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*I have a dream...*





# DAC SHOWS 'I HAVE A DREAM' SPEECH AND SO MUCH MORE

You can walk into the Commons Cafeteria at 1:30 p.m. on any given school day and take in a familiar scene. Magic the Gathering cards shuffling, dice rolling, people eating, and conversationalist conversing. Jan. 15 was set to be much of the same, but the DAC had other plans.

Sitting in the far left corner, setting up the projector and getting some kind of film ready to roll, was a man you could never forget. If you have never met Raven Womack Sr., chances are you still might know who he is. To say that he stands above the rest would be an understatement; a mindful giant who takes care for every word he speaks and backs up everything he does with the type of smile that forces you to do the same.

At his side is Tazzi Joyner, another member of the DAC. The two of them converse on what can only be assumed as timing and Joyner opens the viewing as the MC, calling those in the room to watch as Dr. King gives his "I Have A Dream" speech.

The speech is quiet the first time around and met with mixed reviews. Some students stop periodically and watch, while others continue along their day unaware. This may have been due to the lack of volume, which Javier Cervantes director of the DAC promptly corrected upon entering the room.

Watching the video and listening to words from over 50 years ago, you would expect this moment in time to be dated; that somehow such an important topic would have demanded action and seen the issue eradicated.

True, the world has changed, but like Joyner pointed out, "We still have things that are not equal."

It would be unjust to the legacy of MLK Jr. to pretend like prejudice and bias are not a huge part of our culture, but that is exactly what the Supreme Court did this past summer when it struck down the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Making it so nine states no longer needed federal approval when making election laws. They said, "our country has changed," well the people I talked to beg to differ.

"We are still in the same struggles they were in then,"

says Raven. "Look at our prison reform system." This is not only opinion, but factual. An article ran on Monday by USA Today on new data surrounding this topic said, "the authors found that by age 18, 30% of black men, 26% of Hispanic men and 22% of white men have been arrested." That means that two groups make up over half of the arrest rate and prison population. The article also stated that these numbers only increase beyond 18.

"These speeches and their content are still relevant," Cervantes included. When asked in what way, Cervantes pointed to voters who in some states can have their voting rights stripped away for an offense they made in their youth, even though they have paid their debt to society and, in some cases, become key members of that community.

Here in Oregon, things have been routinely exclusive. African-Americans are pocketed and small. In Albany and Corvallis, they are one percent or less of the total population according to a recent poll by suburbanstats.org.

"Why do African-Americans avoid Albany and Corvallis?" asked Chareane Wimbley-Gouveia co-coordinator for the Learning Center.

The question definitely got wheels turning and words flowing. The conversation from there was at times speculative and based on personal stories and experiences, but the statistics were undeniable.

And this is only one part of what makes King's speech still relevant.

When asked about other groups (like LGBT) who are

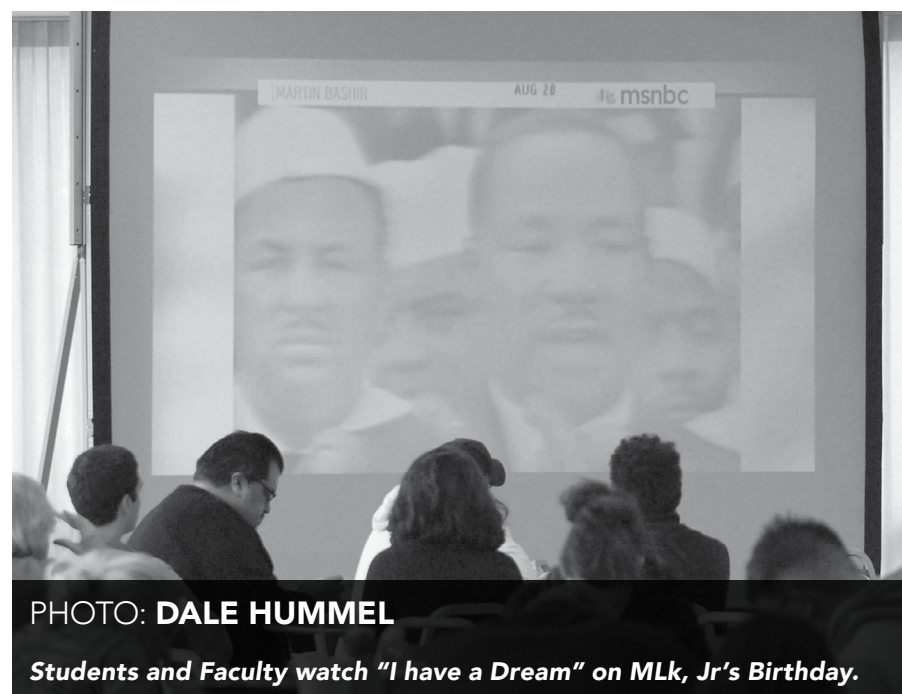


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Students and Faculty watch "I have a Dream" on MLK, Jr's Birthday.

facing similar freedom fights Joyner said, "Freedom is about your choice. It should be perfectly okay no matter what you choose. We still have a lot of work to do, but we will take it on bit by bit."

The DAC then showed the speech one more time and Cervantes closed calling people to remember this past Monday and what it represents. "It's our responsibility to honor Kings' legacy."

The group ended the day by doing just that.

Back at the DAC in the Forum building, the team had free cake for anyone interested in celebrating the life of such a key member of history. People laughed and talked and one thing became clear, one man's dream, is another man's progress. ♡

STORY BY TEJO PACK

## PRESIDENT'S FORUM

LBCC President Greg Hamann hosted an open question and answer session with the staff and faculty on Jan. 16.

The event was to provide an open forum for a series of questions that Hamann received prior to the meeting. Questions included issues during December's inclement weather and financing upgrades that LBCC needs. Hamann also opened up the forum to other questions from people who attended the meeting.

When Hamann answered questions about the inclement weather that occurred in December, he spoke about the difficult decision on whether or not to keep the campuses open.

"We felt like we made the right decision on Friday, and the right decisions on Monday and Tuesday," Hamann said.

On Dec. 6, LBCC decided to close campus at 10 a.m. instead of making the decision earlier. This caused many people that attended classes to be upset.

One comment on the Linn Benton Facebook page from Jody Stone French, "Friday's 'alert' was a bit late. I arrived at the Benton Center campus to find it closed. Not fun to drive over and back. Several cars in the ditches and lots of tow trucks out."

"That Friday we (messed) it up," said Hamann.

LBCC is reviewing its policies about closing campuses earlier and the new goal is to be much more clear about decision and make decision much earlier, said Hamann. "We will never make a decision that will make everyone happy."

The largest topic of conversation focused on a bond measure that is scheduled to be on the 2014 November ballot. The \$30 million bond will help provide funds in four major areas:

- \$2 million to help finish the Advanced Automotive Transportation Center construction.
- \$8 million to match the state grant and build the Health and Occupational Learning Center. It is the schools plan to build a center near the new convention complex in Lebanon.
- \$12 million to upgrade classrooms and repurpose vacated by the transportation group and expand the mechatronics department. To upgrade the power grid supply to the campuses.
- \$8 million to create and fix the parking issues at the Benton center campus.

"(If approved) the repairs and construction will take place over a three year period," Hamann said.

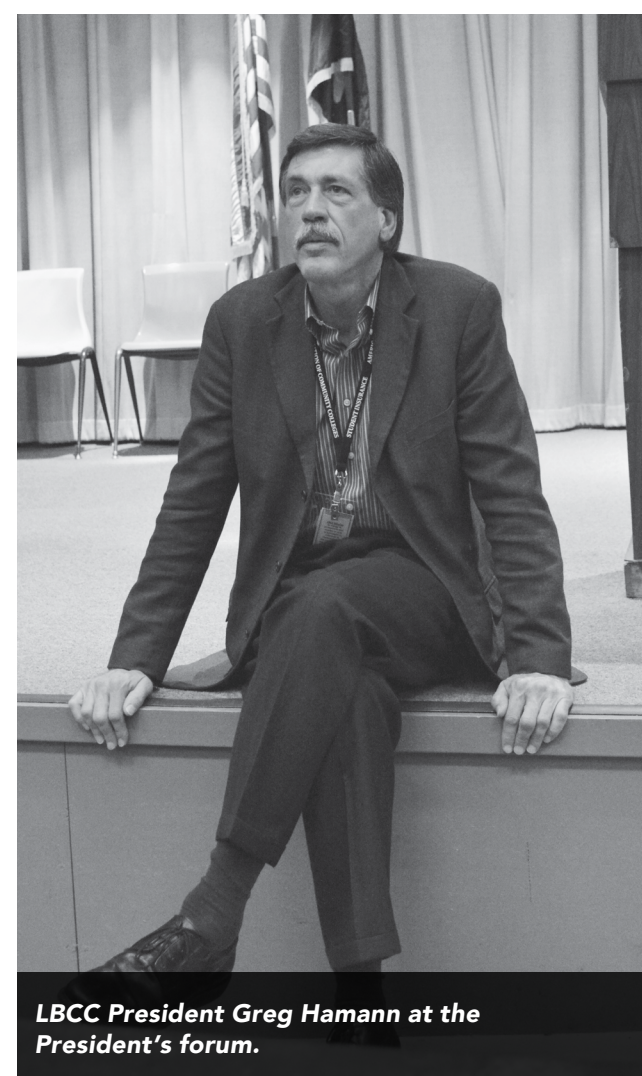
LBCC researched the needs of the school and compiled the list with these areas that had the most needs.

The estimate cost to promote the bond is \$75,000. The Linn Benton Foundation has made a commitment to provide \$50,000 towards the cost. The additional \$25,000 will be raised through fundraisers and donations, said Hamann.

"I wanted to hear an update about the bond and infrastructure progress," said Richenda Hawkins, library department chair. "(Hamann) brought his list and addressed the questions that circulate the school for all of us hear."

"We meet every term and keep it an open forum," said Hamann. The open question and answer forum for the staff and faculty was an important interaction. This was a time that allowed access to information and promoted the opportunity to discuss issues with respect, Hamann said.

If students are interested in the same type of interaction, then the Student Leadership Council could arrange the same type of forum. There can be a possibility to have this type of open forum with students, said Hamann. ♡



LBCC President Greg Hamann at the President's forum.

STORY AND PHOTO BY TED HOLLIDAY



# SLC PRESIDENT ELECTIONS

By the end of February, LBCC will have a new Student Council President. For the first time since 2010, students will elect leadership by exercising their right to vote.

In the past, the Student Council President was appointed by the Student Leadership Council. An applicant would apply, current SLC members would interview them, and then a majority vote would determine the appointment to presidency. 2014 brings exciting changes to this process.

LBCC will now have an election process based off votes from the students. This makes LBCC unique among most other Oregon community colleges, according to SLC Legislative Affairs Director Mike Jones. Jones explained that the change came about when last year's SLC made a big push to give the students choice. He further added that studies have shown students do better, when they have more power. After listening to what the students wanted, LBCC approved the new election.

"The President and Vice President of LBCC have been 100% behind us in this change," Jones said.

What does this change mean for students? The Bylaws for SLC state that, "voting members of the SLC can only serve two consecutive terms." Current President, Amanda McCown will be ineligible to run since she is completing her second term. With the power to elect the best candidate, students will have several things to consider.

Staff that regularly interact with the SLC President made it clear that the SLC President has a specific obligation to the students. Greg Hamann, the president of LBCC, said they need to be someone he can rely on as an interface between him and the student body.

"We count on them to make sure student perspective is being brought to us as an institution," he explained.

The Student Activities Coordinator, Barbara Horn, said, "They are a voice for the student. They are able to look for student needs, and see the big picture."

The new SLC President doesn't need to have a particular background or major to do the job. According to Horn, qualities they should have are: being a person who is a natural leader, having good communication skills, the ability to listen to others, problem solving skills, organization, and passion. "This is a working office and the skills they learn here will be life-long," Horn said.

As of Jan. 14, there are two applicants submitted for the position. The deadline to apply at the SLC office may possibly extend past the original Jan. 16 cut off to ensure news of the new election process is effectively communicated to the students.

To help with the campaign, the Oregon Student Association and Oregon Community College Student Association are sponsoring a voter conference on Jan. 25.



The goal at the conference, according to Jones, is to register at least 200 students to vote with an ultimate goal of 2,000 to maximize the voting campaign.

By electing the next leader, students are directing their future voice. Students have the power to ensure the best candidate will represent them and their needs. Every applicant is welcome and every vote matters.

When asked what he is most excited about when working with the new SLC President, Hamann said, "I hope most that they will partner with me to make students feel part of the campus community." ♡

STORY BY **ALLISON LAMPLUGH**

## MORE INFORMATION

**What:** Students vote for LBCC Student Body President

**When:** February 2014

**Voter Conference:** Saturday, Jan. 25

**Applicants:** Pick up application in SLC Office

**SLC Office contact:** 1st Floor, Student Union Building - (541) 917-4475

# FAMILIES INVITED

LBCC is gearing up for the 37th Annual Family Fun Day coming up on Feb. 1. To launch the event, coordinators are selling raffle tickets for \$1 each for some great prizes.

Students, staff and faculty can buy tickets for the next 10 days. All proceeds will go to building the Parenting Education Grant Fund. Winners do not have to be present at time of drawing, which will occur on Family Fun Day at 1:45 p.m. The Commuter will publish a complete list of winners in the Feb. 5 issue. Tickets will be available at the event until noon.

This is a great opportunity for students, staff and faculty to win some terrific tickets, passes, services and items.

The coordinators would like to offer a special, "Thank you" to all the companies and people who donated prizes and time to support the Parenting Education Grant Fund.

All students, staff, faculty and their families are invited to LBCC's Family Fun Day that will be held in the LBCC Activities Center on the Albany campus at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the first Saturday of February. Don't worry about the weather ruining all the fun activities since it will be held in the warm and dry gym.

Children will have fun with crafts, face painting, bouncy houses, putt putt golf, dig and dive, and much

more. There will be a used toy and book sale, along with food and drinks.

Tickets can be purchased at the SLC office now and until the event.

Enjoy family time and help support the Parenting Education Grant Fund.

"We hope you and your family join us for this great event to help families in our community! ♡

STORY BY **ELIZABETH MOTTNER**

## WHEN AND WHERE

**Family Fun Day**

**Date:** Feb. 1, 2014

**Time:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Location:**

Activities Center Gym

Albany Campus

6500 Pacific Blvd. SW

Albany, OR 97321

## PRIZES

2 Portland Timbers Tickets

One Year Family Pass to the Portland Zoo

2 OSU Football Tickets (OSU vs PSU Aug 30th)

One Year Free Bagels from Panera Bread

30-Minute Visit from Santa Claus

Burgerville Gift Cards

Oil Change at Oil Can Henrys

Karate Kids Birthday Party Package

Adidas Sports Package

Hawleywood Photography Gift Certificate

Granite Cutting Boards

KS Photography Portrait Session

Child's Ukulele

Ceramic Bowl by Parker Havron

Great Harvest Bread Gift Certificate

AC Gilbert Discovery Village Passes

Acrylic Nails or Manicure w/shellac polish Shayla

Silacci

Haircut from Kathy Spencer & hair products

Marine Discovery Tours Tickets & Chowder Bowl Gift Certificate

Del Alma Restaurant Gift Certificate

OSU Baseball Team items

OSU Football Team items

OSU Men's Basketball Team items

OSU Volleyball Team items

EOLA Hills Wine Cellars Brunch Certificate

EOLA Hills Wine Gift Baskets

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# STUDENT SOLDIERS FACE CHANGES TO TUITION ASSISTANCE

## For Better or Worse?

Many members of Oregon's armed forces are not only Soldiers or Airmen, but also full-time college students. One of the benefits of being a citizen warrior is Federal Tuition Assistance, which helps many service members in college to pay for tuition.

Effective Jan. 1, 2014, a new regulation came out to amend the current policy of Federal Tuition Assistance. This will cause problems for many new service members. Major changes of the policy include length of service before eligibility to use tuition assistance, semester hour cap per year, and the eligibility of use for graduate programs.

"Soldiers that came in through this last year were pitched by a recruiter that they can use tuition assistance right away," said Ann Browning, the Education Services Specialist for the Oregon Army National Guard. "However, it changed Jan. 1, 2014; you now have to wait one year after completing your Advanced Individual Training, Officer Candidate School, or Basic Officer Leader Course."

Samantha Muravez, a would-be college student with the Oregon Army National Guard, is one student who is not able to attend school this term due to the changes.

"Even though I have been in the Oregon National Guard almost two years- due to the length of my AIT, I am still not eligible," said Muravez.

The effect of these changes also reach into higher education. There is a new ten-year rule which states that if you used any tuition assistance during your undergraduate classes, you must have at least ten years of service in your

selective branch to qualify for use of any tuition assistance for a graduate program, according to Browning.

Another change listed on the regulation is the amount of credits tuition assistance will cover per year.

"It used to be that you had \$4,500 a year, or 18 semester hours. Now it caps out at 16 semester hours," said Browning.

In quarter hours for the new regulation, that translates to 24 quarter hours per year.

"It is now going to take longer to get my degree," said Muravez. "With the drop in hours per year, I can only go full time about two [quarter] terms."

With these changes, students are left to try and find alternative means to be able to pay for college.

"Roughly 100 students will be turned down for this term," said Browning.

"You can use Financial Aid [from the school] at the same time" as tuition assistance, said Megan Pickens-Lloyd, the Veterans Specialist for Financial Aid Linn-Benton Community College. She advised to, "come-in and talk to me, sooner rather than later. It is a process to go through, it is important to reach out to someone."

Although the changes are not seen with favor throughout the reserve community- it could have been worse, according to Browning.

Browning said that instead of eliminating tuition assistance entirely, the military asked how they could maximize the effect and make it more specific to those using it.

"They could have just cut it entirely," said Browning.

### MORE INFORMATION

**What:** Changes to Tuition Assistance

**Who:** All student soldiers who use Federal Tuition Assistance.

**When:** Changes took effect Jan. 1, 2014

For more information, check with goarmy-ed.com or if in the armed forces contact the state education center or your chain of command.

If National Guard contact:  
Ann Browning  
(503) 584-3434  
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Regardless of the cuts, both Pries and Browning agree it is still a beneficial resource for students to use.

"It is most definitely a program still worth using, whether using it part-time or to supplement with the G.I. Bill," said Browning

"I'm still going to use it, as long it is available," said Pries. ♡

STORY BY PHILLIP STEINER

# WORK-STUDY BRINGS HELP

## Work-Study Jobs Help LBCC Students Earn Money

Many students who use financial aid to pay for college education are eligible for involvement in the federally funded Work-Study programs available at select schools. This need based program places students in a variety of different jobs in which they can earn paychecks that are applied directly to their tuition and fees.

"Students can receive [Federal Work-Study] funds

at approximately 3,400 participating postsecondary institutions," according to the United States Department of Education.

Linn-Benton Community College is one such institution who offer a variety of Work-Study job positions, all of which are posted on its website. Marci Johnston has been working at LBCC for eleven years, and for the past two, has been involved in coordinating student placement into Work-Study jobs around campus.

"It is flexible around your schedule, whereas a lot of employers aren't as flexible," said Johnston about the benefits of the program.

According to Johnston, there are 157 positions available at LBCC every academic year. Some are available during the summer, but not as many as during the rest of the year.

"[Some students] try and gain new job skills, and others go for something light hearted and fun, like food

service," said Johnston. "In my case, work-study turned into employment later on down the road".

Some students enter into these programs and discover career interests they hadn't previously explored. Michelle Slay works in the Career Center at LBCC and began working there as a Work-Study participant. Slay stated that the Work-Study program is beneficial to the school.

"There are some things that we, as staff, would not be able to get done without our work-studies; what they give to us is so valuable," said Slay. "Volunteers fill positions around the office, (without them) the office would probably just go without that help [if it weren't for students participating in the program]."

Slay believes it's likely that there are Work-Study positions that everyone would enjoy doing. ♡

STORY BY JAIME ATKINSON

### MORE INFO FOR STUDENTS ON FINANCIAL AID

**US Department of Education**  
www2.ed.gov/programs/fws/index.html  
**LBCC Career and Employment Services**  
(541) 917-4780

# FREE YEAR OF COLLEGE

Imagine having the first year of college paid for. This is what 131 students at Linn-Benton Community College are currently going through with the new Greater Albany Public School (GAPS) Advanced Diploma program.

Students who graduated from West Albany, South Albany, or Albany Options Schools had the opportunity, before graduating last year, to join a brand new program that offers a full paid year of college.

"[The students enrolled in the program are] loving the opportunity because their whole first year is paid for," said Danielle Blackwell, the coordinator and adviser to the Advanced Diploma program. "We are receiving more interest for this next group. People are saying 'Wow, this is a great opportunity!'"

"It makes it so you don't have to worry financially," said Meghan Hobson, a current fifth year student.

The school district pays for books, fees, and 12 credits of tuition. The catch is, they technically don't graduate;

they stay in the GAPS district as a high school student and attend college as a "fifth year," which is why the program is also referred to as The Fifth Year Program.

"The idea for creating this program was to transition people into college," said Blackwell. "Several other high schools in Oregon are doing this program as well. This one was modeled after Dallas High School and their partnership with Chemeketa Community College."

Schools in the area like Corvallis, Lebanon, Central Linn, and Philomath, all now have their own Advanced Diploma Programs. The program is funded by the state, as the students are considered high school students taking all their classes at the college.

Blackwell said that overall, the program is "a wonderful opportunity for students that we could help pay for their first year of community college and get them going in the right direction."

This is an advantageous opportunity for future students of LBCC. For more information, please contact Blackwell at Greater Albany Public School District. ♡

STORY BY JUSTIN WILLIAMS

### AT A GLANCE

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# COLLEGE WITH KIDS

Students who are parents face additional challenges in college by learning how to balance family life and academics.

Amanda Turcott, a single parent of her five-year old son Tyson, is attending her second year at LBCC to complete her bachelor's degree in Culinary Arts. Lonnie Eyler who has a four-year old daughter Nakia, is also a sophomore at LBCC pursuing her bachelor's degree in business.

"I want to show my son no matter how late it is, it's never too late to start it. Just never give up," said Turcott.

Unlike other traditional students, Turcott and Eyler face greater challenges when go to college. Working hard for them not only means being a good student and doing homework, it means finding balance between school and family.

"Higher education leads to better opportunities, better career, and better pay," said Eyler, Turcott's best friend.

Between school schedules, family, childcare, after-school activities, group meetings, and on campus involvements, Turcott and Eyler are trying their best to balance it all and avoid becoming another social stereotype of parent students.

At first, Turcott came back to school and finished her GED. This brought her potential to the surface and she realized how much more she could do to provide her son a better life. Eyler also started attending college with the same motivation. She simply wants the best for her daughter no

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**Website:** [www.kidcoheadstart.org](http://www.kidcoheadstart.org)

matter what it takes.

However, to commute between parenting and attending college at the same time is not an easy job, and many parents are facing similar situations here at LBCC.

Time management and financial conditions are the two major challenges. Parents often work part-time. This leaves them no time to attend school activities and group projects. In many cases, parents sometimes have to sacrifice spending time with families to make more money.

"It's easily \$2000 every month," Turcott looked at her friend Eyler and agreed. Both Turcott and Eyler give up on working during school time, and rely on financial aid because they don't want to eliminate the time to spend with their children.

"Finding your own personal time to do homework is my biggest challenge. Making sure you are on top of your school work as well as not neglecting your child at the same time, because they are at the age where they need your undivided attention," said Turcott. "I work in summers to support our living expenses."

Now that their children Tyson and Nakia reached preschool age and currently enrolled in Kidoco Head Start. This is a free on campus education program to assist families on early children developments, and it is divided into an early program and head start program.

The head start program has four classrooms on the LBCC campus. With the "open door" policy, parents can check on their kids anytime. The building also opens an area for parents to do homework and relax from the day. And the early head start family advocate serves 10 families at her home for younger children. In total, this program has 72 children enrolled.

"We are federally and state funded, so we prioritize LBCC students, but also reach out to the community," said Christina Nese, the site supervisor at Kidco Head Start, "We use creative curriculum, and really focus on education development. We also serve kids with special needs."

"Being a parent student is hard, but just remember to never be afraid to ask for help," said Turcott. "The staff and secretary here are wonderful."

Turcott and Eyler expressed their thankfulness about Kidco Head Start. However, Turcott's worry doesn't stop here, "Tyson is five right now, and he will start kindergarten next fall. I will have to work harder or maybe get a part-time job to pay for child daycare, so I can still be a full-time student here and complete my degree as soon as possible." 📍

STORY BY YULING ZHOU

# POETRY CORNER

## Madiba

From the moment people saw you poised to speak

Electricity would ripple among the crowds

Circuiting in powerful loops as your voice thundered through

The mighty waves raising consciousness across continents

Illustrating with your heart how activism interconnects

The dedication of your people could have raised a dictatorship

But the love brought forth, swelling heart inside you

Created truth and reconciliation trials across race relations

Turned the tide from tyranny to democracy

Blazed a brilliant and liberating legacy

You are a testament to the power a spirit has to change

The spirit residing in all of us

Twenty seven years in a cell no wider than your wingspan

Spent your days reading and reflecting

Cultivating a profound sense of empathy

Compassion for the human condition

Later liberating your people while forgiving your captors

Your kindness bears witness to the power of love over hate

The whole world misses your light, Khulu

May freedom fighters listen closely to your politics

Memorize in their muscles your song of deliverance

I see global consciousness rising to the next degree

I believe in your vision, "we are going forward"

Using our energy to learn from the past without being drained

Summoning electricity conducting catalysts for change

Drawing doors on blank walls

Cresting the next wave, sparking future generations

Standing in solidarity with you, Madiba

By Megan Mitchell

## Say It Plain

Say it plain that many have died for this day:

Men and women and children,

lovers and lawyers and prophets -

And we are the vast generation meant to

span beyond the hate,

the catered-to bigotry and rage

and find a common ground amongst the people and the pain.

Say it plain that many have fought for the end of this war:

They have clawed their ways to the bone

and gnashed teeth between teeth

just to stand again at the top,

feverishly delivering truth to the masses.

Our responsibility comes not from some innate sense of power,

but from the fact that many have

loved and waited,

forced and hated,

celebrated and lost,

debated and found,

drowned desires,

sparked new interests and fires and lives

and many have died.

Many have died so we could say it

strident and piercing,

resonant and loud,

always loud,

always mindful and proud

of the many that died.

By Kiera Lynn



# 3-D INNOVATION

Eleven years ago the Drafting and Engineering Graphics Technology Department at LBCC gained an invaluable asset in the form of 3-D printing. Perry Carmichael, head of the department, said, "The Albany campus was one of the first schools to have this technology, even before OSU and Washington State University."

This technique, also known as additive manufacturing, is a process of making a three-dimensional solid object of virtually any shape from a digital model. Today, the department can boast a count of four 3-D devices including a 3-D rapid prototyping printer and 3-D handheld "doodler" pens. The departments LBCC hosted web site suggests (loosely) viewing this process "as a hot glue gun that is computer controlled."

Generally used by second year and above students; the 3-D printer is used to simulate a manufacturing and production experience within the classroom. This concept of learning design through production is the purpose of these devices on campus.

These printers have the potential to allow students and faculty the freedom to utilize ideas and concepts that would previously have been extremely hampered within the confines of school if not impossible altogether.

Students use the 3-D printer to make anything from hanging decorations, ceramics, and home decor to serviceable tools, pinewood derby cars and remote-controlled robots.

The printer takes a Computer-aided design (CAD) file known as a stereolithography (STL) of a 3-D solid model and will print the model, both interior and exterior, as a solid object. The process involves adding layer upon layer of varying material to make a finished product. Typical print times are a couple hours.

Until recently, 3-D printing was limited to large companies that could afford the industrial machines. Daimler AG, Honda Motor Co., Boeing Co. and Lockheed Martin Corp. all have used 3-D printers to fashion prototypes and make parts that go into final products.

Created in 1984 by Chuck Hull of 3-D Systems Corporation, the technology would only begin to see real market growth near the start of the 21st century and took until the early 2010s for this modern marvel to become widely available commercially. As their popularity, usage, and sales increased their cost began dropping to a more affordable mass consumer level. According to Wohlers Associates, a consultancy, the market for 3-D printers and services estimate from 2007 through 2012 show a staggering 35,000 percent increase in sales with a value of \$2.2 billion worldwide in the surveys final year.



COURTESY: **LBCC DRAFTING AND ENGINEERING GRAPHICS**

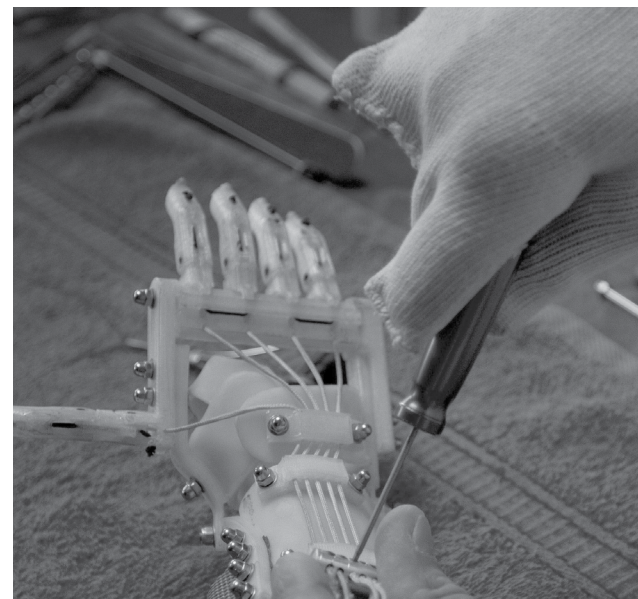
*Blake Stevenson, Joe Ensley, and Colby Schwindt, who is holding the team's RC car.*

The advantage to these machines for innovation and advancement in engineering, drafting, robotics and medicine as well as many others is prolific.

LBCC's ROV (remotely operated vehicles) Team and their advisor Greg Mulder (LBCC's physics department chair) have recently made good on these claims. The Team took third globally this past year in a 400-team competition at Johnson Space Center in Texas. Facing such international competition as Russia and Japan as well as our own competitors at home, which included major contenders such as Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) was no easy task.

Coquille Rex, a member of the ROV Team who was involved with the competition, said, "It was the detail work and intricacies we gained from having the 3-D printers that truly set us ahead. What we could do with the printers for the ROV competition was truly awesome."

Any and all of LBCC's aspiring engineers, inventors, design artists and ROV Team members can enjoy the advantages of 3-D printing on campus. Students have an ever-mounting access to new software and applications concerning 3-D print technology. 📍



COURTESY: **MAKERBOT**

*Richard Van As adjusts Robohand that was printed on a 3-D printer.*

STORY BY **JUSTIN SHOEMAKER**

# ADVICE FROM WEISS

**Question:** My teacher gave an assignment. A project. I did the project. Then he begins asking me to do it differently. All these new things we're supposed to add in and it feels like I'm starting over when I thought I was done. Is that fair?

**Answer:** That's college. One of the things that's new and different about college is what's expected of a student, and the goals of a class.

College faculty will often ask students to create a project, or a paper, and then turn right around to ask them to add certain elements to their work, or to re-create it, entirely, from a different perspective.

There will, of course, be projects and papers that really will be done when you are done with them. But that won't always be the case anymore. This is because education is really a "developmental process."

The educational process begins with learning the skills you need in order to learn, like how to read. Then comes foundation skills like basic math, Important events in history, and other facts and universal truths.

By the time you reach college however, we start messing with the information. First by asking you to create a response of your own to existing information, and then by asking you to expand upon your creation (which is what your teacher is apparently asking of you).

Finally, as you reach the later part of college, or go on to

graduate school, you are asked not just to be a learner, but to help create knowledge and teach the things you have learned. You begin helping to do research and teach classes. Usually under the mentorship of a professor.

If you go on for a Ph.D. the whole point is for you to contribute original work that will help our world, or at least a part of our world, to move forward and do better.

A critical point between the very beginning of the educational process, skill development, and the very end, being able to create knowledge the world has not had before, is to gain experience with re-working your own thoughts. This will make you a more creative person and a stronger critical thinker. This is the mid-point of the developmental sequence we call "education."

You are now moving from the place of being told, to the place of being creative with the truths you have learned. It's difficult, I know. But in at least my life, nothing has been more exciting and interesting. Good luck! 📍

STORY BY **MARK WEISS**

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# MURMURS FROM THE CROWD



PHOTOS: **COOPER PAWSON**

*A fan sits alone during LBCC basketball game.*

Thirty-nine fans sat scattered across the bleachers. Aside from the seven or eight volleyball players, a "student section" was non-existent.

On Jan. 11, at 4 p.m., the Linn-Benton RoadRunners matched up with an excited and prepared Portland Community College Panthers team. The Panthers handed the RoadRunners their tenth loss of the season in a lackluster performance by the RoadRunners. Perhaps even more disappointing than the loss, was the nearly non-existent student section. Though this isn't the typical turnout for home games it seems to have gotten worse as the season has gone on.

For the first period, the crowd, made up of mostly what looked to be parents and grandparents, sat almost silently with the occasional, "lets go boys!", or "that's a foul!". The student section, or the lack there of, sat quietly when not conversing among themselves.

Halfway through the second period the crowd became slightly more active, as the RoadRunners made their only attempt at a run by cutting the deficit to thirteen points. With nine minutes and fifty five seconds left in the second period, Colton Anderson knocked down a tough fast break three, and followed that with a huge play; taking a charge a minute and ten seconds later only to hear soft encouragement from two or three fans in the crowd.

"Even sitting on the sidelines you can tell, the team is

just more excited when there is a large crowd," said Jesse Marchant, a forward for the RoadRunners out with a back injury.

Trevor Cooley's parents like so many others, can be found sitting in bleachers with hardly any LBCC students. Basketball is a game of making runs and constant energy.

"Having a big home crowd and an enthusiastic announcer makes the game more fun and exciting," said Cooley. a guard for the RoadRunners. "I don't feel like we play worse because of the lack of fans, but it would be a lot more exciting if there were more students," said when asked if he feels like the team plays worse because of the lack of fans.

While the RoadRunners this season are at four wins and 11 losses, their main goal is to get at least fourth in conference play.

"We just need to get one of those first four spots in conference, so we can play in the tournament", said Armondo Flentroy.

Every community college conference sends their top four teams to the community college basketball tournament. The RoadRunners have only one win in four games at home where they are suppose to have a "home court advantage".

STORY BY **ROYCE MARKLEY**



*#15 Adam Moore drives to the basket against Mt. Hood.*

# SUPER BOWL

When I think about a great SuperBowl party, I don't think about the touchdowns or the big hits or even who's going to win. I think about my friends, the great food, and the cold beer.

If you are like me living in a small apartment or on your own in general you are probably asking yourself, what am I going to do for the "big game"? Where am I going to watch it? Who am I going to watch it with? If a friends house isn't an option then here are a few places in Albany and Corvallis that I would recommend.

Lakeshore Lanes will showing the game, and will be having a promotion for large groups. \$12.50 per person will get you not only a spot to watch the game with everyone but also two hours of bowling with shoes, 2 pieces of pizza and soda.

Buffalo Wild Wings will also be a great place to see the game on one of their 30 plus screens including their 15 foot projection screen, and as their slogan says there will be "wings, beers, and sports". Show up anytime after 2:00pm on SuperBowl Sunday and grab your seat for just \$10. With that seat you will get one free raffle ticket and a little bag of B-Dub gear. They will be giving away free stuff all throughout the game.

Game Time Sports Bar & Grill will be giving away prizes at halftime, but it will be first come first served so get there early to claim your spot. They have a new location in Lebanon now also so be sure to check both locations if one seems too full.

STORY BY **COOPER PAWSON**

## Game Time Sports

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3130 S. Santiam Hwy.  
Lebanon, OR  
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## Buffalo Wild Wings

1820 NW 9th St,  
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# BEAVERS WIN FIRST BASKETBALL BATTLE

The OSU-UO rivalry is the oldest in college basketball history. This rivalry began in 1903 when OSU was still OAC (Oregon Agricultural College) and was part of the Pacific Coast Conference. It began in the days before the "Beavers," when they were referred to as the "Orangemen" or "Aggies." It wasn't until 1910 that The Beavers were born.

This was the 340th meeting of the two teams in school history, which is the most games between any two teams in NCAA history. The Oregon State University Men's Basketball team extend their NCAA record for most wins against any other team (185) with their 80-72 win over the University of Oregon Ducks. The Beavers started strong

**"I could not be more proud of the guys in that locker room, You always want to see your team rewarded for doing the right things during the week before a game like this."**

Sunday night and never let up, taking a double digit lead 19-9 after a layup from Devon Collier with 12:49 left in the first half. They continued to extend the lead, pushing the margin to 16 at one point. The Ducks would not get any closer than four points for the rest of the game. After losing five of the last six civil war games, OSU really needed this win to make a statement about the program and where it is headed.

"I could not be more proud of the guys in that locker room. You always want to see your team rewarded for doing the right things during the week before a game like this," said Coach Craig Robinson in a press conference and reported by The Oregonian.

Eric Moreland, Angus Brandt, Hallice Cooke, and Roberto Nelson all scored double digits. Nelson had a game-high 22 points to lead all scorers. Moreland racked in his third

straight double-double with 15 points and 13 rebounds. Shooting just over 45 percent from the floor and over 53 percent from behind the arc shows that this was truly a "team" win. Oregon State is currently leading the PAC-12 in three-point percentage. According to OSU's athletic communications, they have not led the league in this category since the statistic began in 1986.

"We're making progress and moving in the right direction," said Brandt to Chris Hansen of the Register-Gaurd after the game. "I think it shows we're learning from our mistakes and moving forward. We're a team trying our hardest to get better."

Oregon State looks to sweep the state of Washington this week when they travel to Pullman, Wash. on Wednesday Jan. 22 at 7:30 p.m. to take on the Washington State Cougars. They will then travel to Seattle to take on the Washington Huskies, which most people don't know is one of the Beavers' most unrecognized, but intense rivalries as well. OSU has faced off against UW 293 times in school history and the first game between the two was in 1904. ♡

STORY AND PHOTOS BY **COOPER PAWSON**



Roberto Nelson leads the Pac-12 in scoring.



Beaver Langston Morris-Walker drives past Joseph Young of Oregon.



Coach Craig Robinson gets input from assistant.




Oregon State's student section cheers on their team.

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# CELEBRATION OF MLK JR

On January 15th, the Diversity and Community Engagement Office and the Diversity Achievement Center at LBCC sponsored an annual event to celebrate the 85th birthday of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King.

A movie of the original speech was shown as the first section of the event. In 1962, Martin Luther King caught his attention from media by organizing a non-violent protest in Birmingham, Alabama. In 1963, "The Great March on Washington" took place for jobs and freedom. And in front of the Lincoln Memorial, Dr. King marked the history with the "I have a Dream" speech pursuing a non-discriminated society. Then in 1964, Dr. King's active advocating motivated the Civil Rights Act to pass.

Today, 50 years after the remarkable speech that has reminded us deeply of infinite humanity and hope, we remember him for his valuable work and contribution to the country and black history.

The DAC at LBCC also held a birthday cake reception. Students were invited to enjoy the birthday cake while having discussions about the event and history. Many students said they were very inspired by Dr. King not only the famous speech, but also his perseverance when pursuing an unprecedented dream. ♡

STORY BY **YULING ZHOU**



PHOTO: **DALE HUMMEL**

Students and staff watch "I Have a Dream" in the Cafeteria on MLK Jr.'s birthday.



PHOTO: **YULING ZHOU**

DAC served cake to celebrate MLK Jr.'s birthday on Jan. 15.



PHOTO: **YULING ZHOU**

Tazzi Joyner cuts the birthday cake for the MLK Jr. event.



PHOTO: **DALE HUMMEL**

Javier Cervantes introduces the "I Have a Dream" video.

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**Friday, January 24**

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## Arts & Entertainment

### A&E PICKS OF THE WEEK

JAN **22-31**

Photographer Dave McIntire  
South Santiam Hall Gallery

JAN **23-25**

"Paradise Lost and Found"  
Albany Civic Theater

JAN **23-25**

"Tribes"  
Oregon Contemporary Theater

JAN **22-31**

Artist Audra Mote  
LBCC Calapooia Gallery

JAN **22-31**

LBCC Invitational Exhibit  
North Santiam Hall Gallery

JAN **31**

Word MOB  
Benton Center at 7 p.m.

## PLAY IN A DAY

The idea of a play being a short and simple story is uncommonly popular. When directors are given extensive works from playwrights that have been around for years, the first thing directors want to do is do the play justice.

However, there are so many different plays in the world it is hard to choose just one. The new fun and creative idea is to take the themes and ideas of certain plays, describe them to a group of people, have them write their own plays and then perform them right away. From this, the idea of a play in a day was established.

The Majestic Theater in Corvallis is looking for 6 playwrights, 6 directors and actors. This is a creative event where ten minute plays are written, rehearsed and performed within a 24 hour period of time.

A brief layout of the process starts with a meet and greet at the Majestic. During this time the theme for the plays are announced to the playwrights. The playwrights then go home and write a ten minute play based on a the theme.

The following morning, everyone returns to the theater and at this point directors are assigned and casting begins from the pool of actors.

All elements of the process (picking of the theme, playwrights paired up with directors, and the actors assigned to directors) are randomly determined by the pull of a hat, which is literally what is used. A hat is brought out and names are drawn from it in order to pair people up unbiased.

Rehearsals continue for the rest of the day until the plays are performed in front of an audience that night.

The performance of all 6 plays will take place January 25 at 7:30pm at the Majestic Theater on the main stage. This will be a free public performance, however registration for artists is \$15.

Playwrights and actors are thoroughly encouraged to come be a part of this fun experience, push themselves creatively and mentally and perform a show that is talked

**TENTATIVE DATES:**

**Friday January 24 at 6:30pm:** Meet and greet at Majestic  
**Saturday January 25, at 8:30am:** Meeting of directors, playwrights and actors  
**Saturday January 25 at 7:30pm:** Play in a day performances

about long after the curtains close.

For more information on how to participate visit [Majestic.org](http://Majestic.org) or stop on by the theater located at 115 Southwest 2nd Street, Corvallis, Oregon, 97333

STORY BY LEX PORTER

## CORVALLIS CULINARY BLISS

Watching cooking shows on the Food Network Channel can inspire some delicious ideas that both professional chefs and the everyday individual can create and enjoy. However, not everyone has the time to prepare, cook and serve in a manner that is fast and enjoyable at the same time.

Now, what if there was an event that took the time and guess work out of cooking and just invited people to enjoy professionally made cuisine? Well that is what the city of Corvallis has brought to the table with Corvallis Culinary Week.

Local top chefs from all around Corvallis will be gathering to showcase their culinary talents and offering specialty plates for only \$10 per person.

There is a long line of participating restaurants that will include, 101 Eat & Drink, Big River, Cloud & Kelly's Public House, Fireworks Restaurant & Bar and many more. There will be something for everyone's preference from Asian to Latin cuisines.

People may call the participating restaurants to learn more about some of the menu discounts that will be happening during the week.

Being able to sample food from some of the top chefs in the Benton County area would be a hard accomplishment, which is why it is called Culinary Week which will last from January 19th to the 25th.

Most people who have a passion for food, know that stuffing every meal into one day especially when they have been professionally prepared, doesn't seem logical. Thankfully, some of the local hotels have taken this into consideration.

The Holiday Inn Express and the Hilton Garden Inn will extend a special discount when people call and make a reservation (make sure to mention that the "Beaver Believer" rate is wanted). The Comfort Suites is offering a special Corvallis Culinary Week rate too.

If your tastebuds wish to be emerged in culinary bliss, be a part of Corvallis Culinary Week, taste great food, see

**PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS:**

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local top chefs in action and maybe even walk away with your own new culinary skills and recipe plans.

STORY BY LEX PORTER





COURTESY: HBO NETWORK

Two vastly different detectives, one murder case; it would be easy to say that "True Detective" feels familiar. The new series from HBO which stars Matthew McConaughey and Woody Harrelson plays predominantly as a flashback to a murder the two worked in '95.

This is where the similarity tracks stop and the viewer delves into a dark world only broken by comedic light. McConaughey and Harrelson partners on the case, see the world in bi-polar opposites.

Rust Cohle (McConaughey) is what he refers to as a "pessimist" whose meticulously-brilliant mind makes him socially awkward. Martin Hart (Harrelson) on the flip side is a tuff street detective who uses know-how to fill in the gaps. Together they compose a mixed bag of strong personalities, hard heads, and imperfect lives. This so far works out though.

"Happily, Harrelson and McConaughey play the characters well enough, and the script is crafted ingeniously

enough, that we want to know where it all goes next — and don't focus on the likelihood it will be no place good." says David Hinckley of the NY Daily News. If it is going somewhere unwanted, it could be one of the biggest letdowns of the year, but let's not count it out yet.

The series which just aired its second episode this past Sunday already has a lot of meat to the story. The piecing together can be slow at times, but even this element plays into the disturbing aspects involved within and around the case. Add in the emotionally intense characters of the story and it makes for an intense hour of television.

Whether or not it is capable of being more is yet to be seen. Sean T. Collins of Rolling Stones touched on this saying, "is it enough to set 'True Detective' apart from the ever-expanding squad of grim-and-gritty cop/killer dramas? That case isn't yet closed, though there's plenty of cause for optimism."

So if your heart has been lost since the ending of "Breaking

TV SERIES REVIEW:

**True Detective**

**NETWORK:** HBO

**STARRING:** Matthew McConaughey, Woody Harrelson, Micheal Potts

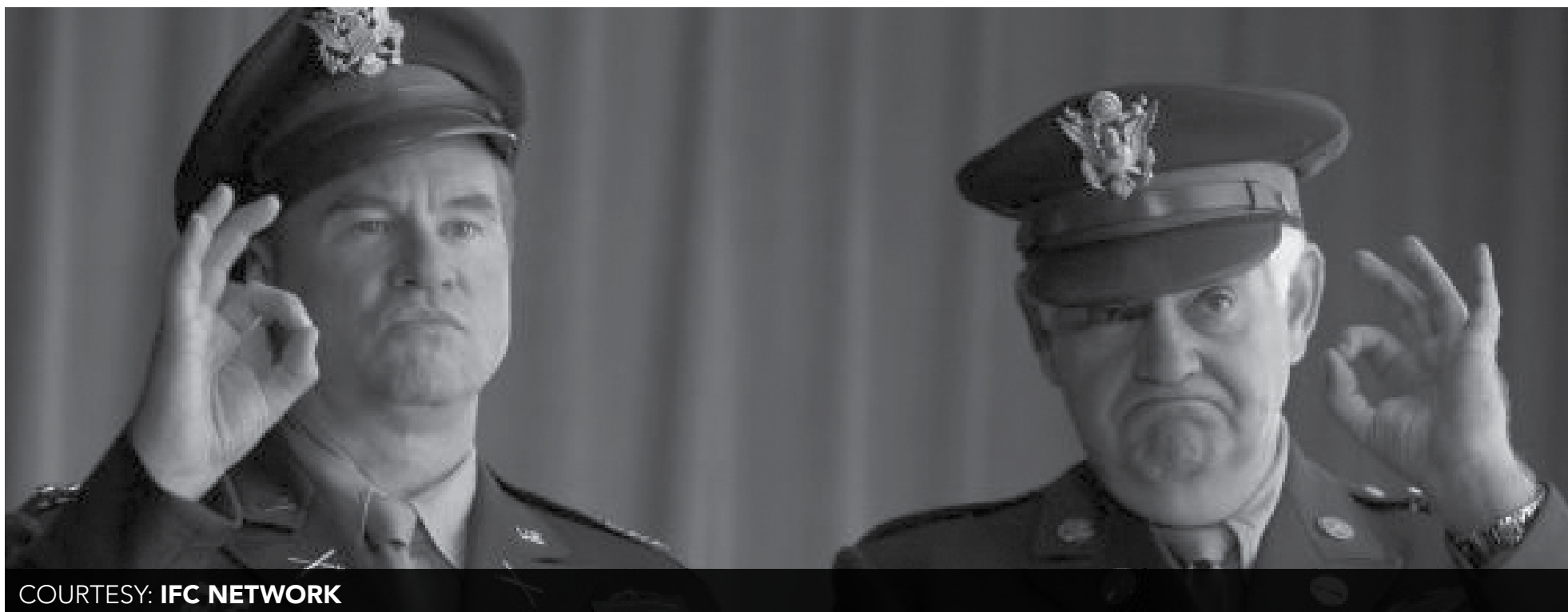
**PRODUCTION:** Anonymous Content, Lee Caplin / Picture Entertainment, Passenger

**RATED:** TV-14

**OVERALL RATING:** ★★☆☆

REVIEW BY TEJO PACK

Bad" you may want to look to the gritty emotionally-charged world of "True Detective." It could become a fan favorite. 📍



COURTESY: IFC NETWORK

Having grown up in the 80's and 90's I enjoy retro; a time when things we're complex, but simple enough that even my grandpa could operate and understand them.

Comedic movies and TV were built on simple ideas like, "Beverly Hills Cop" and "Ace Ventura." There is something to be said for a comedy that doesn't go to great lengths to make you laugh and here is where we find "Spoils of Babylon."

The miniseries is a show based on a fictitious book, carrying the same name, created by Will Farrell's character Eric Johnrosh. Its cast includes greats like Tim Robbins, Jessica Alba, David Spade, Val Kilmer, and Will Farrell as the master of ceremonies. Haley Joel Osment who hasn't been around since he was seeing dead people, also makes a triumphant return providing a character that looks compelling at the least.

The six-part miniseries, tells a tale surrounding the Morehouse family and plays out like a bad 70's show, overindulged and completely ridiculous. This seems to be on purpose though as Christopher Muther from The Boston Globe pointed out: "There are moments during "The Spoils

of Babylon" when it's hard to know if the comedy miniseries is paying homage to, or spoofing, the bodice-busting and sudsy televised novels of the 1970s and '80s." Whichever, the parody is uncanny and ridiculous to the point of silly.

So caution if you're looking for complexity, exit stage left.

If a break from all the emotionally and mentally charged shows feels like a need, then it may be worth your time. "It's good for some dumb laughs, and — important in this age when complex television dramas consume so many of our brain cells," says Neil Genzlinger of the New York Times. With shows like "The Walking Dead" and "Game of Thrones" sucking away, what Genzlinger says, seems to be true.

Relevant or not, if you are looking for lighthearted absurdity, SOB on IFC is the place to be. Be warned though that at times the absurdity heads into the strange and wrong. This is where the series can sometimes go awry and turn some away from what is otherwise a hilarious experience.

The comedy series which airs Thursday nights is only three episodes in, all of which can be viewed for free OnDemand (if you have cable) or, on the IFC site. So if

TV SERIES REVIEW:

**Spoils of Babylon**

**NETWORK:** IFC

**STARRING:** Will Farrell, Tim Robbins, Val Kilmer

**PRODUCTION:** Funny or Die

**GENRE:** TV Miniseries - Comedy

**RATED:** It's way past your bed time.

**OVERALL RATING:** ★★☆☆

REVIEW BY TEJO PACK

you're interested in taking a trip down memory lane, or just need to laugh until your sides hurt, grab a glass of wine and raise a toast with Eric Johnrosh, it could be epic. 📍



# LACK OF COMMUNICATION

To pee or not to pee, that is the question? Whether to use my "super pro" bucks or suffer the slings and arrows of missing recess time.

Is this really the question that we should be focused on nationally?

Recently the Cascades School created national attention about a so called "pay to pee" policy. According to KATU.com news, Melissa Dalebout's daughter, Lily, a first grader, had an accident at school when she was afraid to use the bathroom.

Lily was trying to hold her urine because she didn't want to use her "super pro" bucks to go to the bathroom. Super Pro bucks are fake money that the children earn as rewards for different things throughout the day. They can be used to purchase small toys and supplies at the school store. They are used as a way to help children understand the importance of good behavior.

When a student has an accident, the school attempts to contact the parent immediately. If the parents cannot be contacted, the school has an emergency supply of dry clothes to have the student change into, according to Principal Tami Volz.

Dalebout's cousin, Sarah Palkki, heard what had happened and decided to investigate. According to Palkki's Facebook post, she spent many hours of research and spoke with tons of parents from all over the area with similar issues. Unfortunately, she failed to mention if the "research" was actually in the class and instead she used social media and news media to "punish" the school and probably did not read the parent/teacher handbook which gives instruction on such issues. Palkki is advocating for a nationwide debate over the issue for positive change.

Let's change this around for just a bit. Imagine a classroom without a structured policy for when children

use the bathroom. Since the school needs to be fair to all the children, allowing young children to use the bathroom whenever they need to. In addition, there shouldn't be any consequences like losing recess time for excessive use of the bathroom.

According to Palkki, if there are consequences like losing recess time, "kids aren't going to want to give up recess as they see it as fun friend time, so accidents and UTIs will still occur." This also begs the question of whether or not having children "hold it" is okay.

"Holding in the classroom in between well-established potty breaks has not been shown in any sense of the word to be harmful to kids," said Dr. Bruce Birk, pediatrician in a KATU.com report.

As a father of eight children, I know that accidents do happen. My kids would forget to tell me and hold it in until they couldn't any more. Would we punish our kids for it? Of course not.

Every instructor that is in the classroom and teaches early elementary, has had to manage students bathroom behavior at some point. Should a teacher ever punish a child for having an accident? Never. I have witnessed teachers being respectful and taking those moments as a learning experience to avoid the situation from recurring. Early development teachers sometimes care more than the students themselves.

"We do not have, or have ever had a "pay to pee" policy, said Rob Hess, school district superintendent. "Teachers use a wide range of behavioral management tools to minimize disruptions."

From my personal experience in the classroom, managing students is not only a science, but it's an art. Teachers are expected to maximize classroom time to ensure all students succeed academically. Teachers learn all types of effective

ways to manage a classroom.

As an LBCC college student exploring the possibility of entering the early education realm, I had the opportunity to spend three months in a classroom at Cascades School.

When the children would line up from recess, I would stop at the bathrooms and have kids use them before returning to class. Even providing this opportunity, there were several times that after a few minutes, upon returning to class and the teacher beginning a new lesson, kids would start to ask to use the bathroom.

Since Principal Volz has taken helm at the school, positive changes have been implemented to change the learning environment into a place where kids want to be, not where they have to be. Walking into the school and interacting with the teachers, students and administration, the atmosphere is positive and structured. A much different atmosphere than I first encountered.

Spending time in the school, the evidence is there on how much Volz is invested into making the school reach new heights. She has the respect of her staff and faculty. She schedules time with parents to resolve issues.

Yes, they have to have structure. And if that means having to monitor bathroom breaks to make class time more effective, the structure is a good thing.

Sarha Palkki wants a "positive change." Then lastly I offer this, take time to volunteer in your child's classroom at school; observe and learn the dynamics of the classroom and learn what the teacher needs to do to manage all their children; understand the communication policies of the school and the district; and look at the testing scores. Step away from the computer, and become more actively involved in your children's education. ♣

STORY BY TED HOLLIDAY

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Commuter:

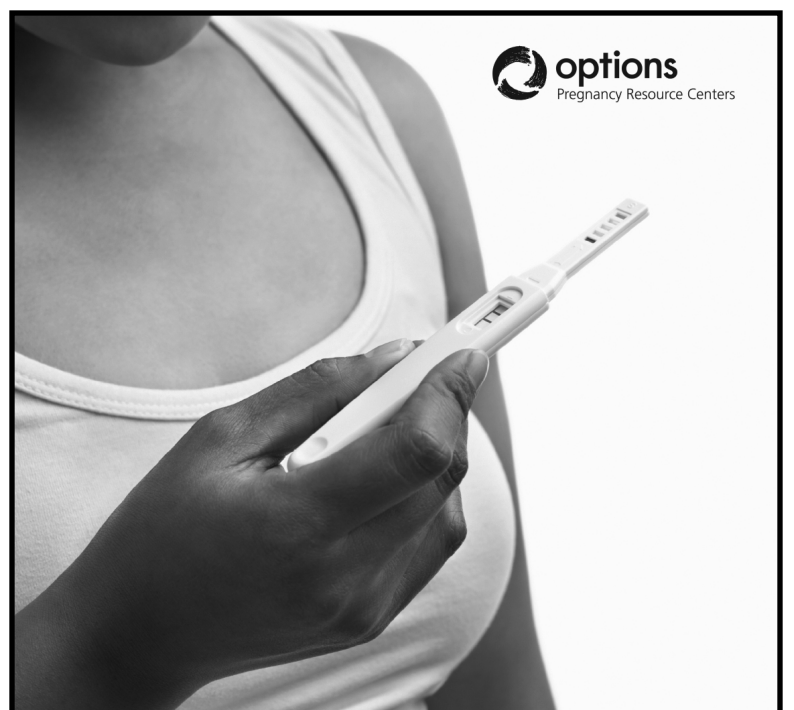
To say that I was seriously disappointed by last week's Letter From an Editor would prove a laughable and rather egregious understatement. It was not the grotesque, incomplete-sentence in paragraph four or even the superfluous final quote by Le Gallienne that caused such a strong aversion. The reader was forced to wade through five paragraphs of pleasantries which consisted of an extraordinarily weak apology, old news about The Commuter regarding Dale (Hummel) and (Tejo) Pack, and a surprisingly apt quote from Aristotle. Granted, the apology was warranted. The heart of the piece, in my opinion, started in paragraph six. Note- this is a direct quote: "Recently, some of the responses to both columns have been less than respectful, making personal attacks on the authors. As much as you have a right to response, we do request that it be done on the topics and not in personal attacks on the authors..." Yes, I do have the right to respond; but I am incredibly confused. If the responses to Dale's and Pack's articles should be respectful, which I wholeheartedly agree they should be, then why doesn't The Commuter ask the same courtesy of its own writers? And, if this courtesy is asked, then why don't Dale's articles adhere to the parameters that The Commuter has set? And, if indeed Dale's articles follow the rules, why haven't the rules been changed so that these articles are far less likely

to offend the majority? This is a gross double standard; one that I will repudiate.

I would also argue that this was the wrong medium with which to discuss the "less than respectful" and "personal attacks" regarding the authors. These attacks, according to the Letter From an Editor, took place through a different medium than angry letter submissions. Paragraph eight says, "The numbers of submissions this year has been zero." Well, then why choose this medium to address the issue? I think I know the answer, but allow me one more direct quote, "So to those out there that are so enraged, who do not agree with one point or both, who do not think that a view has been researched or supported, I invite you to put those words into action and submit a letter or column..." This sentence, in my opinion, is a challenge. I found it particularly demeaning that it started with "so to those out there that are so enraged" when this was not even the medium with the supposedly "enraged" students. That must have happened through email, Facebook, or elsewhere and should have been properly addressed there. The sentence I quoted, from the get-go, feels remarkably angry and emotionally charged. I felt personally attacked by being inadvertently, but most assuredly,

grouped with "enraged" individuals. Please note that I have made no individual attacks on authors and I have done no name calling. I have simply and respectfully interpreted the work in and of itself. In closing, The Commuter represents the school body; I am a member of the school body and I resent being fictitiously represented as a "so enraged" individual. I prefer justifiably furious.

Sincerely,  
Seth D. Slater



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# LIBERALLY LENIENT

## *The Slippery Slope of Wages*



COLUMN BY  
**FRANK CLARK**

The economic recession that occurred in 2008 has in many ways set us back to which the perception is that we are gradually recovering but we still have vast challenges to deal with, maybe the most important being that of jobs. Now, I remember when minimum wage jobs were specifically “designated” for primarily high school and college students whom sought part time work but the recession has changed the job market and it seems progressively in becoming wearily unstable. This is because we lost a bunch of jobs nationwide post 2008 and the natural cycle of the market bumped down workers, making over qualified workers seeking minimum wage jobs just to survive. This is a big problem because minimum wage jobs provide inadequate resources for these overqualified employees who may possess a mortgage, family, and other mature expenditures. The average age of a McDonald’s employees is nearly 30 years old today (National Employer Law Project); it was 22 in 2000. This at the same time harms the up and coming generations because they are under qualified and desperately seeking entrance into the workforce to which they cannot compete with the overqualified for limited jobs. So what oh what shall we do about this predicament? Many protest that minimum wage shall be increased to turn the tables. As much as I do not completely aspire to this prescription I must support it and I will tell you why.

Oregon has done the right thing in my mind in keeping the minimum wage above the federal level. I view this as a positive thing because giving workers adequate pay in the wake of a recession increases the amount of money which that worker can afford to spend back into the economy, decreasing economic stagnation. Also, if the minimum wage of 1968 of \$1.60 followed inflation it would be \$10.56 today (Pew Research), which seems practical. Some far right factions argue that the market would function most efficient and promote the greatest prosperity if there were simply no minimum wage whatsoever. This is a very dangerous and invalid inquisition and I will tell you why.

***“I’m glad Oregon does not except such policies.”***

If there was no minimum wage in a perfect world where greed and selfishness did not reside then yes, the market would function best without regulation, oversight, and restriction. Unfortunately, we do not live in such a Utopia and after seeing repeated cycles of history where private enterprises have inflicted economic depression forcing governmental review and bailouts, I do not believe this is a power worthy of the hands of the private sector; the government is well endowed in setting such rules in order to protect us. Now, I don’t believe the minimum wage should be an upwards of \$15-\$20 an hour that is a bit preposterous but I’ll tell you that some states, like Wyoming (where I’m from), not only pay a lower min. wage (\$5.15/hr is the state min. but they have to pay federal of \$7.25) but they are also allowed to pay special wages to such positions as waiters and waitresses in restaurants for as little as \$2.13/ hr. because the employer is allowed to include “presumed tips” in the payroll. This can leave many of these working often taking home pay which equals less than the federal minimum (possibly even the states) which can be hard to survive on nowadays especially for possibly a single mother. I’m glad Oregon does not except such policies.

Now, I do see how an increase in minimum wage can harm small businesses and I am concerned about this issue. I think we can agree that not all minimum wage jobs necessarily require skill sets or services provided that render profits high enough to pay increased wages, this can definitely have an effect on small businesses. At the exact same time you have a company like the one I work for (Truax Corp) which could afford to pay us more but they won’t and if they could pay us less, they would. Or, you have examples like a Wal-Mart in Louisiana having a food drive for its own employees! Is the rotating door not enough to make someplace like Wal-Mart raise wages when their employees will most likely turn around and spend it back at the store? They say it will decrease profit but sometimes you have to spend money to make money. Costco has a much fairer model of employment standards and it seems to be paying off for them; highly decreasing the turnover rate, making a proficient workforce by having the ability to keep good employees. Maybe, it’s better to subsidize small businesses that will be more affected by increased wages more rather than corporations to which I don’t believe wages increases hurt nearly as much. The only reason corporations claim faults related to wage increases is primarily because franchise formulas have been set to push that burden on that franchise owner rather than the corporate faction to which continually increases profit measures.

Maybe we just need to push for a major job bill that will invest in infrastructure, education, and training; possibly even have some national project to which we can really boost economic prosperity rather than giving stimulus to corporations to which have thus far not been used in the benevolence to the economy. ♡

# CONSERVATIVE CORNER

## *Minimum Wage Wars*



COLUMN BY  
**DALE HUMMEL**

Many of us have experienced the challenge of working in fast food restaurants as youngsters. The embarrassing uniforms, hair nets, sweating over a hot fryer, dealing with grouchy customers, and difficult shifts were part of a chapter some of us would sooner forget. For others, however, it was the first exposure to the business world and a better understanding and respect for the value of a dollar. Partially because of the reasons listed, it is well known that most fast-food places have a high employee turnover rate. Most employees of fast food establishments were and are young. They know that with an education and plenty of hard work they can find themselves in respectable, high-paying positions in the professional world. Unfortunately, in this economy not just young people have found the need to apply at a local burger joint for income.

With the national and state unemployment rates at unacceptable levels, many adults have made the decision to go back to the work of their youth and get temporary jobs at low income pay. Now however, many adults who have gone back to work at the local fast food joint or discount store to help support their family, have been reminded one of the reasons why minimum wage jobs have such a high turnout rate — the lack of a family-supporting income.

The average young person doesn’t have a big issue with the minimum wage since many still live a home; on the other hand today’s economy has produced a new kind of employee. These people have families of their own, and sometimes years of experience in the world of business or the streets. With the employment that these new employees fill, comes new demands that most minimum wage jobs have never had to deal with before, the threat of high wages and benefits.

***“In a perfect world we would see low income workers get drastic raises in pay because their companies would just feel sorry”***

As of Jan. 1, 2014 the Oregon minimum wage is \$9.10 an hour up from \$8.95. The national minimum wage is \$7.25 an hour. The new Oregon minimum wage may be fine for employees with no dependent families, however it is not nearly enough for those who have others depending on them. Unfortunately, many small businesses cannot afford to pay outrageous minimum wage payrolls. You may also be thinking corporations may have no trouble being able to pay an increased overhead but even an increase to \$15 an hour can drastically cut into a corporate wallet.

If 75% of Wal-Mart employees make \$15 an hour that would cut an 18 billion a year hole in the company. That is 80% of their profits. If McDonalds did the same thing it would be a cut of \$4.5 billion, or about half of their profit, according to finance.yahoo.com/news. I don’t know any small company or large corporation that could stay in business by doing that.

Others may have different reasons for increasing minimum wage, like saying it’s a way to stimulate the economy, but, according to www.minimumwage.com, “research has found no link between a higher minimum wage and economic growth. In fact, a higher minimum wage reduces output in certain industries with a higher concentration of less-skilled employees.” Others have argued that increasing minimum wage will reduce poverty, when in-fact “Twenty-eight states raised their minimum wage between 2003 and 2007, in an attempt to reduce poverty rates. Yet research from economists at Cornell and American University found no associated reduction in poverty.”

It is common sense that when it cost more to produce and sell a product, whether it is cheeseburgers or running shoes, the price of making and selling the product will come out of someones pocket. I’m fairly certain it will not be the stockholders of a corporation. Raising the minimum wage to \$15 an hour or more would, of course, cut into the profits of all companies; from the little mom and pop store on the corner, to the large corporation in the warehouse store. The question is, are you willing to pay more for whatever it is you’re buying?

Yes, increasing minimum wage would most likely make many low income workers very happy, but what happens when a person who just got a raise to \$15 or \$20 an hour goes out to spend his or her paycheck and realizes that it still doesn’t go that far because the prices have gone up to compensate the owners, stockholders, and managers for the cost in the overhead of running a business.

In a perfect world we would see low income workers get drastic raises in pay because their companies would just feel sorry for them and happily take an unhealthy cut in their profits to make them happy and because it seems fair. Unfortunately, that is not how business works.

So, the next time you go into a Wal-Mart, Burger King, or any other retailer, be thankful that the person behind the counter is not making \$15 an hour or more or you might just see a larger bill than you wanted to. ♡

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### Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- 35 "Iliad" war god
- 36 Home to millions of Brazilians
- 37 Half a superhero's identity
- 38 Switch
- 39 Animated mermaid
- 40 Open, as a bud
- 44 KGB country
- 45 Take a nap
- 47 "No worries, man"
- 48 "Shame, shame!"
- 49 Detailed map windows
- 53 Recluse
- 56 Franchised supermarket brand
- 57 Put away
- 58 Almost never
- 60 Sit-up targets
- 61 Opponent

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

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**Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m.** Best Cellar Coffee House Musicians Night hosted by Audrey Perkins & friends at the Methodist Church at 11th and Monroe in Corvallis. Admission is \$2, kids free.

**Jan. 24 - Feb. 27 12 - 5 p.m.** "THE BIG SUBJECT" landscape painting by Sandra Roumagoux and Kendra Larson art show at The Arts Center, 700 SW Madison, at Central Park, Corvallis, OR 97333.

**Feb. 1, at 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** LBCC's 37th Annual Family Fun Day will be in the Activities Center Gym at LBCC's Albany Campus.

**Feb. 3, at 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** Join LBCC at their annual open house event known as College Night at the Commons Cafeteria in the Calapooia Center.

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**Friday:** Chef's Choice  
Monday: Braised Lamb\*, Hazelnut-Arugula Pesto Pasta with Grilled Chicken, Falafel. Soups: Italian Sausage, and Potato Cheddar\*

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Items denoted with a \* are gluten-free  
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# HOROSCOPES

BY: **DANYA HYDER**

**Aquarius: Jan. 20 - Feb. 18**  
Being the lucky sign, you just won the lottery! Remember, the government gets half and all those helplines from different countries will be calling your number. If any remains, well, if you get any remains spend wisely.

**Pisces: Feb. 19 - March 20**  
You have just found out where your phone is! Good for you! Your phone always had that little red button on it with the do-not-push sign, right?

**Aries: March 21- April 19**  
Feeling down because those troublesome stairs keep tripping you? Try the elevators instead. They say elevators were made for people to ride up and down on constantly.

**Taurus: April 20 - May 20**  
After learning to fly, you figured out how to do that homework, well, the parts that you could find. Keep out of the way of Cancer, crossbows are not always a good thing.

**Gemini: May 21 - June 21**  
Remember the show Lost and the love/hate relationship you have with it? Good, keep remembering as you stare aimlessly at the math homework you supposedly know how to do. Today will be one of those days where people will hear you muttering to yourself.

**Cancer: June 22 - July 22**  
Your day is looking great! You even found a crossbow! Today may prove to be very entertaining for you.

**Leo: July 23 - Aug. 22**  
Names have been popping up a lot. Perhaps it could be because you have a nameless lion cub, or you could be trying to figure out which person made that annoying song stuck in your head.

**Virgo: Aug. 23 - Sept. 22**  
Missing the sunshine? Don't worry, there's an app for that! Checking on your online vegetable garden will help you pass the time.

**Libra: Sept. 23 - Oct. 22**  
Using those giant scales is tough work, instead ask Gemini for some advice. Getting two answers is usually better than one. Figuring out which advice to take may bother you for the rest of today.

**Scorpio: Oct. 23 - Nov. 21**  
Catapults can get very boring, very fast. Luckily for you, Aquarius appears to have won the lottery. Certainly there will be enough money for that monster truck you've always wanted.

**Sagittarius: Nov. 22 - Dec. 21**  
Today has simply not gone well. A test in history, that you completely spaced, you had to park all the way in the back and for some reason your crossbow has been stolen. Today is just not your day.

**Capricorn: Dec. 22 - Jan. 19**  
You have finally figured out the mathematical solution to make an invisibility cloak. Too bad Canada figured it out first. You may feel very upset at not being first today.

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## BACK IN THE DAY

BY: **WILLIAM ALLISON**

**On Jan. 22, 1947**, KTLA, in Hollywood, became the first commercial TV station west of the Mississippi River.

**On Jan. 22, 1997**, Madeleine Albright became the first female secretary of state.

**On Jan. 23, 1983**, The A-Team first premiered on TV.

**On Jan. 23, 1989**, Salvador Dali died at the age of 84.

**On Jan. 24, 1922**, The Eskimo Pie was patented by Christian K. Nelson.

**On Jan. 24, 1986**, The Voyager 2 space probe came within 50,679 miles of Uranus.

**On Jan. 25, 1791**, The first Emmys were presented.

**On Jan. 25, 1961**, John F. Kennedy presented the first live presidential news conference from Washington, DC. It aired on radio and television.

**On Jan. 26, 1962**, The U.S. launched *Ranger 3* to land scientific instruments on the moon, which missed by over 22,000 miles.

**On Jan. 27, 1880**, Thomas Edison was granted a patent for the electric incandescent lamp.

**On Jan. 28, 1986**, The U.S. space shuttle *Challenger* exploded just over one minute after takeoff, killing all seven of the crewmembers that were on board.

## THREE'S A CROWD

BY: **JASON MADDOX**

Panel 1: A student asks, "HEY! SHOOTING OFF A FIREWORK?" The scientist replies, "PERFORMING AN EXPERIMENT."

Panel 2: The student asks, "HYPOTHESIS?" The scientist replies, "IT WILL FLY INTO THE AIR AND THEN EXPLODE IN A PURPLE AND WHITE PUFF."

Panel 3: The student asks, "RESULTS?" The scientist replies, "MARGINAL SUCCESS."

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# NAME A PLANE CONTEST

It's not every day that you hear about a plane being launched into the stratosphere made of mostly Styrofoam. It is even less common to learn of a club at a community college who would be willing to take on the task. Here at LBCC the Near Space Exploration Club has done just that.

"Our charter is a high altitude weather balloon research. We focus on atmospheric science, computer design, programming and aeronautical design and engineering. We are also involved in 'Ham Radio' to better communicate with our high altitude payloads," says Gerald Thomas, a representative of the club.

The plane, made of styrofoam, wood, and soon, metal, is in need of a name and that is where you come in. Through correspondence, Thomas said "The call sign of this plane is NSEC-1 but it has no name. We think that a good method of creating student involvement would be to have a naming contest for this plane."

Between Jan. 22 and Feb. 5, students will have the chance to place name suggestions in a box in the SLC Office (F-122) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. From there, the selections will be whittled down, published and again be voted on by the student body.

What all they might do with the plane while up there is undetermined as of yet, but Thomas had a good notion of the ending, "on its return we fully expect it to break Mach 1 and return safely to us."

Anything built out of so little, that has the potential of Mach 1, deserves a damn good name and obviously, Thomas would agree NSEC-1 isn't cutting it.

So put in a name for the vessel. The challenge has been set and the student body should answer. ♣

STORY BY **TEJO PACK**

**AT A GLANCE**

**Club Moodle Homepage:** [goo.gl/NU8BYR](http://goo.gl/NU8BYR)  
**SLC Homepage:** <http://goo.gl/pmbEKz>  
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PHOTO: **GERALD THOMAS**  
 Photo of the plane that will enter the stratosphere.



PHOTO: **GERALD THOMAS**  
 A plane with a call sign, but not a name.

# THE GSA AT LBCC

*and the Outspoken Agenda*

Coming out of the closet isn't easy. Some people need a support system, and at Linn Benton Community College, the Gay Straight Alliance, also known as the GSA, offers just that.

The GSA meets in the Diversity Achievement Center every Friday from 2 - 3 p.m.

A common question is "Why is there a GSA anyways?" According to GSA Club president Jordan Hagle and club adviser Tim Black, it's simple; it's a place for people who identify as LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender) to come together and be supportive of one another without fear of discrimination. It's also a place to discuss issues and raise awareness in the community. Gays and straights working together for one sole purpose; to be supportive and understanding of human rights. Love is love, no matter the sexual orientation.

Being discriminated against for being who you are can be a real hit to a person's self esteem and self image. Discrimination takes away from a positive experience of life.

"I love, and accept all people, and I want to help people who may feel they don't belong, because everyone belongs," said Johnie Stiltner, an active member of the GSA.

This is the perfect example of how this club should be seen. It's a place of acceptance and support. Once you walk through the doors at the Diversity Achievement Center it's open armed and welcoming; no judgement, just acceptance.

"It's okay to be who they are," said Hagle.

Everyone is an individual with feelings and needs. One person can't affect another more than when someone is discriminating against another. The GSA at Linn-Benton Community College is the place to be oneself. At the end of the day, being oneself is all that truly matters.

Be the voice of courage and wisdom. Sometimes all a person needs is someone to listen to them. Be that person who doesn't discriminate, be open minded and willing to understand that everyone is an individual with similar aspirations and dreams. ♣

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**LBCC**  
**Gay Straight**  
**Alliance**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Who:** Gay Straight Alliance  
**What:** Advocacy for gay and straight students at Linn-Benton Community College  
**When:** 2 p.m. Friday  
**Where:** Diversity Achievement Center  
**Contact:** [gсалbcc@gmail.com](mailto:gсалbcc@gmail.com)



The College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific North West is hiring people to serve as Patient Models for 2nd year medical students practicing their Genital-Rectal Examination skills. We will host this clinical teaching workshop: January 31st and Friday March 7th from 12:00pm-5:30pm at our Campus in Lebanon, OR. These directed learning experiences will be held in private exam rooms. Each exam will be facilitated by a licensed physician working with two students at a time.

Please visit the website below for information regarding compensation, eligibility, and other details.

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