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Students Welcomed Back in RoadRunner Style

Michelle Strachan

Copy Editor

Welcome Day commenced on Sept. 19 with a kick-off speech in Takena Hall.

Mark Urista, communication faculty, introduced the day's speakers and performers, including choir groups Blue Light Special and The Sirens, whose a cappella performances enchanted the audience.

LBCC President Greg Hamann made a short yet inspirational speech, welcoming new and returning students and wishing them a great and successful year.

Ruth Krueger, Poetry Club member, sited an original poem titled "Rivers" and extended a warm welcome for interested students to get involved. The Poetry Club meets at 3 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Hot Shot Cafe.

Our Student Body President Amanda McCowan's energetic and lively speech got the audience excited about the new school year and about the chance to try their hand at sinking Hamann in the dunk-tank later that day (a lucky few were successful). McCowan talked about different clubs on campus and said that if anyone wants to start a club, come see the Student Leadership Council (SLC). "Our ultimate goal is to make your college experience one you'll never forget."

SLC Assistant Advisor James Smith spoke about the importance of getting the most out of our college experience, encouraging students to not just go through the motions, but to go the extra mile and get involved. "In the true spirit of what it means to be a RoadRunner, write your own story."

Speeches wrapped up, and the kick-off ended with a raffle. Dean Sally Moore chose the winning raffle tickets from a box, and Journalism Adviser Rob Priewe handed out several prizes, including a gift certificate for three tuition credits, several \$50 bookstore gift cards, a portable DVD player, a wireless headset, gift cards to Chile's and Arco (the mention of free gas got the crowd cheering), and five pairs of tickets to the Barrel Jumpers on-campus performance on Oct. 5.

The fashion show in the Commons was followed by a few trivia questions, including when LBCC was founded (1967). Small, stuffed roadrunners flew through the air to those who chimed in first with the correct answers. Raffle tickets were drawn to award two of the most

exciting prizes of the day: 60-second shopping sprees at the bookstore.

Winners Samuel Heuirre and Patty Nobles had their right arms saran-wrapped together and backpacks strapped to their backs. When the timer started, they waddled around as fast as they could, cramming what they wanted into the other one's bag as spectators and students rooted them on from outside. They were able to gather a nice amount of supplies including notebooks, pens, paper, clothes, and new backpacks to start the year off right. Heuirre's loot totaled \$291 and Nobles' was \$202.

Javier Cervantes represented the Diversity Achievement Center and shared a few of the club's upcoming events, which include a Day of the Dead celebration, taking place Oct. 30 to Nov. 1, to commemorate people who have passed on. Anyone who would like to participate in honoring and remembering a loved one is welcome to come. Bring a photo of them, their favorite food, or just stop by the DAC to find out more. They will also be introducing the new layout of the center.

Eric Bryant, Moodle administrator, had an information booth set up. The Destination Graduation classes will all be using Moodle, so for new students who aren't familiar with or encounter problems using Moodle, it'll be helpful to remember that you can visit the student help desk for assistance, or you can text or call 541-704-7001.

Support can be found on campus in many forms. The LBCC Veterans' Club, "The Voice for Veterans on Campus," was formed in 2009 to help veterans and their families. Faculty Advisor Lewis Franklin welcomes not only veterans but all students who want to participate in supporting veterans. See the Moodle calendar and keep your eye on The Commuter for upcoming meeting times.

The Career and Counseling Center was also in the courtyard sharing the resources they offer to students. Career, personal, and crisis counselors are available to students as well as employment specialists. "When a student is in crisis, and they don't know where to turn, they can call us," said Charles Madriaga, college counselor.

There was a lot to see, learn, and enjoy on Welcome Day. Returning student Michael McDonald thought there was a lot of good information on new programs, clubs, and the help that LBCC provides. "I had a lot of fun, too, just walking around."



William Allison

The Horticulture Club sold vegetables and fresh flowers as well as offering tours of the rooftop garden. The Theater group had a few puppets on display. (Puppetry will be offered for the first time this Fall.) They shared information on the other classes they will be offering this year, a few of which students may be surprised to learn can go towards satisfying general education requirements.

Last but certainly not least, The Commuter was proud to be there speaking with students and letting them know that even those who are non-journalism majors are welcome to participate. Our new Editor-in-Chief Sean Bassinger felt that we had a really good turnout at

Welcome Day this year. "A lot of students want to get actively involved with their community. It's very refreshing."

Bassinger encourages anyone who's interested in contributing to our school paper to stop by the office or send an email to commuter@linnbenton.edu. We're looking forward to the new school year and hoping there will be more student submissions, whether it be fiction, poetry, or even letters to the editor.

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Land Dispute Between China and Japan

Justeen Elliott

Managing Editor

It seems that Japan is always in the news about something lately. What is all the hullabaloo about this time?

Well, it turns out Japan bought some island that are in the East China Sea between Okinawa and China. The islands are administered by Japan, but are also claimed by mainland China and Taiwan. The chain of islands are called Senkaku by the Japanese and Diaoyu by the Chinese.

So what does China do after hearing the news? Why ... they send six Chinese maritime patrol vessels to surround the islands. The Chinese government sent the vessels over to protest Japan's purchase of the three islands. The Japanese coast guard has their patrol ships over there as well, as a warning.

The Coast Guard has identified the Chinese vessels as unarmed Haijian vessels, which are used for law enforcement in Chinese waters. The Japanese vessels stationed near the islands warned the Chinese vessels from entering Japanese waters and to turn around. Instead the Chinese vessels replied back, saying that they were in Chinese territorial waters and asked the Japanese to leave instead.

Why exactly is everyone upset? Oil of course!

The nationalist governor of Tokyo announced that he wanted to buy the



islands, which were owned by a Japanese family, but the national government beat him to the punch and bought them instead, which prompted angry street protests in China.

Japan commandeered the islands back in 1895 and said that they were unclaimed territory. According to the history books, China didn't start to show interest in the islands until the 1970s, after oil reserves were discovered nearby.

It is just a big "he said she said" thing. China says that the islands were in Chinese territory for centuries and that Imperial Japan took them as a first step towards its later invasion of the Chinese mainland. Then, as stated above, Japan said they were unclaimed territory.

Now, what are the Chinese doing to reinstate so-called claim over the islands, apart from the violent protests in Japan? They are filing copies of their version of the coordinates and territorial boundaries of the islands with the Secretary General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon.

"By doing so, we can proclaim to the international community our indisputable sovereignty over the Diaoyu Islands," Deng Zhonghua, the head of the Department of Boundary and Ocean Affairs at the Foreign Ministry, was quoted as saying.

The charts being submitted to the United Nations showed that China had jurisdiction over the islands and their 12 nautical mile zone, Xinhua said.

In the News:

Local:

Portland, Ore.: A local agency wants to make sure kids in need will have breakfast in their bowl. The Portland Police Bureau Sunshine Division said demand has doubled for emergency food relief over the last couple years. Workers expect to see about 1,200 families this month alone. The rising price of breakfast cereal has made it one of the organization's most needed items, but one local company has stepped up to try and help. Burgerville donated more than 1,000 containers of oatmeal. It's a new breakfast item on the Burgerville menu. The executive director of the Sunshine Division said with kids back in school, the donation couldn't have come at a better time. Burgerville is also trying to raise money for the Sunshine Division through a new two-disc CD set featuring local artists. It's called Rise and Shine and it's available at Burgerville restaurants.

source: KPTV

Oregon City, Ore.: Police said a Nevada man who lost his iPad on an airplane used an app called 'Find My iPad' to locate it inside the Oregon home of a flight attendant. Officers in Oregon City arrested 43-year-old Wendy Ronelle Dye Friday evening. The flight attendant for Horizon Air allegedly denied having the iPad. Police said she later admitted she had it, but told officers that a passenger brought her the tablet saying it was found on a seat. She said she never used the iPad and planned to turn it over to airline officials, but police found some of her personal information on it including her husband's birthday. Dye was taken to the Clackamas County Jail. She was released on bail Saturday. Dye faces charges of theft and computer crime.

source: KATU

Nation:

Aurora, Colorado: The lawsuits filed against the subsidiary of Cinemark Holdings Inc. by three people wounded in the shooting that killed 12 people at a Colorado theater, are believed to be the first. They were filed the same day the company revealed plans to refurbish and reconfigure the theater and have it ready to open by the beginning of 2013. The three have filed lawsuits alleging the exit door the gunman used to enter the building should have had an alarm. Two lawsuits were filed Friday in U.S. District Court on behalf of Denise Traynom, Brandon Axelrod and Joshua Nowlan. Their attorney, former Denver judge Christina Habas, declined to comment. A spokeswoman for Cinemark USA Inc. had no immediate comment. Prosecutors allege the former University of Colorado, Denver, graduate student left the theater through a back exit, propped open the exit door and re-entered the theater to begin the shooting. The lawsuits claim Holmes was able to move his car into position after he left the theater through the back exit.

source: Fox News

SpaceX will begin its first official resupply flight to International Space Station on Oct. 7, NASA announced Thursday. Following the success of a demonstration flight in May, the privately owned space company is scheduled to transport about 1,000 pounds of supplies to the space station and bring back more than 1,200 pounds of scientific material and space station hardware. It will be the first of 12 such missions, NASA said. SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket and unmanned Dragon cargo spacecraft will launch from Cape Canaveral at 8:34 p.m. ET on Oct. 7, with the next day as a backup date. The

CRS-1 mission should reach the space station on October 10 and return several weeks later.

source: CNN

World:

Cambridge, Mass.: Pastors around the nation are bracing for questions from curious congregants, after a Harvard professor claimed a fragment of text from the fourth century suggests Jesus may have been married. Karen King, a professor of early Christianity at Harvard Divinity School, announced Tuesday that the tiny scrap of papyrus contains dialogue that includes the words "Jesus said to them, 'My wife.'" The text, written in Coptic and likely translated from a second-century Greek text, was produced by an unknown author roughly 300 years after Jesus' death. It is the "only extant ancient text which explicitly portrays Jesus as referring to a wife," according to King. "I think preachers should handle this by telling members of their churches that the Bible that we have is reliable. While the authenticity and truth behind the document is being debated, clergy will likely be confronted with questions from parishioners about the finding, which runs at odds with Christian tradition maintaining Jesus was unmarried. The finding also stirs up debate on the role of women in the church and celibacy among priests.

source: Fox News

Facebook has suspended the facial-recognition tool that suggests when registered users could be tagged in photographs uploaded to its website. The move follows a review of Facebook's efforts to implement changes recommended by the Data Protection Commissioner of Ireland last year. According to Richard Allan, Facebook

director of policy for Europe, Middle East and Africa, "The EU has looked at the issue of securing consent for this kind of technology and issued new guidance.

source: BBC News

Weird:

Austin, Texas: A Texas couple determined to find out who had been damaging a sign in their front yard proclaiming their support for President Obama's re-election bid caught the offender on Wednesday. Tom Priem, a software support engineer in Austin, told FoxNews.com he and his wife, who live on a block where political signs mark front yards, were fed up with seeing only their Obama sign repeatedly defaced. "The sign had holes poked in it like somebody had stuck a knife through it," Priem said Friday. "At first I thought it was somebody who didn't like Obama." Priem said he even called a city hotline to document the incident in case a more insidious offender was to blame. He couldn't believe his eyes when his wife showed him the surveillance photo she snapped seconds after the campaign sign was destroyed - by a buck. The vandalism began about 10 days ago and it's unclear what the animal has against the sign. "People across the street have signs and their signs have not been attacked," he said. "It's just a weird thing. Maybe they don't like something in the front yard where they graze." Priem's wife, Beth, captured the deer on camera early Wednesday, just seconds after the Obama sign fell from its antlers. The Priems will now bring the sign closer to their home in hopes that the proximity keeps the non-diplomatic deer away.

source: Fox News

No Smoking on Campus?

William Allison
Photo Editor

As many people know by now, most Oregon universities have opted to ban smoking on campus, along with other tobacco use. With both local universities being among those choosing to ban tobacco, many people are wondering if the Roadrunners will soon be smoke-free like the Ducks and Beavers.

Though it has been talked about in the past, LBCC will not enact a smoking ban. However, they will continue to remind and educate students and staff that smoking is only permitted in designated areas. Those designated areas are the marked smoking shelters located in the parking lots around campus.

Previously, these shelters were located closer to the buildings on campus, but have since been moved out toward the parking lots. The last smoking shelter on campus was located behind Industrial Building A, and as of the first week of September, it too has been moved out to the parking lot.

The Commuter caught up with a few students to get their opinions on the topic.

Kay Roth, an OSU student who formerly attended LBCC, is a smoker and feels that campus should remain how it is: with designated smoking areas. "As long as smokers are courteous and all smoking areas are well away from buildings, it should be allowed. We already have enough limitations on what we do without adding another. People need to make their own choice



William Allison

Students at the smoking shelter in front of Tadena Hall.

and not have some governing body make it for them," she said. After all, most college students are old enough to make their own decisions."

Jaime Thomas, a business major who quit smoking a few years ago, feels that LBCC should be non-smoking. "Just because some people choose to smoke, not everyone should have to be exposed to it," she said. "It's best to ban smoking for everyone's health."

First year business student Chyenne Lorenzo also smokes and shared this with The Commuter: "It could be inconvenient for those who smoke, and they'd have to choose between their habit and being to class on time if they walk off campus to smoke. However, it would be more courteous to those who do not smoke. In reality, it would be more convenient in the long run to just keep things the way they

are, and have the designated smoke-shacks."

Casey King, who is in his second year of the Occupational Therapy Assistant program, doesn't smoke, and because of this, he was very firm on his stance. He said, "It is a danger to those of us who don't smoke, and we shouldn't have to be subjected to it. I don't see why they have laws that say you can't discharge a firearm in your neighborhood because the bullet might hit your neighbor, but they don't have a law saying you can't smoke outside your house even though it might cause cancer to your neighbor."

While it will always be an ongoing debate if LBCC should be a non-smoking campus or not, in the end, it will be the decision of the administration.

Gas Prices on the Decline

Justeen Elliott
Managing Editor

A lot of you may be asking, what is going on with gas prices? Well I've got good news for you: gas prices will drop.

While the price of gas is stable at the moment, with the Oregon statewide average at \$4.01, the price will start to decrease from now till the end of the year, as demand and travel starts to decrease. Oregon is the tenth most expensive state when it comes to buying gas.

According to AAA, this September has been one of the highest for gas prices in years.

"Normally gas prices decline after Labor Day when the summer driving season comes to an end," Marie Dodds, a AAA spokesperson, said. "But this year, Hurricane Isaac, violence in the Middle East and actions by the Federal Reserve have put upward pressure on pump prices."

AAA expects gas prices to go down because people won't be driving to as many places and traveling as much as they did during the summer and refineries will be switching to less expensive winter-blend gasoline.

In fact, on Sept. 18, Portland's price for gas dropped a whole two cents and is now averaging at \$3.99 a gallon.

Dodds also said, "Unrest in the Middle East can have a huge impact on prices and it's obviously very difficult to predict how these kinds of events will unfold."

This year, the average price for gas in Oregon peaked June 1 at \$4.27 a gallon, just short of the records of \$4.29 set on July 3, 2008. It then fell 74 cents to its summer low of \$3.53 on July 13. Prices then shot up to a late summer high of \$4.04 on Sept. 7.

While the price of gas is always unpredictable, it is expected to start dropping from now until the end of the year. Hopefully prices will continue to drop into the new year as well.



Sam Beebe/ flickr.com

A truck fills up at a gas station in Eugene, Ore.

Loop Faces Budget Cuts

Nora Palmtag
News Editor

"A validated LBCC student photo ID card allows you to ride free between educational sites on Albany Transit buses, the Linn-Benton Loop Bus and the Linn County Shuttle," states LBCC's website.

The Linn-Benton Loop has been a cooperative partnership for 31 years between the cities of Albany and Corvallis, along with Linn and Benton Counties. LBCC, OSU, Hewlett-Packard, and Samaritan Health Services are other partners financing the Loop bus system with the pass programs.

Unfortunately, the Business Energy Tax Credits (BETC) program of \$68,000 was stopped by the State of Oregon due to budget cuts; this only covers a little more than 10 percent of the expenses to support the loop bus system. The Loop is no longer eligible under new, more restrictive rules for the BETC program from the State of Oregon for energy consumption savings.

As if that is not enough, Albany is no longer considered a rural principality, but an urban municipality according to LBCC Vice President Bruce Clemetsen, and is no longer eligible for federal funding to support rural public transportation. The loss of this federal grant is approximately \$190,000.

There is approximately \$250,000 of funding which has to be made up for the 2013-2014 budget year. During the next few weeks, there will be meetings among the governmental partners to see what they can contribute, and then with the other partners, including LBCC, to see what part each will have to compensate.

According to Clemetsen, the crux of the matter is that 70 percent of the ridership is LBCC/OSU, with 40 percent of the ridership being LBCC students and staff, totaling



William Allison

The Linn-Benton Loop bus offers LBCC students and faculty free transportation to and from campus.

50,590 rides last year. During the last five years, LBCC has averaged 43 percent of the ridership, and this has been increasing the last seven years, with LBCC contributing 13 to 14 percent of the funding.

The Student Leadership Council authorized \$15,000 to help pay for transportation, and \$12,000 comes from the college's general funds. LBCC's cost of the partnership pass program was calculated by taking the number of students who rode the bus last year and charging \$1.25 for each one. (Last year was \$1.) This is so students can ride for free.

This has not only affected LBCC – the Loop Bus Commission has had to raise the loop bus cash fares to \$1.50 for adults and \$1.25 for seniors, people with disabilities, and youth under 18, up 50 cents from last year.

The Commuter will follow this issue and keep you informed on the progress during meetings with the City of Albany.

Motorcross Madness

Colby Carter
Staff Writer

The Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Championship, sanctioned by AMA Pro Racing, is the highest level of two-wheel dirt-track racing in the U.S. A place where dirt and exhaust fumes meet and birth the legends of the sport; Ricky Carmichael, James Stewart, and potential new motocross legend Ryan Dungey. The Motocross Championship consists of 12 races over a five month period on some of the most intense riding tracks in North America, stretching the national riding limits from Washington to Maine.

For many riders it was a hard-fought couple of months, but for crowd favorite and points leader Ryan Dungey, of Belle Plaine, Minn., it was another exciting repeat of his National Winning performance last year. Showing his dominance in the 450cc class field, he concluded this season in Lake Elsinore, Calif., with another close-call victory, taking the lead with only two laps to go. The KTM rider clenched

the title with his 10th straight win of the season, with his first two finishes in second place behind Suzuki rider James Stewart. With his dominating performances, Dungey has wrapped up the points game with a score of 480; with the next closest rider at 367, no one came close.

In the 250cc class at Lake Elsinore, it was another KTM rider to take gold on the podium; Marvin Musquin of France had his first podium-placing performance, coming back from fifth place not three races ago. A true Cinderella story for the young rider, withstanding all odds in the world's original extreme sport. In his third season as a professional rider at 20 years old, this young man has a very bright future for himself and motocross.

Overall, it was a very exciting victory for Musquin in the 250cc class, and a congratulations to Dungey and KTM for another outstanding season, bringing home both 250cc and 450cc Motocross National Championship titles.

Back to the DAC

Nora Palmtag
News Editor

Stop by the DAC, Monday, Oct. 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and check out remodeled space, meet the staff and get a little grub (first come-first served). Also, there will be glow-in-the-dark diversity bracelets and cool bookmarks given away to commemorate the new academic year and recognize the campus diversity.

LBCC is where learning changes lives. The Diversity Achievement Center (DAC) is funded by student fee dollars to provide diversity programming that engages and enriches the educational experiences of LBCC students.

More info online at: linnbenton.edu/diversity-achievement-center and on facebook.

Welcome Back 2 the DAC

When: Monday, Oct. 1
Where: DAC, F-220
Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
More Info:
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Director of Diversity and
Community Engagement



provided by LBCC

LBCC Americana Folk/Bluegrass Concert "The Barrel Jumpers"

Barrel Jumpers to Perform Oct. 5

LBCC News Service

The Nashville Americana folk/bluegrass band "The Barrel Jumpers" will perform at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5 at the Russell Tripp Performance Center at Linn-Benton Community College, 6500 Pacific Blvd. SW, Albany.

Formed in the spring of 2010, "The Barrel Jumpers" has a sound that draws from country and rock while still staying true to traditional roots music.

After performing for many years in their native Idaho, siblings Rachel and Jeremy Johnson moved to Nashville in 2006 to pursue careers in country music. The band has performed with

some of Nashville's finest, joining them on fiddle, banjo, dobro, and bass.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased online now for no fee at www.linnbenton.edu/go/tickets, or starting Sept. 24 by phone at 541-917-4531, at the theater box office Monday through Friday, 8-10 a.m. and 2-4 p.m., and at the door.

For more information, contact the Russell Tripp Performance Center box office at 541-917-4531. For special needs and accommodations, contact the LBCC Office of Disability Services at 541-917-4690 or via Oregon Relay TDD at 1-800-735-2900 at least 72 hours in advance of this event.

LBCC Receives \$2 Million

Largest Private Gift in Schools History

LBCC News Service

The Linn-Benton Community College Foundation has received the largest single private gift in the 45-year history of the college from an anonymous donor.

The \$2 million dollar donation is to be used as a matching gift to support the construction and development of LBCC's new Advanced Transportation Technology Center.

LBCC finalized the purchase of an 11-acre site in Lebanon last week that will become home to its auto and diesel programs, and allow space to add hands-on training on alternative fuel technologies. These include compressed natural gas, propane, biofuel, hydrogen fuel cell, and electric and hybrid technologies. The Lebanon site is the former home of PACE Manufacturing, and includes a 35,000-square-foot industrial building.

"We are humbled and very grateful for this historic contribution," said LBCC President Greg Hamann. "Our donor was clear that this gift serves as an inspiration for others to support

the college, and this contribution will help stimulate the support of others."

The gift, in addition to support from the Lebanon Urban Renewal District, the Lebanon Industrial Development Council, and state lottery funds, brings money raised for the project to \$4.3 million. The total cost of opening the center is estimated at \$6.85 million.

While the anonymous contribution is designated to support the development of the ATTC, it coincides with planning efforts to significantly increase private fundraising in the LBCC Foundation, according to Foundation Executive Director Dale Stowell. Money would support initiatives at LBCC to help greater numbers of its students complete degree and certificate programs that lead directly to jobs and the ability to participate in and contribute to the community.

"This gift is a perfect example of what we need to do as a community," Stowell said. "Because of it, we'll be able to expand programs where we have students on waiting lists on one side and jobs waiting to be filled on the other. The students in this program

will have clear goals, and that is a key to making sure they finish what they start. It supports both students and our communities."

The center will also mean this region will be able to build the infrastructure to support alternative fuel technology, which could significantly reduce costs for businesses that provide on or rely on transportation, Hamann added.

Plans call for the ATTC to provide training that involves applications, development and adoption of alternative energy in biofuels, electric vehicles, compressed natural gas (CNG), propane, hydrogen, hybrid, and new technologies in addition to industry-specific and contracted training for people already in the auto and diesel mechanics field, and first-responder training to enable them to respond safely to incidents involving alternative fuel vehicles. When the auto and diesel programs move from their current homes on the Albany campus, the project will also create room to expand programs in welding, machine tool technology and mechatronics.

A word from your local



Welcome back LBCC students.

Your Student Leadership Council (SLC) has been busy preparing to serve you for the 2012-13 school year.

You may be asking "What is the SLC?" The SLC is your student government. We are a group of students who has been tasked with supporting student needs and advocating for those needs. You may have seen us at Welcome day giving out swag bags and cotton candy, or running putt-putt golf and manning the dunk tank where even LBCC President Greg Hamann was a participant. The SLC also plans events such as the Harvest Pie Festival (Oct. 31) and Study Jam (Dec. 1 and 2), providing student workshops like the Scholarship workshop (Oct. 11 and 12), and promote student self advocacy with events like the Voter Registration and Education campaigns.

Our goal this year is to become more connected with the students and we have even adopted the statement "To serve students is to know students." With that in mind the

SLC has been planning some new things for the year that will support students. The SLC is working to gather leaders from clubs, co-curricular groups, and athletics to create a student summit where student groups on campus are working together. You will also start seeing posters around campus soon for Coffee talks which will be a monthly

gathering in the Hot Shot Café where you the student get to come in and share your ideas, or concerns with the student leaders so that we can serve students to the best of our ability. We invite you to stop by our office, ask questions, share concerns, or ideas. We also can help you start a club or find a club that agrees with your personal interests.

The members of the Student Leadership Council want to wish you a great year. We look forward to seeing you around campus and working to support the students of Linn-Benton Community College.

LBCC Film Series Travels to New Zealand

LBCC News Service

Filmmaker Rick Howard will present the film "The Real World of New Zealand," the second show in the LBCC Travel at the Tripp film series, on Sunday, Oct. 7 at 2 p.m. in the Linn-Benton Community College Russell Tripp Performance Center.

Join the filmmaker and experts from AAA Travel after the show for a question and answer session, with prizes from AAA given at each show.

New Zealand has been called the most beautiful place on earth with two large and spectacular islands located just over twelve hundred miles off the eastern coast of Australia. These islands offer the visitor an entire gamut of action, adventure, history and beauty. Paragliding, soaring, trekking,

Travel at the Tripp

What: Travel Film Series
Where: Russel Tripp Performance Center
Cost: \$8 general, \$6.50 students/seniors
Upcoming Dates:
Jan. 13: Northern Europe
April 7: Italy's Fabled Isles

fishing and scuba diving are popular sports.

A Southern California native, Howard is a documentary-adventure filmmaker, searching for fascinating stories of the people and their land in Southeast Asia, the Pacific, and Europe.

SafeHaven Humane Society will sell coffee, tea and homemade baked

goods during the show's intermission. Proceeds support SafeHaven Humane Society, Albany's non-profit animal shelter.

Ticket price is \$8, \$6.50 for students/seniors. The film will be shown in the LBCC Russell Tripp Performance Center in Takena Hall, 6500 Pacific Blvd. SW, Albany.

Travel at the Tripp is produced by LBCC Performing Arts and AAA Travel Services. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Russell Tripp Performance Center box office at 541-917-4531. Online tickets sales available at [/go/film-series](http://go/film-series).

For special needs and accommodations, contact the Office of Disability Services at Phone 541-917-4690 or via Oregon Relay TDD at 1-800-735-2900 at least 72 hours in advance of this event.

Wednesday: Brazilian Seafood Stew*, Ham and Cheese Strudel, Portabella Mushroom Sandwich. Soups: Albondigas* and Roasted Vegetable Chowder.

Thursday: Chicken Marbella*, Seafood Pasta Bake, Vegetarian Quiche. Soups: Beef Barley and African Sweet Potato*

Friday: Chef's Choice

Items denoted with a * are gluten free

What's the Matter, Mary Jane?

Measure 80: The Oregon Cannabis Tax Act

Kendal Waters
Staff Writer

On the ballot this November is Measure 80, a measure that is stirring up a lot of controversy. It is a proposal to regulate, tax and legalize the recreational use of the cannabis plant. This measure is designed to lift the prohibition of marijuana and make it available for individuals over the age of 21.

If the act passes, not only will the recreational uses of marijuana be permitted to those that can also enjoy the recreational uses of alcohol, but the hemp industry will also get a support system.

Two committees will be put into place to assist in making hemp a useful commodity. One will be there to further develop hemp as a fiber and food, while the other will be established to develop hemp as a biofuel, a renewable fuel resource to help lower our dependence on fossil fuels.

Oregon; Washington, D.C.; and 16 other states already have a medical marijuana system in place. This act would be in addition to the medical system, acting almost as an over-the-counter program. The act will replace current laws in regard to marijuana, except for laws regarding driving under the influence, possession, and use by minors. Public consumption will also be limited to certain areas where permitted.

For more information, the initiative is open and available to the public at the following website: www.octa2012.org/oregon-cannabis-tax-act-legislation.

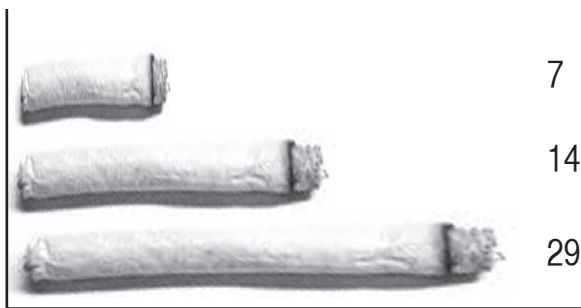
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Other individuals not included in that 50 were asked their opinions. All sources shall remain anonymous, due to the current illegality of the topic at hand.

"We need federal change, not just state change. If it is legalized at a state level and kept illegal at a federal level, raids are still possible and people can be met with federal charges ... What happens to the felons that are currently in jail for marijuana-related crimes? How do we fix the system retroactively?"

"I think that it can help in certain situations, with chronic pain or what have you, but like any other drug, it has the potential to be abused. In crime statistics, you see that marijuana is a likely cause of lots of these crimes. If you legalize it, how are cops and law enforcement going to deal with that ... [legalizing marijuana] will probably increase the crime rate because if you legalize it, you're going to get more access to it. People will be less likely to fear the police cracking down on them. More access to marijuana might not be such a good thing."

"I think it would put more money into the economy. I think it could have ... a negative impact on education. Marijuana does kill dendrites off of your neurons, and when those go, your memories go."



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"It grows in nature. You can use it for a lot of things. It's one of those things that I think should be legalized, so it can be maintained for other uses, not just for smoking and stuff like that. A lot of people are against it because of the smoking aspect, but hemp is illegal because marijuana is illegal, so we aren't able to utilize the other aspects of it. Clothing and building materials ... it's a cheaper, more industrious way to supply clothing to people [than cotton] because it grows like weeds."

"People are going to do what they are going to do. We might as well tax the daylight out of it. We don't need to treat this like the prohibition."

"I think if marijuana was legalized, I'm really not sure what would happen ... I think for one, a lot less people would be trying to sell it. It wouldn't be as big of an issue. People wouldn't get in so much trouble. I think worse people would be put in jail instead of people doing stuff that is not really an equivalent ... It would give people a clearer decision of whether they wanted to do it or not, like cigarettes. People are more prone to do things when it's not legal than when it is legal ... I think they would probably sell a lot more food in the grocery stores. The downside ... longer lines at the grocery store."

"I don't think that marijuana should be legalized. I don't have a definite opinion one way or the other, but I believe in medical marijuana and I just don't want to see it abused in any way ... I do believe that there are some people that need it. I think it can help in some situations. I just think that if we legalize it, it could become abused in situations where it shouldn't be used. I think it would come into the hands of maybe young students or underage that shouldn't have it. I think we really need to protect our kids more than anything ... I think it would make it more accessible if it is legalized. People are going to use it no matter - it's out there. People are going to use it and abuse it. In my own opinion, I think that making it legalized would make it more accessible for those underage that really shouldn't be using it."

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Reflection on Tom Walmsley

Ian Butcher
A&E Editor

Upon hearing the unfortunate news of the passing of Tom Walmsley, the realization that I was among his final group of students hit me. I was also struck by the fact that no one else would get the chance to enjoy the one-of-a-kind experience that his class offered.

Spring term last year rolled around, and I needed to take an extra class to fulfill a requirement. I found myself in Walmsley's ethics class not really expecting a whole lot out of it other than a few extra credits. This mood of mine changed quickly when Walmsley read the class schedule to us only to immediately go off track.

Rather than have a simple get-to-know-you activity, he decided our first day of class would be better spent arguing. In fact, most days began with him throwing out the planned lesson and sitting back to watch us argue amongst ourselves.

No matter what the argument was about, he would still sit back and listen with a huge smile on his face just waiting for the moment when he could swoop in and say something that would completely swerve the conversation in a whole new direction. And it was clear that he was having the time of his life doing it. The more frustrated someone would get in an argument, the more energetic and downright funny he would get. Walmsley was able to effortlessly make a class both engaging and thought-provoking with as little as a few words at the beginning of class to set us all off.

The term would have its occasional lectures, which if given by anyone else, would have been dull and downright dry. Walmsley was able to bring a new dimension to topics like the Socratic Method just through his choice of inflection and that certain gleam in his eye. Very few teachers have ever made me feel like both an equal and an understudy in the classroom. And I wouldn't be lying to say I felt a little bummed by the term's end. Tom Walmsley was the kind of person who you could sit and listen to for hours on end and walk away feeling like you have learned something that really will stick with you for the rest of your life.

Tom Walmsley may be gone, but the lessons he taught as well as the impressions he's made on people will be around for many years to come. I, for one, look back on spring term Ethics with great fondness and the knowledge that I was given a truly unique experience that knows no comparison.

Advice from Weiss

Question: I'm new and between my registration session and my Destination Grad class I've heard about a hundred college rules. It's kind of confusing, all at once. What's the most important rule I should know?

Answer: There are so many new things to learn at a college, rules and guidelines included. It takes time, and by next term, I guarantee you will understand the rules of engagement around here a whole lot better than you possibly can right now.

One rule that comes immediately to mind, probably because its deadline is coming up immediately, is the last day to add and drop classes. That day is this coming Monday. Yes, Monday! By Monday, you need to be completely set with your courses, one way or the other, because whatever you are still listed for on Tuesday, you will be expected to pay for.

Although you can "withdraw" from a class after Monday, you will still be expected to pay for it.

For students on financial aid, this is a particularly big issue. Students can lose their aid, and their ability to come to school, by missing the Add/Drop deadline. The reason? Financial aid pays for classes on Monday night and they don't take kindly to folks who later withdraw from a course financial aid has paid for. There is, of course, an appeals process for students that don't pass a class, but even if that process works for you, why put yourself through the extra work it takes? Better to be sure you are in classes that work for you by the end of the first week and make any necessary changes over the week-end or on Monday.

Have a great fall term,
Mark

Sex AND THE Campus

What is Confidence?

Ian Butcher
A&E Editor

When one is seeking advice on how to improve their odds in the dating world, one sentence is almost always thrown about. "Confidence is sexy." Now when a phrase like that is thrown around enough, you stop and wonder to yourself, "Just what the hell does that mean?"

Confidence in its simplest form is that certain kind of "alpha behavior" that one exhibits. You know just by looking at them that they are the bee's knees and they know that you know that as well. They are worthy of attention. Hell, it seems like they might as well have their own center of gravity, socially speaking. More importantly, however, confidence is the knowledge one has that they are capable of nailing whatever task may be at hand. The trick is not confusing

this with arrogance.

There is a big difference between arrogance and confidence. Someone exuding arrogance is someone who talks up a big game about things that they really can't do, or if they can, they are greatly exaggerated. Someone exuding confidence, on the other hand, knows what they do well and are able to prove that just through their attitude. In a subliminal way, confidence proves that you are comfortable in your own skin as well as the skills that you are able to perform. Confidence implies strength and skill.

How do you go about gaining more confidence? Well for starters, fake it till you make it. People who act confident will feel more confident. Over time, you will become more accustomed to exhibiting this "alpha behavior" and there you go, confidence is within your reach! Another thing you can do is take a personal inventory of yourself. What are the things you know you are good at and the positive attributes that make you stand out from everyone else? Get a feel for those and you will be on your road to exuding confidence effortlessly!

Note: This was a question a student asked during an advising session in the Career Center, and that's a great place to reach me, if you have questions. But I invite you to email questions to me at mark.weiss@linnbenton.edu.



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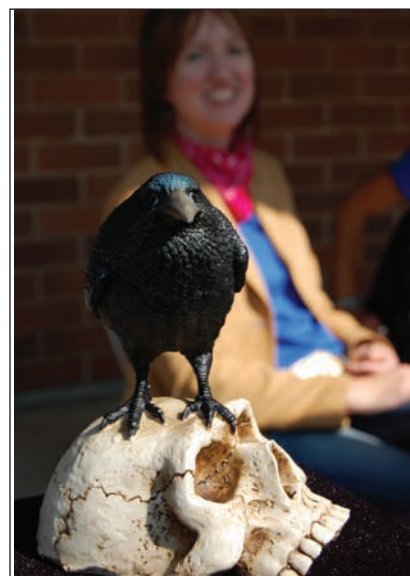
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3rd Annual Welcome Day at LBCC

A collection of photos from Welcome Day on Sept. 19. Students new and old were introduced to school clubs and departments, and local businesses. The event included various activities and entertainment including miniature golf, a dunk tank, and a shopping spree in the bookstore. See video from the day online at: commuter.linnbenton.edu.

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Game Con A-Comin'

Sean Bassinger
Editor-in-Chief

Corvallis resident Scott Snelling knows exactly where he'll be starting on Sept. 29: Part 2 of this year's Just a Game Con, sampling board games he's never played while potentially meeting new people in the process.

When thinking of new games that hooked him in, Snelling recalls seeing individuals play the board game "Twilight Imperium" at a past event.

"I tried it on a later date, and now I own it," said Snelling.

With nearly 32 straight hours of gaming, Snelling has attended each and every session since the event first started.

Hosted by Matt's Cavalcade of Comics, Cards and Collectibles at the Corvallis Elks Lodge, Just a Game Con features role-playing, tabletop and board gaming at its finest. Matt Ashland and his associates started the convention as an all-inclusive gaming environment for attendees to freely enjoy their hobbies while meeting other folks with similar interests.

"Whatever your definition of gaming is, it's what we try catering to," said Steve Northrop, an em-

ployee at Matt's who describes himself as the "head minion."

Northrop says the convention itself usually houses around 300 attendees, and has always been volunteer oriented. Aside from card, board and tabletop games, Northrop also said the OSU gamer's club will be present and enjoying video games.

"[Just a Game Con] is a little bit of everything," said Northrop.

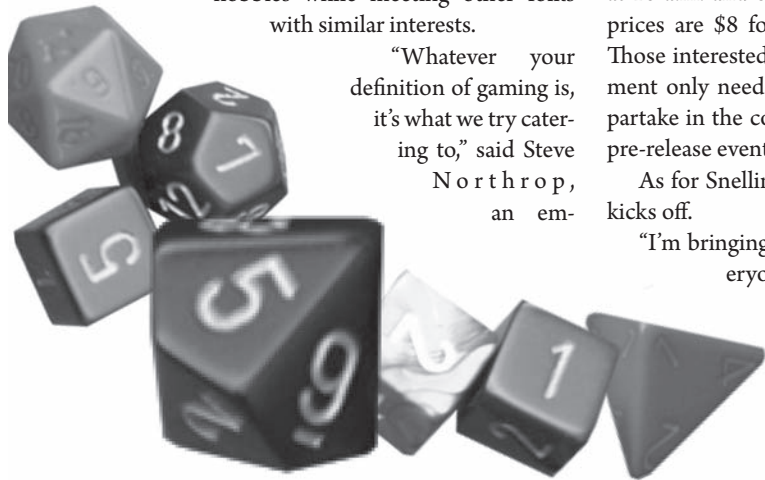
Gamers attending the convention can look forward to gaming sessions featuring a variety of new and classic board games, card games, tabletop games, and other fun experiences they may have overlooked in the past.

Among the most popular games at Just a Game Con is "Magic: The Gathering" (MTG), a card game created by game designer Richard Garfield in the early 90s. This weekend's Game Con features a special pre-release tournament for the newest MTG expansion set, "Return to Ravnica." Included with the \$30 entry fee is a meal from the cafeteria and six "Return to Ravnica" booster packs. According to Matt's shop website, check-in is at 10 a.m. and the tournament kicks off an hour later.

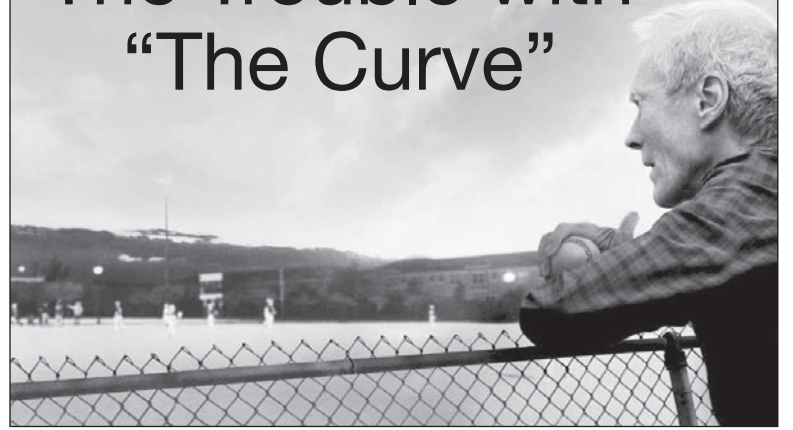
Just a Game Con 2012: Part 2 starts Saturday, Sept. 29 at 10 a.m. and continues until 6 p.m. the next day. Ticket prices are \$8 for one day or \$12 for the entire session. Those interested in entering the MTG pre-release tournament only need to pay general admission if they wish to partake in the convention itself, and not just the exclusive pre-release event.

As for Snelling, he'll be quite prepared when the event kicks off.

"I'm bringing some of my own games to play while everyone else arrives," said Snelling. "I get there as soon as the doors open."



The Trouble with "The Curve"



Ashley Christie
Page Designer

OMG! Please allow the 12-year-old girl in me to freak out a bit: Justin Timberlake has a new movie out! So excited!

Wait, who's this old dude in, like, every scene? Where's JT?

Okay, slightly less excited. Let's be honest ... way less excited.

"Trouble with the Curve" is not the story about a young baseball scout (Timberlake) falling in love with the daughter of his mentor. It is the story of aging baseball scout Gus (Clint Eastwood) who's trying to do his job while fighting new technologies, his decaying eyesight, and his estranged daughter Mickey (Amy Adams).

Gus is on a scouting mission for the Atlanta Braves and, like all stubborn old men, thinks nothing is wrong with him and he can do his damn job without help. Mickey, a workaholic lawyer about to make partner, is worried about her father, so she goes to meet him on the road and help him. Gus is less than enthusiastic about this.

There's baseball, and bonding, and oh yeah, Timberlake is in there too being his charming, charismatic self trying to flirt with Mickey.

This movie has its high points, but also plenty of lows for me. It has a good cast and I like the story, just not the way it was told. I knew this wasn't going to be a Justin Timberlake movie, but a girl can dream, right?

Eastwood is a mean, old man. He's always a mean, old man. Doesn't matter what movie he's in, he plays the exact same mean, old man. The story gets bogged down in his crankiness and slows the pace down too much. And some of the scenes between Gus and Mickey and big reveals about their backstory felt out of order to me. There wasn't a natural flow to the storyline.

Adams and Eastwood have a really good relationship and play off of each other well. They feel like a real father and daughter. John Goodman pops up in a few scenes and is always dependable. And all fangirling aside, Timberlake is proving to be a really good actor.

One thing "Trouble with the Curve" has going for it is the ending. I won't spoil it, but a lot of my negative feelings were eased by the ending. Predictable? A little. Heartwarming? Definitely.

I really wanted to like this movie more. Maybe it's my age, maybe it's because Timberlake was so underused, maybe Eastwood is too mean. It was a decently made movie, just not for me.



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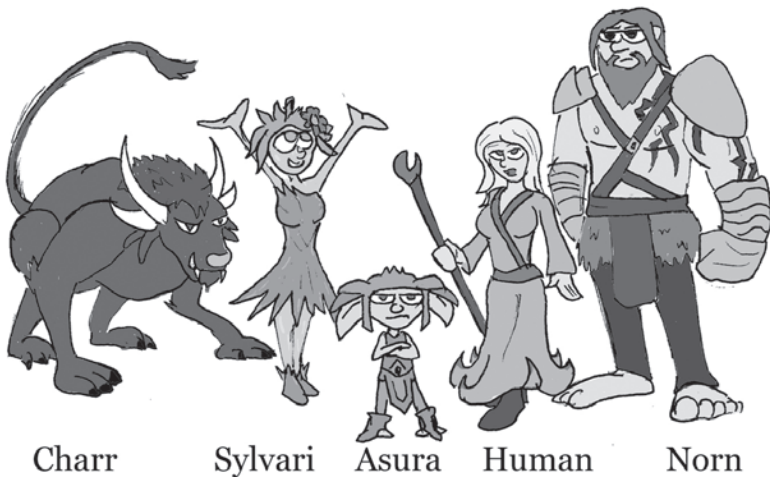
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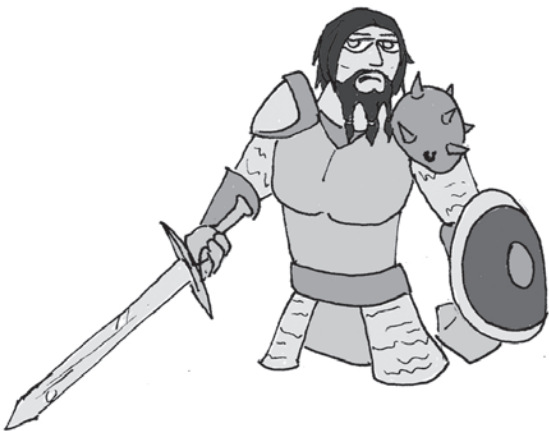
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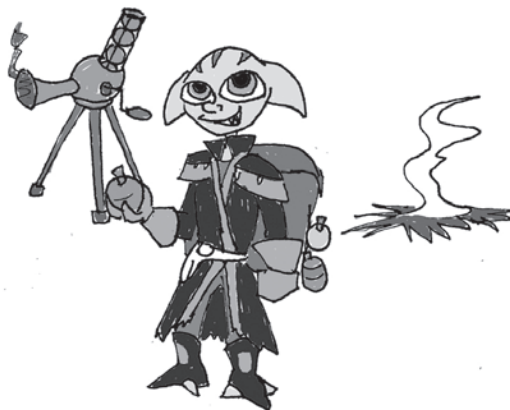
First, I was presented with the choice of race and gender.



Your next big decision is which profession.



I started off with a Norn Warrior. I played him until I got distracted...



At which point I created an Asura Engineer. Turrets and gernades? How could I resist?

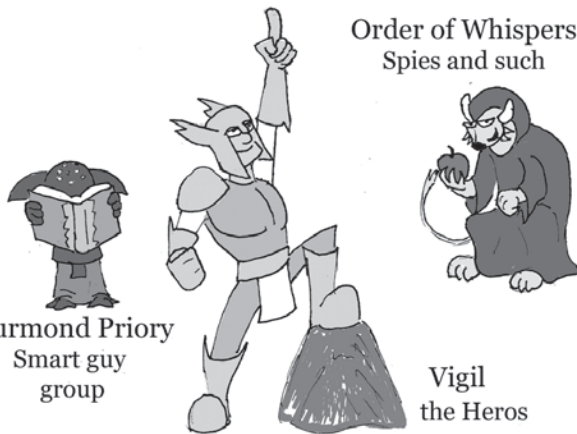


Once you have your character, the options don't stop. Weapon sets, utility skills, and traits make up your build.



That is one captivating Asura

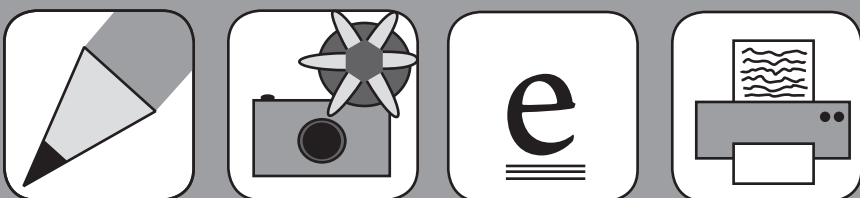
During character creation and throughout the game, you develop your character's personality, which is based on dignity, charm, and ferocity.



At some point, you'll be asked to join one of the three Orders.



The most common choice may be whether to help a fallen player or not.



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ARIES
 3/21 - 4/19
 You think you're cool,
 but that's a lie.



TAURUS
 4/20 - 5/20
 You know, whatever, I
 hate you too.



GEMINI
 5/21 - 6/21
 Why aren't you a genie?



CANCER
 6/22 - 7/22
 Outlook: not so good.



LEO
 7/23 - 8/22
 You are a lynx!



VIRGO
 8/23 - 9/22
 A case of vertigo.



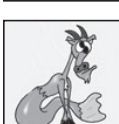
LIBRA
 9/23 - 10/23
 You couldn't BE more
 great!



SCORPIO
 10/24 - 11/21
 The small ones are to be
 feared.



SAGITTARIUS
 11/22 - 12/21
 You smell like a barn.



CAPRICORN
 12/22 - 1/19
 You're like a sad uni-
 corn.



AQUARIUS
 1/20 - 2/18
 Buckets of water ... or
 something.



PISCES
 2/19 - 3/20
 Let there be snowmen!

New
 by Kristin Laursen

Walking around, up and down; I'm so very tired.
 Learning new things, but overwhelmed; I feel very wired.
 It's all so strange and different and new,
 And now I have many more things to do.
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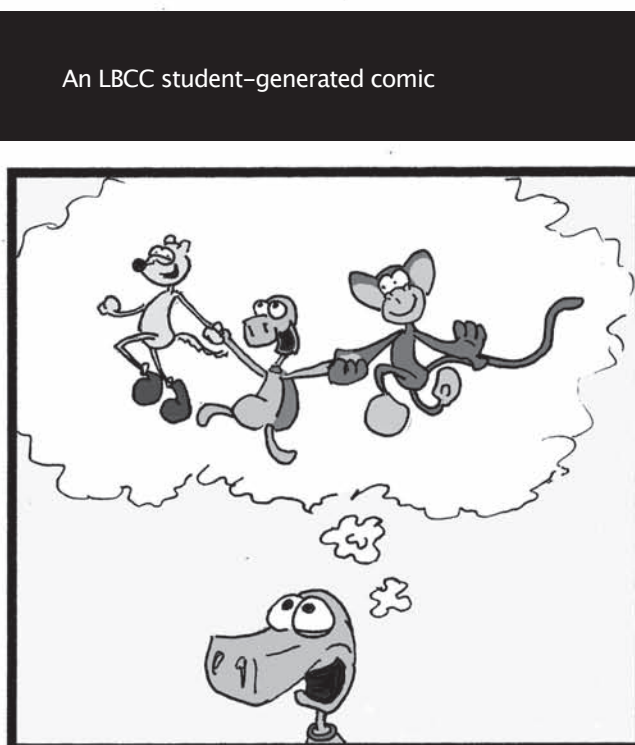
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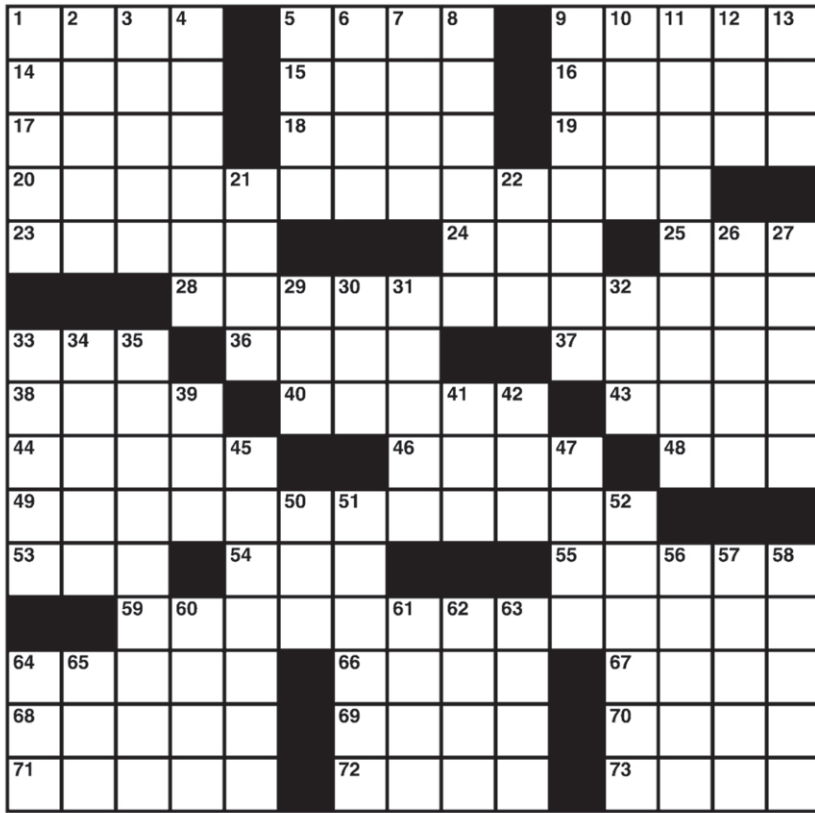
By Mason Britton

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Labor union foe
- 5 1999 Ron Howard film
- 9 Clunker of a car
- 14 Building passage
- 15 Retired Cunard flagship, for short
- 16 Atlanta campus
- 17 Diva's number
- 18 Samovars
- 19 Love, to Luigi
- 20 One-hit wonder
- 23 Stylistic judgment
- 24 Fishing aid
- 25 Hitter's stat
- 28 Controversial school subject
- 33 Deface
- 36 It may be copped in court
- 37 VCR successors
- 38 Oodles
- 40 Milles., in Spain
- 43 Soccer immortal
- 44 Like thick carpets
- 46 Beehive State college team
- 48 No-goodnik
- 49 President's selective rejection
- 53 Finale
- 54 European toy dog, briefly
- 55 Enter, as data
- 59 Pact addressing nuclear proliferation
- 64 Gemologist's weight
- 66 Perjurer
- 67 "___ and Away": 1960s hit
- 68 Hit from a tee, and word that can follow the first words of 20-, 28-, 49- and 59-Across
- 69 Rim
- 70 Trim with a knife
- 71 Hood's scheme
- 72 Halloween cover-up
- 73 IRS IDs



By Donna S. Levin

- 5 Prefix with lateral
- 6 Actor Bruce
- 7 Windshield option
- 8 Four-armed Hindu deity
- 9 Eagerly took advantage of, as an opportunity
- 10 Jane Austen novel
- 11 Song with the lyric "I'm crossing you in style"
- 12 NHL legend Bobby
- 13 TV's "Science Guy"
- 21 Dickens schemer Uriah
- 22 Common Mkt.
- 26 When repeated, Yalie's cheer
- 27 Map in a map
- 29 T-shirt sizes
- 30 Eternally, in poems
- 31 Bit of information
- 32 Bit of advice
- 33 Canada's national tree
- 34 Do-or-die poker bet
- 35 There and back
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Last Week's Puzzle Solved

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- 42 Observe
- 45 Cool cat
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- 51 The Democrats' donkey, for one
- 52 Outdoes
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- 57 One-eighty
- 58 Works on a keyboard
- 60 Icicle site
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THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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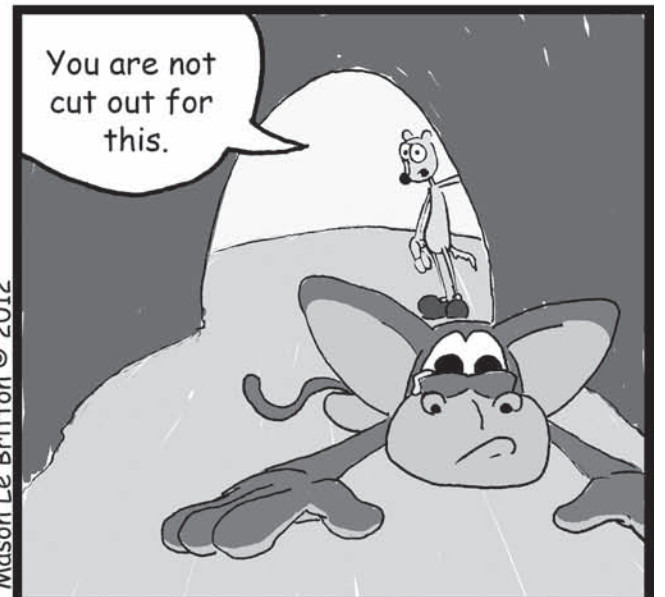
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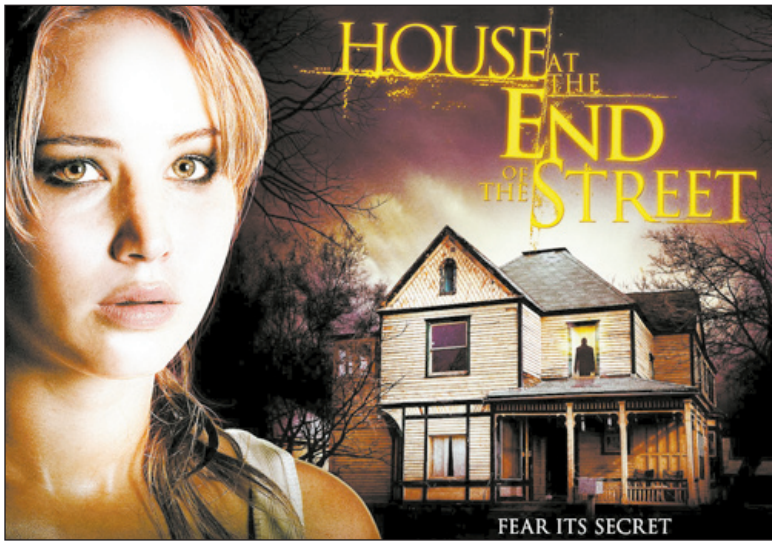


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No Love for "HATES"

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I'm not a fan of horror films. I don't particularly enjoy being scared, partly because I scare easily. I took stories about monsters under my bed way too seriously as a kid, and I'm pretty sure they still live there.

That being said, when a new scary movie comes out and I actually want to see it, that tells you something about the power of a trailer. "House at the End of the Street" was one of those movies. I was nervous going in, but I had nothing to worry about. It turned out not to be scary ... AT ALL.

Elissa (Jennifer Lawrence) and her mom Sarah (Elisabeth Shue) have just moved from Chicago to a small suburban Pennsylvania town. They got a great deal on a big house in a nice neighborhood because there was a double-homicide in the house next door four years ago.

Elissa befriends her new neighbor Ryan (Max Thieriot), the sole survivor of his little sister Carrie Anne's violent rampage where she killed their parents then ran into the woods, where she's rumored to still live. Ryan is the town outcast for obvious reasons, but is there more lurking under his quiet demeanor? Will Elissa heed her mother's warnings to be careful? What happened to Carrie Anne?

Oh no. What will happen? The suspense is killing me.

Jennifer Lawrence is kind of the "it" girl at the moment. "Winter's Bone" made her a critic darling and her roles in "X-Men" and "The Hunger Games" brought her to the forefront of popular culture. And with good reason, she's a talented actress and always a strong female protagonist. She's fine here too. Very believable.

Shue and Thieriot play their parts well too. Thieriot gives off a sometimes creepy, sometimes sweet, sometimes sad vibe that makes you want to help him and run away from him at the same time. That's hard to do.

The problem was the script. It was boring. The entire thing was a slow build-up to maybe 5 minutes of semi-intense action. What a waste. I'd check the time only to be disappointed it wasn't further into the 100-minute runtime.

There are unanswered questions about Elissa and Sarah's backstory and their rocky relationship, which is hinted at but never explained. There are some side characters at Elissa's school that are really only there to bug-out their eyes whenever they see Ryan, so the audience knows he's supposed to weird us out.

Oh! And there's a "surprise" twist ending that provides zero shock value. Only those who have never been to a movie ever wouldn't be able to predict the ending.

If this is what all "scary" movies are like nowadays, I may have to rethink my position on going to them. This wasn't even enjoyable on a cheesy, so-bad-it's-good level. It was just bad and kind of fitting the the acronym for this movie is "HATES."

There's an App for That

Review of Apple iPhone 5 and other new products

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Two million units of the iPhone 5 were sold in the first 24 hours of pre-ordering. It's safe to say that Apple's new iPhone is all ready and will continue to be the best selling iPhone yet. The tech giant announced the sixth generation device on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 during their media event in San Francisco. As well as announcing the long awaited iPhone 5, there were several other product updates announced during the two-hour keynote including a new iPod touch, iPod nano, iPod shuffle, and Apple's mobile operating system, iOS 6.

iPhone 5 Overview

During the first part of the event, Apple shared numbers, but quickly moved on to the highlight of the morning – the iPhone 5 announcement. The thinner, lighter phone now has a four-inch screen, compared to the 3.5-inch screen of previous models. This enlarged 640x1136 pixel screen is just a few pixels off from a 16:9 ratio, which is perfect for widescreen videos. Due to this larger screen, the iPhone 5 is taller than its predecessors. However, it retains the same width as the 4 and 4S.

In addition to the larger screen, 4G LTE and faster Wi-Fi were added. The wireless chip now allows the use of LTE on most carriers and dual band Wi-Fi (2.4 GHz and 5 GHz). The iPhone's two cameras also received a much-needed upgrade. The front-facing 1.2-megapixel FaceTime camera can now record 720p video at 30fps, while the 8-megapixel rear camera remains at 1080p, just like the 4S. Also new in iOS 6, but only for the 4S and 5 models, is the ability to take panoramic photos up to 240 degrees. This feature was previously available in 3rd party apps but now is native.

Another significant change to the iPhone 5 was the external appearance. The previous two models had glass backing, while the new model shows off an aluminum backside. This new design prevents shattering and cracking on the posterior of the phone, as well as cutting quite a bit of weight and thickness from the phone. The iPhone 5 is 38 grams lighter and 1.7 millimeters thinner than the 4S.

One change that was not so welcome, however, was Lightning. Lightning is the new dock connector on the iPhone 5, new iPod touch and new iPod nano. Up until now, all iPhones and most iPods had the same 31-pin dock connector, but they have been replaced with the new, smaller port. For those with old docks, cables and accessories, Apple is selling a Lightning to 30-pin Adapter for \$30, or a Lightning to 30-pin cable for \$40, both of which will ship in October 2012.

Hands-on Review

The first thing I noticed about the iPhone 5 was the weight. Compared to the iPhone 4 and 4S, it was a feather. Immediately following that, I realized just how thin it was; thin enough that I sometimes feel like I'll drop it.



William Allison

The new Apple iPhone 5.

After turning it on, setting it up, and restoring the settings from my previous device, I did what anyone with a new gadget does – I played around with it for a while.

After a few minutes of flipping between apps and trying out the new features, I noticed how fast it was, which is thanks to the A6 processor and 1 GB memory. It wasn't just fast in terms of performance but also the wireless. With the ability to connect to 5GHz Wi-Fi, I was finally able to take advantage of my high-speed internet (36 mbps), unlike on the 4, where my max speed was around 7-8 mbps.

The updated cameras are simply spectacular. Photos and videos look and sound amazing with the elongated, brighter screen and the louder, clearer speaker. Not only have those improvements been added, but the battery life has significantly increased as well. Previously, I couldn't get through the workday without having to find my power cord, and that was light usage. With the iPhone 5, I was able to nearly continuously use my phone for eight hours before it started begging for more energy.

Of course, not everything can be perfect, so here are a few cons of the new iPhone. First and foremost: the dock connector. Apple has been using the same port for over 10 years (excluding the shuffle), so every accessory, cable and dock has the same 30-pin connector. Having to shell out an extra \$30 to \$40 isn't only a financial inconvenience but also flat out annoying. However, one advantage of Lightning is that you can never plug the cable in wrong; it's reversible.

Another con I've noticed, and this is just personal preference, is the location of the headphone port. Unlike the previous models, the headphone jack is now on the bottom, right next to the microphone.

Finally: maps. While this isn't an issue with the iPhone 5, but rather iOS 6, it still is a negative thing, as iOS 6 is what comes on the device. Apple has moved away from Google for its maps, and instead has made their own maps application using Yelp. This wasn't exactly a smart move, as not everything you may need will be on Yelp.

Would I recommend the iPhone 5? Absolutely. Is it a must have item? Not really, but it definitely is a nice upgrade for anyone who doesn't have a smartphone that was released within the last few months.

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Looper
Rated: R
Genre: Time Travel Mobsters

Sources: IMDb, Yahoo! Movies, Fandango.com

WEATHER

Wednesday (9/26)	Peek-a-boo sun	77°/44°	
Thursday (9/27)	There is sun!	81°/46°	
Friday (9/28)	So much sun...	81°/51°	
Saturday (9/29)	Sun, sun, sun	79°/49°	
Sunday 9/30	Sun-face shyness	83°/49°	
Monday (10/1)	Warm as your heart	80°/45°	
Tuesday (10/2)	Wee bit o' showers	75°/41°	

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