

Women's Center remains closed; future in doubt

by Pete Petryszak
of The Commuter

Linn-Benton's Women's Center, once located on the second floor of the Industrial A Building, has been closed since the end of spring term, and there is apparently no date to reopen in sight.

"At this time there is no timetable for the reopening of the Women's Center," LBCC President Jon Carnahan said on Friday.

The door to the Women's Center in IA-225 has been locked for the past six months, with a sign on it that reads: "The Womens Center services have temporarily relocated to the Counseling Center in Tadena Hall Room 101. If you have questions or comments, please contact Marlene Propst."

Behind that locked door is a magazine rack with over 50 pamphlets and brochures with information from CARDV and other organizations on subjects like rape and domestic violence, birth control, sexually transmitted diseases, child care and scholarship information for women students.

Contrary to what the sign on the door says, much of that literature has remained in the locked room and has not been available through the Counseling Center.

Last term, Marlene Propst, director of the Counseling Center and advisor to the Women's Center, described the closure as a "time out" to reassess the goals of the center and examine methods of providing the

services in a better way.

"This is in no way a permanent closure," Propst told the Commuter in October. In that interview, Propst cited questions over safety and supervision that led to the center being closed, although she did not cite any specific incidents that brought the issue to a head.

A number of students, particularly those who have used the Women's Center in the past, have grown increasingly frustrated over what they perceive as administrative foot-dragging and a refusal to give specific reasons for being unable to reopen the center.

"For the life of me I can't see why they can't just open up the door," said Melissa Gorby, a Women's Center staff member from last year.

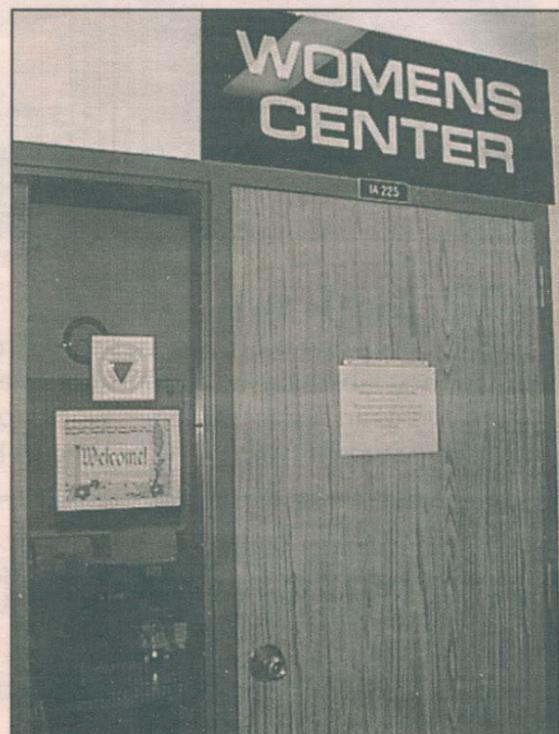
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"For the life of me I can't see why they can't just open up the door."

Gorby challenged the argument that the center has remained closed for safety reasons. Some administrators have told her that because the lounge in the Women's Center can't be seen from the hallway in the IA building, the present location posed too much of a danger of a woman being attacked while she is in the lounge alone.

"You have the same danger in a lot of the classrooms around this campus, and they're not locked," Gorby said. "A safety advantage of the Women's Center is that it had two phones to call security. You don't have that in any of these classrooms."

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The Women's Center on the second floor of the Industrial A Building remains closed this year as administrators re-evaluate its purpose and consider whether to combine it with a proposed "multi-cultural center."

Health van offers free cancer tests for women

by Valerie Blank
of The Commuter

The Mobile Health Van, which is parked on campus every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., is now offering free services to those who qualify for breast and cervical cancer screenings.

Screenings include pap and pelvic exam, mammogram, complete breast exam, blood pressure, and weight check.

According to Leta Friedt, one of the van's coordinators, it is fairly easy to qualify for these services. Women over 40 qualify according to income and household size. A woman under 40 who has a breast lump could also qualify for a mammogram and ultra sound, if needed.

"Call and apply even if you think that you might not qualify," said Friedt.

The program is done in coordination with the Mid-Valley Physicians in the Lebanon/Sweet Home area, First Care physicians and other practitioners in the Albany area, and the Linn County Health Department. Exams are done at these offices or on the Health Van.

To obtain these services or for more information, call Friedt at (541) 967-3888 or 1-800-304-7468.

Students can also inquire at the van, which is parked on South Drive outside the College Center every Wednesday during the term.

The American Cancer Society suggests the following guidelines for early breast cancer detection:

- Women ages 20 and over should do monthly breast self-examinations.
- Women ages 20-39 should have clinical breast examinations every three years, and women over 40 should have annual exams.
- Women over 40 should have annual mammograms.

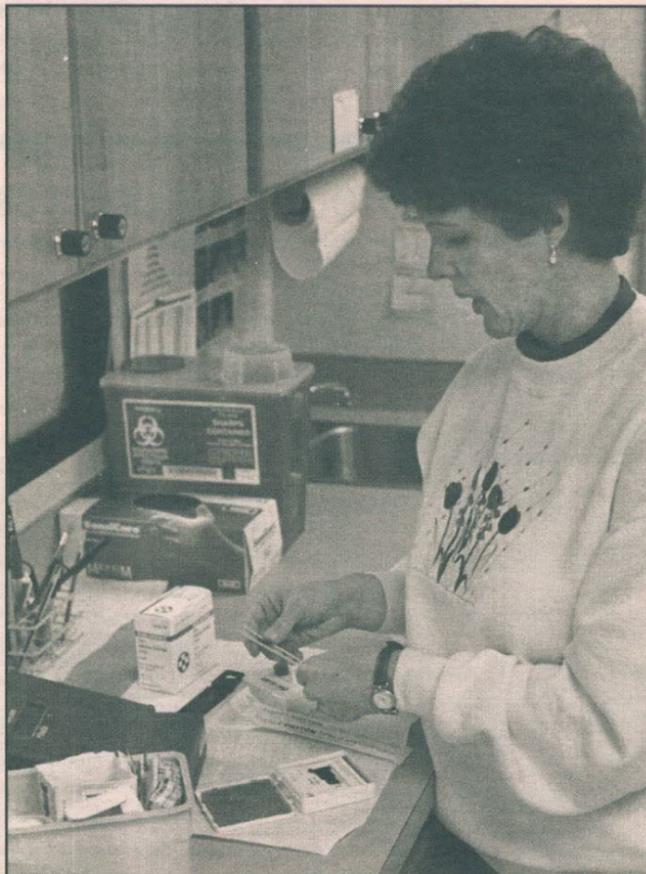


Photo by Jake Taylor
Pat Crozier is one of two registered nurses who provide low-cost medical services in the Mobile Health Van, which serves the campus every Wednesday.

Music, volunteer efforts honor King's memory

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., LBCC is sponsoring activities both on- and off-campus.

Wednesday, Jan. 21

• 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Grace Christian Gospel from Corvallis will sing in the cafeteria.

• 12 to 1 p.m., an International Food Fair will be held in the Alesa/Calapooia rooms.

• 3 to 6 p.m., participants will serve at St. Mary's soup kitchen. Sign up in the Student Life and Leadership (SLL) Office in College Center Room 213.

Thursday, Jan. 22

• 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., a study circle about racism will be held in the Board Rooms on the first floor of the College Center.

• 12 to 3 p.m., the film "Malcolm X" will be shown in the Fireside Room.

• 3 to 5 p.m., people may help in an after-school reading program. Sign up in the SLL Office. For information, call 917-4457.



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Photo by E.J. Harris

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Culinary arts student Cristina Carncross prepares a dish of chicken scallopini from a gueridon at table-side in the Santiam Restaurant, which opened for business last week. The student-run restaurant serves lunch from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Students who come between 11-11:30 a.m. can get a 20 percent discount.

Workshops offer advice on landing scholarships, grants

by Curtis Larson
of The Commuter

On Wednesday Jan. 21 and Thursday Jan. 22 from 12 to 1 p.m. the Financial Aid Office is holding a Scholarship Application Workshop for students and staff.

The speaker, Kathy Pyfer of the Oregon State Scholarship Commission, will discuss how to make a scholarship application look attractive and how to write effective essays. She will also answer questions on about scholarship and loans.

The next day, Karen Nelson of the LBCC Financial Aid Office and Douglas Cazort of the LBCC Learning Center/ Counseling Center will discuss the same topics.

The workshop will be held in the Service Center Conference Room, which is located in between the North Parking Lot and the Arts, Humanities and Social Science Building. Participants are invited to attend either of the workshops, and are welcome to bring a lunch with them. Contact the Financial Aid Office at 917-4850 with any questions.

Students, instructors question loss of Women's Center

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The lack of a Women's Center on campus has been an issue of concern to some instructors as well.

English instructor Jane White has been involved with the Women's Center for a number of years now, and spoke with Propst and Diane Watson, dean of Student Services, when the issues of supervision and safety were first raised.

"I was assured at the time that there was a commitment to keeping the Women's Center," White said.

Greg Mulder, a new LBscience instructor who started spring term, cited three occasions fall term when he sought information from the Women's Center and was disappointed to find that it was unavailable.

"Just about every other college in the country has a Women's Center," Mulder said.

In October Propst discussed providing the center's

services through a new multi-cultural center, which is planned to open when renovations of the Forum are completed to accommodate relocation of several student activity offices.

"It was a real struggle trying to run the center with just 10 students, especially with no staff close by to help out," Propst said Tuesday. "Having the multi-cultural center within the Student Programs area, closer to the staff, would help with a lot of the difficulties we've had (with the Women's Center) in the past."

White and Gorby, however, don't see how a multi-cultural center could properly address issues specific to women students.

"I have no qualms with a minority center on campus," said Gorby. "Women have different issues. Being a woman isn't the same as being from a different culture."

"A multi-cultural center is great if it promotes openness and understanding," White added, "but it's not a substitute for the Women's Center."

Also at issue is the \$5,800 which would have funded talent grants for students staffing the center.

Propst confirmed that the money allocated for Women's Center talent grants hasn't gone anywhere. For Gorby, however, the fact the money is available makes it even more frustrating. "The money's there. The room's there. Why can't they just open the door?"

Gorby also dismisses the idea that the difficulty of supervising the center is a legitimate one.

"I have a hard time with that because Student Programs supervised it from across campus for eight years," she said. "We have staff available on campus to supervise and take over the Women's Center if the Counseling Center wants it out of their hands."

Honor Society meets today and Thursday

by Mary Hake
of The Commuter

Phi Theta Kappa, LBCC's International Honor Society, will be meeting today and Thursday in the northeast corner of the cafeteria at noon. Anyone interested is invited to join the officers and advisors there for lunch and an informal general meeting.

To join the Honor Society, a student must have completed at least 12 credits at LBCC, earning a grade point average of 3.5 or better.

Eligible students, who have been invited to join and have not attended an orientation session, may view the informational video and pick up an application from Advisor Rosemary Bennett in Takena Hall Room 101. Induction of new members will be Feb. 27 in the Forum at 7 p.m.

Students desiring more information may call at 917-4780.

Remodeling creates room for classes, training

by Michele Dardis
of The Commuter

Several new rooms are in use this term following remodeling in the Industrial A Building and the Activities Center financed by the 94 bond measure.

In the Activities Center, the old part-time teachers' office has been turned into a training room for athletes. The old training room was located in the back of the men's locker room and was difficult for female students to use. It is now located in the main hall of the Activities Center, and has an ice machine, a whirlpool and other training equipment.

In addition, a new door was cut into the wellness lab, making it accessible from the main hallway. Students formerly had to enter the gym and go into a storage area to find the door.

In the IA Building, two new classrooms equipped with multi-media equipment have been created in space formerly occupied by the Metallurgy Lab,

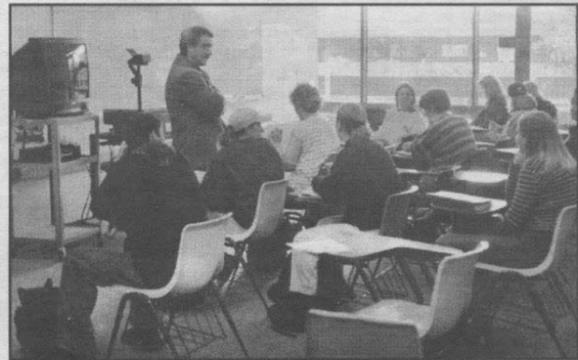


Photo by Mary Hake

Doug Clark leads a history class in IA-231.

which last year moved to the Industrial C Building. Although the rooms are in use, the instructional media, including Internet connections with overheads, is not yet operational.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Attacks on tourists fail to deter Weiss from touring Egypt

History instructor visits museums and ruins in Cairo; boats down Nile to Luxor, where 58 tourists were killed last November

by Pete Petryszak
of The Commuter

L BCC history instructor Michael Weiss spent his holiday break on what could be the trip of a lifetime for an historian—touring the museums and ruins of Egypt.

Weiss flew into Cairo after spending two days in Athens, Greece. "I wanted to find a place with lots of history and also some place that wasn't freezing," he said. Unfortunately he found that not only was Athens cold in December, but most of the museums and shops were closed as well, so he cut his time there short to spend more time in Cairo.

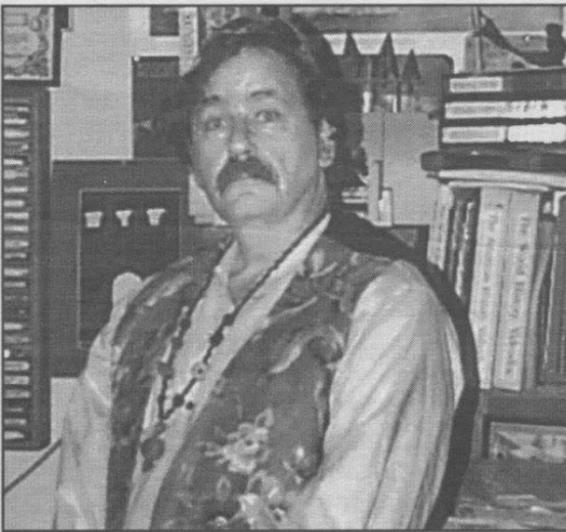
There he visited the Museum of the Antiquities, several mosques, the Sphinx and the Great Pyramids. Weiss also took a five-day boat voyage down the Nile to Luxor, home to temples from Egypt's earliest historical period. During the waning days of the Roman Empire, just prior to the empire being Christianized (around AD 300-400,) many Coptic Christians took refuge in the temples and squatted on the banks of the Nile south of the capital of Alexandria, Egypt's capital city in ancient times.

At first Weiss wondered if he would get a chance to go down the Nile at all. "Eighty percent of the boats that bring people down the Nile were not going, and the ones that were going had shorter schedules," Weiss said. Weiss had anticipated spending eight days traveling the Nile and exploring the river valley, but had to settle for five. "The boat I got on was only 40 percent filled, and I was treated like royalty."

Egypt's tourism industry has been depressed in the wake of several terrorist attacks in recent months. Perhaps the most disturbing was an attack at the temple at Luxor last November, which killed 58 people.

However, according to Weiss those attacks resulted in a much stronger police presence in popular tourist areas, and he felt safe during his entire time there. "I received no threats, nothing unpleasant of that nature whatsoever," he said. "One of the principles of Islam is hospitality toward strangers."

This contrasts strongly with the image many westerners have of Muslims as intolerant, violent people. Understanding Islam is an important part of understanding the world, Weiss said. "There are now over a billion Muslims in the world," he said,



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—Michael Weiss

adding that westerners, Americans in particular, know next to nothing about them. "Few people realize that most Muslims aren't Arabs," he said. "The country with the largest Muslim population in the world is Indonesia."

One of the highlights of Weiss' trip was his visit to the Museum of the Antiquities, home to many of the treasures of ancient Egypt. "The museum has one of the largest collections in the world," he said. "I got to see firsthand stuff I show my students in textbooks."

His trip to the pyramids was also quite memorable. Weiss hooked up with a cab driver and tour guide, Mohamad Salah who usually drove tourists around the pyramids, but wasn't that day because so few people were visiting the country at the time. Instead, he offered a remarkable deal. "For about \$30 I got a cab and an Egyptologist," Weiss said. So in addition to touring the sights around Cairo, he was able to speak with someone who had spent years studying them.

During the time he visited Egypt, a restoration of the Sphinx that has been going on for years was nearly complete. Besides being subjected to the elements for over 4,700 years, it had been damaged by exposure to nitric oxide from auto exhaust, of which Cairo, a city of

16 million, has produced tons over the years.

Weiss also visited carpet and papyrus factories, as well as Cairo's bazaar, a huge outdoor marketplace in the heart of the city. "You can find absolutely anything you want there," he said.

To purchase something from a vendor, one must go through the Egyptian tradition of haggling and bargaining over the price. "They never show you anything until you have tea," Weiss said. "Then the bargaining begins. Sometimes it can go on for half an hour."

Another ritual of Egyptian life is the endless tipping of service workers. "The average Egyptian worker makes about \$1,000 to \$2,000 a year," Weiss said. To supplement this meager income, most Egyptians work on the side as street vendors or as guides. "People there are always selling some kind of product," he said. Even those who don't have something to sell want a tip for the smallest service.

Everyone, from the man who opens the door for you at the hotel to the person showing you around a mosque, expects to be tipped. Sometimes the attempts to sell things or perform some service got to be too much, Weiss said. "It gets to the point where you have to tell everyone you see 'shukran,' kind of a polite way of saying 'I don't want any,'" Weiss explained.

Even though Egypt is the most westernized of the Arab countries, he said many staples of western life, like strip malls and McDonald's, have not yet replaced traditional small shops and street vendors. "In an upscale suburb of the city I saw one Pizza Hut, but that was it," Weiss said.

There were few restaurants of any kind whatsoever, he said, probably due to the large number of inexpensive food vendors in the street. "You can buy an entire meal from a street vendor for about a dollar," Weiss said. The food in Egypt consisted mainly of pickled vegetables, shish kebab, pita bread and spiced meats, which Weiss said was brought in by the Turks, who incorporated Egypt into the Ottoman Empire. Very little beer was served there, since Islam prohibits consumption of alcohol.

The Islamic month of Ramadan began shortly before Weiss left, and he was unable to see much belly dancing because of it. Ramadan is the holiest month in the Islamic calendar, and people are expected to spend their time fasting and praying. Belly dancing was apparently considered too risqué to be going on at the same time.

Weiss returned on Jan. 2, just in time for the start of winter term.



Rain, Rain . . .

Go Away!! That's what people are saying who live on or near the Willamette or nearby rivers. Days of rain have flooded many parks and fields along the Willamette, including Bryant Park in Albany, which is entirely submerged, as shown here from the entrance.

Photo by Curtis Larson

Free help with taxes offered by RSVP volunteers

by Schellene Pils
of The Commuter

It's tax time again.

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program is once again providing free tax help for current and former LBCC students, foreign students, seasonal workers, those with low incomes and the disabled.

RSVP volunteers Jack and Anita Todd are providing the free advice. This will be Jack's 13th and Anita's fourth year with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

Students can meet with them in College Center Room 119.

Appointments will be available every Thursday from Feb. 5 through Feb. 26 and March 19 through April 9, from 12 to 4:30 p.m.

To make an appointment, contact Nina Roll, RSVP volunteer coordinator, at her office in College Center Room 121 or call 917-4476. Anyone interested may leave a message if she's not at her desk.

A show with legs—'The Drunkard'—makes dinner visit

From the LBCC News Service

The longest running show in American theatrical history will be presented by the Repertory Theater of America/Alpha Omega Players on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at LBCC.

Sponsored by LBCC's Student Life and Leadership, a dinner theater production of "The Drunkard" will begin with dinner prepared by the college's culinary arts students at 6:45 p.m.; the play will begin at 8 p.m. The performance will be held in The Commons cafeteria on the second floor of the College Center.

Tickets are on sale for \$20 general admission, \$15 for students and seniors, at Rice's Pharmacy, 910 Kings Blvd. in Corvallis, and at White Rose Custom Floral Design, 201 First Ave. N.W. in Albany.

First produced in 1844, "The Drunkard" was an enormously popular drama, depicting the pitfalls of demon rum, for nearly 60 years.

In the present century it is a comedy that pokes gentle fun at Victorian naïvete and will be presented as such in

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this small-cast version by Raymond Hull, starring the Alpha-Omega Players from Rockport, Texas.

The play's simple sermon on interperance centers around Edward Middleton, a fine, upright young man who is led astray by the villainous evildoer Lawyer Cribbs with flamboyant and appropriate snarls and twirls of his mustache.

Drexel H. Riley, producer and artistic director of the Repertory Theater of America, directs the Alpha-Omega Players in "The Drunkard" more or less in "straight" fashion, letting its innocent lines become funny without exaggeration or mockery.



The Alpha-Omega Players of the Repertory Theater of America will perform Raymond Hull's "The Drunkard" in a dinner theater presentation in the cafeteria on Feb. 18, with dinner provided by the culinary arts students.

'The Tolstoy Story' opens to kids Feb. 5

by James Eagan
of The Commuter

Beginning Thursday, Feb. 5, Tadena Theatre will open its doors to scores of school children to witness LBCC's production of "The Tolstoy Story Play."

Guest Director Jean Bonifas has adapted Russian novelist Leo Tolstoy's compilation of several folk tales from his homeland into a short play for young audiences.

The cast consists of six members, each portraying different roles throughout the performance. The ensemble includes Aaron Grow, Eric Russel, Alicia Corey and Jose Hayes of Albany and Chandra Spencer and Tina Empol of Corvallis.

For the grade school audiences, the play runs on Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for three weeks.

Public performances run three Saturdays starting Feb. 14, beginning at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. On Feb. 21, the 3 p.m. show will benefit the Performing Arts Foundation Scholarship Fund.

Tickets are on sale now and are available at Rice's Pharmacy 752-7779 and at the Tadena Theatre Box Office on campus. Cost of admission is \$3 for those under 18 and \$5 for each adult.

The box office is open from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and two hours prior to performances. Phone reservations are available 24 hours by calling the box office at 917-4531.

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'Amistad' and 'Good Will Hunting' win praise

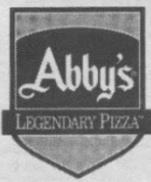
by Gene Siskel
Tribune Media

"Amistad"—Steven Spielberg's 19th Century slavery drama manages to tell a most complicated court case story with uncommon passion. Whether African men sold into slavery who then murdered some of their captors aboard a vessel bound for Cuba can be legitimately tried for the killings is the central judicial concept explored in "Amistad." Of course, writ large is the issue of whether human beings should ever be considered as property, and it's this issue that divides the U.S. in 1839, as the Amistad rebellion takes place. The case ascends to the U.S. Supreme Court, where former President John Quincy Adams (Anthony Hopkins) argues the anti-slavery position along with young attorney Roger Baldwin (Matthew McConaughey). As for the

African characters, Spielberg succeeds in giving some of them distinct personalities, including their leader Cinque (Djimon Hounsou). Spielberg nails down the commerce of slavery in all of its sordid details. (R. ***)

"Good Will Hunting"—One of the year's best films, a bright story that plays some of the same emotional notes as "Rain Man." The red-hot young actor Matt Damon from "The Rainmaker" plays a mathematical genius, riddled with self-doubt, who works as a janitor at MIT, where he should really be a star student. A series of therapy sessions with an unconventional psychologist (Robin Williams) and an emotional relationship with a strong young woman (Minnie Driver) bring him out of his defensive shell. Damon co-wrote the script with his childhood friend, actor Ben Affleck, who plays his best friend in the movie. Directed by Gus Van Sant. (R. ***/*)

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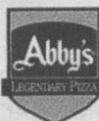
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SPORTS PAGE

Hienbenthal jumps off bench to spark Runners' win



Photo by Michele Dardis

Brian Csergei goes up for a shot in Saturday's game against Clackamas. Csergei scored 10 points in the game as LB staged a spirited comeback to pick up its third league win in four games.

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

After victories against Lane and Clackamas last week, the men's basketball team improved their league record to 3-1 and are now in a three-way tie for the top spot with Lane and Umpqua.

Behind the offense of sophomores Brian Fauth and Brian Csergei and freshman Marc Cordle, the Roadrunners handed Lane its first league loss, 62-55. Fauth racked up 21 points and three assists. Cordle had 19 points and Csergei scored 16.

Csergei and Cordle also led the defense, collecting nine rebounds apiece, while Nick Matsler grabbed seven. Csergei and Matsler both blocked two shots and Cordle had two steals.

"It was a big win for us," said Coach Randy Falk. "It raised our confidence and it's had a snowball effect in that with each game we've become more and more confident."

Saturday's game was a scary one for the Roadrunners in the second half, but thanks to the hustle of Jason Hienbenthal, they managed to turn the game around and come out on top 77-71.

"There is no doubt the energy that Jason gave us coming off the bench gave us a kick start in getting the game turned around. Everybody jumped on his bandwagon and raised their level of defen-

sive intensity," stated Falk.

LBCC had a three-point lead at the half, but the Cougars came out strong in the second and managed to climb into the lead by 14 points. Hienbenthal came into the game with six minutes left and sparked a Roadrunner comeback with four crucial steals.

Within the next four minutes Linn-Benton's offense came alive with Fauth and Cordle both hitting two three-pointers and eventually they regained the lead for the duration. After that it became a free-throw contest between the two teams, one that LB won.

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—Randy Falk

"It was a very exciting game. The crowd was very loud and boisterous

which also helped us pick up our intensity," Falk commented.

Matsler was the power player against Clackamas, ending with 25 points, 12 boards and five blocked shots. Fauth had 18 points and Cordle added 14. Csergei scored 10 along with grabbing 12 rebounds.

Hienbenthal also dished out five assists.

Tonight LB will be going up against Umpqua and on Saturday they will be traveling to Portland Community College. Both games will start at 8 p.m.

Lady Runners give competitive effort, but come up short

by Shawna Phillips
of The Commuter

Strong second-half play is becoming a trait for the Lady Roadrunners, but unfortunately first-half woes caused their downfall in both of last week's games.

Against Lane on Wednesday, LBCC committed 19 turnovers and were down by 18 at the half. In the second half they picked up the pace and turned out their best half of play so far this year. In the second half Jenny Gardner scored 26 of her 27 points to help the Runners outscore the Titans 44-34.

"The biggest difference between our play in the first and second half is that we only turned the ball over seven times in the second," Head Coach Craig Jackson

stated.

Unfortunately the hole that they dug for themselves in the first was too big for them to overcome and Lane came out victorious, 70-62.

Debi Cain contributed 12 points, and Krysie Tack, who started in place of the injured Karen Bryan, stepped up to add 11 points and seven boards. Gardner also had seven rebounds.

LB went up against first-place Clackamas on Saturday, and once again fell behind early. In the second half Linn-Benton took better care of the ball, which made their play pretty evenly matched with the Cougars, but because of the 16-point deficit the Runners lost 76-55.

"They are the No. 1 team in the conference and we

out-rebounded them, which was impressive because they were a huge team," Jackson commented. "Rebounding is going to be a big key for us the rest of the year, so it was nice to out-rebound them."

Tack led the team with 18 points. Talia Cheren and Gardner were right behind her, scoring 15 and 14 respectively, and both added seven boards. Cain also had seven rebounds, and Leslie Boer had six assists.

"We're starting to figure out what it takes to be competitive, and we're starting to do some good things," said Jackson.

Umpqua will be coming to LB tonight, and then the Roadrunners travel to Portland on Saturday. Both games begin at 6 p.m.

Superbowl seems safe from El Nino, but forecasters say this week's media circus may get a little wet

by Luke Cyphers
New York Daily News

SAN DIEGO—Right now, it looks as though El Nino won't wash out the Super Bowl.

But the well-hyped weather phenomenon could put a damper on the circus surrounding the game.

"The folks here are very aware of El Nino," said NFL spokesman Chris Widmaier. "The classic story is that it's never rained on a Super Bowl, and we're very hopeful that streak will continue."

The streak looks safe, for now. Long-range forecasts say that after a bout of rain on Monday or Tuesday, the skies are expected to clear, and Sunday's game should be dry, with temperatures in the 60s.

But, says David Newman, who runs events for NFL Properties, "The Super Bowl is more than the game. There are many different events surrounding it that run through the whole week."

And that's where El Nino, a warm-water mass in the Pacific Ocean that plays havoc with global weather patterns every 15 years or so, could make its presence felt.

In fact, it already has. At the NFL Experience, the fan festival adjacent to Qualcomm Stadium, a run of miserable rainy days forced the league to take drastic action.

"It looked like Woodstock out here," Newman said. "We set this up on a dirt lot, but pretty soon it was a mud lot."

The NFL solution?

"Every place there wasn't a tent, we paved," Newman said. The paving mission began last Tuesday, and finished up just in time for the opening of the festival on Friday. The show, which costs \$14 a ticket, could go on. Under gloomy skies, of course.

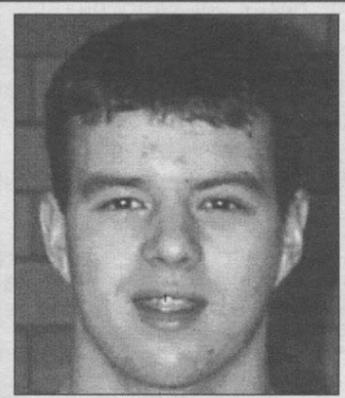
By Sunday, the weather became perfectly Southern Californian, with sunshine, late-arriving clouds and temperatures in the 80s. But showers were expected to roll back in, posing a problem for perhaps the biggest sideshow of the Super Bowl carnival: Tuesday's media day.

The photo/interview extravaganza, where players are expected to answer dumb questions about what sort of tree they'd be, and dumber questions about dumb questions, is scheduled to be held on the field.

But Jim Steeg, who heads the league's preparations for the game, will move it all indoors to the stadium's club-level lounges at the drop of a drop.

Steeg is fussing over the turf, which is brand-new sod laid Dec. 26 after the Holiday Bowl. "We've had a little bit of problems trying to get it to take hold all the way down to the sand base," he said, but added that it should be ready for the game.

jock in the box



Who: Jason Hienbenthal

What: Freshman guard

Background: Thurston H.S./Springfield, Ore.

Recent Highlights: His four straight steals coming off the bench sparked the offense and helped LBCC beat Clackamas.

Sports Hero: Gary Payton

Best Sports Moment:

"When my AAU team won state my freshman year."

LOCAL NEWS

Free course gives students up close look at police work

by Schellene Pils
of The Commuter

When most people think of police officers, they usually think of one of two things, either men in uniforms who are coming to get them or a box of doughnuts. The Corvallis Police Department (CPD) is trying to change all that by offering the Citizens Academy, a 10-week series free to the public, held every Wednesday.

The course is offered three times a year. The purpose of the classes are to make the agency and our officers more approachable, said Jon Sassaman, Community liaison sergeant.

When you walk into the conference room the first evening of Citizens Academy, you get the impression of a classroom atmosphere, only warmer and more comfortable. The tables are arranged in a circle so everyone can see everyone else, and there are two televisions close to the ceiling on the wall. Best of all, you are offered coffee, tea or cocoa in the first few seconds after your arrival.

Everyone is given supplies such as notebooks, pens and paper, and

Sassaman, dressed in street clothes, but still carrying a gun, warmly thanks everyone for coming before beginning the class. After the first class is dismissed, everyone is given a tour of the police department and the 911 dispatch center, where they are invited to observe the dispatchers in action.

The classes are offered in response to a variety of inquiries from people in the community, said Lieutenant Patrick Mollahan of the CPD. People wanted to be informed about what police work was all about, adding that although the basic content stays the same, adjustments have been made to each class based on responses to surveys given to each class participant.

Each class covers varied subjects from community policing, how records and evidence are kept, mini-discussions on criminal law, crime prevention, the rights of citizens and police officers, an explanation on the use of force. Students are also given the chance to talk to detectives and get a better idea about how cases are solved. One of the class activities included being put in a scenario where

you have to make decisions whether or not to arrest someone, to know what law allows you to make the arrest and the consequences if you are wrong.

Participants are then given a chance to meet K-9 Officer Phil Howrey and his partner Ike, the 4-year-old German Shepherd and to see them in action.

Hands-on activities are also offered. Participants are allowed to try everything from how to handle and shoot firearms to a confrontational simulation when class members are put into a padded suit and given a scenario where if the wrong decision is made he or she can be stabbed by a plastic knife or shot with a plastic gun. Students were given a chance to drive a police car, lights and sirens blazing just like a police officer racing to a call. Throughout the class, officers recommend a ride-a-long, a chance to ride alongside a police officer as he or she makes the rounds of Corvallis.

Anyone interested in applying for the Citizens Academy can pick up a form at the front desk of CPD or call Sassaman at 757-6984.

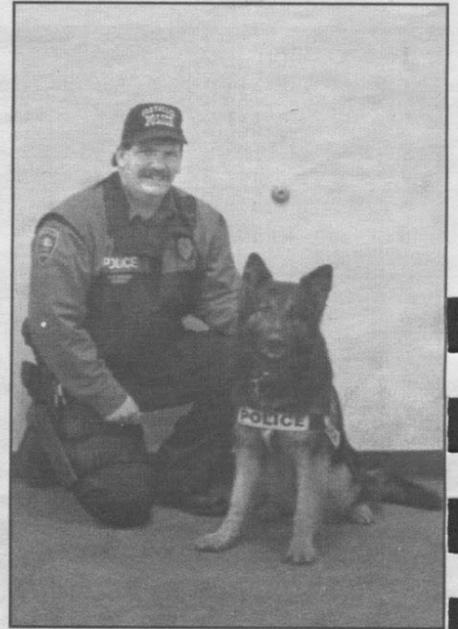


Photo by Schellene Pils

Corvallis Police K-9 Officer Phil Howrey and his partner Ike, a 4-year-old German Shepherd participate in the Citizens Academy, which is a free public education series.

Support network helps families raise special children

by Eric Rinkin
of The Commuter

A statewide network of support and advocacy is available for families with children under the age of 25 who have emotional, behavioral, mental or other related disorders.

The Oregon Family Support Network (OFSN) was established in May 1991, under the sponsorship of the Mental Health Association of Oregon after receiving a three-year \$180,000 grant from the Meyer Memorial Trust.

"OFSN was organized so that families who had children with mental health needs would not be isolated and feel alone," said Judy Rinkin, executive director. "We also work to erase the stigma of mental illness and work towards community support."

At the end of the three-year grant period, Oregon Family Support Network became a tax-exempt nonprofit corporation and in 1993 was awarded a statewide grant for \$50,000 a year from the U.S. Public Health Service Center for Mental Health Services.

To date the network has 20 support groups and 28

family coordinator contacts around the state including contacts in 21 of Oregon's 36 counties. Family coordinators can be support group facilitators, provide educational forums or attend meetings with parents needing technical assistance. They started with 30 families in 1991 and now have over 1,400 parents on their database.

Oregon Family Support Network operates a toll-free telephone line for parents needing support, information or referrals. They also publish a free quarterly newsletter for families and professionals that contains articles about children's mental health and other related issues.

In addition the network mails out over 1000 pieces of printed material to families and professionals from their library of books, videos and other materials. The family coordinators and staff also give presentations to schools, colleges, universities and mental health agencies and provide advocacy services and technical assistance.

According to one parent, "It saves time having everything in one place."

Oregon Family Support Network was instrumental in passing House Bill 3577, which is Oregon's Voluntary Child Placement Agreement. It directs Oregon's child welfare office to place certain children into treatment facilities while allowing parents to retain legal custody.

They are children with emotional, behavioral or mental disorders or developmental or physical disabilities. The sole reason for placement is to obtain services for the child's disorder or disability.

OFSN has been involved in several research projects and has shared the results with policy makers at both state and national levels to improve the way services are delivered to families.

Although OFSN does not have support groups in Albany, Corvallis or Lebanon, they have a Parent Contact person in each of these cities. According to one parent, it was "a great relief finding families who had shared similar experiences."

According to another parent, "It provides good friendship and gave me strength to go on when I felt like giving up"

classifieds

HELP WANTED

Marketing manager seeking mature college students as business associates. Flexible hours to meet your college schedule. Two requirements: 1) enjoy working with people 2) open to creative unlimited income. Exciting opportunity. Not MLM. For interview call 541-926-8508.

Yellowstone National Park representative Tom Porter will be on campus for recruitment on Tuesday, February 3, 1998. There will be an open forum 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Commons Lobby, and interviews by appointment in CC-135 from 1:30-5:30 pm. Application and sign-up sheets for appointments are available in the Career Center T-101. Please stop by for more information or call 917-4780.

Espresso Server position available. Do you love coffee and its many variations? Hours 1-7 p.m. during the week and 7 a.m.-2 p.m. on weekends. Right here in Albany! We also have bartender, cocktail person and door person positions available. Talk to Job Placement in the Career Center at Takena 105.

Assistant/Receptionist (Albany) and Secretarial/Administrative Person (Corvallis). These are good jobs for you if you have the skills, but little experience. See Job Placement in Takena 105.

Restaurant Cook in Sweet Home. They are currently changing menus and you can try your own recipes and wow them. See us at the Career Center in T-105 for more

information.

Press Operator: Know the Davidson 600 & 901 press and have camera knowledge? Here is a full-time position in Albany looking for your skills. Come see Job Placement in the Career Center in T-105.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Guistwhite Scholar program for Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society members. Ten \$5,000 transfer scholarships awarded to community college graduates. Deadline: June 1. Download application from www.PhiThetaKappa.jackson.ms.us or contact advisor Rosemary Bennett in Takena Hall Room 101.

Scholarship available for Broadcast Journalism majors. Contact OSSC Valley River Office Park, Suite 100, Eugene, OR 97401. Must be Oregon Resident. Submit Federal financial aid application. Deadline March 1, 1998

The Oregon Association of Public Accountants Scholarship Foundation is offering approximately 10 scholarships for approximately \$1000 each for accounting students. Students must be an Oregon resident carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours. Contact the Career Center in Takena Hall. Application deadline is April 1, 1998.

The St. Charles Medical Center is offering the MaryAnn Thomas-Hosier Scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded to a student enrolled in his/her initial nursing program.

The \$1,250 grant is be used for tuition, books, or direct school fees. Contact the career center in Takena Hall. Application deadline is March 1, 1998.

The American Society of Women Accountants, Salem Chapter will be awarding six scholarships totaling \$15,000. Students must be pursuing a Bachelors or Masters degree in accounting. Contact the career center in Takena Hall. Application deadline February 1, 1998.

The Oregon State Scholarship Commission is offering awards in over 140 programs. You can pick up the application and description of the awards in the Career Center in Takena Hall. Applications must be received by OSSC on March 1, 1998.

The Washington Pulp and Paper Foundation is offering 50 scholarships to qualifying students in Paper Science and Engineering at University of Washington. Brochures are available in Takena Hall. Deadline February 1, 1998.

The Oregon Nurserymens Foundation offers 15 different scholarships. Contact the Career Center in Takena Hall. Deadline April 1, 1998.

The American Water Works Association is offering three \$750 scholarships to students at two year colleges. Contact the Career Center in Takena Hall. Deadline April 15, 1998.

The Gonzaga University School of Business

Administration is offering the Daniel G Brajcich Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. The scholarship is for students who plan to transfer to Gonzaga University in the fall of 1998. Contact the Career Center in Takena Hall. Deadline is February 1, 1998.

WANTED

Looking for serious but fun female keyboardist, drummer, and bass to play with R&B, hiphop rap group with Christian influence. Call 754-7514 if seriously interested, leave message.

Computer wanted! Minimum requirements of 200 MHZ 32 meg ram, windows 95 based preferred. Need to run Auto Cad R13. Contact Jeff at 967-8860.

MISCELLANEOUS

ATTENTION MUSICIANS: Musicians club forming here at LBCC for students and staff. Membership free. Come join the fun. For more details contact Jon at (541) 327-2853 or e-mail at alex@dnc.net

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual group is meeting every Wednesday, this term, from 2-3 p.m. Re: Social activities, support and community building. Call 917-4660 for meeting place, Someone will call you back!

FOR SALE

1984 Chevy S-10, A/T, stereo, need to sell, \$1800. Leave message 541-327-2853.

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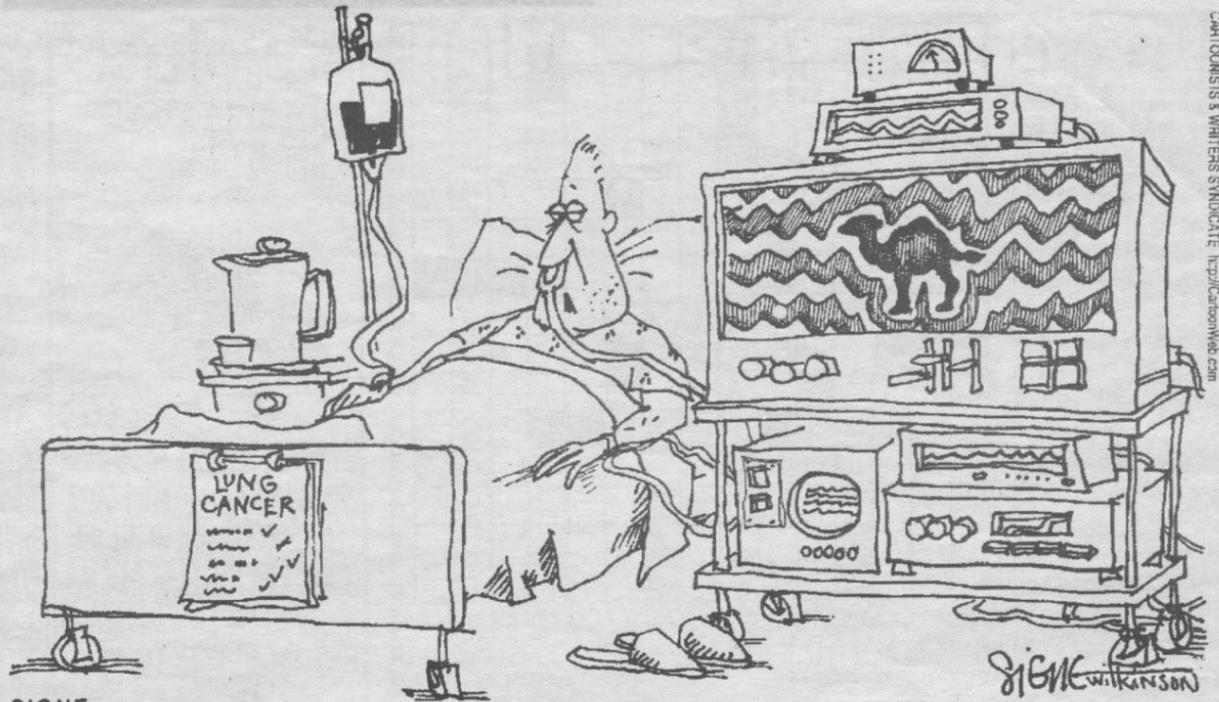
Why males fear cloning

To the Editor:

I am following the recent controversy surrounding human cloning with great interest. The president's reactionary statements, seemingly verging on panic, asking for emergency legislation for the repression of science, combined with theologians debating whether or not a clone would have a soul, lead me to believe that the age of enlightenment is surely over. I expect soon that the arguments of how many angels can dance on the head of a pin and other such nonsense will be revived.

Noticing that these moralists are predominantly male, I suspect that insecurity is what really lies behind their exhortations. Successful human cloning would shake the very foundations of the patriarchy and render the power of the penis impotent. Fears of emasculation and the obsolescence of the testicles may be what underlies the calls to outlaw human cloning.

Nathaniel Burr Elder



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commentary

It costs more than your health to be a smoker these days

by Pete Petryszak
of The Commuter

It doesn't take a genius to figure out that this isn't a good time to be a smoker. They're being taxed out the butt (no pun intended) to pay for the medical expenses of past smokers who gave themselves lung cancer, emphysema and other nasty diseases.

In addition to new taxes being placed on cigarettes by just about every state, smokers may soon find that the tobacco companies themselves raising their prices to pay for the legal fees, damage awards and settlements that have been piling up since the first state attorney general decided to try suing tobacco companies for the health care expenses the state has to pay for low-income cancer patients.

The logic behind these lawsuits is as follows: tobacco companies continued to market their products after they knew that cigarettes were addictive and caused cancer. Therefore they are responsible for paying the medical bills of anyone who develops lung cancer after years of cigarette smoking. The fact that the Surgeon General's warning about smoking leading to cancer,

heart disease and complicating pregnancy apparently is irrelevant. So too is the fact that no one held a gun to people's heads and forced them to smoke.

In light of the huge damages being assessed to tobacco companies for the consequences their products have on their customers, executives of the beef, dairy and liquor industries are shaking in their boots.

If tobacco companies can be sued because their products cause lung cancer, how long will it be before people who develop heart disease after a lifetime of consuming too much saturated fat try to defer their medical bills by suing beef, butter or cooking oil producers?

How about liquor companies? Is every alcoholic who gets cirrhosis of the liver now entitled to compensation?

It appears that the courts are saying that there is no such thing as personal responsibility anymore, and that we are all powerless in the face of advertising.

Anyone who started to smoke or continued to do so after the Surgeon General's warning started appearing on packs of cigarettes in the 1960s brought their health

problems upon themselves. Even before our government officially concluded that smoking led to cancer, there were numerous news reports and documented medical cases linking the two.

Ironically, while the states have been awarded money to compensate them for the consequences of smoking, they are now dependent upon millions of people continuing to smoke and new smokers taking up the habit if they are to receive the full amount of the money awarded to them. Right now they're receiving periodic payments from the tobacco companies. If the tobacco companies don't make enough money, those payments will stop.

Before long we may see state treasurers visiting elementary schools with a few cartons of Camels under each arm, giving all the little kiddies free samples of Camel straights, along with a big stuffed "Smokin' Joe."

"And don't forget kids, your state government needs every one of you to buy at least a pack of Camels every day on your way home from school. Your local hospital is counting on you."

Service occupations provide insightful glimpses into human nature

by Benjamin Sell
of The Commuter

Finding a job is hard. It's a fact of life. And the people who have the good ones are intelligent enough to know not to let them go.

This raises a problem for the college student who is just entering the work force. What kind of job does that leave us? The answer is, not very good ones. In fact, most jobs available to those entering the work force are service industry or retail occupations. Usually, the pay and hours are lousy, but, on the other hand, such jobs offer great opportunities to observe the human race. In my line of work I have seen enough people to accept as truth one distressing generalization. People are, by nature, lazy, inconsiderate creatures.

I personally work in a grocery store, and the first place where this phenomenon becomes readily apparent is the front end. What does the typical customer do when they enter the grocery store? Normally, if they are planning on buying anything more than a pop and a candy bar, chances are they grab a shopping cart as they enter the building. But if there are no carts available near the entrance, they seem unable to simply turn around, go out the door, and fetch one of the carts outside near the entrance.

Instead, the cartless shopper will just wait near the entrance until some intrepid courtesy clerk comes gallantly through the door, pushing a line of carts into their waiting arms. On those rare occasions when no courtesy clerk appears, many people will ask a checker to get someone to bring in carts, thereby expending as little energy as possible.

Why? Why would a person want to wait for an

indeterminate length of time hoping that someone will come by and notice their plight? Why not just go through the door, walk five feet, and get a cart from outside? I'm afraid the answer is laziness, pure and simple. If you have a better answer, I'd like to hear it.

Bottle and can returns also seem to inspire the laziness factor. Most modern supermarkets have attempted to cure this problem with container redemption machines. However, the store I work at hasn't been remodeled since the 1970s and has very little in the way of modern conveniences, instead empowering employees like myself to handle the counting and sorting.

In my years interfacing with bottle-returning customers, I have noticed several peculiar laziness traits. One involves the use of carts to convey one or two plastic bags full of cans to the back of the store. Now, I've lifted these bags before, and not once have I found them to be overly heavy or difficult to carry.

So, why do so many customers feel the need to place these oftentimes filth-covered bags into a shopping cart for the trip to the back door? Is it because of a strong electromagnetic field within the store that causes aluminum cans to gain great weight when one crosses the threshold of the entrance? Sources say no.

Another thing that really gets me is when people manage to carry their cans all the way to the store in a plastic bag, only to dump them out into a cart when they arrive. Why? What is wrong with just carrying them to the back in the bag they brought with them? This is also a very unsanitary practice. I wonder if these people ever stop to think about the risk to other customers. People put food in those carts. I've seen the kind of stuff that comes in with those bags of cans, and

believe me, it isn't pretty. I often marvel that there isn't a health ordinance against this.

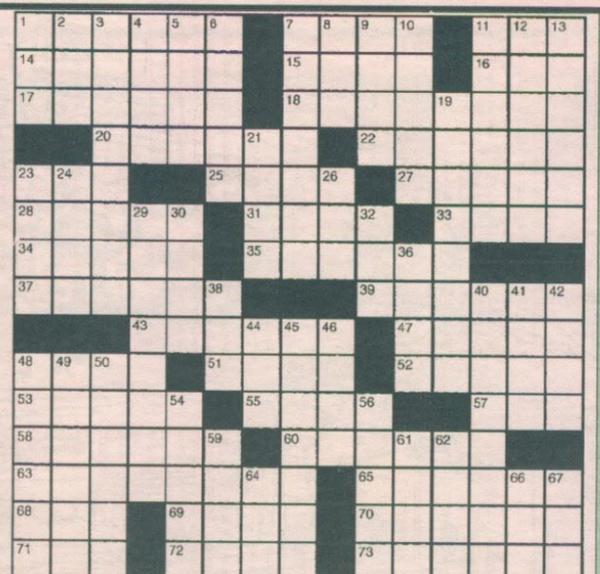
Perhaps the most irritating lazy habit of the entire grocery experience occurs when the courtesy clerk has finished counting the cans and returns the cart to the customer along with their bottle slip. The customer then turns around and walks toward the front, WITHOUT THEIR CART! What is so hard about returning the cart to the front end? They managed to push it all the way to the back (and all by themselves, too). Perhaps they believe that there is a tribe of dwarves living in the bottle room who return the carts, or maybe they think that there is a magical cart transporter in the back room, and the clerk just pushes the cart onto it and says "abracadabra, alakazam, this cart will now be at the fifth checkstand."

Well, there isn't. The only way to get those carts back up front is for someone to push them up there. I realize that it is part of the job, but it really is a matter of common courtesy. The clerk is doing them a service by counting their cans, and the person repays them by creating more work for them to do. Hardly seems fair, does it?

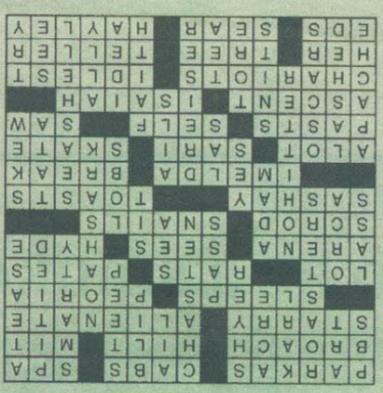
I'm sure many will counter by saying, "Hey, getting carts in and counting cans is part of your job." And to those people I would like to say I know, and I am as happy to perform those aspects of my job as I am to perform any other, that's not why I am writing this. I just wanted to share some of my observations with you, the reader, so that you might begin to see similar aspects of human nature in your daily life. It has absolutely nothing to do with the fact that I am a bitter, cynical, pissed-off grocery employee, I promise . . .

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 - Healing waters
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 - City on the Illinois
 - Man with a salty wife?
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 - Boston fish choice
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 - Strut nonchalantly
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THE K CHRONICLES presents another true description of the pain that is my life... BY KEITH KNIGHT

1 FOLKS.. LET ME TELL YOU HOW MUCH OF A DECENT BOYFRIEND I AM...

2 THIS MOSQUITO HAD BEEN FLYING AROUND MY BEDROOM, BUZZING IN ME & MY SUPERMODEL GIRLFRIEND'S EARS ALL NIGHT LONG...

3 IT WAS SUCH A NUISANCE THAT MY GIRLFRIEND TOOK A BLIND SWIPE AT IT IN THE DARK.. SHE MISSED IT & HIT ME.. GIVING ME A BLOODY NOSE.

4 SO DO YOU KNOW WHAT I DID? I GOT UP & TOLD HER TO PUT THE COINERS OVER HER HEAD.. THEN I TURNED ON THE LIGHT & BEGAN TO HUNT THE SUCKER DOWN...

5 I EVENTUALLY FOUND THE BASTARD SITTING DIRECTLY ON TOP OF THE BLANKET WHERE MY GIRLFRIEND'S HEAD WAS...

6 IT BASICALLY MEANT THAT SMASHING THE MOSQUITO MEANT SMASHING HER FACE TOO.. CAN YOU BEGIN TO SEE MY DILEMMA?

7 SHE WOULD NEVER BELIEVE THAT I WAS TRYING TO GET THE MOSQUITO.. SHE'D THINK I WAS JUST GETTING BACK AT HER FOR THE BLOODY NOSE...

8 AND HOW DO I KNOW SHE DIDN'T DO THAT ON PURPOSE? SHE THOUGHT IT WAS HILARIOUS.. SHE LAUGHED SO HARD, SHE SNORTED & A BOOGER FELL OUT OF HER NOSE.

9 ANYWAY.. MY ANSWER WAS "NOT TO SMASH".. I TOLD THIS TO MY GIRLFRIEND THE NEXT DAY AS SHE WAS BREAKING UP WITH ME...

To smash or not to smash... That is the question.

HA!! SUCKER!! I would've smashed your face with a BRICK!!

... & PEOPLE THINK HANUZZEL HAD IT BAD.

MUFFIN

BY NORA McVITTIE

WHY DO GIRLS have to be so Gossipy?

Don't ask me!

Once a girl hears something, five more will know about it within ten seconds.

She told me that he found it under her mattress...

And then a cat fight erupts.

How COULD YOU TELL EVERYONE THAT?!

It must be the nature of the beast.

Lemme tell you what really happened...

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SORRY! WE AINT GOT NO 'EBONICS' SECTION.

THE NEW (MORE REALISTIC) KEN DOLL

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