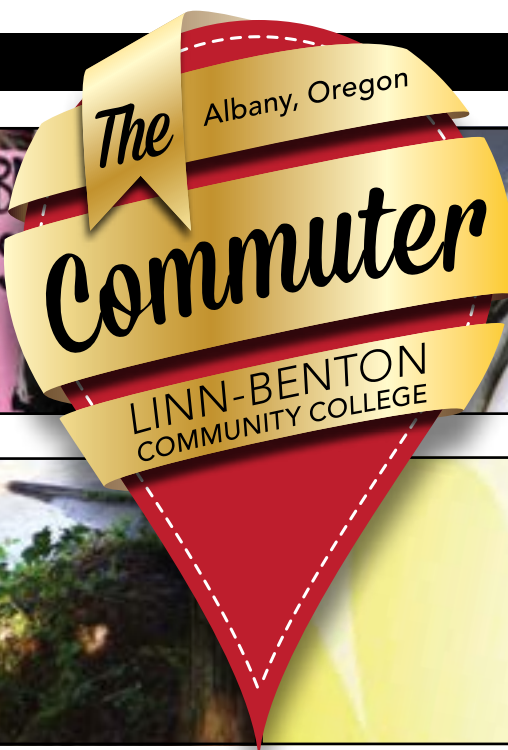




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# \$34 MILLION BOND *LB Hopes To Expand Benton Center*

LB administrators are currently seeking the opportunity to purchase Washington Park from the City of Corvallis. The park is adjacent to the Benton Center building and currently facilitates softball games, dog walking, and picnicking.

The source of funding for the project will come from a recently passed initiative formed by the Board of Education seeking the approval of a \$34 million bond measure from taxpayers on the November ballot.

The bond measure is set to replace the \$19 million bond from back in 2000. The bond will not increase the tax payments levied on homeowners in Linn and Benton counties but will continue the 18 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value.

The expansion is meant to address parking issues that

affect the utilization of LB's Corvallis campus. The 4.4 acre park would provide the space needed to let the Benton Center reach its full potential.

"The parking problem is so severe that we are unable to fully utilize the facility that we already have," said Dale Stole, executive director of Institutional Advancement, during an interview with the Democrat Herald. "We have to program classes in waves."

The project has faced strong scrutiny from local neighborhood leaders and open space activist groups. They have been angered by the process local governmental groups have used during the discussions.

"The City of Corvallis will go through its process, and we as a college respect that process," said President Greg Hamann of LBCC in an interview with the Gazette-Times.

"They want a whole lot of community engagement, and we don't need a quick decision. We're patient."

The college plans to use money from the new bond measure to fund the planned \$8 million upgrades that are set to take place if the bond measure passes. Along with the expansion project, the new bond measure will include funding for other LB programs, including the industrial program at the Albany campus, the Advanced Transportation Center in Lebanon, and potentially the construction of a new Occupational Training Center in Lebanon. 📍

STORY BY **CHRIS TROTCHIE**

# ROV PLACES 8TH IN THE WORLD



COURTESY: **GREG MULDER**

*Krissy Kellogg aids the team as they make repairs.*

LBCC ROV team placed 8th among 600 teams at the International Underwater Robotics Competition in Alpena, Mich.

The team easily passed the safety inspection after arrival and received the green card to continue competing.

However, the three-day final competition in Alpena, Mich., has been a rollercoaster ride for LBCC ROV team.

On Thursday, June 26, the team spent most of the day to prepare. Although the ROV has been tested in the pool at Osborn Aquatic Center in Corvallis many times, the team still tried to improve the robot and made sure all pieces adapted to the conditions of the competing location.

Engineering evaluation was up next. This is accounted as the oral report of the robot, and it's also to market the robot to the judges. Students present the robot with details of structure, functions, and practical values. Judges will score the presentation based on the overall organization, students' participation, and the evaluation of the ROV.

The team practiced at least an hour per day at restaurants, hotel rooms, and even on the airplanes. The presentation earned 99.6 percent.

Judges even applauded at the end of the speech.

"That was the best team presentation I've never seen in the 10 years I've worked with MATE," said a Shell

executive, one of the judges for engineering evaluation.

Thirty minutes before the water test, the excitement was gone. While checking the system the team discovered a breach on one of the waterproof cameras. It is not critical to the team, but a leak can possibly take down other ROVs in the pool.

With help from the Scottish team and the Alpena team, students were able to fix the breach one minute before the water test. However, the wonky thruster caused more difficulties in performing missions.

The team received 75 percent on the missions and this dragged the overall score to the middle among all ROVs. But the team didn't give up and spent the night to rewire the propulsion system. Five of the six thrusters were fixed and fully functional. The final scores were improved after fixations.

All efforts were paid off in the end. Not only did LBCC ROV score the highest in engineering evaluation, the team also won the "Collaborative Spirit" award for great teamwork facing technical dilemmas and helped other teams with their problems. The team can finally celebrate and get some sleep. 📍

STORY BY **YULING ZHOU**



COURTESY: **GREG MULDER**

*The LBCC ROV team at the Underwater Robotics Competition in Alpena, Mich.*



COURTESY: **LESLIE HAMMOND**

*Leslie Hammond and fans cheer for the LBCC.*

# THE BEST WAY TO END VIOLENCE

## A Response To A Washinton Post Article

The Washington Post recently launched a new section called "PostEverything," which is, as near as I can tell, where they put all their click-bait garbage. It's basically a blog, an extension of their opinions pages.

On June 10, in PostEverything, WaPo had a great piece called "One way to end violence against women? Married dads," if by "great" you mean "seriously full of crap."

It's worth noting that initially this article was titled "The best way to end violence against women? Stop taking lovers and get married."

The subtitle of the article in question is currently "The data show that #yesallwomen would be safer with fewer boyfriends around their kids." On first publication? "The data show that #yesallwomen would be safer hitched to their baby daddies."

Are you starting to get a feel for what this article was about? Let me give you a hint: if all them dirty wimminz would just stop slutting around and skanking the place all up, they wouldn't get raped and abused so much.

It's dressed up a lot prettier than that, of course, and written by smart and well-educated people (W. Bradford Wilcox, who is head of the National Marriage Project, so he may have a horse or two in this race, and Robin Fretwell Wilson) so it reads like something you should believe. Unfortunately, it's sourced from garbage.

One of the article's sources is twenty years old, based on a study conducted in 1995, and the source is misquoted in the first paragraph of the article.

From the article, "As Sarah Kliff wrote in Vox: a 'national survey of American women found that a slight majority (51.9 percent) reported experiencing physical violence at

some point in their life.'"

Actually, 51.9 percent of the respondents to the survey reported experiencing physical violence, not 51.9 percent of American women, as Vox, Wilcox and Wilson are sneakily insinuating here. Also not mentioned — 66 percent of the men surveyed reported experiencing physical violence at some point in their lives. These numbers are drawn from a random phone survey of about 8,000 women and 8,000 men, which is not awful, but is not exactly awesome, either. This is not an amazing and comprehensive study to be quoting from, is what I'm saying here.

Another source used was the Fourth National Incidence Study of Child Abuse and Neglect, which was conducted in 2005, and, among other things, indicated a decrease in child abuse. The study does sort of back up what Wilson and Wilcox's article is saying. That is, kids living with their married, biological parents had the lowest rates of abuse and neglect across the board, while those kids living with a parent and their boyfriend/girlfriend had the highest. However, if I'm reading this thing right, education and socioeconomic status had more to do with abuse and neglect than marriage did: poor, uneducated parents abused their kids more, regardless of marriage status.

Later on in the article, Wilcox and Wilson write, "Women are also safer in married homes. As the figure above (derived from a recent Department of Justice study) indicates, married women are the least likely to be victimized by an intimate partner." What the study linked actually says is that abuse from an intimate partner has declined since 1993, not that women are safer when they're married.

Several more of the linked studies are 15 and 20 (or more) years old, and don't say anything like what the Washington Post article claims or insinuates, either.

One good and semi-recent study quoted in the article, the Fourth National Incidence Study of Child Abuse and Neglect, would seem to indicate that education and a good economy are what keeps women and children safe, not marriage.

Another good, recent study quoted in the article specifically says, right in the first paragraph, that between 1994 and 2010, "the overall rate of intimate partner violence in the United States declined by 64 percent, from 9.8 victimizations per 1,000 persons age 12 or older to 3.6 per 1,000." That is, despite women's insistence on being slutty unmarried whores, things are getting better on the domestic abuse front.

Yet another of the older studies quoted would seem to indicate not that women were unsafe when they weren't married, but that, oddly enough, women seemed to be in the habit of divorcing their abusers, or, after suffering abuse in relationships, they were more likely to not get married. Y'know, almost like they had trust issues about men after getting beat up and/or raped by one. Weird, right?

In short, this entire article in the Washington Post is derived from utter BS. Why, it's almost like the authors had an agenda they wanted to push, and then lied, misquoted, and cherry-picked to back it up. ♣

STORY BY MARCI SISCHO

## POETRY CORNER

### You found me

You found me high up in the trees about to dive into Comal river  
 We sunk back into the years spent thick with dreaming up plans  
 Laid flat under surging rapids hands laced in slippery reeds  
 Bodies steady swayed as the water coursed never cut  
 I took you to festivals ripe with workshops and sounds  
 The air heady so sweet, curling your hair like a crown as I  
 Push behind your back pack to the front of the stage  
 You led me to my first rally, the energy circulating in loops  
 Through my limbs as we marched and held hands, signs;  
 Drank in all that surrounds straight up with consciousness  
 I brought you back to enchanted rock and told the stories  
 Fairy and Folk that were given as children over spiraling bonfires  
 Rainbow Crow and Wraith of the Creek - tales for the third ear  
 You kept me up all night- Mobius strips of talking and laughter  
 Running through the cross hatch of fields into twisted tangled jungles  
 Sure that we came from a similar lineage, maybe eons ago  
 Braided our hair in ribbons light and dark; painted echoes on  
 The boys faces because they wanted to feel this, too  
 I still see you face projected in shadows across canyon walls  
 Hear your thoughts coalesce in raindrops when time slows and is still  
 I loved you like the deep wet rivets in our palms where we pressed

Not letting go

I still do

By Megan Mitchell

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## SUMMER BULLETIN

**July 3 and 4** Corvallis will be holding their annual Red, White, and Blue Festival on the riverfront in Downtown Corvallis.

**July 4 at dusk (approx. 9:37 p.m.)** Fireworks will be occurring in all local cities such as Corvallis, Albany, and Lebanon.

**July 8 at 5 p.m.** There will be a reception honoring Jay Widmer who has been the Instructor of Ceramics at LBCC for over 35 years. The reception will be held at the Benton Center Atrium.

**July 10 to 13** The 61st Annual Philomath Frolic & Rodeo will be occurring at the rodeo grounds on S. 13th Street in Philomath. There will be fireworks on Friday, July 11 at dusk, approx. 9:33 p.m.

**July 16 to 19** The annual Linn County Fair will be held at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center which is at 3700 Knox Butte Road NE. This years theme is "Music...Food...and a Whole Lotta Fun!"

**July 30 to Aug. 2** The 101st annual Benton County Fair & Rodeo will be held at the Benton County Fairgrounds. The Benton County Fairgrounds are located at the intersection of S.W. Reservoir Road and S.W. 53rd Street in Corvallis This years theme is "Country Scenes and Childrens Dreams."

**Aug. 11 to 14** The 2014 Summer Workshop for Graphic Design will be held in SSH from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on each day. The workshop is for high school juniors and seniors, there is a \$20 supply fee.

**Aug. 15 to 17** The 2014 Bi-Mart Willamette Country Music Festival will be held in Brownsville. Featuring multiple artists including Sara Evans and Blake Shelton. General Admission tickets are still available and can be purchased at your local Bi-Mart for \$120.

# SUMMERTIME FUN

During summer term, many students take on a lighter workload to enjoy the weather that many here in Oregon wait for all year. Summertime brings the opportunity to get outside and enjoy the beauty the great outdoors offers up—a little fun in the sun!

The following articles have been put together to give

helpful hints to those seeking a local or semi-local adventure. There's something for everyone: fishing, swimming, camping, hiking, resort stays, mystery tours, and treasure hunting via Geocaching. Some of these activities are free and some are low cost but all are totally worth it!

Disclosure: The Commuter would like to remind anyone who chooses to take on one of these adventures to be safe, follow posted regulations, and be aware of any dangers a particular location may warn.



## BEST SWIMMING

### Worth the Drive

Summer is upon us! With the hottest days ahead, when the weather gets unbearable where do you go to take a dip? Good planning and a few extra drive miles can lead to a more enjoyable day at the water.

Quality is among the most important factors in choosing a swimming hole, especially for unlucky swimmers that have had the misfortune of getting an ear or eye infection from swimming in dirty water. A good tip is: the farther up stream you go on a water source, the cleaner the water quality.

Here are some swimming destinations that every Oregonian should consider visiting.

**1. Three Pools** is located off the Little North Fork River off Highway 22. There is parking available that holds up to 90 vehicles and is hardly ever full. It costs \$5 for a day pass that can be purchased on site or \$30 for an annual pass that is available online.

The road has gravel so avoid taking low riding vehicles or one that shouldn't get covered in dust or potentially scratched. The current can be heavy in the earlier parts of the summer when ice run off is still happening and can be dangerous. There is a known undertow in the heavy current on the lower pool right in front of the small waterfall and should be avoided for those without excellent swimming skills.

There are spots for jumping in the water that range from 5 to 15 feet but can be hard to climb. The water depth is low and should be used cautiously. The view is incredible with rocky shores in the lower pool that can be used for sunbathing, BBQ, or lounging between dips. Hiking paths lead to more swimming pools farther up the river that can be less busy if in search of a secluded spot.

For those not detoured by the extra miles, Three Pools might be one of the best swimming destination around. Ideal for teens and young adults with good swimming skills and without young children.

**2. Slide Rock** is located just past Triangle Lake off Highway 36 and is home to a natural water slide around 100 feet long that can be slid down with or without float devices. The biggest disadvantage of this spot is the crowd. Parking is limited and arriving early to get one of the 20 or so parking spots is advised.

The site offers one spot to jump from 10 to 35 feet, but is hard to climb and should be used cautiously. The water is very deep and touching bottom shouldn't be an issue. Wading pools at the top and bottom of the slide are small and mostly used for sitting, but can offer a relaxing day in the water between taking trips down the slide.

Sunbathing or BBQ is possible on the large rocks around the water that soak up heat throughout the day.

**3. Lewis Creek County Park** is located on the north side of Foster Reservoir. Parking is plentiful and cost is \$5 for a day pass, offering 40 acres of land that's wheelchair accessible with BBQ pits, picnic tables, and large grassy fields perfect to bring volleyball or badminton nets.

The shore is concrete with a gentle slope continuing into the water. Children of all ages can easily find a depth that they are comfortable with and still have room to move around and play.

Sunbathing is enjoyed on the beach with families overlooking their children in the water. Make sure to bring something to do outside the water and enjoy the entire day at the park.

Be mindful to keep Oregon waterways clean and make sure to pick up after yourself. Citations can be written by park or forestry staff for alcohol, littering, or glass bottles on some rivers depending on the counties. Look for regulation postings at the entrances.

No matter where you decide to visit this summer remember to be safe. Bring water and snacks, and be sure to bring life vests for small children. 📍

STORY BY **ANDREW GILLETTE**

## SUMMER BITES

### Where To Catch Fish in Albany

Fish on! Coffee burbling, tackle boxes closing, boat trailers hitching...

The sounds of summer abound, like children running wild in the park, and fish are running too. In Albany, at the epicenter of the fertile Willamette Valley, opportunities for catching fish are everywhere. From the eastern gateway at Waverly Lake, to the western boundary, the Calapooia River fishing in Albany can be productive, fun, and altogether satisfying.

#### Waverly Lake:

On Pacific Boulevard as you enter Albany from I-5, Waverly Lake offers fishing for bass, bluegill, carp, catfish, and the occasional trout. Access is for everyone, with multiple parking lots and trails with benches all around the lake. All methods produce fish, with lures taking bass and bait enticing the hatchery trout. The lake is open year-round.

As of June 27, the bite at Waverly has been slow. Early in the month, trout fishing was very good, and as the weather gets warmer, the bass will turn on. This is a pressured lake, and the bass can be finicky. Best lures are weedless plastic worms and grubs.

#### Swan Lake:

Just to the south of Waverly, Swan Lake has limited access on Bain Street off Airport Road. The lake has good fishing for bass and trout, but access is limited. The bite has been slow but will pick up. Fish plastic worms for big bass. Fish the lure a bit slower for better results.

#### Timber-Linn Memorial Park:

East of I-5, this park has great fishing for bass, bluegill, and trout. Access is easy, with plenty of shoreline to let the kids roam and fish. The bite at Timber-Linn has been good, with plenty of trout in the mix. Warm summer weather will get the bass fishing going at a good pace. Plastic grubs, spinnerbaits, and top-water poppers work best. Fish the shorelines and structure such as points and over-hanging trees.

#### Freeway Lakes:

Just outside east Albany, off of Grand Prairie Road, Freeway Lakes offers very good trout and bass fishing. Access is easy, with much shoreline available. Early season trout and summer bass are the ticket, with lures working best. Rooster Tails will take trout and bass, and Powerbait entices the trout into early summer. Bass tactics include weedless plastic grubs, spinnerbaits and crankbaits, and the always reliable popper. The spring bite at Freeway was very good, so expect summer fishing to be at least decent.

#### Truax Island:

Part of the Willamette Greenway, Truax offers exceptional bass and bluegill fishing. West of Albany off of Riverside Drive, these ponds fish well through the summer, with catches of bass into the five pound range. Best methods are plastic lures and topwater plugs. Bait is not encouraged. 📍

STORY BY **RON BORST**



COURTESY: **RON BORST**

# EDGEFIELD RESORT AND SPA

With a history as interesting as the grounds itself, the historical McMenamins Edgefield Resort and Spa is a one-of-a-kind, must see attraction in the Portland area. Located just outside of downtown, the 74-acre property has something for everyone.

The buildings, built in 1911, were restored to keep the essence of their past using original furnishings and decor from the once 300-acre "county farm." With over a century of history, the property has transitioned from housing slaves and their masters, the homeless during the Great Depression, and nursing home patients after World War II. Now, it's a premiere resort for a low cost.



The main lodge has several choices of accommodations including a hostel for those traveling on a budget or private rooms and suites affordably priced from \$50 to \$160. The property stays true to its vintage feel with no phones or televisions in the quaint rooms that have large windows and original furnishings. The property has meeting halls, event venues, a library, and a movie theatre. The resort has a community campfire nightly, weather permitting, where guests can gather to talk about their adventures of the day.



The property has three restaurants and seven bars including a pool hall and tasting room. On-site is a brewery, winery and distillery. The bars and restaurants feature fresh home brews, wines, and spirits. Each has its own theme, like a bar that only plays the Grateful Dead, a bar that only serves tea, and the Black Rabbit Bar (pictured) that has the feel of a low-lit speakeasy with rich mahogany counters.



Ruby's Spa and Salon is named after McMenamins Ruby Ale. The spa is exclusive to hotel and spa guests. It's designed as a one-stop-shop for brides-to-be with services ranging from manicures and pedicures, skin care and body treatments, hair and makeup, and massages. The outdoor heated saltwater soaking pool is chemical free and warmed at a therapeutic 102 degrees. Complete with a waterfall and trickling showers for a cool-down in the pool, it guarantees a day of relaxation.



Guests can enjoy a game of golf on the par-3 courses. There are 12-hole and 20-hole courses available with holes designed for any level golfer. Rounds are priced reasonably at \$18. The course is open to the public and meanders around a pub and a hillside of blackberries.



The grounds are planted with an orchard, a vineyard, vegetable and herb gardens, flower gardens, and lawns. Visitors are welcome to walk among them. The on-site restaurants use seasonal goods from the gardens and specialize in organic growing practices. The entire property is beverage friendly so guests are encouraged to take their drinks to and from any destination. There are outdoor concerts on the lawns in the summertime.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
**ALLISON LAMPLUGH**

# WATERLOO CAMPGROUND

The Waterloo Campground is located just east of Lebanon. To access the Waterloo Campground take Interstate 5 get off at Exit 228 and drive about 15 miles east. The campsite, which operates year-round, costs \$25 to camp overnight. The 30-acre campground has been established for over 25 years, there are 120 campsites.



The Waterloo Campground offers many things other than camping, such as an 18 hole frisbee golf course, horseshoes, and there's even a large open area where people can play soccer or even wiffle ball.



Hikers and casual walkers can enjoy exploring on the campground trails. The campground offers over 3 miles of trails that wind around the campground and the river. A walk can end with your feet in the water.



The campground is family friendly. There's a playground, there's also picnic shelters nearby for the entire family to enjoy. There's also a dog park for man's best friend to play in. The shelters can be reserved for private use.



There are two boat ramps for fishermen to drop their boat into the Santiam River or for those not fishing, they can launch a kayak or canoe and take a float. The Santiam River, which starts in the Cascade Mountains, offers Chinook Salmon and Steelhead which are in the river from late April through early July.

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
**JARRED BERGER**

# STRANGE AND UNUSUAL *Add A Dose of Mystery to Your Oregon Summer Fun*

This summer, whether you're deep in studies or overloaded at work, give yourself a break and experience some of Oregon's local mysterious and strange. Here are three destinations where the improbable becomes commonplace, the mind may reel in wonder, and generally accepted theories may be put to the test.

These phenomenon, a rare occurrence, are all reasonably priced for summer excitement for those looking for something unusual for the season. Oregonians may be familiar with the bumper stickers slogan, "Keep Portland Weird," and our first location is definitive support for that motto.

Located in Gold Hill, the Vortex and its associated House of Mystery have been open to the public since 1930. The famous circular area with its unique traits is an area of naturally occurring visual and perceptual phenomena which has been captured on film.

The Oregon Vortex is a spherical field of force. A vortex is essentially a whirlpool of force. This phenomena gives this locale its name. In this area standing erect seems to be a challenge as visitors eventually find themselves being leaned towards magnetic North. The corona of The Vortex and its more moderate counterparts are some of the phenomena to see and hear.

No matter your education or belief in the supernatural this summer adventure spot will have you second guessing what you think you know.

Next on the list of summer fun is a slightly less known Portland favorite, the Woodstock Mystery Hole.

Located two miles west of Interstate 205, this deep cylindrical hole is said to be evidence of a vanished civilization which, according to fans and patrons of the sight, is said to exist deep under the earth since the close of the last ice age.

According to some researchers the Woodstock Hole has an extraterrestrial origin. This thinking comes from tooling marks similar to what could be construed as laser-like blasts. Other views have noted that the absence of markings indicative of modern toolwork within the hole would seem to point to the structure being made in a bygone era by early primitive man; however, the mystery deepens further at the holes bottom. The tunnel leads to the ruins of a massive strange door much too large for general human use.

Whether created by man, or alien, one thing most can agree on is that this is not a naturally formed structure.

Last on our list, but by no means the least, is Oregon's Crater Lake, which stands as the most worldwide famous of the three.

The volcanic caldera, Crater Lake, is known for being the deepest lake in North America and for its stunning deep blue cast to the water. The lakes scenic beauty is often appreciated for camping and hiking use; but here's where the mystery comes in.

The native Klamath indians have long held the area of Crater Lake as a sacred spot, rife with strange occurrences and mysterious disappearances. To deepen the intrigue further Crater Lake visitors as well as some of its staff have claimed sightings of North Americas famous Bigfoot. George Morrison, chief park naturalist, in 1976 laid the first of these claims in sighting what he referred to as a "Bigfoot" creature crossing into Annie Creek Canyon. No matter which of these exciting summer adventures you choose, you can be sure you will get a healthy dose of the weird and strange that Oregon has to offer. ♡



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Thursday morning market in downtown Lebanon.

# FRESH FROM THE MARKET

Like a sleep deprived student waking up to the noise of a clumsy roommate taking a shower, the sun succumbs to the bustling noises that fill the air on First Street in downtown Corvallis; like clockwork the sun peeks over the tops of the maple trees that hug the banks of the Willamette River, warming the air as musicians greet the first Farmers' Market arrivals with a cheery tune lofting from their instruments.

Not only are farmers' markets a great place to buy fresh foods or finely crafted wares, they offer us the opportunity to meet up and immerse ourselves in the communities that we are a part of on a face to face basis.

The air at the farmers' markets is full of delicious distractions ranging from freshly brewed coffee to a multitude of fresh eats provided by local food vendors like Zia or Earth Rising. The smells wafting through the air have the market's attendees clamoring amongst each other as to what smell goes to which food booth, while vendors smile all the while.

Don't be surprised if a stranger stops you to ask advice while they consider a purchase. A feeling of connectedness is not in short supply when mingling through the market. This is the point!

Each of the vendors at a farmers' market are specialists in their fields and are eager to assist customers in understanding their products.

It is easy to see the sense of accomplishment that washes over each vendor as they close a sale. The wave transforms into a sense of accomplishment for the purchaser, and in a symbiosis they take care of each other's needs.

"The market is sustainable," said Michelle Morford of the Lebanon downtown farmers' market. "We provide the opportunity to shop local."

Farmers' markets, like the one in Lebanon, are innovating their industry. Betty Gean Smith has been attending farmers' markets for the last three years. She mans the SNAP booth where market goers that receive food stamps from the state can obtain tokens that are redeemable at the different booths for food goods, thus keeping tax dollars in the state where they can be reinvested locally.

"For people with SNAP benefits provided through the state are now able to do their shopping at the farmers' market. At the Lebanon Downtown Farmers' Market they will match the first \$6 spent with \$6 donated from the proceeds derived from space rentals at the market," said Smith.

The vendors are proud of what they have to sell, and they should be; their hands have labored hard all week to get ready to sell their goods, so expect detailed answers to any question you might have for them.

The farmers' market is a way to get out and have some fun while getting involved with your community. The market provides the opportunity to be physically active by walking a few laps of the grounds sipping fresh coffee, people watching, or obtaining an entire week's shopping list from the assorted hard working vendors. 📍

STORY AND PHOTOS BY  
**CHRISTOPHER TROTCHIE**



Saturday morning market in downtown Corvallis.

# X MARKS THE SPOT

**Adventures in Geocaching**



Michelle Sanbo finds a cache under the wooden chair.

Everyone dreams of receiving a treasure map and scavenging the terrain to find that magic "X." Geocaching isn't a far cry off, while you might not find buried treasure that will let you retire for the rest of your life, great enjoyment can be found in the thrill of the hunt.

Geocaching is a free-to-use website or app for most smart phones that allows you to post and find GPS coordinates and clues for the location of a cache. GPS stands for global positioning system and you can buy a receiver for \$40 to \$100+. However, most new smartphones have GPS built in and it's easy to use.

A "cache" is a waterproof container that contains a logbook where the finder can write their name to prove they found the cache. Caches can range in size from a metal tin the size of a pencil eraser to the size of metal ammo boxes used in the military.

Smaller caches include just a sheet of paper to write your name, while larger ones include a writing utensil and toys or trinkets to be traded. If you take something make sure and leave something to replace it. First time cache rewards sometimes offer small denomination gift cards to reward the first person to find a new cache.

Caches are everywhere. Over a 100 can be found in Albany and four are located on the LBCC Albany campus.

Interested in giving it a try?

If you have map app on your phone, type "N 44 35.081 W 123 07.161" into your search bar. The cache is located on the Wellness Trail around the baseball field and is a magnetic cache. The clue is "take a seat." Don't forget to take a pen.

It may be surprising as to how many are located in places you already go, work or live. Geocaching can complement a hiking adventure or even start one. Locations of caches can lead you to great scenic views or even parks you never knew existed.

Suitable for all ages and physical levels, each cache has a difficulty rating and terrain rating to guide people on which caches are suitable for them. Start out with some easy ones and then start challenging yourself to find harder rated caches.

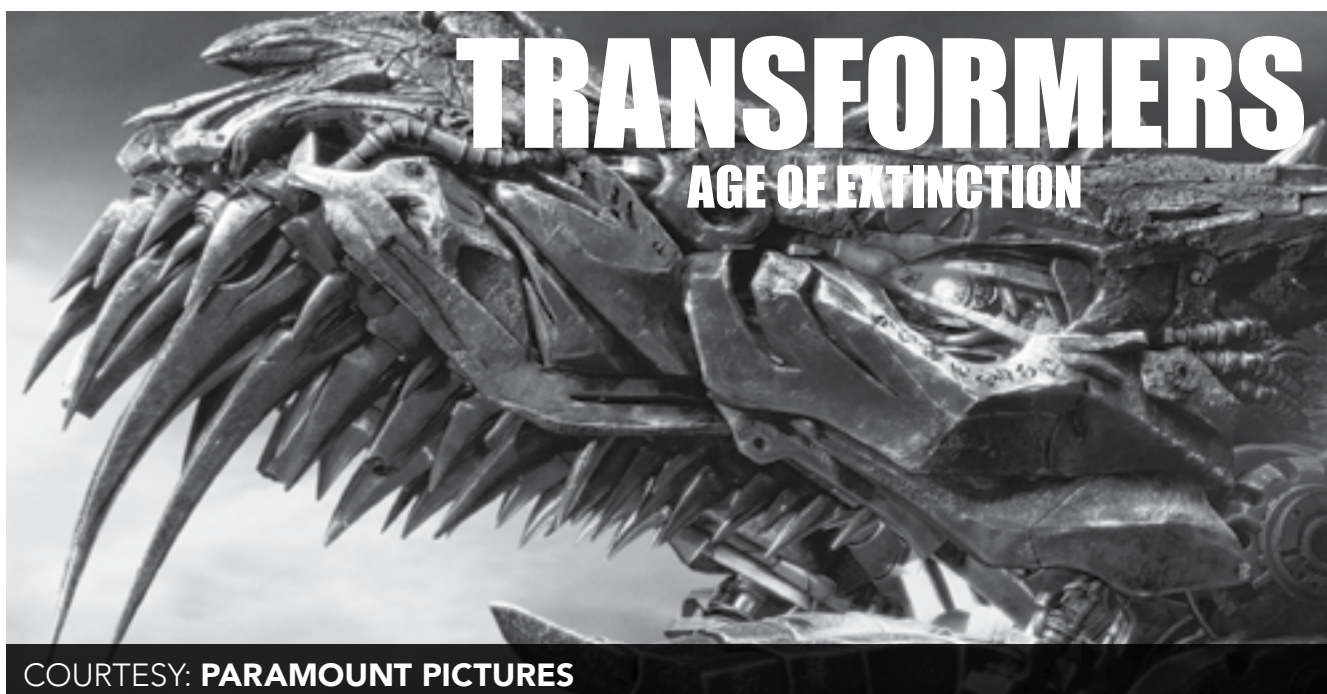
After caching for a while you'll learn to spot caches quicker or to spot out other cachers on the hunt. You may even start to learn some lingo, such as "muggles," which borrows from "Harry Potter." "Muggles are non-cachers, and if a cache goes missing, it was "muggled."

As with all physical activities be sure to wear appropriate clothing and bring water and a snack if it's on a hike or off the main roads. Remember to pack out what you pack in to keep Oregon green. 📍



The cache Michelle Sanbo found.

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COURTESY: PARAMOUNT PICTURES

## MOVIE REVIEW:

**Transformers: Age of Extinction**

**STARRING:** Mark Wahlberg, Nicola Peltz, Jack Reynor  
**DIRECTOR:** Michael Bay  
**PRODUCTION:** Paramount Pictures, HASBRO, Di Bonaventure Pictures  
**GENRE:** Action, Adventure, Sci-fi  
**RATED:** PG-13  
**RUN TIME:** 165 minutes  
**RELEAS DATE:** June 27, 2014  
**OVERALL RATING:** ★★☆☆☆

REVIEW BY YULING ZHOU

Casting different actors from the previous three, “Transformers 4: Age of Extinction” was released on June 27 and made more than \$300 million worldwide in its first three days. This is the first time a Transformers movie has opened on a Friday in early summer and the \$41 million in ticket sales proved it was a smart decision.

Commercially, it’s a successful movie. It’s obvious that everybody likes to watch robots come alive and fight for human survival especially in high resolution. The movie was shot in 3D instead of filming in 2D and then converted into 3D in the studio. This technique gives a richer image.

Hopefully this is the only reason why people were excited to buy tickets, otherwise prepare for disappointment.

The story started in Texas. Mark Wahlberg plays the single father Cade Yeager and teen actress Nicola Peltz played his daughter, Tessa. Cade is an independent inventor who is faithful in creating machines but struggling financially.

“To keep a franchise going, we decided to freshen everything up,” said Director Michael Bay in a ScreenSlam interview.

Yes, the father and daughter relationship is different from previous story lines. However, it loses the purpose of a fresh story when it develops into another daughter-saving adventure, not only between the human characters, but the robots also fell victim to the screenplay.

Lockdown stabbed Optimus Prime with a sword, but instead of killing him completely, he started fighting with the human again. It’s understandable that Optimus Prime has to win, but this is overly farfetched.

“Back then when we first started, we didn’t have a lot of money to start with so we couldn’t focus on the robots. Now we are more able to work with the digital characters,” said Bay.

Maybe too much money can also be an issue because the movie has to feed the sponsors first.

The technology and international filming locations behind this movie required big sponsors. However, many ads appeared without making any sense. Such as when the spaceship landed and Bud Light came down from nowhere like raindrops. Or when it seemed forced that Cade Yeager had to argue with a random guy forcing him to open a Bud

Light on his car door.

Some scenes lacked common sense. Like when Joshua, played by Stanley Tucci, pulled out a box of Yili (Chinese company) milk from a fridge on top of a residence roof in Hong Kong. With the hot weather and rain Hong Kong gets in summer, who would store a fine conditioned refrigerator on top of a roof with free drinks?

If the ads seemed strained, the landing of the spaceship was pure confusing.

Lockdown’s spaceship was damaged from shooting on top of Hong Kong but fell in a national park in Southwest China. Others might not notice, but audiences who have been to either place will realize immediately because these two places are at least 690 miles away from each other.

The 4th of July weekend is expected to be the second whop.

For many audiences Transformers were toys and childhood fantasies. Despite the cliché story and boring plot, people may still pay to see the CGI and their fantasies come to life. ♡



COURTESY: THE CW

## TV SERIES REVIEW:

**The Flash**

**NETWORK:** The CW  
**STARRING:** Grant Gustin, Candice Patton, Rick Cosnett  
**PRODUCTION:** Berlanti Productions, DC Entertainment, Warner Bros. Television  
**GENRE:** Action, Adventure, Drama  
**RATED:** Not yet rated  
**RELEASE DATE:** October 7, 2014  
**OVERALL RATING:** ★★★★★

REVIEW BY MARCI SISCHO

On June 25, the pilot of the CW’s upcoming new superhero show, “The Flash,” leaked online. And holy crap, you guys, it’s amazeballs.

The CW is making a bit of a name for itself in superhero TV, what with its team-up with the DC comics universe. They’re the network responsible for “Arrow,” which brings us close-ups of Stephen Amell’s abs for an hour each week in the fall. Along with the abs and the salmon ladder, “Arrow” has also portrayed a pretty decent – and strangely endearing – version of a darker and edgier Green Arrow.

It’s proven quite popular. Popular enough that the CW decided to do another superhero show and announced “The Flash,” even providing a sort of backdoor pilot in a couple of episodes of “Arrow” last season.

DC fans were initially a bit apprehensive. I mean, we geeks remember the Flash of the ‘90s, which was awful and gloriously cheesy (but did get us Mark Hamill as the Trickster, a character Hamill owned at least as hard as Robert Downey Jr. owns Tony Stark). I think it’s reasonable to say that, thanks to that show, all of us older fans flinched just a little when the CW announced a new Flash series.

But then CW released the trailer for “The Flash.” And all of us fans, old and new alike, said in one gleefully excited voice, “SQUEEEEE!” (That would be the glass-shatteringly high-pitched noise of joy you probably heard back in May.)

Since someone is almost certainly going to (bare minimum) lose their job for leaking the pilot, it seems like the least we can do is give this show some buzz. And it

deserves it, leaked or not. The pilot was great.

Grant Gustin, best known for his role in “Glee,” plays Barry Allen, the Flash, the Fastest Man Alive. I was pretty pleased to see the kid can actually act. I’ve never seen “Glee,” so I had nothing to judge Gustin by, but he plays Barry as likable, earnest, a little awkward, and nerdy. That’s different from the comics and cartoons – Flash is generally the confident smartass type. This is a younger Flash in the TV series who’s just getting started, so that makes sense.

Gustin’s Barry Allen is joined by his support team (a concept CW seems really fond of, as “Arrow” has the same thing), Dr. Caitlin Snow, the stick in the mud (Danielle Panabaker); Cisco Ramon (Carlos Valdes), the enthusiastic techie gadget guy; and Dr. Harrison Wells (Tom Cavanagh), the taciturn man in charge of the recently-exploded S.T.A.R. Labs.

There’s also Candice Patton as Iris West, Flash’s love interest in the comics; Rick Cosnett as Detective Eddie Thawne, notable because Eobard Thawne is one of the Flash’s big baddies; and Jesse L. Martin as Detective Joe West, Iris’ dad and Barry’s adoptive dad, since Barry’s real dad (played by 90 s Flash John Wesley Shipp in a great nod to the old show) is in prison for killing Barry’s mom.

The pilot is straight origin story, and about the only bad thing I could say about it is that it feels rushed, because they only had an hour for the whole shebang. The show jumps from one plot point to the next with no padding to

segue between them, and while the writing and acting are good enough to get away with it, it is noticeable.

The upside is that the pilot is wonderfully full of shout-outs to the comics, including a quick name-drop that made my sweetheart and I sit up straight because holy crap, how cool would it be to see that iconic Flash villain on TV? (I’m trying really hard not to spoil anything for y’all.) The pilot also appears to be setting up one of DC’s biggest story lines, not just for the Flash, but for the entire DC Universe. If they do go with that story, and do it well, it could conceivably unite the DC movie universe with the TV universe, much like Marvel has with “Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.” and the MC Universe.

The special effects are also excellent, something I was a little worried about. “The Flash” was definitely going to have to be an effect-heavy show, and I was concerned CW would cheap out, or just flat not be able to afford good CGI. Never fear – the speed and other superpower effects look fantastic.

And best of all – there are other superpowers! One of my main gripes about “Arrow” has been the almost complete lack of other superpowered characters, like they were embarrassed to be a comic book show. “The Flash” does not suffer from that flaw, though, which leaves me hopeful that “Arrow” will be correcting this in its third season.

I am hyped for “The Flash,” folks. It looks like it’s going to be a real treat. You’ll be able to catch it on the CW beginning Oct. 7, at 8 p.m.. And I, for one, can’t wait. ♡

# U.S. FALLS SHORT

After securing a spot coming out of the group play the national U.S. team fell short against Belgium 2-1 in on Tuesday afternoon.

Playing on the defensive for the majority of the game U.S. defended the goal in record fashion, while American goalie Tim Howard was forced into 16 saves for the night.

U.S. forced extra time with the score 0-0 before Belgian Midfielder Kevin De Bruyne was able to beat Howard for the first goal of the game.

Substitute Romelu Lukaku added to the lead moments later to put Belgium up 2-0.

U.S. was able to recover from its stumble with a goal of its own from Julian Green with around 12 minutes left in play.

A free kick with six minutes left in the game set up Clint Dempsey with one man to beat but disappointment was all American fans received.

Failing to advance past the round of 16 for the second world cup in a row the U.S. will look on for the rest of the tournament and hope that the 2018 World Cup has more in store for them.

Quarterfinals will kick back up on Friday at 9 a.m. when France and Germany take the field, both teams won their groupings and Germany looks to defend its no. 2 ranking and advance to the Semifinals for the fourth straight World Cup, while France is hoping to get past the quarterfinals since advancing to the finals in 2006.

Brazil and Columbia will play at 1 p.m and Brazil will work to rebound after a tough match against Chile to reach the semifinals for the first time since winning their record setting fifth title in 2002. Columbia is advancing into new territory after advancing to the final 8 for the first time in team history.

Argentina and Belgium will clash at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Argentina is looking to reach the semifinals for the first time since finishing 2nd in 1990. Belgium has its eyes set on advancing to the semi's after failing to qualify for the Cup since 2002.

Netherlands and Costa Rica will play the last game of the quarterfinals as the Netherlands attempt to reach the finals for the second straight year, something that hasn't happened in almost two decades. For the first time in team history Costa Rica looks to extend its run in the World Cup into the semifinals.

No matter what team you're rooting for there is always exciting matchups and historic runs to be witnessed at the World Cup.

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## SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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SOLUTION TO THIS PUZZLE

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

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### MENU

#### July 2

House Smoked Half Chicken  
Grilled Fresh Corn  
Coleslaw

#### July 9

Salmon with Sweet Chili Glaze  
Stir-Fried Vegetables  
Spicy Peanut Yakisoba Noodle Salad

#### July 16

Ground Beef Stuffed with Fontina & Roasted Garlic, Served on Brioche Bun with Lettuce, Tomato, Truffle Aioli, Mushrooms and Crispy Bacon

#### July 23

Grilled Bratwurst  
Sauerkraut Onions  
German Potato Salad

#### July 30

Bourbon BBQ Glazed pork Ribs  
Grilled Corn and Roasted Pepper Salad  
Brown Sugar Baked Beans

#### August 6

Marinated Cod Fish Tacos, with shredded Cabbage, Tomato, Shredded Cheese & Avocado Cream, Served on Corn-Flour Tortilla with Salsa, Guacamole and Tortilla Chips