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# iLEARN, YOU LEARN, WE ALL LEARN

*LB offers alternative learning for those unable to attend on-campus classes*

Daycare, work, and limited time are inconveniences to potential students. But your dream job is still attainable. Linn-Benton Community College has a solution—and you don't have to set foot on campus.

This month marks the one year anniversary of LB's online campus. LB iLearn Online offers students a virtual classroom to learn anywhere, anytime. Courses include the same workload and credits earned as classes offered on campus, but have the added perk of off-campus, self-paced work.

"It's all about student success and this is a personalized way to do that," said Stacy Mallory, instructional designer for LB iLearn.

LB iLearn incorporates subjects into

the curriculum that show an increasing demand in the community and a growing need across the nation. There are currently six programs available: Business Administration, Social Media Marketing, Office Technology Skills, Accounting Clerk, Medical Coding, and Computed Tomography. All programs are accredited.

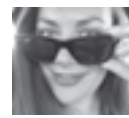
The online programs at LB iLearn don't follow term schedules, but instead, students can enroll on any Wednesday year-round. Enrollment fees are a fixed monthly rate, not per course, so the faster you work, the less you pay.

And don't worry, you can talk to a real person. Each student is assigned a Student Navigator, their point of contact to ensure success. Navigators guide students to take

the right classes at the right time all the way through completion.

Wherever you are, whatever your responsibilities, LB iLearn can work around your schedule.

Contact admissions specialist Amber Vore with any questions at: [vorea@linnbenton.edu](mailto:vorea@linnbenton.edu).



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# A GIFT FROM LBCC TO UCC

*Bookstore staff coordinate fundraiser, proceeds given days before Christmas*



PHOTO: MORIAH HOSKINS

Winter term wrapped up at Linn-Benton Community College just in time for the holidays, but before closing the doors to the Bookstore, manager Lawrence Lajoie had one more thing to do. Money raised by Bookstore staff needed to be delivered to the UCC Strong Victim Relief Fund. In the days before Christmas, Lajoie gave a gift of compassion as he clicked "submit"—a gift from one community to another.

Lajoie spent two days on the Umpqua Community College campus during its first week open after the Oct. 1 tragedy. He, along with many other volunteers, offered their time in any way that would be of use. Some answered phones to keep up with media inquiries. Some helped in Human Resources as they dealt with insurance paperwork. Lajoie worked in their bookstore, which was swamped with vendors donating goods for the UCC Strong campaign, and with customers coming to buy them.

While on campus he saw injured students returning to school in wheelchairs or on crutches. The building where events unfolded still had yellow caution tape around it. A hand-holding circle formed in the courtyard one day, where dozens of people joined together

in memory of those not returning.

"There was a huge sense of community, of camaraderie," he said. "I didn't really hear conversations about it. It was more of an unspoken bond."

Micque Shoemaker, UCC Bookstore manager, was relieved by the help of Lajoie and other volunteers that rallied in support. Their presence allowed employees to take breaks in order to compose themselves.

"It was so unexpected to have distant colleagues reach out who I had never met in person, many who I didn't even know existed, show up and do whatever it took to get us back on our feet again," said Shoemaker. "It renewed my faith in the human spirit, which had taken a big blow just days earlier."

Upon his return to the LBCC campus, Lajoie and his staff wanted to coordinate a fundraiser, and based off his recent experience, felt UCC Strong would garner support from the LBCC community. In a joint effort with the Benton Center Bookstore, they decided to ask every customer to donate \$1 to the fund. Those that donated received a raffle ticket for free coffee and fountain drinks for all of 2016.

Lajoie was surprised by the response.

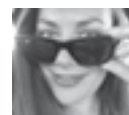
"It was immediate and overwhelming. A dollar isn't too much to ask and everyone thought it was a worthy cause," he said.

At the end of the two-week effort 240 individual donations were made totaling \$282.37.

Micheal McDaniel, an anthropology student dual-enrolled at OSU, held the winning raffle ticket. He received a special ordered traveler's tumbler to bring in for his drink of choice next year. He predicted it would most likely be coffee.

"I donated simply because I like to help where I can. It wasn't much, and I wish I could have done more," McDaniel said.

All money donated will be applied to scholarship funds established in the names of the nine who lost their lives. Donations can still be made on the UCC website.



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# NEW YEAR, NEW LAWS

*Oregon's recent update of state laws*

With the new year rolling in, the legislature revises state laws, and discusses what needs to be changed months before. This year, over 17 state laws have been added or changed. These laws range from preventive methods of birth control, to stoplight mercy for motorcyclists and bicyclists.

For women who want oral contraceptives, it will no longer be necessary to visit a doctor to obtain birth control, all they will need to do is see a pharmacist.

Individuals who surrender their parental rights, example being adoption, the grandparents to that child will have the legal right to remain in the lives of their grandchildren, regardless of whether the parents have surrendered their legal rights to the child.

Employers will no longer have the right to ask applicants to check a box to confirm whether or not the applicant has ever been convicted of a crime. This law will make it easier for ex-convicts to find

work. Also, employers with ten or more workers will have to give five paid sick days a year.

Motorcyclists, bicyclists, drivers of mopeds or electric scooters, etcetera, will be given "stoplight mercy" which is the ability to drive through a red light, in the situation that a traffic stop strands them by failing to go through a full light cycle and turn green.

If a bomb threat is made (via phone, note, social media, etc.) at a public building, will now be a misdemeanor crime.

Bystanders will now have the explicit right to film or take photos of police officers when officers performing their official duties. Police officers who see an animal suffering inside a vehicle will have the right to break into the vehicle and make a rescue for the animal.

Oregonians will now have the right to pump their own gas, so long as they are in a county of 40,000 or less people,

between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.

The next time you decide to renew your license, you will automatically be added to the roster of registered voters, so long as you apply for an Oregon license, are 18 or older, and can prove american citizenship.

Electronic cigarettes and vape pens will no longer be allowed use in public spaces.

Rape victims will now have two years, instead of six years to report an assault before the statute of limitations expires.

Using a hidden camera to record someone in moments of privacy will become a felony instead of a misdemeanor charge.

Parking a non-electric vehicle in a electric vehicle parking area, such as the ones at LBCC, could cost you \$250.

On marriage certificates the terminology "husband and wife" has been changed to accommodate same-sex couples. "Husband and wife"

will be replaced with "spouses in a legal marriage."

Oregon's state law changes have earned the state national attention; Oregon's plans to use driver records to automate voter registration was reported by The Washington Post, which led to the attention of Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, whom of which gave admiration of this new law.

Knute Buehler, the forerunner for more accessible birth control in Oregon has been interviewed by the New York Times as late as last fall.



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# LBCC FEELS THE BERN

*New club on campus strives to help Bernie Sanders make it to the Presidency*



Michael Johnson fills in his application for the Bernie Sanders Club at a table event the club had just after being recognised.

The Bernie Sanders Club formed and was recognised just before Winter Break. The club is run by faculty advisor Professor Robert Harrison and adjunct advisor Bert Guptil. Guptil said the main goal of the club is to "Not just support Bernie but to learn the best parts of our democracy and hopefully preserve them."

The Albany Bernie Campaign endorses the club, and has contributed financially, but the LBCC club is not officially a branch of the campaign and is solely student based. The Bernie Sanders Club invites others to "feel the Bern" as well, and is looking for more student members and volunteers. The club is meeting Mondays 4-5pm in North Santiam Hall Room 209 every week excluding holidays if you wish to attend. The meetings aren't just for Sander's supporters. The club has shown interest in having debates with other students who support other candidates, especially Donald Trump. "It's [the debates] all a part of hands on learning, and getting ideas out there," said Guptil.



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# NEW RESEARCH TOOL

Winter term the library introduces Find It, the new research tool. It searches all of the library's print and electronic resources at once.

The library has over 734,000 online resources and over 37,000 book resources available for use.

"Most four-year schools center the research process around tools like Find It," according to Librarian, Jane Sandberg. "Find It gives our transfer students a chance to try out discovery layers before they get to schools like OSU. It also showcases some great content that students usually don't come across, like our streaming technical videos, extensive streaming music collections, and hundreds of thousands of ebooks."

Find It can be accessed from the Linn-Benton homepage and then type library in the search bar. It is easily accessible, and easy to use. Find It can also be found on the library's new website at [library.linnbenton.edu](http://library.linnbenton.edu).

If you need help accessing the Find It research tool, stop by the library and a staff member will be able to assist you.



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# STRIKING GOLD

Gender identification in the bathroom

The first fundamental rule of life I learned in elementary school was referred to as the “Golden Rule,” which is to treat others how you want to be treated. Of course, as a child, it is hard to understand and correctly execute empathetic behavior, but elementary school is all about learning the basics, which are arguably the most valuable lessons learned in life. I started to wonder in my childhood why this “Golden Rule” was granted such a title. Initially, I assumed that since gold is among the most valuable and sought after precious metals on Earth, I figured this rule must be just that; wildly precious. However, with age, I came to the realization that the name might be driven by more complex components. Gold itself, like the rule, is rare and hard to come by. It is not often one finds such compassion and gratitude in our everyday life, in the same way that one doesn’t typically “strike gold” on a daily basis. Despite the lacking presence of empathy in our world, our schools still encourage students to “walk in the shoes of others” in order to understand their perspective.

Meet Coy Mathis: a six year old in Colorado who attended Eagleside Elementary School.

According to Rolling Stone, Coy is like most girls her age in more ways than one; from her

obsession with the color pink, to her love of dresses decked out in as much glitter as they can

hold, it is undeniable that Coy has embraced her femininity. With her numerous interests and

joyful spirit, it’s no surprise Coy is currently overwhelmed with friends who share the same

passion for the more “girly” things in life. Despite her seemingly normal life and common interests, Coy is a very special child. A child who struggled to be accepted in school, not by her peers, but by the administration.

Coy Mathis was born a boy. The Mathis family initially raised Coy to be the boy they knew him to be. However, Rolling Stone reports, from the time Coy was able to navigate toys, clothes, and general interests, it was clear that the family was not dealing with the boy they were prepared for. Their son rejected all things considered masculine, with a preference for his sister’s wardrobe, toy box, and other glitzy accommodations. Coy wouldn’t even eat a meal unless it was served on a pink plate with matching utensils like his beloved sister. The Mathis family thought Coy might be homosexual judging by this behavior, but they knew they were dealing with something much different after one night when Coy’s mother, Kathryn, was tucking her son into bed. He looked troubled, clenching his pink stuffed pony in his small hands. She asked what was wrong, and as his chin began to quiver, with tears streaming down his face, he asked, “When am I going to get my girl parts?” From that moment on, the family sought help from medical and psychological experts and ultimately decided to raise Coy as the female she knows herself to be.

When it came to her education there was a small problem with her transition. When Coy initially registered for kindergarten, her parents listed her as a

boy, since this was before she verbally expressed her desire to physically change her sex. According to the article, Coy had started school dressed as a boy, and was miserable as a result of the double life she was living. Once her parents found she was diagnosed with gender dysmorphia, they understood the extent of her struggle, and let her wear the girly clothes she adored to class. The parents met with the principle and were relieved to find the school was initially understanding of the situation, along with the rest of Coy’s peers, who quickly bonded with her over baby dolls and playtime.

Once Coy entered first grade and started using gender specific facilities, the family was confronted with complaints about Coy’s use of the girls bathroom. No longer was the school going to tolerate a girl with male sex organs using the girl’s restroom. They urged the Mathis family



to understand the discomfort it would bring other students in the future, when Coy started to develop more prominent male attributes, such as a lower voice, adam’s apple, and male stature. Coy’s parents were outraged to find the school, and many other Transgender

intolerance groups, to be so unempathetic of their child’s medical diagnosis. Transgender individuals are people whose gender identity is not cohesive with their physical sex organs. The legitimacy of this internal and external conflict is something not a lot of people understand, but a diagnosis that medical professionals insist is legitimate. More and more transgender people are “coming out,” which poses lots of questions for schools. Mainly, the use of facilities for kids undergoing their transitional period. Students should identify with the gender they psychologically please, and partake in the facilities designated to said gender.

The more open society gets, the more transgender individuals will be open to identifying as the gender they are. Schools will have to address their

policies at some point, and also abide by antidiscrimination laws already established on a federal level. According to the Federal Title IX Law, “You have the right to use restrooms and other facilities that are consistent with your gender identity, and can’t be forced to use separate bathrooms” (George N.P.) Despite this law, schools are still rejecting student’s basic right to use the facilities they desire. A report done by GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network), states that 59% of transgender students have been denied access to restrooms consistent with their gender identity (George N.P.). What schools are failing to recognize is that the sooner they accommodate the needs of transgender students, the sooner being a transgender individual will be perceived as “normal” and not a disturbance to their policies and procedures.

Denying the rights of a transgender student will inevitably lead to social intolerance within the school system. The National Center for Gender Equality reports, “A national survey by GLSEN has found that 75% of transgender youth feel unsafe at school, and those who were able to persevere had significantly lower GPAs, were more likely to miss school out of concern for their safety, and were less likely to plan on continuing their education”(George N.P.). Judging by that statistic, it is no surprise that 41% of transgender individuals attempt suicide (Haas N.P.). It is immoral to not allow a student to meet their basic needs because they do not conform to the conventional standards of other students. It is our education system’s responsibility to meet those needs.

How can the same schools that teach the principle of treating others how you would want to be treated, also demonstrate intolerance and a complete absence of gratitude for a select group of people? The hypocrisy of our schools is shameful. If our schools continue to teach students to hate what they don’t understand and only tolerate conformity, our future generations will embrace those ideals as well. Students with unique characteristics should not be forced to use facilities which make them uncomfortable. All students should be treated with equality, and not just taught the concept of gratitude, but also see it demonstrated by those teaching. I encourage teachers and administration with a profound intolerance for transgender students using the facility they identify with, to walk in the shoes of Coy Mathis; to understand the needs of a student with a gender identity that’s not consistent to their organs and learn to empathize with that struggle. Maybe if our education system decides to practice what they preach, our future generations will “strike gold” more often than not.

**“All students should be treated with equality, and not just taught the concept of gratitude, but also see it demonstrated by those teaching.”**

When schools officially acknowledge the legitimacy of identifying as a different gender than the physiological factors that determine sex, so will the peers of transgender students. School revolves around learning new lessons and ultimately becoming an adult, so if the school demonstrates acceptance and respect towards the need of transgender students, peers will learn to do the same. CNN reports that anywhere from one in 30,000 to one in 1,000 people are transgender (Payne N.P.). It is our school’s responsibility to help these individuals lead the lives they were intended to, and lead by example by accepting a student’s differences.

I concede that it may make other students and parents uncomfortable to have a gender dysmorphic student in the same facility as a student blessed with a gender identity consistent with their anatomy. However, I can’t help but believe it is more important to provide a safe and accommodating environment for a transgender student, than it is to let ignorance prevent the progression of acceptance for an entire group of people.



STORY BY GRACE ALLEN

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



COURTESY: LUCASFILM

Star Wars is one of the most popular film franchises of all time, but it’s also one of the most polarizing. The original “Star Wars” was released in 1977 to massive success and spawned two sequels, “The Empire Strikes Back” and “Return of the Jedi,” the former of which is often regarded as one of the greatest movies ever made. However, the series also saw the release of the less than stellar prequel trilogy. When it was announced that Disney purchased the rights to Star Wars for \$4 billion and planned to release a new trilogy of films expectations shot through the roof. Luckily, the newest Star Wars movie is just what the franchise needed.

“Star Wars: The Force Awakens” is the seventh and most recent Star Wars film. It was written by J.J. Abrams, Lawrence Kasdan, and Michael Arndt and was directed by Abrams. Set 30 years after the events of “Return of the Jedi,” the film introduces new characters to the Star Wars universe, as well bringing back fan favorites, such as Han Solo and Chewbacca. Thanks to excellent writing, acting, and overall filmmaking, “The Force Awakens” is the best movie going experience in recent memory.

The movie opens as any other Star Wars film does, with the iconic “A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far

away” and the yellow text crawl. The first sentence of the text crawl is, quite frankly, jaw dropping. For people who have spent the last 30 years loving Star Wars, the first sentence of the text crawl is a gut punch and the perfect way to start a new series of films. Once the movie really starts, it’s a roller coaster ride of nostalgia and masterful filmmaking that create an experience that only a good Star Wars movie can deliver.

What the original Star Wars movies did best and why people love them so much is the excellent characters and storytelling. As Star Wars fans themselves, Abrams, Kasdan, and Arndt recognized this and created a new Star Wars story that harkens back to the magic of the original trilogy. When people talk about “The Force Awakens” in years to come, they’ll remember it for embracing the moments that make the hairs on the back of your neck stand up.

The characters in this film and how they are written are superb. Rey, played by Daisy Ridley, is the best movie character of 2015. Ridley imbues Rey with genuine emotion and makes her feel real. The rest of the new cast, Adam Driver as Kylo Ren, John Boyega as Finn, Oscar Isaac as Poe Dameron, and the lovable new droid BB-8, all help to reinvigorate the Star Wars franchise.

MOVIE REVIEW:

**Star Wars: The Force Awakens**

**DIRECTOR:** J.J. Abrams  
**STARRING:** Daisy Ridley, Adam Driver, John Boyega, Oscar Isaac, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher, and Mark Hamill  
**PRODUCTION:** Lucasfilm, Bad Robot, Truworth Productions  
**GENRE:** Action, Adventure, Fantasy, Sci-Fi  
**RATED:** PG-13  
**OVERALL RATING:** ★★★★★

REVIEW BY KYLE BRAUN-SHIRLEY

Returning cast members, such as Harrison Ford as Han Solo and Mark Hamill as Luke Skywalker, all play their parts well in helping to elevate “The Force Awakens” to heights it may not have reached otherwise, but the new characters are the real stars of the show.

The main complaint that many people have about “The Force Awakens” is that it’s too similar to the original film and that the writers could have created more original ideas. To be fair, “Star Wars” was not very original. It was basically structured the same as old fairy tales with a science fiction twist. The latest Star Wars movie is by no means flawless, but the strengths far out way the weaknesses.

Now that 2015 has ended, it’s clear that “The Force Awakens” was the be-all and end-all of movie going experiences this past year. It’s not a perfect movie, but neither is the original Star Wars trilogy that fans have placed on such a high pedestal. Perfect movies don’t exist. But “The Force Awakens” captures the energy of those original films like no other movie since them has been able to do. The Force has awoken. Have you felt it?



COURTESY: LITTLE STANGER FILMS

When sisters Maura Ellis (Amy Poehler) and Kate Ellis (Tina Fey) are hell bent on wrecking their parents plans for selling their childhood home; nothing will stop them, or so they thought.

This film had several well known actors and actresses including Maya Rudolph (Brinda), James Brolin (Bucky Ellis), Dianne Wiest (Deana Ellis), John Cena (Pazuzu), and John Leguizamo (Dave).

“Sisters” is definitely a movie for friends to check out or sisters who want to relive those days together growing up.

Opening weekend “Sisters” brought in \$13.9 million. “Sisters” isn’t the first time Poehler and Fey worked

together cohesively and hilariously. They starred together in “Baby Mama” in 2008. Also in 2004 they appeared in “Mean Girls”.

Compared to “Baby Mama” “Sisters” is amusing in its own sense. It has its own humor. Poehler and Fey play two different characters in each movie and bring to life two individual personalities.

The movie was full of laughs. Especially the scene where Maura (Poehler) is completely wasted and basically tells off an officer and gets away with it. I’m not condoning her behavior by any means, but it was just too damn hilarious not to mention. She spells out S-H-I-T, flips the bird and makes a reference about a

MOVIE REVIEW:

**Sisters**

**STARRING:** Amy Poehler, Tina Fey, Dianne Wiest, James Brolin, John Leguizamo, Maya Rudolph  
**DIRECTOR:** Jason Moore  
**PRODUCTION:** Little Stranger  
**GENRE:** Comedy  
**RATED:** R  
**OVERALL RATING:** ★★★★★☆

REVIEW BY MELISSA CHANDLER

particular pastry. Let’s just say it was hilarious and I couldn’t hold back the laughter.

I really liked that the movie showed the real side of being sisters, and what it is like when siblings are dead set on destroying their parents plans no matter the circumstances.

After a seriously awesome house party and a few lessons learned, Maura and Kate realized that the house was just a building and that a home is a feeling.

If you like sisterly love and a walk down memory lane, then this movie is the one for you.



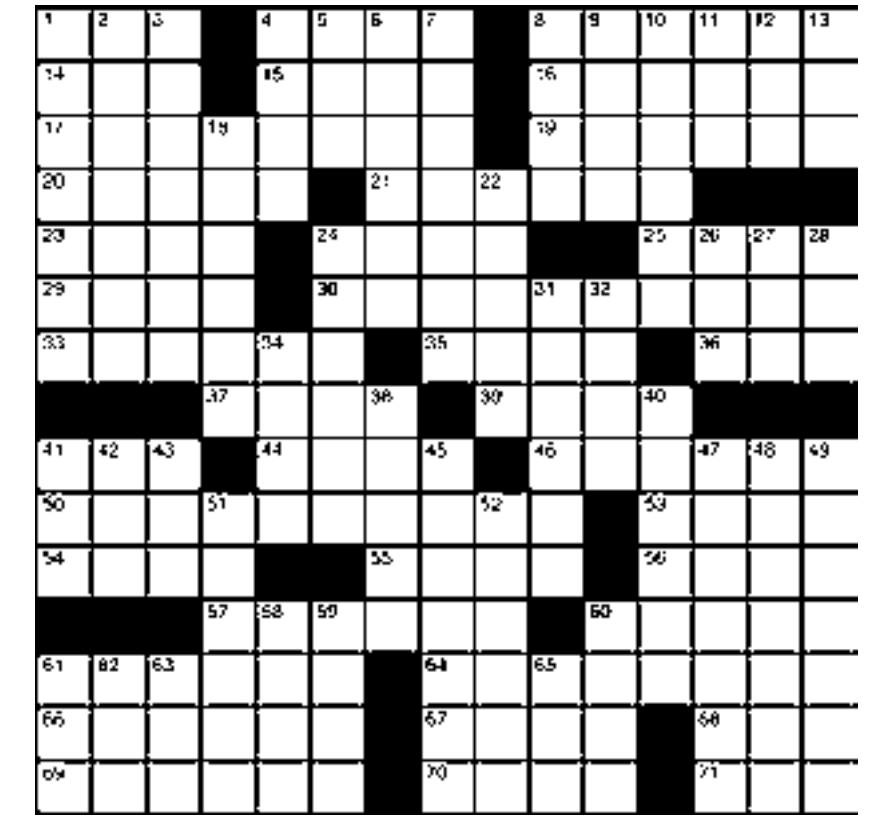
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## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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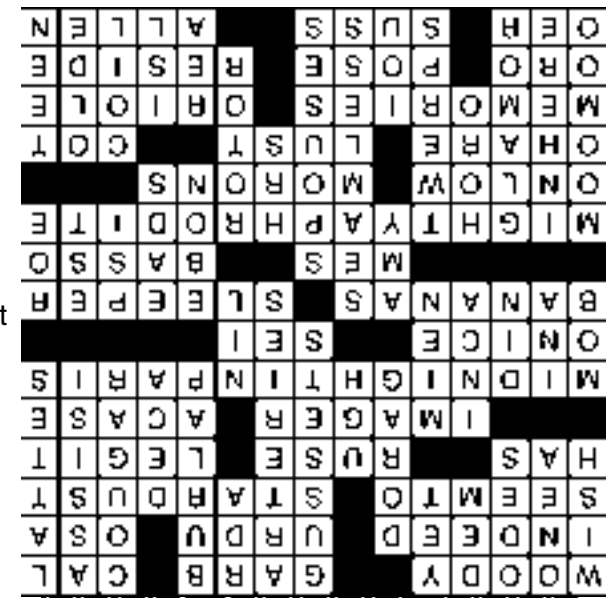


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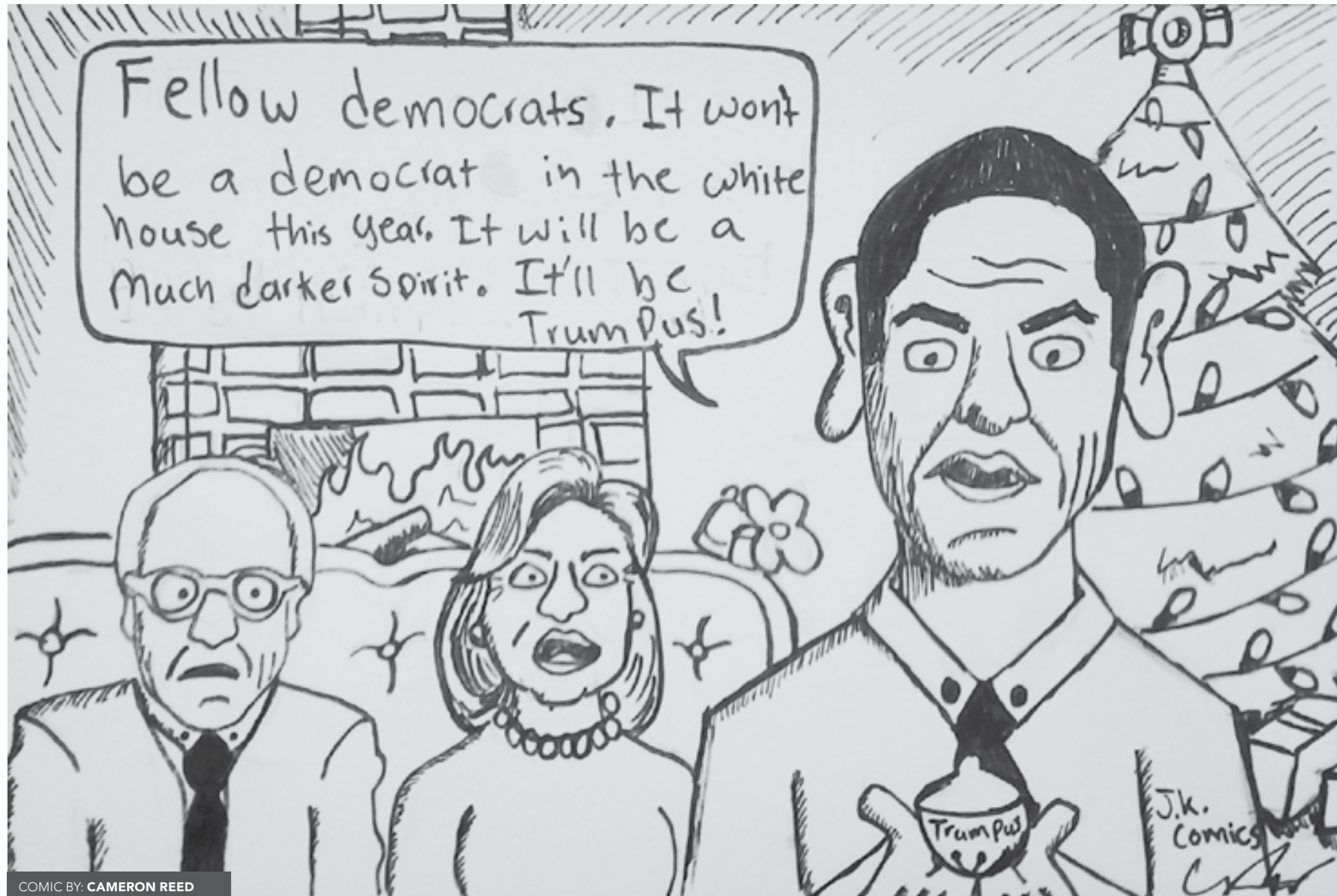
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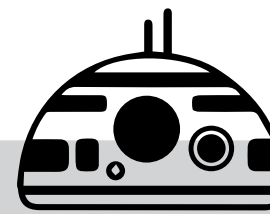
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## NETFLIX RECOMMENDATION

### "Pulp Fiction"

Quentin Tarantino has a new movie coming out soon called "The Hateful Eight." There's no better way to prepare than by watching an old classic Tarantino film like "Pulp Fiction."

### DID YOU KNOW?



2016 is the year of Red Fire Monkey.

## NURTURE YOUR CALLING

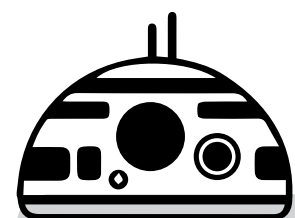
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# LBCC MEN'S BASKETBALL

RoadRunner basketball back in action



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Andrew Reardon shoots hoops during practice.

Linn Benton (0-1, 4-8) got off to a tough start in league play against Portland Community College, losing 98-83. Andre McCowan had a big game against the RoadRunners, leading all scorers with 34 points, 8 rebounds, and 6 assists. The RoadRunners were down two at halftime, but PCC turned it on in the second half and outscored LB 60-47, and ended up winning 98-83.

Sophomore, Andrew Evans led the RoadRunners against PCC with 21 points, five rebounds, and three steals. Evans is the leading scorer for the RoadRunners

averaging 12.58 points.

Linn Benton will look to get back on track against Clackamas on Jan. 6. The RoadRunners will try to get back in the win column and not let the season slip away like last year.

"I believe the best way to change a culture is within," said Evans. "It starts with the players. I have never been part of a team that is so close to each other. Not only are we close on the court, whether it is in practice or in games, but off the court as well."

While students were home visiting

their family and friends the basketball team was busy.

"During break we had two tournaments that were great for team bonding," said Evans. "In Yakima we had snowball fights and we would all hang out in Austin Peters room for some good laughs."

The 2015-16 season hasn't gone according to plan so far for LB, but that hasn't got the team down on themselves.

"So far the most challenging part about this season was how we started off," said Evans. "As a team we kept focused, and instead of getting down and giving up we

stayed positive and are improving every day. We looked to each other and our coaches and figured out what we needed to do collectively to compete."



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# MORE MISCONDUCT AT UO

UO gets sued once again by student and faculty member



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The University of Oregon is famous for its unique culture and top notch athletic department. They are also famous for being the first university in America to sue a rape victim.

In the spring of 2014, a UO student was raped by three of the university's basketball players. After putting the investigation of the alleged rape on hold, the woman and her family sued the school for recruiting a basketball player with previous sexual assault allegations. The UO player was a student at a previous university and was rumored to be expelled for sexual assault charges.

UO denied knowing about these charges before recruiting him, and responded with a lawsuit against the UO victim.

After having his door pounded on, rallies forming in the courtyard, and staff members signing petitions, the school

president, Michael H. Schill, and the administration dropped the lawsuit.

Nov. 2015, the school was sued again. One of the alleged rapists brought forward a lawsuit stating that the university spoiled his chances of getting into the NBA. The former player had hopes of branching out into the big leagues, and says that UO has put a halt to that dream.

Nov. 2015 was also the month hosting another lawsuit towards UO involving a former Health Center counselor. During the 2014 Basketball player case, the school looked into the victim's health records at the school.

The health center counselor reportedly filed a lawsuit against the school for making her lose her job and credibility for accusing her of leaking the records herself. She says that she was not a part of obtaining the student's records, and that

the school did it without any permission.

This has led to several upsets and eventually the passing of a bill, House Bill 3476, which states no university can use a student's medical records. This bill is designed to provide a safer environment for students and to make students feel more comfortable with reporting sexual assault, but that was not the outcome.

Just this fall, several UO Sororities came out saying that they do not support the passing of this bill. Kappa Alpha Theta was one of the sororities that felt as if the school was establishing the bill for the wrong reasons.

The instructor of a women's self-defense course at UO said, "One in four women will be sexual assaulted on campus their freshman year."

With all of these lawsuits and assaults taking place so close to the LB community, it places an unsettling

curiosity of whether these sort of unfortunate events take place at LBCC.

Lynne Cox, LB's president, said, "We have never had a sexual assault or rape at LBCC or on any property where we teach or serve students."

According to Cox, the school has only just started investigating off campus activity at parties and private homes within the past year due to a new law.

Sexual assault is a topic that has been on rise with college campus in the last few years, and the reasoning behind that is unclear, but it is being addressed and talked about.



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