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Iraqi road bomb claims former LB student

Nick Milhoan
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A former LBCC student and Oregon National Guardsman died Friday near a small town about 140 miles north of Baghdad.

Staff Sgt. Kevin Dewayne Davis, 40 of Lebanon, was a 14-year veteran of the National Guard and a member of the Oregon National Guard G Troop. He was on patrol in Hawijah, in northern Iraq when a roadside bomb was detonated under his Humvee.

Davis was then evacuated to a field hospital in Kirkuk

and then to a secondary hospital in Balad, where he died of a heart attack after being treated on Friday.

His widow Robin Davis (also a former LBCC student), asked the National Guard to hold a press conference after he passed away.

"I got a letter home that said, 'Now I know what this is about. Now I know why I'm here,'" she said at the Sunday news conference in Lebanon.

Another member of his unit, Spc. James Mitchell of Hermiston, was also injured in the explosion, and he survived.

"We received a report that the insurgents responsible

were captured," Maj. Arnold Strong, spokesman for the Oregon National Guard said Sunday.

Davis was born Dec. 3, 1964 in Nysea, Ore. He spent his childhood and school years in and around the Albany area, graduating from West Albany High School.

He later worked at the Linn-Benton Juvenile Detention Facility and was a reserve officer with the Lebanon Police Department. He planned to continue with the department when he returned from Iraq and wanted to become a full-time officer.

"He joined the National Guard 14 years ago and

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Tiptoeing Through the Tulips



photo by Kyla Hoyt

The colorful tulips outside Woodburn provide a magical playground for little Nina Gourley Sunday as she visits the annual Woodburn Tulip Festival with her family. Thousands of visitors are expected to take in the event, which runs until April 20. See story on Page 3.

Last call for input on tuition hike

Matt Swanson
The Commuter

As the next school year looms near, the budget committee is proposing to increase tuition by \$6 per credit increasing the amount of one credit from \$56 to \$62 for in-state students. The fee for out-of-state students will increase to \$163 and for international students to \$181.

Currently, the budget committee has been teaming up with Student Life and Leadership to gather student input. So far there have been two hearings, with very little attendance.

Jim Huckestein, director of fiscal affairs and a member of the budget committee explained the reason for raising tuition by saying, "With an increase in expenditures such as personal services, there needs to be a balance between expenditures and revenue." With a lock on certain sources of revenue such as property taxes, they have to either raise the tuition or reduce services available to students. The increase in personal services consists of such things as the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), employee

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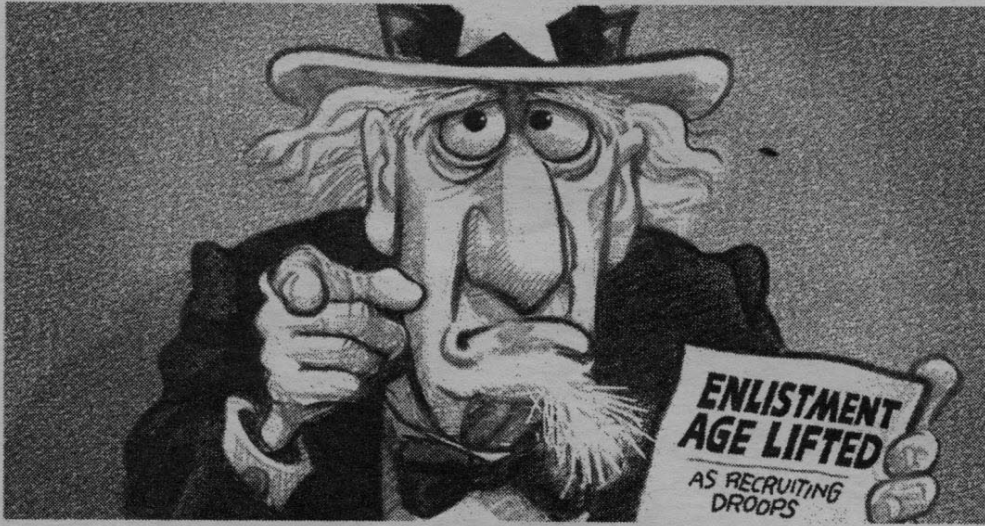
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Brother of fallen soldier dreams of one last 'Fish On' with big bro

To the Editor:

Hello to all. I am Brian, Kevin Davis' little bro and I miss my brother so badly I cannot describe what it feels like. I have had losses throughout my life, but nothing compares to the loss of my bro and the feelings I am experiencing from it. It scares me to wonder if I will always feel this way, it hurts so bad.

Many of you might already be aware of what has happened to Kevin. If you haven't then I will share my knowledge of what I know. I am doing this for those that knew my brother. If not, you will know him after reading what I have to say.

I take great pride in telling you that he was a natural, gifted soldier, husband, father, son and brother who was beginning on a path over the last year getting close to God. Within the last six months of 2004, my brother completed his degree in criminal justice, had been activated to serve in Iraq and before leaving he was sworn in as a police officer with the intention of serving for the Lebanon Police Department upon his return.

I am very sad to tell you that my brother was killed by a roadside bomb called an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) that detonated when his vehicle chosen by insurgents triggered its explosion. As far as I am led to understand this occurred on Friday, April 8, 2005.

I have located a web site icasualties.org that shows fallen soldiers updated on a day-to-day basis. It includes information pertaining to our American soldiers who have been injured and returned to duty, injured and not returned to duty, killed in hostile circumstances and killed in non-hostile circumstances.

My brother always seemed at peace in his position over there during our surprise conversations. My last surprise conversation with my brother took place on Monday, April 4. My clock had not been set for the time change and I woke late for my day. It was fate that day when my phone rang when I arrived on campus and it was my brother. This was wonderful as I was able to talk to him for 45 minutes, my last conversation with my bro. He was calling me to give me exciting news. He had wanted a drift boat for years and was finally going to get one.

Each time I received a call from Kevin it was like the first time. I was so surprised to be able to speak to him on the phone. I couldn't believe he could do that. I was chosen by him and allowed to comfort him when he was away from his family. Best of all, each time I got to tell him how much I loved him and how proud

I was of him being part of something this big. I would tell him, "Bro just do what you've got to do so you can come home and take me fishing," and we would chuckle together.

My heart is in complete despair. I cannot believe he is gone. I love my brother very much and every time he called it made my day brighter. It has been two days now and it feels as though it's been a week. The last two nights I went to bed and laid there hoping I would get to see Kevin possibly in a dream. I hope it's one in which we are fishing.

Kevin was a die-hard fisherman, like me. He is the only person I have ever fished with that would not give up before me. He and I would always be pushing the envelope before getting back to our responsibilities, the after fishing honey-dos. It was usually me saying "Okay, bro you win, now we had better get going."

We would even pack our stuff, leaving our poles out and fish right up to the moment where suddenly we would race to get our lines out of the water. It was so much fun to fish with him. It was where my brother and I most enjoyed our time together, sharing and taking turns bringing in a fish, saying "ka-wacko" and "fish on bro".

We didn't do a lot together because we both had very busy lives but I know he enjoyed fishing more than me and I more than him liked to tag along to be in his company. It is sad to remember how I still look up to him. He was always my big brother; my childhood thoughts and creativeness never did allow me to outgrow him. I miss him dearly.

I want to have a dream, one that is vivid and full of detail. I want to give him a hug and tell him once more how much I love him before we say good-bye. I have never wanted to purposely have a dream. I hope it is possible; I am flooded with despair.

The last time I saw Kevin was back before he left for his six month training here in the United States before he was shipped to Iraq. I got to see my brother off as the soldiers boarded the buses departing from the Armory. I was proud that he was at complete peace with what he was being sent to do. I love Kevin very much and in my heart he will always be.

God bless you Kevin, thank you for all you have done for me, you are an amazing person, always your little brother. . . bro.

Brian Davis
 Brother

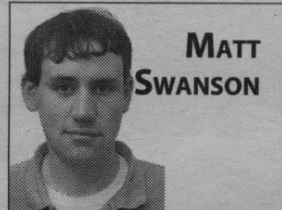
Store facelift causes frowns

Just recently I have realized how dealing with the concept of change can erratically disrupt humanity. This is humanity of the those who grocery shop. I work for a local grocery store in the area and for the past year or so, there have been plans to remodel the store interior. These changes would expand certain departments, bring in and offer more products and revamp the classic "American" colors to a more earthy connotation. The changes have begun.

The first stage of the remodel or change started with a major reset in the grocery department. Every aisle except the frozen section was either set forward or backward depending upon the product on that aisle. Now, I have been through many resets, but I was undoubtedly unprepared for this one. I have never had complaints about where things were. Yes, I do understand some people had the store layout down, knowing where everything was. But, this time people became enraged. As employees, we tried our best to help navigate those lost to that all important can of Campbells soup. For some, complaining was how they went about asking for help.

As the weeks progressed, the store was smack in the middle of a remodel stage. At this point, the majority of the white tile was gone, baring the harsh concrete floors. With this was a sticky residue glue. On any given day, I would hear people describing the horrendous experience of walking out of their shoes in the meat department. When the lights were either dimmed or removed, many customers voiced the unpleasantness of shopping in the dark. I have been loving every minute of it, no more overbright fluorescent lighting. Other complaints during the last month have been about the darkness of the newly painted ceiling, the color of new tile in the front lobby and just the fact that we are having a remodel.

As there remains to be about a month until the grand reopening (which I can't wait for), I am getting adjusted to our new check stands and the focus lighting in the lobby. I come in every day for my shift to see what's new and different. Even though this may sound like hell to some or maybe it doesn't to others, I will continue to do my job consistently, reminding customers to "have a nice day."



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CORRECTION

A story in the April 6 issue listed the wrong web address for the Career Fair. The correct address is <http://cf.linnbenton.edu/careerfair>. In addition, the expected number of employers to attend was 57 instead of 87. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

The Commuter strives for excellence and accuracy, but we will be prompt in publishing any corrections as needed.

Green thumbs sought for club

Editor's Note: This is part of The Commuter's continuing series on the clubs on campus.

Jennifer Overholser
 The Commuter

The Horticulture Club participates in activities on campus and in the community, as well as taking trips to places around Oregon, such as the Japanese Gardens in Portland.

This year, the club members are talking about taking a trip to the Oregon Garden, and advisor Stefan Seiter mentioned that they have been discussing working with community members on an Albany community garden.

They participated in a plant sale a few weeks ago, which Seiter thinks went fairly well despite many people not knowing about it ahead of time. According to Seiter, there are talks about the possibility of another plant sale in a few weeks. He says that work study students, many of whom are involved with the Horticulture Club, are responsible for watering and clean-up in the greenhouse.

Seiter, in his second year at LBCC as coordinator instructor and advisor in the horticulture and agriculture programs, would like to see students from other programs become involved with the Horticulture Club. He encourages anyone who is interested in gardening or working with plants to become involved.



photo by Matt Swanson
 A patron looks over the selection of plants that the Club offered in their March Plant Sale.

Seiter, originally from a small town near Baden Baden in the southwestern Black Forest area of Germany, came to OSU in 1990 in a foreign exchange program. After receiving a Ph.D., he decided that he wanted to teach.

He said that the position at LBCC opened up unexpectedly. Formerly, Greg Paulson, who was at LBCC for over 20 years, had been in the position.

According to Seiter, for the most part there are two groups of people that he sees getting involved with the horticulture program. The first group is high school graduates who have decided that they want a career in horticulture; like working in a nursery or production greenhouse, in plant sales, landscape design, maintenance or tree care (arboriculture).

The second group is older students who have decided they want a career change. These are the students that are 35 or older. He says that there are very few students in the program that are between the ages of 25 and 35. According to Seiter, what draws students to the program is that "it's a program that is based on technical know-how, but at the same time is for those who just enjoy working with plants. Students get to apply practical experience and a theoretical background."

A new organic farming and gardening class is being offered in the program; students will be growing herbs and salad greens for use in meals prepared by students in the culinary arts program.

Any student who would like to get involved with the Horticulture Club can contact Seiter at 917-4765 or e-mail him at Stefan.Seiter@linnbenton.edu.

Swimming with da fishes at Benton Center aquatic class

Dan Wise
 The Commuter

Get up close and personal with Oregon's aquatic life and its habitat in a class offered by LBCC's Benton Center.

Starting April 13, Dave Buchanan, a retired fisheries research biologist, is volunteering his time to help students understand and experience the exciting world of fish, insects and other aquatic animals populating Oregon's streams.

Buchanan will use his lifetime

of Oregon river experience to teach students the biology, ecology and hydrology of those rivers through lectures, firsthand experience and readings of prose and poetry. "I've loved everything about rivers since I was five," said Buchanan.

He will use photography and art along with the expertise of guest speakers, including estuarine biologist Dan Bottom, salmon biologist Jeff Rogers and hydrologist Bob Beschta to illuminate ecological concepts, watersheds, habitats and the

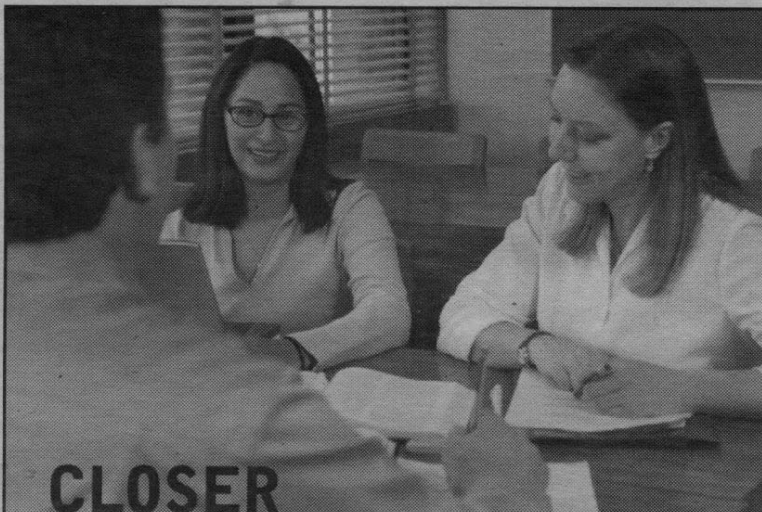
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Oregon Rivers, Our Lifeblood meets for five Wednesdays, starting April 13 at the Benton Center from 7 to 8:50 p.m. It includes three field trips: Beaver Creek/Buchanan Century Farm, April 23, from 1 to 3:50 p.m.; the Salmon River and estuary, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 1:50 p.m.; the Metolius River, June 4, from 10 a.m. to 1:50 p.m.

"We are planning to get wet," said Buchanan. "We will have an opportunity to see live trout feeding less than 8 feet away,

which is pretty fun." Field trips require rubber boots, and dry suits are available for observing the trout on the Metolius.

This is the second year Buchanan is teaching the course. It has a 20 student capacity and still had spots available as of Monday. The tuition for this non-credit class is \$52 and students can register online at www.sis.linnbenton.edu or stop by any LBCC location. For further information, contact Joel White, Community Education, 757-8944 ext. 5120.



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Davis: Family grieves loss

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served with Troop F of Lebanon until G Troop deployed and needed more soldiers," Strong said. He left for Iraq in late November of last year.

He is survived by his parents, wife, brother Brian Davis (currently a student at LBCC), sister Shelly Davis-Moore, his son and two daughters.

Mrs. Davis said her husband was nervous and unsure about going to Iraq, but enjoyed being in Iraq and doing what he could for the children there. "Almost every picture was of him with the children," she said. "He would go out every chance he got, just to be with the kids."

Spc. Trent Stuart of Bend, a member of Davis' unit, sent an e-mail to National Guard officials following Davis' death and called him "The strongest man I ever met. It's such a tragedy to lose such a great man," Stuart wrote. "He was a fighter and he was a winner."



photo by Kyla Hoyt

Gettin' International with the LB Culinary Staff

Linda Arment, a LB grad and a part-time caterer for LB, and Ramon Pema, also a member of the catering staff, wheels the beverage cart to Takena Hall for the dessert portion of the dinner prior to the Cantus, Chamber Concert and LB's Chamber Choir.

Tuition: Final hearing today

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health insurance and costs related to certain employee groups.

Since the tuition increase last year, the committee has been able to add back some programs previously lost and did not reduce any programs in this year's budget. The committee is also working hard to retain student access to services. The state budget includes about 48 percent of LB's revenue. However, student tuition and fees have increased to nearly 33 percent of the revenue. Huckestein stated that, "if tuition continues to rise annually, in the next few years students could possibly be providing as much funding as what the state currently does."

Huckestein encourages students to attend the next hearing. "It would be nice for the board to have the student input," he encouraged. The last hearing is scheduled for April 13, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Multicultural Center.

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LB business instructor leads national convention

Jennifer Overholser
 The Commuter

LBCC's Mary Ann Lammers presided over the 2005 National Business Education Association (NBEA) Convention in Anaheim, Calif., last month, and while there was honored by her colleagues and family for her years of service in the business education field.

Lammers, business instructor and Business Technology Department chair, was elected NBEA president last year.

More than 1,200 people from across the nation attended, including retired LB faculty member Sue Trautwein, who is also the U.S. chapter president of the International Society for Business Education, and business instructor Nancy Noe, who is past president of the Western Business and Information Technology Educators.

Other LB faculty and staff members who went to the conference were Vice President Mike Holland, Dean of Business Jerry Wille, and instructors Twila Lehman, Rosemarie Hubley, Sally Stouder, Ian Priestman, Edna Zielinski and Lammers' daughter Dr. Pam deCalesta, as well as retired staff members Joyce Moreira and Peggy Lind.

At a surprise reception, her family showed a DVD slide show of images from throughout her life, and they had a wooden gavel made for her, inscribed with: "Mary Ann Lammers, 2004-05 NBEA President." It symbolized the influence of her grandmother, who had willed another very special gavel to her.

The story begins in 1885 when a girl named Anna was born to immigrant parents. She was the first white child born in Custer County, Mont. Anna graduated from Montana State College in 1903 with a degree in business and then married an Irish man and raised 10 children.

She was in the Red Cross during both World Wars, serving meals to soldiers that stopped in Miles City. Her

husband was a Spanish American War veteran. She joined the auxiliary and was elected national president in 1952. That year she visited every U.S. state, was at President Eisenhower's inauguration, and put a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

For her national service, Anna was given a box that contained a small pine chest decorated with a walnut floral inlay. Inside was a gavel made of wood from the original White House that was burned down in the War of 1812.

Lammers remembers visiting her grandmother and wanting to hold the box and see the gavel.

Similar to her grandmother, Lammers received a Business Education degree from Montana State University, where she was recognized as an outstanding woman graduate. She returned to Montana State in 1973 as the five-year speaker, where she was able to stand at the podium with her grandmother, who was being honored as Outstanding Alumna.

When her grandmother died two years later, she left the gavel to Lammers. Besides being NBEA president, Lammers was also president of several business education organizations and has received recognition for teaching.

As NBEA president, Lammers has traveled to regional and international conferences, including a trip last August to Poland, which she said was a highlight of her travels. She saw Pope John Paul II's former apartment and visited Auschwitz and other concentration camps. Krakow University students were guides for Lammers and Trautwein, who accompanied her. Lammers said she found the students in Poland to be energetic and optimistic, not knowing the oppression of Communism their elders experienced. The youth are "the hope for Poland," she said.

"And if we don't get our youth educated, and our adults, we can find ourselves in the same miss," she added. "Education is the key to democracy."



Mary Ann Lammers



photo by Matt Swanson

Raising the Walls

Construction crews fuse the wall sections on the 22,000-square-foot North Santiam Hall under construction between the AHSS Building and the Service Center. The wall sections, which were poured on the building floor last term, weigh about 80,000 pounds each and were raised by the huge crane that is now being used to place the metal beams that will hold the second floor. The new structure will be connected by a second-floor skywalk to the AHSS Building, which will be renamed South Santiam Hall. The two-story multi-purpose building will have 10 classrooms and 14 offices, as well as space for student exhibits. Plans call for the new structure to be ready for use by winter term of next school year.

OSU Women's Center honors Apter

Colleen Jacks
 The Commuter

Joanne Apter, LBCC's Turning Points instructor, is the recipient of the 2005 Women of Achievement Award given by OSU's Women's Center.

The award ceremony will be April 29 at 3:30 p.m. at the Women's Center. Nominated by last year's winner, OSU grad student Rebecca Y. Conception, Apter will receive a flower arrangement and a framed certificate.

The nominating committee members were from LBCC, OSU's Sexual Assault and Violence Education program, and CARDV.

Turning Points Transitions is a five-week program designed for single parents, displaced homemakers, dislocated workers, spouses of dislocated workers and others who are experienc-

ing a major life transition. It focuses on building self-confidence through improved communication skills and assertiveness training. While a majority of the participants are women, men are also welcome.

Apter, a 10-year LB employee, began the program eight years ago. Turning Points is funded exclusively by grants.

Apter's mission is to make the Turning Points Program known in the community and in the state. On Tuesday, Apter addressed the Senate Ways and Means Committee in Salem to argue that the program is too valuable to fall victim to tax cuts. She had two minutes to deliver her message: "You can't teach eggs to fly."

"People work hard to re-create themselves," Apter said. "They attend class every day, so they are accountable every day.

Each day the participants tell one thing they did in the previous 24 hours to improve their life." Whether it's making a phone call they've been avoiding or signing up for a class, their positive behavior is reaffirmed.

Apter said the program helps people from all walks of life, ages and education levels. Everyone learns something from the experience, she added.

All the attention she has received by this award has been a little overwhelming for her, Apter said. Normally a quiet, modest person, she's had to force herself to be a public speaker.

Apter received a Bachelor's degree in Russian from the University of Wisconsin, and a Master's in Adult Education at OSU. She loves cooking, Scrabble, her two dogs—a corgi and a pug—and is the mother of two grown sons.

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Woods wins at Augusta

Neal Jones
The Commuter

Tiger Woods continued to leave his mark on golf with an exciting, sudden death win at the Masters.

Mother Nature caused the Masters to start late on Thursday with a five-and-a-half hour rain delay. She also blew David Toms' putt back onto the fairway on the fourteenth hole while he was standing over it. In fact, even Woods had trouble in the first round with a putt into Rae's Creek and a shot that hit a flagstick and ended in a bunker.

Thursday ended with Chris DiMarco on top at four under with four holes left to play in the first round. Mark Hensby and Luke Donald ended the day tied for second at three under. Woods finished Thursday at plus two with six holes left to play in

the first round.

Rain again delayed Masters play on Friday after the players just finished the first round and were playing into the second. On top were Dimarco, Donald and David Howell tied at five under par. Vijay Singh, ended the day at four under par. Woods finished at two over par.

Saturday, DiMarco was again on top of his game with 44 straight holes without a bogey. He finished the day at 13 under par and in first place. Woods fought back and ended the day in second place at nine under par. Thomas Bjorn, who battled with Woods for second over the course of Saturday's play, finished in third at eight shots under par.

One of the big moments on Saturday was the best golfer ever to play, Jack Nicklaus, saying farewell after missing the cut.

According to Nicklaus, this is his last Masters.

Woods' final round, however, wasn't flawless. On the fifth hole he three-putted from 25 feet and also had a poor bunker shot on the thirteenth. Three holes later he followed up with a chip on the par-three sixteenth that was one to remember. It slowly rolled down the green, creeping to the hole and stopping for what seemed to be forever before falling in the hole.

After that, he bogeyed the seventeenth and eighteenth hole and allowed DiMarco to come back, ending the last round in a tie. Woods did have a record seven straight birdies during the final round.

Woods' win was decided by a sudden death playoff between himself and DiMarco. Woods was clutch with a fifteen foot birdie putt to win.

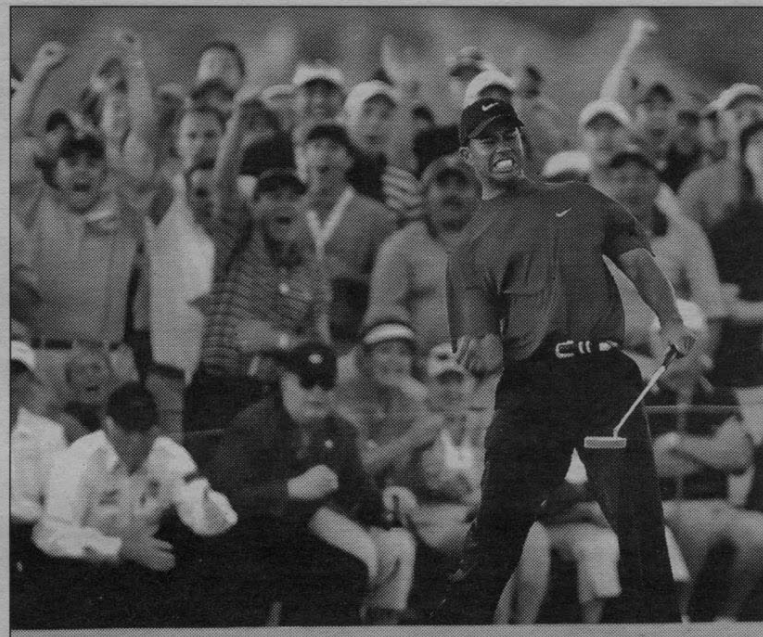


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Tiger Woods celebrates after clinching his fourth Masters and ninth major win on Sunday, despite not playing at the top of his game.

Tiger pumped his fist in the air after the victory, his first major after being winless in his last 10. Woods dedicated this win to his father Earl Woods. He nearly cried while mentioning his father's sickness which kept

him watching through a television set.

The win again placed Tiger atop the world of golf with the number one ranking. It was Tiger's ninth major and fourth Masters victory.

LB looks for a reversal of fortunes after rough start

Jake Rosenberg
The Commuter

The Roadrunners baseball team came into last week's games in last place and it looks as if they are making a home in the basement of the Southern Division.

"It's been a tough start," Coach Greg Hawk said. "We are really thin at a couple of positions and we've lost a lot of one-run ball games, but I love my guys and we will fight till the end."

Through April 3, LB ranks 20th in hitting out of 27 teams in the NWAACC with a .224 team batting average and has only one player among the top 50 conference batters, freshman third baseman Tim Puckett, who is batting .386.

Kyle Atchley, a freshman from Lebanon, has led the way for the Runners promising pitching staff with a 0.83 earned-run-average, going 2-2 for the club while compiling 26 strikeouts in 32

innings pitched.

On Tuesday, the Runners traveled to Gresham to take on Mt. Hood. Ian Opsal was given little to work with once again as LB managed only two runs on three hits in the opening contest, losing 4-2.

The evening game saw even less offensive fire power. LB got only 4 hits from their struggling line-up, giving Kenny McCullers minimal run support and getting shut out 2-0.

"We haven't been effective swinging the bat so far," Hawk says. "This is the most we have ever struggled at the plate. We have just got to get more out of our players."

Hawk and his slumping squad returned home to host Clackamas and looked to end a five-game losing streak. It took extra innings, but after the Runners loaded the bases with their first three batters, they pulled it off with a sacrifice fly by Frank Drake in the eleventh to seal

the 6-5 victory.

After a few light rain showers threatened the start of game two, the Runners then had a chance to start a winning streak but looked as if their cleats were stuck in the mud.

Action eventually got under way and was followed by a monsoon of routine fielding errors. LB made it through only five innings of play as the game prematurely ended because of the 10-run rule after a torrential downpour of unearned runs.

The game was scoreless through two before Robert Stevens gave up three runs in the third to make it 3-0. Sophomore Brent Randall then came in from the bullpen but received less support on the defensive side then he did from the offense. In the fifth, the first three Clackamas batters loaded the bases thanks to three consecutive LB fielding errors.


That was quickly followed by six base

runners touching home on only four hits to make it 9-0. Still in the fifth, Kyle Morgan took the mound to stop the bleeding with only one out.


Morgan gave up an RBI double but eventually retired the side to give the offense one last opportunity to take the game further. LB was unsuccessful and was held scoreless once again, getting only three runners on base while giving up a total of 8 errors in the 10-0 called game.

The loss puts the Runners at 2-6 and in a last place tie with SWOCC, but with 22 games remaining, LB is still not out of contention for the Southern Region playoffs that are scheduled to start May 21.

"We are 2-6 right now for reasons you just can't put a finger on, but we could just as easily be 6-2," Hawk explained. "We are trying to turn things around, so I expect us to be back on top real soon."



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SIDES: Potatoes Anna, Mexican Rice, Glazed Carrots
SOUPS: Cream of Broccoli, Beef Noodle

• **THURSDAY:**
ENTREES: French Dip, Almond Chicken, Vegetable Calzone
SIDES: Steak Fries, Steamed Rice, Garlic Mushrooms
SOUPS: Creamy Roasted Chicken, Won Ton Soup

• **FRIDAY:**
Chef's choice

• **MONDAY:**
ENTREES: Grilled Pork Chop w/Sauce Robert, Chicken Gumbo, Sweet & Sour Tempeh
SIDES: Cheese Potato Croquettes, Rice Pilaf, Carrots & Turnips Etupee.
SOUPS: Chicken Noodle, Split Pea

• **TUESDAY:**
ENTREES: Reuben Sandwich, Irish Lamb Stew, Vegetarian Thai Curry
SIDES: Twice Baked Potatoes, Creamy Pesto Pasta, Green Beans
SOUPS: Shrimp Bisque, French Onion

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Drawing wins best in show

Brenda Ranzenbach
 The Commuter

The juror has returned a verdict: Amy Tacchini's "untitled" graphite has received Best of Show in the Art Student Juried Exhibit on view this month in the AHSS Art Gallery. Tacchini received a \$200 gift certificate.

Honorable mention was awarded to Frossene King's charcoal "Pandora's Box" and Theresa Elliott's gelatin silver print titled "Perspective Project." They each received a \$75 cash award.

Jodie Cossack's "untitled" oil and Miesha England's conte and chalk titled "A Wish" received Juror's Choice Awards for drawing/painting. They were each acknowledged with \$50 gift certificates.

The Juror's Choice Awards for photography were awarded to Tacchini's untouched digital photograph "Venice Italy," Kyla Hoyt's gelatin silver print "To the Point" and Colleen Jacks' pigment ink on paper "Composition Project." Each received \$50 certificates to local photo shops.

The art pieces selected for the juried art show were selected by Craig Spilman, retired art instructor from Lane Community College. Ceramics were selected by Jay Widmer.

For Widmer's choice in ceramics, Fred Seiger and Jeff Richards both received gift certificates.

"Some pieces were accepted while others were rejected. Rejection is common but keep the faith," reassured Gary Westford, LBCC art instructor. The prizes were awarded at a reception last Thursday where Westford presented.

Community support was generous with gift certificates donated by Art Media of Portland, Creative Crafts, Benton County Fair Board, LBCC Benton Center Bookstore, Shutterbug, Technology Traders and Oregon Camera. Cash awards were donated by Suzanne Campbell of the AHSS Art Gallery and Gary Ruppert.

The art will remain in the LBCC Art Gallery where votes can be cast for People's Choice award. The award will be announced at a noon reception on May 12.

Additional art, not chosen for the juried art show, can be viewed in the LBCC Commons. This Salon des Refuses was put together by Jodie Cossack, who received assistance from Ben Estens.

The Salon des Refuses is a tradition practiced since the Impressionist era in France where artists who were not invited to participate held their own show, hanging their works for public viewing.

Tulip Fest blossoms in Woodburn

Kyla Hoyt
 The Commuter

Are you thinking about starting a garden, getting your hands dirty, picking weeds, watching all your hard work bloom into beautiful colors, but you don't know what to plant?

Well, Woodburn has the answer for you. The 20th Annual Tulip Fest at the Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm is now open for business and all are welcome.

The Iverson family has been growing tulips since 1974. They bought just a few acres of land in Woodburn in the late 1970s, but by the early 80s they had expanded to over 15 acres.

It was in 1983 when they saw the opportunity and started the Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm. At first, sales were slow until three years later when they thought to open the field for Easter weekend. The rest is history.

Since then, they have expanded to include

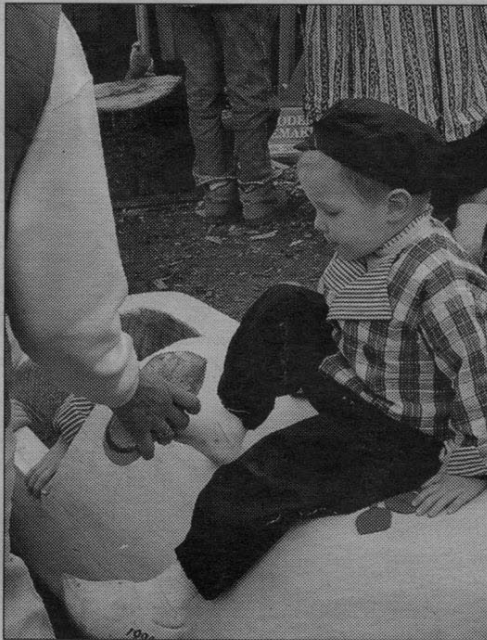


photo by Kyla Hoyt
 Sandy Blanchard helps put a wooden shoe on her grandson, Garrett Willsea, age 3, at the Wooden Shoe Tulip Fest last Sunday.

fresh cut flowers, potted tulips, tulip bulbs, a gift shop and various other plants and flowers.

The Tulip Fest has included a children's garden in which they can enjoy a ride through the tulip fields in a train of converted 50-gallon drums made to look like cows. There is also a bounce house and rock-climbing wall.

There are many different local artists who open shop along the tulip fields and the aromas of different food stands mingle pleasantly in the air.

I highly recommend the Tulip Fest at the Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm. Its beautiful flowers, striking colors, local art, pleasant food and great kid friendly atmosphere make this a wonderful family outing.

The Tulip Fest is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Sunday from March 19 until April 20. Parking is \$5 per vehicle, Saturday and Sunday. Parking is free Monday through Friday. More information is available at www.woodenshoe.com.

'Sahara' quenches audience thirst for adventure

Brenda Ranzenbach
 The Commuter

MOVIE REVIEW

Suspense and silliness, this movie has both. Sahara is based on the 1992 Clive Cussler novel, and is directed by Breck Eisner, son of Michael Eisner of Disney.

Matthew McConaughey plays Dirk Pitt, an ex-Navy SEAL whose new line of work involves ocean salvage and legendary archeology. He longs to find a rumored Civil War ship called the Texas. His persistence has led to his being thought of as daft by his colleagues and his boss, a retired admiral played by William H. Macy. The admiral funds most of their explorations.

The comedic Steve Zahn plays Pitt's best friend Al Giordino,

also an ex-Navy SEAL, who is right beside him throughout every adventure. They have history and rely upon their military training and combat experiences to get them through a series of exhilarating escapades.

Much of the danger comes from their accidental acquaintance with Dr. Eva Rojas, a World Health Organization employee played by Penelope Cruz. In the middle of an African tribal war, she stumbles onto an illness that is sure to reach epidemic proportions if the source is not found and contained.

The safety of the good doctor and the African people easily lures Pitt away from his original quest. He can be credited with saving her life on several occasions.

change as none of the bad guys are concerned with the United States.

The anticipation is well-balanced by the humorous duo. They seem to be able to get themselves out of any situation and the movie serves up many laughs. Stunts with camels are always funny. Put Zahn on a camel and you have instant humor. The movie was a refreshing

Ladies, you need to see this movie. McConaughey is an exquisite male specimen. He is fearless and often without a shirt and that's worth watching. Men, you will enjoy the action that is perfectly balanced with amusement and a first-rate rock 'n' roll soundtrack.

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CALENDAR

Out & About

Albany Civic Theater 111 1st Ave. SW Albany 928-4603	April 14, 15, 16, 21, 23 Sun. April 17 (matinee) Fri. April 22 (midnight) The Rocky Horror Show 8 p.m. \$11 General \$8 Seniors and Under 18
Cascades Raptor Center 32275 Fox Hollow Rd. Eugene 541-485-1320	Sun. April 17 11th Annual Earth Day Open House Meet 50 raptors from Pygmy Owls to Eagles, behind the scenes tours, drawings for great prizes, activities for children, and live music & refresh- ments 12 - 5 p.m. Free
Chinook Winds Casino Resort 1777 NW 44th St. Lincoln City 1-888-CHINOOK 541-996-5825	April 15 & 16 Neal McCoy 8 p.m. \$15 - 35
First Alternative Co-Op Main Store 1007 SE 3rd St. Corvallis 753-3115	Fri. April 15 Free Wine Tasting & Live Music 4 - 6 p.m. Free
Linn-Benton College MultiCultural Center 6500 Pacific Blvd. SW Albany 917-4561	Wed. April 13 Soup with Substance: Service & Volunteerism Discussion of the role volunteers play in our society. 12 - 1 p.m. Free
The Oregon Garden 879 W. Main St. Silverton 503-874-8100	Fri. April 15 Poetry Celebration in the Gordon House Featuring three profes- sional poets and a read- ing by the 2005 Oregon Book Award winner 7 p.m. Free
Oregon State University LaSells-Stewart Center Corvallis 752-5218	Wed. April 13 Lecture: "Tainted Legacy: 9/11 and the Ruin of Human Rights" Dr. William Schulz, speaker. The executive director of Amnesty International USA ques- tions the price of Bush's "War on Terror." 7:30 - 9 p.m. Free

Compiled by Megan Pickens

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Choir Wins Gold in Competition

The LBCC Chamber Choir, directed by Hal Eastburn, sings 'Zeregleent Gobi' a song about the history of the Mongolian Empire during a competition on Saturday hosted by LBCC. The Chamber Choir took home a Gold Plaque for Choir Excellence. The competition was attended by choirs from as far away as Ashland and Portland and consisted of middle school, high school and community choirs.

Transsexual transvestite from Transylvania comes to ACT

Melissa Chaney
The Commuter

As the program so aptly describes, "The Rocky Horror Show" is a "kitschy rock 'n' roll sci-fi gothic stage musical."

If you've never seen it before, as some of the loyal audience members would probably be horrified to hear, "The Rocky Horror Show," by Richard O'Brien, might be a little shocking.

I definitely wouldn't recommend it to anyone who would be offended by a raunchy sense of humor or "sexual situations not suitable for children."

The story begins with Brad Major and Janet Weiss, who have a flat tire close to the Frank N. Furter castle.

Brad, played by Jim Eagan, is a somewhat drab and naive kind of guy, while Janet, played by Harriet Nixon, is a clingy, sweet-natured girl. They go to the Frank N. Furter castle in search of a telephone, to call for help.

What evolves from this is a very disturbing and provocative experience for both of them.

Frank N. Furter, played by Brad Townsend, is an alien from the galaxy Transylvania and of the planet Transsexual.

Joined by his sexy sidekicks Columbia and Magenta, played by Melody Murphy and Anya Corbitt, and the long hair and tight pants of Riff-Raff played by Chris Henness, he is in the midst of an experiment to create the perfect man, Rocky.

Frank is a very colorful character whose costume consists of a red corset/undergarment, shiny, high-heeled, black lace-up boots, garters, and a metallic cup. For a cast numbering around

thirty, only three had pants on at one time or another.

Rocky, played by Miles Fletcher, was a blond, fit creation wearing gold daisy dukes and converses. Also, a Dr. Scott, played by Bill Maier, made an interesting appearance toward the end of the show in a wheel chair and distinctive, not quite Scottish accent.



photo by Colleen Jacks

Brad Townsend, Frank N. Furter, sits patiently through the 90 minute make up process before each performance of the Rocky Horror Show at the Albany Civic Theater.

The narrator, played by Alysia Murphy is not to be forgotten, she was very expressive and added a lot to the show. In addition, she was not strictly on the sidelines but participated in various parts of the play.

The sets were very colorful and creative, including two columns/posts of legs pointing straight up in the air, and the sound effects and music added a

lot of interest to the whole experience, especially with the live band that played on an area above the sets and were dressed in costume to match the rest of the cast.

The acting was excellent and over-the-top; the singing was fairly good, with only a few of the songs needing extra volume.

Directed by Christi E. Sears and Dow Yeh, the musical director, this show was very entertaining.

They will be performing again on April 14, 15, 16, 17 (matinee at 2:30), 21, 22 (at midnight) and 23. The regular evening performances start at 8 p.m. and tickets cost \$11 for adults and \$8 for those over 60 and under 18 years of age.

For more information you can visit the Albany Civic Theater web site at www.albanycivic.org. It is advisable to call and reserve tickets early as tickets do sell out.