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IN HONOR OF OUR FALLEN

They say it takes a village to raise a child. Unifying a community isn't always the easiest task. On Sunday, it wasn't just the village, but an entire community that came together to goodbye to one of their own.

As the sun broke through the foggy morning haze, thousands of people lined the streets outside The LaSells Stewart Center on the OSU campus. It was to show support for Army Ranger Cody Patterson.

"This is a time to remember Cody in peace," said Scott Harris, Lane County elder of Bikers for Christ. The group is dedicated to ensuring peaceful ceremonies for fallen soldiers. They were contacted through Facebook and were warned about a radical group of people wanting to picket the funeral.

Patterson was killed in the line of duty on Oct. 6 in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan. He graduated from Philomath High School and attended Linn-Benton Community College.

A small fringe Christian group, famous for picketing military funerals, had promised on Facebook that they would be at the memorial services. If the group was there,

it wasn't noticed among the thousands that were there.

The community responded by creating signs, flying flags and wearing colors in support of Patterson. This was a day to honor him for his service to his country.

When family members of Patterson arrived, they were directed to saved parking spots. As they walked from the parking area towards the ceremony, the crowd separated, like Moses parting the Red Sea, providing them a human corridor to the entrance of the Stewart Center.

Army Rangers, second battalion from Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., marched in unison down 26th Street. Then turning right in single file, entering the Stewart Center for the beginning of the ceremonies.

OSU student Shanti Kriens said, "I saw his story and wanted to show my support." Kriens helped decorate a banner that was carried from Dixon Recreation Center to Stewart Center.

A veteran and supporter, Chris Jennings said, "I found out what was going on and wanted to show my support." Jennings created two large signs that said peace and respect. ♡

STORY BY **TED HOLLIDAY**



COURTESY: **75TH RANGER REGIMENT**

Spc. Patterson, a Ranger from Company B, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, was killed Oct. 6, 2013 by an improvised explosive device while conducting combat operations in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan.

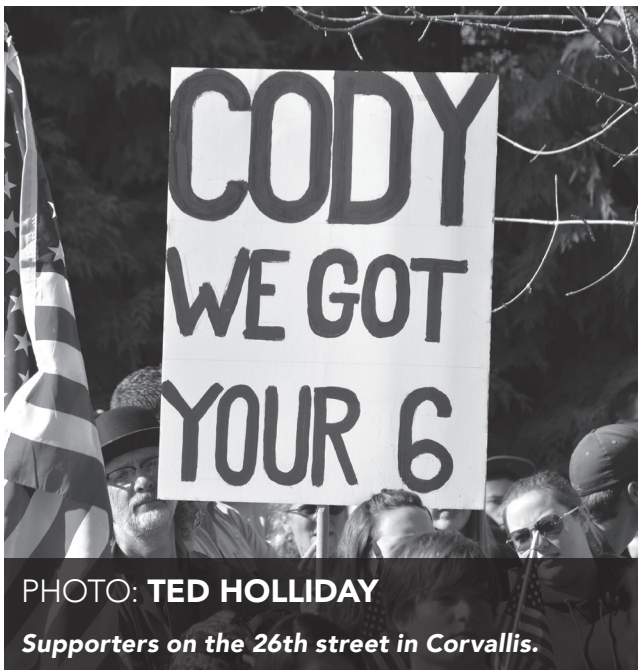


PHOTO: **TED HOLLIDAY**
Supporters on the 26th street in Corvallis.



PHOTO: **TYLER BRADLEY**
As the family departed from the memorial services, supporters hold the flag in support.

REMEMBER CODY

"You weren't built to go in reverse."

More than 1,200 packed into the LaSells Stewart Center to honor the life of Cody James Patterson.

Cody was a U.S. Army Ranger who sacrificed himself on Oct. 6 to save others during an attack overseas, according to an insert in the program passed out before the memorial service.

A specialist in the 2nd Battalion of the 75th Ranger Regiment, Cody was described as a man with an animated personality, great heart and outstanding sense of humor.

Of the many descriptions outlined by speakers, some included "animated," "charismatic," and "loving."

The service began with 75th Ranger Regiment Chaplain Brian Koyn who described how each present speaker would help tell the entire story of Cody's life.

"Each has a different part of the whole," Koyn said.

Following the introductions, Koyn welcomed Cody's father Randall Patterson, to speak about his son. "Cody had a big heart," Randall said.

During the first few minutes, Randall talked about fate and destiny. He described how he wanted to be a truck driver as a child, and believed Cody had a similar experience when he was younger.

"It was always something, army," Randall said. "The more Cody grew up, the more I could tell the direction he was going. And there was no changing that."

Randall said he especially noticed his son's interest in the military when movies such as "Saving Private Ryan" and "Black Hawk Down" were released.

"('Black Hawk Down') was his favorite movie," Randall said. "I think that's the day I realized exactly what he was going to be."

Cody's best friend for 20 years, Tyler Lewis said he struggled to think of a childhood memory without Cody.

"Going forward, I realize how truly lucky I was to have had that," Lewis said.

Lewis described Cody's constant determination to succeed, "Cody was never happy with good enough or close enough," Lewis said. "He knew that serving his country was what he needed to do, what he was meant to do."

When thinking of what to wear during the service, Lewis decided to visit Foot Locker last minute and purchase a bright red pair of sneakers in honor of the occasion.

"He loved his sneakers," Lewis said. "I never understood it, but I think he had more pairs than I could count."

Cody's sister Taylor Patterson recalled memories of Cody the first time he moved out of the house. When she was still trying to adjust, Cody shared with her some advice that helped her through the process, and exemplified the person he was.

"Keep moving forward, Taylor," Taylor said he told her, "You weren't built to go in reverse."

Several other family members and friends spoke in honor of Cody before the ceremony came to a close.

Brigadier General Erik Kurilla wanted to attend the ceremony, but could not due to four failed plane landing attempts in the fog. Colonel Gregory Anderson spoke on Kurilla's behalf as the ceremony drew to a close.

With the help of rangers from the 3rd Battalion, Col. Gregory Anderson then presented folded flags to Cody's mother Nancy Wilson, his father, Taylor Patterson and Cody's grandmother Lucy Leach.

The service concluded when six rangers marched the casket out of the auditorium. Multiple guests remained to further discuss the memories of a man who, with fearless resolution, gave his life for everything he believed in.

Friends and fellow former students who knew Cody will also hold a memorial gathering at Philomath High School Sunday at 2 p.m. ♡

STORY BY **SEAN BASSINGER,**
REPORTER, THE DAILY BAROMETER

A Long Moment Now

By: Justin Shoemaker

Alone upon an endless shore,
Among the crashing waves of yore,
A long moment now I have had to myself.
Strewn across forgotten and lost
On these thoughts from ages past,
Almost like the eye of the storm,
Set adrift with memory once more.
Can you tell me why it is?
While one man dies another lives.
Why poets have hailed love as true,
And troubadours sing as though it shall
never be misused.
Why does one man love when another hates?
Why does one destroy while the other creates?
Questions alone can have no answer,
Seek knowledge as your comfort in those wee hours.
The answer is not always what we seek,
Though we tell ourselves it is indeed.
In finding knowledge and truth bared wide,
We often see our own faults and lies.
So will you sit with me awhile here aside
the shifting sands?
So we can listen to the crashing surf tell
the tale of man.
This tale is full of woe indeed,
Often fraught with grief and tragedy.
Upon gentle winds this song will come
This tune called remembrance that all before us sung.
Yet for all the ache of heart and mind,
The song flows sweeter the longer rhymed.
A touch of joy and a wisp of love,
And one begins to hear mans other side.
Freedom and passion and high ideals,
Courage, devotion and honorable pride,
A world of wonder that shines from inside.
So once more wanderer I ask of you
Will you tarry awhile here with me?
Amongst these crashing surfs of humanity,
And look with eyes that once more see.
While we sit aside this ageless sea.

'ABSOLUTELY BREATHTAKING' COMMUNITY SUPPORT AT MEMORIAL SERVICE

More than 4,000 people came out to support Philomath soldier, family Sunday after WBC announces intent to picket

Bikers for Christ were there. The Patriot Guard Riders were there. Oregon State University ROTC, supporters from the Eugene, Portland, Southern California, Washington and the University of Oregon were there.

Even a few members from the hacker group Anonymous showed up.

At least 4,000 people lined SW 26th Street in Corvallis, in front of and across from Oregon State University's LaSells Stewart Center, to show their respect to a U.S. Army Ranger.

Pfc. Cody Patterson, a Philomath High School graduate, was one of four soldiers killed on Oct. 6 in Afghanistan.

Supporters flocked to the area to support the Patterson family and block out the picketers from the Westboro Baptist Church, a controversial church based in Topeka, Kan. The church announced Thursday that their members were going to picket the Patterson memorial service.

It is still unconfirmed if WBC members were at the Patterson memorial service.

The WBC's attorney, Jonathan Phelps, said there would be at least five WBC members in attendance, during a phone interview on Friday.

Oregon State Police Lt. Steve Mitchell would not elaborate if Westboro Baptist members were ever in Corvallis.

The turnout in support for the Pattersons was "absolutely breathtaking," said Bill Vaughan, the district captain for the Patriot Guard Riders.

Riders will only show up to services with the family's approval or if the group receives an invitation. There were 200-300 bikers who came to the Patterson memorial service.

Vaughan has been riding since 2006, and he said this is the largest turnout he's ever seen.

Brynda Vaughan accompanied Bill Vaughan to the service from their home in Eugene.

The Vaughans' son is currently stationed in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Their son was present when Patterson's body



Westboro Baptist Church protestor displays anti-gay signs in Corvallis on Sunday.
Courtesy Westboro Baptist Church Twitter

was being transferred from an airplane before making its final flight back to the United States.

"It's incredible how many people have come out," said Lindsay Kruse, a graduate of Philomath High School.

Kruse has known Patterson since middle school. She described him as "fun" and someone who "laughed a lot."

Oregon State University freshman Nathan Deutchman did not know Patterson personally. But because Deutchman comes from a military family, he said, "In a way, I feel like I knew Cody."

"I thank Cody for his service," Deutchman said.

The group that brought more than 4,000 people together

The United States represents homosexuality and abortion, and so do its soldiers, according Phelps.

It's this perception of the United States, its soldiers and the war that fuels the WBC and its members to picket soldiers' funerals.

"The perfect place to preach the gospel is right outside that funeral," Phelps said in a phone interview on Friday.

Phelps is the fourth son of Fred Phelps, disbarred lawyer and the Baptist minister at the head of the WBC.

The church has been picketing around the United States since 1991. Active members fly out from Kansas using frequent flier miles the organization has built up throughout the last 21 years. "We're serious as cancer about this," Jonathan Phelps said.

The United Kingdom banned the group from entering in 2009, making international news.

The WBC uses its thousands of dollars from winning various civil rights cases, filed in several states, to fund its members' travel expenses.

"All of us have had to become experts on the First Amendment," Jonathan Phelps said. "This is a voluntary army."

Jonathan Phelps said the First Amendment exists to protect the WBC's right to protest "peacefully."

United against the WBC

"It's just disgusting," said Kruse when asked her thoughts on the WBC.

When it seemed more and more likely the WBC was not going to show, some thought the large crowd opposing them scared the members back to Kansas.

"They're like little kids — when they're scared they run away," Deutchman said.

Despite their original purpose in coming to Corvallis — to negate the WBC protest — many people were moved by the overwhelming support for the Patterson family.

"I'm proud of Corvallis," said OSU employee Shelley Hansen. "It's nice to see so many people show up (and show their support)." 📍

STORY BY **MEGAN CAMPBELL,**
MANAGING AND NEWS EDITOR, THE DAILY BAROMETER

ZOMBIE, RUN!



PHOTOS: **AUSTIN HARRIS**

The freshly animated corpses of Red McColough (left) and Josh Carper set to terrorize runners on their final stretch to the finish line.



Tim Allen contemplates another bite of his morning meal.

SPICY FALL RECIPES

Hearty Recipes for Autumn

As the weather goes colder and wetter, the birds fly south, and the air is filled with the sounds of honking geese, rifle shots, and football cheers, it is time for some hearty, healthy, comfort food.

All three recipes will warm the consumer up from the inside with the flavorful spices. Easy to make, these recipes will become new family favorites. 📍

COURTESY OF **ELIZABETH MOTTNER**

Sweet Garlic Chicken

Ingredients:
4-6 chicken breasts
1 c packed brown sugar
2/3 c apple cider vinegar
1/4 c lemon-lime soda
3 tbsp minced garlic
2 tbsp soy sauce
1 tsp pepper
2-3 tbsp cornstarch
2 tbsp water
dash of red pepper flakes

Directions:
Place chicken in crockpot. Put sugar, vinegar, soda, soy, garlic, and pepper into saucepan and bring to boil. In a cup, mix cold water and cornstarch. Add in cornstarch mixture. Pour sauce into crockpot. Cook on low for 6 to 8 hours. Add red pepper flakes and then shred meat. Can be served over rice or noodles.

Adapted from:

<http://www.justapinch.com/recipes/main-course/chicken/crock-pot-sweet-garlic-chicken.html>

Chicken Taco Melts

Ingredients:
1 package taco seasoning mix
2/3 c water
1/4 c sriracha sauce
1 # cooked, shredded chicken
1 can refrigerated biscuits
1 c grated monterey jack or mexican blend
1/2 c diced onion (optional)
1 c sour cream (topping)
1 can diced olives (topping)

Directions:
Preheat oven 375 degrees. In saucepan, mix taco seasoning, water, sriracha and chicken. Cook until thicken & coated. Press biscuit into a 6" round. Fill with taco mix & 1 tbsp cheese. Fold dough & press to seal edges. Place on greased cookie sheet & bake for 10-15 minutes. Top with cheese, sour cream and olives.

Adapted from:

<http://www.tablespoon.com/recipes/chicken-taco-melts/821ef936-5d15-4544-a174-418d3e87ace1>

Balsamic Glazed Steak Rolls

2 lbs skirt steak or 8 thin sliced sirloin, S&P.
3 tbsp worcestershire, 3 tbsp soy, 1 tsp garlic, salt seasoning, 1 tbsp olive oil
Filling: 2 carrots, 1 bell pepper, 1 zucchini, 6 green onions, 1 tbsp minced garlic, 1 tsp grated ginger, 1 tsp italian herb seasoning, 1 tbsp soy sauce, 1 tsp sesame oil, 6 mushrooms, 1 tbsp butter, 1 tbsp coconut oil
Glaze: 1 tbsp butter, 2 tbsp finely chopped shallots, 1/4 c balsamic vinegar, 2 tbsp brown sugar, 1/4 c beef broth

Trim steaks & cut into (8) 3x5" thin pieces. Salt & pepper then marinade in soy, worcestershire and garlic for 2 hours. Cut vegetables into long & thin strips. In sautepan, cook all filling ingredients until tender. Set aside. In same pan, deglaze with butter, add shallots, vinegar, sugar & broth. Reduce by half. Set aside. Wrap & broth. Reduce by half. Set aside. Wrap & secure with a toothpick. Heat pan with coconut oil and heat. Place steak rolls seam side down & season with steak or seasoning salt. Rotate & cook until desired doneness. Serve with glaze over top of the steak rolls.

Adapted from:

SteamyKitchen.com

PAINTED PUMPKINS FOR SALE!

It's that time of the year when the leaves change rapidly, the mornings are colder and costumes, candy and Halloween are around the corner.

One of the many things that comes to mind during the halloween season is finding the perfect pumpkin and carving it. Then displaying it on the front porch for the neighborhood to see. The Visual Arts Club at LBCC has taken it a step beyond.

"The pumpkin painting has been going on for a few years now and has always been successful," said Eric Robinson, the president of the VAC.

This year they are holding a fundraiser for the VAC in order to raise money for their club. Each student in the club is encouraged to paint a pumpkin for the event.

"100 percent of the funds will benefit the club, such as guest speakers, studio tours, and updating equipment," said Robinson.

Not only is it a fundraising opportunity for the club, but it's also a nice way to get the first year graphic arts students to be more involved, talk more, and get to know the second and third year students better.

"In total there is about 60 students in the program at the moment," said Robinson.

The pumpkins will be for sale in the courtyard on the Albany campus for people to purchase starting this week and continuing onto Halloween, with a possible extension date past Halloween. 📍

Pumpkin Painting Fundraiser

Who: Visual Arts Club

Where: On campus, near the SLC Building, close to the clock tower in the court yard

When: Oct. 23 - Oct. 31

Cost: \$3-10 each, depending on the size and detail of the artwork.

STORY BY **LEX PORTER**



PHOTOS: **TED HOLLIDAY**

Rebecca Kofoed painting pumpkins.



Painted pumpkins by the members of the Visual Arts Club.

DRIVING THE FUTURE NOW

After five long years of planning it is time to display the vision of the future. Stepping through the giant roll-up door onto the resurfaced smooth floors of the remodeled warehouse, it's clear that this is no ordinary building.

It is the new home of the Advanced Transportation Technology Center (ATTC). This state of the art building is housing the LBCC automotive program.

John McArdle, development director for College Advancement led the opening ceremonies.

Students who will be attending the program will be learning new advanced technologies. According to LBCC News release, The facility has state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment including a dynamometer diagnostic tool, the only one of its kind between Vancouver, B.C., and San Francisco.

Automotive students and technicians already in the field will receive training at the center for vehicles that run on compressed natural gas, propane, electric and biodiesel as well as traditional fuel vehicles.

LBCC board member Keith Frome said, "This is a fantastic facility. I am thrilled to have it. We strive to make education to connect with jobs."

Automotive instructor Bryan Schiedler explained that by the end of the first year, students will have the skills and tools to become employable. Second year students will take advanced automotive classes in the evening. This new format allows students to earn an income after the first year while advancing their skills in the second year.

During the opening speeches, Lebanon Mayor Paul Aziz said "It is an honor to have LBCC invest in our community. They will provide trained people with high skills."

Oregon Sen. Betsy Close (R-Albany) said, "LBCC students will be sought after for the new technological skills."

Greg Hamann, LBCC president made a short speech about the accomplishments of getting this new facility completed. Afterwards he led a group of dignitaries and cut the ribbon. This marked the official opening of the new ATTC. 📍



PHOTO: TED HOLLIDAY

Greg Hamann officially opens the ATTC.

STORY BY TED HOLLIDAY

BEAVERS REACH TOP 25

If you weren't already excited about where the Beavers season is going, with Sean Mannion and Brandin Cooks leading their team to a six game win streak, you will be now.

The BCS College football rankings came out for the first time Sunday, Oct., 20 and who do you think was there to round out the top 25 at number 25? Yours truly, the Oregon State Beavers.

The beavers started the season ranked number 25, but were subsequently knocked out after a disappointing loss to Eastern Washington at home in week one. They have since climbed their way back and just in time.

The Beavers true tests are yet to come. The beavers host number six Stanford this Saturday at 7:30 p.m. on ESPN.

They will then go on to play USC at home, then on the road at Arizona State, before coming back home to play Washington in their final home game before the inevitable "Civil War" match up with the ducks in Eugene.

The beavers still have a lot of work to do, but there is no reason why the beavers cannot beat each and every one of those teams. 📍



SPORTS BY COOPER PAWSON

'RUNNERS MOVING UP

LBCC Volleyball is off to a great start. Half-way through the season, LB stands at 4-1 in league play, second in their division, and 22-9 overall.

The Roadrunners finished third this past weekend in the Treasure Valley Crossover Tournament. They were 5-1 through the whole Tournament, beating Chemeketa in two sets to secure the third place spot.

Abby Hardie received all-tournament team recognition, along with the South Regional Player of the week award for the seventh week this season. Karissa Mobley also received all-tournament team recognition.

Both setters Kaci Nonnenmacher and Paige Kelsey had over 160 assists between them over the weekend. This is becoming an all-around solid team.

The NWAACC Alaskan Airlines Coaches Poll was released for the first time this season. Linn-Benton is ranked #6 in the rankings that only include the top 8 teams in the league. The Roadrunners are definitely in position to make a post season as long as they continue what they have been doing, and simply put, that's winning matches.

The Roadrunners travel to face Mt. Hood CC on Oct., 23 at 6:00 p.m. On Friday Oct., 25 they will be a part of the Dorian Harris Halloween Classic in Gresham, Oregon. The team will face Skagit Valley in game one. 📍

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The Rangers march in unison to the LaSells Stewart Center to start the memorial ceremony.



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Army Rangers marching down 26th Street in Corvallis for the Patterson memorial service.



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VFW Member Leslie Schmidt.



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Army Ranger Sanders prepares to enter the services.



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Army Rangers folding the flag and presenting it the family.

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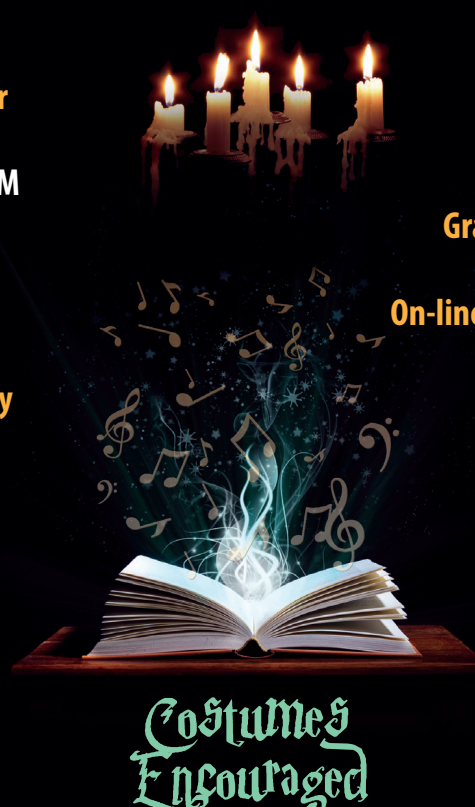
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26th Street in front of LaSells Stewart Center was lined with support for Cody Patterson.



PHOTO: TED HOLLIDAY

Bikers for Christ bolster the Patterson family.

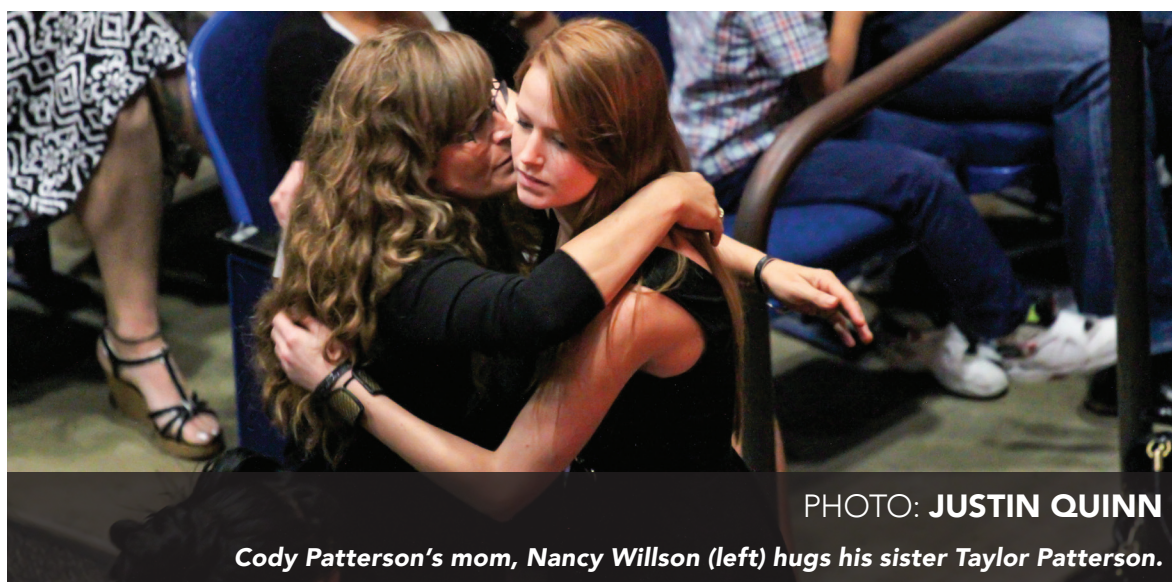


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Cody Patterson's mom, Nancy Willson (left) hugs his sister Taylor Patterson.



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Supporters mingle through the sidewalks.



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Mica Smith holds a sign in honor of Cody Patterson.

THE GREAT SHAKEOUT HITS CAMPUSES ACROSS OREGON



PHOTO: TED HOLLIDAY

Joey Beall and Lewis Franklin hide under the table during the 'Great Shake Out' drill.

Stay calm, duck and cover. That was the theme during the Great Shakeout on Thursday Oct., 17 throughout the LBCC campuses.

At precisely 10:17 a.m. all of the campuses participated in the Oregon Earthquake drill. Students, instructors, staff and faculty secured items and took shelter under their desks, tables or other sturdy objects.

Once the order was given, everyone evacuated to a safe location in the parking lots. Everyone had to wait until the all clear signal was given. The entire drill took about 10 minutes to complete.

Though Oregon doesn't experience as many earthquakes as other areas, such as California, this drill is a reminder that it can still occur. 📍

STORY BY TED HOLLIDAY

TIPS DURING AN EARTHQUAKE:

- DROP to the ground; take COVER by getting under a sturdy table or other piece of furniture; and HOLD ON until the shaking stops. If there isn't a table or desk near you, cover your face and head with your arms and crouch against an inside corner of the building.
- Stay away from glass, windows, outside doors and walls, and anything that could fall, such as lighting fixtures or furniture.
- Stay in bed if you are there when the earthquake strikes. Hold on and protect your head with a pillow, unless you are under a heavy light fixture that could fall. In that case, move to the nearest safe place.
- Do not use a doorway except if you know it is a strongly supported, load-bearing doorway and it is close to you. Many inside doorways are lightly constructed and do not offer protection.
- Stay inside until the shaking stops and it is safe to go outside. Do not exit a building during the shaking. Research has shown that most injuries occur when people inside buildings attempt to move to a different location inside the building or try to leave.
- DO NOT use the elevators.
- Be aware that the electricity may go out or the sprinkler systems or fire alarms may turn on.

For further information about earthquake safety, visit FEMA website at: <http://www.ready.gov/earthquakes>

ADVENTURE SEEKERS WANTED

**Looking for summer activities?
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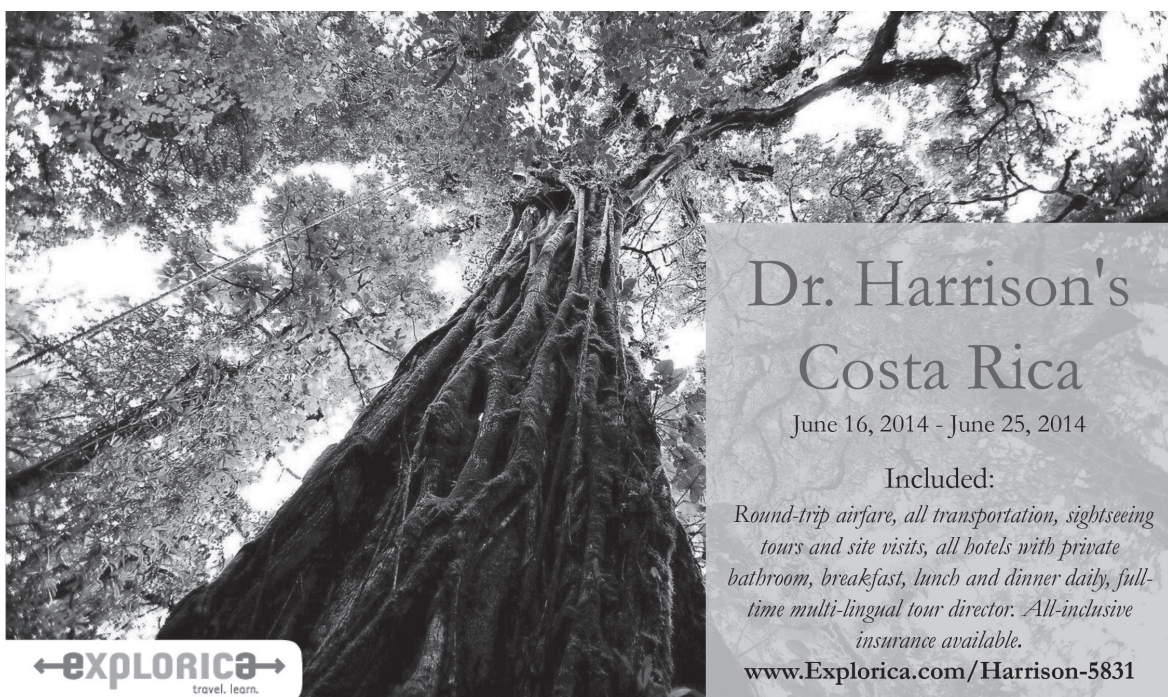
Linn-Benton instructor, Robert Harrison, PhD. is planning a 10 day adventure to explore Costa Rica.

It will be June 16 - June 25, 2014. "This is a wonderful opportunity to explore another culture, to see one of the most beautiful places on Earth, and to have a great learning experience, which is more important," said Harrison.

Many of the things that this trip will include are exploring the jungles and rivers of Costa Rica, visit Poas Volcano, kayaking, horseback riding, canopy tour, travel to Monteverde, a day at the coastal Puntarenas, and many other adventures.

This trip is for anyone, not just Linn-Benton students. It will cost \$2,600 for anybody 23 years old or younger, and \$2,900 for anybody 23 years old and older. The costs include airfare, hotel, transportation, and three meals a day.

There will be fundraising opportunities available for Linn-Benton students. For more information or questions there is a meeting Tuesday at 3p.m in the Library. 📍



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ADVICE FROM WEISS



COLUMN BY
MARK WEISS

Question: I transferred in credits from another college. Will that count against my financial aid? Also, I paid for these credits myself. Does that make a difference?

Answer: If by "count against" you mean that they will be considered as part of the total credits you are allowed for financial aid, the initial answer is YES.

Financial Aid allows students to attempt one-and-a-half times the number of credits required for their major. So if your degree requires 90 credits, you may be allowed to attempt 135. This rule exists precisely because students sometimes transfer in credits that were taken at a different college and for a different major.

When it comes to credits that you paid for yourself: The goal of financial aid is to help students get one degree or certificate, by making up the difference between what a student can and cannot afford to pay for by her or himself. If you've paid for it, then, by definition you did afford it; and, if you qualify for aid, then the financial aid office will begin making up the difference of what you can afford for the future.

One way to think about it is that financial aid is a "future oriented" agency. They don't deal with your past. They help with your future.

Question: When should I make an appointment with my adviser?

Answer: NOW. Right now for new students... Returning students can wait a bit, but need to get in before registration begins in late November. 📍

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A Sacrifice We All Need to Make

Army Spc. Brandon J. Prescott, Army Spc. Nickolas S. Welch, Navy Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jonathan S. Gibson. This is a small list of Oregonians who have died defending our freedom in 2013. But they are not names we know.

This past Sunday, a despicable group of people brought light to what would have been a quiet day, when the Westboro Baptist Church decided they were going to defame a fallen hero.

His name is permanently inbedded in our hearts, and the price that he laid on the altar of freedom is unmatched. But is his sacrifice worthy of more than the above mentioned?

We honor those we don't know, who have died for us, with silence at our ballgames, silence at our dinner tables, and a day of appreciation.

For anyone who has dealt with the passing of a loved one, it is plainly understood that when it comes to death, nothing but silence will do. But somewhere inside it feels like we owe them more.

The brief moments we give them here and there, though important, just never feel like enough for a people who gave so much.

Though Sunday was just as much about protection as it was about support, the reality is that we have our soldiers backs, no matter what the situation.

Thousands, amazingly, turned out with short notice and beauty is the only word that comes to mind when describing the support, yet still there is a question. Why not every time?

Why is it that it takes the badgering of a group of radicals to bring people together, to do what we should inherently be doing? It's time for us to take matters into our own hands and deflate the power of these groups.

"All soldiers who die, do so out of sacrifice, and it behoves us to do the same."

Thomas Campbell, a well known preacher during the Restoration Movement once said, "The patriot's blood is the seed of Freedom's tree." Though most Americans would agree with this statement, the reverence that we pay such a statement is situational. We owe it to the men and women who fight for this country to be more.

The WBC is undeserving of the title of catalyst and we have a responsibility, if not to these people, then to freedom. If within a week 2,500 people can be rallied, then surely every death represented by this state can be paid the same respect.

Prescott died in May, Welch died in August, and Gibson died in September and yet where was their support.

All soldiers who die, do so out of sacrifice, and it behoves us to do the same. It is a sacrifice to get up early on a Sunday morning, and spend the time and money required to attend a funeral of a man or woman we have never known. But ask yourself, what is their sacrifice worthy of?

Spc. Cody Patterson was worthy of the homage he received. But so are the rest and maybe, we need to give them that.

Supporting our troops is an act of patriotism and as Bob Riley once said, "I have long believed that sacrifice is the pinnacle of patriotism." Surely if they can sacrifice a life, then we can sacrifice a Sunday every few months, to show them we truly have their six. ♡



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The Two-Edged Sword



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No matter what political or social belief you cling to, one thing's for sure, we live in a country that gives its citizens special rights and privileges. We are fortunate enough in this nation that we can listen to liberal voices such as Norman Goldman, Ed Shultz, or Randi Rhodes, if one is so inclined, or we are lucky enough to have the option to listen to conservative minds such as Rush Limbaugh, Lars Larson, or Bill Post. The beautiful thing about all these choices is that whether you are a liberal progressive or a Tea Party conservative, we all have a choice and we all have the right to voice our opinions no matter how patriotic or terrible it sounds. This comes from the First Amendment.

The First Amendment says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of a religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech or the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." This means any citizen can go anywhere in a public area and say nearly anything they wish, within reason, and the First Amendment will protect their rights. These rights were tested or threatened this weekend by two different groups with very different views, but on the same side of the law.

Last Saturday evening, the group Overpasses for Obama's Impeachment, Oregon Chapter, took to the Highway 20 overpass at Interstate 5 in Albany. They had American flags, signs, and banners expressing their dislike for the way the federal government is being run by President Obama and calling for the impeachment of Obama. The local traffic was very supportive of the protest; however, the I-5 traffic wasn't as nice. The group did get many thumbs-up and horns from the freeway, but several gave thumbs-down or the infamous single-digit salute.

"After all, if they lose their right to free speech who would be next to lose theirs?"

It's true that not everyone wants to see Obama impeached. However, exercising one's rights of free speech is clearly American and Americans do it with pride. We see this with the anti-war protests of the '60s, the protests during the time of the second Bush presidency and with the more recent occupy movement. We as Americans seem to have no problem letting others know how we feel about our problems and the problems of the world.

Unfortunately, our cherished freedom of speech can also be used for hate and evil-sounding words. Amazingly enough, one thing that both conservatives and liberals in this county have in common is the dislike of the group who call themselves the Westboro Baptist Church. I don't know of any Christian group, Baptist or otherwise, who agree with them. Nevertheless, they hold the attention of the nation with their protests and their disgustingly infamous signs, such as "Thank God for dead soldiers" and "God hates fags." On Sunday this hate group put their sights on Corvallis and the funeral of one of our fallen local heroes, U.S. Army Ranger Spc. Cody Patterson, and the community returned the favor.

News of the protest of the WBC brought out the Oath Keepers, Patriot Guard Riders, and several Christian and non-affiliated Christian biker clubs (nearly all of which were veterans) from all over the area to help protect the remains of Spc. Patterson from whatever the WBC might try. Between 200 and 300 bikers, guards and supporters lined the street into the back of the LaSells Stewart Center on the OSU campus to protect the remains from anyone who may try to dishonor the fallen hero. The support however didn't stop there. Throughout the afternoon the bikers and well-wishers continued to pour in. According to www.katu.com more than 2,500 people were there to help or just show support.

The Westboro Baptist Church is, according to many, a vile and hateful group who should not be allowed to protest the way they do. I do not endorse the group or their ideas by any means. However, as an American and a U.S. Army vet, I am deeply disheartened to be standing on same side of the First Amendment as the WBC. But, after all, if they lose their right to free speech who would be next to lose theirs? We must exercise our rights carefully. The First Amendment can be a two-edged sword where someone could get hurt. ♡

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
 1 Faux-antique décor
 11 Nurses
 15 Words next to many 22-Down
 16 Malaysian Chinese shoe designer Jimmy
 17 It's hard to write with one
 19 Cub games setting: Abbr.
 20 Hidden Valley competitor
 21 "Hah!"
 22 Small-screen princess
 23 Sing ballads, say
 24 Word in a Le Pew address
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 29 Foe of the fictional spy agency
CONTROL
 30 Pump parts
 32 Authorizing
 33 First-aid practitioner, briefly

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By Brad Wilber and Doug Peterson

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- 34 In reality
 36 Cutting remark
 37 Don't bother
 39 Jardin occupant
 40 They're built on benches
 41 Pretends
 43 Yupik craft
 45 Thomas who co-created "Free to Be ... You and Me"
 46 Spanish autonomy Castile and
 47 Astronomy Muse
 49 Stick with a spring
 50 Brief black-and-white flash?
 53 Hunter's companion
 56 Singer of the children's album "Camp Lisa"
 57 Prevented from getting unruly
 58 Minute
 59 Biological cooler

- 3 Family title
 4 Like some news
 5 Stock character?
 6 Dweller on the Red Sea
 7 Hutch contents
 8 European trio in a Christmas song
 9 Soc. Sec. supplement
 10 Rogers ____: Toronto stadium
 11 Cheesy stuff
 12 "Color me surprised!"
 13 Shot glass
 14 Bar supply available at the touch of a button
 18 Pretentious
 22 Check alternatives
 23 "Welcome to the human network" tech giant
 24 Desert mount
 25 "GET FIRED UP!" candy
 26 Passes out
 27 Phil Jackson, for most of the '70s
 28 Early birds?
 29 It may wash up onshore

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 31 Leaving for
 34 Toots
 35 2010 Western remake that garnered 10 Oscar nominations
 38 Presently
 40 Success on a mat
 42 Haunted house sounds
 44 Farm sound
 46 Ton o'
 47 Jamaican hybrid fruit
 48 Act like a pig, in a way
 49 Star of Looney Tunes' "for Scent-imental Reasons"
 50 Fitness brand
 51 Ivy League member
 52 Cultivated
 54 FF's opposite
 55 Bent piece

DOWN

- 1 What collaborators should be in
 2 Garment feature that's sometimes detachable

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE 10/23/13

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3	2	4	6	7	8	9	1	5
9	1	7	5	4	3	2	8	6
7	8	9	2	6	4	3	5	1
5	6	2	1	3	7	4	9	8
4	3	1	8	5	9	6	2	7

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

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October 28 @ 3:30pm — Benton Center BC-107
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LBCC SLC Harvest Pie Festival

October 31 @ 11am - 1pm — In front of SLC Office in Courtyard

Oregon Shakespeare Festival Actors Visit

November 8 @ Email for times of various events — LBCC Forum 104
 More Info: robin.havenick@linnbenton.edu

Macbeth - Movement into Darkness

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Thursday: Red Wine Braised Beef, Shrimp and Grits*, Spinach Lasagna. Soups: Turkey Chowder, and Pumpkin Soup*.

Friday: Chef's Choice

Monday: Chicken Massaman Curry over Steamed Rice*, Pork Jaeger Schnitzel, Portabella Sandwich. Soups: Italian Sausage Soup, and Cream of Onion*

Tuesday: Salmon en Papillote*, Huli Huli Chicken, Vegetable Strudel. Soups: Chicken Tortilla*, and Loaded Potato Chowder

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HOROSCOPES

BY: **DANYA HYDER**

Scorpio: Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Bright colorful leaves are falling off trees, leaving giant piles beneath them. What else would one want to do, but jump in them? Go ahead, jump into random piles of leaves!

Sagittarius: Nov. 22 - Dec. 21
Falling leaves means so much yard work! Don't be surprised when the well-made pile turns into a well-made mess! Keep rakes handy, you never know who may try jumping in those piles.

Capricorn: Dec. 22 - Jan. 19
Color-changing trees means only one thing-climbing contest! High-up from ground-level may give you new insight. Try to learn from your new insight and don't look down.

Aquarius: Jan. 20 - Feb. 18
Falling leaves, random scary pumpkins everywhere. A perfect day to smile at new people and show how unafraid you are of the giant pumpkin! Keep on smiling, it seems to be working quite well.

Pisces: Feb. 19 - March 20
Hearing echoes and can't figure out where they're coming from? Capricorn may be playing tricks on you. Don't worry about the "voices in your head," just wonder if you should jump at the breathing pile of leaves or run.

Aries: March 21 - April 19
Carving pumpkins is a fun, dangerous, sport! Find the perfect horror-face for your new Jack O' Lantern. Just be wary when handling the giant knife.

Taurus: April 20 - May 20
The time is perfect to spring an attack out of leave piles! Surprise friends and spook others, as you jump out of your hiding place. No one will notice the pile breathing...

Gemini: May 21 - June 21
Don't stomp on the pinecone, but maybe step on a pinecone. The tough decisions of today will be the laughs of tomorrow, including deciding whether or not you should be angry at the random person who startled you from a pile of leaves...

Cancer: June 22 - July 22
Great, the leaves changed color and suddenly you forgot which place is which. Maps are perfect and well, when you don't want to run into a wall.

Leo: July 23 - Aug. 22
A great day to stomp through the leaves and laugh the day away! Stomping doesn't always mean you're angry. Sometimes, you just feel like stomping.

Virgo: Aug. 23 - Sept. 22
The Great Pumpkin may not come this Halloween, or may he? Growing a giant pumpkin is tougher than it sounds, yet the first prize ribbon calls your name!

Libra: Sept. 23 - Oct. 22
Should you work like crazy on homework due in three weeks or wander by the strange pile of leaves which seem to be breathing? Oh, the decisions! Have fun, Libra, and be wary of those breathing leaves!

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BACK IN THE DAY

BY: **WILLIAM ALLISON**

On Oct. 23, 1973, U.S. President Richard M. Nixon turned over the tapes concerning the Watergate affair.

On Oct. 23, 1929, The Dow Jones Industrial Average plummeted, which started the stock-market crash that began the Great Depression.

On Oct. 24, 2005, Rosa Parks died at the age of 92.

On Oct. 24, 1931, The George Washington Bridge, which connects New York and New Jersey, opened for the first time.

On Oct. 25, 1955, The Tappan Company introduced the microwave oven for home use.

On Oct. 26, 1954, Walt Disney's first television program, "Disneyland" premieres on ABC.

On Oct. 26, 1881, The Earp brothers face off against the Clanton-McLaury gang in a legendary shootout at the OK Corral in Tombstone, Arizona.

On Oct. 27, 1988, "ET" is released to home video.

On Oct. 28, 1922, 1st coast-to-coast radio broadcast of a football game.

On Oct. 29, 1982, Paul McCartney and Michael Jackson release "Girls are mine."

On Oct. 29, 1929, Stock market crashes. Black Tuesday hits Wall Street as investors trade 16,410,030 shares on the New York Stock Exchange in a single day, Billions of dollars were lost, wiping out thousands of investors

THREE'S A CROWD

BY: **JASON MADDOX**

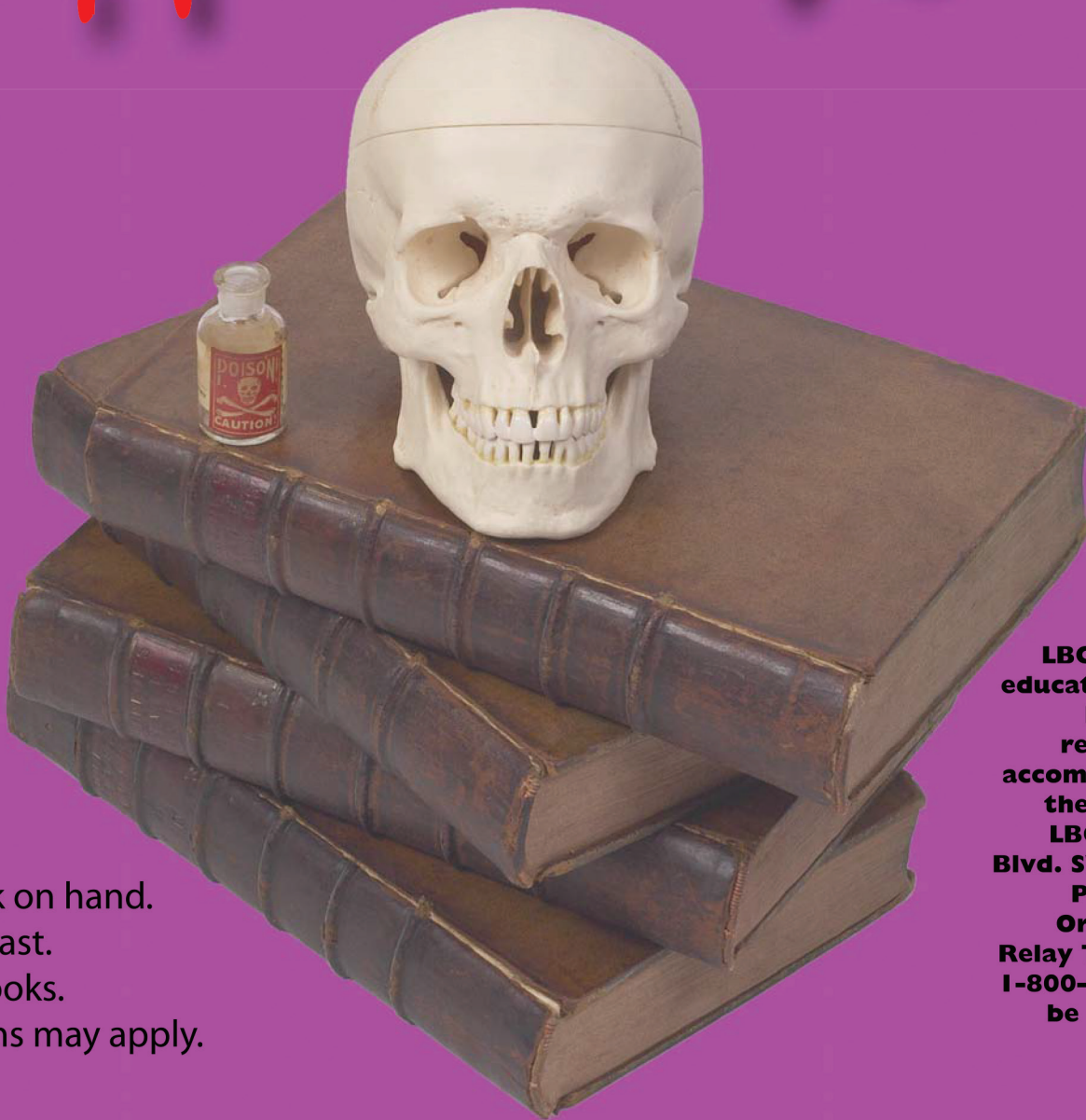
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CODY PATTERSON'S SISTER, LETITIA WILLIAMS SAYS GOODBYE.

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