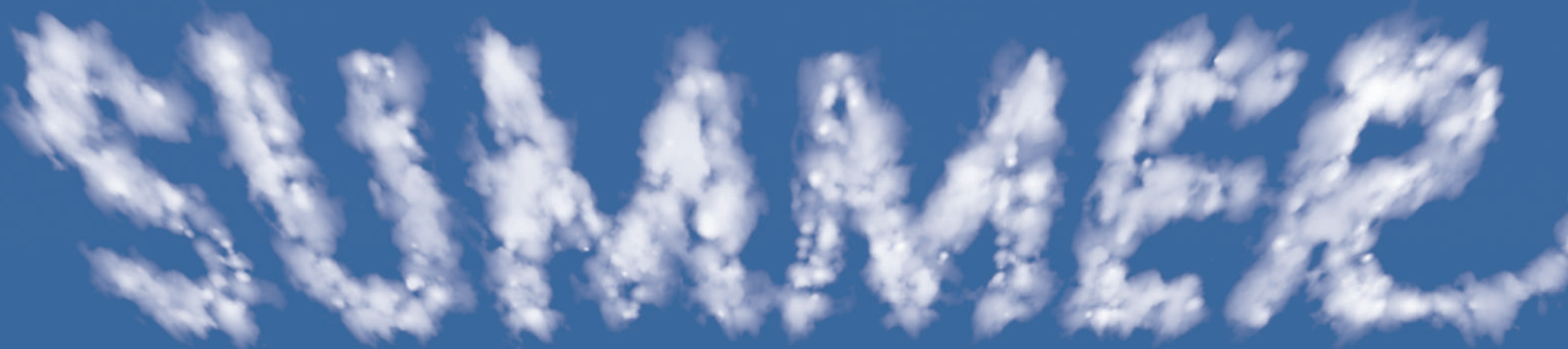




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# LBCC STUDENT CRUISES INTO INTERNSHIP

*"Will we be able to predict earthquakes now?"*

This summer, LBCC student Jonás Cervantes took to the sea for an internship on the research vessel Atlantis. Atlantis' mission was to use the remotely operated vehicle (ROV), named Jason, to retrieve seismometers it placed on the ocean floor last year.

Cervantes was interested in the internship because of his active involvement in LBCC's ROV Club. Greg Mulder, academic advisor for the ROV Club, encouraged Cervantes to sign up for the internship, and ended up going along on the trip.

"I had nothing to do with Jason, and that made me really sad," says Cervantes. "I was the community outreach guy."

Cervantes and Mulder were in charge of a 24-hour online broadcast. The broadcast showed scientists at work around the ship, or when Jason was on a dive, it showed underwater footage.

Cervantes and Mulder answered viewer questions. First, they only did voice overs, though later they were able to broadcast themselves standing in front of the footage and talking, in the style of weather reporters.

They often spoke to groups of kids at aquatic centers, answering questions about the Atlantis' mission.

The seismometers that Jason retrieved were housed in a casing built strong and heavy enough to ensure that they would stay put for a whole year. The seismometers were using GPS software to measure earth tremors and movement of tectonic plates, so it was important for them to stay in one spot.

This made it difficult for one ROV to bring it to the surface. To help, the team used an elevator, which sank to the ocean floor with the help of weights. Once the ROV had attached it to the seismometer with a cable, it shot

back to the surface by dropping the weights. After it had risen, crew members would look around until they found it floating on the water and retrieve it.

At one point, the crew was having an especially difficult time locating the elevator. As they searched in vain, one crew member called out, "Hey look, dolphins!"

Eagerly, everyone forgot about looking for the elevator and ran over to see them. The dolphins were having fun in the water, swimming around and playing with some sort of floating object.

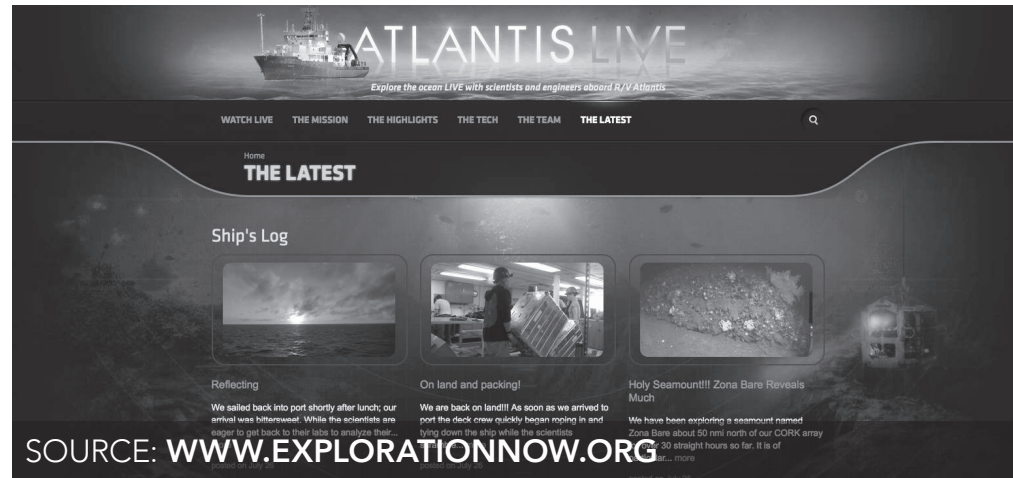
As crew members watched, mesmerized by the elegant creatures, it suddenly occurred them what the dolphins were actually playing with.

It was the elevator they had been searching for.

Thanks to the dolphins, crew members were able to retrieve the elevator, attach the cable to a winch, and drag the seismometer to the surface, where scientists could examine the year's data.

As Cervantes and Mulder broadcast their adventures, they got asked the same question over and over. "Will we be able to predict earthquakes now?"

Sadly, the answer to that is no. Seismometers have



SOURCE: WWW.EXPLORATIONNOW.ORG

only been on the ocean floor off the coast of the Pacific Northwest for three years and tectonic plate movement is a fairly new field of study. According to Cervantes, several crew members told stories about being in college and having professors who still didn't think plate tectonics existed.

The Atlantis' mission was simply to collect data. Maybe in 100 years there will be enough information to predict earthquakes, but not now.

Overall, Cervantes' trip was a unique one, filled with seasickness, dolphins, science, and lack of sleep.

"It was a wonderful experience that I never want to experience again," says Cervantes. •

STORY BY EMILY SMUCKER

# ICE, ICE BABY

STORY BY TEJO PACK

Many things in this world have a negative connotation. Here at LBCC, you simply mention the words "budget cuts" and the additional meanings are already inferred.

No baseball, no ESOL, no graphic arts; the loss of important staples of the Roadrunner character. Reflecting on these hard truths, it becomes difficult to face the unforeseeable future, which carries with it tighter budgets and the possibility of more loss.

So how do we press on?

Two words – snow cones.

Snow cones are a bright light in a dark time. A simple conversation about them can turn the soberest of rooms into a shining utopia. To illustrate this, I sat down with a group of LBCC students to discuss the wonder of bright colors, shaved ice, and the fancy white and blue paper cones that make it all possible.

"Snow cones remind me of my childhood," said Eric Noll, a university transferring member of the LBCC Community. "My dad and I would go watch baseball together and eat snow cones."

"Nothing is more American than mom, apple pie, baseball, and snow cones," said Jeff Lehn, the Phi Theta Kappa regional president.

It's hard to argue with that, but something inside said a snow cone had to be representative of more than just baseball, so the digging continued.



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It turns out that, according to popcorn.com, "The first recorded snow cones were produced by Samuel Bert of Dallas, Texas, in 1919 at the State Fair of Texas. He created the first ice-crushing snow cone machine in 1920 and sold both snow cones and snow cone machines until his death in 1984."

One man sold snow cones and their machines for 64 years; snow cones must be about more than baseball, they are an American idiom.

Still, the intent of such an artistic, delicious goodness must be more. Surely, something that Brandon Vance, a transfer to LBCC, would call "colorful, diced happiness" has to be far-reaching?

**SNOW CONES IN DIFFERENT CULTURES**

- Dominican Republic:** called "frio, frió"
- Malaysia and Singapore:** served with red beans
- Venezuela:** called "cepillados"
- India:** called "juskis"
- Puerto Rico:** called "pirauas"
- Mexico:** called "raspadós"

Source: mybeautifulchaos.org

Then, within the inner workings of the Internet, laid the answer from an anonymous blogger on mybeautifulchaos.org: "Did you know that snow cones are cross cultural? Cultures may clash, opinions may vary, but one thing humans all agree on is the snow cone."

Snow cones have the power to create oneness. No matter what the trouble, no matter the pain, no matter the loss – snow cones and their idiom can transcend it all. •

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# PAY FORWARD, PAY BACK

Innovative way to reduce student debt.

With the rising cost of college, Oregon has taken a new approach to curb student loan debt. During the 77th Oregon Legislative Session, a radical new proposal to pay for higher education was passed, House Bill 3472.

Better known as "Pay Forward, Pay Back," the bill will allow students to attend college while deferring tuition. Once the student reaches the workforce, a percent of the wages is paid back to the state for the tuition costs.

Rep. Michael Dembrow (D) said "With the amount of debt that students are going into to pay for higher education, we need to look at possible solutions." This program is designed to encourage students to achieve a higher education, while avoiding high student loan debt.

The idea stemmed from a group of students at Portland State University Capstone Project and a non profit policy group, Economic Opportunity Institute (EOI). Dembrow and four other state representatives attended the students final presentation. Once the presentation was over, they agreed to sponsor the bill.

Students that have a four-year degree will repay the tuition at three percent of the adjusted gross income. Students with a

two-year degree will pay one and a half percent of the adjusted gross income.

A pilot program will be presented in the next biennium legislative session. The essence of the program is that a student will enter college and the tuition will be deferred.

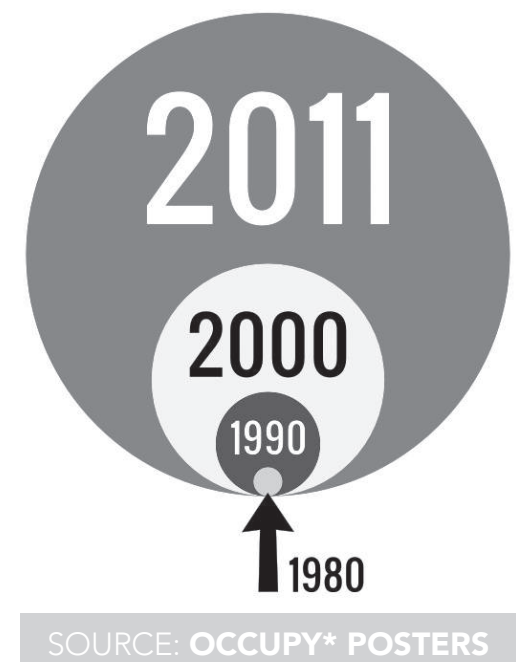
According to EOI, one of the benefits of the Pay Forward program is that "Pay It Forward allows graduates to chose work based on their interests and skills, rather than solely on financial conditions."

Part of the pilot program will determine how the program will be initially funded. "The state doesn't have the money for the start up cost," Dembrow said.

One idea for raising funds is selling bonds. Currently in the state of Oregon bonds can only be sold to build infrastructure. A new bill, SJR 1 that has been introduced, will change the Oregon Constitution to invest in people. After the bill has been passed, it will need to be approved by the people of Oregon. At this time, it is scheduled to be added to the November 2014 voting ballot.

This program has gained national attention. The hope of the program is to help students enroll and complete a higher education degree, while keeping loan debts to a minimum. The pilot program is to begin in 2015. •

## STUDENT LOAN DEBT



SOURCE: OCCUPY\* POSTERS

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# CITY HIRES NEW POLICE CHIEF

The Commuter sits down with Albany's new chief to see what's in store.



PHOTO: WILLIAM ALLISON

As of July 1, 2013, the Albany Police Department (APD) has a new lead officer. Mario Lattanzio left his role as assistant police chief of the Mesa (Arizona) Police Department (MPD) when he was chosen as the most qualified of the three candidates that were interviewed for APD's top position, replacing Ed Boyd.

Lattanzio, 47, who is originally from Las Vegas, lived in several places while he was growing up, including Oregon. After living in Phoenix, Ariz. and completing his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering, he realized that the number of jobs in his career of choice was decreasing.

Lattanzio spoke with his wife, Kimm, and after a bit of conversation, applied to the Mesa Police Department, where he started his police career in 1993. Throughout his years there, Lattanzio moved up the ranks, and eventually became assistant police chief of MPD in 2012.

During his time as assistant chief, he started looking around for police chief positions open in Northern California and Oregon. When the APD chief position came available, Lattanzio got in touch with some family in Oregon and applied for the job. He was later offered the position.

Lattanzio, his wife, and 16-year-old son moved to Oregon, less than a week before his July 1 start date, leaving a 21-year-old daughter in Arizona to finish school. Despite the major climate and cultural change, moving from a large, hot metropolis to a small, wet city, the Lattanzio family is very excited.

The Commuter was able to sit down with Lattanzio and ask him a few questions about his plans as chief.

**Commuter:** What are your thoughts on the police department so far?

**Lattanzio:** It's a great department; there are a lot of good officers here. There are things we're working on, just like a lot of departments, like communication and talking about

a lot of the crime stuff that's going on.

**Commuter:** What ways do you think the police department can be improved?

**Lattanzio:** Right now, I'd say a lot of it is communication. Improve the communication between the shifts, the detectives, patrol officers, and staff. That way, things are more timely, we can get more done, and be more effective.

**Commuter:** What do you think your biggest challenge will be?

**Lattanzio:** Right now, a lot of it is budget. There isn't a lot of money here and a lot of the systems are antiquated. What they use to dispatch calls on and maintain records is old. They've had these systems since the early '90s. It needs to be upgraded, but the issue we're going to have is trying to find the funds to do that.

**Commuter:** How do you plan to help the city of Albany?

**Lattanzio:** I'm bringing a little bit of data-driven policing here. It's computer statistics. Basically, you look at real data, now, and try to solve problems. So what you do is take all the data that's coming in and you map it. Then you'll look at where on the map you're having issues. It's about looking at the things that are going on now and putting resources to it so we can solve the problems, and not waiting two or three months. I also want to start some kind of community policing advisory board for the department and meet with the block watch captains and neighborhood associations throughout the city and talk about crime issues.

**Commuter:** How do you plan to give back to the community?

**Lattanzio:** A lot of it is getting out and doing more community outreach, trying to help build those relationships. I've gone to the Boys and Girls Club, I've gone to one of the rotary meetings, so I'm going to pick one of the associations to belong to and be a part of the community and help give back that way too.

**Commuter:** Ducks or Beavers?

**Lattanzio:** [points at Arizona State University poster and laughs] I can't pick either one. •

STORY BY WILLIAM ALLISON

# THE COMMUTER HIRES NEW PAGINATOR

For the past four years, The Commuter has had the luxury of the same page and graphic designer. As with the majority of the staff, change is inevitable. We begin the 2013-14 school year with a new paginator, Eric Robinson.

Robinson is an LBCC Visual Communication graduate with an emphasis on Advanced Graphic Design. He joins the team with expertise, creative design and a passion to learn new media. When asked what he can bring to The Commuter, Robinson responded, "Viewers. Readers."

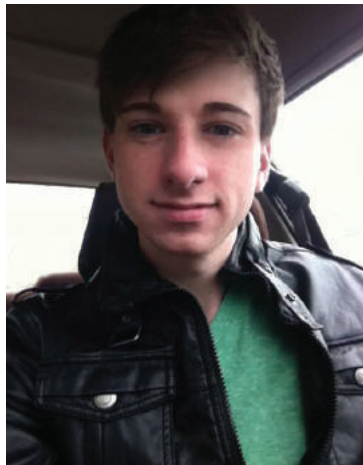
When Robinson isn't busy creating awesome graphics and page designs, he enjoys mountain biking. One of his favorite projects was restoring a '63 Corvette. "When the

project was done, the best part was starting it up and hauling some [butt]," Robinson said.

Rob Prieue, adviser for The Commuter said about Robinson, "We're excited to have Eric join the team and continue the strong tradition of visual design that has been established at the campus paper." •

STORY BY TED HOLLIDAY

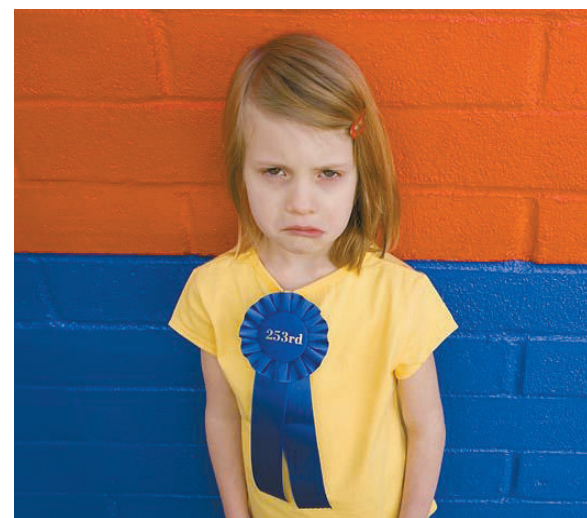
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# DA VINCI DAYS

PHOTOS BY COOPER PAWSON



Da Vinci Days took place in Corvallis from July 19 to July 21



# ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR BOAT

STORY BY COOPER PAWSON



PHOTO: COOPER PAWSON

Out on the Willamette River, they all had an opportunity to put what they learned into action.

Oregon State University's Rowing Club held a clinic at their facilities last month. People were given the opportunity to learn the technique and true skill behind competitive rowing.

The clinic was held from 9 a.m. to noon on July 20. The tickets were just \$20.

The event was run by OSU Rowing Club members. They had set up two different exercises that the rowing club does themselves when training in the off-season.

The first was held in the rowing tanks that are used for practice or as an indoor alternative. There were two side-by-side tanks with eight paddles in each. The participants sat in rowing seats next to the tanks in rows of eight to simulate sitting in the boat.

This exercise was clearly about technique more than anything. You find out quickly that every second

counts in this sport, so it becomes very technical.

After spending some time in the tanks and getting a feel for the rowing technique, they moved to the real thing: an eight-person OSU Rowing Club boat.

Out on the Willamette River, they all had an opportunity to put what they learned into action. Before they could all row as team they needed to begin rowing with just one other person.

The boats were split into pairs and they took turns trying to simply be in sync with one other person, let alone seven other people. The rowing teams make it look easy.

This clinic was for the public, but it also gave the members of the rowing team a chance to switch roles for a day and become the coaches. You never truly realize how much you know about something until you try to teach it to someone else. •



PHOTO: COOPER PAWSON

## Dog Days of Summer

Bright, yellow light blinds,  
Shining hot overhead.  
Long, slow days,  
Filled with energetic whimsy.  
Lazy blue ripples,  
Up high or deeply wet.  
Soft breezes caressing,  
Swaying motion amid nature.  
Warm night to escape,  
Or lost among the chaos.  
Colorful lights flash,  
Scattered amidst the laughter.  
Soft fabric covers green,  
As relaxation is entertained.  
Music eclipses the senses,  
Among the wave of bodies.  
Lost hours of freedom,  
Herald to the dawning Fall of Structure.  
Gone with it, but the memories  
Of another summer, passing away.

-Elizabeth Mottner, 2013




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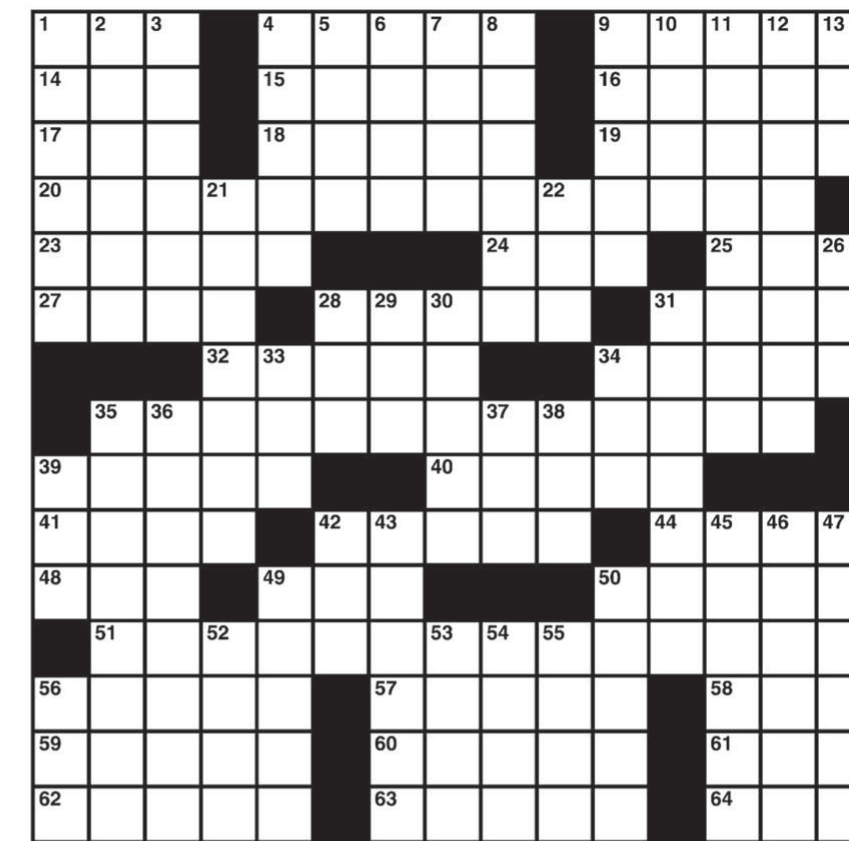
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## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

### ACROSS

- 1 Sends a duplicate to, for short
- 4 Half-baked, as ideas
- 9 Tended
- 14 Fink
- 15 3:1 or 7:2, e.g.
- 16 Easy to understand
- 17 Thurman who played June in "Henry & June"
- 18 Maine college town
- 19 Improvise lines
- 20 Toy that might answer "It is decidedly so"
- 23 Pub orders
- 24 W. Hemisphere defense gp.
- 25 "Cats" poet's monogram
- 27 Average
- 28 Ancient moralist
- 31 Despair's opposite
- 32 Knight fight
- 34 Imus's medium
- 35 Sly inquiry
- 39 Appears to be
- 40 Charlatan
- 41 Helen of Troy's mother
- 42 OneZip bag maker
- 44 Strong wind
- 48 Cell "messenger," briefly
- 49 Critic Reed
- 50 Barbecue equipment brand
- 51 Cesar Millan dog-training apparatus
- 56 Just right
- 57 Packaging foam prefix
- 58 Cavity fillers' org.
- 59 Crooner Mel
- 60 November birthstone
- 61 Meditative sect
- 62 Where many vows are exchanged
- 63 Covered with marsh vegetation
- 64 Finish



By Barry C. Silk

- 2 Chevy muscle car
- 3 Puts on, as a show
- 4 Gators' kin
- 5 Steak order
- 6 Yours, in Paris
- 7 Criticize in a witty way
- 8 Classic chocolate drink brand
- 9 Picket line crossers
- 10 Alan of "M\*A\*S\*H"
- 11 Affluent
- 12 Sudden and precipitous downturn
- 13 Sphere
- 21 Pacific Island on which a memorable WWII photo was taken
- 22 Audible dance style
- 26 Job listing initials
- 28 Northern diving bird
- 29 Attorney's abbr.
- 30 Fill, as with padding
- 31 Styling goo
- 33 Military training acad.
- 34 Hwy.

### DOWN

- 1 Bread bits

### Last Issue's Puzzle Solved

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- 36 Ready-for-the-worst status
- 37 Gobble down
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- 39 Camera type, for short
- 42 "So Fine": 1963 #1 hit
- 43 Is
- 45 On fire
- 46 Hard to move

- 47 Quick trip that's "run"
- 49 Foot-long stick, often
- 50 Reeling from a blow
- 52 Tibetan priest
- 53 Native Nebraskan
- 54 "Law & Order" gp.
- 55 Jagged rock
- 56 "Let's call \_\_\_ day!"

## SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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### Last Issue's Puzzle Solved

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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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# A HEALTHY BREAKFAST

BY: ELIZABETH MOTTNER

### No-Bake Energy Oatmeal Balls

1 1/4 cup oatmeal (dry)	Mix all ingredients together. Refrigerator for 1 hour. Roll into 1 1/2 inch balls.
1/2 cup chocolate chips	Refrigerate/freeze and enjoy!
2/3 cup peanut butter	This recipe is great for breakfast, snack or to take with you for a boost during hiking or other outdoor activities.
1/2 cup ground flaxseed	Options: add in nuts, dried fruit or coconut.
1/3 cup honey	
1 tsp. vanilla	

### Baked oatmeal muffins

2 eggs	Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
1 teaspoon vanilla extract	In large bowl, mix eggs, vanilla, applesauce, mashed banana and honey.
2 cups applesauce (unsweetened)	Add in oats, flax meal, cinnamon, baking powder, salt and mix well.
1 banana, mashed	Add in milk and mix well. Grease or line with cupcake liners, 18 muffin tins. Spoon or pour batter to the top of the muffin tins or cupcake liners.
1/2 cup honey (can use other sweeteners)	Add toppings to muffins. Bake for 30 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean from the center. Cool and enjoy or freeze them in freezer bags with the air squeezed out.
5 cups Old fashioned rolled oats*	
1/4 cup flaxseed meal (optional)	
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon	
3 teaspoon baking powder	
1 teaspoon salt	
2 3/4 cups milk	
Toppings: dried fruit, nuts, chocolate chips, coconut (be creative)	

Need a quick breakfast? A tasty snack? With classes beginning soon, students need to find quick and healthy breakfast to begin the day.

We have three recipes that are tasty and nutritious. Quick and inexpensive to make, these recipes can be made in advance and inexpensively. The recipes are easy to adapt to personal tastes. As always, best way to reduce the price of a recipe is to buy in bulk, make several batches and freeze for future use.

These recipes are healthy, with a lot of fiber. They can be customized to accommodate any special diet, like gluten free, low sugar or dairy free. The main recipes are below, with variations included. All three recipes for oatmeal muffins, oatmeal energy balls and refrigerator oatmeal can be frozen, taken out to thaw the night before or microwave. Tips and hints are provided at the end of the recipe.

Go to [commuter.linnbenton.edu](http://commuter.linnbenton.edu) to print these recipes and more.

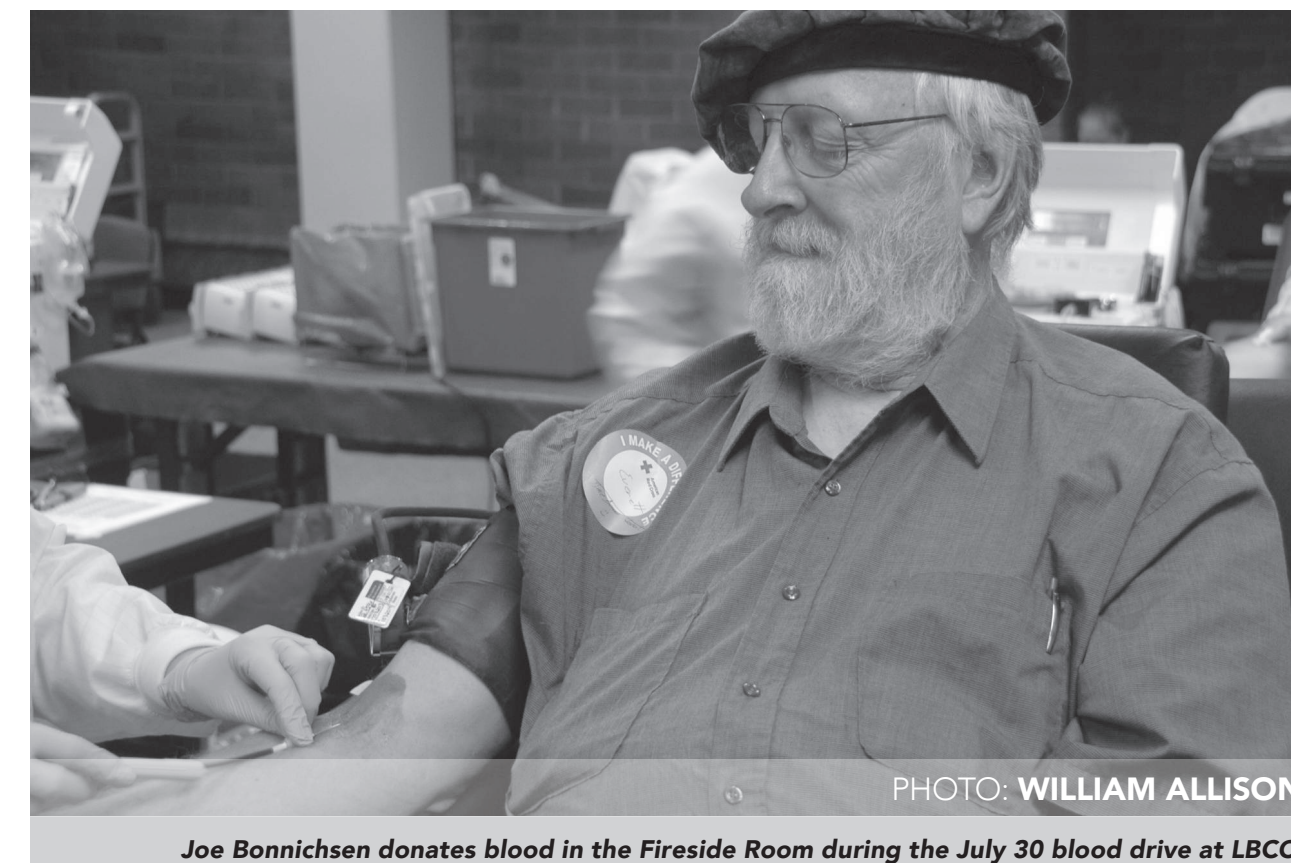


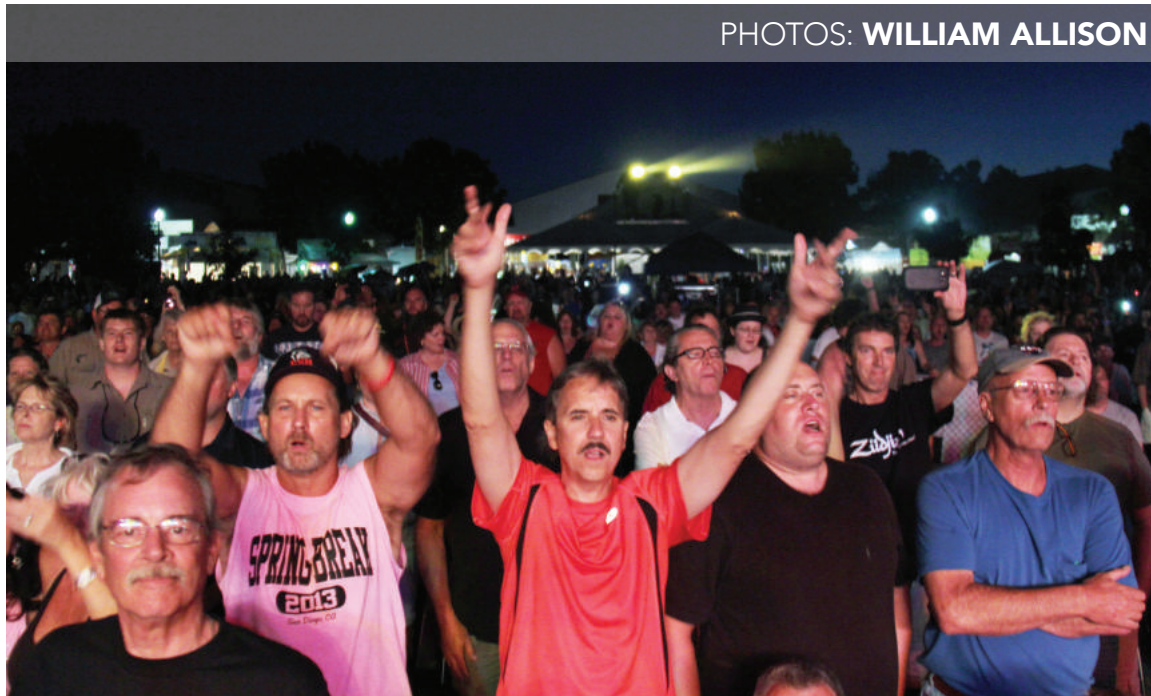
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Joe Bonnicksen donates blood in the Fireside Room during the July 30 blood drive at LBCC.

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  - Aug. 9 - 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., South Albany High School
  - Aug. 9 - noon - 5 p.m., Timberhill Athletic Club
  - Aug. 9 - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Oregon State Dept. of Consumer & Business
  - Aug. 10 - 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Corvallis High School
  - Aug. 12 - 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Oregon Pacific Chapter
  - Aug. 16 - 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., InTech, Inc.
  - Aug. 16 - noon - 5 p.m., River's Edge Pat Medical Center
  - Aug. 19 - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Boys and Girls Club of Albany
  - Aug. 20 - noon - 5 p.m., ATI Albany Operations
  - Aug. 20 - 1:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., First Assembly of God - Albany
  - Aug. 20 - 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Church of the Good Samaritan
  - Aug. 21 - 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., First Presbyterian Church - Corvallis
  - Aug. 22 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Stoker's Vitaworld
  - Aug. 23 - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Albany Public Library

# KANSAS ROCKS THE FAIR



PHOTOS: WILLIAM ALLISON



Kansas performs at the Linn County Fair on July 18 as part of their 40th Anniversary Tour.

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## MOVIE REVIEW: **MONSTER U**

STARRING: **BILLY CRYSTAL,**  
**JOHN GOODMAN**

DIRECTOR: **DAN SCANLON**

GENRE: **CARTOON**

RUNTIME: **104 MINUTES**

RATED: **G**

REVIEW BY: **TEJO PACK**

It has been twelve years since we have seen or heard from the scare duo of Mike Wazowski (voiced by Bill Crystal) and James P. Sullivan (voiced by John Goodman). Upon their return, we are magically transported back in time joining the pair as they attend college and find their niches in life.

At the beginning of the film, we look back into the young life of Mike and learn that though he may be a quality student (getting good grades), he lacks some of the skills needed to be a great scarer. This, however, does not stop him from pursuing his dream of being the top scarer and he goes to college with this goal in mind.

Once we are at Scare U, the movie becomes the typical story of unfulfilled dreams and the learning process of focusing on what you are good at. Facing the typical battles of maturity and friendship like only Pixar can do we end up finding our lead character's are a perfect match of brains and scaring-brawn.

Though this film adds a new twist to an already successful first outing and rogerebert.com gives it a four star rating, the film tends to be full of one-liners and comedy spoofs. In the end you're better off just waiting for the DVD release. •