

## Corvallis business owners brace for Borders invasion

by Ben Hughes  
 of The Commuter

The crowd sat wide-eyed and curious, waiting for a turn to speak at the Corvallis City Council work session that met Oct. 17 at the downtown fire station.

Visitors, land owners, business owners, and contractors made up that crowd, all determined to give their opinion on future and existing codes that allow big box stores like Borders Books to enter the Corvallis community.

The work session was a bit more formal than the Corvallis Independent Business Alliance (CIBA) meeting that took place on Oct. 9, where Corvallis music, coffee, and book store owners discussed their questionable future in the shadow of Borders, the book-selling giant.

Although the city council meeting was called to address the updating of the land development codes, it wasn't long until the mood and attention swung towards the uneven economic playing field that Borders and stores like it bring to the world of book-selling as well as the impact on the city's culture, community, and economy.

Borders Books company is owned by Borders Group, Inc., which also owns Walden Books. With over 1,000 chain-stores, Borders is one of the largest book, video and music retailer in the world. It brings in \$3 billion annually by offering some of the best prices cocooned in a cozy warehouse/city library atmosphere.

It is now just a matter of time until one of their chain stores occupies the old Cannery Mall on Ninth street in Corvallis, which is currently being gutted to accommodate the 22,000 square-foot space needed for the massive superstore.

Those who haven't been following this issue, or seen "You've Got Mail," a movie in which Tom Hanks plays a corporate bookstore owner, might not be in touch with the hype surrounding "big box" book retailers.

But Jack Wolcott, who owns Grass Roots bookstore at 227 S.W. Second in Corvallis and also attended the city council work session, spells the issue out quite

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Photos by James Bauerle

### Pumpkin Poachers

Adults and kids prowl through Grandpa's Pumpkin Patch east of Albany in search of the perfect pumpkin for Halloween. Among the visitors last weekend was LB grad Kelley Davis (left), who took home a 22-pounder. (More pictures on Page 4). Several offices on campus are getting decked out for the holiday and holding open houses on Tuesday, including the Marketing, Foundation and Computer Services offices in the College Center; SL&L in the Student Union; and the LRC.



## SL&L invites students to open house Oct. 31

by Michelle Mayo  
 of The Commuter

On Oct. 31 Student Life and Leadership will sponsor their fourth annual open house.

The doors will be open to SL&L, the Student Union, Student Lounge, Recreation Room, the Multicultural Center, and The Commuter Office from 11a.m. to 1p.m.

The open house gives an opportunity for students and staff to come in and get involved, said Tammi Paul-Bryant, director of Student Life and leadership.

Snacks and treats will be provided. There will also be a drawing for prizes and an espresso cart located outside of the SL&L office that will be giving away free drinks.

## Webcam technology brings distance education classes closer to home

by Lisa Paolo  
 of The Commuter

LBCC added new technology to its distance education program this term, bringing the classroom to students in the Corvallis and Lebanon extension centers.

The Instructional Television courses (ITV) permit students at the Benton and Lebanon centers to see, hear and talk to the instructor over the video network while the class is in session from the main campus.

LBCC offers two classes in this program, Math 111 and Writing 95. According to Media Services Coordinator Paul Snyder, a micro economics course will be added winter term and program coordinators hope to add to the list of courses offered in the near future.

Until recently, Snyder said, the ITV classrooms were equipped with a microphone and intercom at each seat to allow the students at the centers to ask the instructors

questions while the class is being taught. They also had a one-way video system allowing the students to see the instructor on the Albany campus, but the instructors were unable to see the students.

That changed Oct. 17 when a camera was placed at the centers so the instructors can see the students via the Internet.

Karen Chambers, the instructor for Writing 95, is pleased with how the program is going. She said the students are very enthusiastic about it and "have really bonded with each other." They get to participate in really fun activities even though they are at a different location.

She also added that she would like to tell any students interested in the program to not be intimidated by learning via television.

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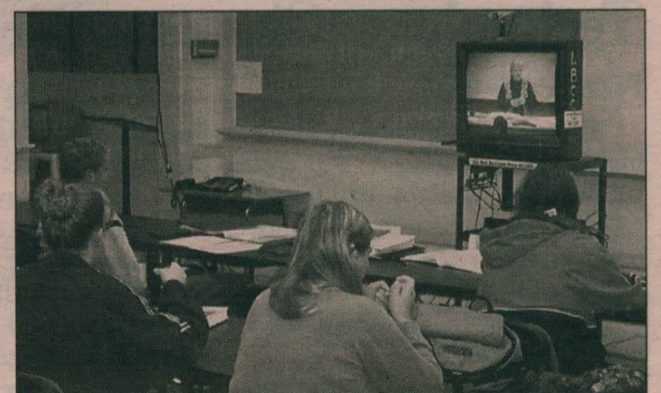


Photo by Paul Snyder

Students at the Benton Center participate in Susan Knights' Math 111 class. The class is transmitted from the main campus, which gets a return video from the webcam on top of the TV.



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## OFF BEAT

### If at first you don't succeed

Despite a determined and prolonged effort, a Croatian policeman and his girlfriend failed in their attempt at double suicide. They first took an overdose of sleeping pills washed down with alcohol, which didn't kill them. They then got into a car, started it up and ran a hose from the exhaust pipe to where they were sitting. When he woke up alive, the cop shot himself through the head. He survived that, too, prompting his girlfriend to abandon the plan and call an ambulance.

### The cops made me do it

Hauled into court on a charge of unlawful restraint and sexual imposition, Scott Winsor, 35, a McDonald's manager, claimed he strip-searched two young female employees because a police detective phoned the restaurant and told him to do it. He told a judge that he believed the man on the phone was a Zanesville, Ohio, policeman investigating a theft, and Winsor was cooperating by strip-searching Stacy Carruthers, 19, and Sara Quick, 18. Authorities said that the man on the phone was apparently impersonating a cop. The girls' parents have filed a civil suit.

### Best to watch your back

Charles Hudson was sent out to a federal clean-up site on Kodiak Island, Alaska, to watch for bears. While he was dutifully walking about and trying to spot the wild beasts, a grizzly came up from behind and mauled him. He is OK.

—From the TMS News Service

## SL&L offers students two-day trip to Warm Springs

by Allen Garner  
of The Commuter

Student Life and Leadership will sponsor a trip to the Warm Springs Reservation on Nov. 10-11 so students can learn about Wasco and Paiute cultures there.

The two day trip will be part of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Education Weekend.

Students will go to the Museum at Warm Springs which is nationally rec-

ognized for its architecture and exhibits. Students can look at artifacts, see exhibits of a Wasco wedding, a hoop dance, and a song chamber, along with other displays. They will also attend a Veteran's Day Pow Wow and go to a fish hatchery to learn about the Spring Chinook Salmon and its significance to the tribes.

Tammi Paul Bryant, director of Student Life and Leadership said that she wants students "to gain more apprecia-

tion of the tribes" and to know "what a rich diversity we have in Oregon."

This is the first year that Student Life and Leadership has conducted this trip. The idea came from a request from students last year, and SL&L has been working on it since last spring.

Students can sign up at the Student Life and Leadership Office. There is room for 11 students and the cost is \$ 25—which covers everything except meals.

## LB's Equestrian Club trots into the ring

by Gelina Inches  
of The Commuter

After serving as a social and educational club for the past five years, LBCC's Equestrian club has decided to step into the ring and compete with other colleges.

In the past, the club was more of a social gathering for horse management majors. "This year we wanted to compete because it's another activity for the school, and it's a great learning experience," said Jim Lucas, chair of LB's animal science department, and co-coach of the equestrian club.

The Intercollegiate Horse Show Association is an organization in which community colleges or universities may be sanctioned to compete. LBCC is in Zone 8, which includes all schools on the West Coast, and in Region 3, which puts them in competition against Washington, Utah, Idaho, Montana and schools within Oregon.

On Oct. 20-21, nine of the 22 students involved with the club competed at the University of Oregon. The competitors: Alyssia Polley, Rebecca Lee, Heather Carpenter, Robin Mason, Alexis McKeon, Carly Dye, Rachel Brandtner, Jamie Wages and Lisa Stetter.

The students competed in two different events, hunt seat on flat and hunt seat over fences. The events require different styles of riding, Western style and the English style, which is a more straight forward ride. "We did better in Western riding than in the English riding," stated Lucas.

The team had four people place second, three thirds, one placed in fourth, four fifth places, and one person placed sixth. "We have some fine riders, it's nice because you can compete in all levels even if you're a beginner," said Lucas.

On Nov. 18-19 the club is competing at Oregon State University. Because the lack of funding the club was not able to attend



Photo by Lisa Jimenez

Equestrian Club members Marissa Walker and Robin Mason warm up their horses, Dee Dee and Hershey, before practice at the horse barn in Corvallis.

the Brigham Young University horse show in Provo, Utah, or a competition in Montana. "We don't have any support from the school's budget. I already put in the paper work to the board, to plead a case for money," said Lucas.

The Intercollegiate Horse Show Association can be found at [www.ihsa.com](http://www.ihsa.com)

## Two LB scholars sought for state and national scholarship program

of Nicole Scott  
of The Commuter

The Oregon Community College Association is offering prestigious scholarships to LBCC students.

The two winners of this scholarship will represent LBCC in the Oregon Community College Association's Outstanding Student Scholar program and in the

USA Today all star program. These two programs are sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa, the national honor society for two-year colleges. The scholarship is a \$1,000 award for an in-state college transfer. Students receiving the award will also be eligible for other scholarships. In order to be eligible for the scholarship, students must be enrolled at LBCC at

least through December, maintain a minimum GPA of 3.25, and graduate between Sept. 1, 2000 and Aug. 31, 2001.

Last year's PTK scholarship winners were Sasha Avakora, a pre-law major from Astrakhan, Russia, now attending OSU and Jin Wang, a business administration major from Shanghai, People's Republic of China, who now attends

George Fox University.

The deadline to apply for this scholarship is Nov. 10, 2000. Interested students can pick up and drop off applications at the counseling center. The two students chosen will be notified by Nov. 17, 2000.

For more information contact Rosemary Bennett at 917-4796 or go to Takena Hall, room 101.

## Technology: Classes at Benton, Lebanon centers can now interact with main campus

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"It is such a different experience teaching this way," she said. "It is a pleasant surprise how well this had turned out."

With the success of this innovation, Snyder hopes that additional ITV courses will be available in Sweet Home and at other locations in Linn and Benton counties in the future.

Previously, interactive education pro-

grams were transmitted by a satellite dish, making it more expensive, Snyder said. A two-way video system used to cost thousands of dollars for the equipment alone and an additional \$100 per hour of use. By using the Internet, the cost is only the price of the camera, which was around \$500, according to Snyder.

The program is designed to give students better access to transfer courses

that were previously unavailable to them. So far, the students and instructors involved with the ITV courses are pleased with the program's success.

"I just couldn't be happier with the program," said Snyder, who also coordinates the distance education program.

He said the students like it because they are able to work in groups and discuss the information with each other.

Snyder said the students often arrive early to class and stay late in order to help each other and go over things discussed in the previous classes.

Snyder also praised the program's instructors for their part in making the courses work.

"The instructors we have are excellent," he said. "We are really very fortunate to have them with us."

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Corvallis opens skate park

Area's largest skate park opens to good reviews from skateboarders and in-line skaters

by David Miller  
of The Commuter

A new skate park opened in Corvallis last week, and the place is already flowing with extreme skaters, both young and old.

"It is a great skate park for experienced and unexperienced skaters alike," said Dan Eden, director of the Corvallis Parks and Recreation Department.

The park, which is located under the overpass off of Highway 34 south of downtown, is 14,000 square feet and cost \$291,000 to build.

It was placed under the overpass to make it accessible from walkways, bike paths and a parking lot, Eden said. It also allows for some protection from the weather, although not all of the park is completely covered.

In contrast to Albany's year-old skate park, which has half pipes and quarter pipes, this park is built more for the street skaters, said Eden.

Last week, about 10 people were standing around and watching about 30 skaters in action, making one wonder if this will become the next spectator sport.

"I enjoy watching the skaters do some of their tricks," said one young lady. "It is really awesome."

Corvallis joins Albany and Philomath as cities with skate parks that have opened in the past year.

"There are so many parks now, people don't have to drive half a day to go and skate," said Eden. "They are all different in their own ways."

Skaters have different opinions on which skate park is best. Some of the skaters interviewed last week at the Corvallis park said that Corvallis is bigger and better than Albany's park, but isn't as challenging.

"It is a great course for people who are just learning how to skate," said Justin Pierce, a high school student who was teaching his little brother how to do some tricks.

"This is a great place for me to go and relax," added an OSU student, "it gets me out of my room where I spend 20 hours a week studying."



Photo by Lisa Jimenez

Joey Heffner tries out the Corvallis skate park, which opened two weeks ago.

## Borders: Independent bookstores claim Borders has too many competitive advantages

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clearly.

Wolcott explains that book superstores don't operate on the same playing field as smaller, independent bookstores. Stores like Borders buy large quantities of books at a time, which qualifies them for a bigger discount. This gives them a huge financial edge. It is also one of the main reasons why more than 2,000 U.S. bookstores have gone belly-up since 1993, he says.

Others feel the same way when it comes to competing with Borders. "It's like stepping in front of a big truck—you don't want to do it," said Phil Pike, a clerk at The Book End in Corvallis and a past bookstore owner.

Some might argue that competition is the American way, but Wolcott believes that it's not the increase in competition but the way that Borders competes that worries many local business owners.

"It is in their business plan to come in and use the leverage they have accumulated around the country, buy their position in town, and at a later time when the competition is gone they get the profits back. Big box businesses do not play fair."

He adds that the problem lies not only in the prices, but also the way they do business with publishers. As more and more independent bookstores go out of business, independent publishers lose their marketplace. This leaves a bigger part of the market to major publishers, who are influenced by superstores' buying behavior to publish mostly big sellers instead of the special interest books that many Americans love, Wolcott says.

"If all we're left with is the consolidation of the publishing industry, just a few publishers producing all the books, then the major publishers determine what books get published," he said. "By that time it is too late to do anything about it. It is a trend that is extremely difficult to reverse and if people are not aware of it they are going to lose the freedom of choice down the road."

Wolcott, who has been around for 30 years, and says he has no problem with competition. "I love books and I support anything that gets books to people. Borders will carry books that we don't carry or are not interested in selling. I have no problem with another bookstore coming to town. I have a real problem with their business practices—on how they treat the small independent publishers and authors."

Wolcott also explained how Borders may be using their power to create an unfair advantage in acquiring and paying for books.

When Borders places an order for hundreds of books they receive a higher discount. They take those books, advertise them heavily and display them prominently.



Photo by Lisa Jimenez

Workers have gutted the old Cannery Mall on Ninth Street in Corvallis to get it ready for Borders Books.

Once they have sold as many copies of the book as possible, they send the rest back and receive credit for the ones they didn't sell—but still receive the discount for purchasing the huge quantity. Meanwhile, the average independent book dealer is unable to get that popular book in his store because the large orders placed by the superstores took all of the books that were printed.

The American Booksellers Association (ABA) frowns on such business practices and has a current lawsuit pending against Borders. One of ABA's objectives is to make Borders answer some questions: Is the publisher paying Borders to stock the books? Are the books being paid for on time?

The Commuter's attempts to get Borders' answers to these questions were unsuccessful—Borders' public relations officers did not return The Commuter's calls.

Is Corvallis ready for or does it want a Borders in their community? There is a big difference between Borders entering a town already filled with book stores, like Beaverton, and entering a town like Corvallis—whose college culture is fueled by independent businesses and a close-knit community atmosphere.

But even if people from Corvallis don't want a Borders in their community, it might be too late. Under the current development codes, Borders is within their rights to build on Ninth Street. In fact, any business can move to town as long as it abides by existing land codes that apply to that area of Corvallis. Once they ask for a

variance in the code, the city council holds a public hearing where citizens can make their voice heard, according to Wolcott.

He added, "We are the ones that told the Corvallis Gazette Times that Borders was coming. They were keeping it a secret for a while. We would rather these things be announced and that they ask for permission to come to town. That way the citizens have a chance to say 'yes' or 'no'."

The Community Vitality Act (CVA), which is supported by the CIBA, has plans to change land development codes in Corvallis. According to one of their fliers, CIBA strives "to enhance the vitality of our community through supporting non-formula, unique businesses, providing education, and partaking in city action."

The CVA has been put to use in many states. According to [www.boulder-iba.org](http://www.boulder-iba.org), Carmel and Solvary, Calif. used the CVA to make sure "all restaurants are non-formal establishments." In Mill Valley, Calif., it was used to require stores larger than 1,500 square feet to apply for a special permit. Santa Cruz and Palm Beach, Calif., used it to "create policies designed to limit formula business for the purpose of keeping their community intact." Plymouth, Mass., started a policy that requires buildings over 6,000 square feet to meet higher standards of review, and big box stores larger than 24,000 square feet are prohibited in part of town.

One of the proposed advantages of having a Borders in town is that people who spend money at stores like Borders out of town would be spending it in town.

But, according to Rebecca Landis, one of the participants in the city council work session, "Our students are too busy to be practicing

mall rats. The only way to stop students from spending money outside of Corvallis would be to stop them from going home and seeing their parents. And I think we all can agree that would be a bad idea."

And as far as student families shopping here, Landis said, "Why would these families want to shop at cookie-cutter stores and restaurants that they have back home? I think what students and families remember about Corvallis is the unique qualities that we are trying to preserve."

For store owners such as Wolcott and Lee Castleman, owner of The Book End, the distinctive personal characteristics worth saving in our independent book stores are really no different from the unique qualities worth saving in Corvallis.

*"It is in their business plan to come in and use the leverage they have ..., buy their position in town, and at a later time when the competition is gone they get the profits back. Big box businesses do not play fair."*

—Jack Wolcott

# Picking the Perfect Pumpkin

Roadside stand grows into popular pumpkin patch

by Lori Weedmark  
of The Commuter

Kids of all ages gathered at Grandpa's Pumpkin Patch on Saturday in search of the "great pumpkin" amongst the field of giant orange orbs.

Located about nine miles east of Albany on Highway 226, Grandpa's Pumpkin Patch has been growing pumpkins for the public for about eight years.

The patch encompasses four and one-half acres on Mike and Chris Christensen's 200-acre family farm.

"We started out selling extra pumpkins on the side of the road," said Chris Christensen. "It grew into the pumpkin patch, named Grandpa's be-

cause our girls were born around the same time it was started."

In addition to pumpkins, the farm also offers hayrides and a cornstalk maze. Sounds of laughter come from the corn field as kids wind their way through the stalks of corn, running into a few dead-ends with some well placed scare-crows to give them a fright.

The Christensen's also grow a variety of vegetables, strawberries, and row crops such as corn and beans and some grass seed on their picturesque 200 acres.

Grandpa's Pumpkin Patch is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. through October 31.



Photos by James Bauerle

Two-year-old Henry Spires dons his hat and wanders through the patch looking for a pumpkin of his own.



Nick Goble of Albany takes advantage of a muddy spot at Grandpa's Patch to practice his sliding technique.



Mike Christensen, pumpkin patch owner/operator, weighs pumpkins for customers Saturday afternoon.

## LB connects students with help for family problems

Family Connections provide counseling, classes and referrals to students struggling with parents and kids

by Kate Sandstorm  
of The Commuter

LBCC students with children can learn how to balance their lives through a wide variety of resources offered at Family Connections.

The program offered at LBCC, whose name truly reflects their purpose, is staffed by educators willing to help those students seeking help with family issues. When students become overwhelmed in parenting and need help balancing their lives, assistance is avail-

able through Family Connections at the Work Force Education Building on the LBCC campus.

Susie Nelson, parent counselor, with a B.S. in Child Development and Human Relations and an M.A. in Elementary Education, is one of at least seven program coordinators, instructors and trainers at Family Connections.

Her main focus is dealing with helping kids during school. Family issues range from child care referrals to behavioral issues.

Students with children suffering from behavioral problems such as anger management or divorce-related issues are addressed through counselors. For example, biting, sleeping, crying, and eating disorders are all behavioral issues

students experience. Students want to know "how do I do it all, and be it all" Nelson adds.

Family Connections provides referrals for child care. For children to attend Headstart, students must meet eligibility based on income.

Although it is the parents' responsibility to determine the quality of care for their child, Family Connections offers a check list in order for the parent to choose what facility would be best for their child/children. Family Connections does not make recommendations.

Classes offered through the Live and Learn programs help students learn to handle issues about their baby, toddler, 2-year-old, or children with special needs. Scholarships are available to aid in

tuition costs. Child-care teacher and provider-training classes are also available. These are offered as credit and non-credit classes.

Families with "special needs children" are able to make connections to resources offered in the community. Developmental screenings are performed to detect concerns early in the child's life. Early intervention is available in all counties for children up to 5 years old.

Help is just a phone call away—at 917-4899—or students can visit Family Connections Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

More information is available on the program's website, located at [www.lbcc.cc.or.us:80/familyresources/familyconnections](http://www.lbcc.cc.or.us:80/familyresources/familyconnections).

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Setting the record straight on Halloween's pagan origins

by Chad Richins  
of The Commuter

*"Haaaaalloweeeen, straaaange things seen,  
ghosts may walk, skeletons talk  
on haaaaalloweeeen."*

—traditional children's song

If Halloween is your favorite holiday, you may not want to read this article.

I say this in the spirit of keeping your illusions about the season alive, because if you believe that on Oct. 31, witches all over the world fly around with pointy hats on broomsticks looking for children to eat, or if you think that the true origins of the holiday go back to Druidic traditions of human sacrifice, you might want to question your beliefs.

The wealth of misinformation on the subject of Halloween traditions and origins is vast. It permeates our culture to the point where it is hard to decide what to believe.

Most recently, Halloween has become a distinctly American tradition of fantasy, humor and disguise. Some people see it as a child's holiday when the kids can get dressed up and go trick or treating, or to a safer indoor equivalent. Others have taken the notion it is for everybody, throwing themselves into the celebration wholeheartedly. For some, the enjoyment lies in creating a world of magic where everything is possible, and for others it is the attraction of becoming someone (or something) else for a day.

There are few things people agree on when it comes to Halloween, and so it has become a highly personalized holiday to be celebrated (or not) whichever way one wishes.

What is a widely accepted truth about Halloween is that it made its first appearance in the New World with Irish immigrants who brought the tradition to America with them. Halloween has been associated with the

Roman Catholic holy day All Saint's Day for centuries in Europe. The night before the Catholic holiday is known as All Hallow's Eve, and falls on the last day of October. "Hallow" being another word for sacred, and "een" being a contracted version of evening, the name Halloween was born.

Many Christians take a cynical view of the holiday and its supposed association with the occult. Evidence supporting this is all but impossible to find, and authorities on the subject roundly dispel rumors that connect Celtic or Druid religions with animal or human sacrifice.

According to Issac Bonwits in "Defining Paganism", the term "pagan" may come from the Latin "paganus," which appears to have originally had such meanings as "country dweller," "villager," or "hick." The Roman army used it to refer to civilians, and the early Roman Christians used "pagan," to refer to everyone who preferred to worship pre-Christian deities.

There may be people out there today who harm animals or people in the practice of some version of paganism, but most practicing Pagans today deride them as "misguided" and "sick". In actuality, most pagan religions revered life and were deeply rooted in the seasons and natural cycles of life.

Christian leaders often placed their own holidays to coincide with pagan celebrations, in order to co-opt the date and blur the lines between them and the peoples they would convert. Pope Julius I originally placed Christmas on Dec. 25 in A.D. 350, that being the exact date of the celebration of the bull god Mithras.

This is curious because most biblical scholars believe that Jesus was born in the summer, or late spring, and so it may have been done to help facilitate the conversion of people who were holding to their pre-Christian beliefs.

As for the symbols of Halloween, the pumpkin could not have been an ancient symbol because it is a New World plant and wasn't grown in Europe until modern times. The witch—well, ask any practicing Wiccan what they think of that image if you have the time. The black cat was often associated with "witches" because of its nocturnal nature and its predilection for multiple sexual partners, which is a biological necessity for felines as it turns out. Scarecrows have an obvious connection to fall and harvest, and skeletons

are those crazy bones that each of us carry around but never want to actually see.

So make it what you will, have fun, but

don't go crazy and hurt anyone. It's not that kind of holiday.



Artwork by Joe Ellingson

## Campus restaurant opens its doors for sumptuous evening dinner

by Chad Richins  
of The Commuter

Starting this evening you can now get a chance to sample the delicious fare at our very own Santiam Room restaurant for dinner.

Today through Nov. 29 the Santiam Room will be open for dinner from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday (except for Thursday, Nov. 2).

According to their recent press re-

lease, they will be offering, "nightly specials plus delectable items like grilled marinated sirloin, poached salmon, sautéed pork loin, grilled chicken breast, accompanied by side dishes and soup or salad." Prices range from \$7.00 to \$8.50, with specials costing slightly more. Also don't forget to try their famous Santiam Room desserts.

Call for reservations at 917-4392.

## Wanted: Standup guys and gals for improv

by Chad Richins  
of The Commuter

Ever wanted to be on the show Whose Line Is It Anyway?

Well if you can beat the stage fright factor and are good at improvisation, you can join a group of players now

forming here on campus.

Or you could just come and watch. The group meets every Friday at 2 o'clock in Forum 104.

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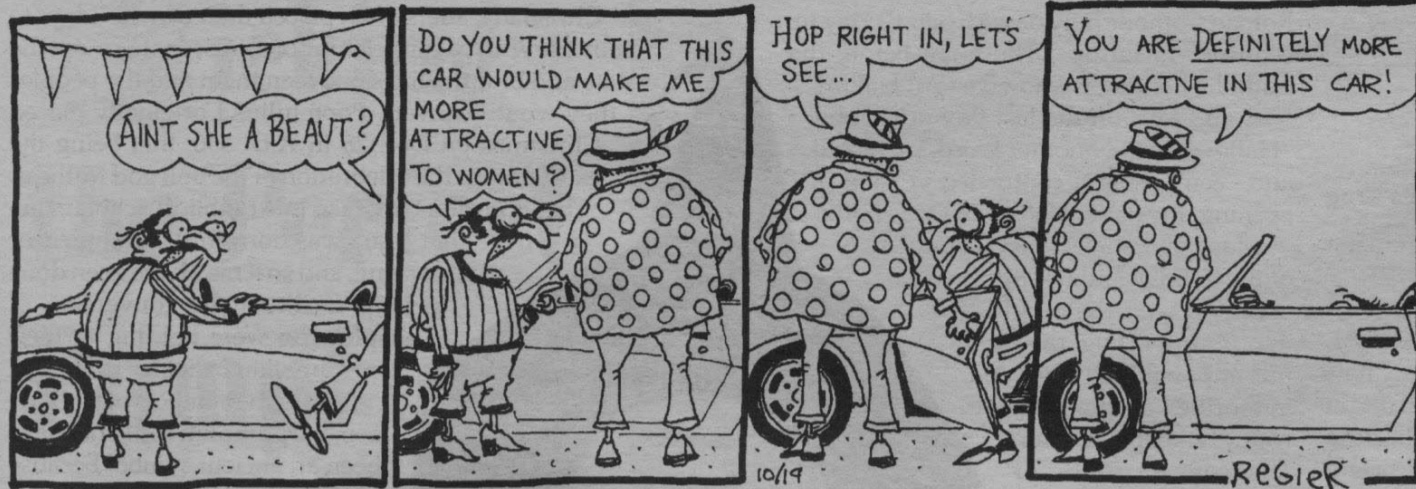
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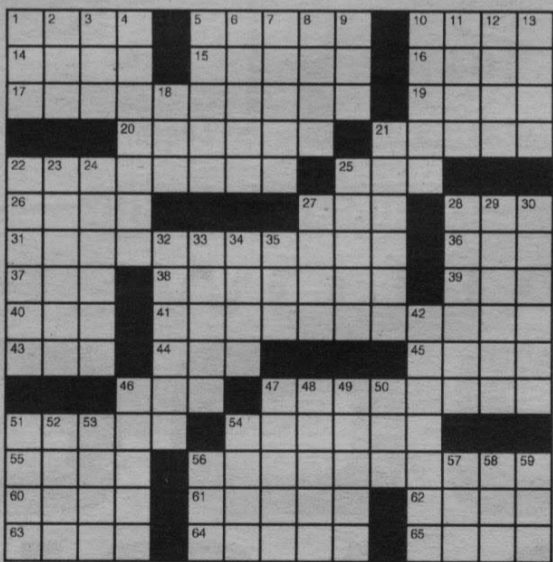
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  - 15 Alphabetical quintet
  - 16 "Rape of the Lock" poet
  - 17 Solid-state circuit part
  - 19 Legal claim
  - 20 Scram!
  - 21 Post-Christmas events
  - 22 Releases a grip
  - 25 Confirmed
  - 26 Stable female
  - 27 That woman
  - 28 Org. of Giants
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  - 36 "\_\_\_ You Being Served?"
  - 37 Nest-egg \$
  - 38 Type of overcoat
  - 39 "\_\_\_ the season to be..."
  - 40 Water damage
  - 41 Nonfiction
  - 43 Sheep-ette
  - 44 Escort's offer
  - 45 Progress like The Blob
  - 46 Clouds' milieu
  - 47 Architect Eero
  - 51 Dull finish
  - 54 Unguents
  - 55 Needle case
  - 56 Situational
  - 60 Memorizing process
  - 61 Grade-B Western
  - 62 Austen novel
  - 63 Flightless fowl
  - 64 Creative movement of the '60s
  - 65 Beams



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  - 5 Lures
  - 6 Ancient fabulist
  - 7 Book before Philemon
  - 8 Geezer
  - 9 "Ben \_\_\_"
  - 10 Wet impact
  - 11 Work hard
  - 12 Fencer's tool
  - 13 Writing tools
  - 18 Bering or Ross
  - 21 Handled
  - 22 Strike caller?
  - 23 Straight's partner?
  - 24 Bring into being
  - 25 Let's hear it
  - 27 Tends the children
  - 28 Country
  - 29 Decorative horizontal band on a wall
  - 30 Reduce
  - 32 Mental grasp
  - 33 Wed
  - 34 Desirable assignment
  - 35 Golf-hole start
  - 42 Revel noisily
  - 46 Eyelid swellings
  - 47 "Miracle on 34th Street" character
  - 48 Make ends meet?
  - 49 Prevent
  - 50 Actor Harrison
  - 51 Only just
  - 52 Tiny particle
  - 53 Ballerina's skirt
  - 54 Cleansing agent
  - 56 Talk baby talk
  - 57 Ms. Thurman
  - 58 Irving or Tan
  - 59 Notes of scales

## CLASSIFIEDS

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention **HISPANIC TRANSFER STUDENTS**: Scholarship Management Services is now accepting applications for EMI/Selena Scholarships Program. Additional information and applications are available at the Learning Center. Applications must be postmarked by **December 1, 2000**.

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Improvisational group needs creative, fast thinkers, so if you like to have fun and always wanted to laugh until your sides hurt, please come to the Forum @ 2:00-3:00 every Friday. Food will be provided. So please come. Participation is optional.

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### CLASSIFIED POLICY

**Deadline:** Ads accepted by 5 p.m. Friday will appear in the following Wednesday issue. Ads will appear only once per submission. If you wish a particular ad to appear in successive issues, you must re-submit it.

**Cost:** Ads that do not solicit for a private business are free to students, staff and faculty. All others are charged at a rate of 10 cents per word, payable when the ad is accepted.

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## Commons Menu

Oct. 18 - Oct. 24

### Wednesday

- Pot Roast
- Chicken Burrito
- Grilled Vegetable w/ Quinoa
- Soups: French Onion & Corn Chowder
- Thai Chicken Salad

### Thursday

- Liver & Onions
- Croque Monsieur w/ Potato Salad
- Grilled Vegetable Pizza
- Soups: Cream of Tomato & Chicken Noodle
- Baja Shrimp Salad

### Friday

Chef's Choice

### Monday

- Baked Ham
- Beef Goulash
- Smoked Mozzarella & Vegetable Frittata
- Soups: Potage au Pistou & Beef Barley
- Mustard Chicken Salad

### Tuesday

- Chicken & Dumplings
- Chili Verde
- Vegetable Strudel
- Soups: Puree Mongole & Albondigas Sopa
- Vietnamese Shrimp Salad

## SPORTS PAGE

## Roadrunners secure spot in championship tournament

LB women's volleyball team currently 3rd in league with a 7-3 record

by Christina Laramore  
of The Commuter

The Roadrunners broke new ground this season by securing a spot in the NWAACC championship tournament, something that has never been done before, according to Athletic Director Greg Hawk.

"This has been a great year so far," said Hawk. "We have never been to the championships since I have been here, and I have been here for 19 years."

The Runners have guaranteed this spot with a 7-3 record and third place position in the Southern Region.

Over the weekend LBCC beat Southwestern Oregon 15-12, 8-15, 15-10, 14-16, 15-10, making SWOCC's record 3-8. The Roadrunners then defeated Umpqua the following day 16-14, 15-10, 15-6, dropping Umpqua's record to 2-8.

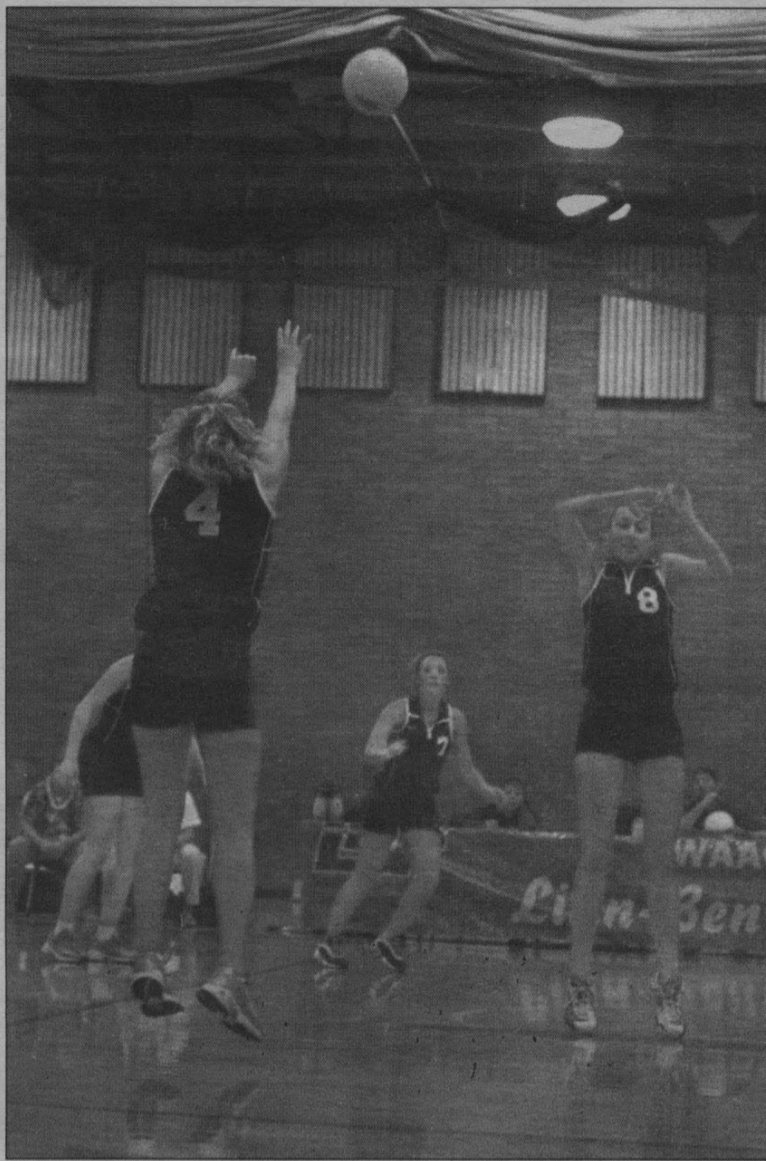
Friday night's match against the SWOCC Lakers could have gone either way and the final outcome came down to a deciding game 5.

LB started out game 1 against SWOCC with a 3-0 score before the Lakers came back with a swift kill to the middle for the side out. The Runners stayed ahead of the Lakers throughout most of the game until SWOCC came up with some swift, thunderous kills that LB could not react to. After some quick digs and solid blocks by the Lakers the game was tied at 9-9 and from that point on the score stayed very close until the Runners took advantage of the Lakers out of control spikes and eventually, after three game point opportunities, won the match 15-12.

Game 2 started out slow for the Roadrunners, as they fell behind 0-5 in the first plays of the game. SWOCC played more intense in this game, blocking almost every spike by Jamie Caster, and coming up with some swift digs off of hard hit balls. LB started to come back after some solid serves by Shannon Gerding and Dani Arlyn. Gerding and Arlyn both have 15 aces and are serving for 63% this season. Despite excellent serving by Gerding and Arlyn, the Runners couldn't come back and dropped game 2 8-15.

The Runners began game 3 the same way they started game 1, with a 4-0 score. SWOCC scored one point, making the score 4-1, but couldn't score another point due to Jamie Caster's kills and Sarah Towns' assists. Caster so far has 79 kills in 24 games and Towns has 247 assists in 24 games. SWOCC started to go after it and the rest of the game was filled with hard kills, swift digs, and long rallies. After one rally containing six kills and nine digs between the two teams, one LB fan said "This is exciting volleyball." The Lakers started to come back to within just a few points of the Roadrunners, but were no match for the quick movements of Gerding or the solid blocks of Sheryl Baga, losing the game 15-10.

The Roadrunners were 2-1 in the match, but this time SWOCC started out game 4 with a 4-0 score until LB came back with a solid block for the side out and a thunderous kill by Baga to score the point. The game stayed close and intense, with players throwing their bodies all over the court to save the ball.



Dani Arlyn (left) sets the ball over Patience Baker to Shannon Gerding for the kill, while Sarah Whistler (above) attempts a solo block on a soft tip by a SWOCC player. An LB defender (below) "pancakes" the ball in order to save the play, while Dani Arlyn and Shannon Gerding move in to help. The Roadrunners defeated Southwestern Oregon and Umpqua in back to back games, increasing their league record to 7-3, guaranteeing them a spot in the NWAACC Championship Tournament which will be held Nov. 11-18 at Mount Hood Community College in Gresham.

Photos by James Bauerle



When the score reached 10-12, SWOCC outside hitter Birgitta Christiansen received a yellow card when she argued over a call with the referees. With the SWOCC players frustrated, the Runners increased their level of play, tying the game at 12-12 and again at 14-14, before falling to the Lakers 14-16.

With the match tied 2 games to 2, every player knew that whoever played the best in game 5 would win the match. The game stayed close, with the first point going to SWOCC, and then evening up at 2-2. LB had some monstrous kills but SWOCC had some tremendous digs, getting everything that came their way. Roadrunner Dani Arlyn came on strong then, helping the team out with some great sets and leading them to a strong victory and a score of 15-10, winning the game and the match.

After Friday night's intense and heated match against SWOCC, the Roadrunners came into the game Saturday looking to have some fun. The coaches were wearing Hawaiian shirts and the girls on the bench were decked out in leis

to advertise the Hawaiian dance they held later that night at LB.

Match 1 held some confusion for the Umpqua Timberwomen as they tried to figure out who was playing which position. LB took advantage of it, leading 5-0 before Umpqua finally got a side out and a point. Umpqua started to rally back with monstrous blocks and nicely placed serves. The Timberwomen had the game tied with the Roadrunners at 6-6, 7-7, 8-8, 9-9, 10-10, and 14-14 before LB took advantage of the Timberwomen's frustration at not being able to move

ahead and defeated them 16-14.

In the second game of the match the score was close, but LB stayed focused throughout the game while Umpqua did not. LB defeated the Timberwomen 15-10. Game 3 went the same way, with LB coming up with big plays and Umpqua never got any higher than six points, finally losing the game and the match 15-6.

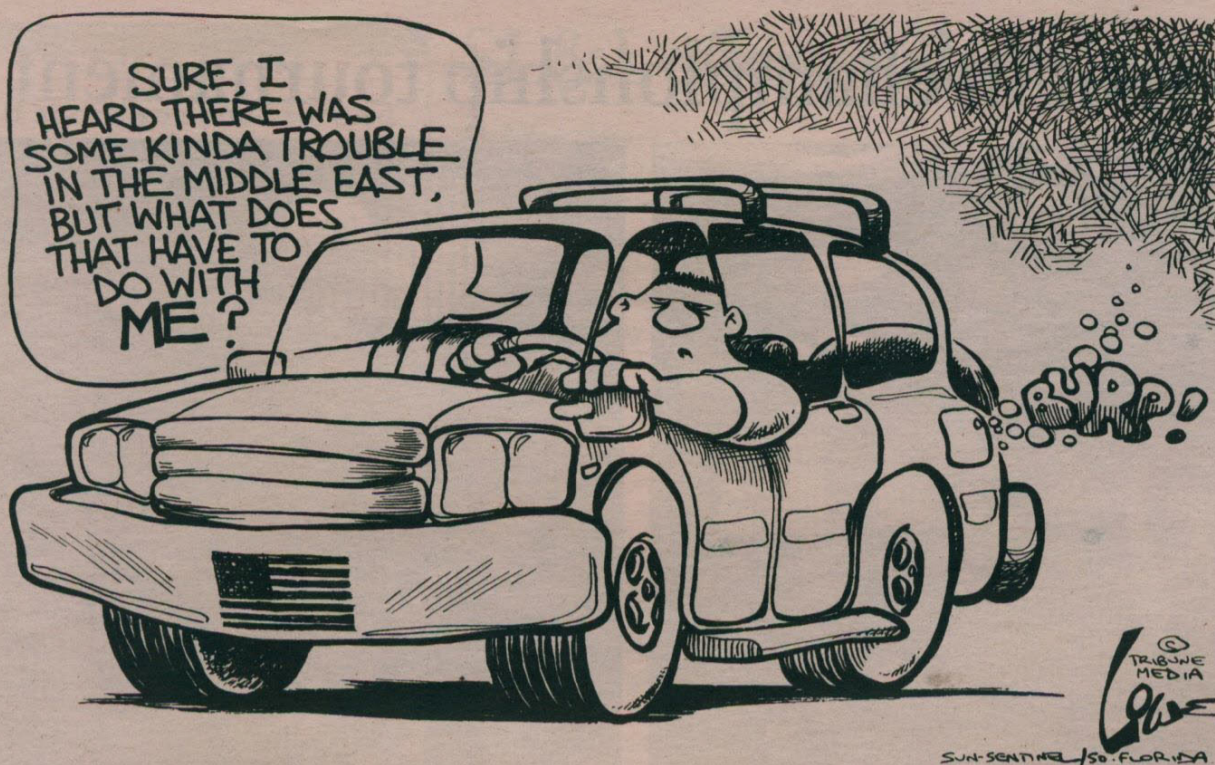
The Roadrunners have a week off from league play until Wednesday, Nov. 1 against Lane and Wednesday, Nov. 8 against league leaders Mount Hood.

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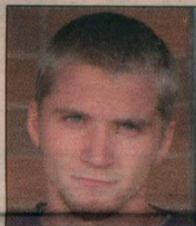
## COMMENTARY

### Israel: America's smart-ass little brother

by Leon Tovey  
of The Commuter

After World War II, the victorious Allied forces got together and decided to start a new country.

This country would serve as a home for the world's displaced and persecuted Jewish people. This country would make up for all the suffering these people had suffered at the hands of others. This country would allow the Jews to return at long last to the Holy Land.



Leon Tovey

We decided to trade all of our guilt over 5,000 years of oppression and turning a blind eye to a mad-man murdering six million people for a little piece of land in the desert.

Good deal.

The only problem was, there were already people living there. No biggie, we just moved them out. They were, after all, only Muslims—and besides, they backed the wrong horse. To hell with 'em.

So here we are, nearly half a century later, and that country has become the smart-ass little brother of the United States.

You know the type: the little guy at the end of the bar with the big mouth who picks fights with everyone in the room because his older brother always has his back and he knows he won't get stomped.

This is Israel. This is a country that refuses to accept the judgment of the U.N. This is a country that constantly insults and squabbles with its neighbors. This is a country that has no concept of due process or protection under the law for a large segment of its population. This is a country that shoots 16-year-old kids for throwing rocks.

This is a country that we support. Unconditionally.

During the past 40-some-odd years, the U.S. has

provided the Israelis with weapons, food, weapons, economic aid, weapons, weapons—and oh yeah, did I mention weapons? Tanks, planes, grenades, surface-to-air missiles, air-to-surface missiles, wire-guided anti-tank missiles, long-range monkey-controlled confetti-dropping laser-guided propaganda missiles...like any good older brother we pass down our toys as soon as we outgrow them and get new ones. And like any good older brother, we are quick to come to the rescue when little bro gets into a fight with someone who could conceivably whip his ass.

But that's the problem. If you're always there to bail him out, little bro is never going to grow up. Getting a good ass-whipping or two is essential to becoming a thoughtful, intelligent adult. After a few beatings, you learn to talk a situation out a little more carefully.

Nobody wants to see Israel crumble beneath an onslaught of violence and civil strife—but refusing to negotiate with anyone without representatives from the U.S. present to supervise should not be an option. The government of Israel needs to get its house in order and learn to live in peace with its neighbors and the rest of the world, and the only way that's going to happen is if the U.S. cuts them off.

We need to stop providing them with weapons and let them deal with the situation themselves. If they still want to fight, they can use rocks, like the Palestinians do.

I know, I know—a lot of you are probably thinking that this is not any real solution, and cutting the Israelis off will only invite further violence against them. And hey, the Palestinians aren't exactly big on diplomacy and negotiations, either. But if there is ever going to be any kind of lasting peace in the Middle East, the people who have to find it are the people who live there.

The more we step between our little brother and the people who want to beat him down, the worse he is going to behave. It's time to let him grow up.

## WHAT STUDENTS THINK

### What do you think about Borders Books coming to town?

Borders Books, the book-selling leviathan, is about to surface in Corvallis. The Commuter's hard-boiled investigative journalists hit the pavement to find out what students think the impact will be on consumers and the community.

*"I think it's totally cool, I have a gift certificate and I don't have to go to Portland."*

—Melissa Juza,  
Digital Imaging



*"It's a good idea, I've been to the one in Eugene... they sell a lot of good stuff in there."*

—Mike Johnson,  
Criminal Justice.

*"I think most people are ignorant. Most people are going to buy the same amount of books, they're just going to change where they buy them."*

—Shan Hill, Education



*"It seems like it's a kind of a trend that is going on in every aspect of industry. I think it sucks."*

—Ryan Miebach,  
Animal Science

*"I'd rather shop at a bigger store, you get more selection and price."*

—Tera Smith,  
Undecided



*"Well if it's something new, it would be crappy if you have to move your business because of some new business coming in. But it's awesome for people that are into that kind of thing."*

—Jasen Roach, Undecided

Compiled by Chad Richins  
and Gelina Inches

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Enforce the smoking plan

To the Editor:

When I read about relocating the smoking areas in last week's Commuter, I nearly laughed—except that I couldn't quite catch my breath from all the smokers that smoke where they will. Most of them could care less about the areas to smoke.

My suggestion is: Instead of wasting time and writing up new plans, why don't we have some staff or security enforce the plan that is in place? First time a verbal warning, second time a \$10 fine, etc. That might seem severe to some, but when I have an asthma attack from the smoke—and I have—it costs a heck of a lot more than \$10.

If you don't care for my plan, then come up with one of your own. But something has got to be done!!!

Dawn Crawford

If nobody knows...

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cares?

Use The Commuter's Opinion Page to tell the world where to get off. Write a letter to the editor. Sign it, seal it, and drop it off at Forum Room 222. And Watch the feathers fly next Wednesday.