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**A Day to Honor Veterans**



photo by Erik Swanson

**Marching Proud in Albany**

Members of the 52nd Engineer Battalion Bravo Company based in Salem march in last Thursday's Albany Veterans Day Parade. A member of the battalion carries a commemorative plaque honoring a fallen soldier during Operation: Iraqi Freedom. The parade is the largest Veteran's Day Festival west of the Mississippi and normally consists of numerous heavy artillery, but many of the tanks are currently being used in Iraq. At top, LB employees Nancy Morrill (Disability Services) and Lynn Groshong (Admissions) serve up syrup and butter to patrons of the annual Veterans Day pancake breakfast at West Albany High School.

**Choirs dedicate newly revamped Tripp Center**

**Melissa Chaney**  
The Commuter

Maybe you've heard it on your way to class — the sound of voices lifted in song or an unusual African call. The choirs at LBCC are certainly audible if not always visible.

However, the LBCC Concert Choir and Chamber Choir are sounding off with their first performances of the year at the dedication of the Russell Tripp Performance Center and the annual Holiday Treat concert.

The Grand Opening Ceremony and Dedication of the Russell Tripp Performance Center will take place on Sunday, Nov. 21, 2004 at 3 p.m.

According to the LBCC Performing Arts web page, this dedication is a "thank you" to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Tripp and the LBCC Foundation for the renovations to what was previously Takena Theater.

The Concert and Chamber Choirs, in addition to the LBCC/OSU Community Chorale will be performing. Susan Peck, who is the new Concert Choir teacher at LBCC, will be conducting the Concert Choir. She has taught at LBCC before but "many, many years ago," she said, "[and this]

is a little more significant."

Hal Eastburn, will be conducting both the Community Chorale and Chamber Choir. There will be other performances at the dedication according to Peck, including a piano solo by Gary Rupert.

This event is free, although reserved seat tickets are required. Tickets are available at the Box Office in Takena Hall. The choirs will also be performing a song written by Eastburn, entitled "God be with you."

The other concert this term, is the annual Holiday Treat concert. This will take place on Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in the Russell Tripp Performance Center. The Concert and Chamber Choirs will again join the Community Chorale for the evening performance. Tickets for the holiday concert are \$5 and are now available beginning Nov. 15 at the LBCC Box Office and Gracewinds Music in Corvallis.

The songs being performed are almost all related to the holiday theme, for example one of the songs, sung in Hebrew, is about Hanukkah, another is about the birth of Christ and yet another is about the bitter wind of winter.

**Welder grad in training for world championships**

**Kate Paul**  
The Commuter

With only a few months of practice left, former LBCC student Jesse Robertson is working hard to prepare for the World Skills Competition where he could be competing for the world's best welder title.

The contest, which will last from May 30 through June 3 of next year, takes place in Helsinki, Finland, and involves only one welder from each participating country.

Robertson, a 22-year-old Sweet Home resident, graduated from LBCC last year with an Associate of Applied Science but is still working hard to improve his skills,

said LBCC welding instructor Dave Kelter.

In addition to 40 hours a week at his normal job, Robertson practices a minimum of 12 hours a week welding in the evening.

"He's got great work ethics, is really appreciated where he works and puts in a lot of time training for this," Kelter said.

Robertson won the state welding competition in June of 2002 and is now among 24 others who are competing to be the United States representative in Helsinki. These 24 contestants have been narrowed down from all the state winners after a nationwide competition in April of 2004, when each state winner went to Kansas City, Kan., to compete against the other 49 state winners.

According to Kelter, every two weeks weld samples from each of the 24 are sent in to the judges, and from these the top six welders will be selected in April of 2005 to go to Dallas, Texas, to compete for the world competition. After this, one contestant from the United States will be chosen to go to Finland in May.

Although many global competitions vary in sponsor, age and prizes, this one is a little different. "The World Skills Competition is set up and coordinated by the American Welding Society and sponsored by different welding companies," said Kelter.

Welders in this skills contest must be under the age of 23. While Robertson may be done with school for right

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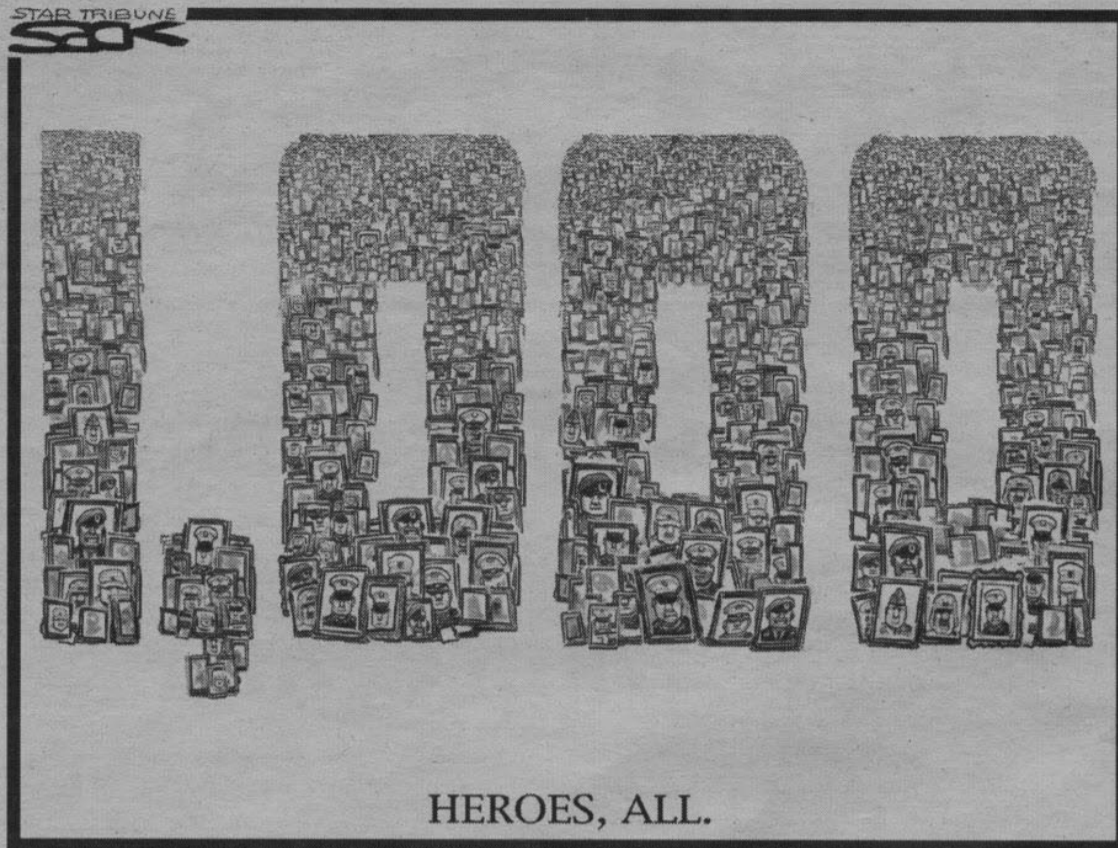
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# OPINION

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## Family gatherings top list of holiday hoopla and madness

Hooray! Holidays are here! Finally, we can skip school and not miss out on anything. I don't know why, but I have always loved holidays for the simplicity of them. I don't have to go to school. I can take home all the free food I want.

Down sides? Sure. I have a huge family. Not that big families are the worst thing on earth, but you have to meet my family.

We will begin with my mother's branch of the family tree. They are everywhere. They know everything. This is not a coincidence however, as I believed as a child.

They all have a disease I like to call Loose Jaw Syndrome. Symptoms of this illness generally fit the description of the inability to keep your mouth closed, therefore allowing the most private and embarrassing moments of those you claim to "love" to slip out with little or no thought to every family member, friend, or complete stranger present at any random moment.

In other words, they talk too much. This is actually a great feature in a family if you are not the one being verbally humiliated and outlandishly slandered to the most stretched points of the collective family imagination. However, if it is you whom they are exploiting, which I seem to be, due to my youth and slightly rebellious ways, it sucks. And if you are the topic of rage burning up the phone tree around the holidays, you best sit quietly in a dark corner and nibble your turkey in peace. Opening your mouth generally doesn't close theirs. I have experience in this area.

My dad's side is a little easier. They like football and cars. We eat randomly selected foods while watching the holiday game and talking about cars. Why cars?

Because that's what they all do. They are mechanics and technicians and all that jazz. My dad is the exception. He actually sells cars.

The best part about holidays with this side is that my aunt always has a bottle of Jagermeister in the freezer, which helps you forget the horrendous stomach ache you are bound to get on the years we end up with three

pasta salads, nine deserts, and a turkey.

As lovely as they are, this side of my family tends to lack the organization to assign people to bring something. It's more like a mystery. You show up with whatever sounded good to you and hope nobody else thought of it. Ironically, there is never a green salad at any of these gatherings, unless my mother brings one. She usually takes most of it home.

The moral of my ranting? Holidays are great. As sideways as my family is, they really are a lot of fun. There is always football, no matter where you are. My mom's side is guaranteed to play pinocle until too many people leave to get a game going. Dad's side always sends you home with extra goodies. It's a good time.

Tragically, my beloved does not see this as joyously as I do. He has a fairly small family. In fact, a small gathering out of my clan is about what to expect of a big gathering from his. My only prayer right now is that he doesn't leave me before Christmas after I have attempted to integrate him into the madness. Apparently I am dull to the caliber of this exposure because I grew up with it. But hey, the more the merrier, right?

So whether you prefer your eggnog with or without the rum, cheers! And enjoy the festive season that has once again chronicled the end of a fabulous year, despite our political idiosyncrasies.



**SHEENA  
BISHOP**

**COMMENTARY**

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## LB staff doesn't deserve column's unfair criticism

**To the Editor:**

Peggy Isaacs' Nov 10 editorial reflected more upon her shortcomings as an effective problem-solver and communicator than upon those people and systems she so vociferously criticized. Had Peggy been in any way constructive in her comments and acknowledged that there are thousands of LBCC students being effectively served by a conscientious, competent, and dedicated staff, she may have opened the door for some positive dialogue about her concerns.

LBCC will continue to address the issues Peggy identified through a process that brings together individuals willing to engage in positive discussion rather than taking the author's negative, critical approach. Hopefully, Peggy will learn that the best way to facilitate improvement and change is to engage rather than alienate those who can best support those changes. I found her personal and professional attacks on LBCC workers to be unwarranted and offensive.

**Ed Watson**  
 Vice President, Academic Affairs

### COMMENTARY

## Common courtesy needed among all campus classmates

**Brenda Razenbach**  
 The Commuter

I have recently been subjected to something gross and it got me to thinking about things people do in public that should only be done in the privacy of their own homes, or at the very least, a bathroom.

Let's start with what happened to disturb me in the first place. This young female student was smoking a cigarette. That is fine and no business of mine; however, the smoking was the least offensive of her crimes. She finished her cigarette and put it out. Right after putting out the cigarette, she hocked up the biggest ball of phlegm and spit it on the sidewalk right next to me.

I understand that smoking causes mass production of phlegm in humans. Did she have to share hers with me? I was so repulsed that I had to struggle to control myself from vomiting. Would it have bothered her if I had vomited on the sidewalk right next to her?

This incident had me thinking about other things I see on campus that just should not be shared and should only be done in the privacy of one's own home or a bathroom. The campus offers several bathrooms. Here are some thoughts:

**Passing Gas** - You may laugh, but some people find it normal to share their gaseous fumes with others, right here on campus. Yes, it's true.

**Burping** - This happens more frequently but it does happen. Some burps can smell as bad as passing gas. Please people.

**Spitting** - Even if you don't hock up phlegm, spitting anything onto the sidewalk is just wrong. Germs in the human mouth are more damaging than those found in the mouths of dogs.

Passing gas, burping and spitting are all considered uncouth when done in public. The definition of uncouth is crude and unrefined. Don't do it. Don't be crude.

I have shared my feelings on things people should not do in public, now I would like to share my feelings on things people should do.

**Doors** - When leaving a room, hold the door for the person coming out behind you. When two people reach a door at the same time (one inside and one outside), the person coming out should be allowed to leave while holding the door for the person going in.

**Trash** - If you eat or drink something, dispose of your own trash. Your mother does not follow you around on campus, so you have to pick up after yourself.

Now I am done complaining. I understand that not all of us were raised the same way. Hopefully this short commentary will bring something you may have needed to your attention.

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# CAMPUS NEWS

News about Linn-Benton Community College, including the administration, faculty and students on campus

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

### Library displays honor geography week

In commemoration of National Geography Awareness Week, Nov. 16-22, the LBCC Library has mounted two geographic exhibits—"What's up? South!" and "Hobo-Dyer" (equal area) world maps.

According to reference librarian Jorry Rolfe, the maps "challenge our worldview about north versus south and our bias about size and perspective."

She added that the Library's display case is exhibiting two maps and 10 aerial photos from the personal collection of Jim Bell, director of Health and Human Performance Division.

### Volunteers sought for children's winter fest

Student Life and Leadership is seeking volunteers for the 34th Annual Children's Winter Festival on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. on the second floor of the College Center. The festival is free to all Linn and Benton County children ages 12 and under. Volunteers help lead children through such activities as face painting, cookie decorating and also play the roles of Santa and others. For more information contact Student Life & Leadership at 917-4457.

### Students, staff invited to decorate tree

Student Life and Leadership invites students and staff to help decorate the campus Christmas tree on Nov. 29.

"This year we will be decorating a Douglas fir tree on Nov. 29 from 12-1 p.m. in the campus courtyard," said Lethia Schulze, series events specialist for the Student Programming Board. "If you wish to bring a decoration (homemade or otherwise) to hang on the tree we would be honored!"

More information is available from Schulze by email at schulzl@ml.linnbenton.edu. The tree will remain until Dec. 8.

### Turkey Trot gives away prizes at Monday event

The 34th annual Turkey Trot is being revived this year and will be held at noon on Monday Nov. 22 in the Courtyard.

The event, which was discontinued by Student Life & Leadership, is now being co-sponsored by the Independent Association of Classified Employees and the Seaside Wellness Team.

Participants will walk (or trot) around the Courtyard, and will get door prize raffle tickets for each of five laps completed. Participants holding winning tickets will receive a frozen turkey, pie or flowers.

Each participant can only win once. "We invite all students and staff to come out and walk," said Annette Easdale, one of the organizers. "Come on out, get some exercise, and maybe win a prize for your efforts."

## Abductions inspire self-defense class

**Jeromie Preas**  
 The Commuter

Students are concerned with safety after the Brooke Wilberger disappearance and the recent attack at Oregon State, LB is offering a self defense class worth 2 credit hours, 1 classroom and 1 lab credit, during the winter term.

The course will be held on the weekends of Jan. 29-30 and Feb. 5-6 at LB's main campus. The course will start at 8 a.m. and finish at 5 p.m. both weekends.

The course will cover the following; identifying threat factors, using cover concealment, being a professional witness, tactical considerations, elements/opportunities of escape, with an emphasis on stress survival.

The course also covers areas of confidence, skills in defense, threat assessment as well as scenario training; including lethal and less lethal weapons. The instructor is Sgt. Jack Burrig, a Benton county Sheriff with 20 years martial arts experience and the Commander of the Linn Benton Regional SWAT Team.

Burrig describes the course as a confidence builder, using realistic personal defense and the course is not limited, allowing any interested student the ability to enroll in the course. Burrig asks that anyone unfamiliar with the area should enroll in the course also.

"It's only two weekends," said Burrig knowing the self defense course is a high demand with many students and staff interested.

LB instructor Brad Carman's goal is a course that will be good for both beginner and intermediate students. He needs at least 12 students to enroll, making the course "official". Carman feels the course offered is excellent, helping empower students.

"My opinion of officer Burrig is very high in his ability to teach the syllabus," describes Carman. For more information contact Brad Carman in the Activities Center building or go to LB's Student Information System (SIS) web site.

From there; click on "Roadmap" and enter "Winter 2005" during "ALL" times on the "LBCC Main Campus Only" for "All Credit Classes - Grouped by Subjects" and submit. Click on "Physical Ed/Human Performance" and the course is listed "Personal Defense: Beginning".



photo by Peggy Isaacs

### 'Tis the season' (already?)

Bernardo Guadalupe, a truck driver, unties a load of trees that's ready to be dumped and sorted for shipment on Tuesday afternoon. The J.W. Fallour Company gathers Christmas trees outside of Philomath and every year they ship trees locally and as far away as Taiwan, Alaska, Idaho, New York and Arizona. The workers were taking advantage of a rare, sunny, and dry November day to sort the trees and prepare them to be shipped.

## Students invited to study in London

**Melissa Chaney**  
 The Commuter

LBCC students have a chance to experience the history and culture of London this spring term as a part of the Study Abroad Program now available at LBCC. This experience opens up "a whole new world" said one participant, some students even come back with a quite a repertoire of cockney phrases and words.

During an informational meeting Nov. 10 in the Multi-cultural Center, the Director of Student Leadership, Outreach and Retention Tammi Paul and Director of Financial Aid John Snyder, spoke about the opportunities available and the cost of

participating in this program.

According to Paul, students who are accepted into the program are given a choice between living in student accommodations, such as a shared studio, or participating in the homestay experience in which students live with a family in London.

"AIFS (American Institute for Foreign Study) is the group we contract with to make the trip happen," said Paul. This program, which is only available to community colleges, started for LBCC last spring.

Students take transfer credit classes—classes with the same name and number as those at LBCC—at the University of London Union. The classes available usually include art, architecture,

history, literature, music, political and social science, theater and occasionally business.

Another part of the curriculum is a required British Life and Culture course. This class provides students with some historical background and also day-to-day knowledge of Britain, including popular British culture. Paul said that most museums in London are free and the more than 40 theaters provide entertainment that everyone can enjoy.

The cost for being a part of this experience is approximately \$6,000-\$6,500 depending on the type of accommodations students choose said Snyder. Financial aid in the form of loans, grants and scholarships can be

used to help pay for this.

The Study Abroad Program is open to all students who have earned at least 12 college credits. "To be considered by Nov. 24, 2004 you must first fill out an application for LBCC, answer a few essay questions and provide a check for \$100, which will be returned if you are not selected," said Paul. There is also a second application required by the Oregon International Education Consortium and a \$450 deposit that will not be returned if you do not continue with the program.

The OIEC can send around 35 students, approximately five of which can come from LBCC. The spring term lasts from March 31 to June 11.

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## CLASSIFIEDS

### HELP WANTED

For more info about the opportunities listed below, please see Carla in Student Employment in the Career Center (Takena 101)

**Production Packer** (#2873, Corvallis) Part-time jobs by the Corvallis airport. You can work 2-4 days/week and the pay is \$8.65/hr. If interested, please see me now!

**Real Estate Assistant** (#2877, Albany) This full-time position is looking a self-motivated, team player with computer, telephone & people skills. This exciting position pays \$9/hr or more depending on your experience/education.

**Program Staff** (#2882, Albany) If you enjoy 11-18 year olds and have a high level of energy and patience, this job is for you! The hours are Mon-Fri 2:45-6pm.

**Customer Service** (#2884, Albany) This part-time position is in an insurance company and the hours are 10am-3pm, Mon-Friday. Good way to get some experience. If you are available this hours, see me today!

**Seasonal Help Needed:** Must be good with hands, must be willing to relocate to North Pole. Small size and pointy ears a plus.

### FOR SALE

**Hiking staves:** Oak, ash, cherry chitum, hazel; hand-rubbed finish; nylon, cotton or hemp wrapped hand grip. Rubber cain tipped. \$15.00 367-5750.

**Geminhardt flute:** \$150. 503-930-4789.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

**Diversity Scholarship:** Applications are now available! This scholarship targets students of ethnic minority status, low-income students, or students with disabilities and registered with the LBCC Disability Services Office. Other criteria for the scholarship include: U.S. citizen or permanent resident status, Oregon resident, first generation college bound student, demonstrated financial need as defined by FAFSA, full-time enrollment, and a minimum H.S. GPA of 2.5 or 2.75 college GPA. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office. Completed applications are due by noon Nov. 24.

**PRIDE Foundation scholarships:** The Pride foundation and allied communities grant scholarships for up to \$5,000 each to build leadership and promote diversity in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community. Awards may be used for any post-secondary education. Applicants must be WA, OR, ID, MT, or AK residents. Preferences will be given to students who are self-identified LGBT, members of the LGBT families, or allies who been strongly supportive of the LGBT community. Application information is available at [www.pridefoundation.org](http://www.pridefoundation.org) or call 1-800-735-7287. Application due date for this scholarship is January 14, 2005.

**Are you a 2004 graduate of West Albany or South Albany High School?** If

so, you may qualify for the \$400 David Jordan memorial Scholarship! You must be a recent WAHS or SAHS student, who shows financial need as determined By FAFSA! Check out the specific criteria by picking up a flier from the kiosk next to the Financial Aid Office, Takena 117. Qualified applicants will need to submit completed application by noon, November 24

### COMMUNITY EVENT

**Charity BBQ:** Please join us in the courtyard from 11am-2pm on November 29 for a charity BQQ. Proceeds will be given to the American Legion to make Christmas baskets for local families in need. Hamburgers and hot dog meals served. Starbucks coffee raffle.

## Beavers build dam with stolen cash from casino

**Nick Milhoan**  
 The Commuter

A large sum of money stolen from a Louisiana casino was snapped up by beavers who managed to weave thousands of dollars of soggy currency into the sticks and brush of their dam on a creek near St. Helena Parish.

"The hadn't torn the bills up," said Maj. Michael Martin of the East Feliciana Parish sheriff's office. "They were still whole."

The money was part of over \$70,000 taken last week from the Lucky Dollar Casino in Greensburg.

St. Helena Parish deputies searched for days until a lawyer, hoping to make a deal for his client, called and said the money was discarded in the creek.

Officers then began searching

the creek over the weekend, finding one of the bags right away and spotting a second one downstream, near the beaver dam.

The third bag of cash couldn't be found, so deputies started breaking down the dam to drain the water laying behind it. That was when they discovered the dam's expensive decorations. They eventually found the missing bag, which the beavers hadn't completely emptied.

"The casino people were elated to get the money back," said Police Chief Ronald Harrell. "Even if some it was wet."

All together, deputies found about \$40,000 of the missing money. They said they expect to find the rest in a safety deposit box at a bank in Mississippi, where the thief's lawyer stated they stashed the money.

# Enter to WIN A Sleightful!



## Beginning November 22

Enter to WIN one of 4 fabulous prize packs for the holidays! No purchase necessary. See store for details. Contest ends 12-8-04.

LBCC Bookstore

## LBCC MAIN CAMPUS Commons

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### •WEDNESDAY:

ENTREES: Baked stuffed snapper, pork Lyonnaise, Rommali roti  
 SIDES: Steamed potatoes w/ fine herbs, glazed carrots and turnips  
 SOUPS: Gazpacho, cream of broccoli

### •THURSDAY:

ENTREES: Lemon chicken, braised lamb, huevos rancheros  
 SIDES: Mashed potatoes, cauliflower w/ cheddar cheese sauce  
 SOUPS: Grilled vegetable beef, beer cheese

### •FRIDAY:

Chef's choice

### •MONDAY:

ENTREES: Chicken kiev, phad Thai, Portabella mushrooms w/ spinach  
 SIDES: Creole rice, poached egg & Bernaise sauce, jardiniere of vegetables  
 SOUPS: Cream of broccoli, Italian sausage

### •TUESDAY:

ENTREES: Hungarian chicken, garlic shrimp tacos, vegetable lasagna  
 SIDES: Roasted red potatoes, batonet of root  
 SOUPS: Paysanne marmite, vegetarian tomato

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## I-5 not only option to get home for the holidays

### Amtrak offers relaxing alternative

**Brenda Ranzenbach**  
 The Commuter

LBCB students have an affordable travel alternative for the holidays.

Amtrak has a station right here in Albany and from that station passengers can get to most large towns in Oregon on one of two routes. Coast Starlight offers six scheduled stops in Oregon. The train runs all along the West Coast beginning at Los Angeles, Calif. and ending in Seattle, Wash. Amtrak Cascades offers four scheduled stops in Oregon beginning at Eugene and ending in Vancouver, British Columbia.

"My car is a gas hog, so I always take the train home to Klamath Falls," explains Britany Jones, a student at Portland State University. Train travel is inexpensive when compared to the price of auto fuel these days. It also offers passengers time to relax and get some rest or get some reading done.

Additionally, students are offered a discount of 15 percent when they sign up for a Student Advantage card. Not only is this beneficial for train travel but many other discounts are detailed on their web site.

Round-trip tickets from Albany are reasonably priced at just \$31 to visit Portland, \$63 to visit Klamath Falls and \$68 to visit Bend. These prices are for coach seats; sleeping cars can be reserved at a higher rate. However, traveling within Oregon does not necessitate a sleeping car.

"Sure, it's affordable but I like that I can wander around and am not tied to the steering wheel of a car or stuck in a seat on a plane," said Colin Bennett, another PSU student. On the train, seatbelts are not required and passengers are free to stretch their legs. The seats in coach are roomy and recline for sleeping.

Passengers have available to them a dining car, a snack car and a sight seeing lounge. The dining car offers full meals, three times daily with linen table service. The snack car is just that, passengers can pick up a soda with chips or a frozen burrito. The lounge offers panoramic windows where passengers can eat their snacks, get to know others or read a book while enjoying the Oregon countryside.

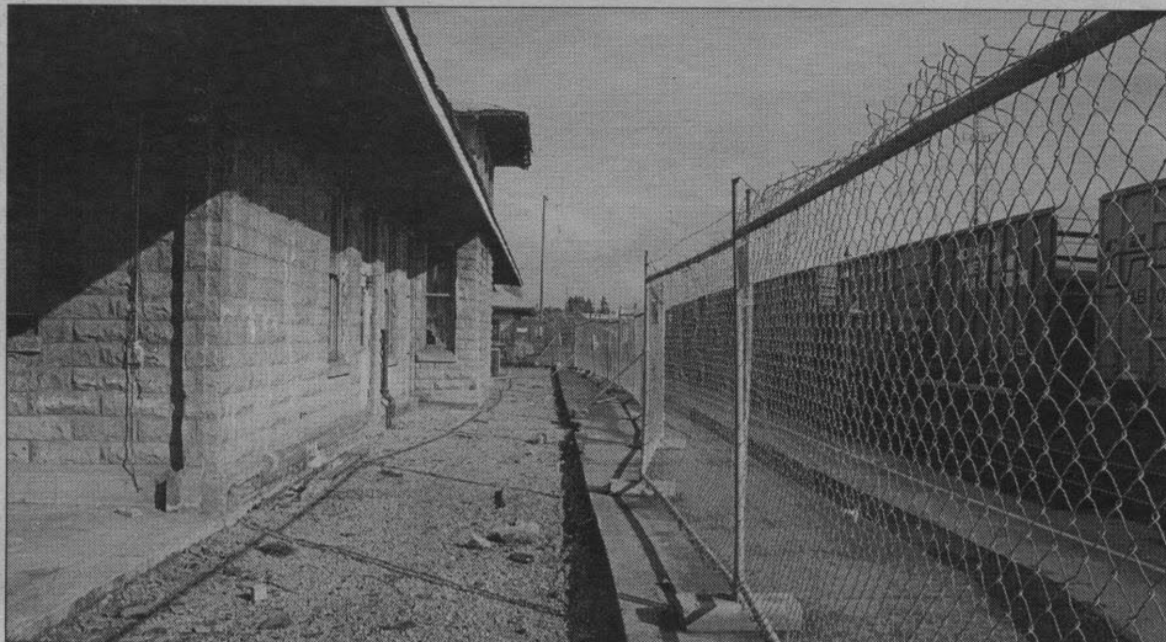
In Oregon, the train stops at Portland, Salem, Albany, Eugene, Chemult and Klamath Falls. There is service by way of Thruway Motorcoach Connections to several towns in Oregon. Passengers can take this Amtrak bus on to Newport, Coos Bay, Redmond and Bend. At all stations parking is free.

Trains do not always travel on time. Amtrak leases their track time from the freight train com-

panies so they are dependent upon the freight schedule. If an Amtrak train gets off schedule, it may get further behind while waiting for freight trains to get out of the way. It is best to take this into consideration when making travel plans.

Tickets may be purchased for [travelonlineatwww.amtrak.com](http://travelonlineatwww.amtrak.com) or at the station in Albany at 110 W. 10th St. Station hours are daily from 8 a.m. to 11:30 and noon to 5:45 p.m. The station is currently undergoing a total reconstruction so the parking lot is off to the left of the trailer that is being used as the temporary office and ticket office.

The Student Advantage card can be found online at [www.studentadvantage.com](http://www.studentadvantage.com).



Albany's Amtrak station on Pacific Boulevard, north of the LBCB campus, is undergoing extensive renovation in an effort to preserve the original historic structure and expand its customer service facilities. Although construction makes access complicated, the station remains open for business.

photo by Peggy Isaacs

**November 22 thru 24**

# Holiday Sale

# 15% off all holiday gifts

Selected items. Excludes textbooks, electronics, software. Other exclusions may apply. Cannot combine discounts.

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INFO

# The WPBA chalks it up and blows into Chinook

## Billiards on the Beach

Nick Milhoan  
 The Commuter

Chix with Stix stormed the beach this past weekend, as the Women's Professional Billiards Association cued up at Chinook Winds Casino Resort in Lincoln City. The WPBA tour stop was part of a non-stop weekend of billiards action taking place at the casino. In addition to the women, the Second Annual American Poolplayers Association Northwest 9-Ball Challenge was also taking place.

The tournament was the final one of the year for the WPBA, which began in February. WPBA regulars Allison Fisher (Duchess of Doom), Karen Corr, Vivian Villareal (Texas Tornado), and of course Jeanette Lee (Black Widow) were on hand to entertain and excite pool enthusiasts from all around North America.

"I can't believe these women are here in Lincoln City," said Dale Grose of Newport. "This is my second year here and I'm so excited to have them here, they are amazing."

The Cuetec Cues National Championship began on Wednesday with a media screening and continued on from there through Sunday. The action began Thursday night as rounds one and two



as her usual self, going up three games to none before Engh came back to win the next two. The grueling match continued from there as both women showed sparks and signs that neither was about to let down.

"Don't do it," shouted Lee as she almost shot the cue ball into the side pocket.

At one point in this match, a gentleman sitting in the audience was eating a bag of chips and was continuously ruffling through the bag. Lee stopped and looked over at him, but he didn't pay any attention.

"I'm sorry," Lee said as she sternly glanced at the man. "If I was really concentrating I wouldn't pay much attention to

you but as you can see tonight, I'm not having a good game."

The man then stopped ruffling, apologized and Lee continued on with her match.

As the match continued on, the game timer shouted "10 seconds", both my colleague and I were unsure of what this meant and looked at each other with puzzled expressions. My colleague turned to a gentleman in the audience to ask what that meant. He told her that the timer is brought in as the tournament goes deeper into rounds and because the players have only 10 seconds to shoot and shooting time is checked randomly. This rule can be challenged by each player just once in the match giving each the ability of an extension. However, in the early rounds the timer is randomly chosen to make sure players are not in violation of this rule, thus why the man had informed Engh of her violation.

The game continued on as Lee began to take control and sink Engh. As the final shot was on the table, Lee looked around, lined up her shot and sank the 8 ball. She then sighed, smiled, turned to the audience and took a bow.

The tournament concluded Sunday with Fisher finishing third, Gerda Hofstatter in second and Corr winning the Cuetec Cues National 9-Ball Championship.

"This is awesome," said Jack Ross of Spokane. "I just met the Black Widow, this is just awesome."

After her first round match, I was able to catch up with the "Black Widow" and get a few questions answered.

"I've been playing since I was 18. I was in New York City as I walked past a pool room and said to myself 'this looks fun and

easy, I can beat these men,' and I started playing there."

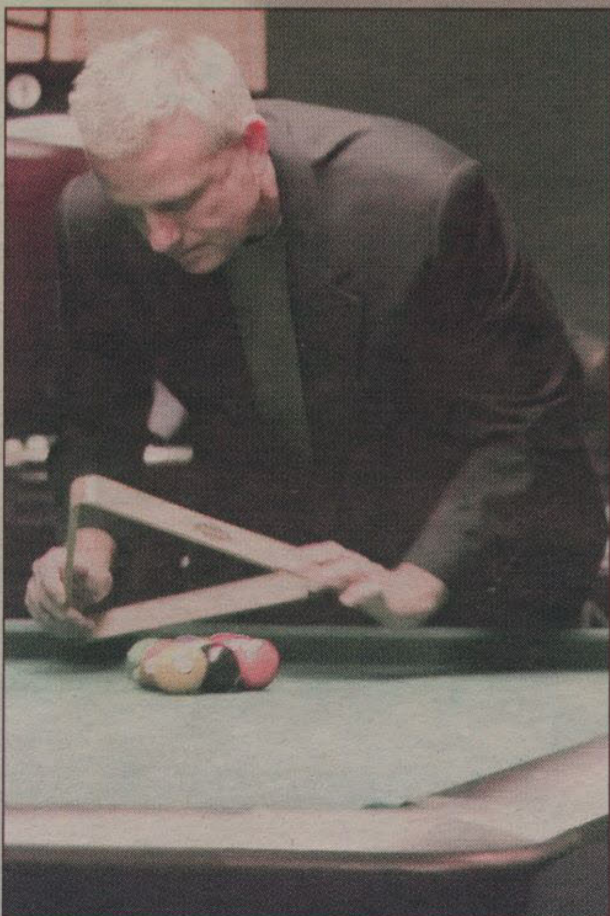
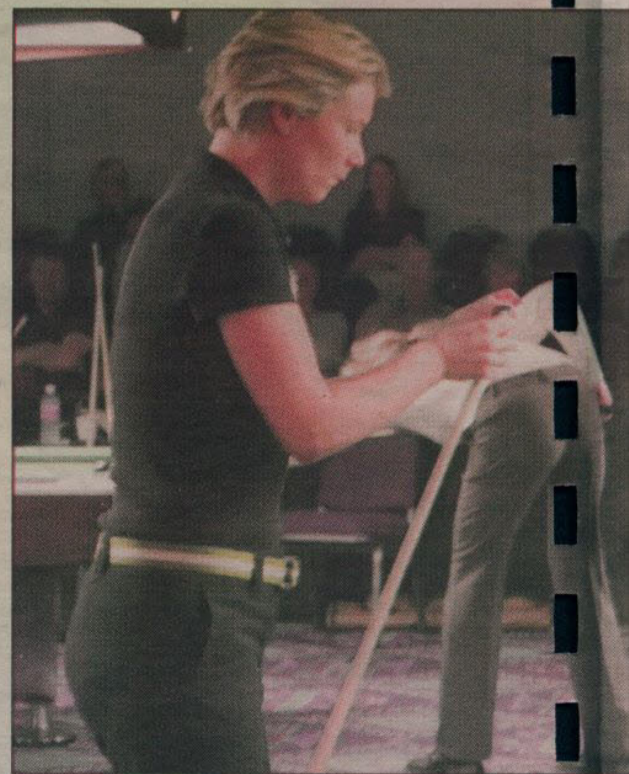
Lee stated she wasn't sure of what she wanted to do in her life. She began searching for direction in her life and after playing pool felt that she might be able to win at it. Lee has a daughter but is not married. She attends the events with her friends who

were with her in Lincoln City. In her spare time she likes to play pool and tries to receive more endorsements.

She offers some advice to women everywhere. "Just know even the champions make mistakes. You just have to get up, brush yourself off and try again. We all have bad days."

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took place.

Lee played her first match against Engh. This was the longest of any of the first round matches. Lee started off

Top Left: Janette Lee lines up to shoot. Bottom Left: Mark Wilson (tournament director) racks the balls on an uneven table. Above: WPBA players warm up before Thursday nights action. Center Right: Jeri Engh looks over the table before shooting. Top Right: Jennifer Chen racks up the balls during warm up. Bottom Right: Players compete in the APA NW 9-Ball challenge.

# Winds Casino for annual 9-Ball tournament

## History of the WPBA

Nick Milhoan  
The Commuter

The WPBA began in the 1970s, a time that saw feminism at its peak. Women's billiards was no exception. This was the time for women players to stand up and shout, that they wanted to be recognized. The problem with this was that there weren't enough players to be heard.

Jean Balukas was, without a doubt, the best woman player. She captured her first U.S. Open win in 1972 at the age of 12. She then went on to win four consecutive U.S. Open titles. In the same year, at the same competition, another younger upstart arrived on the scene. Six-year-old Loree Jon Ogonowski had to stand on a box, just to reach the table, but was already a hotshot with a cue, performing tricks for the fans.

It was in 1976 that the WPBA really began to take off. Several women players met with the news editor of National Billiard magazine at a restaurant in Livonia, Michigan. That meeting gave birth officially to the Women's Professional Billiard Alliance. Their efforts, got the ball rolling and the Alliance began taking charter members.

Intrigued by the initial efforts, the WPBA set their sights on convincing promoters to

over to Billie Billing. Billing became the first official WPBA president and remained until 1981.

While women's pool continued to struggle, the pros slowly and painstakingly gained ground. The 1980s kicked off with a 32 woman player field at the 9-Ball World Pro-Am in Las Vegas. The first prize in the tournament was \$5,000. In comparison, the men's division offered a first place prize of \$25,000. The women were still encouraged and continued on.

Fran Crimi took the helm of the WPBA in 1981 and the tour staged a record eight major events the following year.

By 1984, the WPBA changed its "A" from Alliance to Association. They felt "Alliance" implied a struggle and they wanted the organization to be more business like.

Things began to progress strongly on the playing front as well. 1984 marked the first time that the 9-Ball men's championships offered a women's division. This continued on for 11 more years.

The first severe test occurred at the 1989 Brunswick World Open, the WPBA had to discipline a player for "un-sportsmanlike" conduct, when Robin Dodson filed a citation against opponent Jean Balukas. Unlike other sports using officials, pool at that time allowed players to settle their own disputes and be governed later by their peers. Balukas was upset when the WPBA ruled in favor of Dodson so she withdrew in protest. The WPBA was saddened by the loss of their best player, but maintained that the democratic process was the best that they could offer.

Balukas was fined \$200, but refused to pay and stated, "It's very sad, because I've lost all respect for the WPBA and I will never again have anything good to say about them."

The WPBA nevertheless had its first bruise. Rumors began to surface and threatened to undo the group. With Balukas gone and bad PR surrounding the tour, top

players began to refocus their efforts towards more exposure. Several of the

top players landed in the media spotlight and made excellent spokeswomen for the sport and perhaps for the first time ever, men saw the value of women in the game.

In 1989 men and women began talks to combine their strengths, they formed a promotional arm for their organizations, the Professional Billiard Tour Association. The men felt from the onset however, that because of their greater number of players, they should have more than an equal say.

The tours continued on despite this, but eventually the men, after electing a president without talking to the women, issued an ultimatum, requiring the women to accept the way things were or leave.

The WPBA officially withdrew from the PBTA in 1992, choosing once again to go it alone. As rumors flew and the billiard world looked on curiously, the WPBA maintained that their goals had to focus on an organized pro tour.

After this the WPBA invented the Classic Billiard Tour concept. The design was to advertise, play events only in a Top 40 media market, allow sponsors to pay \$10,000 for tournament sponsorship and get events televised through ESPN.

But there were struggles with ESPN behind the scenes. Since they had no track record, they had to start from scratch with ESPN. The first two years, they only had four hours of TV time, but as support and interest in-

creased, ESPN sweetened the deal for a six-event contract every year.

From there things only began to get better. Players became eager to help out and Gordon's Gin and Vodka became the sport's first ever corporate tour sponsor. In 1995, Sigma Marketing took on the management of the WPBA and for the

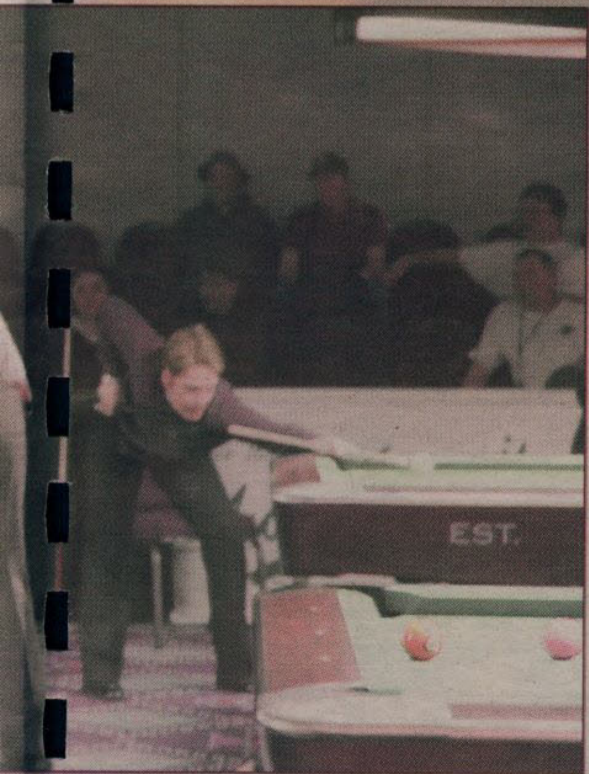
first time they had an office and staff. ESPN made things better by producing a tournament that included 16-player men's and women's divisions and Battle of the Sexes events.

Success only continued from there with more women joining the tour and ESPN/ESPN 2 upping their contract. Also Brunswick Billiards and Simonis Cloth

became tour sponsors.

International avenues are now being explored to air programs and to both produce and host events.

As the WPBA begins its second decade of the Classic Tour, many other programs and plans are underway to help continue the success of this tour.

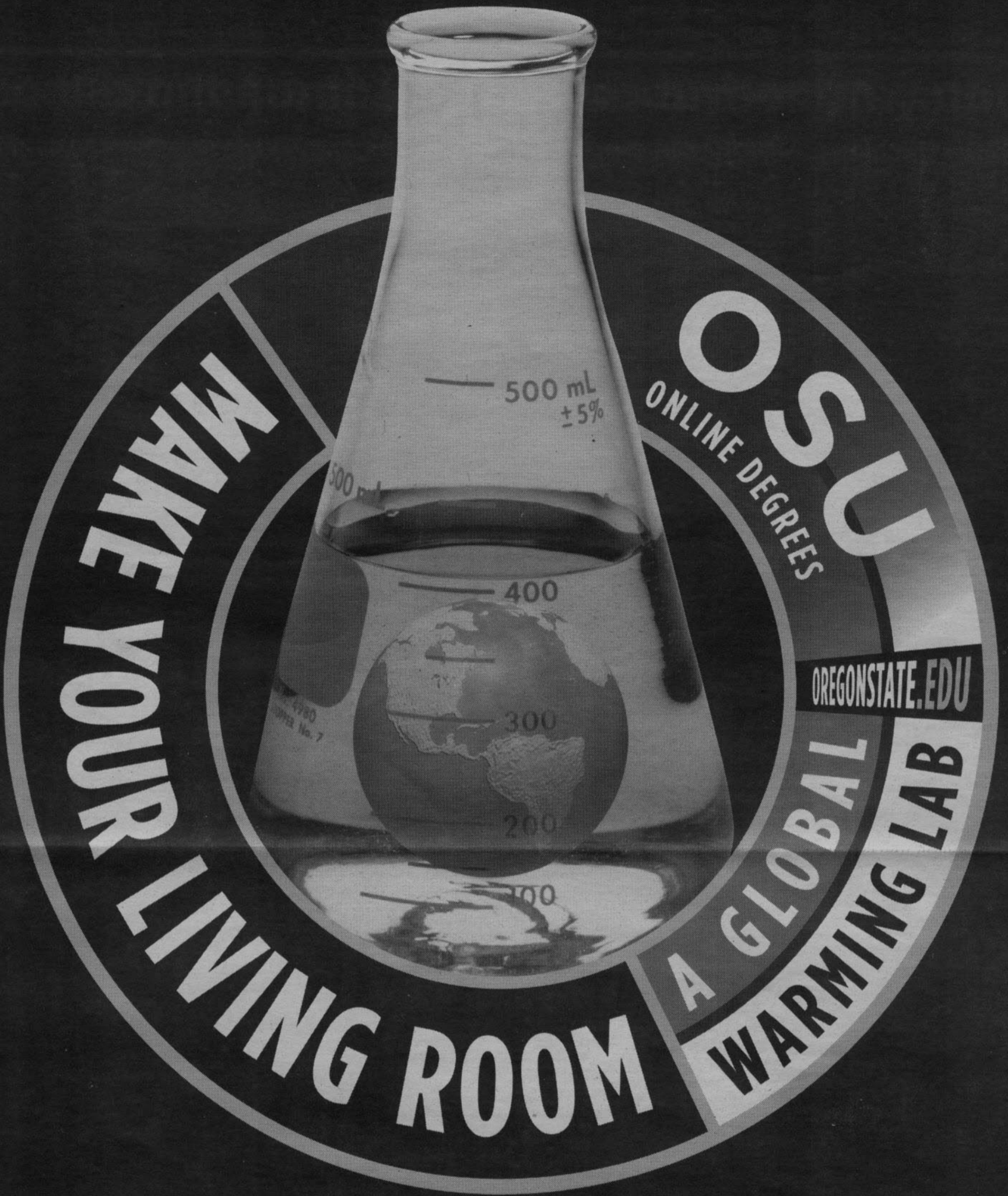


### Cuetec Cues National 9-Ball Championship Results

- Karen Corr - Champion
- Gerda Hofstatter - Second
- Allison Fisher - Third
- Monica Webb - Fourth

host sanctioned events. From their two events materialized, the World 8-Ball and 6-Ball Masters. Then in the same year, the WPBA established its own Hall of Fame.

The WPBA ran into a few problems shortly after this. Balukas contemplated going into golf, membership plummeted and the "unofficial" president Palmer Byrd, handed the reins



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# NATIONAL NEWS

Current events from across the United States and pertinent international news

## With college costs soaring higher every year, many students start their careers in debt

**Gail MarksJarvis**  
 Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

Even before Tasha Taylor completed her education at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn., three years ago, she was determined to be a social worker.

She had watched her mother heroically raise six children after losing a business in her 40s, and Taylor wanted to help welfare recipients rebuild their lives the way her mother had.

Now, immersed in that work, she has no regrets and no plan to change professions. But the pressures of massive college debt are weighing heavily on her.

At 26, she has \$50,000 in college loans hanging over her future — about a quarter of the cost of a starter home. And she worries about it every day.

At \$15 an hour, her pay doesn't stretch far enough each month to provide for her daughter and pay \$555 in health insurance, \$600 for a "hole-in-the-wall" apartment and about \$500 for student loans. Taylor eased the pressure recently by sharing an apartment with her boyfriend and refinancing the loans so she pays only \$200 a month. But to get the payments down, she had to extend them for 25 years.

That means paying thousands more in interest, and the loans will nag at her decision-making until she's 51.

Taylor is a member of what has been dubbed "Generation Broke." These are young Americans starting their lives deeply in the red because of student loans and credit card debt accumulated in college. With a tight job market since the 2001 recession, they struggle with stagnant pay, temporary jobs and an unemployment rate that has recently been higher for college graduates than for high school dropouts.

As a result, it's common for young Americans like Taylor to wrestle with career ideals that don't mesh with their financial burdens.

"One in five significantly changed their career plans because of student loans, nearly 40 percent delayed buying a home, and 20 percent reported their debt burden caused them to postpone having children," says researcher Tamara Draut, who conducted a study of 18 to 34-year-olds for Demos USA, a New York think tank.

The average person leaving college now has \$18,900 in student loans, compared with \$9,000 for 1992 graduates. In addition, they have \$3,262 in credit card debt — a 134 percent increase since the mid-'90s.

College costs rose 35 percent

over the past decade, and requests for federal loans went up 56 percent. Without enough low-interest college loan money to cover overall costs, students borrow money from private lenders at higher interest rates.

About a quarter of students even use credit cards to cover some college expenses, according to the College Board — a much more expensive and volatile way to finance college. After college, Draut says graduates manage to make minimum payments on credit cards but are so strapped they take on more debt.

The result: The average college graduate has a starting salary of \$36,000, or \$2,058 a month. Once they have paid \$307 toward their student loans and credit cards, plus covered rent, utilities, food and transportation, only \$34 is left over for child care, entertainment, clothing, furniture or emergency expenses, says Draut.

The generation is "slipping into a downward debt spiral that is unmatched in modern history," she says. "Young adults starting off in the red will find

that it impacts their financial security for years to come."

Maggie Bolton-Henly of St. Paul already worries about getting sucked into the spiral, even though she hasn't completed her final year at Willamette University in Oregon.

With \$20,000 in college loans, "I do know that once I graduate, money will be a main factor in choosing a job because I do have so many loans to pay back," she says.

She's worried she will end up like a number of people she sees "who are completely unhappy in their jobs and not passionate about what they are doing but feel trapped because they have bills and loans to pay."

She is flirting with becoming a lawyer — not out of a deep passion for the profession but because she thinks it would assure her high pay and the ability to retire loans.

Yet, going to law school would



illustration by Megan Pickens

probably triple her debts initially, and raises the question: How much student debt is too much?

It's a question students should consider as they select colleges and careers, says Sandy Baum,

As high school seniors eye college choices this time of year, Baum says they should try to compare their likely college debts with their likely salary.

There's a rule of thumb to have loan payments no larger than 8 percent of your expected income, she says. But that's not a hard and fast rule. While even 8 percent may be difficult to bear if someone is making only \$20,000 a year, a person with a \$60,000 income could devote more than 8 percent, she says.

To consider debt levels with salaries, check [www.themint.org](http://www.themint.org). Click on "earning" and "careers" and "starting salaries."

Parents also must be careful about taking on too much debt.

Too many endanger their retirements by spending too generously or taking on loans themselves to finance college, says financial aid consultant Ray Loewe of College Money in Marlton, N.J.

He notes that students have a lifetime of earnings to pay off college loans, but if parents have extended themselves too far, no one is going to give them a loan at age 75 to provide money for groceries.

Consequently, he suggests that before agreeing to pay for expensive colleges, parents calculate first how they are doing in saving for retirement. If they are on target to have 75 percent of their income for each year of retirement, he says, parents can feel relatively secure about paying for college. But most parents are far behind with saving.

The average person within 15 years of retirement has saved only \$55,000.

### Welder: \$40,000 scholarship

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now, the winner in June will walk away with a \$40,000 scholarship and other prizes such as welding equipment and an opportunity to work for pretty much any welding company they want.

According to Kelter, LBCC's luck has been good in the recent

past.

In addition to Robertson another of the school's students got seventh place at the national level, but decided not to go any further with it. Any welders who are interested are encouraged to compete. The next state welding contest takes place this spring.

## ATTENTION STUDENTS

The LBCC ASSOCIATED STUDENT GOVERNMENT is holding **PUBLIC HEARINGS** in regards to the planned **REVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION**. The dates, times and locations are as follows:

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# SPORTS

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

## Four Runners honored as Volleyball All-Stars



photo by Erik Swanson

**Cheelsea Nay made the NWAACC First Team All-Stars**

Commuter Staff

The Roadrunner Volleyball team heads into the NWAACC championship playoffs Thursday after learning that four of their players were honored by the league for their play this year.

Chelsea Nay was named to the first-team Southern Division All-Star Team, and Marcy Drake was picked for the second team.

In addition, Kathy Gellatly and Kelly Meridith were named honorable mention all-stars.

The Runners will play Whatcom, Wash., Community College in the first round of the tournament, which is

being held at Mt. Hood Community College in Gresham, LB, which finished the regular season with a 21-18 record (4-8 in league play), received the fourth seed in the tournament, and therefore must play Whatcom, which is the No. 1 seed from the Northern Division. Whatcom was 35-11 overall and 12-0 in league play this year.

Several players led the Roadrunners in statistical categories this year. Meridith was tops in hitting efficiency at 33 percent and in blocks with 1.14 per game; Monica Samsa led in assists with 8.25 per game, Chelsea Nay had the most service aces for the team, and leaders in digs were Samsa with 3.29 per game, Drake with 3.26 and Gellatly with 3.19.

## As NFL reaches mid-season, surprises run rampant

**Jake Rosenberg**  
 The Commuter

The 2004 National Football League season is in full stride as fans saw Week 10 pass. After nine games, teams are finding ways to rally and build momentum toward a playoff run in the coming seven weeks.

The team that has found that quite easy over the past couple of seasons is the defending champion New England Patriots. New running back Corey Dillon has contributed 900 yards on the ground, helping keep quarterback

Tom Brady and his two rings shining with only one loss in nine games.

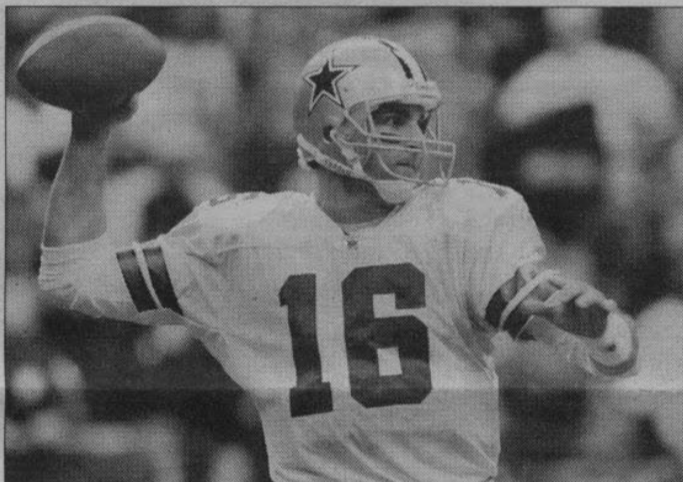
Curtis Martin has shown New York that he still has plenty left, contributing 984 rushing yards to a 6-3 effort in the AFC East. Drew Bledsoe's struggling Buffalo Bills are third at 3-6, while the Ricky Williams-less Dolphins have been so offensively anemic that Head Coach Dave Wannstedt quit and has put Miami in the driver's seat for the No. 1 pick in the 2005 draft with a 1-8 record.

At 8-1, the Pittsburgh Steelers have won their last seven, thanks to rookie quarterback Ben Roethlisberger and a rebirth of running back Jerome Bettis and his 10 touchdowns. The Baltimore Ravens have given Pittsburgh its only loss while racking up six wins, led by Ray Lewis' 87 tackles, Ed Reed's five interceptions and contributions from a returning Deion Sanders after a three-year retirement.

Former Oregon State wide receivers Chad Johnson and T.J. Houshmandzadeh have formed an exiting tandem for 2002 Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer to throw to enroute to the Bengals' third-place standing with a 4-5 record. Jeff Garcia and the home-happy Browns have gotten all three of their wins in Cleveland and round out the AFC North Division.

Indianapolis signal-caller

Peyton Manning has looked like the early season favorite for MVP, throwing for 2,749 yards and 31 touchdowns. He and the Colts are in a first place tie in the AFC South, with Byron Leftwich



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**Vinny Testaverde's Cowboys lost to the Eagles on Monday.**

and the developing Jacksonville Jaguars compiling 6-3 records. David Carr and his Houston Texans sit a game ahead of the 3-6 Tennessee Titans, while both teams fight it out for third.

Another first-place division battle is between the 6-3 Denver Broncos and San Diego Chargers in the AFC West. Former Duck Reuben Droughns has offset quarterback Jake Plummer's mistakes in Denver while San Diego has renewed faith in comeback player-of-the-year candidate Drew Brees and his 18-3 touchdown-to-interception ratio.

The Kansas City Chiefs defensive efforts have failed to complement the offense of Priest Holmes and Trent Green, resulting in a last place tie with the Oakland Raiders, who are no longer playing with the superstars that led them to a Super Bowl appearance just two years ago.

In the National Football Conference, the Philadelphia Eagles look to be on their way to a fourth consecutive conference championship game. The addition of Terrell Owens and his 12 touchdown catches from fellow MVP candidate, quarterback Donovan McNabb, has earned them the best record in the NFC with an 8-1 record.

In New York, the Eli Manning era looks to be underway—despite Kurt Warner's respectable

play at quarterback, it was announced Monday that Manning will replace him, taking over a team that's in second place in the NFC East, thanks to Tiki Barber's 928 rushing yards and 10 touchdowns. The reunion of Joe Gibbs in Washington and Vinny Testaverde with Bill Parcells in Dallas, has not sparked any old memories for fans of these once proud franchises, as the Redskins and Cowboys see their playoffs hopes fade at 3-6.

Brett Favre claimed "Super Bowl or bust" this year for the Packers while former Beaver Nick Barnett and his team-leading 64 tackles have Green Bay holding the tie-breaker for the division lead following their win over 5-4 Minnesota last week. The Vikings need help from returning offensive studs Randy Moss and former U of O tailback Onterrio Smith to help quarterback Daunte Culpepper

match the points given up by their lackluster defense.

New Head Coach Lovie Smith has led the over-achieving Chicago Bears to a surprising 4-5 record, while former Duck quarterback Joey Harrington and Detroit have the Lions a game back from first place in the North Division as well.

First-year Head Coach Jim Mora continues to develop Mike Vick into a complete and healthy quarterback for the Falcons while leading the NFC South with a 7-2 mark.

Jim Haslett is fighting to keep his job as head coach of the Saints, while Jon Gruden's 2002 title with the Buccaneers as well as John Fox's success last year with the Panthers seem like decades ago. The three previous division winners have combined for a total of nine wins this year and are far from the South title.

Steven Jackson, rookie-phenom from Oregon State, has spelled Marshall Faulk occasionally in the St. Louis backfield on his way to the NFL's fourth best yards-per-carry average at 5.2 while contributing two scores. The Rams lead Seattle in the NFC West, despite both

having 5-4 records, after sweeping the streaky Seahawks in both games this year. Shaun Alexander is having a career year for the 'Hawks in the wake of a new contract, scoring 12 times and leading the NFL with 1,055 yards on the ground.

The NFL's all-time leading ground-gainer Emmitt Smith has resurrected his career in Arizona, crossing the goal-line eight times. Smith along with first-year Coach Dennis Green, have managed four wins so far, but yielded one in overtime to give former Beaver Coach Dennis Erickson his only win in San Francisco. The 49ers struggles stem from the injury bug that has frequently bitten an already young squad that gets paid minimum-wage compared to many of the top-tier teams elsewhere.

Now a game past mid-season, it looks as if a Pennsylvania pigskin punch-out is in the works for the Super Bowl in February. The Steelers and Eagles will look to continue their dominance, as the Patriots and Falcons remain top contenders in a league of parity. It may all come down to who has the late-season momentum come January.

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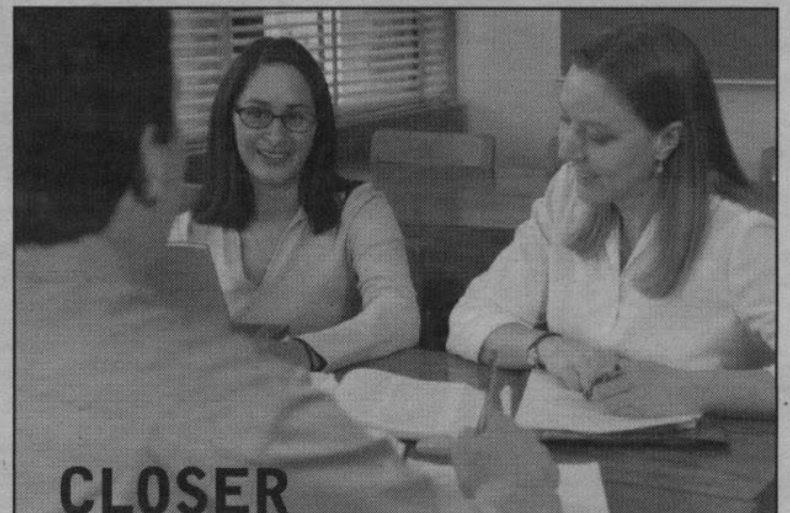
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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

## Benton Center Acoustic Series highlights local performers

**Peggy Isaacs**  
 The Commuter

With the success of the grand opening at the recently remodeled Benton Center, part-time LBCC teacher, Tom Demerest, was inspired (with a little help from his friends), to have more music in the center. After 30 years of playing music in the community, he knows the talent in the area. When Demerest heard the acoustical sound he knew it was a "perfect spot" and jumped at the chance to organize the event. He hopes it will help the students

feel more comfortable to hang-out at the school. "Maybe even have some coffee in the new lounge" said Demerest. He thought the first guest should be with well-known Ramblin' Rex, Corvallis' own homegrown one-man blues band.

Over 20 years ago Ramblin' Rex started his career as a multi-talented instrumentalist playing the guitar, harmonica and foot cymbals while singing the blues on street corners, stages and fairs.

Rex returned from Prague, Czech Republic almost two years ago, where his affiliation with The Church of the Brethren, under The International Church of Prague, kept him busy organizing fundraisers featuring music of the blues in Gospel form.

During the last year, Rex has worked with addicts, alcoholics, workaholics, gamblers and adulterers at 11 different churches in the area. He said "I fell away from the church, but I'm clean and sober now and I wanted to come back. My journey there is the experience I want to share." He explained that he learned how to get back by using resource centers, community outreach and veteran programs.

He feels he has been called to ministry to learn how to direct people where to go for help when they need it. Rex also ministers through gospel music. "Music is felt by the heart and the heart is more spiritual than religious, with music one can let go of the material and get into the spirit," said Rex.

Along with the show at the Benton Center, Rex appears each month at the United Methodist Coffee House in Philomath on Main St. by the museum. Rex has been appearing regularly on Tuesdays at the Old World Deli in Corvallis. His last public engagement will be in Dec. at the deli.

After that he will be "going on sabbatical", to look after his health and hopefully travel to Arizona to a Hopi Indian Reservation this winter.

All engagements are free including the one at the Benton Center where the presentation will be improvised using the acoustic guitar and harmonica with original blues and gospel.

This acoustical showcase will be

featured at noon every third Friday or Thursday if more people show up.

Demerest said "The musical talent will include folk, jazz, blues, classical, be airy and light and lend themselves to acoustic style. It may be limited to trios."

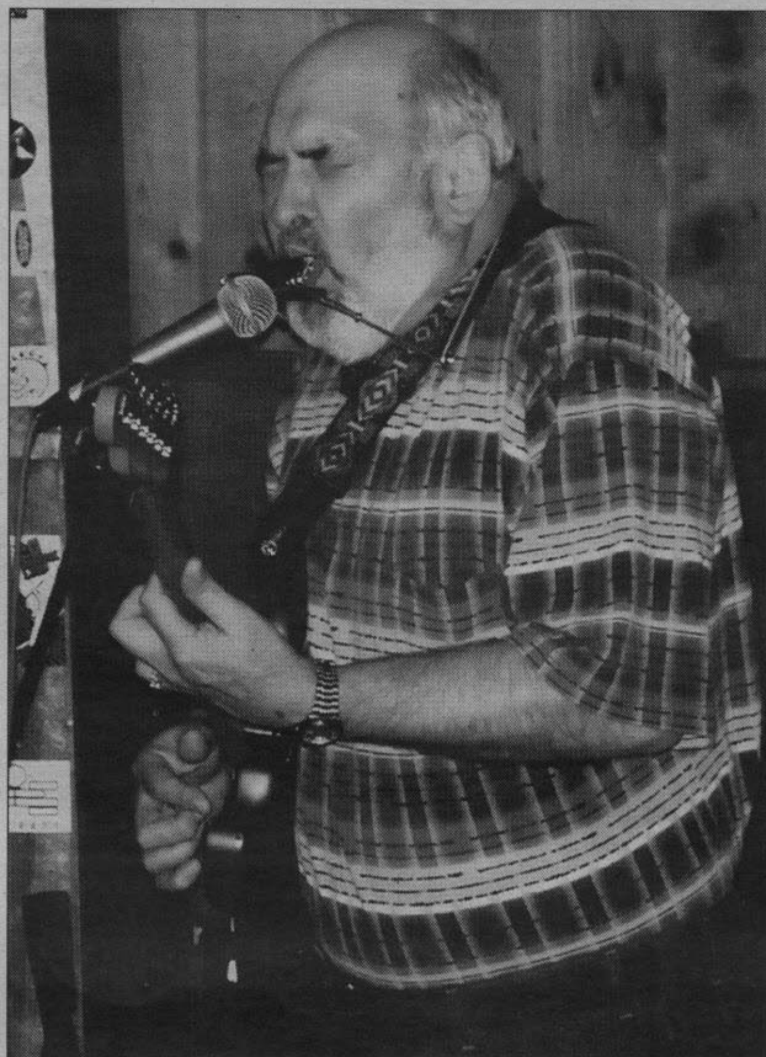


photo by Peggy Isaacs  
**Ramblin' Rex, seen here at Squirrels Tavern in Corvallis last year, will be the first performer in the musical series at the Benton Center.**

**RAMBLIN' REX**

**THE LONE MAN BLUES BAND**

A poster from the 80's is fast becoming a must-have for all local events.

## Local folk musicians invited to perform in CARDV fundraiser

**Joy Senff**  
 The Commuter

On Nov. 19 at 7:30 p.m., Corvallis Folklore Society invites all musicians willing to show their talents in public, to the "open mic night" as a fund raiser for The Center Against Rape and Domestic

Violence (CARDV). You can find this event at the West Minster House in Corvallis at 101 N.W. 23rd St.

The concert will be going on until about 10 p.m. that evening. Refreshments will be provided throughout the entire show. "Admissions at the door will range from \$4 to \$10, according

to what people want to donate," said Jay Yaich, host of the Best Cellar coffee house. The Best Cellar coffee house is linked with the Folklore Society.

Yaich and his wife, Sally, host local events every month and give the profits to the musicians that perform. Once a year, they give back to the community by

having one big fund raiser to support a local center, just like CARDV.

CARDV will receive the funds collected at this year's function. The funds will go to operations of the center, including shelter, a 24-hour hot line, counseling, and educational speakers. CARDV is a non-profit community service

organization that has been serving Linn and Benton counties for over 20 years.

People that are interested in signing up for this event can visit the web page at <http://bestcellarcoffeehouse.home.comcast.net> to send an email or sign up early at the event itself.



courtesy photo

### Paul deLay and the No delay Band

Paul deLay and his band will be playing the WOW Hall in Eugene on November 19th. (L-R) Peter Dammon, Dan Fincher, John Mazzocco, Louis Pain and Paul deLay.

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- ★ POSITION PAYS FULL SPRING TERM TUITION (12 CREDITS)
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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

## CALENDAR

# THE VIBE

**The Beanery**  
 500 SW 2nd St.  
 Corvallis  
 753-7442

Nov 26  
**Brad & Ethan w/ Chris Johnedis & Andrew Cauhorn**  
 Original Rock  
 9-10 p.m.  
 Free

**Book Bin**  
 228 SW 3rd St.  
 Corvallis  
 752-0040

Nov 20  
**Dan Reynolds**  
 Original Guitar  
 1-2 p.m.  
 Free

**Calavary Christian Fellowship**  
 1910 Geary St.  
 Albany  
 926-0564

Nov 19, 20, 27, 26  
**Coffee Ministry**  
 Good coffee, smoothies, Italian soda, ect.  
 7-10 p.m.  
 Free

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

Nov 19  
**Almadan**  
 Stout Irish music  
 9:30 p.m.  
 \$5

**Linn-Benton College AHSS Gallery**  
 6500 Pacific Blvd. SW  
 Albany  
 917-4577

Nov 17 - 30  
**Light Box 3**  
 International alternative photography  
 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Free

**Linn-Benton College Courtyard**  
 6500 Pacific Blvd. SW  
 Albany  
 917-4561

Nov 22  
**Turkey Trot**  
 All walkers eligible for raffle  
 Noon  
 Free

**Platinum**  
 126 SW 4th St.  
 Corvallis  
 738-6996

Nov 19  
**Maryspeak, JP West, & Sweater Club**  
 Civil War weekend party  
 9 p.m.  
 \$5

**W.O.W. Hall**  
 291 W. 8th St.  
 Eugene  
 541-687-2746

Nov 17  
**The Butchies, Bitch, Lkm**  
 Lesbian Rock  
 8:30 p.m.  
 \$10

Nov 19  
**Paul deLay Band w/ Monte Fisher**  
 Old school blues and light show  
 8:30 p.m.  
 \$8 adv  
 \$10 door

Nov 24  
**Pinback, Neil Hamburger, & The Advantage**  
 Rock & comedy  
 8:00 p.m.  
 \$10 adv  
 \$12 door



## Newman on Parade?



photo by Erik Swanson

### Hello Neewman!! (or is it?)

Shawn Lortie, a local KSHO DJ, pretends to be Wayne Knight of Seinfeld and Third Rock from the Sun fame, as he and fellow DJ Jarel Gall (left) pump up the crowd during the annual Veteran's Day Parade this past Thursday. The radio station feels Lortie is a dead ringer for the obnoxious mailman from Seinfeld and decided to fool the crowd.

## Gospel Music Festival draws groups from across the West

**Peggy Isaacs**  
 The Commuter

Ovil Jones and his wife from Alturas, Calif., made the trip to Albany, Ore., in their motor home to participate in the annual Pacific Gospel Music Festival. Jones said he comes because a lot of the artists are their friends they've made through the years and they want to support them "to help get gospel music on the west coast."

The Pacific Gospel Music Festival was held this weekend at the Linn County Fair and Expo center in Albany. Gospel groups from all over the west came to share their love for Jesus. Some of the headliners were the Florida Boys, The Weatherfords and Tim and Mary Alice Lovelace.

Tim Lovelace, in addition to performing his style of contemporary gospel, was master of ceremonies Saturday night. He kept the audience laughing with jokes and antidotes between acts. One joke was about how he sees happy hour signs that read 3-6. He says "My happy hours are 24 hours a day." With that came laughs and a room full of loud "Amen's."

Gordon and Peggy Kuryluk, directors of the PGMA, also performed at the festival under the name "Cornerstone" from Junction City, Oregon. Gordon Kuryluk, along with several other group leaders in Oregon had a vision around nine years ago "to bring gospel groups together to spread the



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The Pierces perform at the PGMF Saturday night.

word of our Lord, Jesus Christ."

Peggy Kuryluk said it was a way for groups to bond in the ministry and to educate "in whatever ways we can get the message of Jesus to our world. We have the most incredible bonding with our brothers and sisters. We need to uplift each other. The heart wants to share with other people."

One such bonding and friendship was

shown through The Pierce's, whose motto is to help mend the broken pieces. They are a family group of seven that have seen tragedy up-close this summer when four members of their immediate family, including a baby, were lost in a traffic accident. Their courage on stage could be seen and felt by all attending. Sherry Pierce, "ring leader," said "The love this organization sent out is totally awesome, they helped to mend our broken pieces."

The Pierce's, from Central Point, Oregon, performed Saturday night with beautiful melodies harmonizing like angels that sounded as sweet as the Lennon Sisters on the Lawrence Welk Show.

The show continued with 13 more performances and a grand finale where all the groups get on stage to sing with candlelight.

For more information on the Pacific Gospel Music Festival or association, call 541-998-3448.