



LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS PRESENT AT EARTH DAY:

Albany Options School
 Albany United Methodist Church "Green Team"
 City of Albany - Parks and Recreation
 Earth Fort - Healthy Soils

OSU Master Gardeners
 Ocean Blue Project - Pacific Power Blue Sky
 Ten Rivers Food Web - Local Food Initiatives
 USDA Natural Resource Conservation

There was a line of tables overflowing with gadgets, flowers, pots with soil, and even some old shoes for the 4th annual LBCC Earth Day Sustainability Fair. The weather permitted a pleasant day to enjoy science and technology.

The celebration took place in the courtyard from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There were a handful of local organizations and campus clubs that shared demonstrations, presentations, and even tours for Earth day.

Local observers and students had the opportunity to learn about solar and wind energy, new automotive fuel technologies, bicycle transportation, recycling, and composting.

The LBCC Horticulture Club had organic produce for sale, and the Welding Club presented recycled metal art pieces.

While Earth Day is known to involve a lot of vegetation, solar technology, and recycling, an unfamiliar renewable object is shoes.

Members of the Green Team from The First United Methodist Church had a table set up to talk about some of the more unusual things people are able to recycle.

"This is our fourth year being part of Earth Day," said Karla Long, a member of the Green Team. "There are more things that can be recycled than people realize, and one of them on our list is shoes."

The Green Team had a barrel and boxes where people were able to drop off unwanted shoes, and the church will then give them to people who need them.

"It's sort of another Goodwill, I guess you could say," said Long.

The Green Team was not the only organization giving back to the community. The American Association of

Women in Community Colleges had a few plants and flowers for sale.

Vickie Keith, the president of the AAWCC, helped to pot a lot of the flowers and brought brightness to everyone's day.

"This was just part of our monthly program we have, and we have decided that purchases can be made by non-members and community members now," said Keith.

Potted plants were \$2 for AAWCC members and \$3 for non-members.

"We are going to start having some of the funds go to scholarships for students," said Keith.

Students were able to take a tour of the college's "Green Roof and Organic Farm." The rooftop garden is located in White Oak Hall and is on the third floor of the campus.

It is normally open only to faculty, maintenance, and students involved in the horticulture program, but for Earth day the college made an exception.

Oregon State University geosciences professor Anne Nolin spoke on climate change, and LBCC physics instructor Greg Mulder gave demonstrations on climate change.

Earth Day was free and open to the public and sponsored by the LBCC Sustainability Committee.

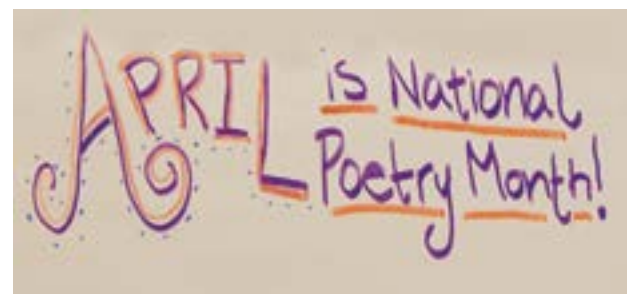


PHOTO: DALE HUMMEL
 Rosalie Bienek, a Biology instructor at Earth Day.



PHOTO: DALE HUMMEL
 Dennis Green mans the mechatronics booth.

STORY BY LEX PORTER



Thank you to Alison Ruch, who created the idea of a Benton Center poetry club, and Lin Olson, the coordinator of the Word Mob event, for bringing LBCC Word Mob into fruition.

The LBCC Poetry Club invites everyone to join us for the Word Mob IV. Word Mob is a fusion of heartfelt slam and spoken word expressed through the voices of LBCC students and poets sharing poetry, slam, prose, and short stories.

There will be 10 predetermined poetry readings by Kiera Lynn, LBCC Poet Laureate; Kent Elliott, The Commuter Poetry Editor; Crash, Co-organizer of Word Mob; and Kasey Johnson, Benton Center Adviser, to name a few authors who will be featured. The mic will be open to anyone who signs up for an hour and half.

To share an original (or unoriginal) poem at our open mic in the Benton Center, please sign up at 7:00 p.m. Please keep open-mic performances to five minutes or under. Snacks and drinks will be provided. The Word Mob will take place on Friday, April 25.

The first half hour features live music by Conor McCoy.

Sponsored by LBCC Student Leadership Council, LBCC Benton Center, and LBCC Poetry Club.

From the Poetry Wall on the second floor of NSH:

Light me up so I can burst into eloquent flames, spewing out love.

True Love is special you know it when it arrives that someone you love

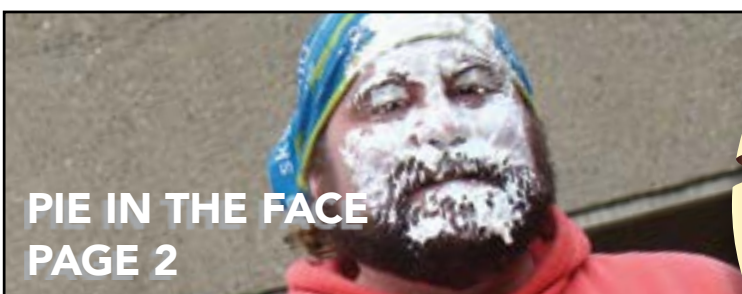
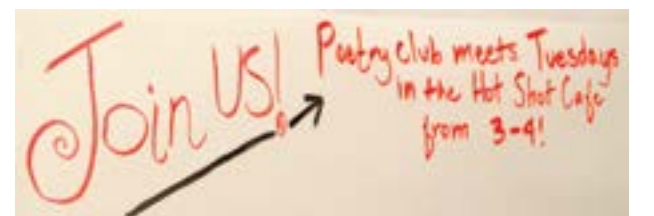
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I was still drunk on bitterness and loneliness envy won't bring joy

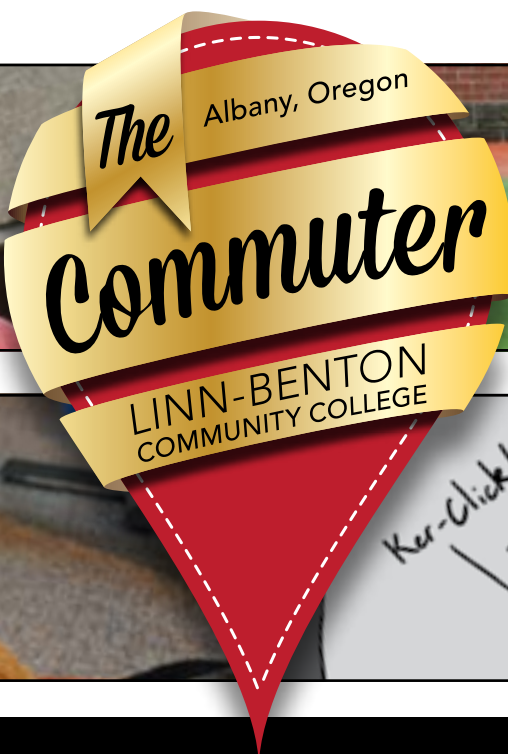
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forgotten by now a memory fades away into the sunlight

LBCC POETRY PRESS RELEASE



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PIE IN THE FACE FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Last Wednesday, the courtyard at LBCC became a spectacle for bystanders as LBCC President Greg Hamann put a whipped cream pie in the face of Student Leadership Council's Vice President Jeff Lehn.

For the first time joint efforts between Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society for two-year colleges, and SLC's Linn-Benton Lunch Box program organized a fundraiser, and the \$303 raised was split among the two organizations.

During the two weeks of sales the tickets were put into a coffee can to be pulled at random. Tickets were sold to students and faculty for \$1 each or \$5 for six. Each ticket was a chance for the purchaser's name to be selected to put a pie-in-the-face of a volunteer.

Lehn was a volunteer to "get pie'd." Hamann was the ticket selected to dish out the pie. Although he was apprehensive at first, the crowd assured him it was all in good fun and he stepped up to the plate.

"It was an honor to have Greg pie me in the face," said Lehn.

With all fun aside the fundraiser earned money for a serious cause.

LB Lunch Box started about seven years ago and is a student funded program that provides food for families in need. It's a free, no-questions-asked service for students to pick up food three times a term.

The program is designed to feed families up to eight and follows nutritional guidelines. Depending on the size of the family those using the service get a certain number of canned and packaged foods on each visit. Generally the

selection will last their families three to four days.

"We understand it's hard for students that don't have a job and don't know where their next meal is coming from," said Lehn.

By Lehn's estimate, 60-70 percent of the students taking advantage of LB Lunch Box are young married parents.

Students interested in picking up food from the SLC office simply need to provide their student identification number. No other criteria is required.

Ginger Peterson, adviser for Phi Theta Kappa, sold a big portion of the tickets for the fundraiser.

"I probably sold close to 100 tickets. [Half] goes to the LB Lunch Box and that's awesome because it helps students in need."

For those wanting to donate to LB Lunch Box there are two locations on campus. One is by the Learning Center in a small cardboard box and the other is at the SLC office.

LB Lunch Box also offers an alternative to paying late fees at the library. Students who would rather pay their fines in canned foods can donate up to \$10 of their fees owed in food. One can equals \$1.

According to library attendant Bill Thomas an average of 10 to 15 cans are donated to pay off fines in a given week. However, towards the end of the term he estimates closer to 15 to 20 per day.

"I'm glad we do it. We're not here to make money off the students," said Rachenda Hawkins, librarian and department chair.

Other money raised for LB Lunch Box comes from the Hot Shot Cafe on campus. Proceeds from the student-run cafe are donated to LB Lunch Box after utility bills are paid.



PHOTO: **ALLISON LAMPLUGH**

Jeff Lehn gives a thumbs up after a pie to the face.

"It's actually a self-sufficient business," said Lehn.

Students seeking a caffeine fix that goes to a good cause can contribute to a future meal for peers at the Hot Shot Cafe. 📍

STORY BY **ALLISON LAMPLUGH**



COURTESY: **PHI THETA KAPPA**

Bruce Clementsen after receiving his pie.



PHOTO: **ALLISON LAMPLUGH**

President Hamann dishing out pie to Jeff Lehn.

BENTON CENTER HOSTS NON-PROFITS

This past Wednesday, the Benton Center decided to try something new when they hosted a day of non-profits, where organizations from around the community were invited to set up a booth and let the students of the center know a little bit about them.

"I had gone to the same type of event at OSU, and decided to look into it," said Frank Clark, the Benton Center coordinator for SLC. "There should be a place in our community for non-profits, and we should make the people aware of the ones that do exist."

Though the turnout was not large (with only three non-profits attending), those that did had a lot to say.

The Corvallis Environmental Center (CEC) booth, hosted by outreach coordinator Mida McKenrick and outreach intern Briana Miller, told the story of a grassroots organization whose mission is community based.

"We love to engage with the community," said McKenrick.

The CEC, which started in 1945, is part of a variety of things being done around Corvallis, including the Avery House, Edible Corvallis Initiative, Resource Efficiency Program, plus many more.

"We are looking to create a sustainable community," McKenrick said. When asked about their growth and how much they take on McKenrick said, "We are always looking for new start-ups to add or help within the community. Whatever we can do to help."

Another organization doing what they can to help in Benton County is Heartland Humane Society. Vanessa Klingensmith the volunteer coordinator for the society, was on hand to answer questions and brought along a

personal pet as an icebreaker.

Heartland is an open-door animal shelter and handles animal control for the city of Corvallis, but as Klingensmith explained, that is not all they do. "We also provide the Humane Education for Youth program and pet-food bank."

The education, which is handled by Lorin Garcia, the humane educator on staff, teaches kids at the shelter and at local schools how to treat and deal with animals.

The pet-food bank program is an additional service for low-income pet owners. Its goal is to provide a much needed community service. "Once a month we give out food bags to people struggling to make it to the end of the month," Klingensmith said. Klingensmith also explained that this is based on their current supply and what they have available in excess. "It's a service we love to provide for our community."

The last table to hit on the grassroots journey was hosted by Gabriela Ochoa, the administrative assistant and volunteer coordinator for the Majestic Theatre. The theatre, which is over 100 years old, is focused on the engagement of community theatre.

"We exist to support community theatre and arts, while at the same time providing space for education on theatre and its production process."

Ochoa emphasized this by explaining their new education program for kids and talking about the art in



PHOTO: **PHOTOGRAPHER**

Briana Miller poses before the CEC Booth.

their entrance. "We hold a new exhibition each month!"

Conjointly, for those organizations that couldn't be at the event, Clark handed out flyers letting attendees know of other non-profits in the area. "We have a surprising number of these non-profits in our area. People should know where they can volunteer and what is available to them." 📍

STORY BY **TEJO PACK**

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

The Livestock Judging Team recently returned from the NACTA (North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture) in Marysville, Mont. Results are attached. We fielded a team comprised of all freshmen and competed against some teams that were nearly all sophomores, so we feel very good about our students chances in the fall. ♡

LBCC LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM REPORT

- Overall: 4th** Emily Dulany - 3rd
Brandon Batty - 10th
- Beef: 6th** Mitch Salo - 25th
Batty - 27th
- Goats: 1st** Dulany - 2nd
Batty - 5th
Akaela Wafford - 28th
- Sheep: 6th** Dulany - 8th
Batty - 22nd
- Swine: 4th** Dulany - 8th
Batty - 18th
- Reasons: 6th** Dulany - 5th
Batty - 17th
Alissa Green - 22nd

Final Team Standings

1. Lake Land College, Ill.
2. Hutchinson CC, Kan.
3. Redlands College, Okla.
4. Linn Benton CC, Ore.
5. Butler CC, Kan.
6. Black Hawk East, Ill.
7. Illinois Central College, Ill.
8. Houston CC, Texas
9. Cloud County CC, Kan.
10. E. Oklahoma College, Okla.

Team Members:

- Brandon Batty - Cove, Ore.
- Emily Dulany - Eagle Point, Ore.
- Megan Lane - John Day, Ore.
- Akaela Wafford - Sandy, Ore.
- Luke Coomer - Baker, Ore.
- Alissa Green - Prineville, Ore.
- Mitch Salo - Canby, Ore.

Coaches:

- Clay Weber - Shedd, Ore.
- Rick Klampe - Jefferson, Ore.

LBCC PRESS RELEASE

POETRY CORNER

Screening

requesting one for the first time at 18
primary care physician, still my pediatrician, demands,
"why?"

Requesting my third at twenty one
planned parenthood form asks:
"How many partners have you had this year?"

5

"Have you used IV or street drugs?"

No but I mean no IV drugs
the physician explains

"Get this checked if you are at risk for this"

"This is how much it will cost"

"Get checked in between partners"

Never

"Why?"

By EAMPH THE FIRST

"No Bars"

No cell phone service here
Where the moss grows everywhere
Spring has broken the frozen river free
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Sammy Davis Jr. was a famed entertainer and member of Frank Sinatra's "Rat Pack." After his passing in 1990 his third wife was informed he was bankrupt. She then had his body exhumed and stripped of the \$70,000 in jewelry he was buried with.



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NEW PUBLIC ART



COURTESY: BENTON CENTER
 Students pose in front of new public art.

At the beginning of the term, students of the last term's Thursday night Site Specific Ceramic Sculpture Class completed installation of "inspired" — a 55-piece ceramic sculpture in the hallway of the older, south wing of the Benton Center building. Students involved with the class included potters Pat Berman, Trish Browning, Annclaire Greig, Dawn Jones, Becca Lemon, Deb Sether, Gundege Snepste, and Alexis Spakoski.

The ten-week class challenged students to design, construct, and problem-solve installation of a multi-part sculpture. The first few weeks were spent choosing a site, taking measurements, and looking at each student's design concepts. Class consensus was that Alexis Spakoski's "inspired" was the best design to fit the space. The design worked well in that it allowed for the variety of construction styles that came with each student's technical capabilities.

After the project was approved by Benton Center Director Jeff Davis, and the Arts and Aesthetics Resource Team (AART) of LBCC, the fun part was making and glazing

the work. Spring break provided a day that the plywood sculpture base could be installed without interrupting classes. The installation of the ceramic pieces took about five hours over a drizzly Saturday.

Students in the class learned that the concepts and challenges of making public art are very different from artwork created for personal expression. Will it be durable to withstand time? For whom is the artwork? Will the artwork enhance the space or not?

"I wasn't sure artwork created by committee would work," said instructor Cynthia Spencer, "but we all learned to problem solve many details along the way. It was interesting to see how each of us processed things differently, and in the end I think all of the students now have the tools for doing another large project like this on their own."

The sculpture can be seen during regular open hours at the Benton Center, 757 NW Polk Street, Corvallis.

BENTON CENTER PRESS RELEASE

"RECKLESS" SUCCESS STORY

For a group of dancers and actors rehearsing for an upcoming play, all of their hard work and dedication has paid off in a most intriguing way.

"November 16 and 17, 2013 was a busy weekend!" said Bethany Wilson of Real Life Student Group.

"Close to 100 people turned out on Saturday and Sunday to sign up for dance, crew, or audition for one of the 13 acting roles. We were so amazed and overwhelmed by the talent and the excitement for this play," said Wilson.

"Reckless" is an original production that expresses a powerful story with creative dance and multi-media. Drove of people piled into the LaSells Stewart Center for an exciting hour and a half that was designed to take

their breath away.

"We are honored to work with so many gifted people that share our vision," said Wilson.

A prodigal story, Daniel Light is a hard working and reputable man of means in his community. He and his wife Christine are founders of the Light House Foundation and raise money to support various charity groups including homes for survivors of sex trafficking.

The Lights' two sons, Thomas and Marcus, have been raised with high standards in a family that serves God and people.

The family is struck by crisis when the beloved Christine is tragically killed in a car accident. The youngest Light

son, Marcus, begins to unravel in a tailspin of grief, confusion, blame, reckless living, and headstrong rebellion of his father.

Thomas, the wise and righteous elder brother, takes charge of his father's company and steps up as a leader in the family as their father works through the loss of his wife and the struggles with his younger son.

As the story unfolds, the family discovers where their true hearts lie with each other and with their beliefs, as their faith, love, and devotion are tested in various ways.

"Reckless" was performed at the LaSells Stewart Center at Oregon State University. The show ran April 17 to 19. The admission was free, which had the theater seats full almost every night. The production was presented by Real Life Student Group and Calvary Chapel Corvallis and was sponsored by Real Life Ministries. ♡

STORY BY LEX PORTER



PHOTO: LIN OLSON
 Cuteness brought to you by the Commuter.

THE ARMED MAN: A MASS FOR PEACE

Seldom does the opportunity for message and music come together so perfectly. On April 26 the opportunity to advance the message of peace through music will present itself in the mid-Willamette Valley, and we are asking for your assistance.

Karl Jenkins' "The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace" will be performed in the LaSells Stewart Center at Oregon State University. The musical work is an anti-war piece originally dedicated to victims of the Kosovo crisis. It premiered in April of 2000 as a millennium performance commissioned by the Royal Armouries Museum and was released on CD on September 10, 2001, the day before the September 11 attacks on the United States.

The music will be performed by 140 local musicians with an accompanying film that shows images of war and peace spanning many years of human history, from medieval battles to the American Revolutionary War, to the two World Wars, to present day conflicts in Africa and the Middle East. It is Mr. Jenkins' most famous work and a first-time performance in Oregon. ♡

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BASEBALL



DUCKS SLIDE INTO SEVENTH

Seventh-ranked Oregon is on a collision course with fourth-ranked Oregon State this weekend. The two top-10 teams have a three game series this weekend in Corvallis. Ranked second and third in conference respectfully, this will be the first meeting of the Oregon teams this season.

More than halfway through the year the Ducks have positioned themselves to secure a National Seed in the postseason, which guarantees them home field advantage to start the Regionals. Oregon has secured the National Seed two years running.

Winning nine straight since dropping a pair of games against Washington to start the month, Oregon looks to win the regular season head-to-head record against Oregon State, something they haven't done since sweeping the Beavers in 2011.

Oregon will be without its star pitcher Matt Krook, who hurt his elbow early this month against Washington and had season ending surgery Tuesday. Krook led the the Pac-12 in strikeouts before his injury.

Freshmen Trent Paddon moved up to third in the pitching rotation and will start a game this weekend. Paddon is pitching with a 3.03 ERA this season and showed good promise last week in his start against Washington State, earning his first win of the season and allowing just one run in six innings.

Oregon State has lost two of their last five games and split their series with Sacramento State earlier this week. They will need to win two of the three games this weekend to hold onto their top-5 ranking.

Oregon ranks in the top 30 in ERA, while Oregon State is in the top 10. Although both teams' pitching has been great this season, history tells us the Civil War will turn into a scoring match. Between the two teams, there have been 68 runs scored in the last nine meetings over the past two years.

Oregon State has scored 216 times on 325 hits in 1214 at-bats this season and Oregon has score 253 times on 368 hits in 1324 at-bats.

Friday's game will air on the Pac-12 network at 7 p.m. Saturday's game will also be on the Pac-12 network at 7:30 p.m. Sunday's game will air on ESPNU at 1 p.m. Tickets are also still available to purchase for all this games.

STORY BY **ANDREW GILLETTE**



DID YOU KNOW?

Wingen, Australia is home to Mount Wingen, also know as "Burning Mountain." Its name comes from a stream of burning coal in the mountain that is believed to have been burning for 6,000 years. The underground fire moves at a rate of one meter per year.

In 1852 Charles Dickens was the first person to use the word "boredom." The word appears in his novel "Bleak House" six times. Although the word "bore" and its definition had existed for centuries, adding the suffix "dom" at the end had never been done before.

BEAVERS REDEEM THEMSELVES

The Beavers got stung by the Hornets after a solid first two innings, in the first of two mid-week games that began Monday, April 21.

Sacramento State scored six unanswered runs, after trailing 6-1 early, to get the come-from-behind 7-6 victory. On a day that Michael Conforto went 4-4 with an HR and two RBIs, his "bash brother" Dylan Davis went 0-5 with three strikeouts. Jace Fry also had an uncharacteristic day on the mound. Fry allowed nine hits and three runs in just four innings pitched. Coach Pat Casey was forced to bring five different pitchers in through the course of the game, four of which allowed at least one run, the exception being Ben Wetzler who only faced two batters in the eighth inning.

Redemption was the name of the game for the Beavers in the second and final meeting between these two teams on Tuesday, April 22. Davis went from invisible on Monday to invincible on Tuesday. Normally a right fielder, Davis had talked about trying to pitch this year. So with just 2.1 innings pitched in his college career, Davis took the mound, poised as if he had done it his whole life. Davis finished the day allowing just one hit and striking out three batters in 4.1 innings, but this was just half of Davis' day. With two outs in the top of the first inning, Davis smashed a two-run homerun to put the Beavers up early. Davis ended 2-5 with four RBIs.

The Beavers continued to score all game, eventually winning 8-1 behind another consistent pitching day from Zack Reser, who finished off the second half of the game with 4.1 innings of his own. Reser allowed just one run and four hits, which cut off the chance for a repeat of Monday's collapse and extended his winning record to 4-0. With such a short break between Sacramento State and the Oregon "Civil War" series, it was good to get quality production out of a couple of the more unlikely pitchers. The Beavers are currently ranked fourth in the country with an overall record of 28-8.

The series against Oregon begins Friday, April 25, at 7 p.m. at Goss Stadium. Oregon is ranked number seven in the country with 31-10 overall record, so it should be the Beavers' toughest series yet.

STORY BY **COOPER PAWSON**

UPCOMING BEAVER GAMES

Beavers vs. Ducks	Friday, April 25	7 p.m.
Beavers vs. Ducks	Saturday, April 26	7:30 p.m.
Beavers vs. Ducks	Sunday, April 27	1 p.m.

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Tuesday, April 15
Degree Partnership Info Session
Find out more about dual enrollment at OSU.
5:30-7:30 p.m., Calapooia Center, Fireside Room

Monday, April 28
Prepare to Apply to OSU Workshop
Learn how to ace the application with OSU admissions.
3-5 p.m., NSH-106

Wednesday, April 16
OSU Application Workshop
Get real-time help filling out the OSU application!
Noon - 3 p.m., NSH-108 computer lab

Wednesday, April 30
OSU Application Workshop
Get real-time help filling out the OSU application!
3-5 p.m., NSH-108

Thursday, April 24
OSU SPIRIT DAY!
Wear your orange & black!

Degree Partnership Info Session
Find out more about dual enrollment at OSU.
noon-1 p.m., Vineyard Mountain Room

OSU Partnership Office Open House
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DID YOU KNOW?

In 2011, 59-year-old James Verone robbed \$1 from a North Carolina bank using no weapon. When his motives were questioned, he explained that he had severe health issues with no medical insurance, and he thought prison was his best option to get the care he needed.

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Friday, May 2nd | 11 am – 2 pm

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Lunch

Music

Dance

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COURTESY: STARZ

When Michael Bay is involved with anything people's ears perk up. So start perking your ears, because Bay has done it again. Starz' new series "Black Sails" has become one of the most talked about shows this year. It is an intense, provocative, and accurate depiction of pirate life as you have never seen it before. This isn't just another kid friendly "Pirates of the Caribbean" knock off. Co-creators Robert Levine and Jonathan Steinberg wanted to show the more realistic, historically correct life of a pirate, that included the harsh conditions at sea and the brothels on land.

"Black Sails" was created and written as a prequel to Robert Louis Stevenson's "Treasure Island," a story with Captain Flint (Toby Stephens) and all his pirates. Only this version of Captain Flint isn't the one we all remember. He will stop at nothing to find the largest treasure in all of the world, and he will go through anyone that tries to stand in his way.

The story begins 20 years prior to "Treasure Island" in a place called New Providence Island. This is an island that the British Navy watches very closely because it has

become a haven for pirates, from all walks of life, to come and hide their smuggled goods, enjoy their riches, and embrace the true extent of a pirate's lifestyle. The island is controlled by Richard Guthrie (Sean Cameron Michael) who is depicted as the kingpin of all illegal pirate trade, and his daughter Eleanor (Hannah New). Eleanor is an assertive and independent woman that somehow holds her own in the midst of drunk and disorderly pirates that see her as just another thing to pay for, if you know what I mean.

Captain Flint isn't the only one Eleanor has to deal with, though. Possibly one of the most ruthless and cutthroat pirates of the show is Captain Charles Vane (Zach McGowan). Captain Vane is the wildcard of this show. You never know what he is going to do next, and if Captain Flint never makes it to "Treasure Island," Vane may be the reason why.

This show is fueled by high intensity situations from beginning to end; there is no time to blink. Because of the huge turnout during Comic-Con 2013 and a lot of support from fans, the second season of "Black Sails"

TV SERIES REVIEW:

Black Sails**NETWORK:** Starz**STARRING:** Toby Stephens, Hannah New, Zach McGowan**PRODUCTION:** Film Afrika Worldwide, Platinum Dunes, Quaker Moving Pictures**GENRE:** Action, Adventure**RATED:** TV-14**OVERALL RATING:** ★★★★★

REVIEW BY COOPER PAWSON

was guaranteed before the series premiere aired. Though the first season only included eight episodes, they are all an hour long. The second season, however, will have the standard 10 episodes that most Starz shows have and will not air until sometime in 2015, so there is plenty of time to catch up on this must-watch show. ♡

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Everyday Earth Day

What does this planet ultimately mean to us? Are we here to cherish it or ravage it? That is our current dilemma as we come upon the verge of climate change. It's not just about climate change and the fact that we may push ourselves to some drastic and devastating conditions. It's a diverse set of variables that are holding us back socially from being not only unsustainable, but good patrons to the Earth in which relies our very existence and wellbeing.

There was a time in our history in which we counted upon the land and thereby had a deeper respect for that which kept us living. Today we are so disconnected from the earth, that we are unaware of the degree to which we are affecting our ecosystem.

If we do have any idea of this, it still does not change the fact that we refuse to do anything about it as a collective. We no longer rely on the earth the way we once did and now rely on a market to dictate our incentives and actions. Due to a market structured upon continuous growth and profitability, there have not been enough incentives to protect the environment or sustain our habits.

We should all be environmentalists. No matter who you are, we can all benefit from protecting our nature. We will all benefit from seeking sustainable, clean, and cheap energy.

Petroleum is energy of the past, and now we must move forward in declining our use of it for a variety of reasons that are beneficial to our livelihood. Petroleum is the number one industry on earth, though, and the energy market is hardly a market at all due to the sheer, utter dominance of it and the other fossil fuels.

We must combat this hurdle of fossil fuel dependence and do everything we can to change our trend of obscene consumption. Since the market won't allow for this we must support government initiation in such a stride.

"We are just going to run ourselves into the ground like a cancer on this Earth, and it's only a matter of time before it cures itself of our devastation."

We have the capabilities in achieving clean, sustainable, and cheap energy. Doing so will not only lead to a healthy direction for ourselves, but economically, socially, and physically it will positively affect our planet on which we will reside for a while (unless we plan on moving to outer space).

Environmentalism needs to stop being perceived as a left wing extremist demographic. Sure, there are factions of environmentalism that are a little intense and really try to initiate actions that are "extreme" and not always agreeable by all parties, but by and large we really should all be environmentalists of one form or another.

This is our Earth we are talking about here, people! It's our livelihood, the wellbeing for the future our children will inherit. We cannot afford to ignore the needs of Mother Earth any longer, and sooner or later, if we don't start to recognize and contemplate our impacts, it is going to be bad all around.

There is so much more that this world has to offer other than the natural resources from which we selfishly take. We must protect species, promote healthy ecologies, and clean up our mess if we want to sustainably adapt to this world. Otherwise we are just going to run ourselves into the ground like a cancer on this Earth, and it's only a matter of time before it cures itself of our devastation.

Just think of the children and what kind of world we are setting up to leave them. Right now it is a dirty world full of pollutants and damages. We can change that and give them a clean, healthy, and inviting world in which they may thrive and prosper and fulfill our intention of doing just that. ♡



COLUMN BY
FRANK CLARK

Enviro-Mental Health



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Some of us may know the extreme pleasure of waking up early on a beautiful sun-drenched morning while sipping on a comforting beverage and gazing pleasantly on a bubbling creek, calm lake, or gently whispering ocean while birds sing with glee. Our planet is indeed a beautiful place full of wonder and visual majesty.

Taking care of our planet is indeed an important task. Most any conservative will tell you that. However, there are those that go too far in their attempts to try and "save the planet."

I am well aware that not all people who take protecting the planet seriously are involved in violence in the name of the defense of the Earth. Unfortunately, some people feel the need to stop the daily activities of certain companies or groups in order to make a point.

According to www.merriam-webster.com, eco-terrorism is the act or crimes of sabotage with the intent to hinder the activities of companies or the government in the name of the planet.

Rebecca Rubin, eco-terrorist and member of Earth Liberation Front and Animal Liberation Front, pled guilty to dozens of crimes in Colorado, Oregon, and California in 2013. Additionally, www.oregonlive.com tells us the group Rubin belongs to, known as The Family, has caused \$40 million in damage from 1996 to 2001. Unfortunately, some of these terrorist groups have incredible ways of looking at ways of "saving the planet."

According to www.greenisthenewred.com even the term "eco-terrorist" is a propagandist label drummed up as an "exploited push by the political and corporate agenda." This website claims that the "green scare" is the new word for eco-terrorism. They also claim that the most dangerous part of the green scare is the continuing and "relentless scare-mongering."

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Perhaps the burning of log trucks and nailing spikes into trees to be logged are, in their opinion, proper ways to "fight" against the modern world. Eco-fighters, according to www.ecoterrorist.net, claim acts of sabotage on behalf of the natural world and repeatedly attack enterprises like logging companies, ski resorts, genetics research facilities, home construction sites, and the auto industry. Eco-terrorist organizations are responsible for 69 major attacks since January 1999, including 14 in the Pacific Northwest.

It seems the only thing more insane than companies and corporations that carelessly pump toxic pollutants into the planet are the eco-terrorist criminals who feel the need to destroy, and if necessary, kill in their sad attempt to "save" a planet that, in my opinion, doesn't really need our help to survive (See www.lbcommuter.com/2014/02/12/conservative-corner-the-snow-job). These people seem to care only for themselves and their friends.

The consensus of many in the extreme environmentalist movement seems to be that the population of mankind needs to be drastically reduced and large companies destroyed for the world to continue to survive.

The same people also seem to have the idea that we shouldn't cut down trees, use carbon-based fuel sources, eat meat, and drive vehicles. Even www.earthday.org instructs us to eat less meat, reduce energy consumption, use "alternative" energy sources, recycle nearly everything, and even go as far as to adopt Obama's failed climate plan.

I clearly understand saving electricity by turning off a light when leaving a room, shutting off a vehicle while sitting parked, and recycling. However, to many people's thinking this isn't nearly enough, and they wish to take away all the things in our society that they think may harm the planet.

If we all do responsible things to care for the Earth, we won't need to resort to unrealistic measures of acting like an eco-terrorist.

April 22 was Earth Day, and I think a great way to "celebrate" would be to learn about some of the things we can do to help protect and keep the Earth as nice as we can.

Anyone who has spent any length of time in the wilderness knows you carry out what you carry in. Don't be wasteful, and leave your area cleaner than you found it. I hope everyone enjoyed Earth Day responsibly, and I wish all of you good enviro-mental health. ♡



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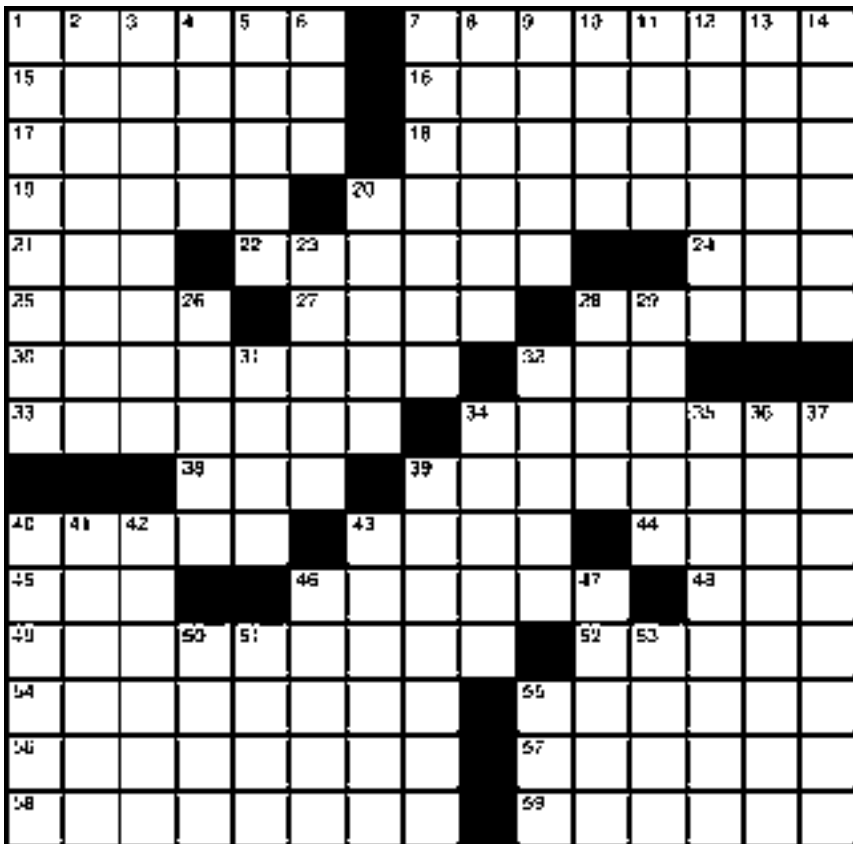
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Home to Iran's Iron Age Museum
 - 7 Like some closet findings?
 - 15 Time's 1986 Woman of the Year
 - 16 Float, in a way
 - 17 Mix up
 - 18 The Joker or The Penguin
 - 19 Steep-angle shot
 - 20 Kuala Lumpur native
 - 21 Sailor's direction
 - 22 Hero who first appeared in 1912
 - 24 Needle point?
 - 25 Hustles
 - 27 Card, e.g.
 - 28 Shorten, maybe
 - 30 Jellyfish relatives
 - 32 Year in Nero's reign
 - 33 University of Wyoming city
 - 34 Guatemalan currency, or the colorful bird it's named for
 - 38 Capital of 35-Down
 - 39 Ratatouille ingredient
 - 40 Quaker in the woods
 - 43 Next in line
 - 44 Revival figs.
 - 45 STARZ competitor
 - 46 Tapped trees
 - 48 Risk
 - 49 Waits
 - 52 Bit of wisdom
 - 54 How World Series winners celebrate
 - 55 Jazz pianist Hancock
 - 56 Not anymore
 - 57 Like some biblical boarders
 - 58 Play areas
 - 59 Directs



By Barry C. Silk

4/23/14

- DOWN**
- 1 Monument on the Yamuna River
 - 2 Maker of FlavorSplash beverages
 - 3 Piece of crummy advice
 - 4 Kids
 - 5 Sound, maybe
 - 6 Ballet-dancing Muppet
 - 7 Lowlifes
 - 8 Defensive fiber
 - 9 2-Down alternative
 - 10 Water ___
 - 11 LAX listings
 - 12 One seeking the way?
 - 13 Not tense
 - 14 "Camelot" lyricist
 - 20 1957 R&B chart-topper inspired by a schoolteacher
 - 23 Hall of fame
 - 26 Urban air problem
 - 28 Paris preposition
 - 29 Graceful

Last Edition's Puzzle Solved



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- 31 It might be a warning
- 32 Money
- 34 Bee output
- 35 Hwange National Park setting
- 36 Preceding
- 37 Dragging
- 39 Gentle breezes
- 40 Agreement
- 41 1862 battle site
- 42 Distillery waste
- 43 1980s middleweight champ
- 46 One in a humming swarm
- 47 Beat
- 50 Column-lined walkway
- 51 Fair sight
- 53 Deco pseudonym
- 55 Presley's "___ Latest Flame"

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Cafeteria

... MENU ...
4/23 - 4/29

Wednesday: Paella*, Chicken Fried Steak with Country Gravy, Portabella Sandwich.
Soups: Mulligatawny and Vegetable & Rice*
Thursday: Kalua Pork* with Macaroni Salad, Chicken Wings, Vegetable Pot Pie.
Soups: Lentil & Bacon* and Cream of Hazelnut
Friday: Chef's Choice
Monday: Chicken Massaman Curry & Rice*, Pork Jaeger Schnitzel, Vegetable & White Bean Stew with Toast. Soups: Chicken & Vegetable* and Creamy Mushroom & Wild Rice
Tuesday: Chile Verde*, Roasted Beer-Brined Chicken with Pan Gravy, Vegetarian Polenta*, Soups: Oxtail* and Corn Chowder
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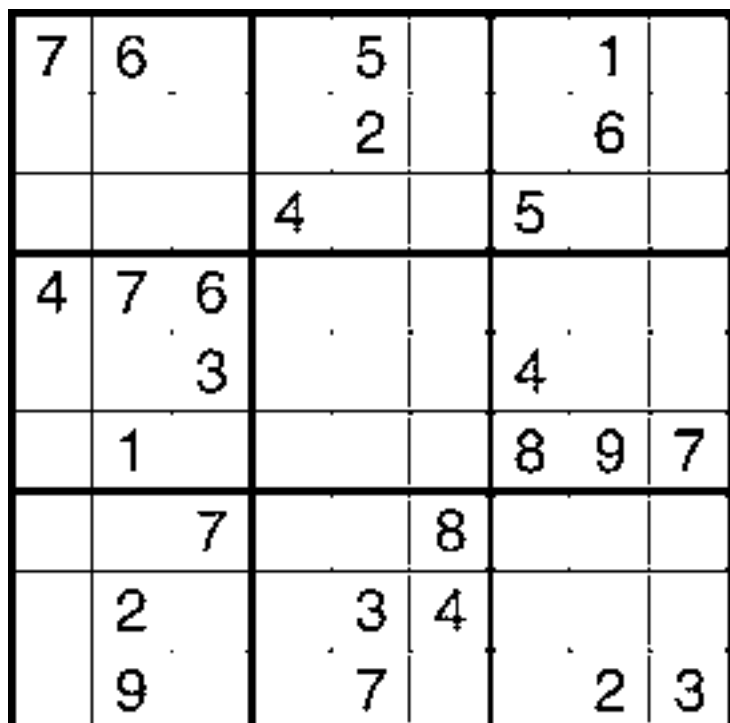
In 1859 a man named Thomas Austin released 24 European wild rabbits in Australia. By 1926 there were over 10 billion of them on the island continent, disrupting the natural ecosystem.

INTANGIBLE EARTH BY: JAROM KNUDSEN

Happiness is...



...that wonderful feeling of elation you receive when you realize that not all childhood fantasies are myths



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THE SAUNDERS OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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Level:



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9	1	5	6	7	8	4	2	3

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Taurus: April 20 - May 20

This is your week. Yes, a week completely made especially for you. Go ahead, take a break, relax, and be spontaneous! It's your week, go for it!

Gemini: May 21 - June 21

Those troublesome decisions, pesky aren't they? The Winged-Rabbit has decided you are its owner. This means less walking to class, but then again, are rabbits allowed to carry you to class?

Cancer: June 22 - July 22

You have a whole new box of shenanigans! Today will be a tough day for you, Cancer. Your major problem question will be: Who to prank first?

Leo: July 23 - Aug. 22

You have decided to run today. It wasn't because Cancer was laughing evilly over a box, nah; you just wanted to run cheerfully. Before running, slowly move backwards; hopefully Cancer won't notice you.

Virgo: Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

Apple Trees are taking too long of a wait, so you decided to ask Scorpio for advice. You have learned two important lessons today: 1. Scorpio does not know anything about plants 2. There is an app available on your phone. Lessons are worth learning, right?

Libra: Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You have decided to use the giant scales. Now in which basket do you put the telescope, and the new ball of hyper-energy you found near a math help desk? Hmm...maybe you should ask Gemini.

Scorpio: Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Somehow, you blew up the Apple Tree. You don't know how that happened, all you did was try to water it some more. Luckily Virgo is very forgiving. Unluckily, you saw Cancer team up with Taurus. They spotted you. Run right now, and don't look back.

Sagittarius: Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

You were visiting the Greenhouse, when Scorpio ran past you. Taurus and Cancer ran past, waving giant bags in the air, and for some odd reason Virgo carried out the burnt pieces of an Apple Tree. Today will feel weird to you.

Capricorn: Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

You were unable to catch the giant rabbit. Luckily you spotted another rabbit carrying...Gemini? Better grab that butterfly net. It looks like you'll need to find wings too. Those scary rabbits!

Aquarius: Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

You have been writing thank-you notes for all the gifts you received. Sadly, you did not pay attention, and water was dumped over your head. Cancer is at it again, but this time you were prepared!

Pisces: Feb. 19 - March 20

Luckily, not a lot of the eggs hatched! Yes, the Professor was worried, but it was okay! Although, you still can't figure out what was in the giant egg that hatched...perhaps it was friendly?

Aries: March 21 - April 19

You have not tripped today! Distracted by Aquarius running after Cancer and Taurus, you have not fallen down the steps. Should you be worried? No, there are far bigger things to be worried about like where Capricorn got a jet-pack.

THREE'S A CROWD BY: JASON MADDOX



CAMPUS BULLETIN

April 24 at noon — There will be a Degree Partnership Program information session held on the LBCC main campus in the Vineyard Mountain Room located at Calapooia Center Room 213.

April 25, noon to 1 p.m. — The Wallop Sisters will perform an acoustic showcase at the Benton Center.

April 25, noon to 1 p.m. — Active Minds Club meeting to plan spontaneous acts of kindness perpetrated on the unsuspecting. End loneliness and isolation on campus. Bring your creativity at NSH 107.

April 25, 7 to 9 p.m. — Word Mob IV: Live music, readings and open mic for poetry, slam, prose, and short stories at the Benton Center.

April 26, 3:30 to 7 p.m. — Come help OceanBlueProject with their Earth Day Celebration in Corvallis as they help the environment. This will take place near the CSC building which is located at 2nd and Western.

April 29 — This is the last day to register to vote in the State of Oregon. If you are not registered you must register by this date if you wish to vote in the primary elections in May. You can register at the SLC office, Takena Hall, or your local county courthouse.

May 3 at 11 a.m. — The 2014 Oregon Spring Football Game will be held at Autzen Stadium in Eugene. Admission is free, but the University of Oregon requests that you bring three canned food items to donate. Enter at the south gates which will open at 10 a.m.

May 3 at 1 p.m. — The 2014 Oregon State Spring Football Game will be held at Reser Stadium in Corvallis. Admission is free, no canned food items required. Enter at the east gates which will open at noon.

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