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Campus Security steps up surveillance at brakes on parking lot crime spree

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equipment such as car stereos. There have been similiar thefts at the Supra Corporation and in the Belmont area.

Smaller foreign cars seem to be the target. Cook guessed that this is because the locking mechanisms on the doors of such cars are not as strong, the doors weigh less, and there is a higher frequency of expensive items to be stolen.

Most of the thefts seem to be concentrated in the outer to middle portions of the east parking lot.

"I think it's coming from off campus," Cook speculated.

Although all of the thefts have been reported to the police, most have drawn no response.

Cook went on to explain that police resources are usually too limited to respond to car break-ins. The crime is too commonplace and "there's not much they can do."

Two years ago, a similiar rash of thefts occurred here on campus during winter term. Although not nearly as severe,

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The Book Bin, located at 2305 N.W. Monroe St. in Corvallis, will buy back books anytime, but the best time to sell books is during finals week.

The finals week buy back is held from Nov. 30-Dec. 8. Students can expect to get approximately 50 percent of the new book price or the wholesale price from their books.



Checking out the Bookstore



Photos by Bill Jones

Children from the Family Resource Center's child care program tour the LBCC Bookstore as part of Children's Book Week recently.

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gram, expects hundreds of students will be able to work on the new training module in its 10-12 year lifetime.

In the past, students learned about the brake systems on trucks through classroom lectures, films and diagrams, but this new training equipment allows the students to get hands-on experience building, troubleshooting and repairing truck brakes, Hennich said.

Not only do students get to work with the real equipment now, but it can also be set up in different ways to duplicate new brake designs, as well as brake designs for other types of vehicles, such as buses, which employ different braking systems than tractor-trailers.

The real-life scenarios that the training module can duplicate are practically limitless, as Hennich explained. "The other day we had it set up like a truck from the 1950s. Then I told [the students] that one of the valves was broken, and the only available replacement part was from a 1995 system, so they had to redesign the entire system to install the new valve."

With the new designs and computer-aided diagnostic systems on virtually all cars and trucks built now, demand for qualified mechanics is higher than ever, he said.

The new training equipment will help LBCC auto/diesel graduates be competitive in the field for many years to come.

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Campus crime report paints rosy, but incomplete, picture

The numbers may not tell the whole story because of complex policies in reporting incidents

by The Commuter Staff

LBCC's annual Campus Safety Report released earlier this term indicates that only three major crimes occurred on campus in 1995—two assaults and one burglary.

However, students perusing the official report could get a confusing and perhaps unrealistic picture of crime on campus.

The federal Campus Security Act of 1990 requires that certain crimes—homicide, rape, robbery, assault, burglary and motor vehicle theft—be published in an official annual report. In addition, liquor, drug and weapons violations are required to be listed, but only if and when an arrest is made. LBCC's annual report lists crime reports in two categories—six serious offenses under "Part One Crimes," and 12 lesser offenses listed under "Part Two Incidents."

The serious crimes listed in the report are homicide (0), rape (0), robbery (0), assault (2), burglary (1) and motor vehicle theft (0). The "incidents" listed under Part Two are liquor violations (0), drug abuse violations (0), weapons possession (0), alcohol incidents (1), drug incidents (4), weapons incidents (0), theft (41), criminal mischief (50), disruptive behavior (15), trespass (3), menacing (6), and arson (2).

According to Mick Cook, security and safety services manager, even if a claim of rape or assault or any one of the other "Part One Crimes" is reported to campus security, it will not be included in the federal report unless an arrest is made.

This policy seems to contradict the pamphlet prepared by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, Inc., which defines what must be reported by the act. It states "a crime is reported when a campus security officer investigating an incident determines that a crime has occurred . . ." It doesn't mandate that an arrest must be made for the crime to be included in the

federal report.

This means that if police or security officers do not make an arrest on a Part One Crime, then the security office will leave the incident out of the report.

An example of the confusion created by the act's requirements for reporting a crime is demonstrated by an incident logged by a security officer who discovered two individuals injecting drugs in the parking lot. The activity is not recorded under "drug abuse violations" because an arrest wasn't made. Other incidents involving drug use were recorded in the log book by security officers but they weren't required to be listed in the official annual report.

Cook emphasized that his department has included the Part Two Incidents section in the report in an attempt to be more comprehensive, even though the federal law does not require most of them to be listed.

But the Part Two Incidents can also be confusing to those unfamiliar with how the report is put together.

For instance, "drug abuse violations" and "drug incidents" are both listed, but there is no distinction made between what constitutes each activity in the report. Under "drug incidents" there are four listings. Under "drug abuse violations" there are zero.

Cook said that activities that do not result in arrest are listed under similar categories.

For example, a weapons possession could and has been counted as a weapons incident. However, even though no weapons incidents or weapons possessions are listed for 1995, security officers did report some cases of weapons possession on campus.

One security officer who asked that his name be withheld said another discrepancy in the report is that it states the department has four full-time public safety officers, two part-time officers, two on-call officers and one manager.

"There has never been four full-time officers," the officer said. "There are only two full-time officers and two part-time officers, and only one is on duty during each eight-hour shift."

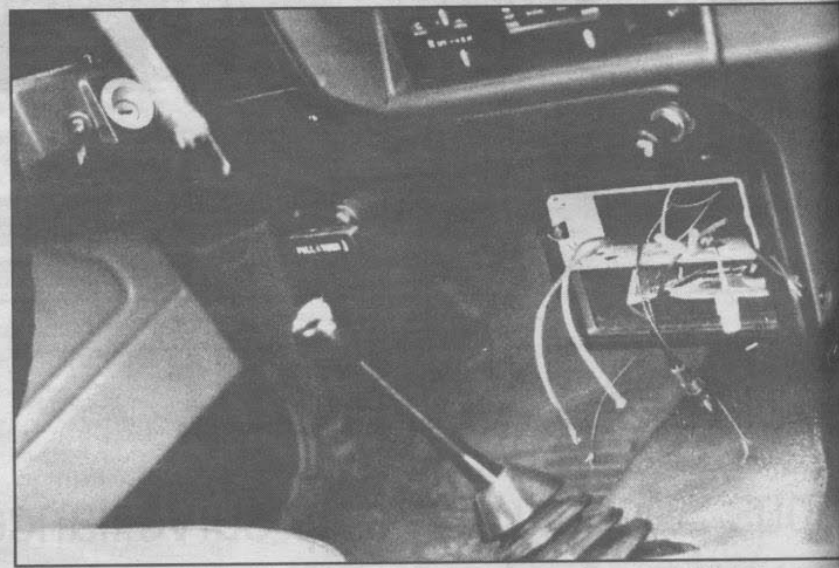


Photo by Josh

what students think

Students have strong emotions toward recent car burglaries in parking lots

by Josh Burk
of The Commuter

So far this year there have been 15 reported vehicle break-ins at LBCC, leaving students concerned about parking their unattended cars on campus.

"I'm not sure I should drive to school or not," commented business major Ryan Monroe. "I have a nice stereo and I'm tired of getting it ripped off. I've already had one stereo stolen, and I don't need to lose another. It's not a good feeling to know that somebody has broken into your car and looked through your private things. It's an invasion of privacy."

Brian Beavers, a victim of the recent string of campus car break-ins, said "Everyone that I've talked to has either had their vehicle broken into or knows someone that has. Just two weeks ago my stereo was stolen and about a month ago my roommate's was stolen too."

Despite the headlines over the recent crime spree, some people remain unaware of the problem.

Jason Green, a business major, didn't really know that LBCC has become a hot spot for thieves. "I haven't really heard anything about it. I don't

worry about it much because I have a car alarm and a detachable face stereo."

Matt Cruz, a salesperson at Good Guys stereo store, said the increase in car thefts and break-ins only affects the victims but even more. "The price of stereo equipment and car alarms has risen dramatically," Cruz said. "Some of the people that I know say that their insurance has also increased due to the high risk that stereo equipment has."

Stephanie Teets, a science major who attended OSU for two terms and enrolled at LBCC was that she and her friends had bad experiences with car break-ins at OSU. "I had my CD player out of my car while it was parked on campus at OSU. Now I hear that OSU is having the same problems that OSU has, and it makes me wonder if my car is safe here or not. My car and the car in my car is sacred to me."

Mark Jones, an undecided major, figures that the best way to avoid being ripped off is not to give them the chance to steal anything. "I don't take the bus to school, that way my car remains locked up in my garage. I know it's safe."

Break-ins can be prevented by keeping valuables out of sight

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these thefts also lasted several weeks and claimed approximately \$1,400 worth of losses and damages. Although the culprit was never caught the thefts soon stopped.

"It's hard to pinpoint a term when (thefts) will happen more than twice," said Cook. "Spring and fall seem to have the highest (rate of incidents)."

Although police have a suspect, there is nothing solid to link him to the crimes.

Since Nov. 15, one more theft has occurred, this one in the evening. Although the front turn signal was stolen from the vehicle, Cook doesn't think it was the same thief because the crime didn't fit the pattern and the car wasn't broken into. Instead, he feels it was

probably someone trying to get parts for their car. "It's a quick, easy way to replace parts," he said.

The thefts have been occurring between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Cook believes that the thieves have been committing these crimes during the day because they are more apt to find what they want during the day. "They are quick in and quick out."

If a car is broken into, Cook advises the victim to contact security immediately.

"Report it to us, report it to the police," Cook said. "The police dispatchers will want to talk to the victim."

Students and faculty are warned to look for vehicles cruising the parking lot, passing parking spots, and obviously looking for something.

Also, students should watch for people carrying un-

usual things, such as electronic equipment, going from car to car and looking around, and pulling hard on doors or breaking windows.

If someone observes such an activity, they are advised to contact security immediately by confronting the culprits. "I wouldn't confront one, even if it's your own vehicle," Cook said. "Get a license plate number or a description of the car. The best defense is to keep valuables hidden or take them with you."

"Lock your vehicles," Cook added. "Take your own worst enemies. Take responsibility for your car. Keep valuables out of sight. There's something people are after in these cars. If they do, they'll move on."

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CAMPUS NEWS

Learning Center computers latest to be linked to Internet

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Internet connections are slowly increasing on campus. Technicians continue to hook up more and more computers, according to Jim Crotts, support technician.

There are now 31 more terminals being used, two in the library which are available to everyone and 29 in the Learning Center, which are available for use by students who are taking classes that use the Internet. The library will install two more terminals.

The T-1 phone line has been installed in the last few weeks to help the efficiency rate of information movement on the Internet and LBCC.

Recently, Crotts said, it's a matter of receiving a leased line modem to run the phone line. This was expected for earlier, so that part of the process is completed. The next step is for U. S. West to "throw the switch." This should happen by winter term.

At this time, there are 250 accounts available and plans to have 1000 users by spring term. This means different LBCC departments will have access. The library will begin installation with the business school in the Forum labs, and will intersperse other departments and individual faculty members.

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—Jim Crotts

The order of linkage is determined by usage. Classes that will incorporate and teach Internet use, such as the science tech programs, metalurgy and electronics, as part of the learning process have priority.

Instructors who require Internet use as part of their courses will give Crotts a list of students so that accounts can be issued to them.

Students will also be able to request an issue for an account and will receive a password to protect their files. This will be especially important because the students will also have access to E-mail for around-the-world messaging.

The benefits to students are enormous, from greater access to information for term papers to finding a summer job. Crotts said recently a student who was planning to transfer used Internet to learn about the college and program offered in his field in South Carolina. "New uses for the Internet are being discovered all the time."

Students will find the system easy to use. In addition

to an older retrieval system called Gopher, the W.E.B. system is also available. This means information can be accessed through graphical interface. For those who are not computer friendly, this means pictures can be used versus just words to help find information.

Crotts said the W.E.B. is part of a suite of program software that should provide all the services LBCC needs. These programs work with all personal computers.

In addition to the W.E.B. and Gopher programs are Telnet, which allows logging on to the another computer connected to the Internet, and FTP, which transfers files from one computer to another.

Another aspect of making the Internet easier to use is being addressed. Crotts is now working with Brian Irwin, a journalism graduate, who volunteered to write an instruction manual to help students. At this point students must rely on books, classes, lab instructors or reference librarians for instruction on the system.

There are some restrictions on Internet usage, however. Printing is limited due to the amount of resources in time and paper that would be demanded. Downloading to disks is encouraged.

As Crotts said, "We want everyone to know about the changes because ultimately they are for the students."

Bob takes over new wellness coordinator for LBCC staff

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Gibbs joined the LBCC staff as the new coordinator for the Wellness Program that was started last year by Dave Bakley who resigned last year.

Coming to LBCC, Gibbs coordinated drug and alcohol prevention programs at 300 colleges and universities nationwide.

Plans to continue the program as Bakley did, with a few changes to the program to a higher level.

"Fat, & Fun" and "Less Tobacco" are two new programs. Both are part of the Fit & Fun program established by Bakley, which meets every Tuesday at noon.

The Wellness Program is a program which provides opportunities for good health with newsletters, assessments, resource literature and other programs related to health.

The program has two committees: Seaside Wellness Committee and Wellness

Committee. The Seaside Committee consists of 15 members who attend the Seaside Wellness Committee. Developing wellness plans, health screenings, wellness basket (basket for new staff members), wellness messages and fund raising are some of their tasks.

The Wellness Committee represents the staff and coordinates all wellness activities.

The program is going so well that it receives a kickback (money) from the Cross and Blue Shield.

Bob's Wellness Program is considered one of the best in the state," Bob said proudly.

Events were The Great American Out on Nov. 16 and a brown bag on Nov. 17 entitled "Living Well" by Ann Marchant.



Photo by Hava Terry

The Snow is Finally Here

The Cascade passes finally received some snow over the Thanksgiving Holiday but it wasn't enough to open the slopes for anxious skiers, as shown by this view taken along the trail to Cone Peak.

Academic Affairs Council considers adding student reps

by Mary Hake
for The Commuter

The Academic Affairs Council expected to discuss the Associated Student Government request for two student members to be added to the council when they met on Nov. 21. Because of the full agenda, the ASG asked that the matter be postponed until the next AAC meeting on Jan. 16, 1996.

ASLBC Moderator Angela Rivera and Representative Mark Frederick originally presented this request at the council's Oct. 24 meeting after getting input from the student council and other students involved with school affairs.

According to the LBCC Administrative Rules, the purpose of the council is to recommend policies governing education standards, curricula, and academic regulations to the college president. In the discussion at the Nov. 7 AAC meeting regarding student membership, the council asked the students to rewrite their proposal and to be specific about the selection process for student members.

Because the Academic Affairs Council's actions affect which courses students must take to meet degree requirements, they

said it should have direct student representation on this body, which is made up of about 35 faculty and administrative staff.

Student government leaders originally wanted two student voting members on the AAC, said Frederick. After further consideration the ASG has proposed one voting and one non-voting seat to be filled by elected representatives of the ASLBC.

The student members of the AAC will include the moderator as the voting member and another representative from the student council—someone who is dedicated and cares about LBCC, said Frederick.

He said he understands the council's position on this issue. "They want to make sure we are serious about this," he said, explaining that the AAC would not want to take valuable time catching up students on what is going on.

The council should vote on this proposal at its Jan. 16 meeting at 3 p.m. in the Alsea/Calapooia Room. Co-chair Patsy Chester said she expects the proposal to be approved. The AAC then makes a recommendation to President Jon Carnahan, who will make the final decision. If it is accepted, the new members should be in place by the Jan. 30 meeting.

CAMPUS NEWS

Instructor says real estate represents 'true free enterprise'

by Betty Hodges
of The Commuter

Col. Kenneth Edwards' 27-year military career took him to Korea, Italy, France, Vietnam, Germany and Italy, and from Long Beach, Calif. to Washington D.C. However, when he got ready to retire he chose Corvallis, Ore., and a new career.

Edwards, who finished his Air Force career with four years as the commander of the U.S. Air Force ROTC at Oregon State University, chose real estate as a new career because he was looking for something without bureaucracy. "The real estate business is true free enterprise. The amount of money you make depends on how successful you are working with people in real estate transactions," said Edwards.

After selling for a few years, Edwards' love for teaching and writing made its way into his new career.

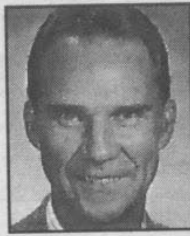
Edwards teaches Oregon real estate licensing classes through LBCC's Albany Extended Learning and Evening Services Center. The three-course sequence includes Real Estate Practices in the fall, Real Estate Law winter term and Real Estate Finance in the spring. The courses, which can be taken in any sequence, prepare a person to take the state license test which is required for real estate sales people in Oregon.

Job outlook is good, said Edwards. Licensed agents can easily find a broker with whom to affiliate. It may not be their first choice, but because the turnover rate among real estate sales people is high, agents who are dedicated to selling eventually find a broker they are compatible with.

Personal compatibility with a broker is a critical factor for real estate agents. Two other keys to being successful are the ability to be a self-starter and the ability to keep motivated. Unfortunately, 10 percent of the agents do 90 percent of the business, he said.

The median income for real estate agents is about \$22,500 annually.

The real estate courses are offered either Wednesday evenings or Saturday mornings and are geared for people employed in other careers. Edwards believes the courses would be beneficial for LBCC students even



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—Kenneth Edwards

if real estate is not their career goal.

He uses his book "Your Successful Real Estate Career" as the textbook for the classes. Written to be relevant to individuals who are thinking about becoming a real estate salesperson, it starts with the basics and advances to topics such as getting started and becoming successful. It includes some benefits of being a real estate salesperson such as an independent lifestyle and being your own boss, but also includes the drawbacks such as earning slumps and tough competition.

Thirty to 40 percent of the people who take Edwards' class are consumers interested in knowing more about buying or selling their own homes or investing in real estate.

Edwards is the author of two other real estate books, "The Homebuyer's Survival Guide" and "The Homeseller's Survival Guide." Both of the survival guides were selections of the Money Book Club, a subsidiary of the Book of the Month Club.

In "The Homebuyer's Survival Guide," Edwards compares the process of buying a home to that of crossing a mine field. "Clearly visible on the other side is a forested path leading to an incredibly quaint little cottage, complete with white picket fence, babbling brook and smoke curling from the brick chimney. On the front door is the deed to the home with your name on it, along with a mortgage, of course. Your challenge is to get there alive and in one piece to claim your dream," writes Edwards.

In a list of "Your Lucky Thirteen Home Buying Survival Strategies" Edwards warns the buyer to "not fall in love" with a house and, if you do, "don't show it."

"Hide your hot buttons"—don't let the seller what "turns you on" is another warning.

This enjoyable, fast-paced book is full of tips based on the author's experience as a real agent.

The "Homeseller's Survival Guide" is written same style and includes a list of "Your Lucky Home Selling Survival Strategies."

You must cut your emotional ties with your home you are going to be realistic, advises Edwards. yourself as much lead time as possible to prepare plan, and keep good records. Always observe the maxim—"If it is not fair for everyone in the transaction it is not fair for anyone."

This last strategy is important to Edwards. "I have a very high ethical standard because in the long run it is good business. You don't have to be smart if you are honest, you don't have to remember what you said."

"Ask Dr. Real Estate," is a career advice column Edwards writes for state realtor publications in Oregon. He also writes a monthly column for the Democrat Herald and book and video reviews magazine "The Real Estate Professional."

An associate of arts in journalism from Multnomah Community College was Edwards' first academic degree. Through the years he added a bachelor's in sociology from the University of Oregon, a master's degree in public administration from George Washington University, Washington D.C. and a doctorate in education from University of California, Berkeley in 1971.

Edwards affectionately calls this last college the University of California at Berserkly."

"I was the commander in charge of the ROTC from 1966 to 1970—the turbulent years."

Feb. 6, 1996, Edwards will teach a home buying seminar focusing on all the basics of buying a home, how much you can afford, applying for a loan, evaluating properties, and the challenges and benefits of home ownership. For more information about the seminar or the real estate classes, call the LBCC Albany Extended Learning and Evening Services Center, 917-484-

commentary

Great American Smokeout campaign needs to lighten up

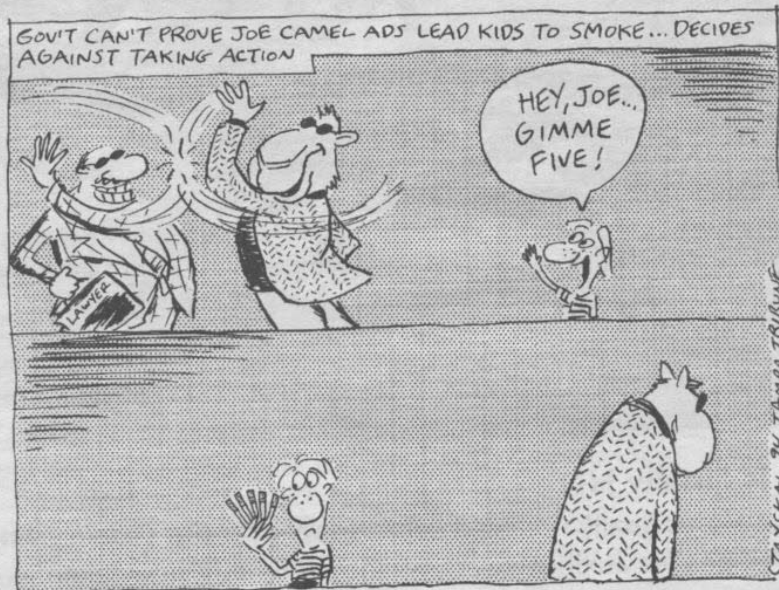
by Jacob Schmid
of The Commuter

The Thursday before Thanksgiving was the Great American Smokeout—a recently devised holiday encouraging smokers to give up the addictive habit, at least for a day.

Posters deglamourizing smoking were put up across campus to remind smokers of the horrible risks associated with cigarette use and to scare them into quitting. One showed a woman covered in tar with the slogan "Would you still smoke if it did to your outside what it does to your inside?" Another depicted a pretty lady blowing smoke, with the message "Get your butt out of my face!"

As an admitted cigarette smoker, I can attest to the addictive power of nicotine, and I can't argue the dangers of smoking. Studies have shown conclusively that cigarettes are bad for you—they cause lung cancer, heart disease, emphysema and probably premature hearing loss, for all we know. The Surgeon General's warning label on a pack of cigarettes might as well say "If you smoke, you're a complete moron" next to a Mister Yuck sticker.

We all know the risks of smoking, but still, people continue to smoke, even on the day of the Great American Smokeout. Not one smoker I accosted claimed to participate in the Smokeout, although several felt it was a good cause and many found it personally offensive. The only smokers I talked to who did quit did so the week before because they were too sick to



smoke.

On the morning of the Smokeout, I didn't smoke until almost noon, which was my way of saying "Screw the Great American Smokeout!" When I lit up after lunch as usual, I was reminded of Mark Twain's famous quote, "It's easy to quit smoking. I've done it hundreds of times!"

Why did I fail? No one else I talked to seemed to be taking the Smokeout seriously except non-smokers and those who thought the idea was to smoke more during the holiday.

It's always easy to justify one more cigarette. After a few hours without one, I had decided that the Great American Smokeout was a racist, prejudiced, horrible day where people are encouraged to deliberately ridicule smokers and provoke them to murder.

After a few puffs I realized that, OK,

the wrong approach to getting people to quit. Treating smokers as social outcasts and using bad puns to encourage them to feel bad about themselves for smoking just drives many would-be quitters to smoke more.

Many smokers smoke to be rebellious or to feel like they're taking an exciting risk. I suppose that's the reason I started. Other smokers smoke because it's an emotional crutch that helps them relax. Yes, I admit to using cigarettes for that purpose, too. So what we have is a case where smokers are using cigarettes to get attention and cause reaction. The Great American Smokeout gives us naughty smokers that attention, which is just what makes us smoke in the first place.

Really, I think a lot of smokers enjoy the Great American Smokeout as a day to have an excuse to be moody. It's a big

game in which smokers get the negative attention they crave, either trying to quit and revealing their weakness within or for rebelliously continuing to smoke, while nonsmokers get a feel good about themselves for attempting to help the poor smokers.

While this solution is very popular, it doesn't seem to be very effective. The poster scare tactics and "You better quit or else" routine just don't motivate people to cooperate and quit. Supportive smokers need to convince the smokers to give up the nasty habit, not big descending lectures about how bad they are. Most importantly, they need to hear from those who have quit how they did it and why.

It has been said that cigarette is the perfect product for a capitalist society because the consumer is always coming back. Our country, after all, was built around tobacco plantations and it seems unlikely that even if we will ever quit smoking completely, we really want to cut down the population of smokers, though, the solution to do is to realize their motivation for smoking and give real alternatives.

I do support the goal of the Great American Smokeout, which is to get people to quit and keep others from starting. I just can't help but point out that the methods of getting people to quit could use some refinement. We're going to be a healthy country if we need a healthy attitude to solve our problems, not negative propaganda that just aggravates the condition.

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Photo by David Johnson

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 graphy student David Johnson attempts to capture the
 ever feeling prevalent among Willamete Valley residents as
 clouds of winter settle in for the season. The picture was
 part of a metaphorical self portrait.

High school students to visit campus for Youth Job Fair

Annual event moved to Dec. 11 to avoid campus disruptions

by Carlye Haima
 of The Commuter

LBCC will be hosting its annual Youth Job Fair on Dec. 11 in the Activity Center.

There will be 1800 high school seniors from Linn and Benton counties coming to learn how to be interviewed and apply for jobs.

"This year's job fair has been changed dramatically," said Marlene Propst, Director of Career and Entry Center Services and LBCC's representative at the fair.

The Job Fair is normally held in April but since LB students were attending class at that time, there was disruption and confusion. LB students will be dismissed for winter break on December 8, giving the high school visitors a chance to tour the campus while at the fair.

Student will be allowed one hour to complete two interviews and the remain-

ing two hours will be reserved for the workshops and tours.

There will be LBCC program tours from 9 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.. Planned programs include: technology in action, computer-assisted drafting demonstration, heavy equipment/diesel lab, automotive technology lab, surfing the Internet, creative writing, math contest, and a refrigeration, heating and air conditioning program.

Thirty-two workshops will be available from 9 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. on subjects varying from application tips to sexual harassment on the job.

Certificate of Advanced Mastery (CAM) panels will be open from 9 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. There, students will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from business, industry and education to discover labor trends and career information related to CAM endorsement areas. Panels attending this year's fair will be: arts/communications, business/management, health services, human resources, industrial/engineering and natural resources.

Student recovering from critical injuries suffered in car crash

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business student Michele Leigh Drews returned to Aumsville home last week just in time for Thanksgiving, almost three weeks after an auto accident with multiple fractures requiring several plates in her arms and legs.

Drews was injured in the early morning hours of Nov. 5, while driving to Salem to pick up a 1980 Volvo that was struck head-on, leaving the other vehicle dead at the scene, and 19-year-old Michele in a coma.

According to state police, the accident occurred when an 18-year-old Brooks man, who was not wearing a seat belt at the time, was partially ejected from his car and died at the scene, according to Lt. Bernie

Drews and Lehr's passenger, Michael S. Allison, was transported to Salem Hospital, where Allison underwent surgery for cuts and fractures and released.

Drews remained in the hospital in serious condition, recovering from a concussion. According to her mother, Dawn Drews, Michele remained unconscious for several weeks due to damage to her sixth cranial nerve. Her right arm and lower arm, each broken in multiple places, received surgery the night of the accident. A total of three screws were inserted in her upper arm,

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—Dawn Drews

plus a plate and six screws in her lower arm.

Drews was again admitted to surgery on Nov. 15 because of an ankle that was broken in half, a broken hip and a shattered pelvis. Her fractures required a plate and nine screws.

Because of the car crash and her multiple injuries, Michele, who was a business administration major, will not be able to return to LBCC for the remainder of this school year. But she's looking forward to being back on campus next fall, according to her mother.

Although Drews' parents practically lived at Salem Hospital during the early weeks of Michele's hospitalization, Michele was unable to respond to them. As she finally emerged from unconsciousness, she began speaking, but the words were incoherent, said Mrs. Dawn Drews.

It wasn't until Nov. 17 that Michele became aware of her surroundings, questioned why she was in the hospital and wondered what was happening to her.

Around this same time, she began to remember from one day to the next that her mother, father or grandmother had visited her in the hospital, her mother said.

"She still does not remember the automobile accident."

On Wednesday, Nov. 22, the day before Thanksgiving, Michele's family were able to bring her home to Aumsville. And so it was truly a happy Thanksgiving for Michele and her parents — Tom and Dawn Drews, and her 18-year-old brother, David.

Today Michele, known to her friends as Micki, is home recuperating. Physical therapy began the day after her surgery, and now she can get up, sit in a wheelchair, and talk and understand when others speak.

"She's back to being her 19-year-old self," Dawn Drews said. "She spends a lot of time on the telephone."

In about six months, she is expected to be able to walk with assistance from crutches or a walker and in six months after that, to be able to walk without help, Dawn Drews said. "During her last examination, her back lined up perfectly. So the doctors are expecting that Micki will make a full recovery."

Michele's mother said she thought that alcohol and excessive speed may have been involved in the accident, which is still under investigation.

"We're doing pretty good," said Dawn Drews. "Michele has family who come to visit. And some of her friends call or stop by the house. We're thankful that we have her. And we will take it from there."

Cards and notes can be sent to Michele Drews at P. O. Box 403, Aumsville, Ore 97325.

And Michele would be happy to have her friends call her or visit her at home, which is located on 485 Main St. in Aumsville, near Salem.

Center lists seasonal jobs

Dawn O'Brien
 mmuter

There was a slight increase in the jobs listed for this year for full-time, part-time and seasonal jobs.

Representatives were here last week to take applications for seasonal jobs. Marlene Propst, of the Career Center, said that even though a lot of jobs are just seasonal, they can be converted into permanent jobs.

The Career Center office in Takena Hall also has a list of 100 part and full-time jobs that are available from local employers listed in the books. Plus the Career Center has around 100 jobs that are available on the bulletin board which it posts on the bulletin board from its office.

New public forum airs issues from gay rights to downsizing

by Pete Petryszak
 of The Commuter

Colorado's Amendment II, an anti-gay rights proposal similar to ones proposed in Oregon recently, has been held up in the courts since it was passed in 1992 because it violates the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, a lawyer told a public forum in Corvallis on Nov. 18.

Over 40 people attended the first in a series of five public discussions sponsored by the Mid-Valley Committees of Correspondence. They heard Corvallis lawyer Jean Smith explain the legal controversy surrounding Colorado's Amendment II, passed in 1992 but prohibited from taking effect by the courts.

The Colorado amendment would have prevented homosexuals from qualifying as minorities within that state's Affirmative Action or other anti-discrimination programs.

Smith presented the legal aspects of the case, reviewed the arguments made by each side, and explained the reasoning behind the decision made by the Colorado Su-

preme Court. The major reason why the courts rejected the amendment, Smith said, was that it ran contrary to the clause in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees every citizen the right "... to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Smith explained that the amendment, by disqualifying homosexuals of the right to sue for discrimination, would have prevented those citizens from being able to seek "redress of grievances" in the courts.

Four other Saturday public forums are scheduled to take place at the United Methodist Church at 101 N.W. 23rd St. in Corvallis. The planned discussions are:

Jan. 13, affirmative actions; March 9, "welfare state;" May 11, replacing striking workers; and July 13, downsizing. The time for all discussions is 10 a.m. until noon, but participants are encouraged to "come early to socialize."

More information is available from June Hemmingson of the Mid-Valley Committees of Correspondence at 926-7070.

ART & ENTERTAINMENT

Albany group raises funds to start jazz center in old ho

Hub City Music Association to benefit from sale of posters now available in Heritage Mall

by Dorothy Wilson
of The Commuter

Fund raising efforts are underway for Hub City Music Association, an organization whose mission is to "Preserve and Promote Jazz as an Art Form in Albany."

Eugene artist Ron La Fond, who is a member of Hub City, offered four of his paintings to the organization as part of the fund raising effort.

Reproduced as lithograph posters, the cosmic fantasy images are available until Dec. 31 at the Hub City Music booth near the west entrance of the Heritage Mall.

Also available at the booth are Hub City T-shirts and memberships to the organization.

La Fond, who was born in Salem and raised in Independence, says he is inspired by the natural beauty of the area. Love of nature combined with a vivid imagination, mythological understanding and a unique approach to media (he uses oil, acrylic, airbrush, pencil and chalk) transforms fantasy into surrealistic images reminiscent of the works of Salvador Dali. La Fond says he was inspired by Dali's works while studying art in Santa Cruz, Calif.

Mark Jackson, president of Hub City, said "Funds raised on the Ron La Fond art collection will be used to open our fund raising offices on the second floor of the old St. Francis Hotel."

The organization plans to use previously raised funds to purchase and renovate the 83-year-old St. Francis Hotel in downtown Albany.

The non-profit group wants to turn the old hotel into a jazz mecca, replete with restaurant and night club.

Jackson declined to offer details on H.C.M.A.'s plans, but he did say they plan to hold a press conference sometime in early December at the hotel.

According to the group's newsletter, which has been distributed in Albany since July 1995, Hub City wants to provide students of jazz with the opportunity to interact with working professionals of the art form.



Photo by Dorothy Wilson

Kaci Jackson, daughter of Hub City president Mark Jackson, staffs the booth in the Heritage Mall where art work is on sale to benefit the group's plans to renovate the old St. Francis Hotel, shown at left.

Bebop biggies gather for Philly reunion

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The men in berets called one another "baby" without reservation, hugged, patted one another's paunches and laughed at their gray hair.

That was the jazzy jive exchanged among 175 bebop biggies who gathered outside the former home of tenor saxophonist John Coltrane in North Philadelphia to honor the city's jazz heritage.

"At one time, every band in this country had somebody from Philadelphia: the white bands, the black bands, Duke, Count, Harry James. This city was the center," said drummer Don Gardner, 65, as he stood outside the rowhouse on Saturday in the chilly afternoon.

Some of the Philadelphia-area greats in the crowd included George "Butch" Ballard, who has played with Count Basie and Duke Ellington; Jimmy Oliver, another tenor sax talent; Jewell Cox, who danced with Sammy Davis Jr.'s mother; Johnny Coles, who played with Ellington; and Bill Jolly, Grover Washington Jr.'s musical director.

"Opportunities like this are pretty rare. It's unique

to have all these cats together in one place, and on time for a change," said Walker T. Jason Jr., who came to the gathering with a camera hoping for a shot of his favorites.

The reunion was arranged by Philadelphia Weekly editors who wanted to recreate a classic 1958 Esquire magazine photograph by Art Kane. That picture, called "A Great Day in Harlem," featured 57 musicians, including Count Basie and Dizzy Gillespie.

The weekly newspaper wanted the shot for an upcoming issue about jazz.

"You see it coming back. More and more clubs are getting away from record playing, getting away from that rap stuff," Gardner said. "They're going back to live music, going back to the tradition."

Pianist Kenny Gates, 48, said the get-together was historic.

"It's beautiful, man, beautiful," said Gates, wearing a black turtleneck and a beard. "It's important to bring all these cats together while they're still with us."

Beatles convention draws thousands of avid fans but with no screaming

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP)—Beatles convention organizers didn't need any help luring crowds to the day event this past weekend.

On Saturday, the second day of the New York England Beatles Convention, about 6,000 people came, said convention organizer Charles Rosen. They came from across the region and faraway states like Florida and Virginia.

Rosen attributed the interest in the band to the music and a television documentary which aired last week.

Thousands more were expected to make their way through the Sheraton Hotel by the end of the convention.

"There's undoubtedly this abiding appeal to the myth of the Beatles and this curiosity about people who had anything to do with the Beatles," said Rosen. "It's important to do with the Beatles on a radio show during the 60s in England."

Matthew signed autographs and answered questions from Beatles' fans.

LBCC concert and chamber choirs prepare for 'Holiday Treat'

by Macey Kirk
of The Commuter

Thursday night (Nov. 30) the LBCC concert and chamber choirs will perform a "Holiday Treat" in Takena Theater at 8. Admission is \$3 at the door. There is no reserved seating.

LBCC vocal music instructor Hal Eastburn will conduct the program, which will include a multi-cultural contemporary cantata, and four Austrian Christmas songs.

The chamber choir, which specializes in a capella singing, will sing pieces from Brazil, Africa, The United States, and Europe. Songs include "Jabula Jesu," "Salmo 150," "Louez le Seigneur," "Fife

and Drum," "My Dancing Day" and "Some Peoples Lives," arranged by Eastburn.

On Dec. 3 and 4, Eastburn will direct the 65-member Community Chorale and the Chamber String Ensemble.

These concerts will include portions of "The Messiah" by G. F. Handel.

Soloists include soprano Patricia Feltman, alto Valerie King, tenor Martin Tobias and bass Peter Butler.

The Dec. 3 concert will be at 3 p.m. at the United Presbyterian Church at 330 5th Ave., S.W. in Albany.

The Dec. 4 concert is at 8 p.m. at the First Methodist Church at 1165 N.W. Monroe Ave. in Corvallis.



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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Brosnan's Bond big improvement over other 007s

'Goldeneye' offers explosive action in place of suspense

Ben Cole
The Commuter
James Bond is back. And thank goodness it's not Timothy Dalton in. Pierce Brosnan (TV's "Remington Steele") takes up the mantle of Bond in "Goldeneye," and does a pretty good job for his first time at bat. "Goldeneye" starts out with 007 on a mission to destroy a Russian weapons factory. After setting their bombs, they are discovered and blasts his way out, but 006 (Sean Bean) doesn't make it.

The Russians chase Bond, who just happens to find a motorcycle to ride out to the edge of a cliff, where he jumps off the cliff and lands on the wing of an airplane, gets in the plane, flies off to safety. This is one of the most impressive opening sequences of a Bond film I've ever seen—right up there with the opening sequence of "Dr. No."

The plot goes on and it turns out that 006 didn't die in the explosion betraying Bond and the British government, turns out to be the bad guy of the film. He and his female companion, Onnatop (Izabella Scorupto), are planning to use a Russian satellite, the Goldeneye, to make them have the biggest power outburst in history, and steal a few billion dollars while they're at it.

Onnatop is a very captivating Bond villainess. She likes to kill men by hitting them with her thighs and is sexually excited when she's hitting people. Yep, a real nut case. While Onnatop was a good villain, I thought that 006 was a little boring as a Bond villain. It was cool that

Bond had to go up against another British secret agent, but 006 just didn't have the character of Jaws, Oddjob, Bloefelds, or any of the other villains that were made famous throughout the 33-year history of Bond flicks.

Bond, of course finds a female companion along the way, Natalia (Famke Janssen). This isn't the typical weak, frightened, and vulnerable woman that Bond usually runs into. In fact, she ends up saving Bond at the end of the film. Bond is decidedly politically correct in other ways as well. For example, M, Bond's long time boss, is now a woman (Dame Judi Dench).

Another change to the classic formula (not exactly p.c. though) is the move towards a pure action picture in place of more of a spy thriller. One good thing about this change is that there isn't much chance for people to get bored watching this film. It has one action sequence after another for two hours and ten minutes. The best one is Bond driving a tank through St. Petersburg, chasing the bad guys and destroying a lot of property in the process.

This movie was explosive (pun intended) and I give "Goldeneye" a rating of three and a half stars, or feeling not too shabby. "Goldeneye" is rated PG-13 for explosions, fire and nice, wholesome mayhem. It's playing at Ninth Street Cinemas in Corvallis and at Albany Cinemas.

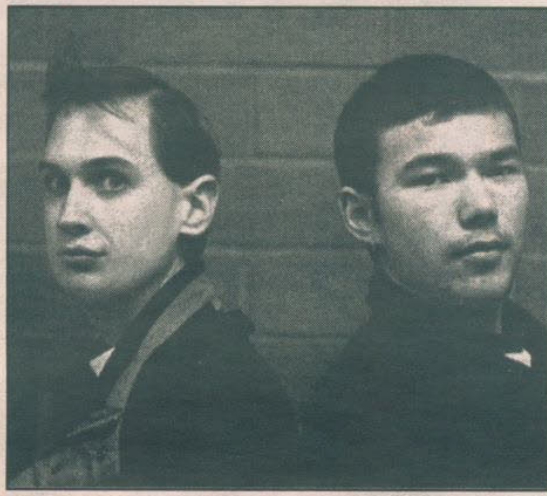


Photo by Josh Burk

Latest Bond flick lacks the intrigue of original versions

by Jeb Hubbs
of The Commuter
It took six years, but director Martin Campbell has managed to follow in the trend of recent James Bond movies and put out a disappointing film.

"Goldeneye" is the 19th installment of Bond films and the 17th for producer Albert R. "Chubby" Broccoli. The movie also marks the debut of Pierce Brosnan, who puts in a good performance as the super spy. Although Brosnan and the movie have their moments, it still falls short of the 007 legacy.

The plot is pretty much cliché Bond. A group of money-hungry crooks are out to rob and take control of the world. Of course, only one man can save the world—Bond, James Bond.

The movie is actually quite entertaining and is a good action movie, but that is not enough. After all, it uses the name Bond. With all the tradition of cutting edge technology and dry British humor, a lot is riding on that name. This latest reincarnation falls short.

Bond villains have always been evil, insane and a little off-the-wall. In this Bond film, 007 is up against an ordinary man. An ex-British agent and a friend of Bond's, 006 (Sean Bean) is out to rob the Bank of England. (The movie states some social problems dating back to childhood and psycho babble for his reasons to rob and murder.) 006 is not very evil and not very sinister. He is a kitty compared to past Bond villains like "Jaws" and "Dr. No." His partner in crime, however, the sexy seductress Agent Onnatop (Izabella Scorupto) does fit the Bond genre of villainess. She is beautiful and kills her victims by seducing them, wrap-

ping her legs around their chest and squeezing the life out of them, while seemingly have an orgasm.

"Goldeneye" also reveals the emergence of a more politically correct 007. One of the characteristics of Bond was his ability to seduce any woman, generally having a sexist attitude. There is a noticeable toning down of this aspect of Bond's character. At one point while being evaluated by a female agent, Bond says, "You see, I have no problem with female authority." Another obvious change is Bond's boss. For 33 years "M" was a man; "Goldeneye" marks the arrival of a female "M" played by Judi Dench. The toning down is in keeping with the times, but in doing so the writers are taking away a part of Bond that made him Bond.

If you are looking for a good action movie go see this film. If you are looking for a good Bond movie, your best bet is the video store.

Finally "Goldeneye" lacked the true feeling of a Bond film—that feeling of espionage and intrigue. The movie is a good action movie, but

no different from any other action film. Take away the name Bond and Stallone could have been cast in the leading role. There was simply too much killing. In the first five minutes alone, 007 guns down lines of men like they were dominoes. Sure, there was killing in old Bond films, but it was done in a witty way. Bond actually used just to use his brain and not his trigger finger.

Although the movie was disappointing in the Bond department, it did have good action sequences and nice special effects. Famke Janssen turns in a captivating performance as Natalia, Bond's latest love interest.

If you are looking for a good action movie go see this film. If you are looking for a good Bond movie, your best bet is the video store.

The movie gets two and a half stars.

'Toy Story' opens as top box office draw in Thanksgiving week

Disney's computer animated film earns \$38 million in five days

ANGELES (AP)—Disney's new computer-animated film "Toy Story" topped the North American box office over the long Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

The tale of feuding toys earned an estimated \$38 million in ticket sales for the five-day period, industry sources said Sunday.

"Toy Story," "Casino" and "Nick of Time" also opened in the Top Ten. "Goldeneye," the latest James Bond thriller, held its own with an estimated \$27.1 million to place No. 2, followed by "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls" with \$19 million.

Box office figures for the Wednesday-through-Sunday period were to be released Monday.

- Here are preliminary estimates of the top-grossing films:
- "Toy Story," \$38 million.
 - "Goldeneye," \$27.1 million.
 - "Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls," \$19 million.
 - "Money Train," \$16.1 million.
 - "Casino," \$14 million.
 - "The American President," \$13.5 million.
 - "Tomb Raider," \$6.7 million.
 - "The Sandlot," \$4.65 million.
 - "Nick of Time," \$4.05 million.
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SPORTS PAGE

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Photo by Jessica Sprenger

Men host season opener tonight

by Mandi LaBreche
of The Commuter

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SPORTS PAGE

Women start season with two victories

Roadrunners open Blue Mountain and Gray's Harbor in season basketball action

By Jessica Sprenger
The Commuter

The Linn-Benton women's basketball team opened their season with two victories at the Clackamas Invitational during the Thanksgiving weekend.

Friday night, the Roadrunners defeated Blue Mountain 63-56. Sophomore guard Kodi Waite paced Linn-Benton with 17 points, 11 from the free throw line. Freshmen Melissa Olson and Ziegler scored 13 and 11, respectively.

Our freshmen acted a lot more expected than the other team's freshmen," Waite said. "Our freshmen did like sophomores. It was kind of like we had a whole returning squad." Olson and Jessica Sprenger each added down 9 rebounds for Linn-Benton. Waite dished out a team high assists and picked up three steals. Knudsen also had three steals in the victory.

Saturday morning, Linn-Benton defeated Gray's Harbor 70-52. Waite and Knudsen led the Roadrunners with 16 points and eight boards apiece, while Sprenger added 13 points. Waite handed out eight assists and grabbed five steals.

Linn-Benton held the Chokers to 19 points and half points.

As a team, I think we did pretty well. We need to hone up our execution," Waite said. "As a new team we kept our turnovers down."

The lady cagers play Thursday, Nov. 30 when they host the Western Baptist varsity at 6 p.m. in the Activities Center.



Photo by Trevor Gleason

Kodi Waite and Melissa Olson go up for a rebound during the lady Roadrunners' preseason scrimmage against LB staff and former players. Waite dished out 17 assists, while Olson grabbed 17 rebounds during the Clackamas Invitational, leading LBCC to two victories. The Lady Roadrunners first home game is Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Activities Center.

Rodeo club looking for an eight-second count

by Allen Lewis
of The Commuter

"It's the broncs and the blood, the dust and the mud...." This is how country music star Garth Brooks describes the rodeo sport.

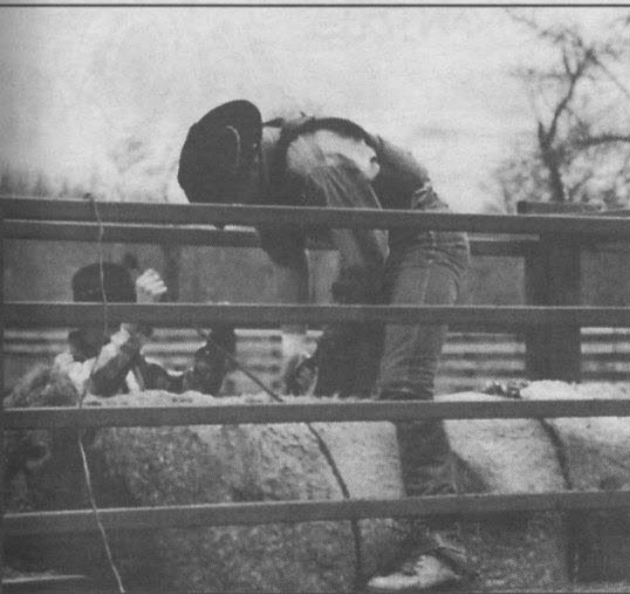
A newly formed LBCC Rodeo Club has been started to allow LBCC students to actively participate in college rodeo, according to M. T. Anderson, president of the club.

The Rodeo Club currently consists of bareback (horse) and bull riders along with barrel racers. Team roping and bulldogging may be added. The club holds practice sessions in which skills and technique are improved at local area ranches.

The club is in the process of joining the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, which has 15 member schools in the Northwest. Each school puts on a rodeo every two years.

Anderson estimates travel expenses at \$3,300-4,000 for the year, plus the entry fees, which are \$25-\$35. Due to the expense, the Rodeo Club is looking for sponsors to help fund four people traveling to the rodeos in return for advertising.

"The Rodeo Club gives people a chance to experience rodeo," said Anderson. The club meets every other Wednesday at noon in the Science-Technology building and welcomes anyone interested in rodeo sports.



Linn-Benton Rodeo club president M.T. Anderson adjusts bull rope before trying for eight at a recent practice. Anderson and other LBCC students recently started a rodeo club.

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Results

Linn-Benton 63, Blue Mountain 56
Blue Mountain (56): Ehlers 3-7 0-0 6, McLeod 3-7 0-0 6, Eckman 2-10 0-4, Howard 1-5 8-12, 10, Osburn 6-14 0-1 2, Nelson 1-1 0-0 2, Merriman 0-5 0-0 0, Nash 2-4 5-6 9, Hathaway 2-4 0-0 4, Bannister 1-3 3-4 5. Totals: 21-60 16-23 56.

Linn-Benton (63): Waite 3-9 11-14 17, Sprenger 2-8 0-0 4, MacLean 3-6 2-2 8, Knudsen 2-6 2-2 6, Olson 6-16 1-5 13, Hein, Blem 0-0 0-1 0, Eckert 1-10 0-0 2, Ziegler 5-10 1-3 11, Barclay 1-1 0-0 2. Totals: 23-66 17-27 63.

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Linn-Benton 70, Gray's Harbor 52
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Halftime—LB 37, GH 33. 3-Point goals—LB 1-4 (Waite 1-3, Barclay 0-1), GH 2-5 (Reynvaan 0-1, Majeski 1-3, Viall 1-1). Rebounds—LB 32 (Waite 8, Olson 8), GH 27 (Bliss 6). Total fouls—LB 18, GH 16. Fouled out—LB, Sprenger. Assists—LB 23 (Waite 8), GH 8 (Majeski 6). Turnovers—LB 19, GH 18. Blocked shots—LB 0, GH 2 (Hayes, Viall). Steals—LB 9 (Waite 5), GH 14 (Majeski 5).

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- Wednesday, Nov. 29**
Men's basketball
Willamette JV, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 30**
Women's basketball
Western Baptist JV, 6 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 1**
Men's basketball
at Northwest Christian, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 2**
Volleyball
Sophomore all-star at Clackamas
Men's basketball
at Lower Columbia, TBA.
- Monday, Dec. 4**
Women's basketball
Willamette JV, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 6**
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Linfield JV, 6 p.m.
Men's basketball
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Letters

Mothers would benefit from expanded services from Child Care Center

To the Editor:

To my knowledge, the child care center located here at LBCC accepts only those children who are at least 30-months-old and are toilet trained. This does not make sense to me.

As the young, single mother of one, I struggle, as I'm sure all mothers do, to find acceptable and affordable child care. My son is 16 months old. Many child care facilities do not accept tots at such a young age. The places that do, unfortunately, have outrageously high rates, even with a sliding fee scale.

The price for the care center here is \$700 a term. That means it's about \$400 to \$500 less for a three month period than outside facilities. Knowing this, I feel that my life would be about 60 percent easier if my son could be cared for at LBCC. I would be allowed to bring my son with me to school, attend my classes, then eat lunch with him, while at the same time paying a more affordable price for his care. If time and staff permitted, I might even be able to volunteer in the center which would reduce the fee even further, to \$350 a term. Not only would I be better off financially, I would also feel the pleasure and security of knowing that my one and only was just yards away.

Some of the student staff at the child care center are planning to continue some type of family or child care work after graduating from LBCC or a university. These students would benefit greatly from the experience acquired from working with infants and younger children. Unlike popular belief, infant care does not at first just come naturally for many mothers. I'm confused as to why this type of hands-on education has been placed on the back burner for child care students, as this seems, in fact, to be the case.

My intention in this letter is not to seem ungrateful for the center, as I feel that it is a splendid idea for those eligible to participate. I wish only to respectfully ask the decision-makers of the child care center to reconsider the age requirements of the children that they allow into the program.

Tami Reed, Albany

'Special rights' not so special for gays who face loss of basic rights

To the Editor:

I am misunderstanding the article "Gays and conservatives misunderstood." If you have spent your whole life being told that something is unnatural, it will influence what and how you believe. This is why many people in our area have a conservative viewpoint.

Why is it that the Lon Mabons of our community automatically interpret seeing two women embracing each other with a kiss and a hug as homosexuals that demand to be recognized or as a way to be in your face about what and who they are?

How do these same people interpret a man and a woman embracing in a kiss and a hug? Perhaps puppy love or maybe they just see the reality of two people being attracted to each other. Do you see the discrimination?

What is frightening is the fact that one person, Lon Mabon, finds it necessary to form an organization (O.C.A.) of people and influence their way of thinking to his way of thinking (brainwashing) in order to discriminate against a certain kind of people whose lifestyle he finds personally "unnatural."

Think about this, people! Say a person with Mr. Mabon's attitude and influence found a student's lifestyle personally abnormal, and formed an organization to try to pass laws against students. For instance; because he thinks it's best for students to be in bed by 9 p.m., he would brainwash other people to believe how he believes, and we'd all be voting on whether or not a curfew for college students should be mandated. Remember those "special rights?" They wouldn't seem so special if you were in the position of losing your basic rights, would they?

Kris Brown, Albany

Moderate Republicans left 'Powell-less'

by Pete Petryszak
of The Commuter

Although Colin Powell's flirtation with a run for the Republican presidential nomination was made in the hope that his candidacy might give moderate Republicans a voice in the party, it may have had the opposite effect.

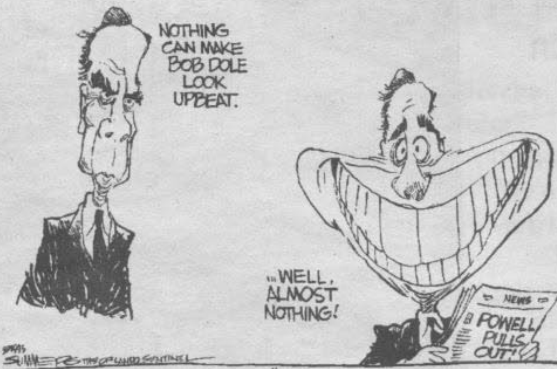
Powell said he had considered running in part to "broaden the tent" of the GOP to give moderate Republicans a voice within a party that is currently dominated by pro-life conservatives.

However, Powell's highly publicized non-candidacy caused the flow of necessary resources to the only other moderate Republican candidates to run dry, thus assuring that the 1996 Republican nominee will be a pro-life conservative opposed to affirmative action and social programs.

Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter, the only remaining pro-choice Republican presidential contender, announced Friday that he was "suspending" his campaign due to lack of money. California Gov. Pete Wilson had to withdraw from the race earlier for the same reason.

What Wilson and Specter had in common was a pro-choice stance on abortion, moderate views on social issues, and campaign funds which ran dry when Colin Powell began speculating that he might run for president.

While it is doubtful that Powell had it in mind to destroy the chances of other moderate Republicans when he began his book tour this summer, it is ironic that his willingness to speak on social issues and his



ultimate decision not to enter the race guaranteed that no one with views similar to his would receive the Republican nomination.

There was some chance that after Powell made it clear that he did not want to be president, money would begin to flow back into Specter's coffers.

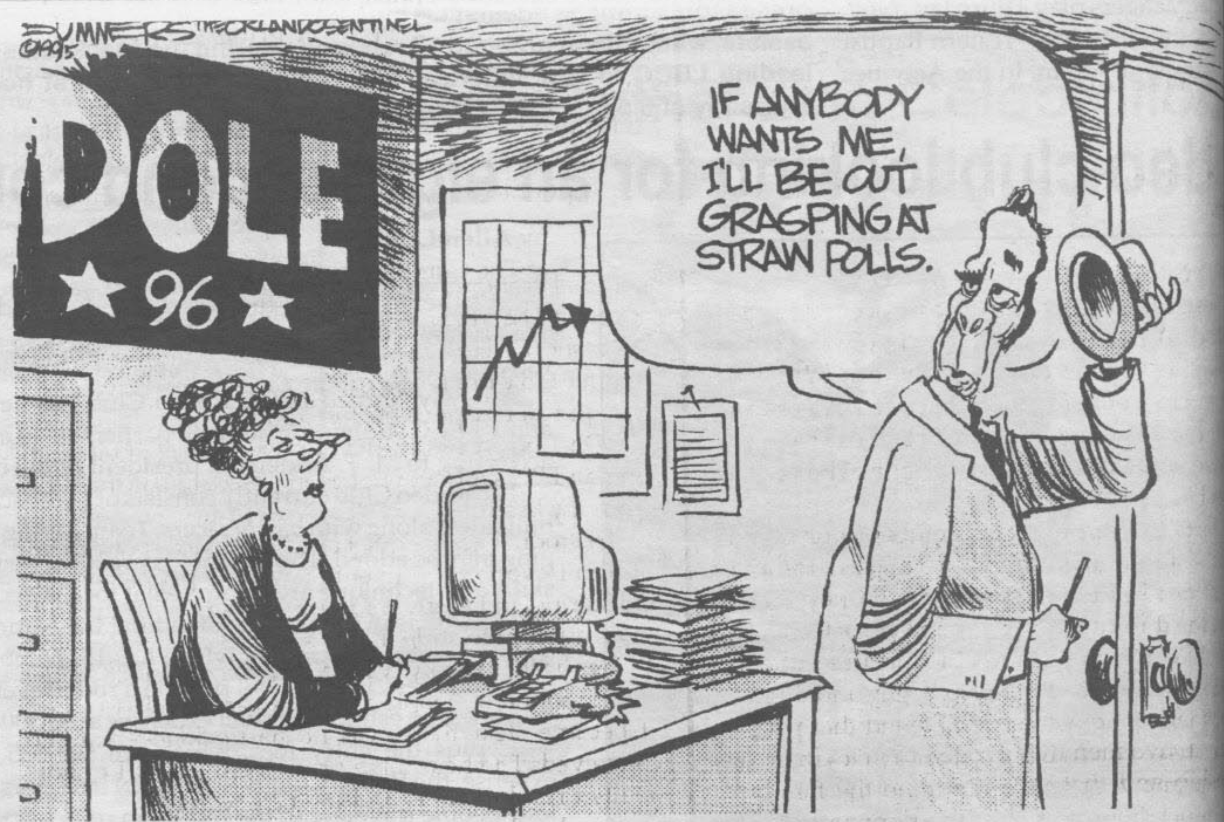
The problem is, if you were ready to pay \$50 for a de-

icious steak grilled to perfection, along with all the drinks and side dishes of which you were inclined to partake, and then suddenly that juicy steak was whisked away and replaced by a plate of pickled herring and tripe, you would probably object and be ready to shell out for a fancy steak dinner.

That was Specter's problem. Colin Powell was the steak, and Specter was the pickled herring. No one gave him much chance of winning the nomination in the first place, and his chances looked even paler after Powell refused to run. Specter has had solid experience in all three branches of government and would probably make an excellent president, but he lacks the charisma of prune juice.

In retrospect, it seems that if Powell wanted to expand the Republican platform to allow a more diverse collection of views within the party, the best thing he could have done was to rule out his candidacy from the beginning and lend his support to one of the moderate candidates like Wilson or Specter.

It is now clear that his public contemplation of becoming a candidate didn't broaden the tent at all, but rather pulled some stakes out of the ground and made it narrower still.



Dole's lead in GOP race becomes more fragile

by Pete Petryszak
of The Commuter

After the debate and straw poll vote in Orlando, the standings of the Republican presidential hopefuls were the same as they were before the debate, although some of the lesser players were virtually eliminated.

As expected, Bob Dole won the straw poll vote, but his margin of victory was not nearly big enough to assure him the nomination. Phil Gramm and Lamar Alexander both are in a position to catch Dole, and Pat Buchanan and Alan Keyes could still give the front-runners a good deal of trouble.

Dole's performance in the debate was anything but presidential. His rambling, half-sentence answers were evidence of his not preparing for the debate at all, being preoccupied with the budget battle in Washington. If Dole continues to run on his record and coasts through the primaries without presenting a vision for the country all his own, he could easily wind up getting beaten, either by Clinton or someone within his own party.

The real race in the primaries will be the one between Gramm and Alexander, as the two try to build enough momentum to catch Dole. Buchanan and Keyes are fighting just to stay in the race, while Pat Buchanan, Lugar and Specter are already flushed.

Both Gramm and Alexander will be fighting to win the loyalty of the more rabid anti-government supporters of Keyes and Buchanan as they leave the race. Buchanan and Keyes running at 9 percent and 10 percent, respectively, there seems to be little chance that one will still be in after the New Hampshire primary.

In the coming week we will see Gramm mount more attacks on Dole and the compromises he has made over the course of his career, and Alexander will be attacking both senators as career politicians uninterested in real change.

My prediction is that if anyone overtakes Dole, it will be Alexander. Gramm is too entrenched in Washington to successfully run as an "outsider," which he is trying desperately to do.

OPINION PAGE

commentary

Gays have replaced
Reds' as the latest
targets of the uninformed

to the Editor:

Do you remember the "Red scares" of the 1950s?

Spurred by the opportunistic paranoia of Sen. Joseph McCarthy, Americans were encouraged to hate Communists and anything connected with Communism. In the hunt for these alleged menaces to the American Way of Life, dispensing with the niceties of due process and decency was not only countenanced, but celebrated. Those who argued that America was robust enough to tolerate without harming the advocates of Communism—that such tolerance was, in fact, the essence of America's strength—were treated as dupes at best and traitors at worst.

It was not until years later that a contrite nation, like members of a mob on the morning after a rampage, began to acknowledge that perhaps we had gone too far with our anti-Communist witch-hunting. Most of us came to realize that there had never been much of a threat from domestic Communism and that many "card-carrying Communists" were actually FBI agents. Some of us say that by serving totalitarian demands to demonize and suppress Communism, we were denying the justice and fair play that we believe makes our country great.

Now it seems we have to go through it all again; but this time it's not Communism that is alleged to pose the threat—this time the arch-enemy is homosexuality. Those who seek to spook us with this latest bogeyman tell us many of the same things about homosexuality that the McCarthy zealots used to say about Communism:

- Homosexuality threatens our way of life.
- Homosexuals seek to control our national agenda.
- Homosexuals are godless agents of the devil.
- Homosexuals are fundamentally different from the rest of us.
- Homosexuals are so evil, they are not entitled to the protections the rest of us enjoy.

These distortions are no more accurate when applied to homosexuals than they were when applied to Communists. On the contrary, it is the suppressing of differences between Americans that threatens our way of life. It is those trying to deprive homosexuals of basic rights who seek to control our political agenda.

Efforts to limit the legal rights of our homosexual sisters and brothers also smack of the anti-Communism of the past. As Rep. Barney Frank, one of the three openly gay members of Congress, said while arguing against the most recent congressional attack on the rights of gay and domestic partners, "Are you so frightened that people will see two men living together in a loving relationship and that will undermine the family?" How much morning-after-the-rampage shame do we experience before we decide to take the Christian/Native American/Jewish/Islamic/Buddhist/Taoist/Hindu message of the unity of all life seriously and act upon it?

"Let he who is without sin among you cast the first stone," said Jesus. This was not, as some seem to think, an invitation to prove that we are so righteous as to qualify for the right to stone others. Kris Kristofferson put it in a country song, "If ever get to heaven, boys, it ain't because we've done nothing wrong."

Let us concentrate on improving ourselves and leave others to determine their own paths. If we do that, we will not be so afraid of those whose lifestyles, personal choices, religions and political philosophies differ from our own. We will know our hearts and minds and therefore will not need to fear that those on different paths will distract or tempt us from our own. Instead, we may learn to embrace and appreciate the diversity we find in the human family.

Peter Bergel, Albany



paul turner

Your mouth can be your own worst enemy

We all do it from time to time. I tend to do it more than those around me, or so it seems. We all find ourselves saying something or making an observation that we wish we had never made. It falls from our lips like a piece of fried chicken from a paper plate at a picnic—a victim of gravity with no means of rescue, unless you drop the tepid KoolAid in your other hand.

Social situations seem to be my stumbling ground. I tend to be a tad uncomfortable in a crowd. For that reason, my mouth is often running without a governor. And everyone knows the things you are trying the hardest not to comment upon are the things that wear a Freudian slip. Recently a get-together at a friend's home included a guest for whom I care little since her sole purpose for existence seems to be to ingest food—then claim to be dieting. Her husband works very hard to support her Breyers and soap opera addiction with tragic co-dependence. He provides the chorus of "you look great, Dears" in the background every time she complains about being a little too heavy. So at this get-together I had the misfortune to run into this creature. After she tried to hug me (which caused me to back into a coffee table in a failed attempt to escape) she wails, "I lost quite a few pounds this summer."

"Oh, did you spend your vacation gambling in England?" I said with not even a trace of consultation from my brain.

The room became quiet and I felt like a spotted owl at a mill-worker's convention. A few people started snickering and many a spouse was elbowing another in an attempt to stifle the noise.

Her brilliant reply was "No, at Cow Creek."

The sound of people at a party came back up when it became clear there was no harm done—that she perceived. The host came up to me to ask if I'm normally that obnoxious or did I have to study.

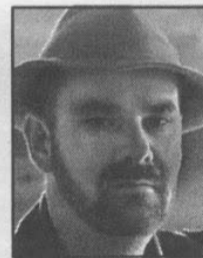
It is the obvious aspects of a person that tend to be regurgitated in poor taste. I have a friend whom I work with who is a tad on the heavy side. She weighs probably twice what she did in high school—and most of that is spread about her chest. She knows she is overweight and revels in it. We work at a movie theater and her main function is to keep the adolescents from acting like adolescents—especially when there are adults in the auditorium.

When an unruly mob of kids comes in, she lumbers into the middle of the group and says, "Better get a large popcorn, kids. I'm gonna be sittin' with you to make sure yer all good—and I'm feelin' a little hungry." Recently, while working behind the snack bar, she was asked "You guys got any Jelly Bellies?" Her response was "Only when I laugh."

It never fails to have the whole auditorium howling when she struts up to a row of kids who are making too much noise to be covered up by the sound track and announces for all to hear, "I think it's time you guys put on your quiet hats or I'm gonna start sending some people to the lobby—and you don't want me to drag you to the lobby!" Her authoritative silhouette, with hands-on-hips and huffed shoulders, is pronounced

against the flickering screen. The kids melt into pools of embarrassed teenagers and the rest of the crowd gets a laugh. She is comfortable with, and often exploits, how she is—most of the time.

When she is not, she will announce at the beginning of the work day, "I'm feeling a tad Shamoo-ish today. No fat jokes." And there are no fat jokes. The ability to lampoon her size when she is feeling swollen with self-esteem removes the subconscious desire to say something stupid when you are not supposed to.



Weight is not the only aspect of a person that can be a target of a misspoken comment. I tend to be very good about not making racial faux pas when speaking with people of color and have been known to go a whole evening without offending my feminist friends. Many years ago a gay friend of mine was occupying half

of a rather neglected duplex. The other half of the duplex was rented to an African American man who had an affinity for gardening. Having never met his neighbor, he was delighted to find him planting brightly blooming flowers in the front of the duplex. He introduced himself, shook the man's hand and said, "It's so nice having some color in the neighborhood."

His new neighbor laughed curtly and vanished into the house—saying very few words to my friend for almost a week. My friend assumed the man must be homophobic and expressed concern. I asked my friend if he introduced himself while in a pink house frock, or something of that nature, which would have even frightened off Richard Simmons.

After a well-placed heel to my shins, he told me what he had said. Upon repeating his words, he realized the context in which they could have been taken—though he meant the color he appreciated was the flowers, he could have been thought of as a tad crass or racist. He immediately went to the man's door and made even more of an ass of himself apologizing for his choice of words. Since then they have become very good friends, though you won't find them gardening together.

Being human means putting one's self at risk when engaging in conversation. There are social land mines in any situation. Be it family get-togethers or political rallies, there is always the potential for conflict. Also, being human, we tend to stow away stuff that we know we could never say, so it comes out in bad ways.

It is very difficult to deal with our prejudices and little hatreds—rather than just being quiet about them. The longer you keep them alive, the more the chance they are going to escape at a very bad time. Fortunately for me, my little demons seem to primarily toward individuals (OK, I immediately have a thing against members of groups of serial killers, pedophiles and any denomination that tells me that Jesus needs my money—otherwise I reserve judgment until after meeting the individual). That way, I generally avoid having a whole group of people out to lynch me.

How's this for a housewarming party?

KENOSHA, Wis. (AP)—One of the first visitors to Frank Escobido's new apartment was the bomb squad.

Escobido, 28, was cleaning his new home at about 10:15 a.m. Saturday and discovered what he believed was a live grenade.

"I thought, at first, it was fake; so I was going to try to pull the pin out," Escobido said. "The pin would not come out. I could pull it out, but the end splits."

Escobido said he turned the dark green grenade around in his hand and saw a U.S. Army label on it and the date November 1968.

"After I saw that, I knew it was real. We just put it inside, and we waited until the cops had come to remove it," he said.

Escobido didn't have a phone yet, so he and his nephew flagged down the first Kenosha police car that drove by.

Officers evacuated the area while a Kenosha County bomb squad unit removed the grenade. Fort McCoy bomb experts detonated the grenade in a sand pit at Alford Park near Carthage College.

Police believe the grenade belonged to a former tenant, said police Lt. Robert Chase.



Not-so wise guys prove no danger to victims

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The masked gunman ran into a swanky Italian restaurant and leveled a shotgun at the pizza maker.

"I put the shotgun in his face and I shot," the gunman testified in federal court last month. "The shotgun didn't go off. I shot again. Again nothing."

No wonder. Mob hit man Rosario Conti Bellocchi said he had the wrong size shells loaded in his shotgun on his mission to kill Biagio Adornetto, an out-of-favor gang soldier.

Tales told by inept former hit men who failed more often than they succeeded were a big part of a trial that ended last week with the conviction of mob boss John Stanfa and seven associates on racketeering charges.

Prosecutors said the stories the hit men told about three killings during Stanfa's reign went a long way toward convincing the jury that the boss ordered the hits.

The jury also heard accounts of hits that missed. The targets of most of the botched hits were Joseph "Skinny Joey" Merlino and a gang of young upstarts he led in battle against Stanfa over lucrative gambling and extortion business.

Philip Colletti and John Veasey testified that they worked practically around the clock to kill the "Young Turks" in 1993.

Once, questioned about the date of an attempted hit, Veasey, a bull-necked former junkie, simply smiled and shook his head.

"I don't know, sir, we were trying to kill people every day," he said.

To dispatch Merlino, Colletti said he built a remote control bomb that was planted under Merlino's car several times, but failed to detonate.

That frustrated Frank Martines, one of those convicted, Colletti said.

"Frankie said that his instructions from John Stanfa were to make sure the next time we put it where it was gonna go, that it was gonna go off," Colletti recalled.

It didn't, even after Martines replaced the bomb's blasting cap, he said.

One plot called for Colletti's wife, Brenda, a former nude dancer, to slip cyanide into the drinks of the Merlino gang at a riverfront bar. She refused.

Colletti and Veasey spotted Merlino and Michael Ciancaglini on a street in August 1993 and opened fire, killing Ciancaglini.

"There was overwhelming evidence, not the least of which was a live witness with two bullets in the back of his head. That's a lot to overcome."

Merlino escaped with a bullet in the buttocks.

Then Veasey realized the car from which they did their shooting could be traced to Colletti—it was leased in his name.

Before reporting the car stolen, they doused it with gasoline. At the same time Colletti tossed a match, Veasey reached inside to grab some coins.

At home, Veasey soaked his severely burned hand in lighter fluid and set it afire a second time to set up an alibi.

"I screamed and told the neighbors I had burned it trying to light the grill," he recalled.

Veasey said he once used a power drill to torture a man who threatened him.

"I stuck the drill in his chest, his legs, then I hit him in the knee with a baseball bat."

None of the injuries was serious. "The drill bit broke," he said.

Then there was the attempt by Martines and co-defendant Vincent "Al Pajamas" Pagano to kill Veasey, whom they suspected of stealing money and squealing to the feds.

Martines put a gun to Veasey's head and pulled the trigger several times, wounding Veasey in the head and chest, Veasey said.

"He said, 'Bye Johnny' and then POW! POW! POW!" he testified. "I spun around, 'Frank what are you doing?' They was my friends. I didn't think they'd shoot me."

He escaped after a fight. And he really had started talking to the FBI, just three days earlier.

Veasey's testimony was a defense lawyer's nightmare, said Brian McMonagle, who represented Martines.

"There was overwhelming evidence, not the least of which was a live witness with two bullets in the back of his head," McMonagle said. "That's a lot to overcome."

Veasey, Colletti and Bellocchi pleaded guilty to racketeering charges and face possible life sentences.



Bram Stoker never imagined it like this!

BRISBANE, Australia (AP)—A woman's romantic obsession with the "lesbian vampire killer" drove her to commit crimes so she could be jailed with her, a court heard Friday.

However, when Tina Joy Dillon was finally sent to jail and met the object of her desires, her fantasy turned sour. Dillon, 25, pleaded guilty Friday to robbery with violence, attempted robbery and unlawful wounding, but was placed on probation because of the bizarre nature of the case.

Dillon, a manic depressive, had become obsessed with murderer Tracey Wigginton, known as the "lesbian vampire killer," after beginning to write to her late last year, said Dillon's lawyer, Bill Potts.

Wigginton was jailed for life in 1991 for the murder of Edward Clyde Baldock, 47. She and female friends had plotted the killing so Wigginton could feed on human blood. Accomplice Lisa Ptaschinski was also jailed for life, while a third member of the gang, Kim Jervis, was sentenced to 18 years in jail for manslaughter.

Potts said he had got Dillon out on bail, against her wishes, after she attacked a cab driver with broken glass after getting him to take her to police headquarters on Feb. 1. She tried to rob a bank the same day and was angry and abusive in the Brisbane Magistrate's Court when she was granted bail. Dillon came to Brisbane three weeks ago within hours had robbed a downtown branch of the National Australia Bank, escaping with \$100,000 (1,700 Australian dollars).

Hours later she turned herself in to police and confessed the crime, and was granted her wish of being placed in the women's prison. However, her romantic fantasy fell apart when she came face to face with Wigginton and Jervis.

"They have threatened her simply because they felt my client's presence was disruptive to the relationship," Potts said.

"On her entry into the prison she was met by a number of these people and told she would have her neck snapped," he said.

"The fantasy she had of being with these people has been met with the rather brutal reality of prison life," he said.

Dillon is in solitary confinement, and Potts said her life would be in danger if she were returned to jail. He said Dillon, a manic depressive, was taking her medication and only had lapses of criminality when she refused to take it.

Judge Tony Skoien sentenced Dillon to three years probation, saying it would be wrong to commit a mentally unstable person.

"This is as unusual a case as I have ever dealt with," Judge Skoien said. "It would seem to be medieval to jail someone in these circumstances."

"One salutary effect ... is she has been disabused of her romantic notions."

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When antelopes speed.