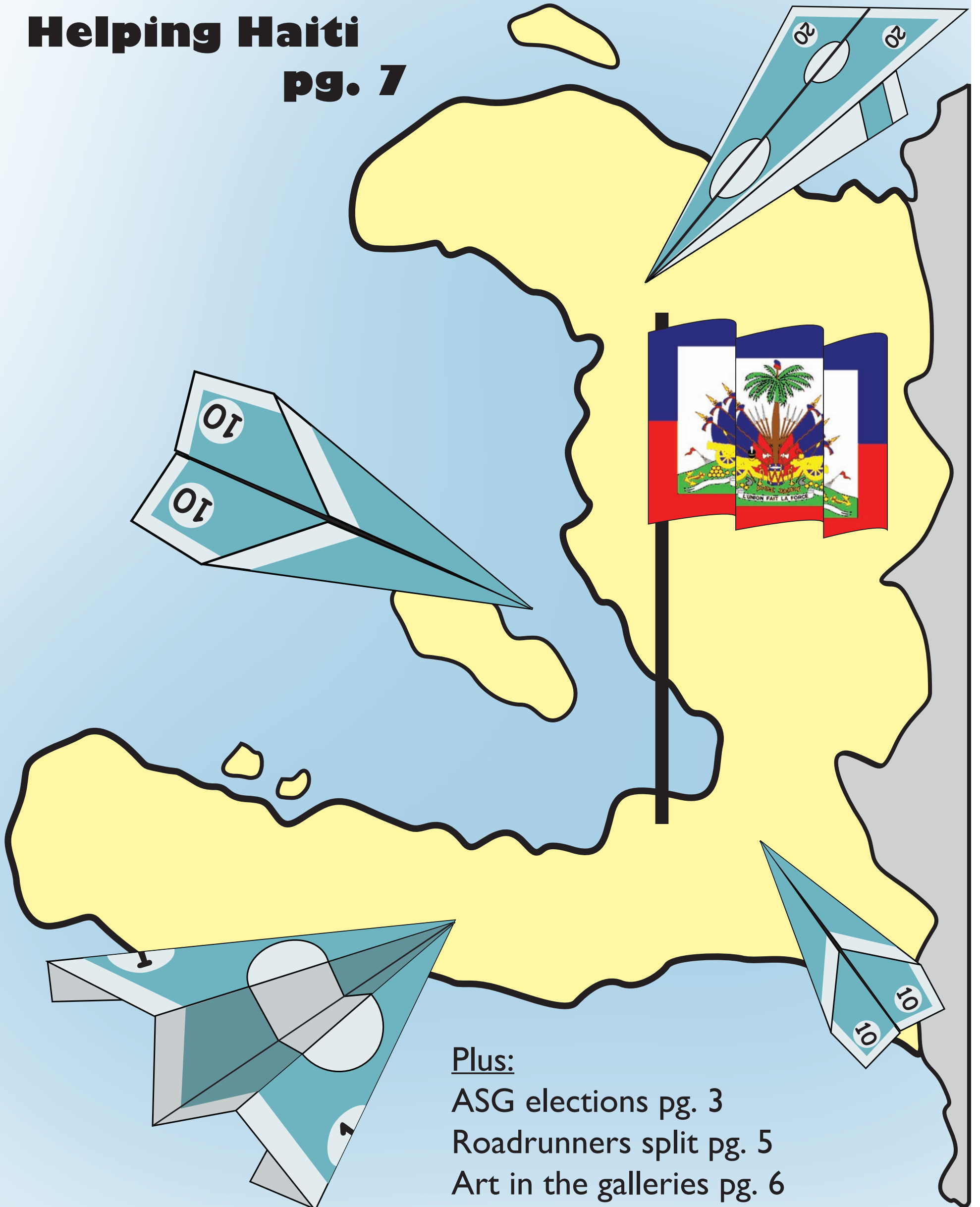


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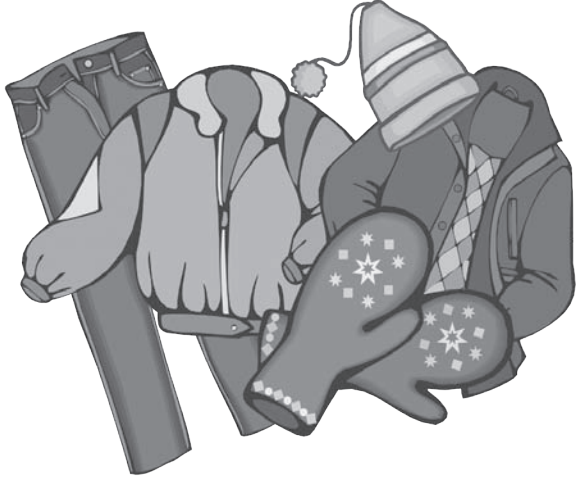
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Clothing Drive

**Help your community
 stay warm this winter!**

Clean out your closets and donate
 like-new winter clothes to a good cause.



January 11 – 29

Collection bins are all around campus.

Questions?

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 at Student Life &
 Leadership, 917-4463

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Hope for the homeless

Max Brown
 The Commuter

Do you need a head start on spring cleaning? Give your extra clothes to the clothing drive!

Collection boxes are located around LBCC's Albany campus. The clothing drive started Jan. 11 and will end Jan. 29.

Abel Soriano, a member of Student Life and Leadership who organized the clothing drive, said that "this winter has been especially cold. I felt this would benefit the greater community."

They are currently seeking mostly winter clothes, such as jackets, scarves, gloves, and blankets, but they will take anything that could help somebody in the long run.

The donations will be given to Albany Helping Hands Homeless Shelter. Soriano said he chose this organization because they do a lot of hands-on help with the homeless. He also feels this is an organization that does not currently get enough donations.

According to the Albany Helping Hands website they provide shelter to an

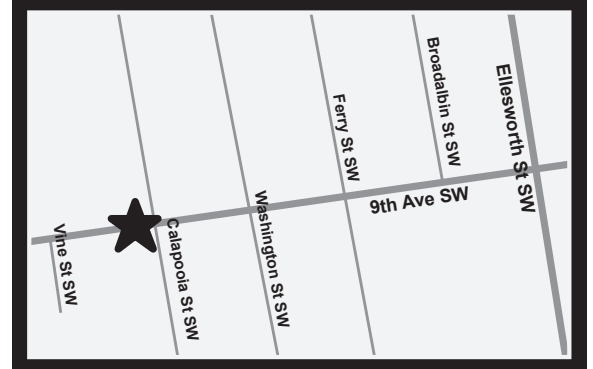
average of 110 homeless people every day of the year. They also help by offering courses on resume writing, office etiquette, job retention, nutrition, GED review, and more.

Soriano said the drive started fairly slowly, but has gained some momentum toward the end of last week. He says most of the donations have been from staff members around campus.

He asks that his fellow students look in their closets and get rid of old clothes.

"Instead of letting them sit there, put them to good use. Help out your neighbors," Soriano said.

Albany Helping Hands Homeless Shelter
 619 9th Ave SW; Albany



For more information

contact Abel Soriano at Student Life & Leadership, 541-917-4463



Ongoing

The Commons

Haiti Relief Fundraising

The Latin American History class will have a table set up in the Commons for the next two weeks, accepting donations during lunch hours. Currently they are only accepting cash donations. All money raised will be donated to The American Red Cross and Doctors Without Borders. For more information, contact Scott McAleer at 541-917-4578.

Through Jan. 21 (Thu)

Takena Hall

Winter Term Blood Drive Sign-up

Join LBCC and the Red Cross in their efforts to save lives. You can sign up in Takena Hall or online at www.givelife.org. The blood drive will be on Jan. 27 and 28 in the Fireside Room 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Through Jan. 29 (Fri)

Student Life and Leadership Office

Winter Coat and Blanket Drive

The drive will continue through

the end of the month. Drop off any new or used coats, jackets, scarves, gloves and/or blankets to supply local outreach centers in need.

Through Jan. 29 (Fri)

South Santiam Hall Gallery

Desert Dance: Photography on Exhibit

Desert Dance features the photography of Kurt Norlin, an Oregon native and former LBCC instructor.

Through Feb. 26 (Fri)

North Santiam Hall Gallery

Twist: Art on Exhibit

Twist features the drawings of Jim Adams and the photography of Robin Bachtler Cushman.

Jan. 20 & 21 (Wed & Thu)

Noon – 1 p.m. • Diversity

Achievement Center

Scholarship Workshop

Join a Financial Aid representative to learn more about the available scholarships and the application process.

Jan. 20 (Wed)

1 p.m. • F-104

Gelser and Morse Discuss 66 & 67

House Representative Sara Gelser and Senator Frank Morse will be on campus to speak about ballot measures 66 & 67. They represent opposing sides of the ballot measures. Both will be given a

chance to share their views before a short Q&A with the event moderator. For more information, contact Nic Bowman at 541-917-4464.

Jan. 20 (Wed)

3:30 – 5 p.m. • Benton Center

Lobby

Benton Center Winter Social

There's no better way to bring in a new term than with free hot chocolate and muffins. Come and enjoy some free refreshments and meet your fellow classmates.

Jan. 21 (Thu)

3 p.m. • Diversity Achievement

Center

Summer Study Abroad

Information

Information will be given on the summer programs for Costa Rica, Mexico and study abroad in general. For more information, contact Kim Sullivan at 541-917-4847.

Jan. 21 (Thu)

3:30 – 5 p.m. • Lebanon Center

Lobby

Lebanon Center Winter Social

There's no better way to bring in a new term than with free hot chocolate and muffins. Come and enjoy some free refreshments and meet your fellow classmates.

Jan. 21 (Thu)

7:30 – 9 p.m. • South Santiam

Hall Gallery

Gallery Reception for

Photographer Kurt Norlin

Albany photographer Kurt Norlin will discuss the history and current popularity of panorama photography. He will also talk about his own panorama work, which is on exhibit at the SSH Gallery through Jan. 29.

Jan. 22 (Fri)

Noon – 1 p.m. • Benton Center

Student Lounge

Gary Burman Acoustic

Showcase

The Benton Center Acoustic Showcase presents Irish folk music singer and instrumentalist Gary Burman. He will play authentic traditional Irish music on the exotic uilleann pipes. Bring your lunch and a friend and enjoy!

Jan. 23 (Sat)

Noon – 1 p.m. • CC-213

Free Work/Life Seminar on

Gluten-Free Living

Carol Walsh will be presenting a seminar on gluten-free living. Topics will include foods allowed, foods to question, and foods to avoid, as well as tips for meal planning, cooking and eating out. Soup and roll lunch provided.

Jan. 27 (Wed)

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. • Takena Hall

Oregon College Transfer Day

Information Fair

This free event is geared toward students interested in transferring

to four-year institutions. For more information, contact Nancy Morrill at 541-917-4816.

Jan. 29 (Fri)

Student Life & Leadership Office

ASG Election Applications Due

Any student interested in running for the Associated Student Government should pick up an application in the SL&L Office.

Jan. 29 (Fri)

Admissions Office

LBCC Scholarship Applications

Due

This is the last chance for students to apply for winter term scholarships.

Jan. 29 (Fri)

Admissions Office

Spring Graduation Applications

Due

This is the last chance for students to turn in their applications for spring graduation.

Jan. 30 (Sat)

Seattle Art Museum

Michelangelo's Drawings on

Display

All students are welcome to join. Tickets are \$9 and carpooling will be available. For more information, contact Robert Harrison at 541-917-4571.

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Ready to run

Justin Bolger
 The Commuter

Do you have what it takes to be a leader? Do you want to be more involved in your school? Then the Associated Student Government wants you!

The ASG Elections are happening next month. All students who would like to run for a position in the 2010-11 school year must apply by Jan. 29.

In order to register as a candidate, students must turn in the application along with two letters of recommendation to the Student Life & Leadership office. From there the students will be asked several questions regarding their perspectives on various campus issues and leadership styles. These answers will be open to the public for viewing on the official election web site, according to the LBCC Election Code.

Campaigning is up to the individual candidates during the weeks leading up to the election days. However, there are guidelines to work within, such as certain restrictions regarding where to hang posters and a personal budget cap of \$50 in campaign expenses.

“We don’t want to have a student spend like a thousand dollars on marketing just to win the position,” says ASG president Nic Bowman. “It’s not what the opportunity is about.”

The election will be held during the eighth week of winter term. An online voting site will be available for all LBCC students during a two-day period. LBCC switched this year from a school-run site to a third-party voting site. According to Bowman, last year’s election had a few hiccups.

“There’s obviously only one vote per person. It’s not like American Idol or anything where you can vote up to ten times,” says Bowman, “No texting in. Nothing like that.”

In the case that a position has no candidate, it will be filled through an interview process before the start of the next school year.



Available Positions

Student Body President:

- Leads the group
- Facilitates the meetings
- Attends college council and board of education meetings

Student Body Vice President/Center Representative:

- Assigned to committees
- Communicates between the campuses
- Keeps track of budget information

Public Relations Secretary:

- Organizes marketing
- Coordinates with public services
- Documents meetings

Division Representatives:

- Committee commitments
- Office responsibilities
- Project/event planning

The five Division Representatives include Science & Industry, Health Occupations, Student Services & Education, Arts & Humanities and Business.

Event focuses on financial aid

Max Brown
 The Commuter

On Saturday, Jan. 30, an event will be held to give one-on-one help applying for financial aid. The event, College Goal Oregon, will be held in McKenzie Hall at LBCC’s Albany campus from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

College Goal Oregon is a statewide event that has multiple locations. Anyone needing to fill out a FAFSA is invited to come.

During the event, speakers will be giving information about scholarships and other opportunities. One of the speakers is from the Oregon Student Assistance Commission (OSAC) and will be presenting about their scholarship opportunities.

LBCC’s financial aid department will be on hand to help fill out forms and answer any questions. Other volunteers and some members from OSU’s financial aid department will also be attending the event for additional support. They will also have Spanish speakers on hand to help with English as a second language individuals.

“The event is put together to fill out the FAFSA and you have staff there to help you, and so you have to take advantage of that kind of thing,” said Art Mota, who volunteers each year to help with Spanish speaking individuals.

Beverly Gerig, director of LBCC financial aid and veteran’s affairs, feels that sometimes people are intimidated by FAFSA, and this gives them a place to have their questions answered while filling out the FAFSA.

“This is a great opportunity because the most money is there at the beginning, and this is in January when they need to apply,” said Christine Baker, a student outreach coordinator at LBCC.

Even if you have not completed your taxes yet, you can still get help filling out your FAFSA through this event. Gerig says that you can use estimates from the previous year’s taxes, but she only suggests this if your income has not changed significantly.

She says that it is good to file FAFSA now because it gives students an earlier filing date, which helps to get them more money. It also gives people the chance to learn about some of the scholarship options available.

Baker said that the scholarship information is really valuable. “If you don’t apply, you don’t have a chance,” she said.

Gerig says that it’s important to make sure you bring everything you need to the event, so you can finish your FAFSA. For underage students it’s important that they bring their parents, as they both

What should I bring with me to the College Goal Oregon program?

- Yourself (and a parent if under 24)
- Most recent completed federal tax return. If you haven’t filled out your taxes yet, estimate. You can send in exact numbers later.
- Current value of business/ farm, if any.
- Social Security numbers of student and parents
- Driver’s license (if any)
- Alien registration card (if you are not a U.S. citizen)

have sections to fill out on the FAFSA.

“The more prepared you are, the more helpful we can be,” said Gerig.

Mota suggests people should show up early just in case they forget some important document or information. He said they can go get the information and come back before the event is over.

Last year they had around 80 people seek help during the event. They are hoping more people attend this year.

“It’s really an opportunity to help people in the community,” said Gerig.

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Counseling effort seeks to keep students on track

Krista Goeke
 The Commuter

Ten minutes. They said she'd be available in 10 minutes, but after 40 minutes had gone by, it was time to go. No counselor seen. No adviser found.

Sound familiar?

The Career Center has turned into a busy hub of employees working to make the student happy, but with so many students to please, this job may be more and more difficult to accomplish.

While some instructor/advisers elsewhere on campus are feeling less stress over their jobs, one look into the Career Center tells a different story. How does the school keep so many students on track for graduation?

Bruce Clemetsen, vice president of student services, said that the area of counseling has not been worked on recently, but it has come up in meetings and become a focus area in need of immediate attention. "We have a lot of work to do."

Clemetsen leaned forward in his chair, enthusiastic about the topic at hand. A vision is cast. Not something wild and crazy, but safe and predictable. He described an evolving pilot project.

Staff are serving as "academic planning assistants" or APAs. They are your friends. APAs work to help get students the perfect personalized schedule, follow up on newbies by calling them if they miss a certain number of classes, and make sure students remember to drop classes or take other timely actions.

"Generally," Clemetsen remarked with a smile, "students have really appreciated someone following up."

This has been helpful to college kids who need a little nudge in the right direction and to those who are new and unsure how to go about this whole "college" thing.

Clemetsen is hopeful that the number of APAs will rise and become a part of all departments. Sadly, Clemetsen admitted that "they're very overwhelmed. It's a lot of students to connect to." His dark blue suit parallels his standing on the future of LBCC advising: professional and solid. "Our long-term goal is (that) there is at least one or two APAs per division."

Last term over 200 students were helped by the pilot project. It's pretty apparent, though, that in order for the program to grow, so does the number of APA employees. So what's a student to do while waiting for help to come to their specific program? And where do these new students go once they are no longer "new?"

Every faculty member interviewed quickly agreed on one thing: "They need to be connected to faculty advisers."

At a glance

What: New ideas from student services to help keep students on track for graduation as enrollment hits record numbers.

Where: The Career Center in Tadena Hall and faculty advisers.

When: Career Center drop-in hours are 1:30-4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday and 9 a.m.-noon on Tuesday and Thursday. Faculty can be found during their personal office hours.

How: Drop in at the Career Center or talk to faculty advisers and make an appointment with them now. Don't wait.

Stepping into the homey office of English instructor Linda Spain prepared me to witness the relaxed and yet organized job to which she is committed. Spain did not feel affected at all by the influx of new students.

Instead, Spain thinks the hardest part of advising is getting students into classes before they fill up. With this in mind, she seriously encouraged students to connect with teachers - the earlier the better. Several other instructors agreed that students would often wait or come in at inappropriate times.

"They might not come until they've got a couple of quarters left," she explained. Engineering instructor David Kidd noticed this as well. He points out that popular times for students to drop in are during finals, tests, or at the beginning of term which are not always convenient for faculty.

This department does not appear to be overwhelmed by the influx of students. The engineering department even has a web page for students transferring to a four-year school that helps them to stay on track.

"I think that's one of the things that's helping us," Kidd proudly stated.

The biggest advice given by both advisers and the vice president? Go see a counselor now. Don't wait until graduation nears, or the beginning or end of the term.

In the words of Clemetsen, "They want to give you information. Take advantage of that."

Classifieds

Deadline: Ads accepted by 5 p.m. Friday will appear in the following Wednesday issue. Ads will appear only once per submission. If you wish a particular ad to appear in successive issues, you must resubmit it.

Cost: Ads that do not solicit for a private business are free to students, staff and faculty. All others are charged at a rate of 10 cents per word, payable when the ad is accepted.

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Help Wanted

You can sign up at www.linnbenton.edu/go/StudentEmployment to look at student & graduate jobs. *For more info about the opportunities listed below, please see Carla in Student Employment in the Career Center (Tadena 101).

Apprenticeship Opportunities (LBCC) Establishes a pool of eligible people in the Willamette Valley for limited energy technicians (Class A & B). Apply in person to: Room IA202 at LBCC by appointment only- call 541-917-4636 for appointment.

Youth Sports Coordinator (#7706, Albany) Gather volunteer coaches, organize teams/leagues, order equipment, train and oversee coaches and staff. Part-time, 15-25 hrs/week, \$8.40-10.25/hr

Pharmacy Technician (#7740, Albany) Are you certified as a Pharmacy Technician? The part-time hours are Wed & Fri 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and this is located in north Albany.

Volunteer Red Cross Disaster Services/Disaster Action Team Member (#7721, Albany)

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1/20 - 1/26

Wednesday

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Thursday

Dishes: French Dip, Chicken Ballontine and Thai Tofu Stir-Fry
 Soups: Creamy Roasted Chicken and Garlic Tomato

Friday

Chef's Choice

Monday

Dishes: Grilled Pork Chops w/ Sauce Robert, Chicken Gumbo and Portabella Sandwich
 Soups: Chicken Noodle and Cream of Tomato

Tuesday

Dishes: Reuben Sandwich, Irish Lamb Stew and 3 Cheese Stuffed Shells
 Soups: Shrimp Bisque and Tomato & Rice

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News about local and national sports and activities.

Lady Roadrunners still looking for first league win

Erik Bender
 The Commuter

It's a tough road ahead for the LBCC women's basketball team, as they lost their second league game to Southwestern Oregon Community College on Wednesday 67-58.

LBCC sophomore Jamie Wilson was the top scorer with 22 points, while teammate Kalah Heacock had 20 points and four rebounds.

"The stats are deceiving with that final outcome," said head coach Teresa Guerra. "We forced 31 turnovers on them. We

[only] had 14. We had more shots than them: 64 to their 48."

"For the most part it was probably one of my best shooting games, and I had to step up for my team because our point guard was out," said Wilson.



Jamie Mayhew avoids SOCC's Kelly Millager.

Photo by Erik Bender

Starting point guard for LBCC Sam Sanders sprained her ankle within five minutes of the first half. Sanders should be back before Saturday's away game

against Umpqua Community College.

The Roadrunner's next home game is against Chemeketa Community College Saturday, Jan. 23.

LBCC men victorious in overtime

Erik Bender
 The Commuter

The LBCC Roadrunners took Southwestern Oregon Community College into overtime Wednesday night for a 73-66 win, their second consecutive win in league thus far.

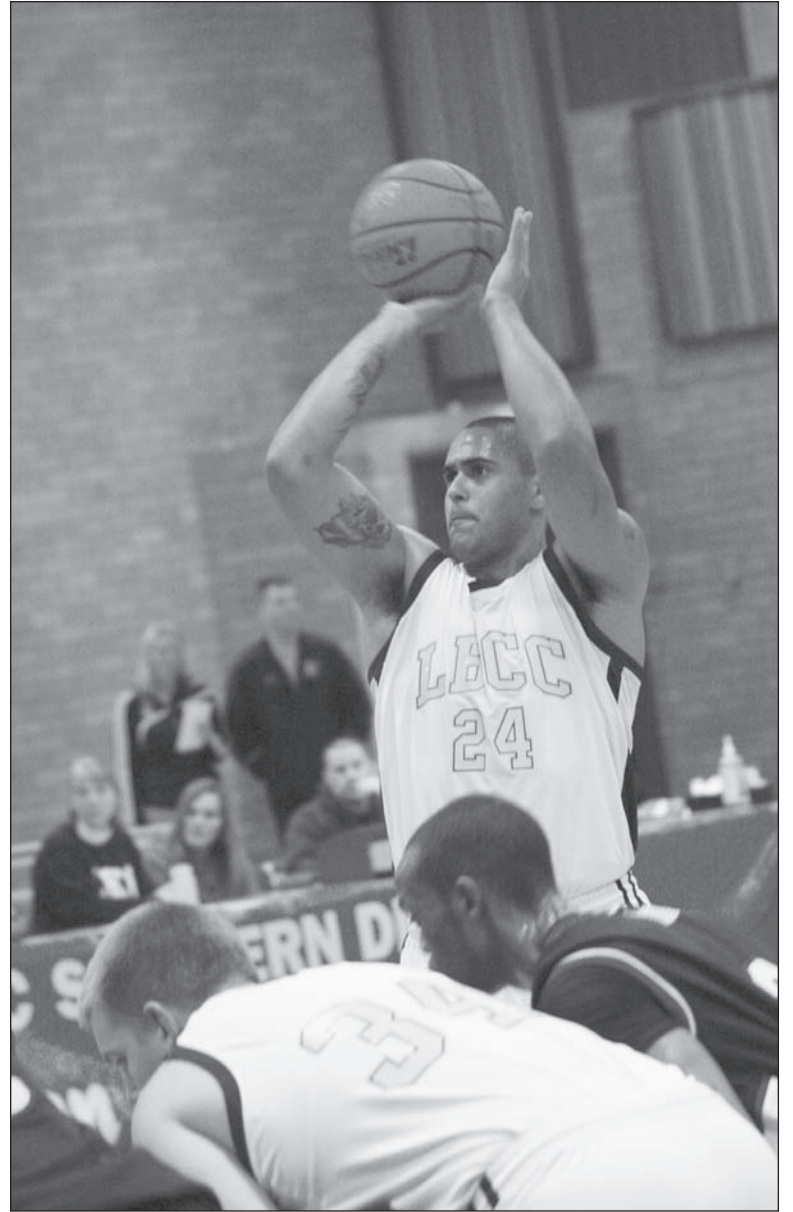
Taylor Roos scored 22 points, including 10 out of 11 free throws for the Roadrunners. LBCC is now tied for first in the South Division of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges.

Sophomore Jordan Highland had 15 points and 17 rebounds, the most of anyone during the game.

"Our strategy, and we did not do a very good job of this in the first half, was to be aggressive on offense and to keep moving the ball and keep making our cuts," said head coach Randy Falk after the game.

"We had about 10 turnovers in the first half, in the second half we limited our turnovers and started cutting through the key for our offense because they were in the zone," Roos said after his team's win.

LBCC's next home game is Saturday, Jan. 23, against Chemeketa.



Andrew Carter keeps LB ahead of SWOCC after making his free throw.

Photo by Erik Bender

Get in the game:

Head coach Teresa Guerra is still looking for anyone experienced who wants to join women's basketball. Contact her either by stopping by her office in AC116, or by e-mail at guerrat@linnbenton.edu.

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Feature

Something a little different.

Oregon artists on display

Aleatha Skinner
 The Commuter

What do students do when they are waiting for classes in North Santiam Hall or South Santiam Hall? Visit the galleries!

Diedra Peters says, "Actually, I like looking at exhibits. They're more entertaining than looking at white walls."

Alyssa Johnson, who says she looks at the exhibits almost every day, quickly points to Robin Bachtler Cushman's painting entitled "Caravanserai" and says, "my favorite one is that one."

"Actually, I look quite often," says Jeremy Cornforth. "I take the time to stop and look one or two times a week when I'm walking around the building."

This term, the works of photographers Kurt Norlin

and Robin Bachtler Cushman, artist Jim Adams, and the glass works and collection of Bill and Jane Siebler are featured throughout the school.

Adams and Cushman's exhibit, "Twist", and the Siebler's "A Passion for Glass" display are located in the North Santiam Hall gallery. A portion of the glass collection is also located in the library.

Norlin's display, "Desert Dance", is located in the South Santiam Gallery.

The Artists and Their Displays

Jim Adams, a California native, has taught at Oregon State University and LBCC. Adams offers several pieces of abstract, mixed media art for students to wrap their minds around.

In a recent LBCC

news release he said, "My artwork is a kind of spontaneous expression of some sort of inner tale that wants to be told."

"I am not telling specific stories so much as presenting a state of mind. My goal is to create imagery that will be intriguing to the viewer in its complexity, humor, and technical excellence."

And that's one good reason to view his work. You can actually spend a lot of time trying to discover the state of mind Adams was in at the time or the state of mind he wants you in as you study his work. The imagery is definitely complex and humorous. If it is your cup of tea, you will find it intriguing.

Kurt Norlin, an Oregon native and former LBCC instructor said, "Photographing the land is kind of a dance between the



Jeremy Cornforth enjoys "Twist."

Photo by Sherry Majeski

photographer, the camera, the land, the light and the weather."

On Thursday, Jan. 21, Norlin will present a gallery talk at a reception from 7:30 - 9 p.m. in the SSH Gallery, "where he will discuss his own work as well as the tradition of panoramic landscape photography in the American West", according to LBCC's news release. Students and the community are invited.

Robin Cushman, another Oregonian, is a commercial and fine art photographer who reportedly says that she is "interested in the ways in which nature is repackaged and re-presented and how humans interact with such artificially constructed nature."

Bill and Jane Siebler, retired educators and current Corvallis residents, have been collecting glasswork since the late 70s. Their collection includes the works of artists from the Northwest and around the world. There are several pieces made by Bill, who has become a skilled marble maker.

The Art Selection Process and Purpose

Gary Westford, Fine Arts instructor, and Rich Bergman, the gallery coordinator and former LBCC instructor, are part of the team

that selects the artists and works that will be displayed each year. Westford says, "The team is specifically interested in showing high-quality work featuring Pacific Northwest artists that we can share with students and the community in general."

Their goal is to "use art as a tool and vehicle to share experience and culture," says Gary Westford. "All of us are extremely busy with life—classes, kids, the economy—and I can see where it is easy to not take time to look at works of art... We are over-stimulated in our culture ... we need to take time."

Rich Bergman, former LBCC instructor and current gallery coordinator says, "Everybody who passes [the exhibits] and even takes a casual glance might have a nice break in their day. It only takes a little bit of art to plant a seed for the future. It enriches our outlook on life."

Librarian Brian Miyagashima is very supportive of using library display areas for exhibits. "It's good to integrate art into the environment of this campus," he says.

"Desert Dance" will be on display through Jan. 29 in SSH. "Twist" can be viewed through Feb. 26 and will occupy both floors of NSH. "A Passion for Glass" can be seen until March 19.

At a glance

What: Winter gallery art shows

Who: Featuring the work of Kurt Norlin, Jim Adams, Robin Cushman, Bill and Jane Siebler

When: Exhibits open Jan. 4. Norlin's exhibit closes Jan. 29. Adams's and Cushman's closes Feb. 26. Siebler's closes March 19.

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Community news about the mid-Willamette Valley, including Albany, Lebanon, and Corvallis.

LB class aids Haiti relief fund

Max Brown
 The Commuter

Scott McAleer's History of Latin America class is raising money to help with the relief effort in Haiti. The group will accept donations every day from approximately noon to 1 p.m. in the Commons Cafeteria.

McAleer encourages anyone who is interested in helping or learning more to stop by the table during lunch and chat with them. People can also swing by McAleer's office during his office hours to get more information or donate money.

The group has no set goals other than to gather "as much money as possible." The class feels that anything they can raise will be a tremendous help.

Erin Hull, a student in McAleer's class, said, "We should never underestimate the value of one dollar given or the impact we have when we reach one person. For that one person we reach, it will be huge!"

On their first day in the cafeteria they raised about \$59. McAleer feels that donations will pick up as more people become aware of what they are doing.

McAleer has sent out an email to all staff and faculty about the fundraiser and most of his students will be spreading the word by doing short presentations about the fundraiser in their other classes.

"It went from an idea to something we were doing in a period of just a few hours," said McAleer.

The group plans to give all the proceeds to the Red Cross and Doctors Without



Clockwise from left: Stephanie Quintanilla, Julia Moran, Kandice Foulks, Abigail Lundberg and Scott McAleer

Photo by Max Brown

Borders. McAleer feels that these are two well-known organizations, so people would feel more secure in giving money to them.

He also feels that these organizations spend their money well and have a history of going into these crises and knowing how to help.

"They are good at channeling resources where resources are needed," McAleer said.

The group plans to raise money for two weeks, and then they will assess the situation and decide if they should continue.

McAleer says this is a way for his students to become more involved with the subject of the class. He feels that from a learning perspective it always helps when students can make a connection to what they are studying.

"It serves as a window into the other problems in the region," McAleer said.

He wants to generate more interest in the fact that Haiti had a number of problems before this crisis. Hopefully people will have some foresight when rebuilding Haiti so that it can help in the long run.

Poetry spotlight

Untitled
 by Alethea Skinner

"Breaking News" continues to flash across the bottom of my TV screen. I want to see and yet I don't, but I have to I can't ignore it, act like I am not touched.

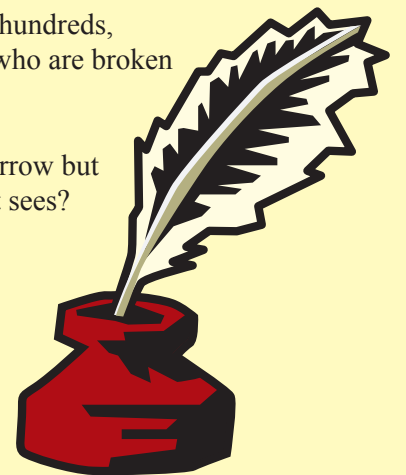
I reach across the empty space filling the miles between us Arms aching--reaching but not touching the babies, the children No medicine to ease the pain No water, no food. Just life in the sun, the rain—and despair.

Hold on, help is coming...I breathe the words even as I watch life slipping away on my TV screen. He can't. They can't hold on, much longer. Yet they must. I will it. I command it.

Another life slips away. Another gets the news it's too late. No chance. Mama? Daddy? Gone. Horror too great to bear even across all of these miles.

I hear my soul Screaming with the grief of hundreds, the thousands, the millions who are broken lost, hurting.

The sun will come out tomorrow but who wants to look at what it sees?



Editorial: We can help the people of Haiti

The Commuter

The earthquake that devastated Haiti on Jan. 12 has left a whole country in desperate need of aid. The exact numbers are hard to find, but recent estimates put the number of deceased around 200,000, and there are more than three million people that are currently affected by the disaster. As a country already struggling to pull itself out of economic hardship – four out of five people in Haiti lived in poverty even before the earthquake – Haiti is in dire need of help to rebuild and recover.

Despite our apparent dislocation from the crisis, we are still able to make a difference that will be felt by the people of Haiti. The best way for Oregonians to help is by donating money to an

organization. Huge sums of money are currently being donated to this crisis, but the need is still great.

There are many organizations taking donations and helping out in Haiti, so your choices are nearly limitless. Do some background research into any organization you are considering donating to because of the possibility of scams. Unfortunately, there are always people looking to make a quick buck off the misfortune of other people. There are a number of honest, reliable organizations worldwide, however, that make sure the donations get to the intended recipients rather than lining someone's pockets.

The advantages of donating to a reputable organization are clear. Not only do you know your money is safe, but you also know

that the money is being well spent. Some of the major organizations even have charts and graphs that show you how efficiently they spend your donation.

We understand most of our readers are college students and money may be hard to come by, but we implore you to donate as much as you can afford. In a time like this, the smallest contribution can make a huge difference to the lives of those who are suffering, so even if you can only give a dollar, it's very much appreciated.

Scott McAleer's History of Latin America class is taking donations every day in the cafeteria. This is a great way to donate if you only have a small contribution. For more information, see the article above.

There are many other

ways to donate, so do some research. One easy, simple way is a text donation. Some organizations have set up numbers that you can text to and the donation will be added to your phone bill. Text donations can become a target of scammers, but there are at least a few trustworthy numbers.

We highly recommend checking out The Huffington Post's page on how to give to Haiti: <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/impact>. They have compiled a list of charitable organizations you can donate to, which includes links as well as a short paragraph explaining each fund.

Although much suffering that has occurred is irreversible, it's not too late for you to help. It is as easy as sending a text.

To donate via text

- Text "YELE" to "501501" - \$5 will be donated to the Yele Haiti Earthquake Fund. Yele.org
- Text "HAITI" to "90999" - \$10 will be donated to Red Cross to help with relief efforts. Redcross.org
- Text "QUAKE" to "20222" - \$10 will be donated to the Clinton Bush Haiti Fund

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A word from your local ASG

I do not want to insult anyone's intelligence by writing about the same topic week after week. However, I do hope that there are individuals out there who read this article enough to recognize the trends and repetition. And to those people, I applaud you. Taking an active part in understanding the culture that surrounds you is essential to peacefully integrating the differences between yourself and others.



Nic Bowman

Ballot Measures 66 & 67. Maybe it's dangerous to lead with such a volatile or disengaging topic. I hope I haven't lost too many readers, but to those who have continued reading, thanks. Even if you have already made up your mind about how you will vote, what is the harm in hearing the opposition? Today at 1 p.m. (previously announced in last week's article to begin at noon) in the Forum Auditorium, guest speakers Representative Sara Gelser and Senator Frank Morse will be on hand to give opposing views to these two hot topic issues. Each guest will provide a short presentation followed by a Q&A with the event moderator. Suggestions for additional questions may be submitted to asgpres@linnbenton.edu. This event is free and open to the public.

The Student Life & Leadership office is seeking out the leaders of tomorrow ... or least the leaders for next year. If you will be continuing your education at LBCC next year (2010-2011) and want a chance to get involved with more on campus, then consider applying for a position with the Associated Student Government (ASG) or the Student Programming Board (SPB). Each group has eight positions open; however, each group has a different process for selecting their members. The ASG has an electoral process in which students submit an application for candidacy, campaign, and then await the results of a general election. Elections are to be held during the eighth week of this term. The SPB differs from the ASG during their selection process in that, instead of elections, their members are selected through interviews. Both groups have applications available in the Student Life & Leadership office. Applications for either group are due by January 29 at noon. Or, if you just want to hear a bit more, stop by and see us.

Nic Bowman
ASG President

The views of the ASG do not necessarily reflect those of The Commuter. Any questions or comments can be directed to the Student Life & Leadership office.

Google get out

Adam LaMascus
The Commuter

Google has become a poster child of corporate responsibility, loved and revered by companies, news groups, and politicians all over America ever since they announced that they will no longer censor Google's China page, google.cn.

"God bless Google," said Rep. Frank Wolf, and Rep. Chris Smith claimed Google's move was a "thrill of encouragement." All of this commotion occurred after more than 30 companies suffered cybernetic attacks, all geared towards getting access to the email accounts of citizens the Chinese government considers political dissidents. While there is currently no concrete evidence, it is apparent to just about everybody that the Chinese government perpetrated the attacks.

A report by the Associated Press warns that we should hold off on praise, at least a little bit. The report states that while Google has definitely taken a good step forward, they should have added, "until we reach an agreement." That's right. Google will continue to censor the Internet until they reach some sort of compromise with China.

Harry Wu, a political dissident who spent 19 years in a forced labor camp, was not surprised. "Google doesn't really care about human rights," he said.

Many hold similar views. Ralph Cossa, president of the Pacific Forum Center for Strategic and International Studies, said, "This shows that even Google has a conscience if the Chinese are egregious enough ... This is a long-overdue correction. I give Google credit for having done it; it would have been nicer if they'd done it sooner."

I feel Google doesn't really deserve the praise. They voluntarily went into a country that blatantly ignores human rights, arrests and often murders people who disagree with them, and destroys the environment with little restraint in order to increase their global standing. Google

shouldn't have gone there in the first place. Even though Google's motto is "Don't be evil" according to CEO Eric Schmidt, they really couldn't pass up 300 million new customers. Never mind having to make a deal with the devil to get them.

I suppose it is an utter waste of time to say that corporations should be moral instead of greedy, but that is what it comes down to. It is through greed that companies become enablers for evil. Hitler would have found it much harder to wage WWII if Mauser, Krupp, Volkswagen, BMW, Daimler-Benz, Porsche, Focke-Wulf, Heinkel, Dornier, and Messerschmitt had all refused to support his war effort, but hey - who can say "no" to millions in government contracts?

While obviously nobody has been killed by Google's product, the idea is still the same. They are selling out people and assisting ruthless totalitarianism for a few extra bucks. While all corporations do this to some degree, Google stepped over the line by selling themselves to China. I'll be very surprised and impressed if Google decides to follow its own motto and stop helping the Chinese government. Yahoo, Microsoft, and Cisco should do the same.

The issue was made personal for me a few months ago, when one of the Commuter staff members called me over and showed me his computer screen. It showed what anyone sees when they try to open the web page for "The Onion" by going through Google's China page.

What appeared was a blank white screen, stating that the glorious People's Republic of China had blocked the page because the content of the page was morally and intellectually corrupt, and the page was being blocked for your own protection.

It was a startling realization that for over a billion people, the statement "Big Brother is Watching You" is very real, and very dangerous. Get out of China, Google.



Associated Student Government meeting schedule

3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Public welcome

January 27
Benton Center, Room BC-236

March 3
Takena Hall, Main Entrance

February 3
Lebanon Center, Room LC-218

March 10
Takena Hall, Main Entrance

February 17
Takena Hall, Main Entrance

March 17
Takena Hall, Main Entrance

Perspectives:

How do you feel about the new cell phone law?



Ryan Orman

Foreign Language

"I think with any new law, it's going to upset some people. Cars are dangerous enough as it is. This law will reduce distractions."



Andrew Novac

Undecided

"I think it's bogus. The cops should worry about speeding and more important things. If (a driver who is using his phone) crashes, that's (his) fault."



Clara Obelnicki

Horse Management

"I think it's a good idea. I was actually texting the other day (while driving) and a friend in the car yelled at me to stop. I think it's great that people are standing up for it."



Coddie Marshall

Sign Language Interpreter

"I understand why it's in place, but I don't like it because I like talking on the phone while driving. It affects my life in a negative way."



Amanda Anderson

Exercise Sports Science

"I think it's great. It'll keep people safer so they're not texting while driving."

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Advice from Weiss

Mark Weiss
 for The Commuter



Counselor Mark Weiss

Question: I know I'm getting close to graduation, but what do I have to do to make it happen?

Answer: In the next few days you need to take the following steps...

1. Stop by Admissions and fill out a graduation request form. It just takes a couple of minutes.
2. Also from Admissions, pick up a Graduation Checklist (a list of all the classes required for the degree you want to earn). You will want to fill this out as best you can and then meet with a faculty advisor, usually a teacher in the department you want to get your degree from. All Graduation Checklists have to be signed off by a faculty member.
3. One step that all students should take, whether you are ready to graduate or not, is to go to Admissions and DECLARE YOUR

MAJOR. No one will know what degree you want unless you declare your major. In addition, if your department wants to reach all of their students with important information, they can only find you if you have listed a major with admissions... It takes about a minute to do this.

4. Finally, it is very important to know that if you want to graduate in June, you must complete steps one through three by JAN. 29. That is the deadline to have all graduation materials filed with admissions. In order to meet that deadline, you should pick up your checklist, your graduation request form, and declare your major immediately. It takes a few days to get these steps completed, so get started well before JAN. 29.

Mark Weiss has been a counselor and adviser at LBCC for 20 years. The purpose of this column is to answer students' questions about the college, academic advising, and how to be successful at LBCC. Please send your questions to mark.weiss@linnbenton.edu or stop by the Career and Counseling Center in Takena Hall.

Back in the day

Adam LaMascus
 The Commuter

This day in history...

Jan. 20, 1920: Thanks for the liberties?

The American Civil Liberties Union is founded in New York City. Currently, there are over 500,000 registered members in the organization. Their slogan should be: Bugging the hell out of politicians for 90 years!

Jan. 21, 1968: Oops, our bad: Episode 2...

A U.S. Air Force B-52 catches fire and crashes on an ice shelf near Thule Air Base in Greenland. One crew member is killed. The four hydrogen bombs being carried on the plane rupture, contaminating a large surrounding area. One of the bombs falls through the ice shelf and is never found. All I have to say is, how do you lose a nuclear weapon?

Jan. 22, 1987: Gah!!!

State Treasurer and State Senator Robert "Bud" Dwyer (R, PA) is convicted of taking bribes. During the subsequent live televised conference, he pulls out a .357 magnum and shoots himself in the head on national television. His last words are "Please leave the room if this will offend you."

Jan. 23, 1879: Check one for British pride...

The Battle of Rorke's Drift ends. The battle occurred when an army of around 5,000 Zulus attacked a British supply depot/hospital being defended by 80 healthy and 59 bedridden British soldiers. The Redcoats held the Zulus off long enough to be rescued by the main British army. 17 Brits and 351 Zulus were killed. This is proof that guns work better than swords, spears, and fists, contrary to Japanese video games.

Jan. 24, 1961: This is just getting ridiculous now...

A U.S. Air Force B-52 breaks up in mid-air over Goldsboro, North Carolina, dropping two hydrogen bombs. The first bomb almost detonates, a former defense secretary claiming that only one safety switch prevented a nuclear detonation. The other breaks apart and buries itself in a farm field. The Air Force really needed to fire its maintenance staff.

Jan. 25, 1955: A little behind the times...

The Soviet Union declares its state of war with Germany over. Never mind that the war actually ended in 1945.

Jan. 26, 1961: Not Marylin Monroe?

President John F. Kennedy makes Janet G. Travell his personal physician. This is the first time a woman holds this position. I will refrain from all the obvious jokes involving JFK and women holding positions with him.

Thought for the week:

"God forbid we should ever be 20 years without such a revolution."
 -Thomas Jefferson speaking on the American Revolution

Letter to the editor

Attention veterans & families

Linn Benton Community College would like to introduce your newest resource, Veteran Service Officer (VSO) Gus Bedwell. As your campus VSO, Gus is here to make sure veterans and their families are accessing all the VA benefits available to them. For example, a few benefit options may be medical, service-connected compensation, and dependents' education.

Gus' job is to help vets and their families to apply, access, or if needed, appeal to the VA for benefits. He is here to work for you. He breaks down VA law into simple terms, in his own words, "making the complicated and complex, simple."

As a LBCC Student Ambassador and your Veteran Representative I urge all current military, spouses and dependents of deployed personnel, veterans, and families of veterans to drop in and chat with Gus. Even if you are not sure whether you could qualify or not, come meet Gus, check in with him, and see what opportunities there are. If you are currently receiving disability compensation, drop by to verify that you are getting what you deserve. Everyone could use another ally. Gus is here to make things easy and efficient for you.

For information on how to reach Gus, drop by the Financial Aid Veterans' window and speak with Kathy Martinak. Kathy will have Gus's contact information for making appointments. He is available most Mondays at LBCC, from



Veteran Service Officer
Gus Bedwell

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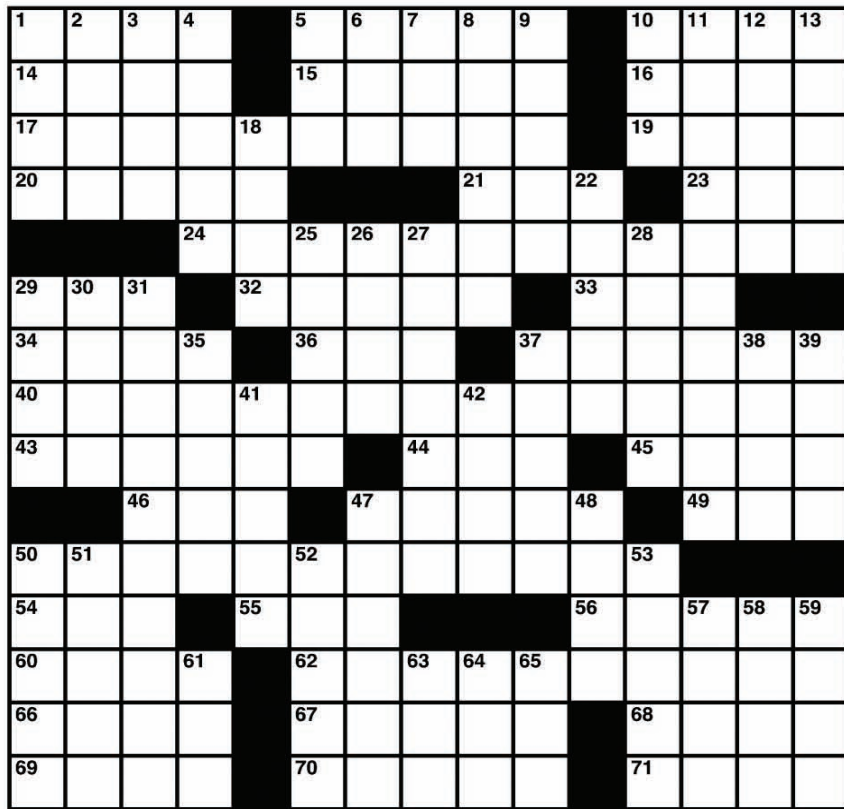
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS
1 "Overhead" engine parts
5 Shoe undersides
10 the lily: ornament to excess
14 Doing the job
15 Between, quaintly
16 There oughta be one, so it's said
17 "Keep out" sign
19 Turn on a pivot
20 Jungian feminine principle
21 Coll. major for a future concert artist
23 Anger
24 Pay for everyone's dinner
29 Lively Irish dance
32 Peter, Paul or Mary
33 Not shut, in verse
34 German river
36 Like a cold, damp day
37 Type of notebook
40 "All exits are blocked" situation
43 Shiny photo
44 Delivery vehicle
45 WWII submachine gun
46 Floral welcome
47 Mexican money
49 Mag. staffers
50 Throng management
54 Witchy woman
55 Place for a ring
56 On-the-job reward
60 Norse war god
62 Four-on-the-floor, e.g.
66 Atomizer output
67 Division of society
68 Sunscreen ingredient, perhaps
69 helmet: safari wear
70 Ease, as fears
71 Home on a limb



By Mark Bickham

- 3 Short skirt
4 Defeat decisively
5 Sault Marie
6 Possess
7 On, as a lamp
8 Like churches, vis-a-vis most taxes
9 Rooster's gait
10 Tank filler
11 Unable to read
12 First lady before Michelle
13 Dork
18 Mai rum drinks
22 Small stores
25 Traveling show worker
26 Sedona and Sorento
27 Not made of interlaced parts, as fabric
28 Expansive stories
29 Author Erica
30 "American"
31 Precious stone expert
35 Stitch over
37 Man of La Mancha
38 Acted like
39 Contact or zoom

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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- 41 "All kidding ..."
42 No-food protest
47 Snazzy entrance
48 Bursts into tears
50 Bite vigorously
51 Pie slice edges, geometrically
52 One of Caesar's assassins
53 Actress Lindsay
57 Longest river
58 Roswell sightings, briefly
59 Printer's "let it stand"
61 To the degree
63 One of many in the Aegean Sea: Abbr.
64 Windy City transportation org.
65 Computer feature that ends each of the five longest across answers



... Lane Kiffin arrives at USC...

Poetry spotlight

Is There Any Escape?
by Jake Dontavion

In a classroom devoted to liberating minorities
I am unable to escape hatred and bigotry
Why is it accepted in the community?
I make a request "please keep your hatred to yourself"
To hear in response "I have a right to express my opinions"
My heart sinks as I cognate her response
This really is what she gets out of "freedom"
What a beautiful thing...
Freedom is masked in a repulsive costume of Hate!



Did you know?

- The original ending of the movie "Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb" was supposed to be a pie fight, but it was cut because of John F. Kennedy's assassination.
The Roman state was founded in 753 B.C.E. as the kingdom of Rome. It ended in 1453 C.E. as the Byzantine Empire. The Roman state, though changing names, capitols, and government types, was around for almost exactly 2100 years.
Between 1990 and 2004, at least 563 people were eaten by lions in Tanzania.

Add/Drop

An LBCC student generated comic.

By Maggie O'Reilly



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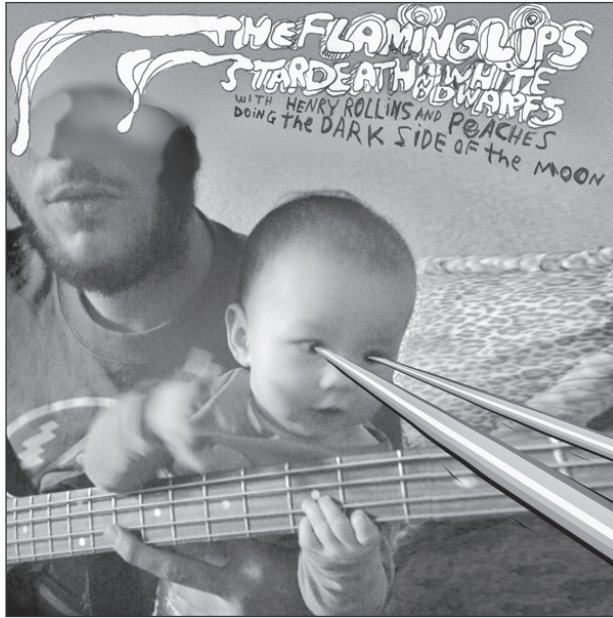
The Flaming Lips serve music well-done

Maya Lazaro
 The Commuter

It seems one Christmas gift to the global community went unnoticed this year: on Dec. 22, The Flaming Lips and blood-related act Stardeath and White Dwarves gave to us their rendition of Pink Floyd's "The Dark Side of the Moon." For those of you who do not know, Pink Floyd is an acid rock band from the 1970s who pioneered how music is made today with material ahead of their time. For those who might know Pink Floyd but draw a blank on The Flaming Lips, they are the heirs of what Pink Floyd started decades ago. I knew as I downloaded this album I'd be in for a treat, and as usual with The Flaming Lips, I got exactly what I wanted in a way I never would have expected.

This album is a true collaboration between the two bands, with the music split about 60-40 between original and new material. Stardeath and White Dwarves offer a solid supporting backdrop for the distinctive sound of The Flaming Lips, whose influence over the cover seemed more prominent. The album is consistent with The Flaming Lips' usual style, a psychedelically embellished art rock act, with electronic components like drum machines and synthesizers layered in as well.

I could break the songs up into three categories of approach: there is The Flaming Lips' original material infused with Pink Floyd ideas; there



is the futuristic retelling of old classics; and lastly, the direct quote spoken with The Flaming Lips' voice. For example, the album opens with a heartbeat sound clip, and builds an ambient intensity which then focuses itself into a funky rock groove with a Latin percussion flavor, a huge contrast from the nearly jazz fusion original, but wholly recognizable as "Breathe" when the vocals make their entrance. Then later in the album, a chorus of electronic alarm clocks start off the track "Time," creating a polyrhythm that sounds like a techno remix of all the grandfather clocks used in the original. "Us and Them" opens

up with mellowing keyboard notes like the original, but with classic Flaming Lips reverb tone that gives it captivating presence, leading the album into its final movement and climax with the last three songs following the same dynamic as the original.

What sets this album apart is that instead of doing a traditional cover, riff for riff, note for note, giving all creative control to the original composer, The Flaming Lips and friends thought about it conceptually. When Pink Floyd plays things that have a specific effect on the listener, The Flaming Lips thought "What do we do that has that effect on people?" and the result is a completely different album that I can listen to exactly the same way as the original, without listening to a Pink Floyd CD at all.

There's no more specific way to describe the record other than that, except for maybe an analogy comparing it to the best steak of your life. At first, you sink your ears into what has been presented to you, a not overly-raw, not overdone, saucy composition cooked to perfection. Then after you take your first bite, the juicy sounds underlying the meat of the piece spill into your brain and steal your attention for a second, before your mind is redirected to the wonderful texture of the music and all its flavorful layers. The best part, by far, is that there is enough steak to fill 42 minutes of runtime.



Music events

Wednesday Jan. 20
BELLY DANCING Old World Deli @ 8 p.m. 341 SW 2nd St; Corvallis Cost: Free
Thursday Jan. 21
CURTIS MONETEE Bombs Away Café @ 7:30 p.m. 2527 NW Monroe Ave; Corvallis Cost: Free
CAVE MUSIC (Indie Folk) Cloud 9 @ 9 p.m. 126 SW 1st St; Corvallis Cost: Free
Friday Jan. 22
JESSE MEADE (Acoustic Rhythm & Blues) Fireworks Bar @ 7 p.m. 1115 SE 3rd St; Corvallis Cost: Free
MICHAEL ALEXANDER (Country Rock) Cloud 9 @ 9 p.m. 126 SW 1st St; Corvallis Cost: Free
MARS RETRIEVAL UNIT Bombs Away Café @ 10 p.m. 2527 NW Monroe Ave; Corvallis Cost: \$5.00

Saturday Jan. 23
KINDA DELICIOUS, TASTY MUSICAL CONCOCTIONS Fireworks Bar @ 8 p.m. 1115 SE 3rd St; Corvallis Cost: Free
THE ANGRIES & THE LATCH-HOOK-ROBOTS (Local Punk Rock) Cloud 9 @ 9 p.m. 126 SW 1st St; Corvallis Cost: Free
PSEUDOBOS Bombs Away Café @ 10 p.m. 2527 NW Monroe Ave; Corvallis Cost: \$5.00
MARK LICHENTHALER Big River Restaurant @ 9 p.m. 101 NW Jackson Ave; Corvallis Cost: Free
Sunday Jan. 24
CLOUD MOUNTAIN RAMBLERS (Old Time String Band) Fireworks Bar @ 7 p.m. 1115 SE 3rd St; Corvallis Cost: Free
Monday Jan. 25
OPEN MIC Fireworks Bar @ 7 p.m. 1115 SE 3rd St; Corvallis Cost: Free (\$5.00 suggestion if participating)

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Tuesday	Jan. 19	Benton Center	BC-232	5:00 – 5:50pm
Wednesday	Jan. 20	Albany	CC-210	2:00 – 2:50pm
Wednesday	Jan. 20	Sweet Home	SHC-102	4:30 – 5:20pm
Wednesday	Jan. 20	Lebanon	LC-153	4:30 – 5:20pm

Prepare for Tests

Tuesday	Jan. 26	Benton Center	BC-232	5:00 – 5:50pm
Wednesday	Jan. 27	Albany	WH-225	2:00 – 2:50pm
Wednesday	Jan. 27	Lebanon	LC-153	4:30 – 5:20pm
Wednesday	Jan. 27	Sweet Home	SHC-102	4:30 – 5:20pm

Get Organized

Tuesday	Feb. 2	Benton Center	BC-232	5:00 – 5:50pm
Wednesday	Feb. 3	Albany	WH-225	2:00 – 2:50pm
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Accomplish Your Academic Goals

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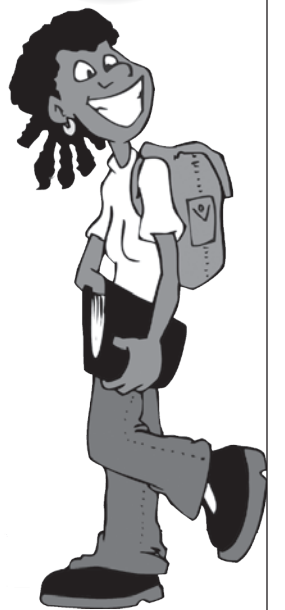
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Reviews, upcoming events, and the cure for weekend boredom.

Coming attractions

Extraordinary Measures

Brendan Fraser plays John Crowley, a successful corporate businessman who gives up his flourishing career when his two youngest children are diagnosed with a genetic disease. Crowley solicits the services of Dr. Robert Stonehill (Harrison Ford), an out-of-the-box, under-rated researcher, and together the two form a medical enterprise aimed at discovering a drug to treat his children.



Runtime: 106 minutes
Rating: PG



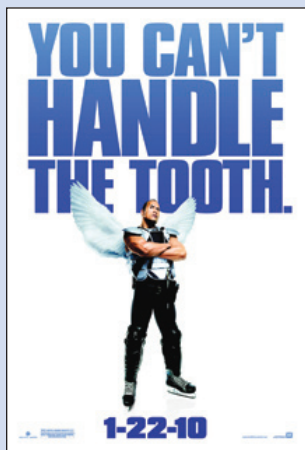
Legion

In this supernatural horror flick, God has lost faith in humanity and sends down a legion of angels to bring about the apocalypse. A group of strangers in a desert diner is the first line of defense. Can they save the human race from its maker? Starring Paul Bettany (A Knight's Tale, The DaVinci Code).

Runtime: 104 minutes
Rating: R

The Tooth Fairy

Dwayne "No Longer The Rock" Johnson stars as Derek, a rough-and-tumble minor league hockey player known as "The Tooth Fairy" for his face-smashing antics. Derek is sentenced to a week's work as the real tooth fairy after discouraging a young child's dreams, and must flutter about in strangers' homes wearing wings and a tutu. Obviously, hijinks ensue.



Runtime: 102 minutes
Rating: PG

Sources: [Imdb](#), [Yahoo! Movies](#), [Fandango.com](#)

The lovely "Lovely Bones"

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"My murderer began to feel safe ... but there was one thing he didn't understand ... how much a father could love his daughter." "The Lovely Bones" is based on the novel by Alice Sebold and directed by Peter Jackson. The movie is narrated by recently-murdered Susie Salmon (Saoirse Ronan) as we travel through parts of her brief past, rush through her present, and then slowly watch her family's future and the effects of the murder unfold.



Susie confesses that she wants her murderer (Stanley Tucci) "cold and dead" because of what he did to her and a few other girls her age. Each member of Susie's family copes differently with the tragedy. While her father Jack (Mark Wahlberg) and sister Lindsey (Rose Mclver) become obsessed with finding the killer, her mother Abigail (Rachel Weisz) withdraws from the household after she yells at her husband, imploring him, "Can't you just leave it alone!" Of all of them, Susie's brother Buckley (Christian Thomas Ashdale) is calmed by the understanding that "Susie is in the in-between," watching over them.

While stuck in the "in-between," Susie is torn between her craving for vengeance and her desire to move on to Heaven. However, it is her emotional involvement with her old life that pushes her to seek vengeance. Her mother and brother just want to leave it alone, while her father and sister crave understanding and revenge. As Susie watches from the blue horizon, she sees her father and sister piece together clues that might lead to her murderer.

"The Lovely Bones" is full of strong emotional scenes that will resonate for many. The ending, while satisfactory, is a low point of the film, but

the plot is spattered with moments that will make your heart jump or, in other instances, break. This movie will make you feel sad, confused, and like the characters, stuck between knowing and not knowing.

Rated: PG-13
Length: 135 min.



Greek Pasta Salad w/ Chicken

Ashley Christie
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Salad ingredients:

- 1 box Penne pasta
- 8 oz. precooked chicken, cubed
- 1 sm. red onion
- 1 can black olives
- 3-4 oz. crumbled feta cheese

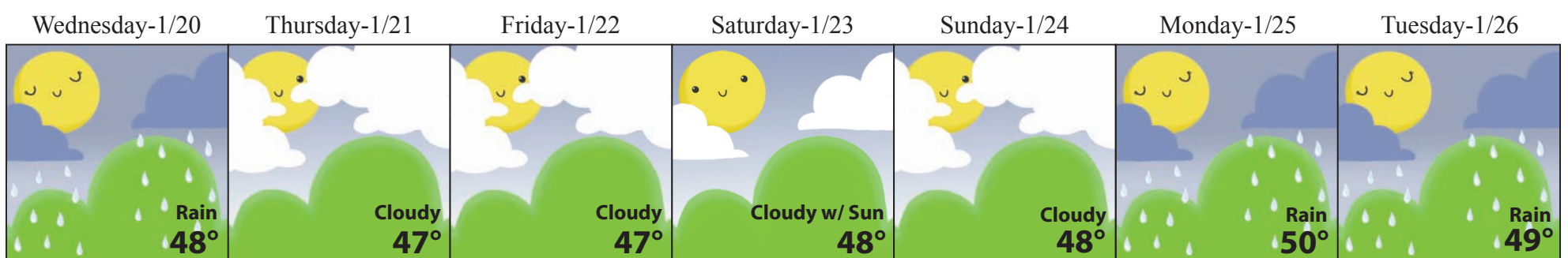
Dressing ingredients:

- ¾ cup vegetable oil
- ¼ cup red wine vinegar
- 1 tsp. dry basil
- 1 tsp. dry oregano
- 1 tsp. honey
- 1 tsp. garlic powder



1. Bring 4 quarts of water to a boil and add pasta. Stir frequently until tender (approx. 10-15 min.)
2. While pasta is cooking, slice olives, cut onion and make dressing.
3. To make dressing, combine all ingredients in small bowl and mix until well blended.
4. When pasta is done cooking, drain and rinse with cold water.
5. In a large bowl mix together pasta, onion, olives, chicken and ¾ of the feta.
6. Add dressing and toss to coat thoroughly.
7. Sprinkle remaining feta over the top.
8. Enjoy!

Weekly Weather Predictions



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