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## LB neutral despite passage of OCA measure

By Trista Bush  
Of The Commuter

Despite the amendment of the Oregon Citizen Alliance sponsored 22-03 to the Albany city charter, LBCC officials say it's business as usual for the college.

College officials say the charter, which bars Albany from spending money to promote homosexuality, won't keep the college, or campus clubs from addressing gay issues.

"The city doesn't really have any jurisdiction over the community college that serves both Linn and Benton Counties," said LB President Jon Carnahan.

Carnahan added that he believes the amendment would only impact the city charter which would use

city resources to provide special rights to a certain segment of the population.

Carnahan said the school might have to change some of its policies if a similar state-wide measure were to pass.

"The Board (LBCC Board of Education) has historically and typically tried to remain neutral on political issues. Certainly they have concerns for and are interested in equal opportunity, access and non discrimination, at the same time recognizing the sensitivity that we as humans have to have," he said.

"The reality is that as a member of the community, we need to recognize the differences and beliefs of everybody," he added.

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I think we need to continue to provide the best possible service for the most people without eliminating anybody," said Carnahan.

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- - Jon Carnahan

Albany Mayor Gene Belhumeur agreed that the new amendment would not affect LB. "It won't affect it at all because we haven't been doing anything the measure tells us not to do," he said. "Nothing is going to happen until somebody asks us to grant special rights and we're not in the business to do that."



### Welding a Connection

About 400 to 500 high school and community college students competed in the 24th annual skill Olympics and Leadership Conference last Friday. At left is Matthew Freeman of Thurston High School in Springfield. Below, Larry Merckling, an LBCC welding student assisted with the contest.



Photos by Linda Wallace

### Earthquake drill Today; classes closed Thursday

Students will find their classes interrupted by two unrelated events this week.

At 10:35 a.m. today (Wednesday) the college will participate in a state-wide earthquake drill, and on Thursday classes will be cancelled so staff can attend inservice seminars.

During the "earthquake," which will be announced by fire alarms across campus, students are asked to participate by seeking shelter against walls, under desks or in doorways for the duration of the alarm. Evacuation should begin after the alarm stops ringing under the direction of designated building emergency coordinators.

Thursday's in-service will give students the day off Thursday, although faculty and staff will be in training sessions and meetings all day. Offices will reopen and classes will resume on Friday.

## LB student named to national All-American Academic team

Journalism major Jack Josewski of Lebanon has been named to the All-USA Academic First Team for Two-Year Colleges, becoming one of 20 community college students in the nation honored by USA Today.

Josewski was in Washington, D.C., last week to receive a trophy from the American Association of Community Colleges and a \$2,500 check from the Gannett newspaper chain, owner of USA Today. He was accompanied by LBCC President Jon Carnahan.

A 39-year-old retraining timber worker, Josewski was a laid off sawfiler who had worked in Alaska and the Willamette Valley before entering LB in 1991.

Currently advertising manager of The Commuter, he also served as editor of newspaper last year.

"I began my education two short years ago, exhausted and confused by severe changes around me,"

wrote Josewski in his winning essay. "My experience in college became more than a chance to obtain an education. It became an opportunity to cultivate my leadership skills, to test and prove myself, and to become an asset to the community."

Josewski and 19 other community college students from across the country were selected by a panel of educators chosen by the Phi Theta Kappa international honor society. The panel considered the students' grades, academic awards, leadership roles on and off campus, community service and their essay describing a highlight of their college experience. The overall GPA of the All-American First Team is 3.81, and the average age is 34.

Josewski will complete his Associate of Science in Journalism and Mass Communications at LB this spring. He said he will use his prize money to begin

pursuit of a bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies with an emphasis in writing at OSU this fall.

Among his other honors, Josewski has been named to the National Dean's List for two consecutive years and is an active member of LB's Phi Theta Kappa chapter. He is also involved in many local social projects, including Narcotics Anonymous Hotline and efforts to feed the homeless and displaced people in Linn County. This fall, he will be among nine LB students participating in the international peace education conference in Vilnius, Lithuania.

"Jack is the kind of student community colleges are designed to serve, and his accomplishments are something not only he can be proud of, but the entire college," said Rich Bergeman, Josewski's journalism instructor. "He has accomplished quite a lot, and it's a credit to his dedication and will to learn."

# Cobain blasts immortal self into limelight

By Tony Lystra  
Of The Commuter

Last week Kurt Cobain, lead man for the Seattle rock giant Nirvana, blew his head off with a shotgun.

America's reaction to Cobain's death is a stiff reminder of where our culture is at in terms of national heroes. Cobain was a scraggly little scap with a guitar. His greasy hair hung in thick strands to his shoulders and, when America saw his face, he was usually doing his best impression of a dying rat.

## Commentary

Sources say Cobain and his wife were hooked on heroin. When he slipped into a coma last month in Rome after washing down some sedatives with champagne, fans wondered if their hero would go the way of Jim Morrison, Janis Joplin and Jimi Hendrix.

All the same, this week America is mourning. Record industry gurus at David Geffen Inc. are sobbing into silk hankies because their golden-boy-money-maker is Elvis. And young Nirvana fans in Seattle and Portland are hysterically throwing themselves at television news cameras and calling Cobain's name.

More than 4,000 fans gathered in Seattle on Sunday to honor the dead rocker. Cobain's widow Courtney Love read excerpts from her husband's suicide note to the crowd via taped message. And a crisis counselor urged the grief-stricken Nirvanaites not to harm themselves.

Cobain's death got page-one billing in every national newspaper. Television news crews flocked to Seattle to interview grieving fans. And although magazines haven't gone to press with the story yet, brace yourself for every

monthly to slap Cobain's mug on its glossy cover. Next month: "The Real Cobain Story: People Magazine tells a tale of drugs, depression and madness."

If an assassin's bullet nailed President Clinton in the head tomorrow, he'd surely get more press than our good buddy Cobain—but not much. In American culture, rock stars are heroes, not presidents.

Folks in the middle of the century quoted the likes of Twain, Thoreau, Truman and Eisenhower in their correspondence. With the emergence of rock and roll, the baby boomer generation tackled everyday life with a Beatles record spinning on the turntable. They learned to entertain themselves without a copy of "Walden," and they passed that tendency on to their children.

The true legacy the baby boomer generation left to its kids is an unwavering faith in rock and roll.

Our parents laid in bed at night and worked things over in their minds to a Doors record. They burned some incense and mused with friends over a Who recording. They sat at a window or on a rooftop, listened to some Hendrix, and they worried, and they tried to figure it all out.

Kids all over America have been doing just that while Cobain's dark poetry ground out of a speaker in the corner. They quoted his songwriting in letters to friends. And they saw him play in dingy night clubs where a haze of pot smoke hung under gelatine-covered lights.

Cobain was a national hero. He blew his head off, and now he's a martyr. Kids will pilgrimage to his gravesite as they've done with Hendrix and Morrison. And the sale of Nirvana records will go through the roof.

# Maturity seems to elude 'know-it-all' editorial writer

To the Editor:

Someday maybe Jim Schaefer will have the maturity to realize that students who ask questions in class aren't always "brown-nosers," and not all older, returning students who talk in class are beer-guzzling rambles.

## Letters

Some students actually care about the subjects they are studying and ask questions to learn, instead of just sitting in a chair apathetically to get credit. Some older students actually have knowledge to contribute to a class, unlike sarcastic, know-it-all editorial writers.

Andrea Hoegg

## EXPRESS YOURSELF

The Commuter encourages readers to use its "Forum" pages to express their opinions. Commentaries and letters on campus, community, regional and national issues are welcome.



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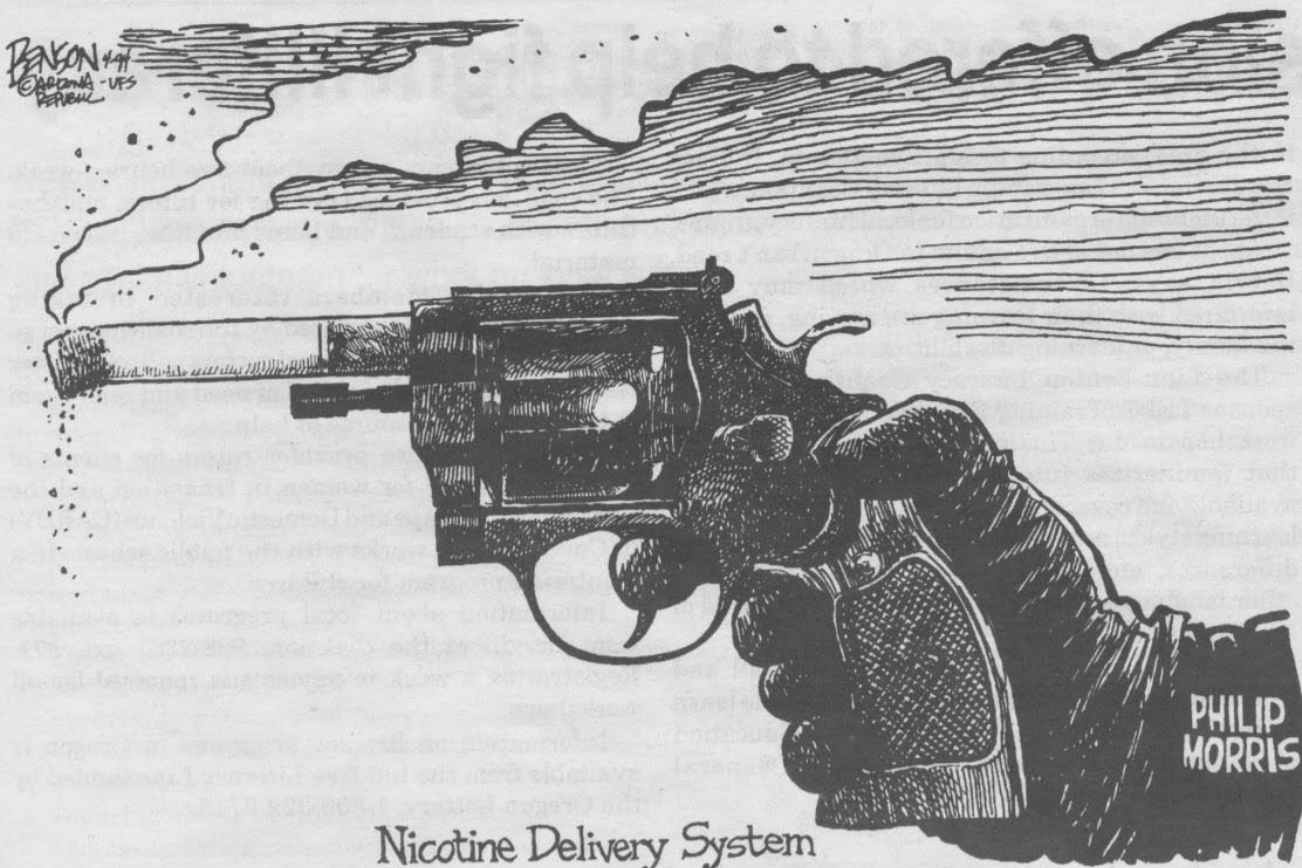
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## Opinion



Nicotine Delivery System

## The telephone company joins voice-mail in erecting pompous electronic barriers

By Richard Cohen

The Washington Post Writers Group

WASHINGTON—I am beginning to hate the phone company. Actually, that's a bit of a lie because I've always hated the phone company, mostly for its bigness.

What vexes me at the moment, though, is something besides size. It's that little announcement that we get here in Washington when calling "information" (411): "Welcome to Bell Atlantic," a smooth voice intones. Then comes four ethereal tones, sounds associated with hi-tech, space exploration and silly video games and then—wow!—a real person.

The whole thing takes not much more than a second, but it leaves me fuming for minutes afterwards. All I want is the number—fast.

But you cannot get the number—fast.

Instead, the person answering your request transfers you back to the computer, which tells you "the number you have requested"—and then comes the number itself—can be automatically dialed for an additional 35 cents. Where once you simply called for a number and got it (fast!), you now have to sit through that silly, pretentious "Welcome to Bell Atlantic" greeting, followed by the announcement of a service you could not possibly want.

The whole silly, pretentious, grating package has gotten under my skin. First of all, what does "Welcome

to Bell Atlantic" mean? It means about as much as if you got some sort of welcome message when you plugged in your toaster.

Soon, there'll be a computer chip in the sink, welcoming you to the water system, and one on the stove, saying "the gas company welcomes you." You'll get messages when taking a shower or flushing the toilet, making a hard boiled egg or grinding coffee in the morning.

Who is welcoming me to Bell Atlantic? Who is this person? There is no person. Give me a name. Where is Bell Atlantic? Who is Bell Atlantic? Better yet, who cares? Just give me the damned number.

Ah, no. We are experiencing the grandiloquencing of America, the escalation of the mundane and the prosaic into inflated nonsense.

This is why there are no salesmen anymore. They're all sales associates or sales representatives. Garbage men are gone. So, too, are stewardesses or stewards or, for that matter, reporters. We are all journalists.

Everyone has a business card and a title. A phony prestige has been bestowed on the lowly, often in lieu

of money.

Work has been devalued, position exalted and the making of money disguised as the offering of a humanitarian service.

Every company has a slogan. It's not "GE, out to make a buck," but "GE, we bring good things to life."

In this way, the phone company has become ... BELL ATLANTIC. The ordinary act of asking for a telephone number has been bloated into something else—the entering of the information highway.

You're just not asking for a number, you're connecting with a network that can, with a modem and the right software, "access" the world. (Today 411, tomorrow the world.) The more distant the company has become, the less it really cares about you, the more it pretends closeness, intimacy: "Welcome."

"Why, thank you. It's an honor to be here."

Only where is "here?"

"Here" is a nuthouse. It is a place of contradictory messages, of crossed signals, of the sort of oxymoronic behavior that brings festering, towering anger.

You call an airline and you get a message. You're told how much your call means to the airline. If that's the case, you wonder, then why don't they have enough people to answer the phones?

My ATM machine thanks me for taking out money. Who's thanking me? A machine? A collection of chips and wires? C'mon.

"One moment while I work on your request," some machines say. "I?"

You don't even exist. You have no soul. You have never sinned, been depressed, loved, hated or had a hang-over. Who are you to say "I?"

I have become obsessed with keeping the direct phone numbers of everyone I know, just to avoid going through the Voicemail system.

Always, everywhere, consistently, an automated voice tells me how much I am cherished, how much my business is valued, how wonderful I am and what a swell human being I undoubtedly am, but if that is the case, how come I keep getting the run-around? Why can't I talk to someone who will listen to what I have to say and then do something about it?

You can see now why I hate the phone company. It has come to represent everything false and pompous in American life, a barrier of electronic chatter that seems to get in your way whenever you want to do something, a layer of false sincerity, a "welcome" bestowed by no one in particular into nowhere particular—an electronic version of that meaningless phrase, "have a nice day."

As you by now can tell, I most certainly will not.

### Commentary

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## Clinton should name justice with same caliber as Blackmun

(Editor's Note: The following editorial appeared in *The Orlando Sentinel*.)

As a successor is sought for Associate Justice Harry A. Blackmun, may the Supreme Court—and the nation—get what it needs.

The immortal **Commentary** words of Mick Jagger, "You can't always get what you want," apply to just about every aspect of life, including America's highest court.

Thus, a supreme irony of Justice Harry A. Blackmun's tenure on the bench always will be that he turned in a performance generally opposite of what his Republican nominator, former President Nixon, intended.

Hailed as a moderate conservative, he soon donned the robes of a liberal and wore them until his decision to resign Wednesday.

Even though such Supreme Court switches have happened relatively seldom during the course of American history, there is no guarantee regarding a successor to be named by President Clinton.

However, as Mr. Jagger further stated, "some-time, you just might find, you get what you need."

And the United States, in a sense, did get what it needed from Mr. Blackmun. Any Supreme Court justice who champions the little guy—especially the victims and the voiceless—deserves commendation. While we may not have agreed with Mr. Blackmun in all his opinions, he generally distinguished himself by consistency.

In no arena did he demonstrate that quality more clearly and vigorously than on the issue of a woman's right to choose whether to end a pregnancy.

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As the author of the controversial opinion in *Roe vs. Wade* case in 1973, Mr. Blackmun earned his place in history. The court's decision in that case to provide constitutional protection for abortion rights was the kind of landmark decision that changes the course of a nation.

Although abortion ought not be used as birth control, and a woman deserves to be made aware of all her options, it has a place as a last-ditch option.

That said, as Mr. Blackmun recedes into memory, the immediate challenge is to find an individual of sufficient caliber to help carry on the job of the court.

Of course, the decision belongs to Mr. Clinton, and he will fill the slot with someone of his choosing, likely a moderate-liberal.

It's his right to do so. In that sense, the opening doesn't provide the opportunity Mr. Clinton had last year in replacing a conservative with Ruth Bader Ginsburg, another moderate-liberal.

At a minimum, the nominee should present qualities essential to doing the job well. An ideal choice would opine with open-mindedness and fairness, bolstered by intelligence and scholarship.

It's encouraging that Mr. Clinton has spoken of finding "someone of genuine stature and a largeness of spirit" to replace Mr. Blackmun. Another key consideration would be for the cast of candidates to be broad and diverse.

Mr. Clinton has an opportunity, as he did in assembling his Cabinet, to shape a court that better resembles America. Fortunately, there is no shortage of talent.

# Free training session offered to help fight illiteracy

By Marie Oliver  
Of The Commuter

Free training sessions will be held this month in Corvallis and Sweet Home for anyone interested in volunteering as a literacy tutor or teaching someone they know how to read.

The Benton Literacy Council is sponsoring sessions held April 15-16 and 22-23 at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 2650 N.W. Highland, Corvallis, and the Sweet Home Literacy Council is sponsoring sessions on April 22-23 at Bethel Lutheran Church, 3000 Long St., Sweet Home.

Tutors will learn the Laubach method, which is used to tutor people who read below fourth-grade level or speak English as a second language. Laubach is a method of teaching reading that uses pictures to aid the student's understanding of words. The training is intensive and takes one or two weekends to complete.

The need for tutors is great in Albany and Lebanon because currently there are no Laubach-trained tutors

in the area, according to Marilyn Bervin, literacy coordinator for Linn-Benton Literacy Coalition, which is the umbrella organization for local literacy groups.

About one out of five adults in Oregon can't read, Bervin says. Circumstances which may have interfered with their learning are moving, death in the family, or learning disabilities.

The Linn-Benton Literacy Coalition will also sponsor TELT (Training Effective Literacy Tutors) workshops in May. This is a more generalized training that familiarizes tutors with teaching materials available and covers topics such as the adult learner, learning styles, assessment and goal setting, cultural differences, and teaching English to speakers of other languages. The TELT workshop is required of all tutors who work with the literacy program.

The coalition logged over 1,700 hours fall and winter terms helping approximately 100 people learn to read, participate in the Adult Basic Education (ABE) program, or earn their GED (General Education Degree), Bervin said.

Most volunteers put in about two hours a week. The coalition provides training for tutors, matches tutors with students and helps purchase books and materials.

Community members interested in taking advantage of services offered by the coalition can go to any LBCC center, where instructors will administer tests to determine their level of need and refer them to the appropriate source of help.

The coalition also provides tutors for clients of Sunflower House for women in transition and the Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV) in Corvallis, and works with the public schools in a mentoring program for children.

Information about local programs is available from Bervin at the coalition, 928-2361 ext. 371. Registration a week in advance is required for all workshops.

Information on literacy programs in Oregon is available from the toll-free Literacy Line funded by the Oregon Lottery, 1-800-322-8715.

# Host families needed to help Japanese students experience Oregon

By Kristen Lidgren  
Of The Commuter

The Mid-Willamette Family YMCA is looking for host families for 12 Japanese students who will be staying in Oregon from Aug. 5-20. The ages of the students range from 13-22 years old.

Volunteer families will host their students in the evenings and on the weekends, and are welcome to attend any of the scheduled outings planned by the YMCA during the day.

The students will attend English

lessons each day and go on one-day trips to the state Capitol, Niketown and a new Portland amusement park.

The students will also take a white-water rafting trip and try their hands at golf at the Golf Club of Oregon.

"This is a chance for the students to get out and see Oregon as well as practice their English skills," said Jenny Martinez, who is on the International Committee and the Board of Directors for the Albany YMCA. "At the present time, we have three host families and we need about 10 more."

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The trip stems from the 1991 Sister State agreement between Oregon Gov. Barbara Roberts and Gov. Yutaka Nakaoki, of Toyama.

The purpose of that agreement was to create friendly ties with Toyama and

Oregon in areas of education, culture and economics.

This year's trek is the second since the governors signed the Sister State agreement. Twice as many students will participate this year and they will stay twice as long.

The students will pay their own expenses, although the Albany YMCA is funding three of the outings.

More information is available from the Mid-Willamette Family YMCA, 3311 Pacific Blvd. SW in Albany or call 926-4488.

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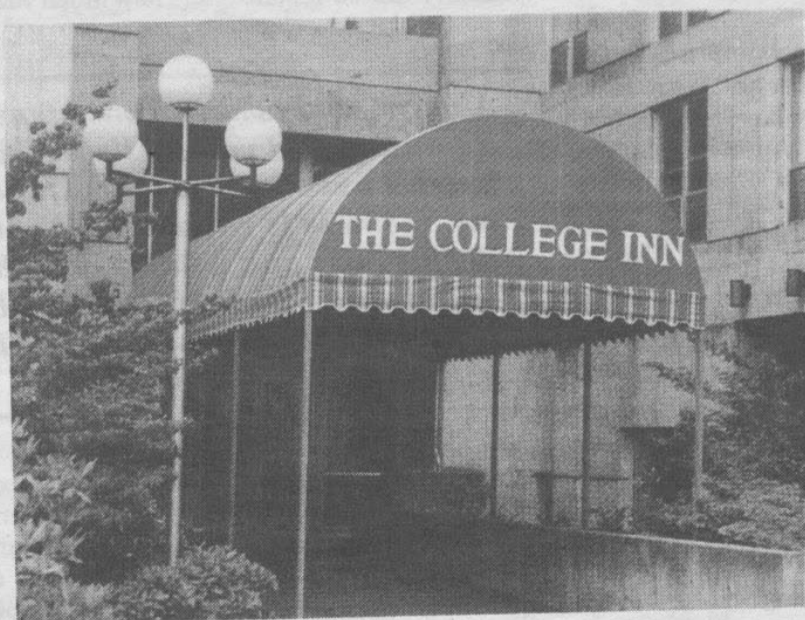
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## Local News

## Grassroots organization ready for action

New environmental center in Corvallis dedicated to facilitating activism, has a six month budget and seeks volunteers for work on local issues

By Stephen Garrett  
Of The Commuter

Last week an organization opened its doors in Corvallis to assist individuals, groups, and organizations who share concerns about various environmental issues ranging from old growth timber to the harvesting of salmon.

The Corvallis Environmental Center, located at 254 S.W. Madison, welcomes all groups and individuals committed to the protection, conservation and restoration of the environment.

The grassroots organization is dedicated to facilitating environmental activism by:

- providing work space for organizational projects.
- providing a place to display and distribute brochures and newsletters.
- offering access to office equipment.
- accommodating volunteer projects and research.

• networking between organizations.

"We would like to network with the various community environmental groups, not only on the state level but the national level as well," said Bob McDermott, a volunteer for the center.

The goal is to serve as a catalyst in the collection and dissemination of information on environmental issues and the activities of environmental organizations.

"We hope to become a place where environmental activists and concerned citizens can meet to share resources and exchange ideas," McDermott said.

The Environmental Center is funded by a variety of sources including local businesses, individuals from the community, and organizations.

"We're really excited about the first six months of operation. We have the money and a budget," McDermott said.

The board members are volunteers and the staff consists of two paid part-time persons. The center is looking for more volunteers who are interested in working on community projects. The next volunteer training session will be on Thursday, April 14, at 6 p.m., at the center.

For more information call Lisa Brown at the center, 753-9211.



### Capping Ceremony

Photo by Micky Shannon-Monroe

Second-year nursing students place caps on the heads of 45 first-year students during the Capping and Striping Ceremony for ADN nursing majors in the Forum. The 43 sophomores received stripes on their caps as part of the annual ceremony.

## 81-year-old bridge has shaky future

By Audra J. Stephens  
Of The Commuter

Students commuting from Corvallis to LBCC may soon come across changes to the Van Buren Street Bridge.

A consultant for the Oregon Department of Transportation recently examined the 81-year-old bridge to determine the condition of the structure.

The bridge, which spans the Willamette River near downtown Corvallis and connects Linn and Benton counties, was found to have rotting wood beams and rusting steel girders, explained Kendall Hilton, district manager of the Oregon Department of Transportation.

New wood stringers have already been placed beside rotten ones. Because the bridge has a wood deck "potholes develop relatively fast in the asphalt surface," Hilton said.

Three different bridge proposals exist, according to Hilton. If officials find the bridge structurally unsound, it may be torn down and replaced by a new one. It would cost about \$400 thousand to remove the old structure.

Other proposals would either widen the Harrison Street Bridge to accommodate motorists, or build a new bridge between the existing Van Buren Street Bridge and Harrison Street Bridge.

Depending upon the amount of repairs necessary to adequately maintain the bridge, the old structure could be used by pedestrians and bicyclists if deemed unfit for motor-traffic. In that case ODOT would pay for the maintenance.

"We will not make a decision until the next public meeting," Hilton said. At the Department's last public meeting in June, 1993, community members voiced a wide range of opinions about the future of the bridge. Preserving the existing historic structure is important to the community, Hilton explained.

After a consultant presents his report to ODOT in May 1994, the department will reexamine the bridge to decide whether the repairs needed to upgrade the structure to current safety standards would be worth the hassle.

Hilton said officials will not decide the fate of the bridge until next year. Until then motorists will continue to use the bridge. A safety problem does not exist at this time. "There's not pieces falling off of it," Hilton said.

## Nine students to go to Lithuania for peace workshop

By Ray Haycock  
Of The Commuter

Nine members of the Peace Studies Club have been selected to represent LBCC at the Peace Education conference in Vilnius, Lithuania this summer.

Members of the delegation are Seth Barry, Willow Coberly, Marianne Freeman, Morgan Garrison, Jack Josewski, America Leavenworth, John Michels, Wendy Novak and Don Hopkins, who is an alternate.

For Michels the reality of the selection and the trip has not yet sunk in. But he said he is excited about the opportunity of working with foreign students.

"Faces not places, are most important," he said. "When you place a face on people it is easier to communicate and work with them to resolve problems."

The conference will help the students from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Denmark, Germany, the U.S. and other countries gain a better understanding of the political, social, economic and environmental climates that now face the fledgling societies of Central and Eastern Europe.

"The environmental effects left over from the Cold War will have a greater emphasis at the conference this year," explained Doug Clark, advisor for the club and instructor of political science. He cited different areas in Hungary that have been used as toxic waste dumps that are now affecting cities and communities along the Danube River and its tributaries.

"Some of the workshops at the conference will focus on problems and conflicts of the nations, propaganda, and enemy image. The workshops are designed to help the students get a broader spectrum of the difficulties, the language and cultural barriers different nations face during the peace process," said Clark.

"The students, at the end of the conference, will be given the opportunity to produce a newspaper. They will go into the streets and interview the local reporters, politicians, businessmen and others to see how they have been coping with continuous economic and political changes."

The group will spend about two weeks visiting Helsinki, Finland, and various locations in the former Soviet Union before attending the week-long conference in Vilnius. They will be accompanied by students from Skagit Valley Community College in Washington led by former LBCC instructor Larry Sult, who now teaches there.

The Peace Studies Club will conduct fund raisers to help pay for the trip. A portion of the funds could go toward assisting students from countries like Poland, Latvia and others whose economies are in continual state of flux. Clark said he feels the more financial assistance the U.S. delegation can give the East European students, the greater the success the conference will have.

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Gini Toews develops her foam spraying skills at Fire School while Jennifer Cate backs her up. Both students are juniors at Scio High School.

## Fire School teaches students how to keep Oregon green

By Trista Bush  
Of The Commuter

More than 150 high school students from around the state recently participated in the 11th annual Fire School, held April 7-9.

The only one of its kind in the nation, Fire School teaches teen-agers about firefighting and prevention and gives them a connection to the industry's summer and permanent jobs.

The three-day school, held at Cascade Camp near Lyons and Silver Falls State Park, emphasizes hands-on learning with the help of educators, private industry and local government.

Students worked in the classroom on Thursday, learning about forest fires, fire behavior, fire management and OCEA required safety standards through lectures and videos. Friday they traveled to a hillside near Silver Falls for hands-on experience, and they were back in the classroom on Saturday.

The students learned from 6 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

each day for a total of 38 hours of firefighting education. These long hours allowed them to earn their Firefighter II credentials, based on national standards, and gave them about 70 percent of the credentials they need to have their Firefighter I certificates, according to John Mingus, president of the Keep Oregon Green Association and one of the founders of Fire School.

"Fire School gives students that extra training and experience when they go to get jobs," Mingus said. He added that Fire School has graduated more than 1,500 students since it began in 1983.

"These kids have a definite advantage over others who are interested in forestry and this experience often leads to summer jobs," said Jack Lowers, head of the forestry program at Scio High School. He added that he believes Fire School is a prime example of cooperation between educators, private industry and local government.

On Friday, for hands-on experience, the students

divided into crews and learned to dig fire lines, use the pressurized fire hoses, fill water trucks, and work together in the adverse conditions of firefighting near Silver Falls State Park.

"We try to make this as realistic as possible," said Tim Dunn, an adviser from Chemeketa Community College. Each crew was directed by a student squad boss and a crew boss. The crew boss, who was usually a community college student, would give commands to the squad boss, who in turn gave instructions to the crew. In the afternoon, the schools had several competitions using the skills they learned that day.

The four college students who trained as crew bosses were from Chemeketa Community College and Mt. Hood Community College. The students, all forestry majors, are able to use the training experience for college credit. The high school students also get college credits for participating in Fire School and, if they go into a college forestry program, the credits are transferable to that respective program.

### Searching for Our Oldest Ancestors

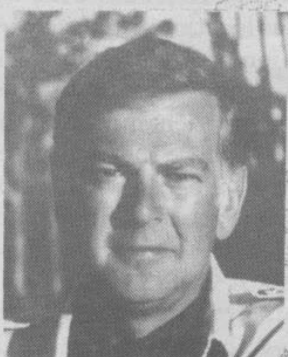
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April 19 3-ON-3 Basketball Tournament  
April 21 Red Cross Blood Drive  
May 10 Badminton Tournament

#### Timex/Ocean Spray Fitness Week

May 16 Singles Tennis Tournament  
May 17 Blood Pressure Testing  
May 17 Doubles Tennis Tournament  
May 18 Stress Management Seminar  
May 19 Fun Run/Walk  
May 20 Miniature Golf

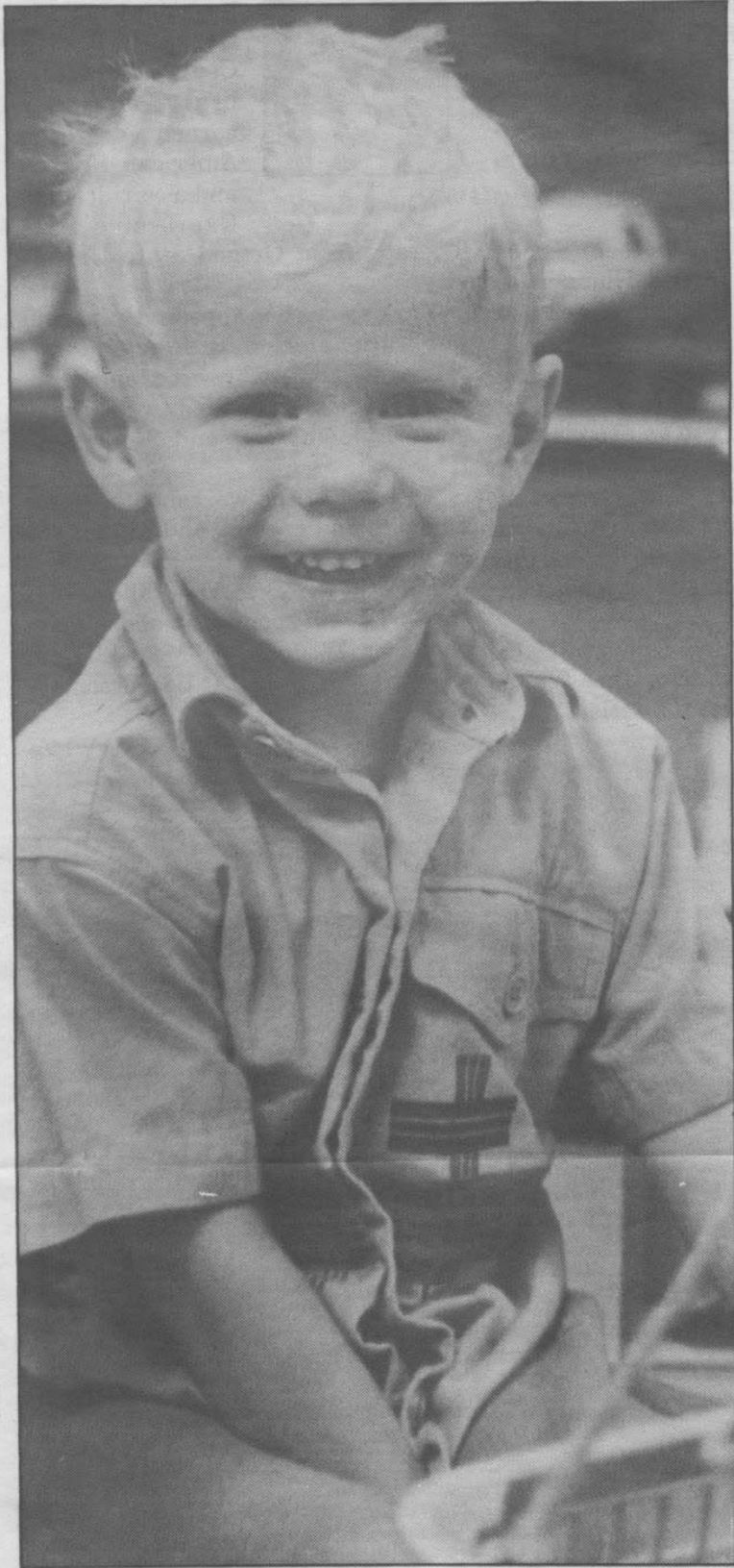
May 24 Par 3 Golf Tournament  
May 26 Sand Volleyball Tournament

Mark your calendar. Sign up early. Entry forms available in the Student Programming Office, CC-213.

Campus News

# FUNdamental learning

## Family Resource Center offers more than childcare



Smiling faces are a common sight at the Family Resource Center. Allan Jarvis finds learning a fun experience.

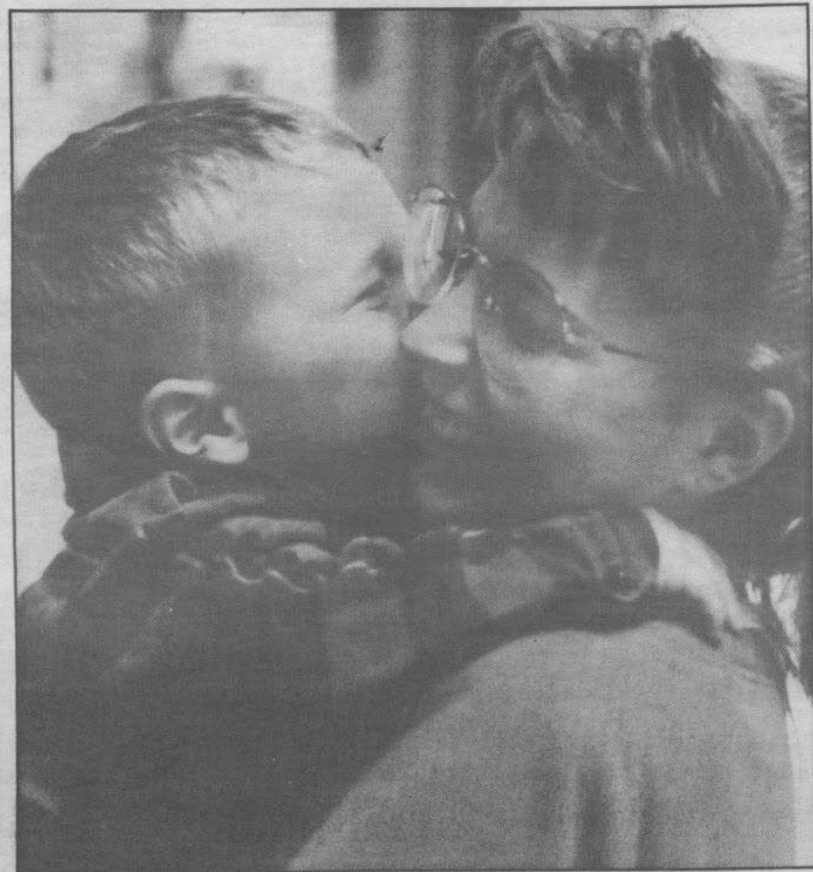


The LBCC Resource Family Center provides a cooperative childcare lab in which parents help create a learning environment for the children. At left, instructor Martha Foster watches fondly as Kaylee, Samantha and John learn about cooperation in the child care center's play fishing boat. Below, Jenny Cook and Barb Lawson (with guitar) tell stories with music in the center's Forest Room. Music is used as a fun way to teach children about the community. The children take turns acting out the roles in the story and making choices.

Photos and text by  
Micky Shannon-Monroe



Lithia Crane helps Kaylee and Allen in the fishing boat, where the children learn about cooperation, coordination and colors.



Andy Voll gives mom Amy hugs and kisses when it's time to go at the end of the day.

**Coming Attractions**

**Civic Beautification Project Proposals**

The City of Corvallis is accepting proposals for civic beautification projects.

To be eligible, a civic beautification project must be in a public area or within a public right-of-way.

Examples of past projects include tree plantings, flower beds, benches, and art work.

All proposals must be submitted to the Parks and Recreation Department,

1310 S.W. Avery Park Drive, in Corvallis, by 5 p.m., Wednesday, April 20.

**City Flag Design**

The City of Corvallis is looking for a City Flag design. No one who submits a design will receive any financial compensation. However, credit for the design will be given to the creator.

The deadline for submissions is Monday, May 2, at 5 p.m. Guidelines and specifications for the proposals can be obtained from the Corvallis Parks and Recreation Department, 1310 S.W. Avery Park Drive, in Corvallis, or call the Department at 757-6918.

**Local Artists Exhibit At LB Art Gallery**

Drawings and paintings by Sweet Home artist Melissa Wilson and figurative ceramic sculptures by artist Cynthia Spencer will be on exhibit in the LBCC Art Gallery today and tomorrow.

The Art Gallery is located in room 100 of the Art, Humanities and Social Sciences Building, at LBCC. The exhibit is free and open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Lark to host workshop for poets**

By Dannie Bjornson  
Of The Commuter

Aspiring and experienced poets will have a chance to discover their creative genius at Saturday's Valley Writers Series Poetry Workshop at LBCC.

The workshop, conducted by North Bend poet and former Corvallis librarian Gary Lark, will introduce writers to a creative process that uses multimedia.

The workshop will be held Saturday, April 16, in the Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences Building from 1 to 4 p.m.

Participants will work with clay and sketch with pastels before writing and sharing their poetry in an exercise designed to encourage free thought and unbridled creativity. The concept of combining tactile art with writing was developed by artist Natalie Rogers, the daughter of humanistic psychologist Carl Rogers.

"Anyone is invited who wants to write," said LB instructor Jane White who helps coordinate the series.

Lark is the Coos County Library Service District's outreach coordina-



Gary Lark

tor. He has been a librarian for 20 years, 11 of which he spent at the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library. He has earned a degree in American Studies and a certificate in Expressive Arts

Therapy from Oregon State University.

Lark's work has appeared in several publications including "Blue Unicorn", "Magical Blend," "Fireweed" and "Hub-bub." He has also edited two anthologies, "Lukiamute I" and "Lukiamute II".

The cost of the workshop is \$5 for students and seniors, and \$10 for the public.

Later in the term The Valley Writers Series will sponsor an open microphone on Wednesday, May 18 from noon to 1 p.m. in LBCC Boardrooms A & B.

For more information, contact White in the English Department at ext. 219.

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# LB runs under the weather in first home meet

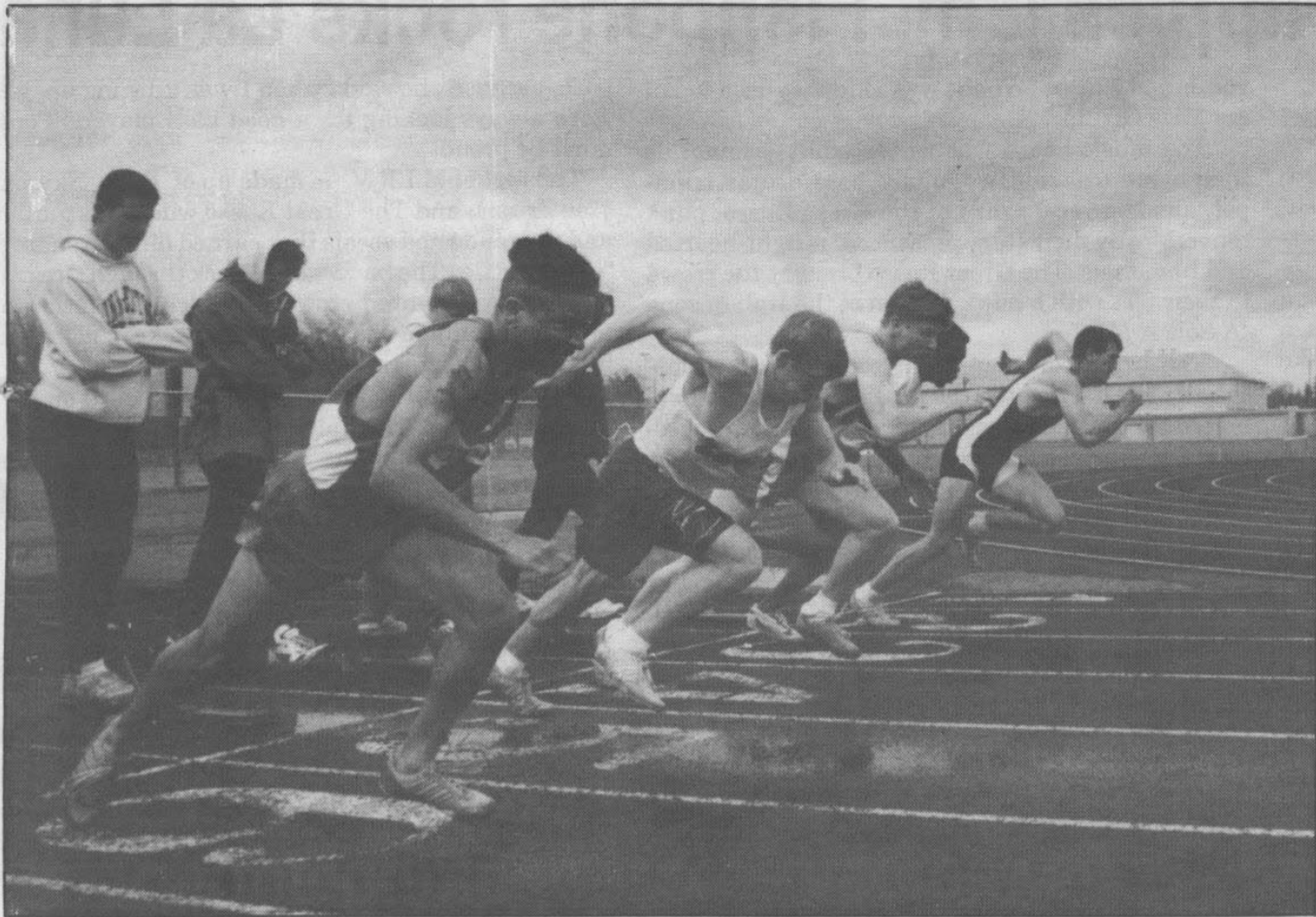


Photo by Chris Treloggen

Linn Benton's Rusty Houk bolts out of the starting block for the 100 meter race. Houk, who placed third said "70 meters ( into the race) my leg just went swish."

LB played host to their one and only home meet of the season last Saturday but did not fair as high as they would have liked.

Clackamas came out the overall winners sweeping both the men's and women's meets. They dominated the men's portion of the meet by scoring 130 points, 42 better than runner-up, Lane. Mount Hood came in third with 38 points, LB was fourth with 27 and Lower Columbia was a distant fifth with only 11 points.

The women's events were again topped off by a Cougar victory. Clackamas scored 107 points with Lane coming in second once again with 80. Lower Columbia placed third with 10 points and the Roadrunners, with only one competitor, finished the day last with only five points.

Although team scores were not high, individual placers were very respectable and had a good warm-up for the end of the year final competition.

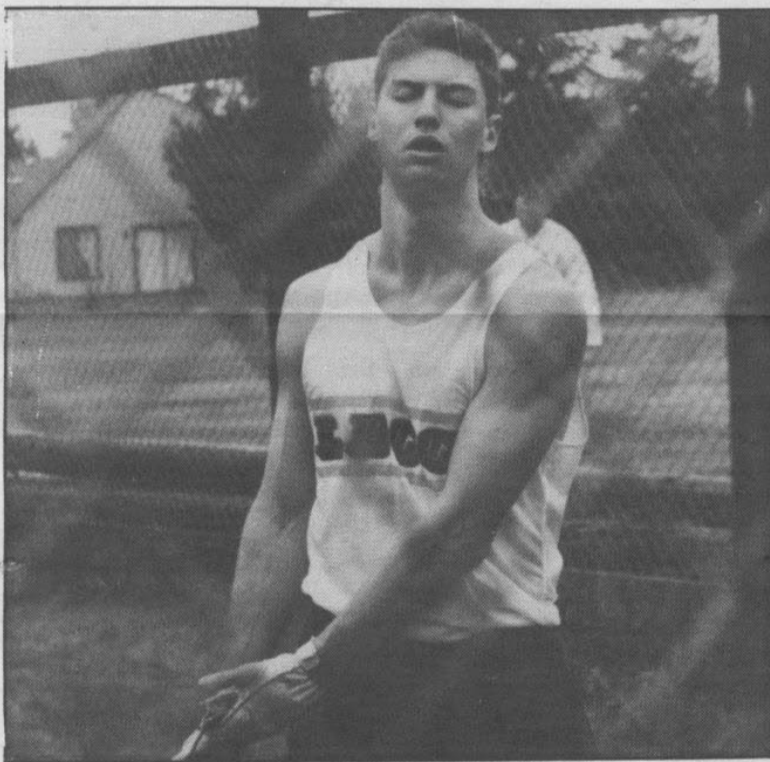


Photo by Micky Shannon-Monroe

Scott McKinley mentally prepares to heave the hammer. His 145-3 toss took first place. He also took 4th in the discus.



Photo by Micky Shannon-Monroe

Although, Kevin McKinley participated in several running events, his strength is the pole vault where he finished fourth with a vault of 11 feet.



Photo by Chris Treloggen

Gary Magee took 2nd place in the high jump competition with a leap of 6-2.



Photo by Micky Shannon-Monroe

Paula Leslie talks over her effort in the sprints with coach Jayme Frazier.



Illustration by Cynthia Hubble

Lazy sailboats  
 Lazy Sunday,  
 Lazy me, by the sea  
 Lazy clouds, in a Lazy blue sky  
 Under a Lazy tree

Lazy sunshine all around me,  
 Lazy breeze within the air  
 Lazy green grass all beneath me  
 Lazy me without a care.

Barbara J. Koblinsky

### SUMMER CRUISE

come with me and dance  
 on summer cruise  
 feel the velvet nights  
 touch softly,  
 timelessly enfold  
 while in each other's arms  
 we whisper words  
 of love

let the ocean  
 carry us away  
 to lands of mystery  
 the air sweet with  
 warm perfume  
 heady, intoxicating  
 the moon's soft glow  
 illuminating

and if this cannot be  
 then let us sit  
 beside the pool  
 and dream

Marguerite K.A. Peterson

### True Nature

Ancient Mask of a Thousand Years  
 Discovered Beauty in Reflective Mirrors  
 Hiding Wounds of Pains deepest Fears  
 Vanished Through a Torrent of Tears

B. dog

### Query Letter

Deer Editor:

My creative writin' teacher says that we shuld queery you before sendin' a manuscript to you. So this is a queery letter. I have writ a book about my life that I think you should publish. You may not think so, but I do.

It is the story of my life in the hills, how I hit a pool of oil, and my life in Beverly Hills. It also includes 150 of Granny's receipes for road kill possum. Also a description of my weird neighbors. Like them that has swimming holes in their backyards and don't plant taters and collards in the acreage behing their houses. what a waist.

I was wunderin' if you might consider printin' the book if I paid all the expences?

Sincerely yours,  
 Jed Clampett  
 Jed Clampett  
 3250 Rodeo Drive  
 Beverly Hills, Calif.  
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