for Peace and was admitted. Russo claimed the group misrepresented itself and violated parade rules, adding that marchers wore green-and-white armbands that she said signified their Communist influence.

Allowing a "Communist organization" to march in what organizers call one of the most prestigious Veterans Day Parades in the nation would be "a slap in the face to all the men and women who bravely served their country," Russo said.

For 41 years Albany has been one of only eight "official parade sites" as designated by the U.S. Department of Defense, making it eligible to receive visiting dignitaries from Washington, D.C.

Thousands of people throng to the city for the annual event, considered one of the largest in the nation, and many local businesses, organizations and schools enter floats in the event, including the ASLBCC. Students interested in helping with float construction can contact the Student Programs office on campus. The Student Programming Council is still considering designs for the 40-foot-long trailer that will be used to carry the float. It will be parked in the diesel mechanics shop on Monday Nov. 9 and must be decorated in time for the Wednesday parade.

opinion forum



Bush-Quayle ad robs voters of the truth about job-thief Bill Clinton

In addition to his many other character flaws, it now turns out that Gov. Bill Clinton is a thief.

This shocking information comes to us from — of all people — the Bush-Quayle Re-Election Committee.

It was revealed in a commercial that has been running on Illinois radio stations. In it, a doomsday-voice announcer says that Clinton has been "stealing jobs" from Illinois.

And they present an actual case of job theft: "Gov. Clinton stole jobs from workers at Acme Frame Products. ... Acme Frame Products closed down, fired its workers, and moved to Arkansas."

However, the commercial doesn't explain precisely how Clinton went about "stealing" these Illinois jobs.

Did he come sneaking into Illinois late one night, blow the lock on the Acme Frame factory, load all the machinery onto his pickup truck, and highball back to Arkansas with his loot?

Or maybe he put on a ski mask, walked into the Acme president's office, whipped out a pistol, and said: "Your factory or your life."

But it wasn't quite that dramatic. It wouldn't be worth 20 seconds on one of the true-crime TV shows.

This might come as a surprise to the Bush-Quayle campaign, but governors are constantly trying to steal jobs from other states. Any governor who doesn't try isn't doing his job.

The usual procedure is to have a state agency offer a deal to some business in another state: tax breaks, a reliable work force, maybe a cut-rate deal on land.

Some states use scare tactics.

Last year, Wisconsin ran advertising in Illinois newspapers showing a dark alley with a homicide chalk drawing on the pavement. It urged businesses to flee scary Chicago and relocate in carefree Wisconsin.

Not only do states steal jobs from other states, but suburbs steal jobs from cities, suburbs steal from other suburbs, rural areas steal from cities and suburbs, and countries steal from other countries.

Or hasn't the Bush-Quayle team heard about its deal with Mexico that will result in countless jobs moving from here to there.

Any governor who manages to steal some jobs usually calls a news conference and brags about it.

So when the Bush-Quayle campaign calls Clinton a thief, it is giving him credit for doing his job the way it is supposed to be done.

If they had wanted to be critical, they might have said: "Gov. Clinton doesn't snatch jobs from other states. Doesn't he care if the people of Arkansas work?"

And in this case, that might have been more accurate, since it appears that Clinton didn't have much of anything to do with Acme Frame moving from Illinois to Arkansas.

The dull facts are that Acme was a subsidiary of American Greetings Corp., the country's biggest greeting card maker. And American Greetings already had a much bigger operation in Arkansas.

So when its frame business outgrew its Chicago plant, the company had to decide whether to stay here and spend millions to build a bigger plant or save money by moving to Arkansas, where the company had a suitable building.

The dollar-and-cents answer was to move, which it did. More than 300 Chicagoans lost their jobs. But far more than that have been laid off when other companies moved to Chicago suburbs.

When told of the political commercial, an Acme official said: "What? Nobody talked to us about it. If they had, we would have told them that Clinton had nothing to do with our move. It was a decision made by the company."

But that wouldn't have made for as cute a radio commercial. Actually, if someone wanted to be critical of the job move, Clinton shouldn't be the target.

The governor of Illinois at that time was Jim Thompson, a staunch Bush-Quayle supporter. When Acme decided to move, it notified his office. But there is no record of Thompson doing anything to prevent the alleged heist.

So one could do a commercial saying: "Why didn't a Republican governor, who supports Bush-Quayle, protect Illinois from a thief who would steal our jobs? Was our Republican governor sleeping during the burglary? Do we want this great nation led by the kind of people who don't even qualify to be night watchmen?"

True, that would be unfair to Thompson, but in political advertising, fairness is a priority that ranks only above finding an announcer who doesn't stutter.

With only a few days left before the election, who knows what other infamous crimes the Bush-Quayle campaign might pin on Clinton? How about something like this: "Gov. Clinton eats babies. Do you want somebody as president who would eat those sweet little defenseless things?"

Of course, they could explain later: "We were talking about Brussels sprouts, which are sort of little baby cabbages. And even a baby cabbage has a mommy and daddy cabbage, right?"

Yes, and some of the little baby cabbages even grow up to become writers of political commercials.

Mike Royko is a syndicated columnist who writes for the Chicago Tribune



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opinion forum

Turning Point graduate lauds the class for helping her turn her life around

To the Editor:

I recently finished the Turning Point class in June. It is a class that most people need at some point in their life, and this was just the right time for me.

It is a very inspirational class taught by excellent instructors. Mary Lou, Jessie, and Carmen each had wonderful ideas, warm hearts, and passed on very necessary tools for resumes, cover letters and survival.

I made some very special friends who, I know, will

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be a support for me in the future. It is nice to know that life is just a series of beginnings and I'm not just a series of failures.

I hope it will be offered for a long time to come. It not only built up my self-esteem, encouraged my push for higher goals, encouraged me to work on self-improvement for future education, and gave me the courage to try and succeed for higher goals in employment than I believed I was capable of a short time ago.

I encourage others who have setbacks and low self-esteem to look into this class. I think it is for everyone some time in their life.

Connie S. White
Albany, Oregon

Newly infected find that love defies description

By S. E. Strahan
Of The Commuter

Having recently had the little critter known as the love bug nibbling on my heels, I have decided to discuss the simple and pure emotion of love and the differing definitions that people have for the feeling.

I in no way claim some kind of omnipotent knowledge of the souls' feelings. I have only touched upon the emotion and offer humbly to you ideas of love and maybe a few tid-bits of my narrow informational reserve.

two cents
by s.e. strahan

Websters New World Dictionary defines the word love as, "1. a strong affection or liking for someone or something 2. a passionate affection of one person for another." It may just be me, but by sticking a few words that are simply abstract symbols for thought together, it somehow diminishes it. I don't think there is any way to put it into words. Although that has not discouraged others from trying.

Napoleon said "Love is a stupidity of two."

E. W. Howe wrote in "Country Town Sayings" 'Love is a game in which both players always cheat'.

In Ovid's "Heroides" he wrote 'Love is a kind of anxious fear'.

Henry David Thoreau once wrote that 'Love is a thirst that is never slaked'.

In "Love's Labour Lost" Shakespeare wrote 'Love is a familiar; love is a devil; there is no evil angel but love'.

When seeing how so many judge love harshly, it is important to remember the quote, "Why do we always know the moment that love ends, but never the moment we fell in love?" Steve Martin asked this.

So is it enough for anyone to simply accept the emotion of love without trying to explain? Apparently not, or the people before, and now myself, would not be attempting to now.

Those of you who have experienced love know there is no way to describe it. There is no way to describe that pain you feel inside when you are away from the object of your love and desires. You cannot explain that feeling of pure exhilaration you have when you are in their presence. And it is impossible to define the feeling that borders upon pure bliss when you realize you have found the person you wish to spend the rest of your life with.

I think it is important to know that mans need to put names to everything, as we have done, and to define everything, as man has attempted to do, takes more from the emotion than we have to spare. The point of this story is that it should be enough for everyone to simply acknowledge love and not confuse it by adding a few words that never can contain everything that love is. We need to simply know that it exists.

I leave you with the words of Samuel Butler, 1835-1902:

"A definition is the enclosing a wilderness of idea within a wall of words."

Council adopts goals, takes stand on measure 9

Several things have happened over the last couple of Student Council meetings.

On Oct. 21, the council voted to accept its goals for the year: increased communication and visibility, continuity with the next council, review of college policies, and a review of council procedures. The council also decided to promote the ARC of Benton County's need for volunteers for its many programs, which include youth, fund-raising for community outreach for developmental disabilities, fostering friendships, seniors and the program for people with severe developmental disabilities. If you are interested in volunteering or want more information, call Linda, Billie, or Katie at 753-1711 or Pete at Open Door at 752-9724.

On Oct. 28, the Student Council adopted a resolution against discrimination. The council decided

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that it "reaffirms the ASLBCC Constitution and takes a stand against discrimination of any type". This resolution is, of course, council's response to Measure 9.

Also on the 28th, the council decided it would try to help get student volunteers to help with emergency evacuations. Volunteer would get trained to help evacuate people during drills and during real evacuations. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Mick Cook in the Security Office.

Coming up this week on the agenda will be the interviewing of applicants for the vacant Student Services/Extended Learning position. After the interviews, the council will appoint the person it feels is best qualified.

If you have any business you would like to discuss with the council, contact your representative in the ASLBCC/Student Programs office and he or she will see about putting it on the agenda.

Comedians needed to work in Washington

Okay, it's Wednesday and you all know who won the races. Of course, term limits and triple-trailer bans went belly up, as did whatever Measure Nine actually proposed to do.

And either one bozo or another got elected to head the Executive Branch of the federal government. Whether it was the bozo with big ears (Dumbo) or the one from down South (Gumbo) or the one with the VooDoo DooDoo (Mumbo-Jumbo) is kind of irrelevant. They all have more or less the same policies, working within the same system with the same essential combinations in the judicial and legislative branches.

Personally, I feel that electing real people to the office is a waste of time. I'm starting a movement to elect a Situation Comedy for President of this great land of ours. I mean, imagine the possibilities—half an hour and the health care problem is solved! For the episode on the homeless issue, we'd probably have to introduce a poignant yet independent character who has lost her home through no fault of her own. For the episode on interest rates, we'd need a lot of pratfalls to hold the viewers' attention. Now, I'm not limiting myself to one political viewpoint — heavens no!

Your candidate for 'Family Values' would have to be Leave It To Beaver'.

June: "Ward, I'm worried about the Beaver. He's been ignoring Domestic Policy again. <sigh>"

Ward: "Well, I'll have a little talk with him. Y'know, I would occasionally forget Domestic Policy when I was his age. I think I can understand -"

Eddie Haskell: "Good afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Cleaver. Is Theodore at home? He promised to sign a Free Trade Agreement with me."

Talk about a New Order!

Your 'common sense' candidate, of course, would be Gilligan's Island. It would probably involve the Professor trying to tax Mr. Howell, and rebuilding the economy out of coconuts. And just before the debt is eliminated, Gilligan would come up and fall over something important, setting us all back to the \$3 trillion mark. The major problem is that the Skipper would make a lousy first lady.

And your 'Modern Man' candidate would be Three's Company. Probably the standard domestic crisis would involve Larry, the guy from downstairs, telling a girl he was actually the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and he and Jack trying to cover that without letting Jackie and Chrissie know about it. Mr. Roper would be a pre-separation Soviet Premier or something.

Now, I know you're saying "How can you put these fictional characters into the White House? Nobody in the rest of the world will take us seriously!" Well, how real are the images that the spin doctors create for the public? And how much of the world takes us seriously now? Remember Uncle Ron, the Space Cowboy? Or even Gerald Ford? I think Jack Tripper and Gerald Ford match up nicely myself.

You may notice that none of the modern, hip comedies like Dinosaurs, Murphy Brown or the Simpsons are anywhere in the presidential race. Well, most of the modern, hip candidates aren't either. They've smoked pot, or once advocated a precarious political position, or made fun of their sponsors once too often. Or even (gasp!) opposed the Gulf War! So they'd never be accepted by their party—probably the Screen Actors' Guild.

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College joins with businesses to chart course into 21st century

By Charlotte Smith
Of The Commuter

LBCC has joined with local business in a long range plan to develop the type of worker that will lead America into the 21st Century.

The 21st Century Schools Act, which passed the state Legislature last year, requires LBCC, government agencies and business leaders to restructure the educational system to "achieve the state's goals of the best educated citizens in the nation by the year 2000 and a workforce equal to any in the world by the year 2010."

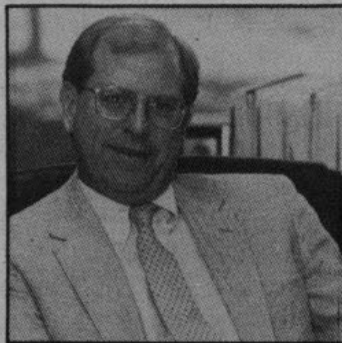
According to president Jon Carnahan, LBCC programs are already structured with this goal in mind. For example, the Family Resource Center teaches parents how to prepare their children for school, preventing some of the problems that show up later in the educational system.

Another program he cited, is Cooperative Work Experience. Students in the program have the opportunity to get on-the-job experience in the field they're studying, helping them realize all the skills required of them when they leave school and enter the workforce.

In addition, said Carnahan, the Training and Business Development Center makes a tie between education and business. It helps business to continue to advance the training of their employees.

Carnahan stated he was proud that the college was able to serve the "huge diverse needs of the populations in the communities we serve."

However, serving such a diverse body of students brings problems and frustrations. Dealing with the traditional college student, the displaced worker who needs retraining, and the underskilled all in the same classroom is quite a challenge, said Carnahan. This puts pressure on not only the instructors, but the support staff right down the line from secretaries to maintenance personnel.



President Jon Carnahan

Local business and education leaders have formed the Linn-Benton Business-Education Compact (LBEC), an umbrella for all the programs striving to achieve the goals of the 21st Century Act. Businesses, teachers and students can now come to one source for training opportunities rather than contacting individual schools and industries, said Carnahan.

According to Bob Stalick, Albany superintendent, the compact is based on a similar arrangement in Washington County. The compact will make getting federal and state grants more convenient.

LBEC has incorporated and is working on by-laws, mission statement, and setting goals. It will be offering memberships and is looking to hire a director, according to Board Chairman Jerry Fisher, manager of Oregon Public Affairs for Hewlett Packard.

The board of directors is made up of members from business and education and there are three honorary members—Rep. Carolyn Oakley from Albany, Sen. Clifford Trow from Corvallis, and Fifth District Congressman, Mike Kopetski.

LBEC is looking for office space to set up in. It must be located in the business community and donated space would be nice, said Fisher.

news briefs

Poster and Bake Sale

The LAHP Art Gallery is the location for the Graphic Arts Poster Bake Sale being held this week, Nov. 2 through 6, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Fall Pops Concert

The Linn-Benton Concert Band will present a Patriotic Pops Concert starting at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at the Albany Elks Lodge, 245 4th Ave. SW. The concert features a patriotic theme linked to the Veterans' Day celebration in Albany.

The concert setting will offer table seating and hors d'oeuvres, with refreshments available and dancing to the sounds of the Albany Swing Band following the concert. Tickets cost \$5 and are available at several locations and at the door. Contact Richard Sorenson, conductor, at 838-8874 (office) or 838-3474 (home).

Juried Art Exhibit Deadline

The LBCC Women's Center is sponsoring a Juried Art Exhibit to be featured in the LB Library from Nov. 16 - Dec. 16. Submissions are being accepted through Nov. 9. Contact the Women's Center, IA 225 or call ext. 377 for additional information.

Education Award

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) has presented the 1992 Education Award to Greg Paulson, a Linn-Benton horticulture instructor, citing Paulson's commitment to teaching and high professional standards in the tree care industry.

LBCC started an arboriculture curriculum component in 1980 and an arboriculture practicum, unique in the Northwest, in 1989. The ISA, an international organization, promotes research, education and professional service in the science of arboriculture (tree care). For more information, contact Greg Paulson, 928-2361 ext. 364. VORP Volunteers Wanted

The Benton County Victim Offender Reconciliation Program (VORP) is seeking volunteers. VORP volunteers act as neutral third party mediators to bring victims of crime and offenders together. These meetings offer the victim an opportunity to ask questions, express feelings and opinions and work out a formal written agreement for restitution or settlement.

Training begins Monday, Nov. 9 at 5:30 p.m. For more information, please

contact Community Mediation Services at 757-8677.

Support Group Meeting

Anyone interested in the late effects of polio can attend a video program entitled "Dealing with the Late Effects of Polio" on Saturday, Nov. 7, starting at noon in the Chalet Restaurant, 2133 Santiam Hwy, Albany.

The Post-Polio support group meeting offers support and information to polio survivors, their families and loved ones and to professionals in the medical field. For additional information please contact Sheila Maxwell, coordinator for the Easter Seals Post-Polio Program, at 228-5108 or 1-800-556-6020 (Oregon).

Advice--Twice!

Pre-nursing advising, a chance to ask questions about nursing as a career, will hold two more sessions for information seekers; Friday, Nov. 13 from 12-1 p.m. in rm. HO-119, and Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in rm. HO-116. Come to ask about everything you ever wanted to know about nursing (but were afraid to ask).

Essay Contest

The "Monthly Review" an independent Socialist Magazine, announced an essay contest for people under 25. The theme is "Progressive Social Change in the 1990s." Entries should be 2000 words or less, typed double spaced, and written in English. Send submissions to Essay Dept., Monthly Review, 122 W 27th St., New York, NY 10001. For more information call (212) 691-2555. Free magazine subscriptions and cash prizes will be awarded by the Editors of the magazine.

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Tutors available to LB students at no cost in variety of subjects

By Lori Turner
Of The Commuter

Having trouble in chemistry, sociology, economics, or algebra? These are just a few of the subjects tutored free, at the Learning Resource Center, at LBCC.

The tutoring program has tutors in 16 different math courses and 22 other areas. The math areas range from MTH 20, to MTH 256. According to Tish Swanson, the part-time tutor coordinator, the math courses are the most utilized of the tutoring programs.

Since Oct. 5, there have been 270 students involved in the tutoring program. Three hours of tutoring are free weekly; if you need help in more than one area you can schedule up to five hours.

Swanson said when special circumstances are involved, like an automobile accident, more hours are available.

The application forms are at the LRC, room 212. To be eligible for tutoring you must attempt all homework assignments and attend all class meetings. Tutors are available during regular LRC hours, and appointments are held in the LRC.

Swanson said the staff presently consists of 45 tutors and needs new tutors in engineering and some of the higher level courses.

Most of the tutors are referred by instructors or other tutors. When the need arises, instructors are called on

for tutors in their field, according to Swanson.

Tutors are paid an hourly wage of \$5.27 and are employed by LBCC, or are in the work study program.

To be a tutor, you must have school transcripts of your grades, or have taken the course you're tutoring. Tutors have to maintain a B average or better in their classes. Swanson said a tutor must complete the ED 123 class, which is a five week course and meets once a week. Ed 123 introduces student tutors to effective tutoring strategies and college level study skills.

Brian Leavenworth, an LBCC student, is currently involved in the tutoring program.

"It's been 20 years since I've touched algebra. I was intimidated and anxious. My instructor gave me a plug for the LRC, and now with two to three hours a week of tutoring, I'm aceing algebra!"

Swanson took a poll of the students involved in the tutoring program last year, and they all agreed with the writing on the wall at the LRC, "Service, Support...Smiles!"

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campus news

Home Care to offer flu vaccinations Nov. 18 on campus

By Bill Brennan
Of The Commuter

L BCC is offering a Flu Shot Clinic Wednesday, Nov. 18 in the wellness appraisal room of the Activities Center Building. The clinic will run from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. with shots being administered by Albany General Hospital's Home Care Network.

The Flu virus can be passed by coughing, sneezing and even talking. According to reports in the Hope Newsletter, sore throat, dry cough, nausea, headache, burning eyes, chills and aching muscles are all symptoms of the flu.

"Since we're all involved in working with people coming from all

over the county we are constantly exposed to a variety of things that will cause us to end up with the flu if our resistance is down," LBCC's Wellness Coordinator Dave Bakley said.

Bakley feels being confined in a classroom with 30-40 students, some of them coughing or sneezing, increases your chances of contracting the flu.

With bad weather and stress compromising your immune system, a viral organism may find a ready host and blossom into a full blown flu.

"Last year's flu season was fairly severe. Some strains would wipe people out for days," Bakley said. "The prediction is that this could be as serious a flu season as last year's."

Considering that students can't af-

ford to miss school, work and Christmas break, Bakley said, "The flu shot is one way of attempting to protect yourself. The shot gives you immunity or resistance against several kinds of flu bugs."

According to a Hope Newsletter, yearly flu shots are about 75 percent effective in preventing the flu. If you want to reduce the chances of catching the flu this winter you should consider getting a flu shot now before the flu's peak season, which is between November and April.

The Hope Newsletter further noted that all viruses in the vaccine are inert and cannot cause infection. The shot will begin to provide its pro-

fective effect after one or two weeks. The amount of protective antibodies in the body is greatest one or two months after vaccination then gradually declines.

You may get the flu more than once this winter. "If you had one flu virus, by receiving a flu shot, you may protect yourself from getting that one again, but there may be another virus waiting to latch onto your body," Bakley said.

The cost of the flu shot is \$6. There is a \$1 discount for senior citizens. Students, faculty, and community members are eligible. For more information, contact Albany General Hospital's Home Care Network at 967-9661.

Linn-Benton Wellness Program promotes healthy lifestyle for students and staff

By Tad Inoue
Of The Commuter

"If you want to give light to others you have to glow yourself."

This statement appears in the LBCC wellness newsletter edited by program coordinator David Bakley, whose efforts are geared toward helping staff and students achieve healthy lifestyles.

The program, originally designed for staff, encourages students as well to participate in its activities and many students do.

Several students, for example, participate in the cholesterol screens every term in the third week. Other events this term included a seminar on addictive and compulsive behaviors held last week, and a flu shot clinic planned in November. Bakley encourages all students to come to all the events.

The wellness program newsletter is filled with encouragement and ideas on how to make healthy lifestyle choices, Bakley said. "The choices you make will dictate the health you enjoy or don't enjoy," said Bakley. "What a wellness program is attempting truly to achieve is not to necessarily give people more years of life, but hopefully that is a side benefit, but rather to not have those lingering kinds of illness and disabilities toward the tail end of life that keeps you bedridden. What we are looking for is quality of life, the ability to have health, to be able to partici-

pate in life to be active right up-until you die."

Bakley said it is the choices people make on a day-to-day basis that count the most; for example, to take extra time to prepare a healthy meal or go to a fast food place. These immediate choices influence the rest of our lives, he said.

It usually take eight months to three years to integrate healthy changes into a lifestyle before you see things work, Bakley added.

The 18-29 age group is harder to get involved in health issues, than most, Bakley observed. He refers to them as the "Bullet-proof" or "invincible" years — the years when nothing can happen to you. It isn't until around 30 that you take off your clothes and look in the mirror and say "What happened?" he said.

Bakley wants people to start taking responsibility for their health, and believes his wellness program has made good strides in raising the consciousness of self-care. He would like to see the program reach more people, however.

"I would hope and wish for everyone to not miss a day because of a health reason, to live a long and abundant life with as high a quality as humanly possible because they have taken really good care of themselves, and they're able to do exactly what they want to do in this life."

Speaker offers straight dope on drug abuse

By Beverly Bodine
Of The Commuter

A friend stays out late and misses an early class because he doesn't "feel well" and asks to share your notes. The requests become frequent. Does he have a problem? You're not sure.

"Harmful habits require aiders and abettors to be successful" says Jerry Gensvold of Serenity Lane in Eugene. He should know. As a recovered alcohol and drug user, Gensvold has counseled other users since 1979.

"Everyone pays for the problems of drugs and alcohol and the supply will always be available."

Gensvold spoke to a group of about 30 on Oct. 28 at LBCC concerning addictive and compulsive behaviors. He defines addiction as "any behavior that controls an individual and causes the individual to become dishonest with themselves and others."

Gensvold explains four different stages in an addictive relationship with drugs and alcohol.

The beginning stage is experimentation—learning the mood swing but still in control.

The third stage is misuse/abuse—harmful dependence is changing the body chemistry and creating tolerance to drugs and alcohol. More and more of the substance is needed and adverse consequences will begin to affect the individual's workplace and personal life.

The last stage in chemical dependency/addiction—the individual is now using to feel normal.

Even past the last stage Gensvold says that the individual still feels in control and may stay in this stage many years. Most individuals in this stage have a network of relatives and friends that cover up problems, rescue the individual from hurtful situations and take care of day-to-day matters.

According to Gensvold the caretakers can become addicted to helping the individual. A painful incident is the only thing that will motivate change.

"Everyone pays for the problems of drugs and alcohol," says Gensvold, "and the supply will always be available." He says cocaine is on the rise and heroin is now more available than ever.

Gensvold says that our society is crisis oriented—we wait for crises and then try to fix them. He says that the key is education, treatment and enforcement of laws.

For more information Gensvold can be reached in Eugene at 928-9681.



Photo by Joan Murdock

The security office says one of the most common violations is parking in crosswalks.

Parking violations plague campus lots

By Gene Van Mechelen
Of The Commuter

During the summer of 1992 LBCC expanded the parking lot around the Work Education building in an attempt to alleviate the parking problem. According to Mick Cook, LBCC security chief, it didn't help.

Cook says his staff is writing the same number of citations as last year.

Even though the fine is \$5 for parking in crosswalks, handicapped spaces and firelanes; students and faculty continue to park there.

The security staff recently acquired a mountain bike to aid in responding to problems across campus, but it is too cumbersome for use in enforcing the parking violations.

Cook heads a staff consisting of a handful of work study students. Patrols are scheduled according to the availability of these students. "I don't have a daytime patrol" says Cook.

Other agencies can also enforce the laws in the parking lot. Any city, county or state law enforcement official can issue citations which can carry fines up to \$250 plus towing costs, not to mention the trouble of going to court.

According to Cook, the main parking lot in front of Takena Hall has never been full, although it has come close. This is to say that there are always spaces available somewhere.

Cook suggests, if you are a little late for class or you don't feel like walking across the parking lot then use an alternative form of transportation. He endorses the use of the Linn-Benton Loop buses and carpooling as effective ways of helping the parking problem.

Crosswalks are for pedestrians, firelanes for emergency vehicles, and handicap spaces for those with disabilities. If your vehicle is parked in one of these spaces, you are taking the risk of receiving a citation.

local news

Marbled murrelet joins spotted owl in old-growth battle

By Paul Goulett
Of The Commuter

The marbled murrelet, a brownish, thin-billed, robin-sized sea bird that nests in the Northwest's old-growth coastal forests, has joined the spotted owl in the center of the storm now raging between logging and conservation interests.

Bowing to a federal court order, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service last month declared the bird threatened in Oregon, Washington and California, triggering further logging restrictions in the region's old-growth forests, said Interior Department spokesman Steve Goldstein.

"The marbled murrelet is threatened by the loss and modification of nesting habitat (older forests) primarily due to commercial timber harvesting," the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said in the rule sent to the Federal Register.

Although most murrelet habitat on federal land is already protected by injunctions related to protection of the northern spotted owl, the decision sets the stage for further logging restrictions in the Pacific Northwest's old-growth forests, especially since the new listing will also curtail logging on state and private lands.

For many, the decision to list the murrelet seems hasty and extreme.

However, the government has been reviewing the small sea bird's population for more than four years.

Since January 1988, several Northwest conservation organizations, the National Audubon Society and the Sierra Club had proposed marbled murrelets for listing as threatened under the U.S. and Oregon Endangered Species acts. Federal scientists for the Fish and Wildlife Service headquarters in Portland concluded in June that the murrelet had become threatened in the Northwest, primarily because of logging of its habitat.

The service proposed on June 20, 1991, that the murrelet be listed as threatened. The service was supposed to announce its final decision last June, but gave itself a six-month extension. The Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund promptly went to court to force a speedy decision, and U.S. District Judge Barbara Rothstein in Seattle agreed the

six-month extension was "arbitrary and capricious."

Thus, the Bush administration had to be ordered by a federal court to publish a decision—to list the marbled murrelet as a threatened species.

Vic Sher of the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, representing the environmentalists, said the action was "long overdue" but still must be implemented.

"Just because it's listed now doesn't protect the marbled murrelet completely," he added.

Goldstein, chief spokesman for Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan Jr., said the listing would be made reluctantly. Lujan has been a critic of what he calls over-protection of the spotted owl, which was listed as threatened in June 1990.

White House spokesman later issued a statement predicting the listing would bring additional hardships for Northwest timber towns.

"The premature listing of the marbled murrelet is further evidence that several statutes relating to forest management and species protection are in need of reform by Congress," the White House said.

President Bush has said he would refuse to reauthorize the Endangered Species Act unless it is changed to give more weight to the economic costs of species protection.

In January, the Fish and Wildlife Service will re-examine the murrelets listing to determine if the small sea bird should stay on the government's list of threatened species. Decisions will be made based on conclusions drawn from a 90-day study which concludes Dec. 31.

David Klinger, a Portland spokesman for the Forests Service, said the 90-day review period gives the agency time to reconsider if the bird should be listed. Klinger said there are "some unanswered questions," including whether the bird is a fringe population of another murrelet species or a distinct species in need of protection.

Kim Nelson, a wildlife biologist at Oregon State University, called the murrelet's listing, "a victory for the scientists who have been studying it all these years." Nelson is Oregon's

leading researcher on the murrelet and is considered one of the world's leading authorities on the marbled murrelet.

Scientists estimate there are 5,000 murrelets in Washington, fewer than 2,000 in Oregon and fewer than 2,000 in Northern California.

The nesting habits of murrelet's distinguish them from other sea birds. Although they spend much of their lives on the ocean, diving in pursuit of small fish and shrimplike crustaceans, murrelets nest inland among the old-growth forests of the coastal mountains.

Some murrelets nest up to 50 miles inland, but the vast majority nest within 25 miles of the coast.

Logging and other natural disturbances have left the coastal region with less than one-fifth of the forests that covered Western Washington and Oregon in the mid-1800s, the U.S. Forest Service said. Since then, the total acres of old-growth have fallen from about 25 million acres to an estimated 3.4 million acres.

The listing will affect logging on both public and private lands in a 50-mile forested swath extending from Santa Cruz, California, north to the Canadian border.

Land the government already has targeted for protection of the northern spotted owl would protect about two-thirds of the suitable marbled murrelet habitat managed by the Forest Service.

Still, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Assistant Superintendent Jim Furnish said logging on the Siuslaw may be greatly curtailed. The Siuslaw may be affected by the listing more than any other national forest in Oregon, except the Siskiyou National Forest in southwest Oregon, Furnish added.

Kent Kelly of Siuslaw Timber Operations, an association of 15 Oregon Coast Range timber companies, predicted the listing would lock up all sales of old-growth and mature timber on federal, state and private land in the Coast Range, where murrelets are thought to be present.

"What the owl doesn't get the murrelet probably will," Kelly said. "We believe that the six-month extension was warranted and were appalled that a judge basically denied the service the opportunity to further exam-

ine the issues."

The Northwest Forest Resource Council has announced plans to sue the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for its decision to list the murrelet as a threatened species. The council represents a variety of pro-timber and logging groups in Oregon and Washington, including Associated Oregon Logging, the Oregon Forest Industries Council, and the Western Wood Products Association.

"Sufficient scientific information does not exist to warrant the listing of the marbled murrelet," Northwest Forestry Association president Jim Geisinger said. "In this case, it was not even a close call. Biological evidence clearly took a back seat to legal intimidation in deciding whether or not to list the marbled murrelet."

The council contends that the Fish and Wildlife Service caved in to pressure from environmental groups.

Without additional protection provided by listing the murrelet as threatened, the Forest Service had planned logging across nearly one-third of the bird's known occupied sites in the four national forests in Washington and Oregon known to have the most murrelets—Mt. Baker-Snoqualmine, Olympic, Siuslaw and Siskiyou.

Local breeding populations—especially between Washington's Olympic Peninsula and Tillamook County in Oregon—"may have been eliminated through loss of their nesting habitat," the Forest Service said.

Logging is the marbled murrelet's primary threat, but the bird is also threatened by gill-net fishing, oil spills and predators like great horned owls, hawks, ravens and peregrine falcons.

Some murrelet activity has been sited in forests younger than the 200 or more years typical of old-growth, but those stands were immediately adjacent to large old-growth stands and no nests were found, the service added.

Environmentalists and conservationists hope the murrelets listing as a threatened species will help develop a plan that calls for a broad ecosystem approach to protecting old-growth forests and the species that inhabit them.

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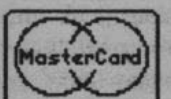
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campus news

Peace Club delegates return from Poland with new look at the world

By Shaunda Amundsen
Of The Commuter

After the jet-lag and the side-effects of bad water, the Peace Club is back from Europe with some life-changing stories to tell.

Clarissa Amundsen, Judy Ellis, Sandi Foster, Shelly Hines, Tim Lehman, Jane Ross, Barry Scheel and Joe Walther were the student delegates chosen to go to the Sixth International Peace Education Workshop in Poznan, Poland from Aug. 30 to Sept. 6.

Amundsen, Ellis and Walther are presently attending LBCC.

Led by political science instructor Doug Clark and his assistant Patricia Wolfe, the group joined students from Skagit Community College in Mt. Vernon, Wash., to tour Berlin, Budapest and Czechoslovakia. Then, they met with 50 other students from Poland, Germany, The Netherlands, Great Britain and Lithuania in Poznan.

"Nationalism and Ethnic Diversity in the Post-Cold War" was the theme of the conference. Students went to workshops to talk about global issues and compare notes on what life is like in different countries, Clark said.

"All the conferences before have been about super-power relations and the nuclear arms race," Clark said. But this year's conference dealt more with "the ethnic and issue divisions that set people against one another along with racial and ethnic conflicts that we experience," he said. "It seemed to be the center of conflict in the world and a logical focus."

Clark found that this workshop was different than the others he attended in 1988 and 1990 because there was less to discuss that they all agreed on.

"The irony is that we were living out the subject we were studying. We learned about the conflicts because the different groups had conflict with each other. By being there, we learned about the difficulties of people with different histories trying to come together and communicate effectively to resolve differences," Clark explained.

For nursing major Judy Ellis, the learning experience was more than just the conference.

Going to Berlin, Ellis felt she learned more about German history and World War II from seeing what is left of the wall and talking to people about it.

"It became more real to me than in school when I just heard about it because I actually saw it," Ellis said.

For Sandi Foster of Albany, this trip gave a new perspective on the world and changed her views.

"Having never been out of the United States, my perspective was egocentric and the trip enlarged my view of the world. I have encompassed in my heart a world full of people who hadn't existed before," Foster said.

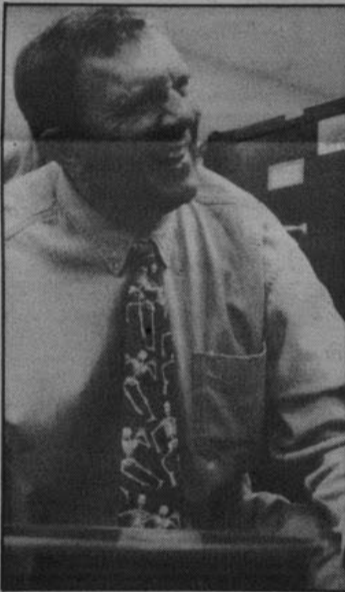
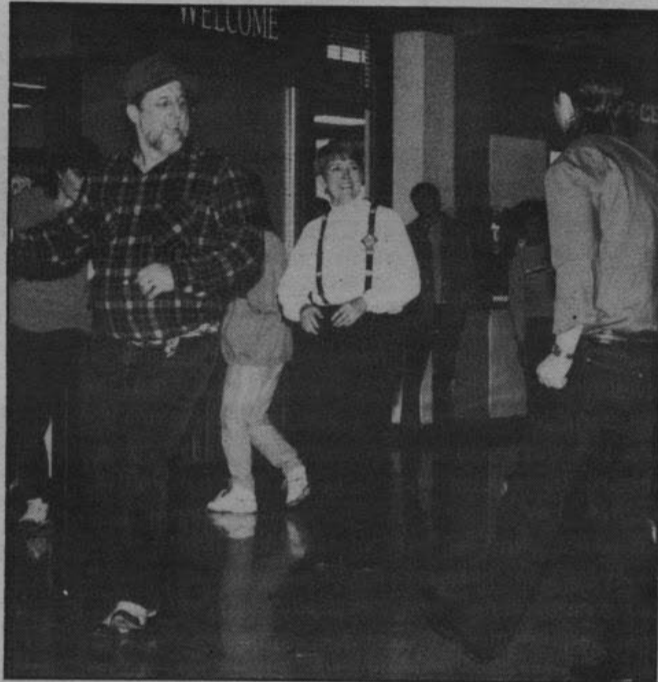
She also discovered that Americans are more materialistic compared to Eastern Europeans. "While we center on what we have, they center on who they are," she said.

Members of the Peace Club are trying to get Polish students to come to America, but nothing is definite.

For now, Clark is "recovering" from the work and preparation the conference takes while the Peace Club members are getting ready to present their experiences to the community.

Anniversary, Halloween enliven campus

After a Friday full of costumed staff and trick-or-treating on campus, the fun continued into the weekend as about 300 visitors showed up to celebrate LBCC's 25th anniversary. Among Saturday's activities were a line dance in Takena Hall (below left), a horseshoeing demonstration by instructor Larry Bewley in the courtyard (at right), and a vintage car show around the Forum (below right). Included in Friday's Halloween activities was an apple-bobbing spectacle in Takena Hall, which drew "Bobbin" Bob Talbott, assistant dean of student services, out of his office to join the festivities.



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Linn students cast vote in mock election; Perot, Packwood, Measure 9 favored

By Casi Shaw
Of The Commuter

'Ross Perot Elected President; Packwood Wins in Landslide'

This is how the headlines would read if the students of Linn County had their way.

The 4,600 students who took part in the election got a first-hand look at the voting process, said Steve Druckenmiller, Linn County clerk and coordinator of the event.

The voting devices used were the same as those used in the general elections Nov. 3. The schools voted individually and the votes were tabulated together at the courthouse by Druckenmiller.

"It showed them that voting is easy and not intimidating," he said. He

added that it wasn't just a "cast your ballot" exercise—many of the high schools worked the election into their curriculum. Students held debates, studied the voters pamphlet and wrote papers on the issues and candidates.

"They really got the whole package," added Druckenmiller.

The students voted not only on the presidency, but also on the ballot measures and county and local candidates. Each school decided which issues they would vote on. The high schools voted on all the issues; the middle and elementary schools voted on less complex ballots.

When all the votes were tallied, only three of the ballot measures were approved—No. 9, which would limit the rights of homosexuals; No. 2, which would limit terms for elected officials;

and No. 8, which would ban gill-net fishing.

Defeated were both of the ballot measures dealing with parks (No. 1 and 2), both measures that would shut down Trojan (No. 5 and 6), the ban on triple trailers (No. 4), and the split roll property tax (No. 7).

In the presidential race, Perot won with 1,390 votes, Bush was second with 1,295, and Clinton finished last with 1,155 votes.

Packwood crushed AuCoin 2,118 to 764 in the U.S. Senate race. Randy Miller won the Secretary of State Office and David Chen was elected State Treasurer.

"The election was a great success. Participation was outstanding and the students seemed to thoroughly enjoy it," Druckenmiller said.

arts & entertainment

'Sister Act,' 'Brenda Starr' coming to video

By John Hartl
Seattle Times

Summer's theatrical hits and misses will dominate the November video line-up, including one of the few word-of-mouth smashes of the hot-weather months.

Whoopi Goldberg's hokey if high-spirited musical comedy, "Sister Act," which Buena Vista Home Video will introduce Nov. 13 at the sell-through price of \$20.

In the contradictory world of video marketing, the less popular summer movies will be considerably more expensive if you're planning to own them.

Priced to rent rather than sell are the entertaining Tom Cruise epic, "Far and Away" (Nov. 11); the glum and repetitious sequel, "Alien 3" (Nov. 18); Disney's idiot comedy, "Encino Man" (Nov. 11); and Philip Noyce's gripping thriller, "Patriot Games" (Nov. 24).

Based on the Tom Clancy best-seller about an ex-CIA agent (Harrison Ford) whose family is terrorized by Irish radicals, "Patriot Games" probably stands the best chance of any film in this group of finding a more receptive audience when it hits video. It actually did well in theaters, but was perceived as disappointing because the previous Clancy movie, "The Hunt For Red October," was a blockbuster.

Another compelling thriller that may do better on tape is the Wednesday release, "Deep Cover," featur-

ing first-rate performances by Larry Fishburne as an undercover narcotics cop and Jeff Goldblum as a lawyer, drug dealer and family man who has a tough time balancing the three.

The best film of the month, indeed one of the two or three most original movies to come along this year, is "Proof" (Nov. 24), Jocelyn Morehouse's Australian art-house hit about a blind photographer (Hugo Weaving), his domineering housekeeper (Genevieve Picot) and the dishwasher he befriends (Russell Crowe).

For all its serious consideration of trust and bonding, "Proof" is often quite funny. The complications that attend the hero's visit to a drive-in movie are hilarious and, like much of what happens in "Proof," essentially indescribable.

Other November releases that may improve their chances on tape: the quirky road movie, "Roadside Prophets" (Nov. 11); Roland Joffe's Calcutta epic starring Patrick Swayze, "City of Joy" (Nov. 11); Jon Jost's eccentric art-house picture, "All the Vermeers in New York" (Nov. 11); the flimsy family comedy, "All I Want For Christmas" (Nov. 18); an outdoor adventure drama starring Oscar nominee Graham Greene, "Clearcut" (Nov. 18); an all-star family comedy about a funeral, "Passed Away" (Nov. 18); the Ray Liotta/Kiefer Sutherland hospital comedy-drama, "Article 99" (Nov. 18); and a failed romantic comedy starring Penelope Ann Miller and Timothy

Daly, "The Year of the Comet" (Nov. 24).

John Woo's "The Killer," also scheduled for Nov. 24, is an obscure 1989 Hong Kong action movie that will become much better-known in the next year.

Richard Gere is starring in an expensive American remake, while Woo, who has earned a reputation as the most creative of the Hong Kong directors, is collaborating with the prolific Quentin Tarantino ("Reservoir Dogs," "True Romance") on a new picture.

Also likely to benefit from publicity surrounding related films is Warren Miller's 1991 skiing movie, "Born to Ski," which joins a long line of Miller sports documentaries on cassette. It turns up on video Wednesday.

Most likely to cause mix-ups this month: the Wednesday release of Shirley MacLaine's autobiographical 1987 television movie, "Out on a Limb," which runs 260 minutes and will be available on two cassettes. It is not to be confused with Matthew Broderick's summer flop, "Out on a Limb," which has nothing to do with reincarnation or meditation, but will be released on tape just one month later.

The most notorious flop on the November release schedule is undoubtedly "Brenda Starr" (Nov. 24), a \$20 million Brooke Shields vehicle that was made in 1986, first shown at the 1989 Tokyo Film Festival, but wasn't released to the public until last year.

'Universal Soldier' should be missing in action from your video library

By Chuck Skinner
Of The Commuter

Coming soon to a video store near you—Terminator III: Two guys with lots of muscles.

Yes, Universal Soldier is on its way to late night cable and \$1.50 5-day rentals near you.

Actually, of the two stars, Dolph Lundgren is the muscle man. Jean-Claude Van Damme has

Turkey Shoot

his share of muscles but can't really compete with Lundgren. But this does not make him the worse actor, by any means. He has mastered a French accent, to allow him to play the son of a Louisiana bayou farmer, stationed in Vietnam.

His CO, Lundgren, is a few fries short of a Happy Meal, and guns

Jean-Claude Van Damme has his share of muscles but can't really compete with Lundgren. But this does not make him the worse actor, by any means.

down an entire village (Can you say My Lai, boys and girls?) to make a necklace from their ears. Van Damme attempts to save the last two people in the village, and in a dramatic (Read: Slow Motion) scene, he and Lundgren kill each other.

A high-ranking official discovers the mess, and declares them both MIA. (So that's where they all went!) Anyway, enough social commentary for this movie. On to the action!

Apparently, the two bodies are stolen and drafted (yet again) into a top secret programme which creates super combat soldier robots from corpses.

Only one problem. Somebody forgot to hit the DELETE button on these guys' brains.

So sometime in the 90's the two are revived as part of the Universal Soldier project, code name UniSol. (Apparently they figured that if civilians heard the name, they'd think it was a floor cleanser.)

Once they wake up, the only thing they remember is the last thing they were thinking when they died. Van Damme just wanted to go home, and Lundgren wanted to exterminate the enemy.

This gives the special effects guys all sorts of excuses to blow things up

and shoot large calibre guns and crash things into other things—just generally create all sorts of mayhem.

The big climax takes place back at the farm in Louisiana, where Van Damme and an overeager lady reporter he had to save from Lundgren (Natch) try to achieve peace with honour.

I don't want to spoil the ending for you, but as the two super soldiers fight it out, there's lots of shots of a nasty looking combine behind them.

Luckily, I saw this flick at the Cheap Street with Hellraiser III: Hell in a Theatre, so I was softened up a bit beforehand. I laughed, I cried, I fell down, it was pretty bad, the end.

Catch it on cable if you've got 90 free minutes. However, I think it's safe to say that we won't be seeing Dolph at the Oscars unless he quits acting and takes up ushering.

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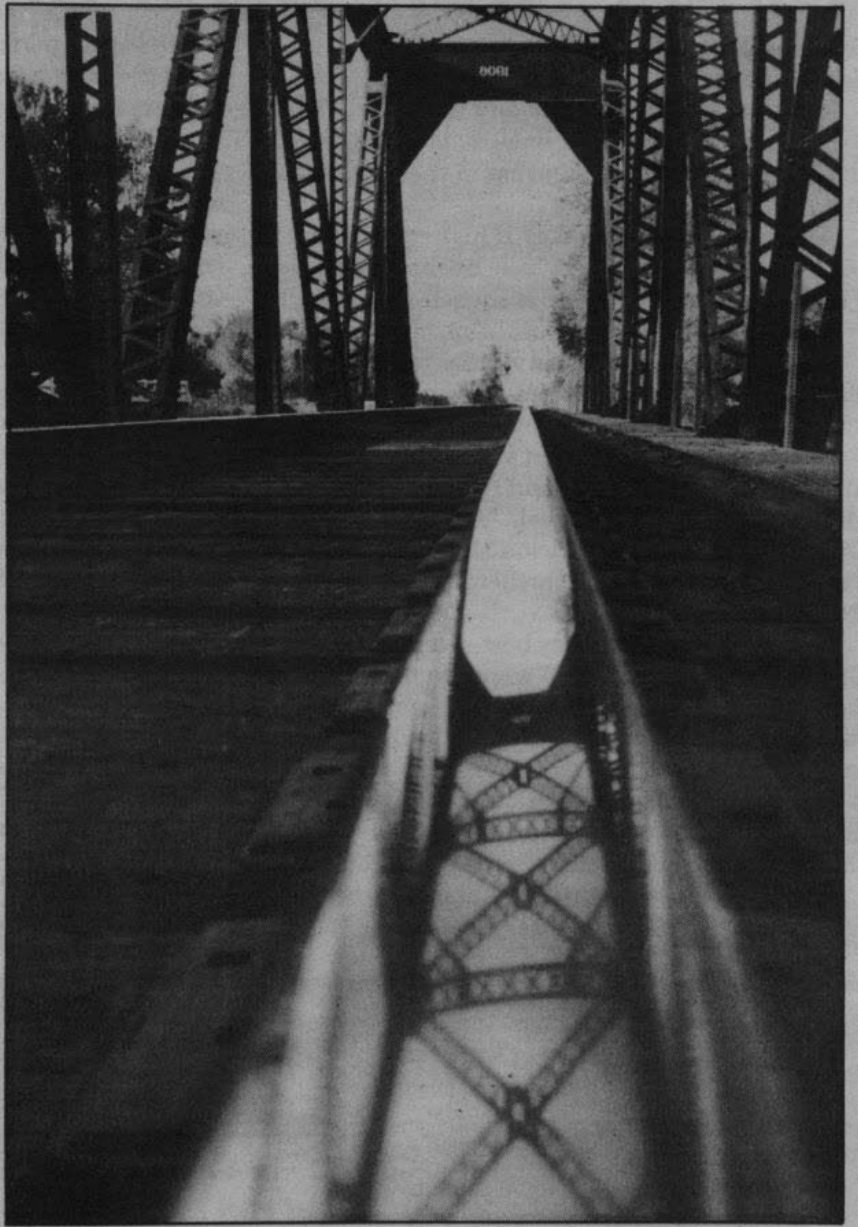
snapshots

Seeing the world with fresh eyes

Students in Rich Bergeman's Introduction to Photography class were sent out to tackle the problem of perspective for their first assignment this term, and they came back with a wide variety of ways to look at the world around us. Some concentrated on panoramic views, some explored unusual vantage points, and others found their pictures in extreme closeups. On this page are just a few of the prints that the students selected as their favorites.



This unusual view of a train comes from Arik Goff along the tracks on Highway 20 between Albany and Corvallis.



This photo of tracks and trestles was taken by David Bauer of Albany along Highway 99E South of Tangent.



Craig Rosebaug of Corvallis focuses on a bicycle fender.



This old barn seems just right for Marsi Oliveira's unique perspective.



Micky Shannon of Monroe gets down and dirty with this close-up view of a tire tread.

sports

Bird and Magic 'pass the torch'

By Mark Peterson
Of The Commuter

The torch has been passed in the NBA.

With the re-retirement of Magic Johnson on Monday and the retirement of Larry Bird in August, the NBA torch has been handed to Larry Johnson of the Charlotte Hornets and Shaquille O'Neal of the Orlando Magic.

Don't worry Chicago Bulls fans. Michael Jordan has had his hand on the torch since he entered the league in 1984.

This "torch" is given to those who will lead the NBA on to better things.

Larry Bird and Magic Johnson picked up the torch in 1979 and they have carried it ever since.

Never again will two players enter the league at the same time and impact it as greatly as Bird and Magic.

When these two entered the league in 1979, the league was in bad shape. Attendance was down. Teams were not making much money. People just weren't interested.

However, look at the league now. Bird and Magic made basketball marketable. It has become so marketable, that games have been played in Japan, Mexico City and Canada. Many NBA stars are now even worldwide heroes.

The rivalries between the Celtics and Lakers may never be the same since these two are gone.

Their rivalry was not only in the NBA, but it began back in their college days. Both men led their respective teams to the 1979 Final Four. Magic's Michigan State team defeated Bird's Indiana State team for the title.

It is best that these two heroes should go out together, since they entered the league together and have accomplished so much for the NBA.

Both men made the right choice in retiring at this stage. Bird's back was hampering his playing ability. He was still Larry Legend, but he couldn't play much with his bad back.

Magic, on the other hand, left the game because of the "controversy" surrounding his return to the game with the HIV virus. Many players in the NBA were starting to become worried about how physical the NBA gets.

They were also concerned about a double-standard that may have been set by letting Magic return.

Some felt had it not been Magic, the player would not have been allowed to return.

Magic and Bird may have been able to play a few years more, but they knew when to hang it up.

Those who saw Muhammad Ali fight Larry Holmes in the early 1980s, will know what I mean. Ali did not have the same "fight" in him and Holmes just beat him up and it looked sad.

Everyone who truly loves the game of basketball will miss these two future Hall of Famers.

Setter's success fails to draw spotlight

By Joel Slaughter
Of The Commuter

"I think it sucks."

That's Roadrunner Nancy Harrison's opinion of the lack of publicity setters receive in the world of volleyball.

Harrison, a sophomore, plays the unrewarded position of setter for the Linn-Benton volleyball squad. Despite the important role she plays on the team, she has never seen the spotlight turn her way.

"I don't like that," Harrison said. "It's really rare that you ever see a setter as player of the week. You see a hitter with 20 kills. Well, how did she get those 20 kills? Yeah, that bothers me."

LB head coach Kevin Robbins agreed that the setter position is not the one to play if you're after recognition.

"It's the worst spot in the history of the world," Robbins said. "Nobody ever pays attention to the setter."

Harrison wasn't planning on attending Linn-Benton, but intended to go to Oregon State University to play softball.

"At first I went to Oregon State and I was going to try out for the (softball) team," Harrison explained. "But I didn't get along with the coach and they weren't a very good team, so I decided not to play. I wanted to play volleyball, but didn't want to just go out and play for a Pac-10 team right off the bat. So, I thought of Linn-Benton, and I called Kevin up. The same day I came here, I decided to play."

Harrison was joined by her teammate at Eagle Point High School, Bridget Burke, in her transition to LB. "Actually, when I found out, I called her up and said 'come with me.'"

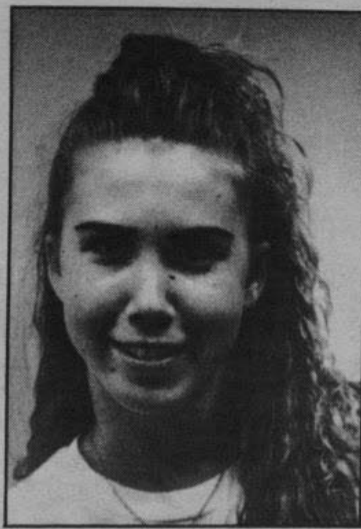
So, Harrison became a setter for the Roadrunners and has learned to excel at what she considers the "hardest position" to play over the past two years.

"It's a tough job and people take it for granted all of the time," Harrison said. "You don't realize how hard it is until you try to do it. You have to be thinking all of the time."

"You have to be the coach on the floor," chipped in Robbins.

With sophomore setter Kendra Prickett permanently out due to injury midway through the season, Harrison had to step up and fill the position by herself.

"I like it better now because I know that I have to get the job done," Harrison said. "I don't have to worry about making a mistake and getting pulled out. I have to do the



Nancy Harrison

job. I like that responsibility." Having been a setter himself, Robbins has a special appreciation of Harrison's strengths and weaknesses on the court.

"Her strengths are her abilities to get the ball and do something with it, to find the hitter who's hot, and run the offense really well," Robbins said. "Her weaknesses are defense and sometimes losing concentration when our hitters aren't coming through. It kind of hurts our momentum because they look to her and she doesn't know what to do."

Then, when Harrison gets into trouble, she looks to Robbins, and the two setters work together to straighten out any wrinkles.

"It's great having a coach who's also a setter," Harrison said. "When I get in trouble, he understands what I'm going through. I've seen him set and he's a really good setter. You learn a lot from just watching."

"He's the kind of coach who'll just beat something into you until you're dead almost. Before I had a really hard time squaring my shoulders. Finally in the last game, it just hit me, square your shoulders. It was the best feeling in the whole world to finally catch onto something."

Harrison's sudden growth spurt has most likely been one of the main contributors to her improvement on the volleyball court.

"I grew two inches in the last year," Harrison said. "I was hoping and praying and I couldn't believe I actually grew. I think it was maybe that I just thought I was taller and that made me taller."

Although Harrison felt that she accomplished her athletic goals for the most part, she wasn't as pleased about her academic progress.

"Academically I haven't done anything," Harrison said. "I'm getting my basics, but Linn-Benton just hasn't done much for me."

Ready to move on, Harrison already has her future education secured with a softball scholarship to Oregon Institute of Technology, where she plans to pursue a radiology related major.

Although Harrison regrets that she didn't play as hard in high school as she would have liked, she is using her second chance at LBCC, and soon at OIT, to make up for it.

"I'm one of the lucky ones," Harrison said. "I got to go on and play college ball. I just want to keep working hard."

Roadrunner spikers knocked out of playoff hunt after two losses

By Rachel Lomax
Of The Commuter

Linn-Benton won a straight set match over Portland on Friday, but missed its chance to make the playoffs last week with losses to Mount Hood and league-leading Chemeketa.

Last Wednesday, the Roadrunners fell to visiting Mount Hood 15-6, 15-4, 13-15, 15-1. Kecia Stephens had 10 kills, Sherry Short had eight kills, and Nancy Harrison had 28 assists.

Then, on Friday, LB downed Portland 15-3, 15-13, 15-6 on the road. Bridget Burke had 10 kills and 35 digs, Stephens had 13 kills and seven blocks, and Harrison had 32 assists.

Late-night basketball players disturb neighbors in Albany

Hoops at Henderson Park taken down, then put back

By Peter Kuhl
Of The Commuter

A permanent solution concerning whether to leave the basketball hoops up at Henderson Park will be made on Nov. 4, Albany Parks and Recreation Director Dave Clark said recently.

Nearby residents are tired of the profanity and the yelling that goes on with late-night basketball games at the park on Eighth Avenue and Calapooia Street. Local neighbor Mark Thomas says he can hear the ball dribbling until one or two in the morning.

The complaints started coming to the city council years ago, but council members referred the issue to the parks commission just three weeks ago.

The parks commission ordered the basketball hoops taken down last month after numerous complaints came in about the noise. The city council then ordered the hoops be returned after several other neighbors said a compromise could be reached.

Annette Hobbs, a local neighbor, said a compromise is needed because there are already very few constructive things in Albany for youngsters to do.

There is a lack of outdoor basketball

to come through. We shouldn't be three and seven. We just don't play consistent."

"We played our butts off," Harrison said. "Things just didn't pull together."

With two matches remaining, the Roadrunners still have an opportunity to break their best league record of 4-8, set in 1985. LB is now 3-7 in league and 7-8 overall.

The team travels to Umpqua tonight and goes to the Walla-Walla Cross-Over Tournament on Friday and Saturday.

Linn-Benton wraps up its season a week from tonight when they host South Western Oregon.

The closest ones are at Central School, one half of a mile away and they aren't nearly as nice.

The compromise, according to Hobbs, could be locking the gate at 10 p.m. and opening it in the morning.

The parks director Dave Clark said that could be a likely compromise but some bugs would need to be worked out. For instance, an external agency would have to be hired to clear out the park users which costs money.

Decisions on both these issues are expected to be made at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, at the parks office, 433 Fourth Ave. S.W.

Autumn Morning

I wake up to the fog creeping on icy fingers, wrapping the trees, bushes and roses in a blanket of chill. The fingers of fog crawl slowly over the chilled landscape, grasping red, yellow and orange dying leaves. I shudder. As I lay in bed I see a transformation. A fiery finger of light stabs through the greyish white. The fog starts to retreat, slowly, begrudgingly. More fingers of fire attack. The fog flees.

Suddenly the cold, crisp air is ablaze with light, warmth, radiance. The birds come out, shaking their feathers, and singing hymns of praise. Red, yellow and orange leaves wave a fond farewell as a light breeze whistles through the trees.

Winter's death grip of ice and snow has not yet covered the land. There is still time to enjoy the beauty of fall.

by Sherman Lee Pompey

Tears of Emotion

The tears, they sting my eyes

One falls for you
one for me

One falls for pain
one for shame

One falls for anger
one for regret

One falls for sadness
one for pity

After all my tears have fallen,
I stand in front of
my puddle of emotion.

Marsi

My Father

I used to despise him.
Dreading the smell of alcohol
on his breath.

A confused
and desperate child.

The constant
raging war
between bitterness
and compassion.

Love and hate.
All his degrading words
lingering
like black clouds.

The storms still come.
But I think I understand
them a little better.
Generations of abuse.

There is no freedom
in bitterness.
Here begins
a generation of forgiveness
and compassion.

by Elizabeth Zach

Rite of Passage

There I was, walking into a room full of people who made the Zulu warriors of Africa seem petite. Only one of these pleasant people even vaguely interested me, and she was destined to become my wife.

The date/mating rituals we observe in this country are far less stringent than those of other cultures. Middle Eastern suitors bring animals and jewels to the father of the woman/girl of their choice; Swedish mothers go to lunch or dinner with their daughter's admirers; Mung tribesmen of Southeast Asia trade weapons and blocks of fermented monkey cheese for the strong-toothed beauty of their dreams. As dehumanizing as these cultural differences may seem, they don't hold a candle to the American tradition of "meeting the family."

The day of truest reckoning for a young man comes when he either accepts the challenge of meeting his love interest's family or runs screaming at the mere thought of such a gut-wrenching exercise in humility. More than one made-in-heaven relationship has wilted in the white-hot light of this pass/fail test.

I'd accepted the invitation to "meet the folks" a couple of weeks ahead of time. It wasn't a wise move on my part. Two weeks to worry about what type of human subspecies this beautiful girl had mutated from. Two weeks of wondering what to say and most importantly, how to say it. Should I talk about sports? The weather? Religion? Perhaps politics and gay rights? I had good reason to worry, I was to learn, good reason indeed.

I drove slowly to the meeting in my dad's red '53 Chevy pickup. My passion-flower had insisted on dinner with her family. There I was, puttering down Highway 99, trying desperately to remember Mrs. Gandolfo's sophomore etiquette class, wondering just how many forks I would face before the day was over.

Lorna, the oldest sister, met me at the door.

Well, hello there, Lorna . . .

Lorna had spent some of the time after we'd graduated from high school together becoming beautiful. She'd done a very fine job indeed. I was impressed. When did she have time to earn a Ph.D. in beautiful? Where the hell was I when this metamorphosis was going on? I wished someone would have told me, I'd have offered a hand, so to speak.

Lorna held her ground in the doorway. Grinning

stupidly and trying desperately not to drool down the front of this bumpy creature, I managed to slide by her without actually touching any of the untouchable parts. It was difficult, in spite of the fact that the door was normally sized. Lorna, you see, had really grown up.

I stepped into a front room inhabited by giants. As I gazed from kneecap to kneecap, gigantic hands reached down from the ceiling to welcome me. Booming, masculine voices thundered "Hi, I'm Dan", "I'm Roger", and "I'm Nathan". The only normal sized male in the room other than me was an overly tall, gangling, large toothed 'boy' of about twelve. Six foot one, he weighed about fourteen pounds. "Hello" he squeaked at me, eyeball to eyeball, "my name is Pete. Are you Susie's boyfriend? Can you play a banjo? Do you play basketball?"

Down the hall, peaking around a corner, were two huge brown eyes. Melissa, the finishing touch; the apex of this trio of beauties--Lorna, Susie and Melissa.

I'd been addicted to basketball all of my twenty years, played against some pretty impressive talent, and held my own against the weakest of them, but I had never, ever, seen such an impressive collection. We're talking tall here folks. I mean really tall. Six foot, three inches, is big as far as I am concerned. These guys started at that size and stretched up several inches higher. Heads ducked low to navigate standard door frames. Knees bent to lower eyes enough to look out regular windows. Shoes appeared to contain the pelts of entire animals. It looked to have taken full bolts of cloth to piece together coverings for these monsters, and there I stood, petite, miniscule and scrawny by comparison.

None of the monsters crushed me in the rush of the mashed potatoes, nor did they turn out to be completely unfriendly. A little suspicious about this pygmy-Catholic-war-monger, and perhaps a little inquisitive, but not face-braking hostile.

In reality, they weren't all that tall. They are all well over six feet in height, but the twenty-five years since we first met has aged and bent them down more to my size. They are now my friends and I am not afraid to be in the same room with them, providing they have recently been fed. I'm still damn careful, but the fear has subsided. The banjo-picker has become my best friend and we've both gained a few pounds thanks to a mutual appreciation for cheap beer.

There for a moment all those years ago, I felt out of place. I felt like the ultimate outsider, the third wheel, the only spotted puppy in a litter of kittens. That has changed and I now feel completely accepted by them. You see I not only married their sister, more importantly, I beat each of the giants in basketball.

By Dave Bishop

