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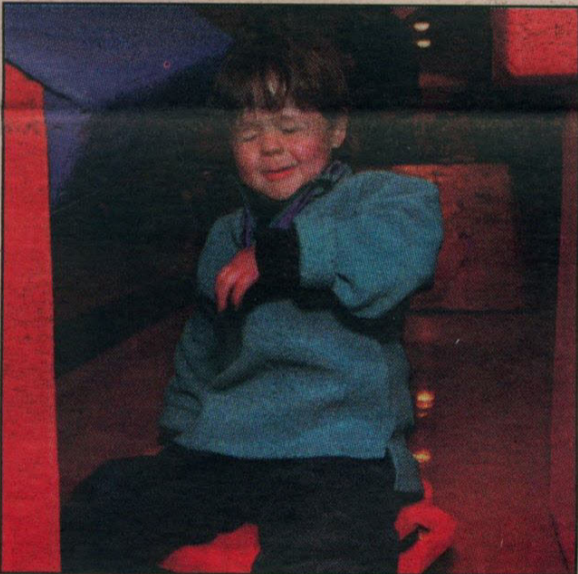
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Having Fun with Fund-Raising

A face-painting artist from Sweet Home applies her magic to 8-year-old Tanner Noble (above) of Corvallis a participant in Saturday's Family Fun-Raiser in the Benton Center gym. The event attracted more than 200 people and raised over \$1,400 through an auction of donated items, which will support parent education scholarships. In another popular event, 3-year-old Aaron Barrows of Corvallis (left) races down the scooter board ramp and crashes into a pile of foam blocks.

Photos by Jeremy Parker

Protestors fight timber sale from lofty perches

by Jim Rivera
of The Commuter

FALL CREEK—There's a war going on in the Willamette National Forest. It's been waged for over a year now, and most people have never even heard of it.

Environmental activists have been defying the U.S. Forest Service and the Zip-O-Lumber Company of Eugene by erecting "tree-sits" on a 96-acre parcel of land in the Fall Creek Watershed since April of 1998.

The site being battled over is known as the Clark Timber Sale and includes old growth Douglas fir and red cedars that tower to 250 feet and are between 500-600 years old. These giants produced a stable, moss-drenched forest floor with large down logs that have allowed a 170-foot, 300-to 500-year-old understory of Western hemlock to exist at a rare climax stage.

The area had been protected by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as spotted owl "critical habitat" until President Bill Clinton's 1994 Northwest Forest Plan reopened the land for sale to the timber industry by the U.S. Forest Service.

The Oregon Natural Resources Council appealed the land's availability for sale and put the potential sale in limbo until the appeal was denied in early 1998. The Forest Service then sold the land to the Zip-O-Company in March 1998. It is estimated that the site could produce about six million board feet of timber.

In April 1998, environmental activists erected their first tree-sit 200 feet above the ground. Four more went up around the original tree-sit, creating a community referred to by the activists as "Red Cloud Thunder."

On June 19, Willamette National Forest Supervisor Darrel Kenops closed four square miles of the forest by a special order in an attempt to remove the protesters from the site after several incidents between the activists and road builders for the Zip-O-Company.

Patti Rodgers, a spokeswoman for the National Forest, said there had been some damage to equipment and that rocks had been thrown at a caretaker's trailer on the road-building site. She also stated that a pro-

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Award created in honor of retiring teacher

by Schellene Pils
of The Commuter

When English instructor Art Bervin decided to retire this year after 28 years of service to LBCC, the only request he made to his colleagues was to ask that they not get him a bunch of little gifts, which would just add to his already-accumulated clutter.

"I did make a request that something done on behalf of the students would be to my pleasure," said Bervin.

According to English instructor Beth Camp, "the English faculty got together to try to come up with a gift that would match Art Bervin's interests and dedication to the college."

The faculty came up with the The Art Bervin Outstanding Essay Award. The award has already received almost \$300, due to voluntary salary deductions and donations committed to the award by some faculty members.

LBCC students are encouraged to submit expository essays, similar to those written in Writing 121, by Jan. 15 of each year. The essays will be judged by a panel that will consist of English instructors as well as the student editorial board of the Eloquent Umbrella.

Two essays will be chosen and the authors will be given \$100 for first prize or \$50 for second prize.

"I think Art has exceptional breadth

in teaching humanities and great sensitivity to students' needs," said Camp, adding that Bervin has been here for 28 years and has "influenced thousands of students; he's brought insight and humor to solving problems for the college and his colleagues and he'll be greatly missed."

English instructor Barry Greer agreed with Camp and said that Bervin "is an excellent teacher and a fine colleague and he will be missed."

Bervin was "very flattered, gratified and humbled that my colleagues thought enough of my time here to do that."

Entries can be submitted by any LBCC student.

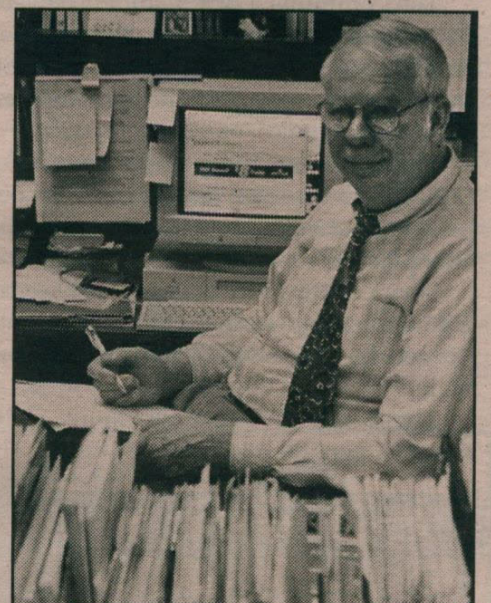


Photo by Joey Blount

Retiring English instructor Art Bervin



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Group crusades to ease suffering in Iraq

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Harvey Miller works behind the scenes for 'Runners

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CAMPUS NEWS

Math week hosts limerick writing and population clock competition

From the LBCC News Service

Math Awareness Week will be celebrated at LBCC May 10-14, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. with free events that are open to the public. This year's theme is "Math and Biology."

Activities include golf estimation contests, a limerick contest, games of chance and probability and a week-long team competition. The math and biology departments will be selling hot dogs, chips, sodas, ice cream and refreshments.

LBCC's General Science 106 class is sponsoring a contest for students to guess the date and time their "Population Clock" will reach the count of six billion people. Students can watch the clock and enter their guess Monday through Thursday, May 10-13, in the Student Life and Leadership office in the Forum Building. Prizes will be awarded for the first three entries with the exact date, hour, minute, second and tenth of a second, or closest without going over.

According to the U.S. government, the world population is quickly approaching six billion people, triple what it was in 1940. LBCC science instructor

Greg Mulder said that it is estimated the population will reach the six billion mark during Math Awareness Week.

Students and staff could win a prize from the Math Department's Limerick Contest. The rules for the contest are as follows:

- The limerick must have five lines. Lines 1, 2 and 5 must rhyme and have 3 beats. Lines 3 and 4 must rhyme and have 2 beats.

- You may enter a maximum of three limericks.

- There will be two divisions: Staff and Students. You may enter only one division.

- Your limerick(s) must be submitted to the testing counter in the Learning Resource Center between 8 a.m. Monday, May 10 and 8 p.m. Thursday, May 13.

- Limericks will be judged on originality, math content, humor and appeal.

- Prizes will be awarded Friday afternoon in the LRC.

For more information about Math Awareness Week contact Cathy Stark at 917-4756.

Benton Center teaches basic bicycle maintenance and emergency repairs

From the LBCC News Service

"Bring your bike and tire levers and prepare to get your hands and pants dirty," writes cyclist and instructor Allen Throop about the upcoming Bike Maintenance Workshop.

The class will be offered at the Benton Center on May 10 and 17 from 6:30-9:20 p.m. Throop is a veteran of thousands of miles of commuting, road touring and mountain biking.

"This class is perfect for cyclists wanting to maintain their bikes at home and learn to fix them on the road," adds Throop.

During the first session the class will

look at easy home maintenance to keep each person's bike running smoothly and safely.

The second session will focus on road repairs for common problems and will include techniques to repair flats, broken chains and other essentials.

Deadline for registration is May 7 at the Benton Center.

The workshop cost is \$12.80 (half-price for those 62-years and older). Throop asks that all students bring their bike and tire levers, if they have them, to the first class.

For more information, please call the Benton Center, 757-8944.

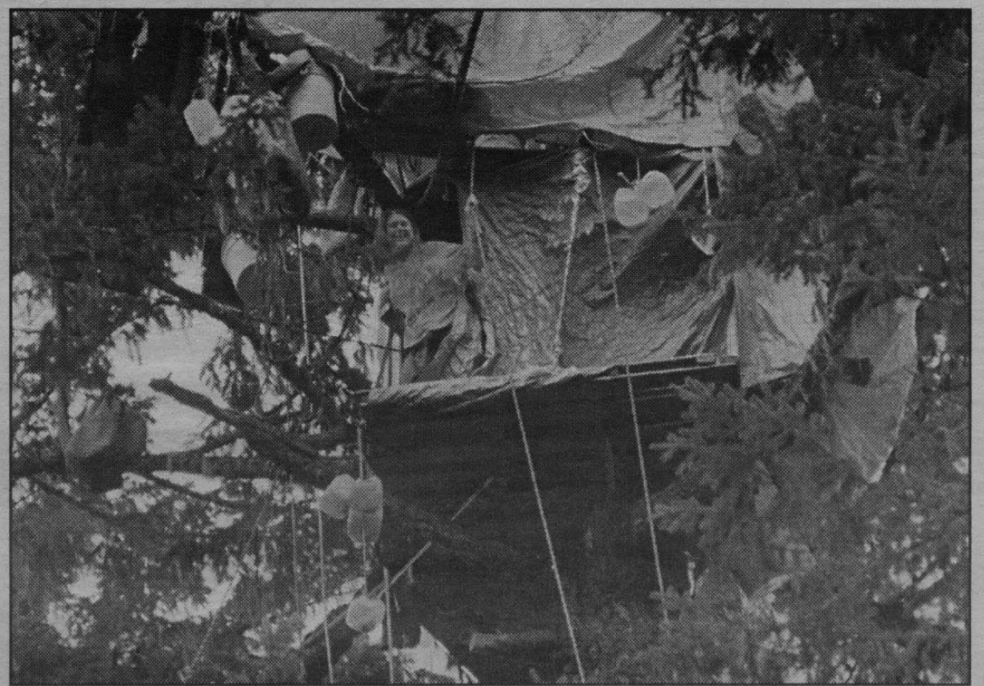


Photo by E.J. Harris

A protestor peers from her perch high in a Douglas fir tree in the Willamette National Forest where a Eugene company is logging old growth timber.

Forest: Confrontation turns violent

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testor had been arrested on assault charges for "kicking a federal law enforcement officer in the shins."

According to the Eugene Register Guard, federal agents had dismantled and burned an unoccupied tree platform as government tree climbers removed ropes to cut off the tree-sitters' supplies. The agents also shined floodlights on the the trees and honked their vehicle horns all night.

The protestors also alleged that a PA system was used by the Forest Service to "blare" Country-Western music throughout the night.

Sue Olson of the Willamette National Forest said the actions were "intended to be gentle persuasion."

On June 26, the closure was lifted just before a protest occurred at the Federal Building in Eugene, though Forest Service officials said the pending demonstration had nothing to do with the decision.

Since the reopening of the forest, one additional closure was invoked in late July and over 50 citations have been issued by Forest Service Agents. With the Zip-O-Company's logging roads

complete or halted, the Forest Service has attempted to wait the protestors out.

The activists claim that five "hit and run" raids by the Forest Service between October and December resulted in the burning of their base camp, personal property and several shorter platforms.

Congressman Peter DeFazio (D) of Eugene appears to have sided with neither the Forest Service nor the activists, claiming in a letter: "The problem I face is that it is virtually impossible for me and my staff to attempt to deal with the Northwest forest plan's shortcomings on a timber-sale-by-timber-sale-basis."

Tensions are expected to escalate in the near future, with logging season having opened this weekend.

An employee for the Forest Service, Julie Cox, hinted that logging the Clark Timber Sale was on the Zip-O-Company's agenda for this logging season, but would not release any more information, saying that "it's not a wise idea to announce it (Zip-O's logging schedule). There's nothing secretive about it—it's a safety issue."

Representatives from the Zip-O-Company would also not comment on their logging schedule this year.

Commuter wins six firsts at ONPA journalism awards

The Commuter, LBCC's student newspaper, received 14 awards at the Oregon Newspaper Publishers' Association's annual Collegiate Day in Salem April 30, including six first place honors and second place in general excellence.

The Commuter swept top honors in four categories, taking both first and second place for best writer, best section, best ad and best headlines. The paper also took first place in best house ad and best cartoonist.

Seven community college weeklies competed in 18 different categories in the annual competition, which is judged by professional journalists from around the state.

The Torch of Lane Community College won first place in general excellence ahead of The Commuter,

marking the seventh consecutive year The Commuter has finished either first or second in the ONPA contest.

Individual award winners from The Commuter staff were:

- Contributing Editor Justin Dalton of Sweet Home, first place in best writing overall.

- A&E Editor Sarah Crauder of Corvallis, second place in best writing overall.

- Jim Johnson of Corvallis, first place in both the house ad and ad of the year categories.

- Graphics Editor Adrian Wallace of Corvallis, first place in cartooning.

- Randy Arrowsmith of Corvallis, honorable mention in cartooning.

- Contributing Editor Ben Sell of Sweet Home, first

place in best headline writing.

- Copy Editor Barry Greer of Corvallis, second place in best headline writing.

- Ad Manager Cindy Lewis of Corvallis, second place in the ad of the year category.

- Assistant Photo Editor E.J. Harris of Corvallis, second place in best sports photograph.

In addition, The Commuter's arts and entertainment section, "The Ticket," took first place in the best section category, while its "In Focus" page took second place. The paper also received an honorable mention for its overall design.

The editor of The Commuter is Schellene Pils of Corvallis. Jeremy Parker of Lebanon is the photo editor and Keirsten Morris of Corvallis is managing editor.

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IN FOCUS

Northwest student crusades to lift Iraqi sanctions

Voices in the Wilderness defies U.N. sanctions to deliver medicine to Iraq, where 4,000 children die each month

Lizanne Southgate
of The Commuter

No, he is not a cartoon character and there is nothing funny about the story he tells as he travels the country. Charlie Brown is a Western Washington State University student who visited Iraq last September with a Voices in the Wilderness delegation.

Along with other groups such as Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR), Voices in the Wilderness routinely defies U.N. sanctions to deliver medicine to Iraq.

The Washington student is one of the many voices attempting to get the attention of the American people and call attention to the impact of the economic sanctions that the United States and United Nations levied against Iraq after the Gulf War.

According to Dennis Halliday, the former director of the U.N. Food for Oil program who resigned last year in protest of the economic sanctions, which he says are directly responsible for the deaths of at least 4,000 children per month and actually strengthen Saddam Hussein's popularity in Iraq.

Just over a quarter of all Iraqi children suffer from malnutrition. Lack of vaccinations led to epidemics of polio, diphtheria and tuberculosis.

Sewage and water treatment plants were among the first U.S. bombing targets and sanctions forbid import of the equipment and chlorine to repair the facilities. As a result, water-borne diseases are epidemic and there are no medicines available to treat them. Sick children are taken to the hospitals only to find there is nothing that can be done for them. "They go home and either their immune system kicks in and they get better or they die," said Brown in a soft voice.

Brown and other Voices members made the trip to Iraq in September carrying medicine, taking pictures and talking to Iraqi citizens. They visited the once-prestigious University of Baghdad, now littered with trash and almost empty. Textbooks were destroyed by



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—Charlie Brown

UNSCOM forces, and professors who did not flee the country now work as taxi drivers and doormen in Baghdad. Textbooks are among the items sanctioned, as are such dangerous items as pencils, vaccines and the chlorine necessary to treat sewage contaminated water.

Despite the ever-present evidence of the economic sanctions supported by the United States (other countries have repeatedly called for removal or weakening of these sanctions on humanitarian basis), the Iraqi citizens that Brown met did not blame the American people, only the government.

One of the most poignant sites on the Voices delegation itinerary was the bomb shelter in which 1,200 Iraqi



Two Iraqi babies born with jaundice, at left, face a grim future because of the lack of medical supplies due to the U.N. embargo against their country. Tiny Hussein Ali, 3 months old, suffers from pneumonia and respiratory distress that could be treated if antibiotics were readily available. Because of insufficient treatment, he is only three-fifths of his ideal weight.

"I am concerned that American taxpayers are paying for these sanctions that are killing the people of Iraq."

—Gerri Haynes

citizens took refuge during the Gulf War. It was destroyed by two "smart" bombs. On the back wall of the shelter, reminiscent of the Hiroshima images, is the silhouette of a woman, her last moment preserved by the force of the blast.

The bomb shelter is now a museum and tours are led by the mother of one of the victims. The woman lost nine members of her family here, and now she sleeps in a shack outside the shelter, choosing to remain near her family.

Halliday and former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark are among the high-profile opponents to the economic sanctions along with Voices in the Wilderness, PSR, the Catholic Church, the Mennonite Church and hundreds of other human rights organizations.

In an unusual alliance, the National Gulf War Resource Center board of directors printed a resolution in the January issue of "The Stars and Stripes" (the U.S. military publication) demanding an end to the civilian casualties in Iraq and the protection of U.S. armed forces and civilians in the Persian Gulf. The resolution calls upon the U.S. government to abide by the terms of the Geneva Protocol 1, Article 54, which forbids the starvation of civilians as a method of warfare.

The second part of the resolution was drafted in response to the exposure of the Gulf War veteran's to depleted uranium, which was heavily used against Iraq.

International teams of physicians credit depleted uranium with the seven-fold rise in childhood leukemia, the increase of birth defects and the 700 percent rise in cancers among Gulf War veteran's children.

A survey of over 250 Gulf War vets after their return revealed that 67 percent of the children they conceived after their service were "born with severe illnesses or birth defects," according to Clark.

Brown has been traveling the country via Greyhound since three days after his return from Iraq. Between stops to raise American awareness of the injustice being done to Iraqi children, he is just another student. He studies his international relations text, gets his assignments done and back to his instructors in Bellingham as well as plans for his next trip to Iraq.

Gerri Haynes, a member of Washington PSR, who returned in April from a trip to Iraq, gets right to the



Photos courtesy of Charlie Brown

point of opposition to the sanctions—"I am concerned that American taxpayers are paying for these sanctions that are killing the people of Iraq."

According to Haynes, who is also planning her return to Iraq, the only way to end the suffering imposed by the sanctions is to make Americans aware of what they are funding.

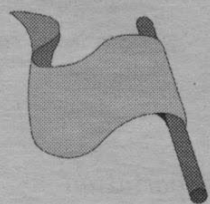
Voices in the Wilderness is circulating a petition to de-link the economic sanctions from the military sanctions imposed against Iraq. The goal is to gather one million signatures in the United States.

The same petition was circulated in Europe, where 18 million people have signed it.

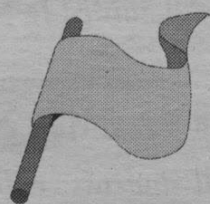
However, in Europe, as in most other parts of the world, coverage of the impact of the sanctions has been prominent in the media. In the United States, coverage has been extremely minimal, due perhaps to the desire to forestall public outcry.

Community awareness has always been the most effective method for change. Both Brown and Haynes have faith that if American people know the truth, they will act.

"If we could shrink the skin of the earth and be standing next to the Iraqi people, we would never allow this to happen," said Haynes.



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Spirit Mountain cashes in as Oregon's No. 1 tourist spot

by Keirsten Morris
of The Commuter

Lights flash. Bells ring out sporadically. Roulette tables whiz nearby. The click-clacking of poker chips permeate every corner.

It's time to gamble.

People seem to walk with a little extra pep in their step. Women chatter to each other excitedly as they head to the restroom to re-apply lipstick.

Older couples walk arm in arm as they make their way to the bingo hall. Even a few children scattered near the entrance can't seem to sit still—a night of video games and slurping soda pop surely await in one of the two children's game rooms.

The Spirit Mountain Casino, owned and operated by the Confederate Tribes of the Grande Ronde Community of Oregon, opened in late 1995 and currently is Oregon's largest tourist attraction, replacing Multnomah Falls.

It is the largest of eight tribal casinos in the state, and an estimated three million customers visited the casino in 1998.

A Harley-Davidson suspended from the ceiling above a row of slots tempts gamblers to try their luck. Slot machines may hold the worst odds for gamblers, but with 1,110 machines in the casino, they are the most frequently visited.

Inside the circle of slot machines are 35 blackjack, five roulette, and a handful of craps tables, as well as

how to get there

Spirit Mountain casino is about an hour's drive west of Salem on Highway 18. To get to the casino action, go north to Highway 22 via I-5 to Salem or Highway 99 to the Rickreall junction, then go west on Highway 22, which eventually merges with Highway 18. The casino is on the left 4.5 miles beyond the merge. For more information contact the casino at 1-800-760-7977 or www.spirit-mountain.com.

some "Let it Ride" and "Pai Gow" tables.

A 16-seat poker room entices more experienced gamblers while a \$20 minimum bet raises the stakes. For those seeking another form of excitement, an 850-seat bingo hall or off-track betting room with a video wall might do the trick.

The hush of losers is smothered beneath the squeals and yelps of winners scattered on the 85,000 square feet of gaming space. Straight-faced pit bosses pace the floor behind the dealers, monitoring the action. The pit bosses and dealers are among the 1,400 employees, making Spirit Mountain the largest employer in Polk County.

The newest addition to the casino is a five-story, 100-

room hotel. The Native American-inspired rooms average \$83 on a week night and \$93 on a weekend. It opened December 21, 1998, and New Year's Eve was sold out in a matter of three hours.

The hotel was built to fill a niche for Spirit Mountain customers, who would otherwise have to drive at least 20 miles to the nearest hotel. The \$10 million project brings the tribe's investment in the casino to \$48 million, the exact amount of the casino's record annual profit in 1998.

The tribe has invested casino profits into a variety of projects around Oregon. It has put money in housing in Portland and Albany, strip malls in Salem and Redmond, and a small business that subcontracts with Hewlett-Packard in Corvallis.

Visitors to the casino find it is not all about gambling. Spirit Mountain is home to Coyote's, a 240-seat buffet, and Legends, an elegant restaurant and lounge. In addition, the casino has Rock Creek Court, a grill featuring Asian- and American-style cuisine, as well as SM Cafe.

In touch with its Las Vegas roots, the casino also sponsors big name entertainment, such as country favorites Tracy Lawrence on April 29 and Billy Ray Cyrus on June 24. For tickets call 1-800-992-TIXX.

Whether you're a poker player looking for some high-stakes late-night action, or a nickel slot rookie seeking out a well-priced lunch buffet, Spirit Mountain provides a 24-hour oasis.

Hula and leis at community luau

From the LBCC News Service

LBCC will host a community luau May 21 in the Activities Center. The event will begin with free activities from 4-6 p.m., including lei making, hula lessons, coconut sliding and miniature golf.

The traditional luau is from 6-9 p.m. and will include Kahlua pig, huli huli chicken, chopsui (long rice with vegetables), macaroni salad, fresh fruit and vegetables, sweet potatoes, rice, haupia (coconut pudding) and fruit punch.

Entertainment will be provided by the traditional dance group Polynesian Moments. Tickets are \$10, or \$7 for seniors and students with ID, and are available at Rice's Pharmacy, LBCC Student Life and Leadership, and the LBCC Sweet Home Center. Children 4 and under are free.

For more information contact the LBCC Student Life and Leadership Office at 917-4457.

Public invited for haute cuisine

From the LBCC News Service

Oh la la! The LBCC Culinary Arts Department invites the public to its 26th Annual French Banquet, Thursday May 20 and Friday May 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Alsea/Calapooia Room, on the second floor of the College Center Building.

The banquet will feature roasted chicken consomme with shitake mushroom and smoked chicken sachet, oven-poached Dover sole with wilted scallions, French radish and fennel broth, citrus and five spice sorbets, truffled potatoes in puff pastry, pan-seared tenderloin or beef with sausage stuffing, caramelized pearl onion, fried parsley, Burgundy reduction, spring greens with enoki mushrooms and green peppercorn vinaigrette, almond and bing cherry Napoleon, cheese and seasonal fruit.

Tickets are \$25 per person and as seating is limited they must be purchased by May 14. For more information call 917-4385.

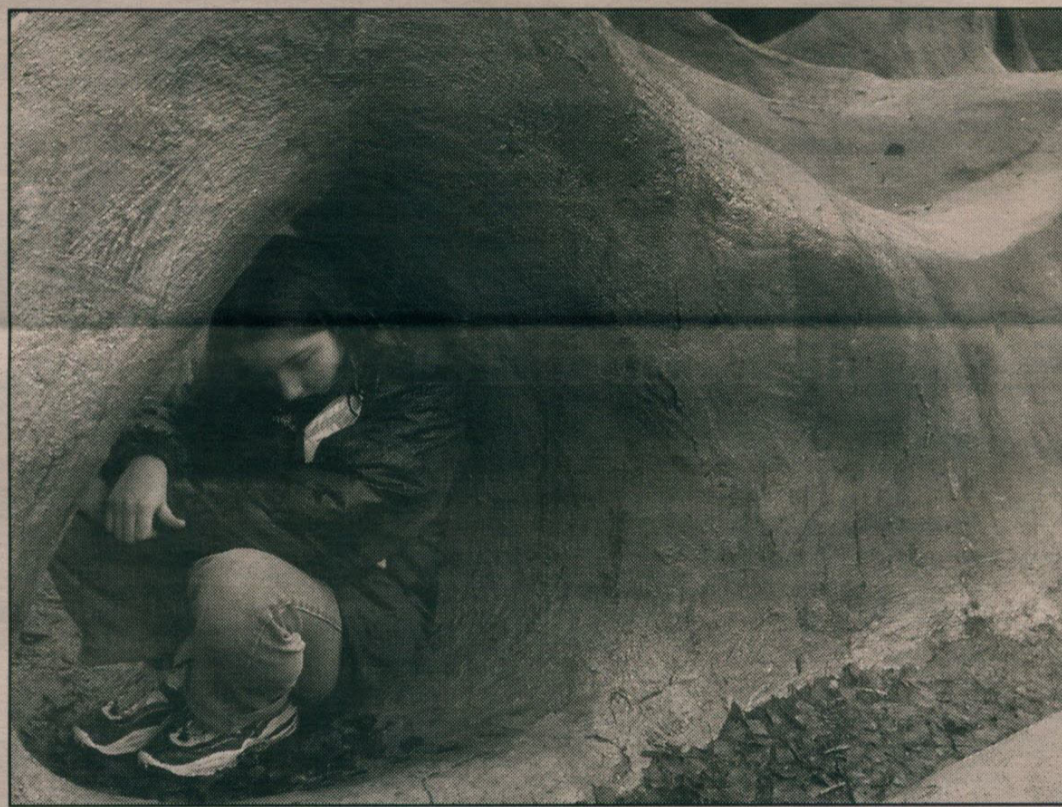


Photo by Erica Lerch

Photo Exhibit

"Amanda's Freedom," a black-and-white print by photography student Erica Lerch, is one of more than 50 images on display in the Art Gallery in the AHSS Building through May 14. The exhibit features conventional black-and-white and color prints as well as alternative process and mixed images created by students in photo courses taught by Rich Bergeman and Kurt Norlin.



Oregon Shakespearean Festival



Trip #1: May 16-17, 1999

This weekend trip is open to all students (with valid ID) & includes transportation to Ashland, tickets to Shakespeare's "Othello", Mourine Watkin's "Chicago" & lodging. The cost is \$20, sign up in the Student Life & Leadership office.

Limited to first 13!

Trip #2: May 30-31, 1999

This weekend trip is open to all students (with valid ID) & includes transportation to Ashland, tickets to Shakespeare's "Othello", Bertolt Brecht's "The Good Person of Szechuan" & lodging. The cost is \$20, sign up in the Student Life & Leadership office building. Limited to first 13!

For information, contact Brandt Schmitz at ext. 4963.



SPORTS

Miller brings commitment and enthusiasm to LB baseball

by Ryan Borde
for The Commuter

At first glance, Harvey Miller may look like just an ordinary citizen, the one that works the 9 to 5 job, goes home to his family and then goes about his own business. But sit down and have a conversation with him and you will find a person who not only truly loves the game of baseball, but one who devotes a lot of time and energy to it as well.

For the past 11 years Miller has been Greg Hawk's top assistant with the Linn-Benton baseball program. The two first met as Kiwanis brothers and became acquainted at the Kiwanis 7 a.m. breakfast meetings at Elmer's Restaurant. They began to draw closer through competing against each other on the softball diamond, and from that they developed a camaraderie that has kept them close friends and coaching companions.

"For the two of us we fit together so well—his extreme amount of knowledge and my minuscule amount—we intertwine that together; we even ask each other the same questions," Miller said. "We've been friends now for 15 to 16 years and it's just been a great situation."

Miller is being humble in saying that he has a "minuscule" amount of knowledge. Take one look inside his home and you will see a vast collection of baseball how-to manuals, books and videos, items that Miller has reviewed over and over to enhance his comprehension of the game. He had to, because he did not come from a baseball background. Rather he grew up running track, something he excelled at, and it is one of the reasons

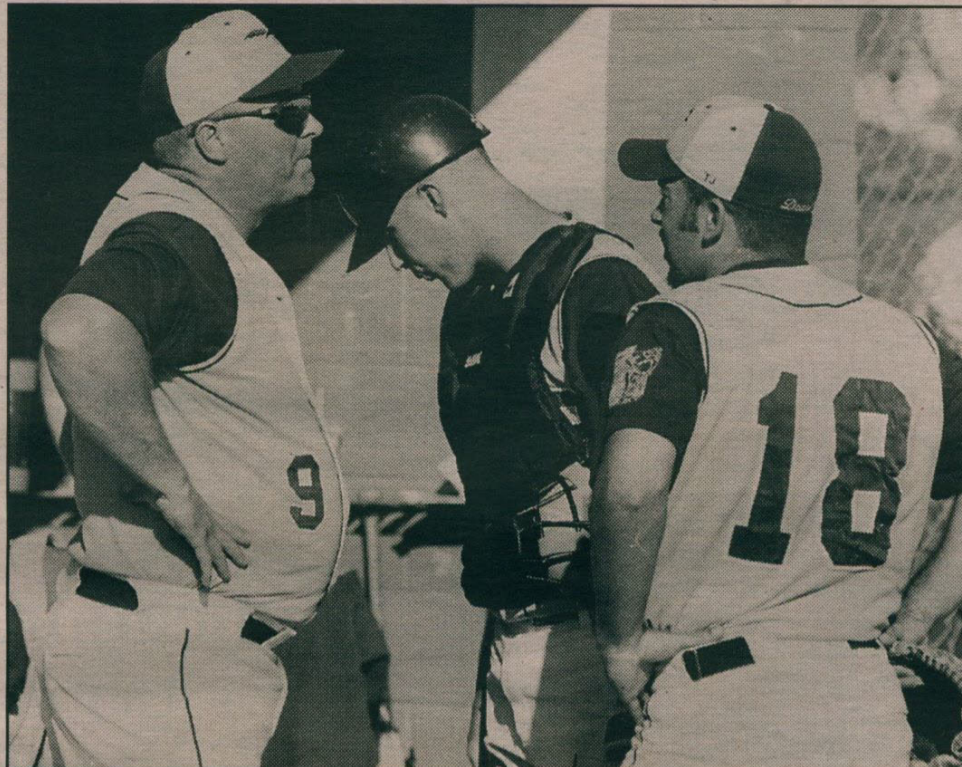


Photo by Joey Blount

Assistant coach Harvey Miller talks to catcher Travis Kundert and pitcher Michael Drakatos. Coach Miller has been with Roadrunner baseball for 11 years and dreams of being a head coach in the future.

Hawk asked him to join the coaching team.

"When we were playing softball together, he kept asking me to come out and teach the guys how to run correctly," said Miller.

But teaching the proper form of running is just one of the many things Miller does to help Hawk and LBCC baseball. He describes himself as a "jack of all trades." And he may just be.

He is the educational assistant, checking up on players grades and making sure they attend study hall. He runs the night hitting class during winter drills. He computes all of the statistics for the team. He does recruiting, grounds work, and coaches the outfielders and first base during games.

"All that coach has to do is ask if I will do it and it normally gets done," Miller said.

But of all his jobs, what Miller loves to do the most is give back to the kids.

"Growing up I had some of the best coaches that I consider that I worked with from high school to college. They were always in it to help somebody. In my mind helping people achieve and move ahead is the single most thing I like to do. I like to give back what people have done for me."

A person who gives that much, though, must have some help of his own. Miller has that in his wife Libby. From running the kids around to getting food late at night after a game, she does what she can to aid him.

"She is super supportive. She's been probably one of the most supportive people around. Being a coach's wife is not easy; it's long hours. She doesn't want to press the issue after games, which is nice. When you are winning, everyone is your friend and when you are losing, they're not, but you still have a wife to go home to, and she is always there for me. When you have supportive people like that, it makes coaching a lot easier."

Miller did have a stint as a head coach for awhile, as the coach of the Mid-Valley Rockets, a summer American Legion team. He ran the squad for three seasons, from 1993-1995, but decided he would rather devote his time to LBCC and his family. Given the chance to be the head coach at LBCC, though, he said he would relish the opportunity.

"If the opportunity arose, I would love to be a head coach at Linn-Benton... I would definitely apply for it."

LB baseball team sprints for playoffs with three weeks left in season

by David Thayer
of The Commuter

With three weeks left in the NWAACC baseball season, the Linn-Benton Roadrunners are trying to make a run at the playoffs. They helped their chances by going 4-1 from April 28-May 1. They split the first two games against Clackamas, which were played after being rained out on April 26, then swept SWOCC in three games.

In the first game against Clackamas, Brian Lorimor got the start and was hammered hard for five runs in six innings. The Roadrunners were able to help him in the top of the seventh by scoring six runs. The Cougars were able to score two more runs in the bottom of the eighth to take a 7-6 lead, but the 'Runners pulled out the 8-7 victory with two runs in the

top of the ninth.

Corey Scott picked up his third win of the season by closing out the Cougars in the bottom of the ninth. Dameon Barrows led the 'Runners in hitting, going 3-5 and scored two runs and drove in one. Josh Thompson and Travis Kundert, 2-4 and 1-4 respectively, each drove in two runs while Kundert scored one. Travis Haima went 1-2 and scored two runs. Haima, Barrows and Thompson each had a double.

In the second game, Byron Shinkle started and pitched a good game until the sixth inning when the Cougars picked up four runs. The 'Runners could only muster a run in the top of the seventh and lost the game 4-2.

Shinkle took his second loss this season. Haima led the 'Runners with three

hits in four at-bats, while Nick Renault and Thompson picked up the other two 'Runner hits. Branden Arakawa scored both of the 'Runners runs.

On April 29, Jake Stickley got the call to pitch against the Lakers. He was coming off a masterful performance against Lane C.C. a week earlier. This time, he pitched just as well, earning a 2-1 victory. He got his third victory of the season to go against one loss and one tie. Renault picked up two of the 'Runners eight hits on the day, while Arakawa, Thompson and Brandon Newman picked up one a piece. Arakawa scored one of the two runs.

On May 1, the 'Runners were able to sweep the double header against the Lakers. Renault got the start in the first game and pitched six no-hit innings.

Spencer Morgan came in and preserved the no-hitter. The game was over after the 'Runners scored eight runs in the first three innings. Renault won his fourth game of the season, to go with six runs.

Ryan Borde went three for four and scored two runs, drove in two runs and picked up two home runs and a double. Thompson went two for two and scored one run and drove in one.

The second game was a lot closer, with the 'Runners winning 1-0 on only one hit. John Swift got the start and pitched all seven innings to win his second game of the year. Borde picked up the only 'Runner hit and scored one run while Arakawa picked up the only RBI.

The next games for the 'Runners are May 4 against Lane in Eugene and on Saturday May 8 against Mt. Hood.

Carpenter breaks record, Bjornstadt throws personal best at meet

by David Thayer
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The Roadrunner track and field team went to Western Oregon with the clearly stated mission of attaining a qualifying mark for the up-coming NWAACC track and field meet. The team was geared up for the meet knowing it would be at a good facility and most likely would have good weather for personal best performances and qualifying marks. Most of the LB athletes competed in just their specialty events to focus on performance. Unfortunately, the weather turned cold and windy and only a few personal bests were recorded.

Heather Carpenter, Melisa Clements, Ryan Parmenter and Dawn Habelt each qualified for the NWAAC meet. Carpenter broke her own school record in the hammer with a throw of 125-1, and placed fourth in the discus with a throw of 115-8.

Clements won the women's vault with a leap of 10-4, which was a meet record in the Western Oregon Invitational. Parmenter finished second in the 10000 meter race with a NWAACC championship meet qualifying mark of 34:01.2, and Dawn Habelt qualified with a jump of 33-9 in the triple jump, which was good for third place and she ran the 100 meter in 13.98 into a stiff headwind.

Tiffany Sweat returned to the track after taking a week off with a back injury. She ran the second leg of the women's 4x100 race. She should be returning to action in the triple jump next week. Meanwhile, Jolene Neufeld finished third in the long jump at 15-11, fifth in the triple jump at 32-3 and finished her day with a time of 28.18 in the 200.

Luke Bjornstadt had a personal best in the hammer at 118 feet, placing 11th and finished throwing 35-1 in the shot put. Janice Hallyburton ended her day with

throws of 102-5 in the hammer and 32-3 in the shot put. Jolene Vandehey placed second at a time of 1:04.01 in the women's 400. Ray Dandeneau ran in the men's 400 with a time of 52.23.

April Waters jumped 7-10 in the pole vault, while Helen Rarick ran the women's 3000 in a time of 11:48.72 and Nate Koroush ran the men's 800 in a time of 2:05.73. Brandon Whitney triple jumped his way to 41 feet for second place.

As of May 3, only Parmenter for the men's team had qualified. For the women's team, Sweat qualified in the triple jump and the 4x100 relay. Habelt joins her on the the relay team and in the triple jump, while Neufeld qualified in three events (triple and long jumps and the 4x100 relay). Jolene Vandehey had only qualified in the 4x100 relay. Clements and Waters had qualified in the pole vault and Carpenter qualified in the hammer.

CLASSIFIEDS

SCHOLARSHIPS

The National Poultry and Food Dist. Association (NPFDA) Scholarship Foundation is awarding four \$1,500 scholarships to students in the field of poultry science, poultry industry. Additional information and applications are available at the Career Center in Takena Hall. Deadline is May 31, 1999.

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CORRECTION

In the March 28 issue of The Commuter, an article about Wendy Thorson, misidentified her as Wendy Thompson due to incorrect information supplied to the newspaper.

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From the LBCC News Service

The Career Center is the test site for the new, revised Financial Aid Sort program, part of the Career Information System, a computer program designed to aid students in searching for financial aid and scholarships.

There may still be some scholarships available for next fall, and students can also look for awards to apply for in future years. The CIS' Aid Sort program

has over 1,800 scholarships, loans, internships, travel awards and cash prizes included in the CIS database.

After using Aid Sort and getting a list of financial aid awards that match educational plans, abilities, and background, students will be asked to complete a short online evaluation of the revised program. The Career Center is located in Takena Hall, room 101. For more information, call 917-4780.

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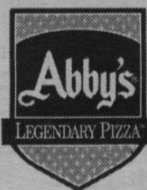
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OPINION PAGE

editorial

Editor dishes out her own awards to ACE newsroom staff

Last week The Commuter won several prestigious awards in 14 categories at the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association Collegiate Day conference. Congratulations to everyone who was recognized for their writing, ad design, cartooning and photography. A story listing the winners is on Page 2.

Despite the honors bestowed by the ONPA, however, I feel that not all of my colleagues received the recognition they deserve for the excellent service they have given to the paper and the campus since fall term.

So, because I want to give out a few pats on the backs to those team members without whom I would never have gotten past Square 1 this year, I give you (this is where we hear the drumroll) the Awards for Commuter Excellence (ACE).

Let me begin by saying that even if I don't mention the names of some of the people who work on my team, I do appreciate their hard work and ability to help me figure out what the heck it was that I had forgotten on that particular day. (I would say I'm the most forgetful person I know, but I'm really not sure since I can't recall anyone who forgets as much as me).

First of all, an ACE goes to my esteemed (or should I say steamed, for all the arguments we've had over posing pictures—an argument that he always seems to win) colleague Jeremy Parker for the wonderful pictures he's provided to our readers, often on a moment's notice.

My next ACE goes to Managing Editor Keirsten Morris, whose butterflies and stars, dry sense of humor and no nonsense approach to her work has been almost as appreciated as her ability to keep the office clean, in spite of all the rubber bands littering the floor.

An ACE also goes to David Thayer, sports editor, who, despite being a rookie to the business, has become the only staff member who ALWAYS gets his stories in before deadline (yeah Thayer, I know, even before me).

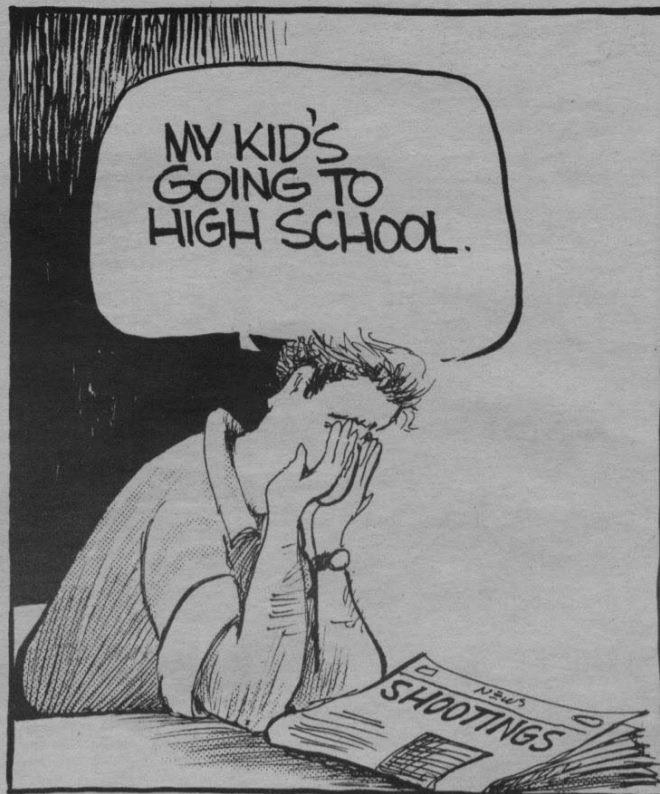
I also want to give an ACE to Brock Jacks, who, notwithstanding our attempt to give him a talent grant for his work on the paper this year, has been overworked and underpaid (his talent grant came to a grand total of \$3).

And let's not forget Natalie Dalton (no relation to Justin) and Joey (or is it Kevin?) Blount, who cannot only take great photos but who can also make me laugh my head off.

Another ACE goes to E.J. Harris, who was recognized by the ONPA with second place in sports photography, but who also deserves an award for his often witty and sometimes misunderstood columns.

And finally I would like to thank Rich Bergeman, advisor extraordinaire, who has put up with my mood swings and hyperactivity in spite of his heavy workload. I would like to be able to give him a vacation, but I need his expert advice on layout for another four newspapers, so he'll have to settle for this ACE instead. :)

—Schellene Pils



IN HARM'S WAY

commentary

Don't tread on me with your morality

by Brock Jacks
of The Commuter

Don't vomit folks, it's not another Columbine article.

Well, okay, so maybe it's related, but I'm going to take a tangent.

With all the fuss and endless debate over the events at Littleton I've been seeing on TV and elsewhere, I've noticed one subject that keeps coming up.

Morality.

Apparently this plays a large role in our society. Now, evidently, having morals keeps our crime rate low, our population happy and our environment clean, among other things.

It really appears to be a great thing. I mean, who wouldn't want all of these wonderful benefits to our society? It could make the world a much better place!

Now here's the catch: morals are intangible. You can't see, hear, smell or touch them. Some people have them and some people don't. The latter are often ridiculed as hedonist, heathens and immorals (not to be confused with immortals).

These morals let you know when and what to do or not do via an ethereal organ called a conscience. Pangs of worry, doubt, sorrow and other things are generated by this conscience whenever you do something it deems wrong.

Another way to get morals is to learn them. Now, I'm not sure if this is to exercise the conscience or if an

actual transfusion of morality occurs during this process, but whatever the result, it allegedly makes for better people.

There's another technicality, too. Morals are different in different segments of the population and even in different people. Everyone has his or her own standard by which they judge everyone else's morality. Some morals are more tolerant of other morals, but some are very exclusive.

Depending on the morals a person has, he or she will take different stances on abortion, gun control, violence in movies, drug use and even music lyrics. So there is no global standard for morals that everyone adheres to; each person or group of people has their own.

Yet with all this diversity of morals, many groups feel they must impose them on the rest of the population that isn't so well organized. They feel that their morals are the only correct ones and that deep down inside everyone else knows this.

This often causes problems with others who want to teach their children their own morality. They feel that institutionalizing of morals will threaten their position as parents.

I have to say that I agree. Making a standard moral code, for schools or anywhere else, just cannot work. We can barely discern what morals are, much less regulate and enforce them! Do we really need one more bureaucracy in our public schools or even in our daily lives?

Let's keep morals where they belong, in our hearts.



EXPRESS YOURSELF

Readers are encouraged to use The Commuter's "Opinion" pages to express their views on campus, community and national issues.

Submissions may be in the form of letters to the editor or, for topics that require deeper analysis, guest columns. Letters should be no more than 250 words and will be edited for grammar and spelling. In order to confirm the authorship of letters, they must be signed, with phone number and address included (phone numbers and addresses will not be published).

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Adam 99

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HMMM...

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OH, NO! HE'S STUCK IN ANOTHER ANNOYING RANT...

I OUGHT TO WRITE TO THE MAKERS AND ASK THEM TO CHANGE THE RECIPE, OR BLAH BLAH BLAH BLAH... GOTTA DO SOMETHING!

I SEE LONDON, I SEE FRANCE, I SEE SOMEONE'S UNDERPANTS!

YA KNOW EMILY, YOU COULD BE A BIT MORE DISCRETE, BUT I AGREE THIS "SHOWING UNDERWEAR" FAD HAS GONE ON FOR TOO LONG...

I MEAN, WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH PANTS IN TEN SIZES TOO LARGE?

The Einsteins by Matt Tedisch

BOARD

L.B.C.C. Fund

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Dude, we should help too!

Cool.

Could you see that Kate Moss and Fiona Apple get this?

ACROSS

- Idaho's capital
- Whittle
- Burden
- Packing a rod
- Toe the line
- Strike an attitude
- Author of "Ulysses"
- Daredevil
- Knive!
- Boxing great
- Too
- Entanglement
- Pathogen
- Delta deposits
- Ward off
- Pavarotti or Caruso, e.g.
- London lav.
- Deserts
- Poll figure
- Weakest
- Dead body
- Says
- Antipersonnel device
- Beast of burden
- Stogy or cheroot
- a hand (helps out)
- Litigators
- Ice mass
- Aggregation
- Facility
- Welfare hotel abbr.
- Subway route
- Seeks accord
- Frosted
- Writer Quindlen
- Crucifix
- Military installation
- Answering-machine signal
- Jewish gossip

DOWN

- Lower California
- Roberts U.
- Green card holders
- Get it?
- Begley and Meese
- Pocket billiards
- Yawning gulfs
- Mint again
- Needle hole
- Removes the cover
- Stellar blast
- Computer hacker
- Find a buyer
- Tight spot
- Bestrife
- Els or Kovacs
- US vs. Europe golf event
- Navigational system
- New Guinea
- Touches against
- Explosive letters
- Barry of "My Three Sons"
- Upright
- Fairy-tale monsters
- Actor Davis
- Gentler
- Pullman, e.g.
- Pasta dish
- Graham or Lorne
- Soft leather
- Wager
- Silver-tongued
- Costa
- Singles
- Cleansing agent
- Remainder
- Thessaly peak
- Collar
- Haughtily aloof
- Exist

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E IS FOR EGO... excuse me... There is not enough ME in the monitors, in the house, on the CD, and on the promotional posters...

F IS FOR FREEWAYS... Now entering UTAH

G IS FOR GAS... (see 'G' again) ... BOTH KINDS...

H IS FOR HANGOVER... Whose vomit is this?

I IS FOR INSOMNIA... Crashing on various living room floors

J IS FOR THE EVER ELUSIVE JACKALOPE... I HATE YOU! You suck!

K IS FOR KINSHIP... Buddy! Pal o' mine!! LET'S HAVE SEX... OR KILLING depending on what day it is...

L IS FOR LOS ANGELES... I know we aren't paying you guys anything after driving 500 miles down here in a van that you had to rent... But the local headlining band that we're paying \$700 & whose lead singer is more than an hour late would like to borrow your equipment... okay?

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