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Poll results positive for LB

By Trista Bush
Of The Commuter

How does the local community feel about LBCC and would they pass a capital improvement bond measure to help the school?

These were questions the College Board of Education asked a state-wide public opinion research firm to answer. The firm, The Nelson Report of Salem, polled 353 registered voters throughout Linn and Benton county in February and found strong support for the college in general and majority support for the bond issue.

After explaining how the money would be used, the phone survey asked voters if they would support the \$15 million bond levy, to be voted on May 17. Fifty-three percent of the respondents stated that they would support the levy, 23 percent were opposed and 18 percent were undecided.

The survey also showed that the community has a high (72 percent)

approval rating of the college, and that 56 percent of those who initially opposed the bond levy were still supportive of the college. Mark Nelson of The Nelson Report told the budget committee last month that, in his experience, this approval rating was unusually high.

Of the 23 percent opposing the levy, the survey reported that 44 percent felt they didn't want more taxes and 9 percent said they couldn't afford it.

LB vice president George Kurtz said the college was very pleased with the results of the survey.

"Given the positive community attitude toward the college represented by the survey, it's unlikely there will be any organized opposition to the bond," said Kurtz. "Of course there's always going to be individuals who will vote their pocket books."

Kurtz said the college will publish an educational question and answer fact sheet about the measure.

College to ask voters for \$15 million bond levy in May 17 election

By Trista Bush
Of The Commuter

LBCC will ask district voters to approve a \$14,960,000 bond measure on the May 17 ballot in order to finance capital improvements and maintenance projects.

The Board of Education voted unanimously last month to put the levy to a vote. If approved, the 10-year bond would cost taxpayers of Linn and Benton counties 24 cents per assessed value. For example, a \$100,000 home would be taxed \$24 dollars a year.

Vice President George Kurtz earlier this year told The Commuter that the funds would be earmarked solely for capital improvements, including \$1-2

million for the repair of the main campus roof, which has been leaking in several places in recent years.

Other projects include:

- Construction of the East Linn County Skills Center in Lebanon (\$2.2 million);

- Adding an 18,000-square-foot computer lab to the main campus and enlarging Takena Hall (\$4 million);

- Improving instructional technology, including personal computers for faculty and staff (\$2 million).

Among the other projects planned are improving access to facilities for disabled students on the main campus and the Benton Center and resurfacing the parking lots.



Photo by Micky Shannon-Monroe

Sun Break

Springtime broke out briefly last week, allowing students to spill out into the courtyard and soak up a few rays before the clouds returned. Besides the sun, spring term also brings the annual Career Exploration Fair to the Activities Center. This year's event is today (April 6) from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Scores of employers will be on hand to talk about job opportunities with students who drop by.

High-speed train carries Albany into the future

If funded, the bullet train will connect West Coast commuters from British Columbia to Eugene by the year 2000

By Michelle Harris
Of The Commuter

Despite a constant rain and gray skies, several hundred curious people converged at the Amtrak Railway Station in Albany Wednesday afternoon to get a glimpse of the Talgo 200 Tilt Train.

The Spanish-built train was on display after departing from Portland, stopping in Salem then continuing on to Eugene.

Corvallis Mayor Charles Vars was on hand to welcome visitors and invite them to climb aboard and look around. Also on hand to welcome visitors were several officials of the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT).

Once on board, visitors were given pamphlets describing the train's features as well as a map and schedule of where and when the train will be running.

The Talgo Tilt Train can run the Pacific Northwest High-Speed Rail Corridor, also known as the Cascadia Corridor, that begins in Vancouver, B.C., and ends in Eugene at speeds in excess of 125 miles per hour.

During Wednesday's demonstration tour, however, the train reached speeds of only 79 miles per hour due to the condition of the tracks and needed improvements in signals and crossings.

The train itself is modern yet comfortable. From air-conditioning, music and video monitors in the first- and second-class coaches, to the Gran Class sleeper cars equipped with private showers and sinks. The cafeteria-kitchen car and restaurant car

offer comfortable seating and large windows that allow passengers to view the countryside.

During the ride, the state-of-the-art suspension make handling curves easier due to the fact that the cars tilt to absorb the centrifugal force placed upon the car. "I thought the ride was great," commented Ed Schoaps of the ODOT, who road the train from Portland to Albany.

The proposition of setting up the high-speed corridor in the Pacific Northwest is expensive. Total estimated costs for the corridor are \$1.3 billion, with Oregon contributing \$450 million, Washington contributing \$800 million, and British Columbia picking up the last \$25 million.

The total costs of building the train itself are estimated to be between \$8 million and \$11 million. Funding for the project will come from federal re-

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America's affliction with violence infects the world

The Knight-Ridder Tribune News Service
This editorial first appeared in the Miami Herald.

The killings of two Japanese students in Los Angeles reminded the world of what most Americans already knew: America is a violent country, guns are rife, and the value of human life is often equated with the nearest material object.

That is no consolation to the families and friends of Takuma Ito and Go Matsuura.

A carjacker killed them, wantonly. The act brought more universal condemnation of America's violence.

Many Americans feel daily the pain and outrage in Japan, fed by highly charged TV images of an American society out of control.

For Americans, it only reinforces our nation's inability to address its violent crime problem with remedies, not rhetoric.

Japanese reporting on the killings may deter other Japanese citizens from visiting Los Angeles or other American cities.

Equally sad about the students' killings is the attitude, regardless of how unintentional, that one killing is different, more tragic and more tolerable than another. It is not.

What happened to Messrs. Ito and Matsuura tests, daily, the psychological immune systems of many Americans and their view of violent crime.

The thought of being killed by a handgun is a

constant, beyond control. Maybe such a distancing act is supposed to make us feel better.

It doesn't.

The laser beam on violence in America is a moody gadget. Its rapid flash ignores what's already there. It is on the unusual that the light shines brightest.

The killing of the two Japanese was unusual; usual is Americans killed by guns. Until the laser aims at this image, we're not likely to wake up the next day surrounded by less violence.

Bill and Hillary taken to task for doing what we all do

The Knight-Ridder/Tribune News Service
The following editorial first appeared in The Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph.

To the extent that Hillary Clinton followed the rules in parlaying \$1,000 into nearly \$100,000 years ago on the commodities market, more power to her.

The same applies generally to all of the Clintons' wheeling and dealing, especially during the go-go '80s. Assuming they didn't violate laws on finance, campaigning and so forth—and the jury is still out on that—it's hard to fault the first couple for pursuing the American dream of prosperity.

Except that this is one first couple who made their way to the White House while railing against precisely such moneymaking. They professed unbridled contempt for the supposed culture of greed that, we are so often told, loomed large under 12

years of Republican Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush. The Clintons blamed Wall Street freewheeling, real estate speculation, etc., in the GOP era for somehow widening the income gap.

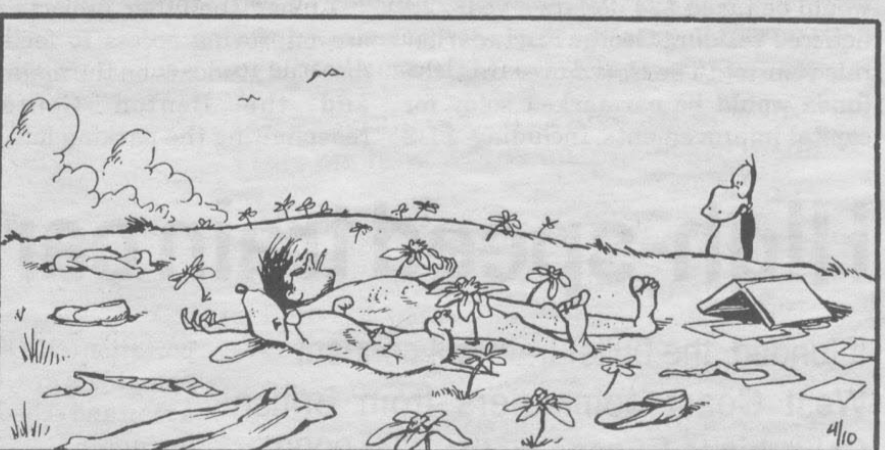
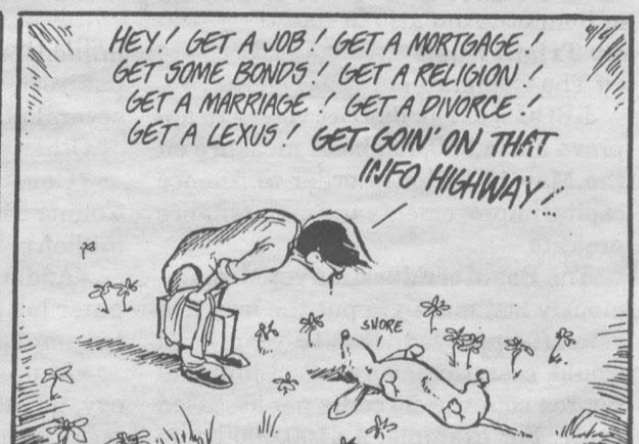
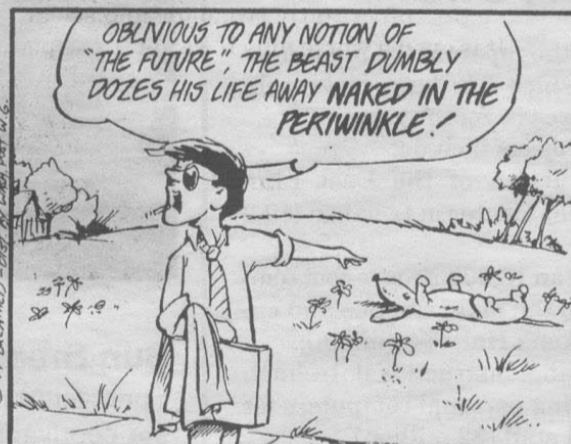
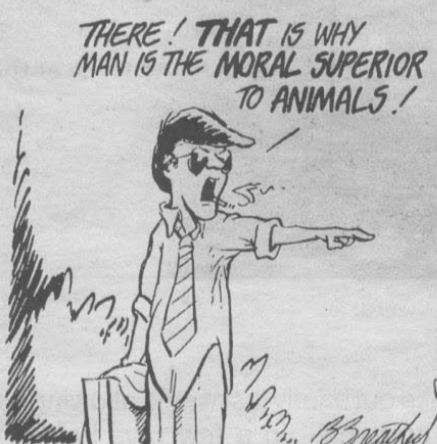
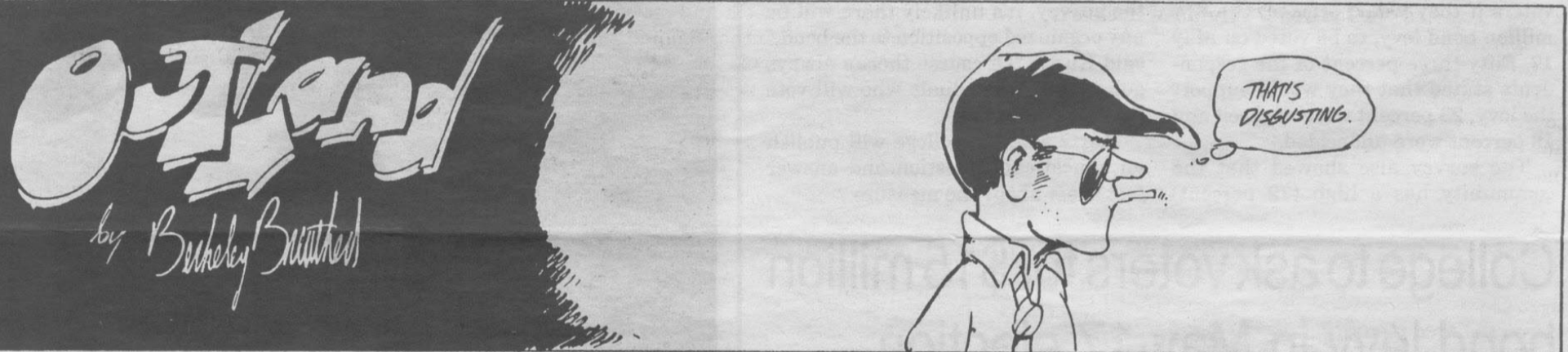
Yet here were the nation's first baby boomers and ex-'60s love children to occupy the White House—a president so noble he has only worked for government; a first lady so righteous she has made a vocation of assailing those rapacious rascals in the insurance and health care industries.

Not only did Mrs. Clinton's financial gambles pay off big while Bill Clinton was Arkansas attorney general and then governor, but the two decided to play the real estate game as well, investing in the now-infamous Whitewater development.

The administration line now is that they lost their shirts on Whitewater, which is the chance one takes to make the big bucks. All of which is fine (barring any indictments for cutting corners).

But how much room does that leave the fair-haired idealist who, in his 1992 presidential quest, derided Reagan's and Bush's "gilded age of greed and selfishness" in which the economy purportedly was propped up on "paper and perks"? Even if Whitewater peters out as a legal matter, the American people, across the political spectrum, are likely to remember its broader, philosophical dimensions.

On the left, the few hard-core foes of the free market who remain mired in the politics of envy surely must feel betrayed by the Clintons' double standard. Meanwhile, the rest of us will realize that our president, for all of his political rhetoric, was just biting that hand that fed him.



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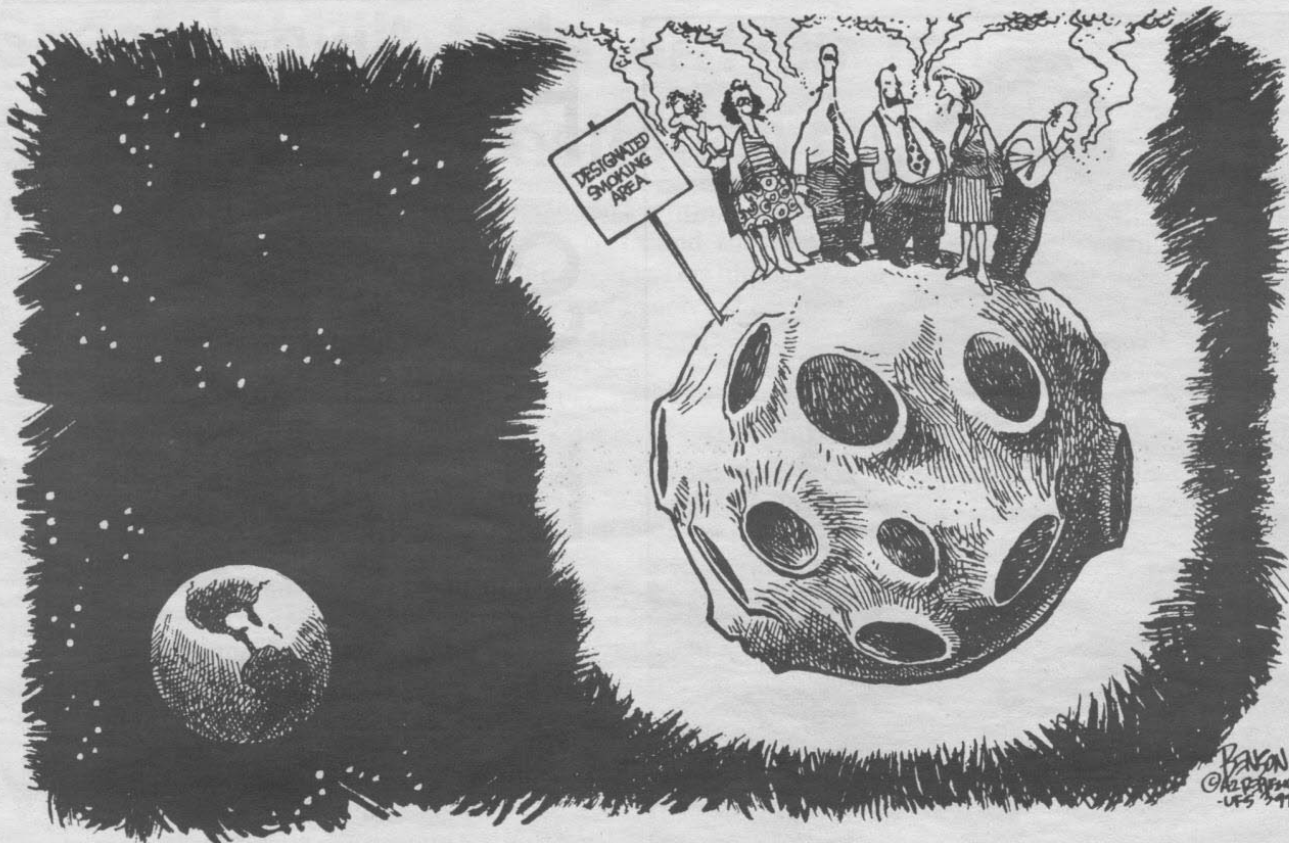
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Opinion



America's social and economic problems pushed aside; religious values pondered

By Richard Cohen
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WASHINGTON—In a famous 1966 cover, Time magazine asked, "Is God Dead?" The answer, clearly, is not only "no" but he seems recently to have gotten himself a literary agent.

U.S. News & World Report has religion on its cover. So does Newsweek and so has Time in recent months. The latest issue of **Commentary** and William J. Bennett, the former secretary of education, not only has a best-selling book on the subject of values, "The Book of Virtues," but delivered a speech to the Heritage Foundation which has been reprinted under the title "Revolt Against God." The deity, you will be relieved to know, has an ally in Bennett. And also in countless school boards and state legislatures. In six Southern states' bills that would permit a moment of "quiet reflection" in the schools are on their way to passage.

Even the city council of the District of Columbia has voted in favor of such a moment, the thinking being that a pause for values will, in the words of council member Marion Barry, "set a moral tone" at the schools. Anyone that lives here, though, can testify that not even an hour would suffice.

This back to God movement is propelled by two fictions. The first is that America has slipped its religious moorings and, indeed, become hostile to religion itself.

Those most solemnly accused of being antagonistic toward religion are, of course, the old effete snobs, as Spiro Agnew called them. But depending on who's talking, it sometimes seems the entire nation has been zoned Sodom and Gomorrah—a capitalist-communist hybrid in which profit is permitted, but religion banished.

U.S. News argues otherwise. It commissioned a poll and, lo and behold, it found that 95 percent of Americans attend in God and 65 percent they regularly attend religious services—figures unchanged since the 1950s, the magazine says.

More than 80 percent of us believe the Bible is the "inspired word of God," and that includes 71 percent of college graduates.

America has more churches per capita than any other nation and, indeed, it has grown even more churchly over time.

In 1776, a year so evocative with values, just typing the numbers makes me want to stand up, only 17 percent of Americans were church members. Despite allegations to the contrary, America remains a religious nation.

The second fiction is the more serious one. It holds—maybe asserts is the better word—that if

only the government got behind religion more than it now does, all sorts of wonderful things would happen. Illegitimacy would diminish, crime would abate, welfare would be reduced and—who knows?—Howard Stern would co-author Bennett's next book.

The assertion is that more religion in our lives would return us to the halcyon days of yesteryear when, paradoxically, there was actually less religion. "As individuals and as a society, we need to return religion to its proper place," Bennett said in his speech. Sure, but what is its proper place?

Whatever it is, it cannot be as a pretext for doing nothing in other areas. The constant bleat for values and religion—never mind serious constitutional concerns—cannot be used to obscure reality.

It borders on the whimsical to suggest that America's problems are basically spiritual when they are more importantly feline and social.

It is even a worse folly if we get to the point where we substitute a dreamy nostalgia for a mythical religious era for some hard thinking about our economic and social problems.

Bennett, in fact, puts his finger on precisely

what I mean. "We say we want to discourage teenage sexual activity, but in classrooms all across America educators are more eager to dispense condoms than moral guidance," he told the pious at the Heritage Foundation.

Ah, yes—and that's because not since man and woman first noticed each other has "moral guidance" acted as a hormonal block. Even in the vaunted 1950s, teen-agers were having sex and setting records for pregnancies—but they were also getting married.

If condoms can do what "moral guidance" alone cannot—reduce illegitimacy—then let us dispense both. This is not an either-or proposition. Moral guidance can be effective—but, just in case—so can a condom.

Bennett has a keen mind, but he's reduced to blather when arguing his position: "Liberals may have been peddling from an empty wagon, but we were buying." (You can take the rest of the day to figure out that sentence.)

He talks of a "hatred of religion" but fails to say who the haters are. He says that "the chief problem we face is spiritual impoverishment" when, manifestly, it is plain old impoverishment that distresses far too many people.

If Bennett and others want to return to the days of the docile poor and pre-poll sexuality, then prayer indeed may be their only hope.

But if they are willing to marry values to progressive social and economic policies, then, maybe, something productive will result.

They can have a moment of silence to think things over.

Campus environment propogates curious life forms worth observation

By Jim Schaefer
Of The Commuter

I just finished my first week as an LBCC student. My educational baptism was largely uneventful, but for the sake of filling this column, I'll share a few observations with the reader.

The first thing I saw when I drove onto campus was a sign inviting me to "enjoy" LBCC's smoke-free

buildings. **Guest Column**

Halfway through my first week here, I came to appreciate the smoke-free classrooms the way a whale trapped beneath an ice flow appreciates airholes. The smokers have staked out every entrance to the school. They mill around like moths at a porchlight and generate clouds thick enough to shut down LAX.

It was nice of the administration to prohibit smokers from putrifying the interior of LBCC's buildings, but it seems they subscribe to the myth that, once a cigarette is taken outside, the smoke it creates simply vanishes—perhaps to reappear through a portal opened by a ouija board at a junior high school slumber party. The result: students like me, who do not want their lungs to resemble first-prize winners in a charcoal briquette look-alike contest, arrive at our classes smelling like we walked all night through a timber fire.

I'll tell you what, though. I'd rather start smoking than endure another first-day-of-school "name game."

I honestly didn't think that a college instructor would pull a stunt like that, but to my amazement, we burned up half a class period standing around like empty beer cans and struggling to remember each other's names. It was silly. In fact, I suffered from a severe Romper Room flashback, and when 12:30 rolled around, I started looking for a place to take a nap. Sure, it's nice to know other people in your class, but I paid my tuition to earn some credits, not play patty-cake.

I've found some of the older students a real kick in the pants, too. Evidently, if you're a Grizzly Adams type who has spent the equivalent of my lifetime drinking beer, freebasing Snickers bars and earning minimum wage, then you have the right to deviate from the curriculum at hand and hold the instructor hostage with a ridiculous, droning conversation, while the rest of the students are forced to pretend like they didn't do the reading.

It's like being a little kid and listening to your drunk uncle spout off about barbershop politics, oblivious to the eye rolling and head shaking going on in response to his tirade. I respect age and experience, and I admire people who work to educate themselves, but I do not admire clowns. If you talk a lot in class, check yourself for a rubber nose.

The terminal butt-kissers are fun to watch as well. The second week of classes aren't even over, and many students' noses have already turned a definite shade of brown.

Chronic smiling, maniacal laughter at weak jokes... anything for an A. The instructor walks into the classroom, and the brownnosers are out of their seats, swinging their fists and woofing like lobotomized Arsenio Hall fans. These lackeys have a peculiar habit of gaining acceptance by restating the painfully obvious:

"So, Mr. Smith, what you're saying is that when the big hand is on the 12 and the little hand is on the three, then it's three o'clock?"

"Yes, Steven."

"Will this be on the test?"

I'm looking forward to the rest of the term. I've got some good classes and some great instructors, and I'm learning a lot.

And I don't need those soap operas in the Fireside Room. Going to class is better than cable.

Home Street Home

Facing the issue of homelessness in Linn county starts with knowing the faces.

James Moral has been homeless for many years ever since he lost his job. "I drove trucks for many years. The first truck I drove was a 1948 Mack and my CB radio handle was 'Chainbinder.' My friends still call me that."

Moral refers to himself as a survivor and does not think of himself as a bum. "These are working man's hands" says Moral, referring to the green grass stains he has embedded into his hands as a result of doing yard work. "My sign says 'need work' and I do work."

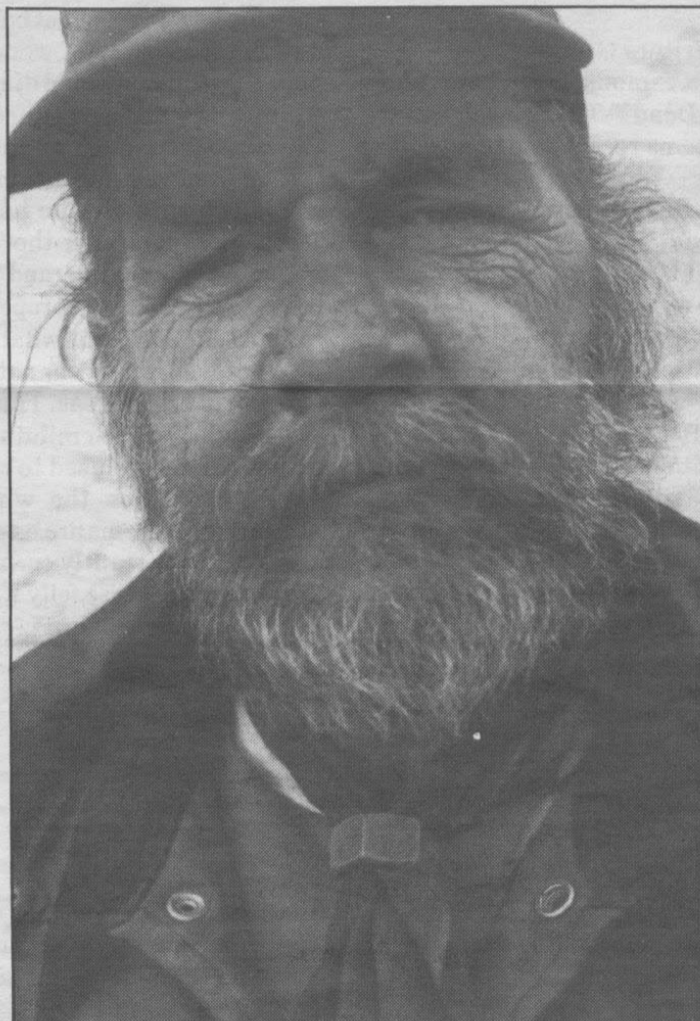
Moral's last permanent residence was in Tangent, Oregon.



"The cops tore down our camp (near Waverly Park) this morning," says James "Chainbinder" Moral. "But that ain't gonna get rid of us. There's more of us than there is of them. We'll just find a new place to camp."

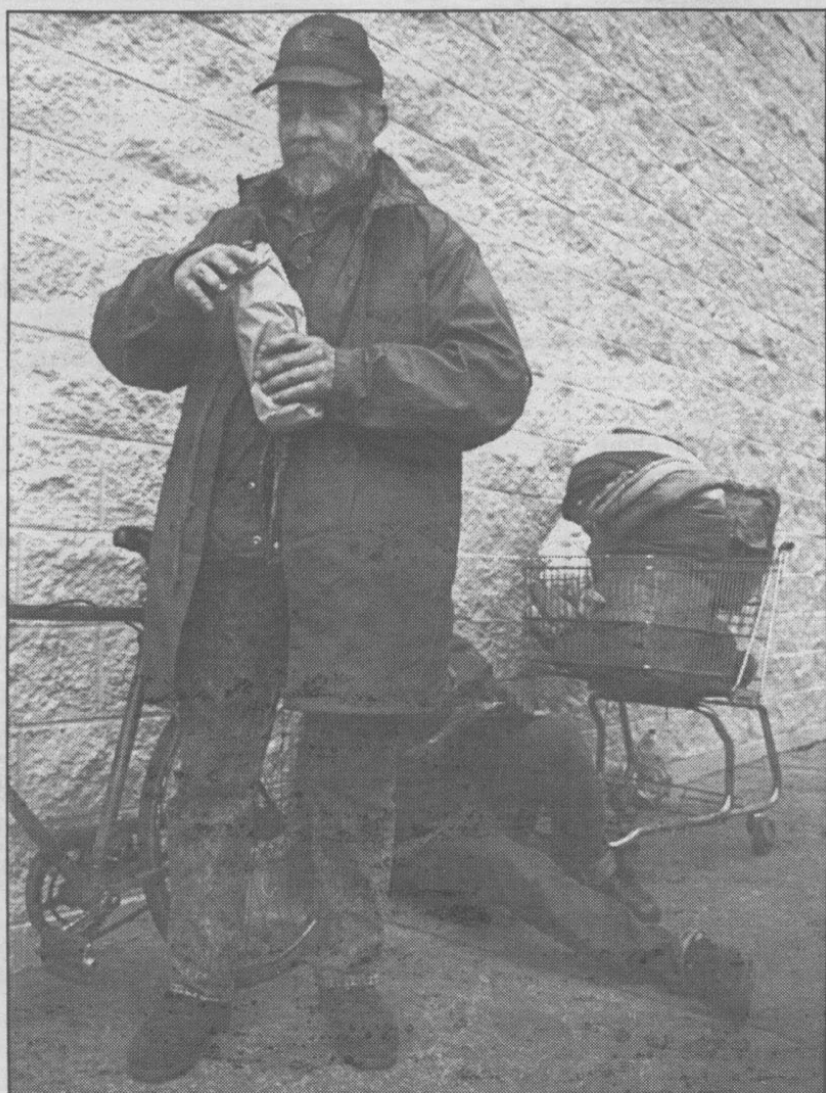


Brooklyn, N.Y., native Ron Erving has lived in many cities throughout the U.S. and is a Vietnam veteran, as is his friend, Moral. Asked why so many of the homeless population are Vietnam veterans, Erving replied: "Because the government doesn't have any money to pay us (support benefits)."



Photos and text by Chris Treloggen

"The only possession I care about is this lugnut I took off a semi-truck," says Moral. "It's the only thing I keep taking with me. I've had it 25 years."



Moral says their drink of choice is Old English beer "because we both like it." Adds Erving: "And it's cheap."



Local teenager Rachel Lee (center) offers sympathy to Erving in the form of cigarettes and loose change.

Campus News

Spanish-built train arrives in Albany for demonstration tour

sources as well as state resources. According to Schoaps, the Oregon share of the costs will come from a lottery fund **From Page One** that has been earmarked for the development of the high-speed rail system. Schoaps also stated that federal money has not been as forthcoming as the ODOT would like it to be, but that hopefully things will be changing soon.

Despite the costs, Ron Scheele of the ODOT said that the people of the Northwest are looking for alternative public transportation.

"We can't continue to build airports due to costs and the impact on the environment. This high-speed corridor is one way to solve these problems."

The Talgo began regular daily service between Seattle and Portland Friday, April 1 and will end on Sept. 30. Tickets are expected to cost approximately \$6 more than a regular Amtrak round-trip fare to Seattle or approximately \$30-\$37 depending on the day of the week when the trip is booked. Holiday and peak travel fares will be around \$44 for a round trip.

Passengers can make reservations by calling Amtrak at 1-800-USA-RAIL.



Photo by Michelle Harris

The Talgo Tilt Train pulls away from the Albany Amtrak Station after a 45-minute visit last Wednesday. The train recently began a daily service from Seattle to Portland and travels at an average of 79 mph.

New council members sworn into office

Former council members stand by via mentor program to help new leaders adjust to office

By Jim Schaefer
Of The Commuter

Eight students who ran unopposed last month for seats on the student council were installed Thursday.

The new council members are moderator Randy J. Brown; science/industry representative Connie Dunn; liberal arts/human performance representatives Angela Rivera and Julianne Loftus; and representative-at-large Eric Tipword.

Former business/health occupations representatives Jed Robinson and James Moody returned for a second council term. Although Robinson was sworn in as a student services/extended learning representative, he has been accepted for enrollment at Oregon State University and will be transferring. An application and interview process to find Robinson's replacement will begin soon.

College President Jon Carnahan swore in the new council members at a ceremony in the Alsea-Calapooia Room, and stated that the outgoing council's performance had created "big shoes for the incoming council to fill."

Rivera took up Carnahan's challenge

and expressed eagerness to serve the student body, boasting that "next year's council will have even bigger shoes to fill."

While the former council members have officially completed their obligations to student government, they'll be on hand during the upcoming term as part of a new mentor program. Instead of learning the procedures of their posts by trial and error, the new representatives will be walked through a transitional stage by their predecessors.

The result, old representatives say, is a smoother hand-off, allowing new representatives to spend less time learning about their duties, and more time carrying them out.

Parting shots

Here are some concerns that the old student council hopes will be dealt with by their successors:

America Leavenworth, student services/extended learning: Frustrated by student apathy; sees a need for a method to bring students together and raise council funds.

Brian Leavenworth, liberal arts/legislative coordinator: Hopes the council will continue to uphold, at the state level, the mission of community colleges to promote and support the success of individuals in our community, especially lower- and middle-income students.

Claudia Leavenworth, moderator: Concerned about the lack of extracurricular activities and participation in them.

James Moody, business/health occupations: Wants nursing field to have direct representation in student government.

Wendy Novak, liberal arts: Sees a need to work with students in order to change their attitudes towards others; concerned about lack of respect for the college and other students.

Jed Robinson, business/health occupations: Feels a permanent program should be implemented to monitor and maintain the student Rec Room.

New council comments

Here's a list of the newly-elected student council members, and a statement of concern or commitment from each:

Patty Brockman, student services/extended learning: Wants to reach the student body and make them aware of the council; more interaction between students and their representatives.

Randy J. Brown, moderator: Wants to use his skills and abilities to represent and serve the student body the best he can.

Connie Dunn, science/industry: Coordinator of the LBCC Women's Center; aims to generate awareness of the center and its role in promoting education and respect for women and men of all backgrounds.

Julianne Loftus, liberal arts/human performance: Says she'll use her experiences on the council as a stepping stone toward her ultimate goal—serving as the president of the United States.

James Moody, business/health occupations: Plans to serve on the budget committee and work to ensure that it is better informed and prepared for the budget process next year.

Angela Rivera, liberal arts/human performance: Hopes to get more students involved in the government process and promote cultural awareness.

Eric Tipword, representative-at-large: Looks forward to personal growth and learning about teamwork and leadership skills; concerned with the state of the oak trees in the east campus grove.

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Albany visionary breathes new life into Venetian theater

By N.D. persons Jr.
Of The Commuter

The Iron Works Auditorium, on first and Broadalbin in Albany, is receiving the final touches of its interior make-over and will be open for nightly rentals soon. The once-condemned theater remains as a reminder of Albany's industrious past and as a symbol of one citizen's hard work.

The old Venetian Theater was in a hopeless state. Its wooden walls and ceiling were built when thick asbestos "wall paper" seemed an innovation. The building, constructed by Burgraff, a local architect, was put up during the years 1910-1913. News of football games, divorce, motorcycle accidents, liquor runners, and public awareness speeches at "the Chautauqua" platform decorated the headlines of the Albany Democrat during that period. The "Hub City" boasted of a booming economy and a diverse community with a railroad "intersection" second only to Portland.

What seemed remarkable then has lost its luster by the time "now" comes around. And technology's by-product, historically, has been hazardous wastes. Draped with asbestos sheets that clung to the walls, contaminating the air with carcinogens, the Venetian had become a financial "pit."

But current owner Jim Brawner has never been one who passes up opportunity because of the hurdles that lie ahead. He looked past the obvious when he saw the old theater and instead focused on a vision he had of revamping the building.

But acquiring the \$27,000 it would cost to clean up the asbestos steadily became more and more discouraging. Then, with last year's spring break earthquake, an opportunity revealed itself to Brawner in a TV commercial.

While clicking through the stations and going over the financial situation in his mind, Brawner saw the light—government aid! Because the theater had been damaged in the quake, he found he qualified for "earthquake relief." A day later and the deadline to apply for the aid would have been up.



Photo by Chris Treloggen

Jim Brawner points out renovations underway in the new Iron Works building.

The Iron Works was forged of an "iron" will. Brawner paid for the building with "six months of hard work." The self-motivated Albany native moved back up north from Los Angeles a few years ago and negotiated a deal: "I bought a house for a dollar," he said. The run-down home looked beyond repair, but Brawner saw the potential.

He borrowed \$52,000 to fix the place up and in 1992 traded the rebuilt home for the condemned Venetian and a \$1,600 check. The only real profit was a continuation of his dreams.

In 1913 Albany was hopping! In hopes of luring settlers from back east and abroad, "The Hub City" sent out flyers boasting economic growth, lively entertainment, and a versatile community. The theater added to this expansive community.

The well-spoken, hard-working entrepreneur, Brawner, hopes the Iron Works will add to our

modern community the same festive spirit.

"I wanted to keep it a theater for stage productions," said Brawner, envisioning such big names as The Smothers Brothers and Rodney Dangerfield. He hopes to reestablish positive entertainment for the community. "Anything goes," said Brawner. But he's focusing on entertainment that is "family oriented," and that "reflects the community."

The title, "Iron Works," is the name of a company in Albany in the mid 1800s. The company's name can be seen scribed into the giant iron gear in a flower bed at Montieth Park and on a manhole cover on First Street beside First Interstate Bank in downtown Albany. Brawner says that the company was known for its innovative ideas in metal work.

And "Iron works is how we got here," said Brawner, explaining that his last business venture in Los Angeles was called Heavy Metal Salvage, a scrap metal salvage company run by his brother and him. The brothers made thousands hauling away iron, stainless steel, copper, aluminum, and nickel. The idea for the salvage company came to Brawner like a bulb illuminating, much like his idea to renovate the old Venetian theater.

Working for minimal wages at a service station, Brawner met an aging black man who was interested in a worthless automobile rear end. The older brother explained to Brawner its scrap metal value, and from there Brawner went door-to-door, business-to-business scraping up work.

The title Iron Works Auditorium is perfect because it not only maintains a link with Albany history, but also because it is autobiographical.

It was Brawner's "iron works" that facilitated his ownership of the theater. More importantly, owning and running Heavy Metal Salvage added to Brawner's skills as a negotiator and a businessman, skills that he used to work with the city to get the theater opened.

"This is the best little city in the world," said Brawner when asked how negotiations with the city went.

News Briefs

Welding Society Meeting

The AWS will offer a program tonight at Burgundy's Restaurant in Albany following its regular business meeting. The program, which begins at 8 p.m., features a report on "National Shipbuilding Research" and "Shipbuilding in Japan" by Frank Gatto, welding/metallurgical engineer at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. The report includes slides with robotic applications. The meeting is open to all with an interest in metals and welding.

Rape Awareness Workshop

Rape Awareness Week, April 11-15 is presented by ASOSU Saferide, and co-sponsors Amnesty International, Panhellenic Women's Center, and the National Organization for Women. Activities during this week include a "Take Back the Night" march, a theatrical performance, "Women and Violence in Theater", a self-defense workshop, and a benefit concert featuring Calobo. "We'd like to reach the community as much as we can,"

explained Kristin Spruill, education coordinator for ASOSU Saferide. "If we can get people to go home and think about things then we've done a great service." For more information call the ASOSU Saferide office at 737-2252.

Nursing Capping Ceremony

LBCC's 24th annual Nursing Ceremony will be held Thursday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the Takena Theater. This is the traditional capping ceremony in which freshman associate degree nursing students receive their caps, while sophomore students get a stripe for their caps. Following the ceremony is a reception. The event is free and the public is invited.

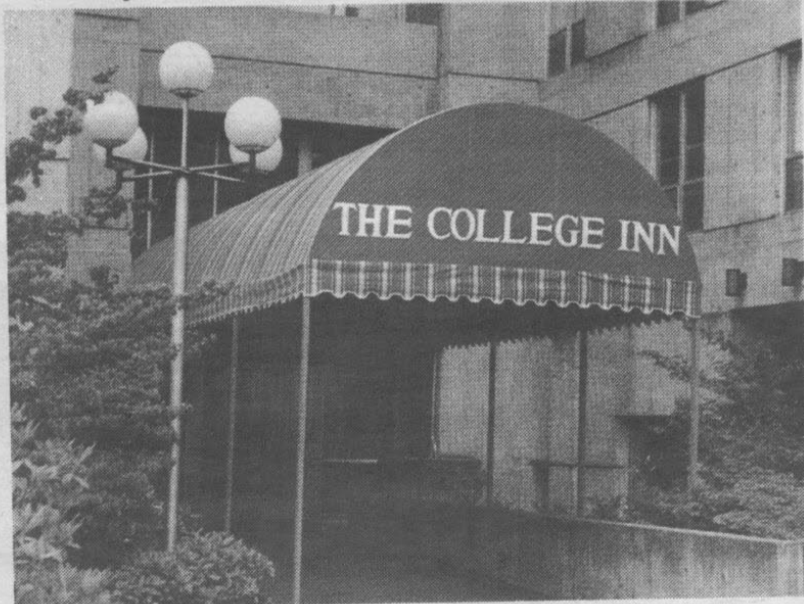
Fall Term to Begin Earlier

In order to coincide with the ending of Fall Term at OSU, Fall Term classes at LBCC will start one week earlier than usual, on Sept. 20. This change was decided by the Board of Education so it will be less difficult for students who attend both colleges to return to LBCC and complete finals.

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Baseball gets into the swing of things

With eight games already in the books, LB prepares itself for the tough league schedule, which will start this Saturday in Salem

By Zachary Spiegel
Of The Commuter

Moving right along into the spring, the 1994 Roadrunner baseball squad has stormed onto the field, powering out six wins in its first eight games.

Although head coach Greg Hawk says he's not totally satisfied with the team's overall effort, he is really excited for the start of the league season.

Hawk is going on his 11th season as the head coach of the Roadrunners. Prior to coming to LB, Hawk was a graduate assistant at Eastern Washington.

"After I graduated from Northwest Missouri State, my coach took a job in Washington and asked me if I would like to be his graduate assistant," commented Hawk. "My wife and I both left full-time jobs behind and moved to Washington. The next year this job opened up and I got it," added Hawk. He also added that he is very pleased to have moved here and is happily bringing up two lovely daughters.

League play opens up this Saturday with a double-header at Chemeketa. The Roadrunners seem to be a solid-hitting group of guys with a will to win, which is shown most by the Roadrunners' motivator and on-field leader Brad Horning.

"Brad leads by example," remarked Hawk. "He is one of the hardest working players I have ever coached."

Hawk said that the defense he has this year is very solid and should improve even more before the season is over. The pitching staff is led by returning starter Jeff Tuck, who "must have a good year if we are to compete in league," noted Hawk.

Matt Ross is the other returning pitcher from last year's club. Along with Tuck and Ross, the Roadrunners bring a quality list of newcomers to the staff. Brian Thompson, Rich Bell and Jason Bronson are three of the men who will throw a lot of innings for the team this spring.

Looking toward the end of the year, the ideal goal for the team is to win the NWAACC tournament and keep going from there.

LB has its first home game next Tuesday when they play host to the Linfield JV's in a doubleheader starting at 1:30 p.m.

Track team striding to stay competitive with only nine on roster

By Zachary Spiegel
Of The Commuter

The 1994 track season started out very shaky as only nine athletes were eligible to compete for the opening meet due to injuries, illnesses and grades.

"We had a lot more than nine people come out for the team, but being hit with all these unfortunate things, it really puts a damper on the season," commented head coach Brad Carman. "This is by far the smallest turnout that I have had since I came to the college five years ago."

Although the roster is small, Carman foresees individuals doing very well in their events and making a name for themselves within the league.

Scott McKinley is the only returning letter-winner off of last year's team and will have to show direction to the other members of the young, but talented team.

He has already started to do that with the way he has competed so far this year. In the Roadrunners' meet last Saturday, Scott placed second in the hammer with a throw of 143 feet 9 inches. "Scott is one of the best in the league at throwing the hammer," stated Carman.

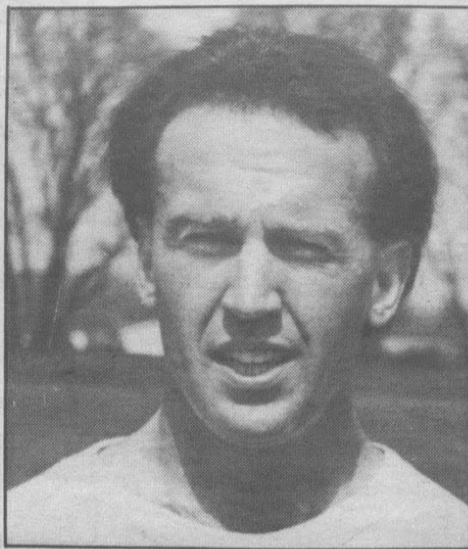
While Scott is one of the eight men on the roster, Shawna Rosa is the sole women competitor for LB. She competes in two events—javelin and discus—and is the whole source of points for the team in the women's division.

Carman remarked that the team will compete much better in open meets

and multi-school events because individual scoring will place a competitor higher than if it were a three-school event.

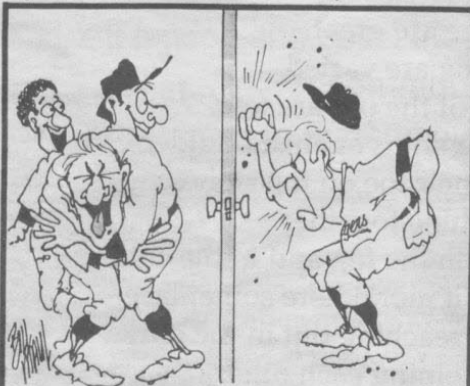
This Saturday LBCC is hosting a four-way meet with Clackamas, Lane and Mt. Hood.

With less than two months left in the season, the fine tuning for the league and regional championships is about to begin and the hard work will finally start to pay off.



Track Coach Brad Carman

Sports Hall of Shame by Nash & Zullo



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 mild intensity
 persistent, resistant, somewhat distant
 demanding privacy
 conflicting, restricting, contradicting
 draw magnetically
 clear blue eyes hypnotize
 the subject—willingly

Tammy J. Bails



(untitled)

You're not alone
 Alone by the phone

I had this girl
 Who meant all the world

She was my best friend
 But then again

We grew apart

What of this broken heart?

All I can say
 Learn by lessons each day

Never regret the past
 This love wasn't meant to last

It takes two
 It wasn't all her, It wasn't all you

Let it go
 Get on with your life

R.W.

Fly

I said..."I love you!"
 But you didn't reply.
 I looked in your eyes,
 And felt my heart die.

I whispered..."I miss you!"
 But there was no reply.
 I sat by my window,
 And heard the moon sigh.

I scream..."I HATE YOU!"
 She hears not my cry.
 I dream of the eagles,
 Look off the edge...and fly.

Chris Treloggen

The Landscape of Heartache

And angry was I
 And hurt was I
 Why is this happening to me was I.
 The grass still green
 The sky still blue
 Why is the rose still red?
 Then the trees were lush
 Then the blooms were scented
 Why are they being thrown away?
 The crystal is young
 The porcelain is tender
 Why should someone drop it?
 Sad am I
 Pained am I
 Why do this to me am I.

Hollow feeling of anger does not a conversation make,
 Scratches of ink on paper do not words make,
 Another's words love does not make,
 Tears does not a fool make.
 The sharing of minds is how a conversation is made,
 The shape of a thought is how a word is made,
 The blending of heart's ideals is how love is made,
 Tears are how words unspoken are made.

The pains of youth are many
 The fears of age are great,
 The paths of the young are varied
 The waysides of the old are few.
 The young crash their shins against boulders.
 The old stub their toe on the stones,
 Both all feel the sunshine together
 Both shudder in the fog and in the cold.
 Maybe there is a small moral here someplace
 Like the hand reaching out in the dark.
 We are meant to be helping each other
 We are meant to support the weak knees.

Stephen P. Hessel