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"FREE" COLLEGE TUITION

Senate Bill 81 makes Oregon community college students a big promise

Senate Bill 81 is here to take some of the pressure off of paying tuition. What a relief for Oregon community college students.

Tuition is typically one of the primary concerns for college students.

"The price of attending a public four-year college has risen 27 percent beyond inflation over the past five years," wrote Bryce Covert of thinkprogress.com. "The costs have also gone up 24 percent at community colleges and 13 percent at private universities."

Senate Bill 81, the "Oregon Promise," is a last-minute bill passed by legislators on Thursday, July 9 that will provide free tuition to eligible community college students in the state of Oregon. The bill makes Oregon the second state after such and such state to offer free community college.

The key phrase regarding the bill is "eligible community college students." In order to qualify for the free tuition, students will need to meet specific criteria. Recipients must have lived in Oregon for at least 12 months prior to enrolling in community college, received a high school diploma or GED certificate, and earned a cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 or equivalent.

It's also not completely free. Each student must pay at least \$50 per term.

The bill was proposed by Sen. Mark Hass. According to Hass, the two main goals of the 2015 Legislative Session were to make the tax system in Oregon more stable and to provide debt-free community college to Oregon high school graduates at no cost.

"We are closer to improving the lives and opportunities of our students,"

said Hass.

It's still early on. Oregon could begin the program as early 2016, and it's estimated that 10,000 to 12,000 students will see the benefits of free community college.

Regardless of how soon the bill is enacted, it is a huge accomplishment for Oregon to pass a bill granting free community college for students. It will be interesting to see what the future holds for Senate Bill 81.

"A lifetime of food stamps is much more expensive than the annual community college tuition of \$3,000," Hass told lawmakers on May 28. ■



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Emily Joplin and other new students utilize the Learning Center.



PHOTOS:
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TO INCREASE OR NOT TO INCREASE

LBCC reconsiders tuition increase for 2015-16 school year

On Wednesday, July 22, Linn-Benton's Board of Education will hear from students about how they feel regarding a tuition increase and board members may take a vote on whether they still deem an increase necessary.

The Student Leadership Council will be spending the time between now and then recruiting students to attend or speak on behalf of freezing tuition here at LBCC.

In March, the college staff considered various factors that influence a tuition increase. The recommended increases

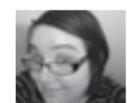
were based on those factors.

The staff recommended a 3 percent per credit hour increase effective summer term 2015 for in-state students, 5 percent increase for out-of-state students and a 5 percent increase for international students. The increases were approved by the Board of Education.

At the board's meeting in June, members discussed the possibility of rolling back tuition based on state funding, which was not yet finalized but indicated that the college would receive more than expected from the state.

"The Oregon Legislature delegated \$550 million towards the community college support fund, which was the amount requested from multiple community colleges, including LBCC, to alleviate the need for a tuition increase," said Michael Jones, SLC volunteer.

LBCC Board Meeting to be held 6 to 8 p.m. in the Boardroom Calapooia 103. ■



MELISSA CHANDLER
PRESS RELEASE

CONFEDERATES, BAYONETS, AND BATTLES

Civil War takes over Mission Park

Cannons were firing, cavalry charging and soldiers firing on the battlefield. Mission Park sounded like a battle during the Civil War 145 years ago.

The weekend of July 3, at the Willamette Mission Park in Keizer, Ore., the Northwest Civil War Council held their 25th Annual Fourth of July celebration. Over 1,000 reenactors participated in the Civil War reenactment.

A group of students from LBCC participated as civilians and soldiers in the reenactment.

The men wore full replica Confederate or Union uniforms head to toe. Just as the soldiers did in the 1860's the reenactors hydrated and stayed in the battle.

The women wore replica dresses that looked like they came through a time machine. The reenactment was a chance to go back in time and see history.

The soldiers, spent their days at the reenactment waking up by 7 a.m. getting dressed in the wool uniform, and hearing the first of 20 or more orders to drink water and continue drinking water throughout the day.

There were no specific battles from the Civil War reenacted.

"Battle scenarios are determined by the Battalion staff from both the Union and Confederate. Sometimes we can submit ideas to be used as well. You can pretty much depend on the fact that the Confederates win in the morning and the

Union in the afternoon, all in the name of fairness I guess," said Capt. John Leaton of the 1st Minnesota.

Once in formation the soldiers march to an ordered destination-as primary enforcements and secondary enforcements they wait to engage the enemy.

All the while cannons are ringing in the background and men and women on horseback firing their pistols at each other.

The women were busy cooking, cleaning and taking care of everyone in camp. That involved waking up to make a fire and having breakfast prepared for the soldiers. After the soldiers would go to morning drill the women would then get lunch prepped for their return.

LBCC instructor Dr. Harrison leads a group of students each summer to Willamette Mission Park. The students fight in the battles, clean their own muskets, and help cook dinner.

"We really only had three main tasks: cook, clean, and listen. As these were the common tasks of a woman during the era, except of course being pregnant and having children. We felt immersed in history," said Emma Brazell. ■



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Abraham Lincoln
impersonator Stephen
Holgate



PHOTOS:
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Musically Inclined, Mathematically Defined

Sheri Rogers journey to mathematics instructor

As far back as fifth grade Sheri Rogers knew she wanted to be a teacher.

"Both of my parents were teachers so that might have been part of the influence," said Rogers.

Prior to joining the RoadRunners, Rogers taught fifth and sixth grade general music and choir classes for eleven years at Irwin Middle School in Fort Bragg, N.C. She also worked at Cleveland Community College in North Carolina for ten years as a full-time mathematics faculty member.

In September of 2010 Rogers came to work at Linn-Benton Community College. She teaches mathematics courses all year long as a full-time faculty member. She learned of the job at LB through an online job posting and wanted to come be back home in Oregon. She felt the opportunities for faculty were ideal for what she was seeking and better suited to the teaching style she had sought.

"The focus for faculty is on teaching rather than on research," said Rogers.

Rogers spent three and a half years

completing her bachelor's in music and a minor in mathematics at Methodist University Fayetteville, N.C. and another year and half on her bachelor's of science and math.

Throughout her education she excelled at math. It helped her feel encouraged to pursue a career even further into mathematics.

"I love math because of the problem solving," said Rogers. "There are so many different approaches to a problem."

In the fall, Rogers will be teaching four classes: Math 15, Math 95 Intermediate Algebra, Math 211 Fundamentals of Math, and Math 241 Calculus.

Ashley McDowell, a previous student of Rogers had struggled with math until she met Rogers during the spring term while taking Math 95.

"No matter how hard the problem was Sheri was always willing to slow things down and teach the students," said McDowell. "I would take another math class with Sheri because she is an extraordinary teacher who actually

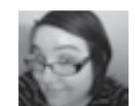
makes math interesting."

It isn't every day that instructors receive the gratitude they deserve for the education they provided. However, when they do receive it, it can be that little nudge that keeps the instructor going.

For Rogers it isn't about the job, it is about making a difference for the students. She appreciates when students come back, write a letter, or even send an email and simply say they understand something because of how she explained it.

"Sheri without you I probably wouldn't have passed math," said McDowell. "She is kind and patient and for that I owe her a huge thank you!"

Rogers finds it interesting and rewarding to work with a variety of students at the community college level. Each term there is a new challenge to meet and she takes it head on. ■



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Oceanography students from LBCC travel to the Oregon Coast for real-world learning experiences



Although last Friday, July 10 campus was closed, students from Oceanography class GS108 didn't take the day off.

Instead of using the day to loaf around the house in PJ's or stare at a Facebook feed while attempting to complete homework assignments, an optional field trip to the Oregon Coast led by instructor Hollie Oakes-Miller

met in the southwest parking lot of the Albany campus.

As students from the class began to arrive in the desolate parking lot, it wasn't clear just who, from the small class would muster for a chance to set foot on many of the natural phenomenon studied in class over the last few weeks.

As 11 a.m. dawned on the small group of students, there was no waiting for any stragglers and the modest caravan of four vehicles departed the dusty parking. The group made their way to a rendezvous with a few other students at the Ellmaker State Park rest area just outside of Philomath.

Much to the surprise of Oakes-Miller the once modest group of oceanography students that started the day in the parking lot of the school now comprised about half of the total number of students in the class.

"Optional field trips generally have a low turn out. Even with a full class only

a handful of students will participate, so to have more than half of the students attend, especially during the summer session when enrollments are much lower, is absolutely incredible," said Oakes-Miller

With two more carloads of people added to the group, the caravan fired up and departed the rest area. While zipping along the winding Corvallis-Newport highway through the dense foliage of the coastal mountain range, partly cloudy skies and a cool ocean breeze felt in the air set the stage for the expedition to the coast.



The first spot students stopped to see geological activity came just outside of Eddyville. With construction of a new route to the coast from Corvallis, a fresh excavation of a hillside exposed stratification of minerals and sediments. The class discussed what caused the striations that had formed, what they are comprised of, and what information about the land beneath them could be derived by a close examination of the composition of the materials encapsulated in the ground.

"At the Eddyville stop of the field trip, we were able to view stratified layering of turbidity current deposits. They were 50 million years old. I thought this was incredible and wondered how the place I was standing looked way back then. I wondered if it was under the ocean or being formed by earthquakes, lava, or other types of movement. I wondered what type of living things were present and what it would have been like to live during that time," said Trent Merton



The next stop of the trip was at the Devil's Punchbowl located 8.3 miles north of Newport. After everyone arrived to the iconic location, the group made their way to a lookout area just

over the punchbowl. Surfers were in view as they paddled into sets of waves that hooked around the the large headland. Many beach goers could be seen combing the beach for treasures.



Oakes-Miller spent a few minutes pointing out geological points of interests such as the the sea stacks that were being engulfed by crashing waves just in front of the Devil's Punchbowl. From where the group was standing she was able to demonstrate to the students the different time

periods that have come and gone by pointing out the different layers visible in the cliff walls that stretched into the sea. To get a better look at erosional forces at work along the coastline, the group descended into the giant bowl.



Once in the giant bowl, the fieldtrippers were mesmerized by the splashing tide and the abundant life tucked away in every nook of the giant sedimentary structure. From the bright orange lichens forming

on the walls to the sea stars clinging to the rocks, students and instructor alike were lost in the treasure trove of interests that the Oregon Coast had to offer.

The group took a short stroll up the beach to an area where there were tidal pools brimming with life. Students observed sea anemones, mussels, barnacles, and dungeness crab. Along the sandstone cliffs and boulders students viewed fossil remains of clams and other shelled creatures that Oakes-Miller estimated to be around 20 million years old. There were even a few harbor seals soaking up some sun.

after a short drive up the coast from the Devil's Punchbowl to Cape Foulweather. From the 500 foot high vantage point, the group was able to see all the way to the historic Yaquina Head Lighthouse. From Cape Foulweather, Oakes-Miller showed where the group had stopped along the coastline during the day. She explained that from on the ground it is hard to see what is going on from a geological standpoint, but from high up a clearer picture was presented.



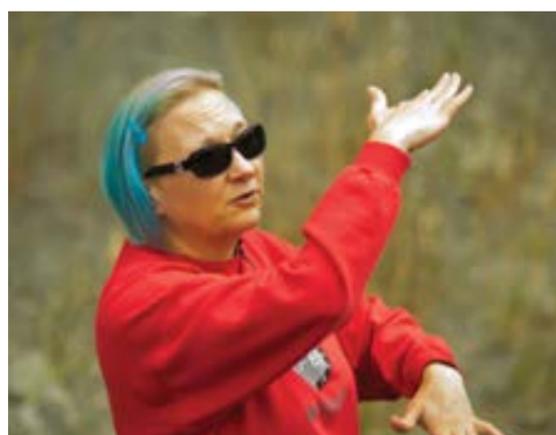
From the gift shop at Cape Foulweather, where they had field glasses available for public use, a fully matured gray whale was seen swimming in 18 feet of water. The whale was identified and followed

by a tour boat that was in radio communication with volunteer whale spotters at the gift shop. The forest ranger at the gift shop helped answer questions about whales located in the area.



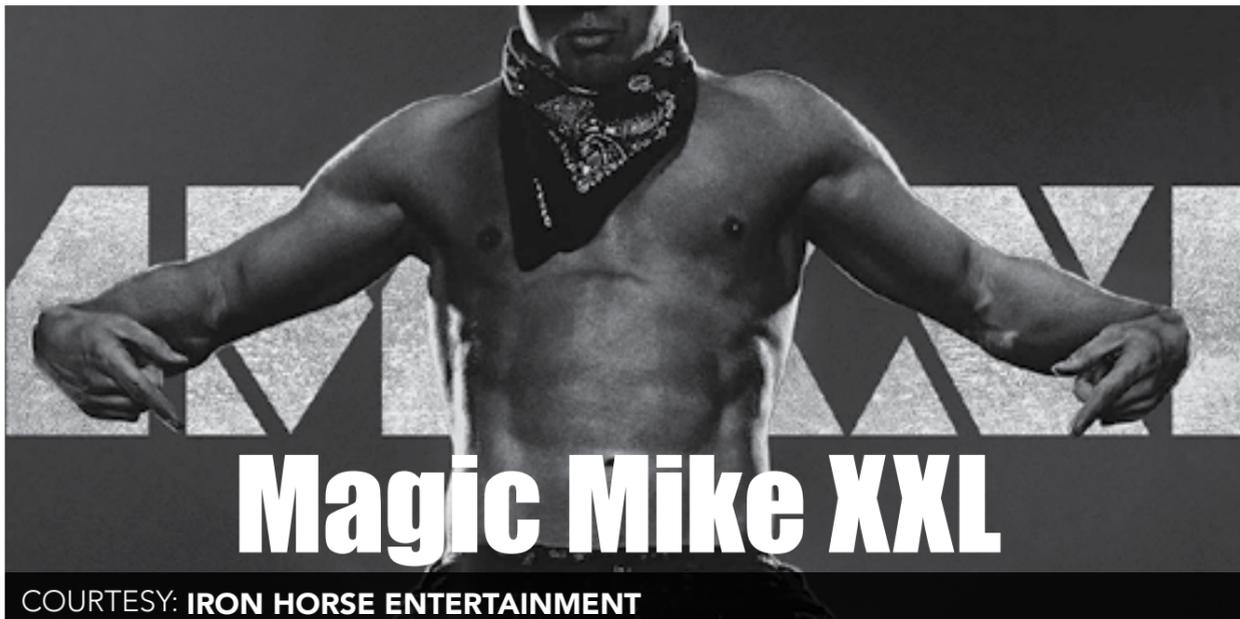
A group picture ended the day, and one by one, the caravan of students led by a fearless Oceanography instructor

disappeared with a friendly wave goodbye from the window of each disappearing car.



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Magic Mike XXL

COURTESY: IRON HORSE ENTERTAINMENT

MOVIE REVIEW: **Magic Mike XXL**

STARRING: Channing Tatum, Joe Manganiello, Matt Bomer
PRODUCTION: Iron Horse Entertainment
GENRE: Comedy
RATED: R
OVERALL RATING: ★★★★★

REVIEW BY **MELISSA CHANDLER**

In 2012, Channing Tatum starred in the first Magic Mike film. Three years later the sequel: Magic Mike XXL. Most of the original cast appears in this film. Tatum (Magic Mike), Joe Manganiello (Big Dick Richie), Matt Bomer (Ken), Kevin Nash (Tarzan), and Adam Rodriguez (Tito). There is a surprise appearance from Michael Strahan, Jada Pinkett Smith and Elizabeth Banks. However, in Magic Mike XXL there is no Matthew McConaughey (Dallas) or Alex Pettyfer (The Kid).

The sequel had several let downs throughout the film. To start off Mike finally had the business he wanted from first film and he was doing alright for himself, but then the “guys” call him up and persuade him to come on a road trip instead. But that isn’t the problem; it’s the way the business just seems to disappear from the film completely. Big Dick Richie threw Mike’s phone out of

the vehicle and then poof Mike’s future business was no longer in the movie or even mentioned.

The next let down was the lack of dancing throughout the film. There was a lot of down time, and would have been nice to see more dancing from the cast. It felt like the first Magic Mike had more dance scenes.

One last downer would have to be the scene with the older woman with the wine. It was completely pointless. I am not against older women finding their sexuality by any means, however it just didn’t seem to fit in the film. It felt out of place, like a last minute throw in because they needed some cougar action.

Magic Mike XXL wasn’t all bad though. The best scene by far would have to be the end dance scene. Each cast member had a performance tailored to their character’s personality. They performed their character’s personality exactly and it was perfection. I couldn’t have

enjoyed the ending anymore unless I was there at the stripper convention myself.

Another excellent scene that needs to be highlighted was the pit stop. Poor Big Dick Richie and his fear of fire. Nobody would have expected to see a man of his height and stature perform the striptease with Cheetos and water as he did for a lucky convenient store cashier. It was hilarious watching the cast outside rooting him on every step of the way.

The film was basically a male-bonding road trip to a stripper convention with several pit stops along the way. With that being said, I think the next dance film Tatum should perform in he should leave his clothes on because he’s an amazing dancer and has no need to strip. ■

Terminator Genisys



COURTESY: PARAMOUNT PICTURES, SKYDANCE PRODUCTIONS

MOVIE REVIEW: **Terminator Genisys**

STARRING: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jason Clarke, Emilia Clarke, Jai Courtney
PRODUCTION: Paramount Pictures, Skydance productions
GENRE: Action, Adventure, Sci-Fi
RATED: PG-13
OVERALL RATING: ★★☆☆☆

REVIEW BY **KYLE BRAUN-SHIRLEY**

When Arnold Schwarzenegger first uttered the line “I’ll be back” in the 1984 original Terminator film, it became a staple of pop culture. “The Terminator” would forever be etched in the pantheon of sci-fi lore along with Schwarzenegger and that iconic line. After 30 years, however, it might be better if the franchise goes away and never comes back.

“Terminator Genisys” is the latest movie in the franchise, and the fifth film in the series overall. It stars Schwarzenegger as the iconic T-800, Jason Clarke as John Connor, Emilia Clarke as Sarah Connor, and Jai Courtney as Kyle Reese. Schwarzenegger still kills it as the Terminator and the movie is surprisingly funny at times, but “Terminator Genisys” fails due to a convoluted plot and trailers that revealed too much, too soon.

Schwarzenegger feels right at home. He proves that he’s old, but not obsolete, and provides some much appreciated humor. Any soul that this film

has stems from Schwarzenegger’s performance. Unfortunately, there’s not much else to love about “Terminator Genisys.”

The rest of the cast doesn’t work. Jason Clarke might have been an amazing John Connor if he had been given a better script to work with. Emilia Clarke was miscast as Sarah Connor. And Jai Courtney shouldn’t be allowed to act. Seriously, I don’t know who thought he would make a good Kyle Reese. Any emotion he tries to convey comes across as bland and forced. As bad as Courtney is, he’s the least of the problems with this film.

“Terminator Genisys” is an action movie, so there should be some memorable action sequences. However, the action in this new movie was either a rehash of what had been accomplished in the first two films, or it was completely unimaginative.

The plot of the movie is where film falls the hardest. The premise is interesting enough. Kyle Reese is sent back in time to save Sarah Connor only to find that the

timeline is altered. The helpless waitress Reese expected to meet is replaced by a hardened warrior. But the altered timeline and too much time travel make the plot confusing. Most of the story aspects of this movie just don’t make any sense.

There’s a few plot twists throughout the film, but most of them were spoiled in the trailers. For anyone who doesn’t want to have most of the key aspects of the plot ruined before they even see the movie, avoid the trailers.

This movie gets more wrong than it does right. Schwarzenegger proves that he can still play a T-800, but other than that, there’s not a lot here in terms of quality entertainment. “Terminator Genisys” is as confusing and nonsensical as a mind numbing summer blockbuster could hope to be. Everyone should run from this terminator as fast as possible. ■

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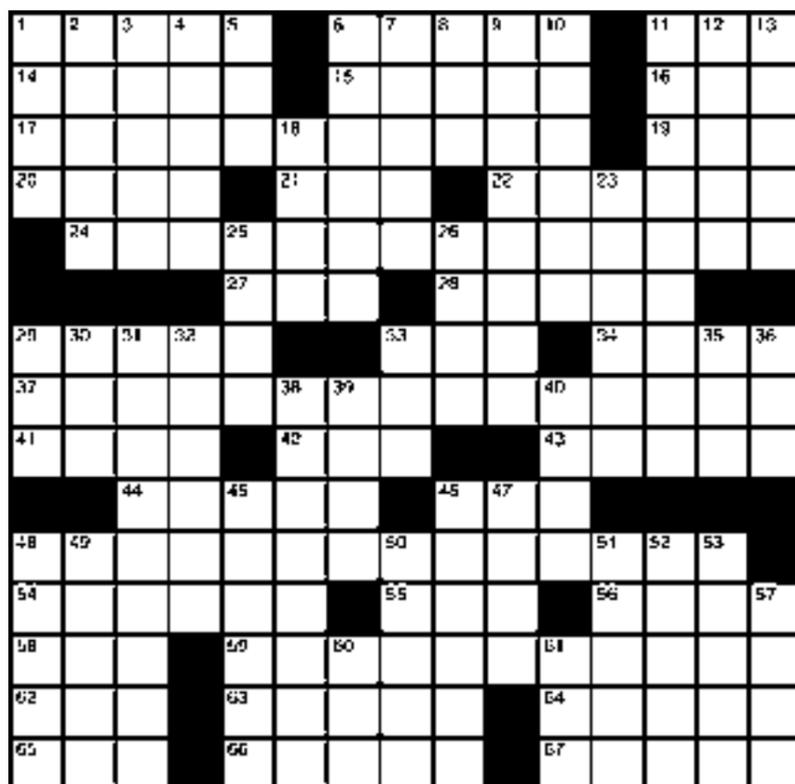


The Commuter Asks, Please Recycle

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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 - 6 Celtic language
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 - 14 Menu listings
 - 15 Muse with a lyre
 - 16 Bugler in a forest
 - 17 Fish-derived supplement
 - 19 Behold
 - 20 Diners Club competitor
 - 21 Binding promise
 - 22 Tool that's not for crosscuts
 - 24 Prince Charles' closetful
 - 27 Title stuffed bear in a 2012 film
 - 28 Valley where Hercules slew a lion
 - 29 Site of the Alaska Purchase transfer ceremony
 - 33 Blues home: Abbr.
 - 34 Cellular messengers
 - 37 Leaving the jurisdiction, perhaps
 - 41 Brest pals
 - 42 Of Mice and ___
 - 43 Hall of Fame umpire Conlan
 - 44 App writer
 - 46 "... against a ___ of troubles": Hamlet
 - 48 1982 Joan Jett & the Blackhearts hit
 - 54 Luxury watch
 - 55 Bailed-out insurance co.
 - 56 Mislead
 - 58 "The Prague Cemetery" novelist
 - 59 Literary orphan ... and what 17-, 24-, 37- and 48-Across each contains?
 - 62 It may be fresh or stale
 - 63 Milk source
 - 64 Sculled
 - 65 House and Howser
 - 66 Bygone monarchs
 - 67 Winemaking tool



By Peter Koetters

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 - 2 Basic matter
 - 3 Vengeful sorceress of myth
 - 4 Appomattox bicentennial year
 - 5 Faulkner's "___ Lay Dying"
 - 6 Did lawn work
 - 7 Proofer's find
 - 8 Thai native
 - 9 Last words in a drink recipe, perhaps
 - 10 "Total patient" treatment
 - 11 Like one expected to deliver?
 - 12 Fabric fold
 - 13 Slants
 - 18 Revolting
 - 23 ___ Rico
 - 25 Angled ltrs.
 - 26 Not misled by
 - 29 Where to get wraps and scrubs
 - 30 "Are you going?" response
 - 31 French and Italian flags
 - 32 Disputed Balkan republic
 - 33 Vice principle

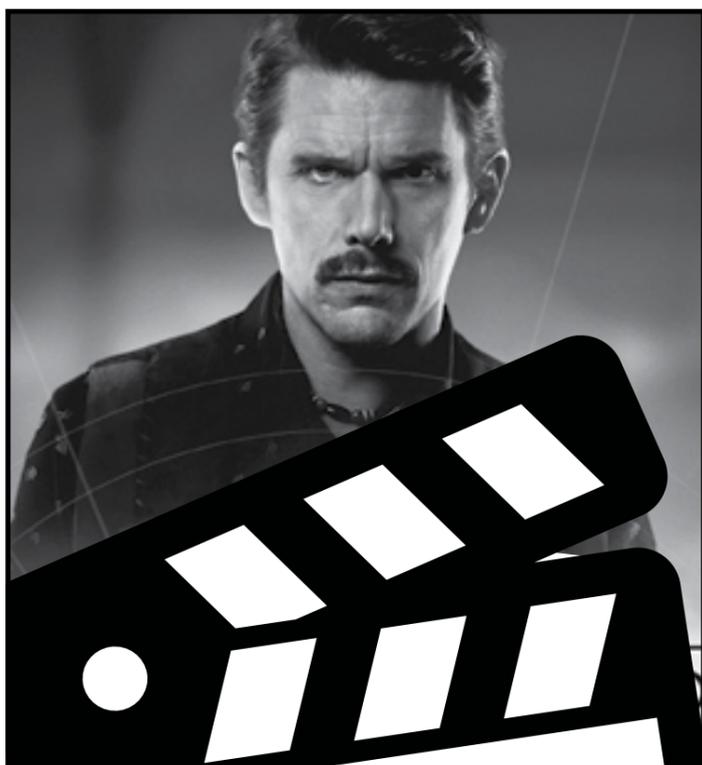
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- 36 ___-cone
- 38 Taurus birthstones, perhaps
- 39 Florida's ___ Beach
- 40 Out of a jamb?
- 45 Pious
- 46 They're often on a slippery slope
- 47 MIT grad, often
- 48 Construction girder
- 49 Understandable
- 50 Underground worker
- 51 Sun Tzu's "The Art ___"
- 52 Longest river in France
- 53 Gets knocked off
- 57 Old Fords
- 60 Gilbert and Sullivan princess
- 61 Part of an inning



WEEKLY MOVIE RECOMENDATION

"Predestination"
Time travel, temporal agents, and barkeeps. Buckle up for a confusing, engaging film that will either have you scratching your head or clapping your hands.

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SOLUTION TO LAST EDITION'S PUZZLE

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LIFE AFTER LAMARCUS Blazers look to Damian Lillard for leadership

The uncertainty in the Rose City is palpable. You can almost taste it. Fans are still trying to figure out what life is going to be like without LaMarcus Aldridge.

Blazer fans know the team took a step back this offseason. The question is how far back did they step? With the departures of Aldridge, Wesley Matthews, Nicolas Batum, and Robin Lopez it seems like the team lost everything.

Luckily for the Blazer faithful there are two guys to lean on; Damian Lillard and Neil Olshey.

Lillard is a young, hungry two time all-star who is now the unquestioned leader of the team. It's time to build around his skillset. Lillard was the one who catapulted the team past the Rockets in the playoffs and gave the team their first playoff victory in nearly 15 years.

Olshey is a smart and tough general manager who makes a plan and sticks to it. What he built with the Clippers around Blake Griffin, DeAndre Jordan, and Chris Paul was nothing short of amazing. Turning around a perennial loser and laughing stock of the NBA into Lob City gives Olshey the blueprint to rebuild the Trail Blazers.

Blazer fans should have faith. Olshey is building the Blazers in the same mold as the Clippers. He has a plan, he knows the types of players he wants, and he won't overpay or sacrifice a roster spot just to sign a guy because they have the cap space.

"A lot of our success was our chemistry. A lot of our player's success was based on the collective. How all the pieces fit together," said Olshey.

Wesley, Lopez, and Batum's numbers were all tied to LaMarcus. Without LMA on the floor those guys couldn't put up the numbers they did. The Blazer's future as a whole was tied to LaMarcus.

Since that was the case, it was part of Olshey's plan not to overpay for Lopez or Wesley during free agency this summer.

Given those facts, the team that Olshey has put together is admirable. The young talent now gives the Blazers pieces needed to make moves towards the future. Whether it's from the draft, free agency, or having the ability to do unbalanced trades because they have so much cap room.

"We are trying to find guys that haven't hit their ceilings yet and will continue to grow," said Olshey.

Look for the Blazers to keep the

roster young until there is the chance to make a trade for the big name all-star. Or wait it out and find the right guy in the draft. There is no question who the leader on the team is.

"There is no confusion now. The eyes of the new guys we get got go straight to dame," said Olshey. ■



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