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## Interpol official speaks at LB about law enforcement in Russia

Bureau head says Russian police are up against well armed criminals and rampant crime

By John Butterworth and Michelle Harris  
Of The Commuter

Col. Alexander Safronov, senior officer of the Interpol Bureau in Moscow spoke Monday morning on the state of law enforcement in Russia. The lecture in LB's Alsea/Calapooia room, was part of a three week speaking tour of Northwest colleges.

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"Freedom has brought the ability to do other than good things," he said referring to Russia's 27% increase in crime from 1990 to 1991.

Transition from a central market economy to a free market economy, "has been rough to deal with from the police point of view," said Safronov.

"The growth of inflation causes growth in crimes bringing hard currency."

Safronov said Russian police exposed 2,300 criminal organizations last year, five percent of which had international ties, mostly with Western Europe. He added that Russian criminals used explosives in 200 crimes, which caused the deaths of 31 people and wounded over 1000.

Black market weapons robbed from the military or taken from police during assaults were used in the murders of 2,300 Russians and 300 policemen. Safronov said Russian law bans almost all private citizens from possessing fire arms.

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Photo by Michelle Harris

Col. Alexander Safronov of the Moscow Interpol Bureau speaks Monday morning in the Alsea/Calapooia room. Safronov flew to the US from Moscow for a three week speaking tour of Northwest colleges. He spoke Monday and Tuesday at LB about the politics of law enforcement in Russia.

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He said police destroyed about 150 illegal drug labs last year. Facing over 1.5 million Russian drug addicts, mostly young people, Safronov said Russian officials are just now working

seriously to stamp out the country's drug trade. He added that drug trafficking is so commonplace in some areas that doctors and other professionals have begun dealing in drugs.

Safronov said Russia also has prob- (Turn to 'Russian' on page 10)

Welcome to America!  
Coast-to-coast fiasco has Safronov weary from international travel

By Michelle Harris and John Butterworth  
Of The Commuter

Alexander Safronov's arrival to the United States included the American tradition of missing luggage and delayed flights.

After twenty one hours of flight, and crossing the US from coast-to-coast three times, he finally arrived at LBCC Monday morning.

His flight from Moscow to Frankfurt took three hours.

From there he flew to Vancouver, B.C.

Upon arriving in Vancouver, Safronov was told that he would need to board a plane to Boston because he did not possess a Canadian transit visa.

From Boston Safronov contacted his friends in Portland and explained the situation.

His Portland contacts phoned Boston police who put Safronov up for the night at a local USO facility. The next morning he boarded a plane bound for Portland.

In the midst of the snags that Safronov experienced, he's enjoyed the scenery, hospitality, and warmth of the Pacific Northwest and said he would like to come back soon.

He said that he'd heard about the standard of living in the US, but was shocked to observe it first hand. The two car family with both spouses driving to work, is unheard of in Russia.

The average Russian household income, according to him, is 40,000 roubles per month, equivalent to about thirty - five US dollars.

Safronov himself earns a monthly salary of 200,000 roubles a month.



Photo by Michelle Harris

Mayor Gene Belhumeur

## Colorful Albany mayor fights for his job

The mayor says he spends a lot of time defending himself from accusations in his continuing war with the OCA

By Trista Bush  
Of The Commuter

Two Rivers Market is quiet during the day, but Albany Mayor Gene Belhumeur seems to like it that way. Making himself at home in a pizza eatery down the hall from his smoke shop and just below the City Council Chambers, he savors the quiet respite from the political mess he faces in Albany.

Belhumeur is wearing his famous white derby and

sipping a bowl of chicken-noodle soup as a Commuter photographer quickly shoots off a roll of film. She promises not to get him with food in his mouth.

The mayor is excited to tell us that he's just gotten off the phone with someone from the MacNeil\Lehrer Report. He says the television program plans to run a story about his raging battle with the Oregon Citizen's Alliance.

Belhumeur and the OCA went head-to-head last spring when the organization submitted signatures to the city which they hoped would put a measure on the local ballot which prohibited "special rights" for homosexuals.

Belhumeur attempted to acquire those signatures (Turn to 'mayor' on page 10)

# Starving poet finds help in quest to keep on musing

Warning: This column contains the word penis, which may cause some students to giggle and generally look like fools.

I should've known I was tempting the oracles last year when I named my column after a burial plot (Poets' Corner in Westminster Abbey). This spring I was informed that—after being ineligible for financial aid for the last three years, and borrowing, stealing, scrimping, cutting corners, and what have ya—the year I became eligible for a Pell Grant, I was to be denied Federal Aid because I had too many credits.

## Guest Column

Finally, thanks to Doug Clark, I'd found a major that I'd kept for more than two terms, and was within spitting distance of getting a degree and moving on. So, since I can't afford to go to school for another term, despite the administrations valiant attempts to keep tuition costs down, I'll skip the degree part and just move on. This was not a decision I came to without kicking and screaming, however and I must thank the staff at LBCC, whom I can only say were as helpful as they could be.

Hal Eastburn offered me a loan, John Carnahan gave me some names to contact at OSU, the ladies at the Albany Center patted my head and offered me some cookies, Jane Donovan said she'd try and scare up some work—"You know, lawn stuff, babysitting, whatever," and the guy who was stand-

ing outside the Financial Aid office said "You've been here how long? Get out of here. Get a life."

Anyway, so there I was, cleaning up at the Beanery, watching the guy was put temporary supports up to keep the roof from falling in on us. This was a good thing.

Then I heard one of them say, "Be careful. If one of these gets knocked over, the whole damn thing'll come down on top of us."

Yeep. This, at first, made me nervous—to think that with one good bump the roof would fall on me. But, after they left, I suddenly began to wonder about the possibilities this presented.

If I could manage to accidentally take one of those out, and survive, the litigious possibilities were enormous. Say, scoot a table up to one of those supports, and hide under it while I kicked the support out. The punitive damages alone could put me through UW.

And then I thought "What about limb loss?" That would be a great way to increase damages! Oh, not the whole limb, just a finger or something like that. (Note: This is where I say that one word. If this is what you've been waiting for, you need a life more than I do). And then it hit me. What if I were to 'accidentally' lose my penis in this 'accident'?

I mean, at this point in the summer I wasn't using it and can you imagine any jury recommending

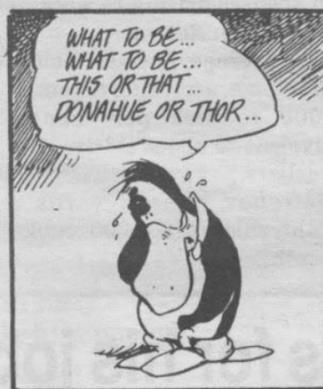
a paltry award for an injury like that? Especially if there was a couple of men on the jury. Hell, I could go to Oxford if I did this right. Forget going to Oxford. I could buy the place and then go to classes for free.

In the middle of this fantasy, I suddenly realized what I was doing. This was my best friend I was talking about here. We'd been through a lot together, he and I, and I was going to ditch him like this for money. I apologized.

After reading the Gazette-Times editorial page of Wednesday, Sept. 15, I add Robert Graves to a list of names of people who wish to teach my children mythology in a sex education course.

Why is this? Would we teach physics in an American literature class? Perhaps, if we felt it relevant, we should have a 'religious mores' day, where teachers talked about Jupiter and (Hera, Leda, Bacchus, whomever), the night of Beltaine, the teaching of St. Paul and the works of Mohammed on relationship between man and woman. But in general, doesn't mythology belong in a mythology class?

PS: I'd like to thank the city for sending out the SWAT team when I reported a deer in my yard. They wrestled it to the ground, handcuffed it and dragged it off to bestial corrections where it can be rehabilitated.



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## Opinion

## Bigotry too often conveniently overlooked in the face of a supposedly grander cause

By Richard Cohen

Of The Washington Post Writers Group

Washington—Leni Riefenstahl was Hitler's favorite film director. At Hitler's insistence, she made the classic "Triumph of the Will" but maintains she was neither a Nazi nor, for that matter, an uncritical admirer of the German leader.

What she was, a reading of her newly published memoir makes clear, was something of a dope. Her Jewish friends were running for their lives but her biggest difficulty was keeping the Nazis from meddling with her career.

It turns out that Jews weren't the only ones with problems.

This mix of the macabre and the mundane makes reading Riefenstahl's memoir both worthwhile and, I would argue, topical. Her tone of being merely vexed with the Nazis, of seeing their amorality as incidental, has a modern-day counterpart.

At the risk of trivializing the Holocaust, let me suggest that we can hear echoes of Riefenstahl in the statements of African-American leaders who have entered into a "scared covenant" with the Rev. Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam.

Once again, bigotry is incidental to what is supposedly a grander agenda.

That, anyway, is what Rep. Kweisi Mfume (D-Md.) seems to be saying. He is the chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus which, along with the NAACP and the Rev. Jesse Jackson, gave Farrakhan a big hug last month.

In a statement so void of moral principle it could have come from Riefenstahl herself, he said, "We will support the efforts of anyone committed to the restoration of hope through self-help and self-empowerment, while at the same time reserving the right to disagree on other matters of principle."

In other words, a little anti-Semitism, a little racism, should not stand in the way of, among other things, "the restoration of hope."

How hopeless. Can this man be serious?

It would be one thing if Mfume and company denied that Farrakhan was an anti-Semite and racist.

But they do not because, really, they cannot. Farrakhan is on record with so many patently anti-Semitic statements, that it's simply not possible to deny he's a bigot. The best that his defenders can offer is the Yes-but-he's-popular and racist. It should not matter that the racist is black instead of white.

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not matter that the racist is black instead of white.

I confess to being a bit troubled by beginning this column with Riefenstahl. It might give the wrong impression. The Nazi period is unique and it would be just plain dumb to attempt to make Farrakhan into some latter-day Hitler, of some immediate threat to Jews, whites or anyone else.

Were it not for his enemies, he might well have fewer friends. But the moral principle is about the same.

Once again, as if history never happened, we have earnest and smart people cutting some sort of deal with a hater in the name of some larger cause. There

is, though, no larger cause than racial and religious tolerance.

Reading Mfume, it's hard to believe that the man he's talking about is the very same Farrakhan who I once heard wonder—as if the question was in doubt—if Jewish

physicians were indeed injecting the AIDS virus into black youths.

He is the very same man who—again in my presence—spoke of secret meetings held by certain Jews to set policy for the U.S. media and whose own religion—hardly conventional Islam—is anti-white. Farrakhan is entitled to his views, but we are also entitled to find them repugnant.

The Congressional Black Caucus et al., though, has virtually signaled that they are acceptable.

Never mind the filigreed language about "disagreeing on other matters of principle." The most important principle—a total rejection of bigotry—has been trashed. By embracing Farrakhan, the Black caucus and others in the African-American leadership are saying that such issues as anti-Semitism and a hatred of whites is secondary, of less importance that a common black agenda.

From its inception, the cause of civil rights and of economic justice for African-Americans has fundamentally been a moral crusade. For most Americans the civil rights revolution came down to matter of right and wrong.

Racism was wrong. It was that simple and it remains no more complicated to this day—even when the racist is black.

Farrakhan is, at bottom, a racial separatist. He rejects the "common ground" which Jesse Jackson asked us all to share and he repudiates the concept of racial integration upon which the NAACP was founded. There can be no "sacred covenant" with him.

In plain language, it's a sellout.

## Guest Column

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## Old cowboy was the stuff legends were made of

By Dave Bishop  
Of The Commuter

It looked as if the old man had just about worn his skin out.

Wrinkled and weathered, it looked as fragile as parchment.

He was a month shy of his ninety-second birthday, and he was my father's best friend.

He was the kind of friend my dad would listen to, and with whom dreams were shared.

Ernie Cravatz was an honest-to-God cowboy who'd inadvertently managed to outlive the wild west.

He wore his Levis with cuffs rolled up, a red bandanna peeking out of a rear pocket. He favored plain, light colored work shirts and a pair of worn boots. An oversized wallet protruded from a hip pocket, and as a child, I thought that dark, sweat-stained wallet must have contained an uncountable treasure.

He had two hats, both Stetsons, one white and one a rich dark brown. To a five year old, each looked as regal and majestic as the most jeweled crown ever worn. The hats, perched casually atop the man's head spoke volumes of his character and strength.

Everyone, even the children, called him Ernie. Not Mr. Cravatz, not Sir. Just Ernie.

He fit comfortably into the fabric of community life. Southern California had yet to become the money and ego center of the universe.

No one seemed to care that an old man with no living relatives would faithfully attend every PTA meeting and school play. He was a little hard of hearing, so he'd always sit in the front row.

Ernie lived in a one room house. It measured twelve feet square, and was filled with the memories of a long, hard life.

The house didn't have running water. No sink, no toilet, no shower. He used the bathroom of a tavern fifty yards up the dirt road. He paid a neighbor woman one dollar a week do his laundry. True to his cowboy ethic, Ernie bathed and changed into fresh clothes once a week in a neighbor's shop bathroom.

The Saturday evenings of my youth were flavored by the scent of the old man's Old Spice after shave and the soft, sweet odor of his freshly ironed shirts.

Ernie Cravatz may have been my father's best friend, but he was my hero.

Cowboy legends were in full bloom then. Roy Rogers, Gene Autrey, and of course, Marshall Matt Dillon. I followed the exploits of these frontier icons safe with the proud knowledge that I knew one of the real ones—one of the true range-riders.

Ernie prized a bronzed photo of himself and a bucking horse. The young rider, soon to part company with the brute, wore an expression of amazement and terror.

"I been there boy," he'd say, catching me looking into the face of the hapless rider, "I been thrown more times than not, but never let one best me."

Like I said, the old guy was my hero.

In hushed voices I heard my parents talking about the old man. "He's gone crazy," my father said. "He's sitting at the table at his place running a butter knife through a pan of soapy water. They're going to take him in tomorrow morning if he doesn't snap out of it."

They never took him in. He never snapped out of it.

Sometime between 1 a.m. and sunrise, on a chilly December morning, Ernie Cravatz silently stole away.

The neighbor lady who'd washed, folded and ironed his clothes for over two decades, softly entered the old house to check on her employer. He was slumped over the left arm of his favorite chair. One boot lay next to him on the floor; his hat firmly secured in the tired old fingers.

Three days before he died, Ernie had given me a nickel. I'd done nothing to deserve, earn, or warrant it.

He gave me the nickel and told me a man always needed a little cash in his pocket.

I pray that someday God grants me the honor of being a little boy's hero.



# LB touts safest community college campus in state

A recently released federal report shows a 75 percent reduction in major crimes but petty crimes continue to plague the campus

By Al Laigle  
Of the Commuter

When it comes to crime, LBCC has the safest campus among community colleges its size in Oregon, but it does have problems it will always be dealing with, according to Mick Cook, manager of Security and Safety Services.

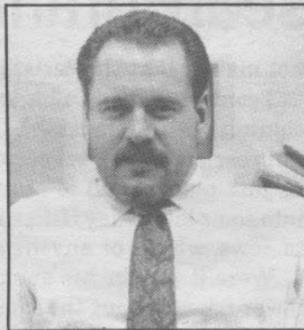
Cook recently released the 1993 Safety and Security Info Report, which is required by federal law and covers murder, rape, robbery, burglary, aggravated assault, motor vehicle theft, liquor/drug violations, and weapons possessions. The only two crimes in these categories that were logged at LBCC in 1993 were one burglary and one motor vehicle theft, representing a 75 percent reduction from 1992's

figures.

Cook pointed out that LBCC is fortunate in not being located in a large city, as are Lane CC and Portland CC, but cautioned that even though Albany and Corvallis are not big, they are getting larger.

Cook added that the report does not represent all crime that occurs on campus. Besides the two major crimes listed in the report, there have been 18 thefts (13 of them from cars) and 17 miscellaneous incidents, such as possession of drug paraphernalia and contraband, disruptive or harassing behavior, offensive littering, livestock at large. One auto accident was reported and two people were arrested for trespass.

Cook feels these numbers could be reduced.



Mick Cook

"What I would like to see is the students remembering to be responsible for themselves and each other. If you see something happen, report it. Also, make suggestions. I have an open door policy", he said.

According to Cook, the decrease in the crime statistics is due to what he calls "pro-active patrols" (those that are highly visible), and to a staff that thinks in terms of prevention.

Even though more minor offenses have been reported, the severity has decreased, Cook said. For example, more reports were filed for music tapes stolen, but fewer car stereos were taken this year. The drop coincides with Cook coming to LBCC on Jan. 2, 1991.

With a current staff of 14, which includes five on-call positions and two student work studies, Security and Safety Services is also responsible for emergency medical response, disaster control, liaison with area emergency services, events scheduling, lost and found, night escort and various other services.

## Student government to launch financial aid 'map'

By Stephen Garrett  
Of The Commuter

LBCC's student government plans to create a "road map" to show students how to find their way through the financial aid maze this fall as part of its effort to find new ways to help students cope with college life.

Although the project is still in its infancy, ASLBCC moderator Claudia Leavenworth said the idea received an enthusiastic response when she presented it to the President's Council last Wednesday.

The idea is to create a document, perhaps a brochure, that will read like a map leading financial aid applicants through the process step-by-step, Leavenworth explained. A committee consisting of three student council members, three financial aid officers, and one counselor will be formed this term to begin work on the project.

The map should be available by January so students who apply for financial aid early can use it.

The new project is one of several the ASLBCC has on its agenda already this year. ASLBCC is made up of 11 student government members who are elected every spring to represent LB students. Members meet weekly to decide how to disburse funding for student activities, bring lectures and performers to campus, maintain communication with local

legislators, and facilitate community service and fund-raising activities.

Coming up is the Fourth annual Statewide Student Conference for Oregon College and University Students in Salem Oct. 22-23.

The Oregon Student Lobby invites students from all of the state's two and four-year colleges and universities to attend the conference, which is designed to provide information to student government leaders and those active in student programs.

More than 40 workshops will be planned, beginning on Friday afternoon and continuing through Saturday.

The seminars deal with such issues as overcoming campus apathy, developing strategies to win specific issue campaigns, gaining organizing experience, building effective coalitions, and increasing the membership, reputation and influence of their association or groups.

Scheduled speakers include Gov. Barbara Roberts, Rep. Michael Payne, Rep. Margaret Carter, Sen. Len Hannon, and speaker Lloyd Marbet.



Claudia Leavenworth

## Students invited to join in academic competition

Qualified students are invited to participate in the Academic All-American Team competition.

LBCC will select two participants who will go to a luncheon with the college president, Jon Carnahan, and Gov. Barbara Roberts, who will be honoring the winners from each of the 16 community colleges in Oregon.

Additionally, the winners will be entered into a national scholarship competition worth \$2,500 which also includes recognition at the national

community college meeting, AACC, to be held in Washington, D.C., this April.

In order to participate, students must be currently enrolled at LBCC, expecting to graduate during the 1993-94 school year; must have already completed 12 credits towards an Associate Degree; and have a GPA of not less than 3.25 in all course work at LBCC.

In order to enter, students can pick up copies of the necessary forms in the Phi Theta Kappa folder in the library

and request a student copy of their transcript. Students who have attended other colleges should request an official copy of those transcripts as well.

The forms to be completed include reference forms to be filled out by three instructors, a biography sheet, and an essay. All forms, transcripts and references must be received by Evonne Rutherford by Monday Nov. 15, in the Dean of Student Services and Extended Learning Office in Takena Room 107.

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### MISCELLANEOUS

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Leslie S. Parker scholarships: eligible students are females who have completed at least 2 years of satisfactory course work. Deadline is 3/1/94. Additional info can be picked up at the career center.

93-94 Peter Defazio Scholarships. Eligible applicants: Oregon residents residing in the 4th congressional district (Linn Co. and part of Benton), dislocated timber workers, and full time students who have applied for financial aid and have successfully completed 12 credits at LBCC. Deadline is 11/19/93. Applications can be picked up at the career center.

Any one interested in joining the LBCC Soccer Club, please contact Russ Moline at CC 213, Student Programs ASAP!!!!!!!!!!!!

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# Experts offer advice on dealing with 'separation anxiety'

Parents parting with children in new child care settings have several ways of easing fears

By Marian Kristiansen  
Of The Commuter

Separation is always difficult but saying good-bye to your children for the first time could be the hardest thing for student parents to deal with.

Even if your children have been left at a sitters before, a new environment can scare them into feeling abandoned, according to experts at the LBCC Family Resources Center.

The child care program at LBCC's Family Resource Center tries to help ease the annual anxiety the occurs when new student parents drop off their children for the first time.

Martha Foster, a teacher for the program, has the youngest group of children, ranging in ages of 2 1/2 to 3 years. In order to help the children adjust, she lets them look at pictures of their families in a family album, write letters to their parents, sing songs and read stories about going away and coming back, and even take walks to see the classes where their parents go to school.

Foster says that when a child wants his or her mother or father, she tries to acknowledge that and tell the child that it is OK to feel that way rather than telling the child that he or she doesn't really need that parent.

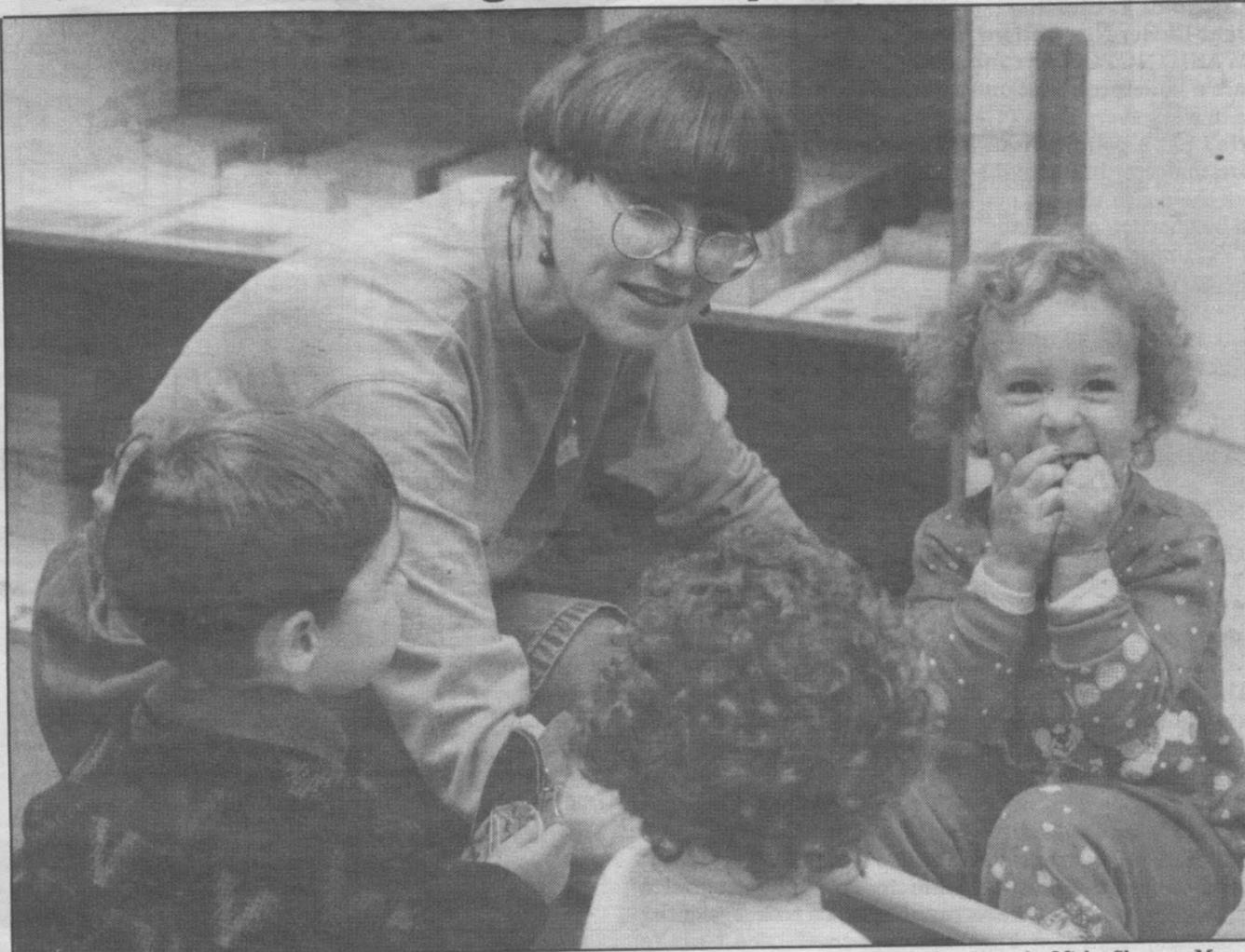


Photo by Micky Shannon-Monroe

Martha Foster talks with Kaylee, John and Samantha in the childcare lab. One of the ways that Foster, who teaches the youngest group of children at the center, helps children overcome separation anxiety is to look at family albums.

**Children pick up on routines quickly and feel more secure if they know when you are coming to pick them up and what is going to happen when.**

Parents are also allowed to visit their children at any time during the day. They can even go into an observation room where they can see their children at play.

Separation anxiety can hit at any time of the year depending on what is happening at home and how secure the child feels.

The center hands out a pamphlet titled "So Many Good-Byes", which gives a few hints at dealing with it and

helping yourself as well as your child overcome it.

Among the advice in the brochure is to get into a routine. Children pick up on routines quickly and feel more secure if they know when you are coming to pick them up and what is going to happen when.

If you have to go outside of that routine, make sure you let your child know ahead of time so that he or she is not thrown off schedule without at least a warning or an explanation.

One of the best ways to deal with separation anxiety is to first make sure you are comfortable with the program you have chosen for your child. Children are quick to pick up on bad vibes and this will make the transition all the harder.

Experts say you should talk to your child about why you have to leave him or her there and stress that you will always return.

## Family Resource Center at LBCC gains national accreditation

By Stephen Garrett  
Of The Commuter

The Family Resource Center at LBCC has become the first day-care center in Linn and Benton counties to be accredited by the National Academy of Early Childhood Programs.

The Academy recognizes outstanding early childhood programs that meet national standards of quality.

"It's an excellent way for a really good center to become even better," said Family Resource Center Liz Pearce-Smith.

Professional accreditors conducted an on-site study of the center's facility and program, followed by a final re-

view by a three-member panel of experts in the field of early childhood education.

Pearce-Smith said the process took about eight months.

Dr. Marilyn Smith, executive director of the National Association for the Education of Young Children said parents feel more comfortable sending their children to accredited centers. "Accreditation helps answer the question, 'What is a quality child care program?'" she said.

"Most parents want to find the highest quality program for their children, but, few parents know how to assess whether a program meets more than

**"Most parents want to find the highest quality program for their children; however, few parents know how to assess whether a program meets more than just the minimum standards required by state licensing,"**

just the minimum standards required by state licensing," she said.

The center plans to construct a Japanese Restful Garden for the children. It raised close to \$1,000 last year to start the project and hopes to raise more money this year.

Pearce-Smith would like to see the funds used to purchase benches, flowers, trees, and eventually a water-recycling fountain.

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# Abortion doctors plead for protection from government

By TaNoah V. Sterling  
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON--Frank Snyder wears a bulletproof vest and carries a gun to work every day.

He's not a police officer, but as an abortion doctor in Central Florida, he fears the death threats made against him by abortion opponents.

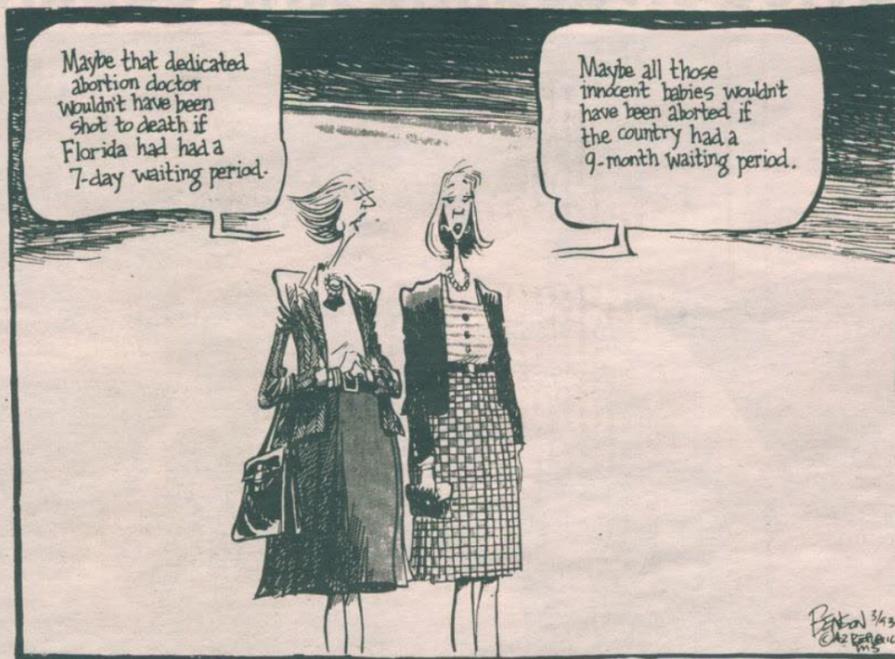
"I'm tired of seeing wanted posters with my picture on them and my address and my family's addresses and phone numbers on them," he said, holding up the poster with shaking hands. "The posters offer a \$1,000 reward. What does that give the impression of? That if someone shot me like they did David Gunn, they'd get \$1,000," said Snyder, who works at clinics in Orlando and Melbourne, Fla.

Abortion providers from across the country came to Washington Monday demanding government action to protect doctors and clinics from attacks by anti-abortion groups.

They said they want the FBI to investigate threats made against them, and legislation to protect themselves and the clinics from violence.

"It's our hope this issue will stop being treated as a political football and that the federal government will devote as many resources as possible to stopping the violence. We're running out of time," said Ron Fitzsimmons, executive director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers.

Justice Department spokesman Carl Stern said Attorney General Janet Reno is asking U.S. attorneys to "refer all



cases of abortion clinic attacks to Washington."

"There is an ongoing effort by the FBI to acquire information to determine if they are violating federal law," he added. Stern said interstate communication "by phone or mail would be of interest to us."

"You don't need to be a rocket scientist to see the organization between states," said Dr. George Miks, who services clinics in Fargo, N.D., Duluth, Minn., Milwaukee, Wis., and Fort Wayne, Ind. "Why should groups from three states

show up at my home in Minnesota? Where do these people get the money to travel from state to state?"

In March, Reno announced her support of a bill that would give the

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federal government more jurisdiction to defend abortion clinics, health care workers and doctors, and protect them from stalking and violence. The bill is awaiting action in Congress.

Fitzsimmons said he has heard the Justice Department's promises before.

"It's certainly a positive development, but we've had encouraging words before," he said.

Eleanor Smeal, president of the Fund for a Feminist Majority, said it is urgent the bill be passed soon.

"We need this act of Congress to pass this session. The anti-abortion activists use the holiday season and the Jan. 22 anniversary of Roe vs. Wade to use more terror. We need instant and immediate action," she said.

Dr. Tom Tucker, who works at clinics in Alabama and Mississippi, said the doctors need government support. "I have two bodyguards, I wear a bulletproof vest, and I carry two guns. My bodyguards carry guns. We're not going to quit. We just want support, especially from the federal government," he said.

Jane Bovard, an administrator of Fargo Women's Health Organization, said people from New England, Illinois, California, Texas and Wisconsin have been arrested for protests at her clinic.

"They came from all over the country to harass us. It is impossible for us to handle this on a local level. First of all, it cost us millions to keep them in jail. We need the federal government's help desperately," she said.

Snyder hopes one day he won't have to arm himself to work. "My parents and my family are tired of being terrorized," Snyder said. "I don't want to have to carry a gun. I wasn't trained in my residency to do that."

## Political war becomes parents' nightmare when IRA bomb kills son

By Kevin Cullen  
Boston Globe

When the group at the Black Rose broke into an Irish rebel song last month, Colin Parry winced.

He wanted to understand. He really did. But he could not. It was beyond him.

"How can you romanticize killing people?" Parry asked the next day, the image of a boisterous Irish pub in Boston's Faneuil Hall marketplace still gnawing at him.

That question brought Parry and his wife, Wendy, across the Atlantic to Boston, where they believe too many people support or at least are ambivalent about the politically motivated violence that killed their 12-year-old son.

Tim Parry was one of two boys who died last March when the Irish Republican Army left two bombs in a shopping area of Warrington, an English town just east of Liverpool.

The deaths of Tim Parry and 3-year-old Jonathan Ball were front-page news in Britain and Ireland for a few weeks. While their deaths were given scant notice on this side of the Atlantic, they led to unprecedented opposition in the Irish Republic to politically motivated violence, to elaborate shows of sympathy in Britain and to complaints in Northern Ireland that it took the deaths of two English boys to focus attention on a conflict that has taken more than 3,000 lives during the last 24 years.

The bombing also launched the Parrys on an odyssey, a search for a reason, a hint, a clue as to why their son died.

As part of that search, they agreed to be the subjects of a British Broadcasting Corp. documentary. The program, which was broadcast last month in Britain and Ireland, took them to Northern Ireland, the Irish Republic and finally to Boston, the American component of their journey.

In some ways, the Parrys are the very people the IRA seeks most to influence. Middle-class, with a house and kids and jobs, they are the average British family the IRA wants to outrage so they will push

their government to pull out of Northern Ireland.

Yet in other ways the Parrys are the IRA's worst nightmare. Ordinary, decent people who want answers and whose loss cannot be explained away by political rhetoric.

How, after all, does one justify that a little boy's face was literally ripped off to advance a point of view?

"I sit up at night, often, and I ask myself, why did Tim have to die?" Colin Parry says.

On the morning of March 20, Tim gathered two of his mates and headed for downtown Warrington to buy shorts for an upcoming soccer match. Tim had tried on some pants, but didn't have enough money to buy them. He and his friends left the store empty-handed, just as the first bomb went off. A second blast went off, the force catching Tim flush in the face as he ran into it.

When Colin and Wendy got to Warrington, they found the whole town in an uproar. They learned one of Tim's friends had been hurt in the blast, but they couldn't find Tim. It was bedlam at the hospital. More than 50 people had been injured in the explosions.

When they walked into Tim's room, the Parrys saw that their son's entire head was wrapped. Blood had soaked through some of the bandages. All they could see was the thin line of his mouth.

"It was every parent's nightmare," Colin says quietly.

Tim hung on for a few days, but toward the end, Colin lay briefly on the bed to be near Tim one last time, then sat back down and watched his son die. Tim barely moved.

Like most English people, the Parrys had paid little attention to Northern Ireland. They were busy with their own lives. Northern Ireland entered their consciousness only when there was a story in the paper, a report on the TV news.

"It would be wrong to say I knew nothing about it, because I'm an avid news watcher, and I read quite a bit," said Colin Parry. "I had a reasonable grasp of the political situation. But I had never been there and never would've gone there."

That changed when the BBC program "Panorama"

suggested the Parrys take part in a documentary that would record their search for an explanation as to why Tim died. The idea of the documentary appealed to the Parrys, Colin says, because they wanted to find out more about the forces that converged that awful day in Warrington.

The Parrys spent 10 days in Northern Ireland this summer, visiting places--Belfast, Portadown, Dungannon--that previously had been only words they heard on news accounts of the latest atrocity.

They met with the family of Robert Dalrymple, one of four Catholic men who were shot to death by Protestant extremists in Castlerock, Northern Ireland, March 25.

Dalrymple was murdered the same day Tim died. "Mostly, we cried together," Colin recalls of the meeting in the modest home in County Antrim. "There was a bond there. They had lined all the children up in their Sunday best. It was really quite moving."

In Dublin, they met with Irish President Mary Robinson, who had attended a memorial service in Warrington in April.

"She is an extraordinary woman," says Colin, making it clear he is more impressed by Robinson than by any of the other public officials he and Wendy met.

Colin is defensive of Robinson, who was bitterly criticized by the British government, and even by some Irish commentators, after she exchanged a greeting and shook hands with Gerry Adams during a visit to West Belfast in June. Adams is the leader of Sinn Fein, the political party that supports the IRA.

In fact, the Parrys wanted to meet with Adams themselves. They believe he has influence with the IRA.

"Sinn Fein wouldn't meet with us," Colin Parry says. "They said they saw no use in it."

As much as he believes Sinn Fein's mutual embrace of constitutional politics and violence is cynical and abhorrent, Colin Parry says he thinks his government should negotiate with Sinn Fein to bring about a (Turn to "Northern Ireland" on page 7)

## Physicians organize for gun control as public health issue

By Jean Latz Griffin  
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO--Calling the current level of violence against children a disaster that can no longer be tolerated, a nationwide coalition of public health and research officials are taking aim at what they view as the single most important cause: the accessibility of handguns.

The initial meeting of the HELP Network of Concerned Professionals this week focused on ways in which guns can be removed from what one participant called the equation of "aggression plus guns equals death."

The meeting of the HELP Network, which stands for Handgun Epidemic Lowering Plan, drew participants in public health, research, youth advocacy, juvenile protection and public policy from 28 states and the District of Columbia. The group wants to draft a policy statement that will be used to launch a broad-based, comprehensive assault on handguns as the lethal accelerant in youth violence.

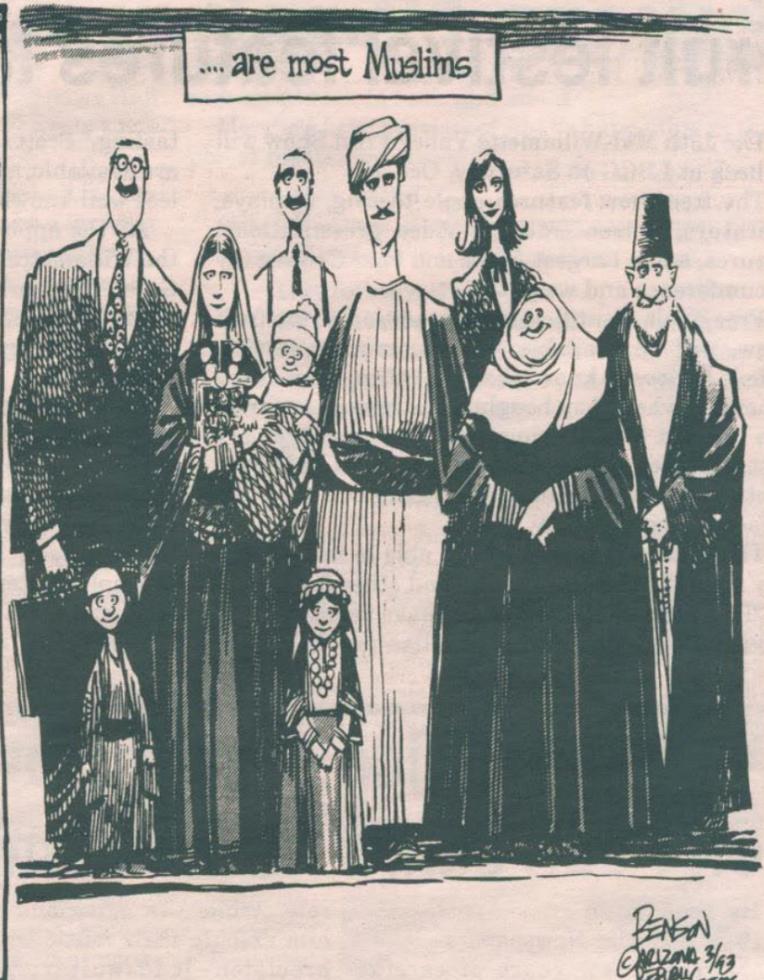
"It is crucial that we address all the factors that increase the frequency of violence," Christoffel said. "But there is a special urgency in dealing with handguns because they increase the severity of violence. If we don't reduce that severity, a lot of children may not be around by the time we figure out how to solve the other problems."

The HELP Network is part of a growing national movement to recast violence, especially involving handguns, as a public health issue rather than a law and order issue.

Dr. Whitney Addington, president of the Chicago Department of Health, decried the current lack of funds spent on research into handgun violence prevention, despite the death toll. "It is time to say, 'enough is enough,'" Addington said. "I hope when history looks back on this meeting it will be seen as the equivalent of the surgeon general's report on the hazards of smoking as the major event in the prevention of handgun-related injuries."

Participants say they hope to depoliticize the highly charged debate over gun control and use research to determine how to reduce costly injuries and early death. "We have to understand that firearm injuries affect high-risk groups, that they follow a predictable pattern and that they are preventable," said Dr. Arthur Kellerman, director of the Injury Control Center at the School of Public Health at Emory University in Atlanta.

For example, in one study Kellerman and fellow researchers found that people were three times as likely to be killed if they had a gun in their home. In drafting the policy, participants will look at three types of handgun laws currently on the books and see how well they work, said Franklin Zimring, director of the Earl Warren Legal Institute at the University of California at Berkeley. Some laws regulate the kinds of weapons that can be sold, others regulate who can buy weapons, and others restrict where and when one cannot carry or use a gun.



## Muslims protesting discrimination in China

By Uli Schmetzer  
Chicago Tribune

BEIJING--Chinese authorities have arrested scores of Muslim leaders who reportedly used an offensive riddle in a children's book to organize anti-government religious protests in the Central Asian provinces.

A crackdown was necessary in Xining, capital of northwestern Qinghai province, where Muslim demonstrators in recent weeks had "assaulted local party and government offices, smashed police vehicles and besieged and attacked people and security and armed policemen," the New China news agency reported.

Other reports said Muslim radicals had even hijacked planes. In addition to Qinghai, once part of Tibet, other protests were reported in several cities in northwestern Gansu province.

China's restless Muslims, estimated at 40 million to 50 million and mainly members of the Sunni sect, demonstrate periodically in the nation's fiercely defiant northwestern Muslim belt against restrictions on the practice of their faith or official refusal for construction of new mosques and Islamic schools.

Muslim militants often call for autonomy or reunification with neighboring Muslim nations of the former Soviet Union. Many still dream of a Turkic Central Asian nation of the descendants of the settlers left behind by the Ottoman Empire.

The demonstrators have demanded the death sentence for the authors of the "Taiwanese Braintwister," a children's book, that shows a praying Muslim next to a pig and asks: "What kind of person does not eat pork?"

Western travelers in Gansu, a Muslim bastion, reported seeing hundreds of banners on main streets declaring the book an insult to Islam.

Central authorities quickly banned the book and dismissed the two senior officials at the publishing house that had reprinted it.

But the demonstrations quickly became a rallying

point to voice other grievances that, the news agency said, imperiled national unity and security, an official euphemism to describe separatist aspirations.

"A small number of people in Xining have made use of the issue to promote their ideas, deliberately creating disturbances," it said. Security forces initially tolerated the protest marches but banned them after radicals torched police vehicles and stoned government buildings, Chinese officials said.

In early September, thousands had marched through Lanzhou, capital of Gansu province, to the local television station accompanied by police who did not interfere. The protest ended peacefully.

Other protest marches under banners saying "Staunchly protect respect for Islam" were held in Xian, capital of Shaanxi province, and in neighboring Ningxia province, witnesses said.

Three years ago, Chinese troops were flown into Kashgar in China's northwestern frontier province of Xinjiang after rioting Muslims lynched three Chinese officials following a dispute over a new mosque that in turn had kindled a clamor for Muslim autonomy.

Officially, 33 people were reported killed in clashes with troops; independent sources say more than 70 died.

China, worried about a spillover of Islamic fervor from the new Muslim nations of the former Soviet Union, has been at pains to placate Muslim demands, promoting good relations with Iran and leaders of the new Central Asian republics.

The president of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev, arrives in the Chinese capital in a few days for talks. China sees Kazakhstan as a key to stability in its mineral-rich northwest and signed an agreement with it last year specifying that both sides will fight criminal elements and "terrorists," a Chinese label for separatists.

This month, however, Kazakhstan, which inherited some of the old Soviet nuclear arsenal, protested China's test of a nuclear device in the Taklimakan Desert near its borders.

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## Northern Ireland's violence takes toll on ordinary families

cease-fire.

Despite their loss, the Parrys swear they are not bitter. The Parrys have been told that rebel songs in Irish pubs are uncommon, that most Irish-Americans are, if anything, ignorant about Northern Ireland and do not support the IRA, and that criticism of British policy is not an endorsement of the IRA.

Yet, driving through South Boston, the Parrys were upset when they saw graffiti supporting the IRA. On the side of a convenience store across from the Old Colony housing project, a hooded IRA man is

depicted with a rocket launcher. On a West Second Street wall, a mural tribute to three IRA members who were shot to death by British undercover soldiers on Gibraltar in 1988 proclaims that the IRA "is what Ireland means to me."

While saying he is not bitter, Colin Parry says he cannot forgive the IRA, as has his new friend, Gordon Wilson. Wilson held his daughter's hand while she died, trapped with him beneath the rubble of an IRA bombing in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, in 1987.

Wilson has since become a peace campaigner. After the Warrington bombings, Wilson met with the IRA to ask them to stop their campaign at the same time a memorial service was being held in Warrington for Tim Parry and Jonathan Ball. The next day, the lead story in the news was not the memorial service, but Wilson's meeting with the IRA.

"Gordon forgives them," Colin says simply. "I don't, and we won't."

Wendy looks away. Her eyes are watering.

# Fruit festival features tasting, recipes, identification

The 13th Mid-Willamette Valley Fruit Show will be back at LBCC on Saturday, Oct. 23.

The free show features apple tasting, displays, literature, demonstrations, video presentations, lectures, and a Largest Apple and Pear Contest (by circumference and weight).

Free apple identification, a tradition at the fruit show, will be available as a community service. People curious to know what kind of apple tree they inherited when they bought their houses or farms can find out if they bring three or four of the very best, disease-free specimens to the show, said Pete Scott, dean LBCC Science & Industry Division, who is facilitating the show.

Those attending also will be able to sample and buy a variety of apples, pears and other fruit.

"This is the first time we will have vendors at the show selling some of the varieties people will be

tasting," Scott said. "A wealth of tastes and textures are available, and people can experience some of the less well-known varieties."

All the apples available for tasting will grow in the Willamette Valley and include varieties such as Gala, Braeburn, Jonagold and Hudson's Golden Gem. The vendors also will have other varieties of trees, plants, gardening and orchard supplies for sale.

Information and display booths will be set up in the Activities Center. The Linn County Master Gardeners will conduct a plant disease clinic. Displays and information will be provided by OSU's Extension Service and Horticulture Department, Master Food Preservers, the National Clonal Germplasm Repository, the Albany Men's Garden Club and the Home Orchard Society.

Fall fruits, including pears, grapes, nuts, and

apples will be on display throughout the day. Demonstrations and lectures on small fruits and tree culture are included in the activities. In addition to free literature, a variety of useful gardening books and publications will be for sale.

For a light meal, apples, cider and other goodies will be for sale.

The demonstrations and lectures will be held in Room 127 in the Activities Center and include:

• 10 a.m. - Joseph Postman on "Wild Fruits of Alaska."

• 11 a.m. - Bob Rackham on "Fruit Varieties for the Willamette Valley."

• 1 p.m. - Lon Rombough on "Unusual Fruits for the Home Orchard," and Bill Schulz and Alan Taylor on "Grape Varieties and Culture."

For more information, call 967-8860, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Vedder's voice proudly raw on Pearl Jam's new album

By Tom Moon  
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

After a few years of careful research, Eddie Vedder, the lead singer of Pearl Jam, has finally come up with the vocal counterpart to **Review** grunge guitar: a labored wail that is proudly raw--and just this side of tuneless.

Vedder has always sounded as though he's singing with a cement mixer on his back. He's burdened, but enduring the strain, and he wants you to be constantly aware of his exertion.

On Pearl Jam's "Vs." (Epic), which arrives in stores this week, the sex symbol of the grunge world shows exactly how powerful his authoritative, stentorian delivery can be: It can ignite a track or completely trample it.

Sometimes, when he's trying to render a ballad, Vedder is just another off-key screamer with attitude. He oversings. He's too rigid. Just as often, however, he's a genius communicator: His chorus of "Rear View Mirror" has the same impact as the song's pick-ax guitar attack. What he's saying matters little--his voice is a presence, a texture, another instrument.

As the music gathers into a feverish gallop, Vedder leads the slowly mounting crescendo, and by the song's climax--one of the most enthralling in recent rock--his triumphant words "I saw things clearer when you were in my rear view mirror" are practically an afterthought.

Vedder's stylized and oversized vocals are more prominent on "Vs.," Pearl Jam's second album, than on its five million-selling debut "Ten," which along with Nirvana's "Nevermind" helped bring the noisy "grunge" style to worldwide prominence.

Attribute this vocal clarity to the production--the mix of "Vs." is crisper and the guitar distortion is deployed more selectively, leaving Vedder's contributions exposed. But give Pearl Jam credit for the way it's evolved, too. In the space of one album, this Seattle five-piece has transformed itself from a ragged band of riffsters to accomplished masters of tension and release.

Just one problem: Not everything has grown at the same accelerated

rate. While the musicians behind him execute their music with new precision--lead guitarist Mike McCready, for one, has discovered a knack for piercing melody, which he's not ashamed to use--Vedder has yet to gain similar control over his voice.

While the band is charging through loose, ambling (sometimes even funky) grooves far from the fists-clenched anthems of "Ten," Vedder is still out there barking orders. "Daughter," a touching, complex song about a mother-daughter confrontation, is nearly ruined by his braying lead.

On "Daughter" and the similarly somber "Elderly Woman Behind the Counter in a Small Town," Vedder overreaches. He's an ersatz Jim Morrison whose moments of poetic insight are blown out of proportion by his demanding, full-of-potent delivery.

And though he's more at ease on the full-bore rockers, he occasionally exaggerates even there: The packaged punk anthem "Leash," with its command to parents to "drop the leash," wears thin long before the song ends. But those are the only weak spots on "Vs.," Vedder has grown.

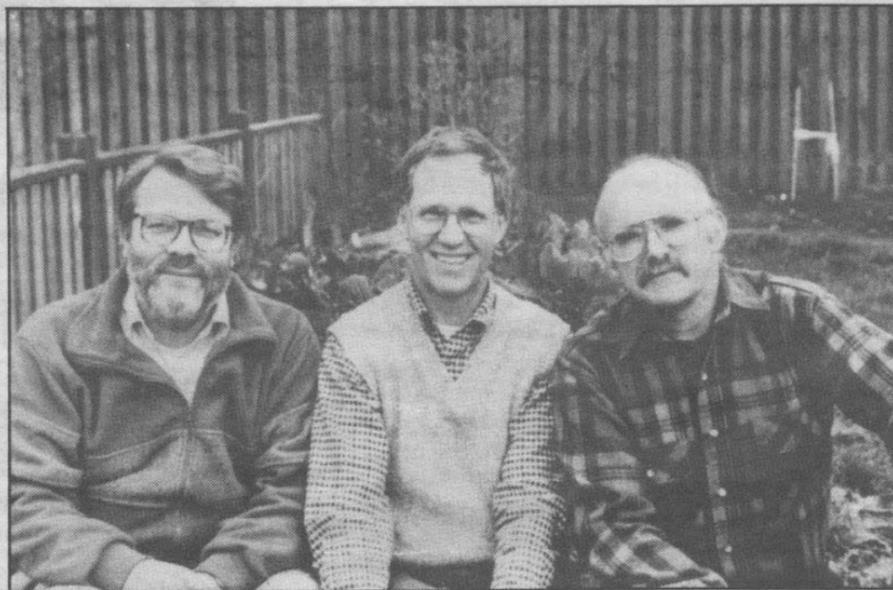
His development as a lyricist has helped Pearl Jam recycle time-tested chord progressions--the kind Bad Company celebrated in the '70s--into taut and wholly contemporary music. "Ten" proved Vedder was good at summation, but his new songs convey cutting insights with the fewest possible words.

Where Nirvana, that other Seattle fixture, spends most of its current "In Utero" obsessing over its stature in the rock pantheon, Pearl Jam is looking outward.

Without stooping to slogans, the band engages in the debate over gun control (the exuberant '70s-rock sendup "Glorified G"), bemoans the influence of drugs ("Blood"), and comments on the scarcity of human compassion ("I'd rather be with an animal," Vedder sings on "Animal").

Pearl Jam isn't trying to align itself with any particular style, or show off the refinements it has made to the basic grunge blueprint.

It's simply churning out rock and roll that feels good--a major accomplishment in the overheated, angst-ridden world of grunge.



Eugene writers Peter Jensen, Erik Muller and David Johnson will present a reading and workshop today as the opening program in the sixth annual Valley Writers Series.

## Three poets from Eugene open Valley Writers Series in Board Rooms today

By Sam Gammond  
Of The Commuter

The sixth annual Valley Writers Series gets underway today at noon with readings by three Eugene area poets.

Peter Jensen, Erik Muller and David Johnson will read on campus in Board Rooms A and B in the College Center from noon to 1 p.m.

The three poets have recently collaborated on a compilation of their work entitled "Confluence".

An impromptu workshop where writers are invited to read their own work and listen to Jensen, Muller and Johnson's responses will follow the reading. Both the reading and the workshop are free.

Children's fiction writer Margaret J. Anderson will also read her work on Friday November 19 from noon to 1 p.m. in board rooms A and B. She will offer a workshop on writing children's books Saturday the 20th at the Albany Public Library from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Anderson has written ten books of children's fiction and nine non-fictional publications. Her latest novel, "The Ghost Inside the Monitor," won the Charlie May Simon Award.

The series is funded by ASLBCC and the Linn-Benton Council For The Arts. The LBCC English department and the Albany Center will oversee the events.

LBCC English instructor Jane White said that the Series was designed to help the community appreciate the writers around them and to give those writers as much exposure as possible. This year's Series will feature two writers per term.

Saturday Workshops are offered in conjunction with the readings for \$5 for students and seniors and \$10 for the public. Registration and payment are required in advance.

For more information, contact Jane White in the English department. This year's Series will feature two writers per term.

## Blues concert to benefit soup kitchen

Curtis Salgado will headline a benefit blues concert for the St. Mary's Soup Kitchen in Albany on Sunday, Oct. 24.

Salgado, a blues recording artist known for his harmonica and vocals, will be joined by The Blue Dogs, Safari Club and Saturday Night.

The benefit, called "An Afternoon with the blues," will begin at 2 p.m. and run until 6:30 p.m. at the Linn county

Fairgrounds, 3051 SE Oakwood Ave. in Albany.

Admission is \$5 at the door.

Funds raised will go to help fund the soup kitchen for the needy operated out of St. Mary's Church in Albany. Among the major contributors to the soup kitchen are the Democrat-herald and Gazette-Times, Kinko's of Corvallis, and several other businesses in Albany and Corvallis.

## Arts &amp; Entertainment

## In search of action for the under-21 crowd

Finding good music means scouring the Corvallis area for out-of-the-way places or driving north to Salem or south to Eugene

By Micky Shannon-Monroe  
Of The Commuter

There never seems to be much to do in the mid-valley on Friday night, especially if your under 21.

But if you're willing to wander a bit to the north and south, you'll find several options.

In Corvallis, for example, there are several places that are open to all ages that offer live entertainment with a variety of styles.

Java Rama, located at 2047 NW Monroe across from the OSU campus, is one option. They offer live music every week, and according to manager Scott Burdall, "Although we feature predominantly jazz, we are always open to any quality music."

"Java Rama is more than just good music," added Burdall. "We also serve all the latest coffee drinks you would normally find at the local espressos, and we serve lunches Monday through Friday."

Another place to check out is the Oddfellows Hall at 223 SW Second St. above the Grass Roots Book Store.

Manager W. Paul Henderson said the hall is open to the general public. You don't have to be a member to come and enjoy the wide variety of entertainment. You can also rent the hall for a small fee, and put on your own show. For more information call 752-3023.

Allann Brothers Coffee House (aka. the Beanery) on Second Street also offers acoustic music and a great cup of coffee. Check the Gazette Times for listings.

And if you don't mind a drive to Eugene, the WOW hall serves up some great fun for all ages.

The music is extremely diverse, anything from industrial rock to world beat and ska, even blues and jazz, and they have one of the best dance floors in Oregon according to them.

Going north to Salem is also an option.

According to Mike Jones, Schizophonic Presents sponsors live music for all ages at Mission Mill located across from Willamette University, at 1313 Mill St. The music there varies from pop punk to

industrial rock to funk and metal.

Here is a brief preview of what's happening at the places mentioned above:

#### Java Rama

Oct. 20—Dave Stores, experimental jazz; Oct. 22—Jim Knodle, jazz from Seattle.

#### Oddfellows Hall

Oct. 30—Halloween dance and costume party; Nov. 5—Calobo, worldbeat; Nov. 6—Baby Gramps, acoustic music and comedy; Nov. 13—youth dance; Dec. 3—Dead Pan Cool, reggae.

#### WOW Hall

Coming attractions are Shankin Pickle, ska; Two Minute Saints, jazz; Bad Brains, punk; Boogie Patrol Express, funk; UK Subs, classic punk; Pele Juju, worldbeat; Inca Inca, worldbeat.

#### Mission Mill

Oct 29—Sweaty Nipples and Hitting Birth, funk rock and organic industrial rock; Nov 12—The Daddies and Roger Nusic, 30s swing to funk and psychopop (this show is at the Keizer Lions Hall 4100 Cherry Ave); Nov. 27—Hazel and 30.06, pop punk and punk rock.

## 'SNL' is a sorry excuse for comedy

By Shonda Amundsen  
Of The Commuter

Unless you vacationed on Pluto or are one of those people without a TV (oh, the horror), I'm sure you are now missing at least one ear from all the talk about late night shows. All the hype has television viewers facing a rather precarious dilemma, "Who will I watch?"

Who cares? In the bloody battle for late night ratings it is apparent who has fallen and who continues to march along with the proverbial limp, flute and tattered flag.

Despite the onslaught of late night television programs, viewers seem to be switching their tubes to Saturday Night Live and sticking the remote between the couch cushions.

Viewers seem to have given up on what a show like SNL should be—funny. And the writers, producers and actors on this satirical show have given up too. They seem overcome with a lack of enthusiasm—a mushy emotional quality.

Where did the SNL edge go? The program's trademark satire used to take the show where no other late night program would go. No one knew what political jabs or controversial utterances SNL would come up with next.

Now, creator Lorne Michaels doesn't want to take that risk and step too close to that fine line which could offend his audience and send him falling into the abyss of low ratings. Perhaps fresh writers should knock off the old ones who appear trapped in one long skit.

Nothing has been changed to make the show better. That's the sad thing.

Kevin Nealon is still doing "Weekend Update," which has gotten pity laughs ever since Dennis Miller left a few years back. Sometimes I even find myself doing the pity laugh just because I feel so bad for the nervousness and anxiety he must feel every time a punchline comes around. His "subliminal commentary" was really funny before he concentrated on it so dang much.

The only time I am happy to see Nealon is when David Spade or Adam Sandler are up there rescuing him. I would rather watch

Spade's "Hollywood Minute" or hear Sandler sing one of his Thanksgiving or Valentine's Day songs for the entire hour and a half. It's definitely a relief for me (and Nealon too).

With the absence of Dana Carvey and Phil Hartman, SNL's only change is for the worse. It is true that Carvey and Hartman's comical contributions were over-used. Recent years have proven them the backbone of SNL's now spineless routine. It's also true that if I saw Carvey as the church lady, George Bush, or Garth one more time, I'd have to scream so he could hear me "live from New York".

SNL probably is happy with their success and see no reason to change. Why should they when everything is comfy and secure? Nobody needs to venture from their comfort zone when tidal waves of big bucks and publicity roll in every weekend.

But, if that's the case, why not get that charisma back and try some new characters? Sketches like "Coffee Talk," "Stuart Smalley," and "It's Pat" were great the first time around, but let's live in the now here, folks. Those sketches are dead. Michaels should send them to the grave. They're starting to stink.

"The Kids in the Hall," Michaels' good show from Canada, has what SNL lacks—that humor I mentioned before (which is actually necessary for a satire). The show features five men as regulars. Women never appear regularly on the show with the exception of the "It's a fact" girl who spouts off important information while running around in the woods. The male actors dress up in drag whenever they need to fill female parts.

The show is less structured and thought out. It's just a whole lot of from the hip comedy with silly little Canadian guys having a good time.

Of course this show does have its regular sketches like the paranoid loser at the office and the stereotypical gay man. But, I can forgive them for this because they're funny every time.

Even though "The Kids" have been doing great comedy for nine years, they don't get a lot of publicity or any prime time specials. It might be the Friday night/Saturday morning time slot at 1 a.m. that holds them back. It could be that it just takes too much energy these days to find good T.V.

## Shakespeare performance at LB

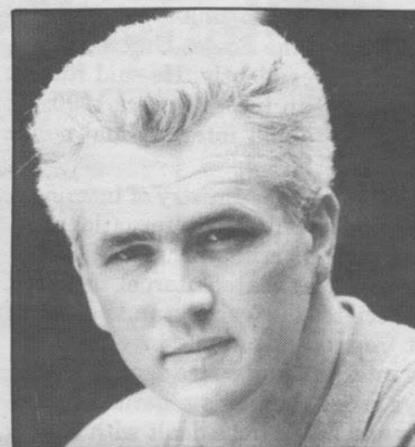
LBCC will host a pair of actors from the Oregon Shakespeare Festival on Monday, Oct. 25 at noon in F 104. The actors will perform excerpts from Shakespeare and modern literature in assemblies and individual classes.

The school visit program is part of the festival's commitment to bringing theatre to young people and young people to theatre. Last year after the festival closed its season, teams of actors visited more than 225 schools and organizations, reaching more than 142,000 students in six western states including Alaska.

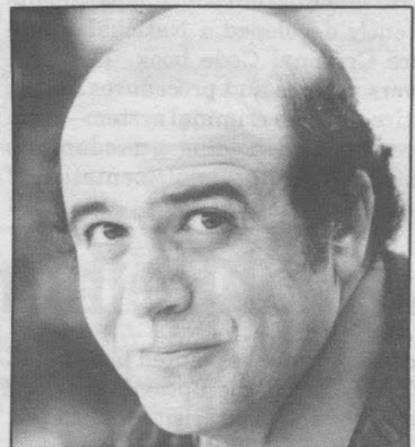
The actors will not be performing entire plays or using elaborate costumes or props in their 50-minute presentations. Instead they will be presenting excerpts from various works. Tony Debruno and Phil Hubbard will perform at LBCC. Audiences are encouraged to use their imagination during the performance.

"I used to be bored by Shakespeare and by plays in general. You have given me not only an appreciation of drama, but inspiration as well," one student wrote after last year's performance.

For more information about the visit to LBCC, please contact Jane White at 928-2361 ext. 219.



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## Russian police fight crime the hard way

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lars last year. 360 police and other officials were arrested last year. He said embezzlement, tax evasion, bank fraud, and the illegal transfer of government property such as natural resources, equipment, and national treasures also run rampant in Russia.

Safronov and his police struggle with morale problems left over from the Soviet era when the public lost respect for the iron fisted police force. Not many people are willing to be involved with police activities," he said. Many citizens are convinced that the police are unable to do anything to stop crime,

They also find themselves up against technologically advanced and well-armed criminals. More often than not, Safronov said criminals out-gun them.

According to Safronov, the USSR joined Interpol in 1990, and with the break-up of the Soviet Union, Russia joined independently. He said Russia has been with Interpol since 1990. "It was good to join international police activities," he said.

Although the Ministry of Interior is cooperating with the international efforts to fight crime, local field police units are skeptical of Interpol. Safronov appreciates the training and help they get from other nations involved with the international police agency, but he says crime control is a national problem and needs to be dealt with within the sovereignty of Russia.

He said Russian police departments recently developed a National Procedure Criminal Code book. The book covers policies and procedures for the entire Russian criminal system—from arresting and holding procedures to guidelines for the implementation of the death penalty.



Photo by Micky Shannon-Monroe

### Making her point

Karen Garst, a private citizen, gave an informational talk to a small group in the Alsea-Calapooia room on Monday at 2 p.m. about Measure 1, the sales tax measure. About 20 people attended the informational meeting that was sponsored by student government and the student programs board. They will also sponsor a pro-and-con debate about the controversial measure in November. At the meeting Garst explained the major sections in the measure and how they would affect education. According to President Jon Carnahan, if the sales tax measure doesn't pass, LB will be about \$3 million in debt by the 1996-97 school year. If passed, revenues generated from the 5 percent sales tax on goods would be dedicated to public schools, including kindergartens and community colleges.

## Arms trade expert to speak at LB

By Mike Burns  
Of The Commuter

William D. Hartung, an internationally recognized expert on the arms trade, will be speaking in the LBCC forum on Sun. Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. It is open to the public. Admission is free.

Oregon Peace Works is sponsoring his four day speaking tour of the Willamette Valley.

OPW Director Susan Gordon said Hartung will be addressing "the increase of U.S. arms sales since the end of the Gulf War."

She said Hartung's presentation defines the U.S. as the number one arms dealer in the world helps American citizens stop the U.S. arms trade.

Hartung is currently a project director at the New York-based Council on Economic Priorities where he deals specifically with post cold-war military conversion.

He is the author of numerous books including "The Economic Consequences of a Nuclear Freeze," "Star Wars: The Economic Fallout," and "And Weapons for All."

The New York Times, and Newsday have published several of his articles on the arms trade and defense spending. He has also appeared on "The MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour."

Hartung will also appear on Oct. 23 in Portland State University, on Oct. 25 at the University of Oregon and at Willamette University on Oct. 26.

## Mayor Belhumeur attempts to stave off recall measure

because he said he wanted to send OCA supporters information on the upcoming Anne Frank in the World exhibit that visited LBCC in August and September. The mayor said the exhibit would be good "sensetivity training" for OCA supporters and he claimed that the recently submitted signatures were property of the city. Now some Albany residents are trying to recall him.

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"One of the issues involved in my recall has to do with the OCA," he said, "Lon Mabon, the state director, has named me by name and he said the recall of the Albany mayor is a test. I don't think this issue would even be on the ballot if it wasn't for the Oregon Citizens Alliance."

"John Leon (the OCA's Albany Regional Director) said the Mayor of Albany is an Anti-Christian Bigot," the mayor added. "I'm offended by several of those points because number one, I do consider myself to be a good Christian and secondly, has the OCA now declared that a Muslim, Jew or Jehovah's Witness could not serve public office if they weren't good Christians?"

Belhumeur said he heard the OCA was paying non-Albany residents up to twelve dollars an hour to gather signatures to get his recall on the ballot.

Both camps have been slinging political mud ever since.

Tension escalated last Wednesday when a special session of the city council met to decide whether or not the city should refinance a bond at a lower interest rate. According to Belhumeur, 12 to 15 OCA

members and John Leon showed up at the meeting. Belhumeur said he was surprised to see such a strong OCA representation at the meeting because no OCA issues were on the agenda.

"There was no business from the public scheduled for that meeting, but I could see we had visitors, so I asked: 'Do you have a spokesperson to address the council?' John Leon stood up, immediately insulted the city council, and accused the city manager of being insincere and dishonest. After four and a half minutes of listening to these insults, I gaveled him down. When he didn't sit down, I gaveled him again, I told him I'd have him removed if he didn't. And Mr. Leon is quoted as saying that he will not return to the city council while I'm the mayor. I hope he'll keep his word."

Belhumeur wants people to know about his goals for Albany.

"It takes at least a year for people to develop trust," he said, "I'm not going to be a figure head."

"Leadership has to do with finding something worthy to do, allowing people to get involved, stopping, looking and seeing how we're doing, what direction we're moving. And when your done, you put a smile on your face and say, what are we going to do next? "Every non-profit group I've joined because I thought they were doing something important."

"I've been spending a lot of time trying to defend myself from false accusations and diviciveness instead of moving on with these other plans," said Belhumeur. He said he will run for mayor of Albany again. If the recall fails he'll stay busy.

He said he wants to work toward "brining industries to Albany that pay a family wage and want a

nice, clean, safe environment".

"One of my issues right now is like LBCC who's doing a great job of trying to train displaced workers. Unfortunately, we're training them for jobs that don't exist so after we've trained them, where are they going to work? Are they going to leave the state? That's a real loss to the community," Belhumeur said.

"A goal that I'm working on right now is the opening of the old St. Francis Hotel. We have a lot of senior citizens who are widowed, can't cut the grass or fix the roof. If we could create affordable apartments at the St. Francis Hotel, it would allow elderly people to watch over one another. It would improve their social lives. When you do that, it now creates housing for other people who want to move up. It doesn't matter whether you create high or low income housing, the whole market shifts," he said.

Belhumeur said Albany has applied for federal grants to pay for 31 low income housing units targeted toward single family housing.

He said the recall election is November 16. Until then he plans to hold several public hearings—including one at LB on Oct. 27 in F-104.

The first of those meetings, he added, will be an open forum on Oct. 26 at seven p.m in Albany's City Hall.

"I've invited the public to come and they can get stuff off their chest and I'll give them an honest answer to anything that they're uncertain about," he said.

"At that meeting I will answer any questions concerning my honesty, integrity, my performance in office, family values, lifestyles. . .

...and my hat."

**Sports**

# LB volleyball squad splits

Frazier: "We played with a great deal of improvement" in tough battle with SWOCC.

By Chris Funk  
Of the Commuter

The LBCC Roadrunner volleyball team played both Multnomah and Southwestern Community College on Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, respectively.

The team came out of the two matches with both a win and a loss, and also some big improvements, according to first-year head coach Jayme Frazier.

In the first match, the Roadrunners won a see-saw battle versus Multnomah: 1-15, 15-8, 19-17, 12-15, 15-2. Team leaders were Michelle Burnett with 11 kills and eight blocks, Darci Powell with seven kills and nine blocks, and Amy Gerig, who added

seven kills and 13 assists.

In the next match against a tough SWOCC team, the Roadrunners suffered a 4-15, 10-15, 7-15 loss. The results of the match weren't all bad though.

According to coach Frazier, there was a fire in the players' eyes that hadn't been there before.

"We played with a great deal of improvement," she said. "We played with more aggressiveness, and we had much more efficient passing. If we could play like that in every match, we could be really crushing some of these teams."

Darci Powell was again among the team leaders with eight kills and eight blocks. Shawna Rosa had eight digs, Tia Collier had seven digs, and Amy Gerig added seven kills.

The Roadrunners are home both tonight, versus Clackamas, and Friday night versus Portland Community College. Match time is 7 p.m. both nights.



Photo by Michelle Harris

Roadrunners Amy Gerig and Teri Moser go up to block a shot against SWOCC last week. LBCC lost the match 4-15, 10-15, and 7-15.

# LBCC athletics welcome experienced volleyball coach

By Matt Bonniksen  
Of The Commuter

The new LBCC volleyball coach has been a busy woman these past few years, coaching teams in four different sports at schools from La Grande to Los Angeles.

Jayme Frazier began her coaching career at La Grande High School as a varsity volleyball and track coach through the 1989-90 season. She then found another coaching job at Riddel High, a small school 30 miles south of Roseburg, where she coached varsity volleyball and basketball through the 1990-91 season.

She then made a big move down south to Los Angeles soon after her marriage. She taught in the LA public school system and also found time to coach the Venice varsity volleyball team. She also coached the J.V. basketball team at Beverly Hills High.

"I really noticed a big difference between the two schools (Beverly Hills and Venice)," she said.

The LA riots in 1992 convinced Jayme and her husband to move back to Oregon. She recalled, "The riots were just too rough for us."

They moved back up to Oregon where her husband started his own contracting business and Frazier began work on her masters degree in exercise sports science and education. Frazier split her time working on sports science at OSU and education at Western Oregon State College.

While studying at WOSC she helped coach the softball team and taught a few classes in Monmouth.

When she finished her masters degree in August of this year, she found that the LBCC volleyball coaching position was open, and she applied for the position.

When Frazier came on board last month, she



Jayme Frazier

discovered that she had inherited a very young team. Although the team has had its share of bumps and bruises opening this season, she remains upbeat.

After finishing fourth at a non-conference tournament in Walla Walla, Wash., last week, she stated "I realized the NWAACC is a very strong volleyball conference."

Coach Frazier expects a marked improvement in the team over the remainder of this season and hopes to build a strong program over the next few years through recruiting.



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In the unenlightened hours before dawn,  
 sleepless I braille my way  
 down dark, cold corridors  
 to find my writing haven.  
 I turn on light in my haven;  
 ignite brain corridors  
 and fumble finger a word way  
 to create a new form and a new dawn.

By Linda Varsell Smith

Some samples of short forms.

## Oregon October

Pumpkin sun, pumpkin  
 moon tinge harvest's end; rain-gray  
 blanches golden glow.

## Autumn Fight

Red  
 leaf-fist  
 bloodied on  
 barren branches  
 falls.

## Writing

Words  
 play, fling  
 in air, lured  
 to page, imprint  
 heart.

## Insomnia

Night  
 blots dreams.  
 In hazy  
 light a nomad  
 roams

## Imprints

Ink  
 plinking  
 typewriter  
 prints darkness on  
 light.

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## History Poem

Were history our teacher  
 rather than reason  
 Though knowledge so good  
 and current today  
 Much might be learned  
 without those tough seasons  
 Hard enough is this day to day life  
 Hatred, wars, anger, and needless the  
 strife  
 Cut our existence like a sharp knife  
 Learn from earth's history  
 Learn by review  
 The hurtin we see  
 We've already been through

By John Buterworth

## Lonely Hearts

Lonely hearts wondering in a endless night with no  
 direction or cores in mind.  
 Searching endlessly more for some place in a world with  
 no love.  
 Dreams and hopes shattered like glass on pavement with  
 pieces that will never be whole.  
 But like the migrating sparrow striving for a place  
 called home will some day rise and soar for ever more.  
 The sparrow like the heart soars high and free with joy  
 passion only to find itself stripped from the sky.  
 Falling down, down, down, down to the ground finding itself in  
 a cold and desolate place only to realize that the ones that  
 once flew with him have all vanished from site and place.  
 In silence the sparrow cries never to be heard as it endures its  
 pain. The wing is tattered, torn and broken with  
 only disparity there is no hope.  
 The spirit that once flew so high and free has become  
 weakened and frail with nothing but the skeletal remains only  
 to be washed away by the sands of time.

By Brice E. Norlin