

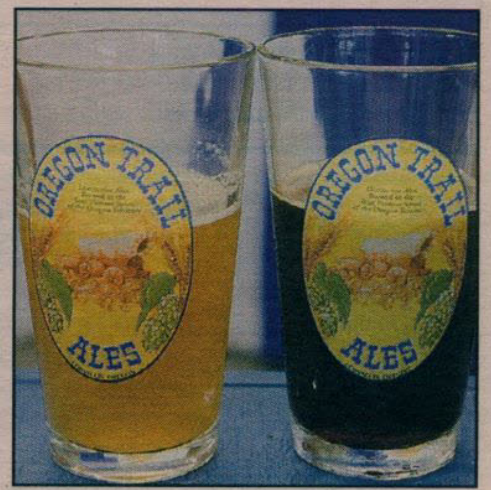


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Welcome Back

A&C Division Secretary Annette Easdale demonstrates the game "It's Worth the Risk" to Sandra LeHoullier at the Safety Committee's booth during the Welcome Back Picnic last Wednesday. The purpose of the game was to demonstrate how to make safe choices in the event of emergencies.

Assault puts LB on alert

Dan Wise
The Commuter

Last Wednesday evening at about 7:45 p.m. a female LBCC student was assaulted in the college parking lot outside the Bookstore. The student was able to escape after being grabbed, and she quickly alerted a custodian, who contacted the Campus Security Office.

"Where we are now is we are in a state of very high alert," said Bruce Thompson, security manager. While the campus is statistically safe, incidents such as this are always possible, he continued. "Reduction of funding for community-based treatment is increasing the number of
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Cavin seeks to upgrade science labs

Nancey West
The Commuter

Students using the biology and chemistry labs at LBCC can look forward to improved facilities if President Rita Cavin is successful in landing \$2 million in federal money for a massive renovation project.

Cavin commented on what she called "The Science Center Project" Friday at a news conference on campus. She said science students have been dealing with crowded and challenging conditions in the 33-year-old Science & Technology

Building, while others have not been able to access the classes they need.

"It's not pleasant over there," Cavin said, adding that she has been working diligently since February to solicit funds to remodel the facilities. Much of the equipment in the labs was new in 1973 and is obsolete today.

She urged students who find the situation frustrating to demonstrate that concern in an e-mail or phone call to Oregon's Congressional delegation, which includes Senators Gordon Smith and Ron Wyden and Representatives Darlene Hooley and Peter DeFazio.

Long-term support from the students is needed to solicit funds for the project, she said, because a steady flow of comments over time is more effective than a surge of letters all at once.

Students, staff and supporters need to "make a lot of noise" if the college is going to be successful in landing federal funds, Cavin pointed out. People in the community have written letters of support, she said, and now it's time for students to describe their personal situations to government leaders. In a letter, form is
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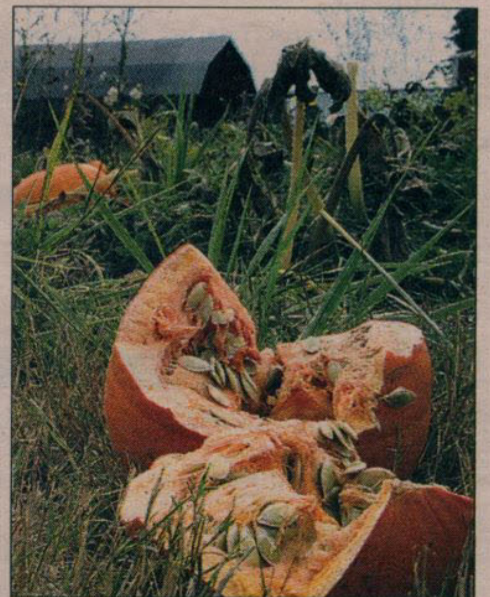


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Pumpkins grown on campus this summer by the Horticulture Club for the children of the Periwinkle Center for the children of the Periwinkle Center were smashed by vandals during the first week of classes.

The Weather Through the Week

Source: National Weather Service

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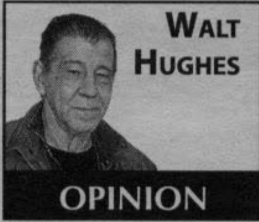
OPINION

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Hurricanes unleash waves of finger-pointing

During the past month we have been deluged with newspaper and television accounts of the recent hurricanes in Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Guatemala.

We watched vivid and very graphic scenes of wind and water pounding and destroying everything in their paths as nature rampaged and ravaged the southern coastline of our country, and most recently, the Central American Coast.



WALT HUGHES
 OPINION

We were even treated to some grisly pictures of bodies lying on sidewalks, sitting in wheelchairs and floating among the debris in the muddy waters surging through New Orleans. With almost every television and news crew in the country—and possibly the entire world—covering the story, it was hard to miss the fact that thousands upon thousands of our fellow Americans were experiencing the worst crisis of their lives.

What became obvious as time went on was the fact that the people trusted to look out for the welfare of those thousands of people were completely unprepared to deal with such a catastrophe.

By Day 3 it had come down to name-calling, finger-pointing and obviously utter frustration among the elected officials of the city, state and national governments. It seemed that the breaches in the levees were nothing compared to the breaches in civility and cooperation among those officials as time went on.

It is said that at times Mother Nature will demonstrate her power regardless



of what humanity does, but this time it seems she also provided an enlightening lesson that the politicians did not expect. The Boy Scout motto is "be prepared," something most scouts—and many others—learn at an early age, but the majority of politicians seem to ignore.

Sadly, this is nothing new. In the months after the United States Army (said to be the most powerful and well-equipped army in the world) invaded Afghanistan and Iraq, it was pointed out that personal body armor provided to our troops was either lacking or inferior. It was also discovered that our mechanized vehicles either lacked or had insufficient armor.

While the bravery and honor of our men and women in uniform goes without

question, one might wonder how many lives were actually lost because of the lack of proper equipment to do the job in the safest manner possible.

Following that same chain of thought, how many innocent lives were lost? How many of your fellow citizens lost their homes and everything they had? How many children will live without parents because of misjudgment and lack of adequate planning for the event of a major hurricane, that everyone knew would eventually happen at some point?

Another interesting thought to ponder here would be the concern over oil. With the sure knowledge that hurricanes happen frequently along the Gulf Coast, why are the vast majority of our refineries located

there? That seems to make about as much sense as sticking your neck under a guillotine whose blade is being suspended by a frayed rope.

Stop and reflect for a moment. Leaving political party affiliations aside, it makes no difference whether you are a Republican, Democrat, or Martian. In the weeks and months to come there will be committee meetings, hearings, accusations and finger-pointing enough to go around, but will anything ever really come of it?

The former head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency stood before the cameras on national television and admitted that he didn't even know what was going on until nearly four days after the hurricane hit New Orleans, yet just a few days earlier in front of the United States Congress, he said that he felt he had done a very good job.

The president of the United States seemed almost detached as he vacationed at his ranch in Texas, while the hurricane ravaged Mississippi and Louisiana. It was two days before he finally interrupted that vacation and returned to Washington.

At the bottom line, thousands of people remain homeless and thousands more are losing what little they have left to land scammers, people who seem to think beachfront realty in Mississippi and Louisiana will make them even richer, while politicians are being indicted and investigated for improper stock sales, money laundering; and a whole list of other inappropriate deeds.

How will it all turn out? How will it affect your life? What will the future bring? The answers to those questions are something to ponder.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

College's 'endorsement' of 12-step programs criticized

To the Editor:

The issue transcends LBCC, although it applies to many majors here. Religious freedom does not exist for millions of Americans. The highest courts of the states of Washington, Tennessee, and New York, as well as the Second, Third, Seventh, and if I haven't misread it, Ninth federal circuit courts have held the 12-step method of addiction recovery, as in Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and Narcotics Anonymous (NA) to be religion, and

thus illegal for government usage. Oregon is in the Ninth Circuit.

The method may be referenced on Pages 59 and 60 of any edition of Alcoholics Anonymous. It is very obviously religion. The 12 steps contain faith healing, surrender to God, confession, prayer, religious mysticism of all things, and evangelizing.

Closer to home, Dean of Student Life Diane Watson endorses the method. It is not legal for her office to do

this. The First Amendment requires this college to be neutral concerning religious matters, including not promoting religion in general as opposed to non-religion in general. Her office cannot legally cooperate in the AAs, NAs and Gamblers Anonymous' (GAs) false arguments that the steps are not religious. The false arguments, "spiritual but not religious," "God as you understand God," and "your higher power can be anything" are also religious arguments!

Professional addictions counselors are not off the hook in failing to expose AA as religious. Not identifying it as religion might be a fraudulent felony. A second fraud is that AA-NA-GA are treating the so-called "spiritual disease" of addiction, a unique and dogmatic religious concept, rather than the diagnoses of the disorders of addictions. If there is physician oversight, these might also be medical malpractice, including the practice of religious faith healing as medicine. A third possible felony is the conspiracy to advance the religion by silence itself. The effect is coercive toward religion, because the groups simply will not own up to their religious natures.

A paper in the matter is available from me, Kevin Russell, as is a list of many court cases, most of which may be read online at OSU Valley Library.

Kevin Russell
 Corvallis

Editor's Note: Because LBCC receives federal funds, it must comply with the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act Amendment of 1989. This requires the college to provide a program to prevent use of illicit drugs and abuse of alcohol. The college does not endorse any of the programs for which it supplies literature, according to Dean of Student Life Diane Watson.

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OPINION

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'SHE'S MY FRIEND AND A WOMAN AND MY FRIEND AND A TEXAN AND MY FRIEND. WHAT ELSE DOES ANYBODY NEED TO KNOW??'

Bush continues unfortunate trend in appointing friend to high court

President George W. Bush seems to once again be demonstrating his arrogance, or possibly ignorance, in nominating Harriet E. Miers, an individual with little practical experience, to become a justice on the United States Supreme Court. Even hard-liners in the conservative branch of the Republican Party are voicing their unhappiness with this.

According to some of the stories carried by the Associated Press, Reuters, the Washington Post and the New York Times, trouble has been brewing in the Republican Party for quite some time. It would seem that many Republican conservatives were questioning exactly what Bush was doing and what he really stands for even before the last election, but did not want to publicly voice those concerns because it would have shown disunity in the party.

Although there are a number of things that a sitting president can do to leave a lasting imprint when he is no longer in office, the appointment of an individual to a lifetime job on the United States Supreme Court is one that can have a far-reaching and long-lasting effect on the citizens of this country as a whole.

A good question would be how fair it is and how concerned he really is about the citizens of this country when he places party and personal loyalty above everything else.

One might wonder just how someone who has never even served on the bench of a Municipal Court would be qualified to apply and interpret the law in the highest court in the land. While Miers may be the nicest person in the world and his good friend, she has absolutely no experience on the bench.

The Republicans claim that they want a court interested only in interpreting the Constitution as it was written rather than legislating from the bench. The fundamental problem with that idea is that the original Constitution was written over 200 years ago, in a time when we did not have TV, radio or host of other things we enjoy today. That is one reason that amendments have been made to the Constitution over the years. Strict interpretation of the original Constitution without leeway or taking modern ideas and the changing times into account would set this country back a hundred years or more.

Taken by itself, the issue of appointments to the Supreme Court might seem almost irrelevant compared to all the other problems facing the nation right now,

but when you look at the larger picture it should be a grave concern to every citizen of this country.

As much as they would like it otherwise, it is no great secret that the Bush political machine and the Republican Party in general love to operate in secrecy. It seems that every time the questions get too deep or scrutiny too close the word terrorism is thrown out as a barrier. The Bush press machine will stonewall many pointed questions, and when nothing else works that great word terrorism slams the door. Combine that with the Patriot Act and the result can really get scary.

An article in Time lists a number of individuals who got their jobs through political affiliations or being related to others within the good old boy system, and goes on to point out that most of them are either little qualified or completely unqualified for jobs in areas controlling billions of federal dollars, the food we eat, the drugs we use and so on. Michael Brown, former director of FEMA, is just one prime example of that.

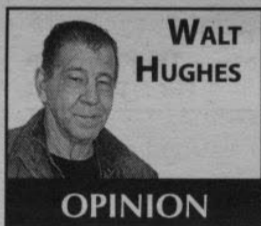
Speaker of the House, Tom DeLay, Karl Rove, the president's chief adviser and Scooter Libby, the chief aide to Vice President Dick Cheney seem to be walking underneath very rainy clouds lately.

Rove, architect of the Bush administration and chief adviser to the president, seems to be almost centered under that cloud, while DeLay was indicted by a Texas grand jury for conspiracy and money laundering last week, and Libby, top adviser to Vice President Cheney, seems to be deeply mired in the middle of the Valerie Plame CIA investigation. Sen. Bill Frist of Tennessee is being investigated for his stock dealings, and the list goes on. Interestingly, each and every one of them is a dyed-in-the-wool Republican Bush administration supporter.

Turning back to the latest nominee for the United States Supreme Court, one might pause and give thought to the fact that at some point these stalwart Republicans who seem to be breaking laws with impunity may have to appear before the Republican appointed judges on the court.

Could they possibly be packing the house in their favor beforehand? This is a deep question that the citizens of this country might reflect upon.

Does all of this sound gruesome? These are only some of the problems confronting Bush and his Republican Party at the moment. Add Michael Brown and the FEMA fiasco of recent weeks, the reality that the war in Iraq is not going as well as Bush claims, the fact that Osama bin Laden is still running loose plus a half a dozen other items, and it looks like this country may be in really serious trouble right now.



PERSPECTIVES

How do you feel about Oregon's assisted suicide law, which is currently before the U.S. Supreme Court?

"It's like church and state—it's not right. It's murder."



Kyle Hammerich
Animal Science



Joan Davis
Science

"I don't think it should be there, because I think life and death is not in our hands."

"Life and death should be left to a higher power."



Kelli Sloper
Radiology



Sabrina Provence
Instructional Assistant

"If someone wants to die they should be allowed to, but doctors shouldn't be allowed to write lethal prescriptions."

It's important that your family knows your wishes. You don't want them to be in that kind of pain."

"I don't agree with assisted suicide. You are choosing to end pain now but will be in more pain in eternity."



Debbie Farmer
Psychology



Joel Fawver
Computer Science

"When they get to that point in life, they should be able to end their lives. This is a free country. People should be allowed to choose whether to live."

"Docs are not trained to kill patients. Too many people are told they will die and continue to live."



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Security: Patrols increased; students cautioned

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people with problems on the street." The assailant in Wednesday's incident is described as a white male about six feet tall and approximately 175 pounds wearing a black sweatshirt, black shorts and carrying a black backpack. In addition, a staff member has alerted the administration to a person of interest they would like to talk to, according to Holland. That person is described as having extremely pale skin with facial piercings and a pronounced speech impediment. Any information should be reported to security.

While certainly frightening, Thompson feels the incident can serve as a wake-up call to the campus, raising an alert. It also points out the importance of reporting incidents. "If the residents don't report, you can't prepare or protect," he said.

LBCC has a 105-acre campus with several outbuildings and large parking areas located away from the main buildings. During the day, Thompson and one other officer are charged with all aspects of campus safety.

In response to this incident, however, the office has added a third person "to rotate in on a part-time basis during the evening hours," said Sharon King, contract and risk manager for the college. The goal is to always have at least two officers on duty with a

"Where we are now is we are in a state of very high alert,"

Bruce Thompson
Security Manager

reserve of two on call for special conditions, she continued.

"Staffing is driven by our experience and history," said Mike Holland, vice-president for administration and student affairs. "It is very rare to have person-to-person incidents." Holland could not remember a similar incident in his time here.

In addition to the main campus, part-time security has been added to the satellite campuses in Sweet Home, Lebanon and the Benton Center.

Thompson cites several things students and staff can do to help security.

"Registering your car with the school is a huge help." Although not required, a registration number makes dealing with often-mundane problems much easier.

"Please lock your cars," he adds. Service calls, jumpstarts and auto door unlocks consume an inordinate amount of security's time.

In addition, security does around 2,000 door unlocks every month in campus build-

ings. Eliminating some of these minor calls can free security's time.

The federal Cleary Act requires that all institutions of higher learning that receive federal funds must report crime statistics, not only on their campuses but also for a contingent area, which is roughly one-half mile surrounding LBCC's campus. Those statistics are very low, according to Thompson. The low crime rate can lead people to be complacent, which he feels can lead to problems.

"Paying attention to your surroundings is very important," said Thompson. Avoid situations that pose possible danger such as dark parking areas. Because there is not a large security presence, people must take it upon themselves to be aware. He also stresses that he wants people to use the services. "Communication is the key. Although we are security, we are also ambassadors."

Emergency help is always available through the several red emergency phones located throughout campus. A call from any phone on campus will also bring help, according to Thompson.

Escorts are always available from security if students or staff cannot find friends or classmates to walk with them into dangerous areas.

Cavin: Students asked to contact congressmen

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not as important as content, she suggested, and it is best to e-mail or fax a letter, because paper letters can become bogged down in the screening process before it reaches legislators.

As one sign of local support, Cavin said the CEO of a large local company told Sen. Wyden that LBCC was more important to him than OSU in providing employees. If the labs are not upgraded, he may have to go out of state in search of new employees.

Cavin took her campaign to Washington, D.C., in September. She was able to meet with representatives in five offices but found the timing was not in her favor. Lawmakers' attention at the time was concentrated on the relief efforts for the hurricane victims. The Labor, HSS and Education Appropriations Bill, which is where LBCC's money would be allocated if she can get it in the bill, has been delayed until at least November. However,



"The structure isn't a challenge, the funding is. . . It's more of a marathon, not a sprint."

Dr. Rita Cavin
LBCC President

There are now 5,000 science students and 5,000 students in the math labs. "That number could double" following completion of the project, Cavin projected.

A lot of time and effort has been put into the Science Center Project, but Cavin said more is needed and that it may take a couple of years to get the federal dollars.

"It is more of a marathon, not a sprint," Cavin said of her

she said she went to Capitol Hill well-informed on the program her request was submitted to, which gave her some leverage in arranging meetings.

The FY06 Labor, HHS and Education Appropriations Bill contains a total of \$141 million to be disbursed nationwide to a variety of projects. LBCC has requested \$2 million of that. The amount requested is a large sum for a single community college, Cavin said.

Besides federal money, Cavin said that \$1 million is hoped for from private contributions to

pay for the construction part of the renovation, while the federal money would go toward equipment.

She said she wants to raise another \$1 million for scholarships after the remodeled building is complete, making the price tag for the entire Science Center Project about \$4 million. "The structure isn't a challenge, the funding is," Cavin said.

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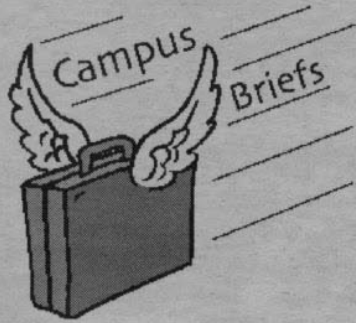
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U of O student speaks on Nagasaki trip

Walt Hughes
 The Commuter

Andrew Jones will be giving a presentation to relate highlights and events of his recent trip to Nagasaki, Japan in the Multicultural Center today at noon and everyone is welcome to attend.

This past August, Jones, a University of Oregon student majoring in political science and peace studies, Matt Friesen,

pastor of the Albany Mennonite Church, Albany realtor Ruth Lehman, Kelsey McCann and Liz O'Donnell from South Albany High School and Megan Geissler and Blain Willard from West Albany High School traveled to Japan. They attended the 60th anniversary commemoration of the World War II bombing of Nagasaki. They arrived on Aug. 3 and stayed until Aug. 12.

On Aug. 9, 1945 a 20 kiloton

atomic bomb was detonated 1,800 feet above Nagasaki, which was only the secondary target that day. Kokura was the original target that morning, but the city of Nagasaki was also on the target list because it was a major naval shipbuilding center. Heavy cloud cover made it impossible to drop the bomb on Kokura, and the historical fate of Nagasaki was forever sealed.

According to statistics com-

plied by the Avalon Project at Yale Law School, the populations of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan were estimated to be 255,000 and 195,000 respectively at the beginning of August 1945, and had decreased by 105,000 by the Aug. 10, 1945.

The trip was funded by the Linn-Benton Institute for Peace and Justice, Mid-Willamette Valley Friendship Force, and the Avalon Project at Yale Law School, the populations of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan were estimated to be 255,000 and 195,000 respectively at the beginning of August 1945, and had decreased by 105,000 by the Aug. 10, 1945.

Welcome Back

The Associated Student Government sponsored Welcome Back BBQ's are at the Lebanon Center Oct. 12, 2005 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at the Benton Center on Oct. 13, 2005 from 4 to 6 p.m. The menus will include burgers, chips, cookies, fruit & beverage, all for \$1.50.

Family of artists

Lynn Whitacre, her mom Diane Garrison and her daughter-in-law Susan Whitacre have their work both upstairs and downstairs at the Lebanon Center. All three have taken LBCC classes; Lynn has taught for Community Ed. Their work is all different, ranging from watercolor to pencil to photography. Lynn and Diane have had a show together before (and, at that time, were joined by Lynn's daughter Danielle). This display will be at the Lebanon Center for the month of October.

Equestrian picnic

The LBCC Equestrian Team is back in full swing and is having their first fund-raising event today. They are having a courtyard lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The menu consists of curry and rice, salad, drink and dessert for \$3 for students and \$4 for faculty. The Equestrian Team is serving lunch with cowgirl and cowboy flair all duded up in horseman's gear to rope you in to a nice hot meal. The proceeds will go toward supporting the travel costs of their team.

Drug awareness

On Wednesday, Oct. 12, Deputy Mary Peterson will be displaying information dedicated to raising awareness about drug-related problems in Linn and Benton counties. The display will be set up in Takena Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will also include a 17-minute informational video.

Board approves revised Mission Statement

Jennifer Overholser
 The Commuter

The LBCC Board of Education has approved a new Mission Statement for the school with help from the community and staff.

LB President Rita Cavin felt the Mission Statement needed to be addressed because it had been 13 years since it had been looked at. The revision process started with a survey of 100 community leaders and the entire college staff.

A small group of faculty and staff called the Blue Print Team drafted two versions of the Mission Statement that were voted on at an in-service on Sept. 13. About 300 ballots were passed out and the version that won was preferred two to one, according to Renee Windsor-White, executive assistant to Cavin.

The Blue Print Team revised the selected version and the Board approved it on Sept. 21. Cavin believes the new Mission Statement combined with the Vision and Core Values "portrays the energy and commitment" of LBCC's employees.

LBCC Mission Statement

Linn-Benton Community College supports the dreams of our students by providing comprehensive programs and services that are innovative and accessible. We are passionately committed to meeting the educational needs of individuals, businesses and our communities through learner-centered and life-changing experiences.



photo by Dan Wise.

Cultivating Future Leaders

Members of Lynn Winn's student leadership class put the finishing touches on a project at Albany's Calapooia Middle School last Saturday. "The class teaches leadership skills and that you are the ones that can make a difference whether it is in your school, city, state, country or world," said Winn. Kaley Propst, Alisha Hartung and Mercedes Miller (from left) joined fellow classmates, other students, parents and 15 Members of LBCC's Student Life and Leadership in edging, weeding, planting shrubs and spreading bark. The partnership with LBCC had its beginnings last spring according to Principal Pat Weidmann. The eighth grade elective class is offered each term and gives members a chance to participate in their community in a number of projects. This is one of several Community Service Projects that SL&L does every year.

Business instructor honored

LBCC News Service

Martin Schulz received the 2005 Small Business Management Program Instructor of the Year award from the Northwest Association of Small Business Management Instructors.

Schulz has been a Business Advisor for the Training and Business Development Center at Linn-Benton Community College

since 1993, teaching the Small Business Management Program and Building Your Own Business Program. He also writes a popular business tip column for the Corvallis Gazette-Times.

He was awarded the honor as a result of the recognition of his peers and testimonials of business owners who have participated in the Linn-Benton Small Business Management Program.

LB launches new program to train disaster responders

Steven Farrens
 The Commuter

Hurricane Katrina left nearly 1,000 dead, financially damaging the country in the billions, causing chaos that, even a month later, is still evident.

Across the country, Americans watched the interplay between FEMA, the Red Cross, and the government to salvage the remnants of 'The Big Easy.' Serious problems in the effectiveness of their solutions were evident; FEMA's response time was slow and misguided—while the water rose to toxic heights,

bodies floated the streets in a way similar to a third world country.

This winter, Linn-Benton Community College begins working in partnership with Samaritan Health Services, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to administer a program designed to provide training for associations needing to develop an all-inclusive plan for response to biological, chemical or nuclear threats.

The one-year certificate covers 24 credits, including classes

such as Responding to Nuclear and High Explosive Weapons, Responding to Biological Weapons and Disease Outbreaks, and Responding to Natural Disasters.

Participants will learn how to handle various emergencies and develop the skills to create an emergency management plan. In addition, the classes will also train students to provide leadership under stressful conditions.

After the onset of Hurricane Katrina as an example, then-FEMA director Michael Brown waited nearly five hours before

requesting the assistance of Homeland Security—and gave them two days to arrive.

Many observers believe his poor response was a direct result of Brown's lack of experience, and the outrage from victims led to Brown's resignation.

In the same regard, the Northwest Regional Director of FEMA, John Pennington, has no experience managing emergency situations.

Joseph Bailey, the director of Contracted Services at Linn-Benton Community College, is not only adamant about the program's future success, but

what it could mean to the area as well.

LBCC is the only community college in the state that will offer this type of program, and Bailey expects many of the students to be working professionals commuting from the Portland and Eugene area.

The education and training will help those working today as well as the students seeking a potential position with an association like FEMA in the future, he said.

For more information, contact LBCC Admissions/First Stop Center at (541) 917-4811.

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SPORTS

Coverage of competitive and recreational activities at LBCC, as well as from around the state and nation.

Playoff shake-out: It's Astros v. Cards and Angels v. ChiSox

Jake Rosenberg
 The Commuter

Raking leaves and the end of daylight savings time are two things that the month of October can always guarantee.

Only the baseball playoffs can liven up the doldrums of fall as we draw closer to the World Series.

The final four are decided now that the Divisional round is over and it looks as if we are set for some great League Championship Series games. The defending champion Red Sox (95-67) came in as the wild-card seed and was quickly ousted by the White Sox

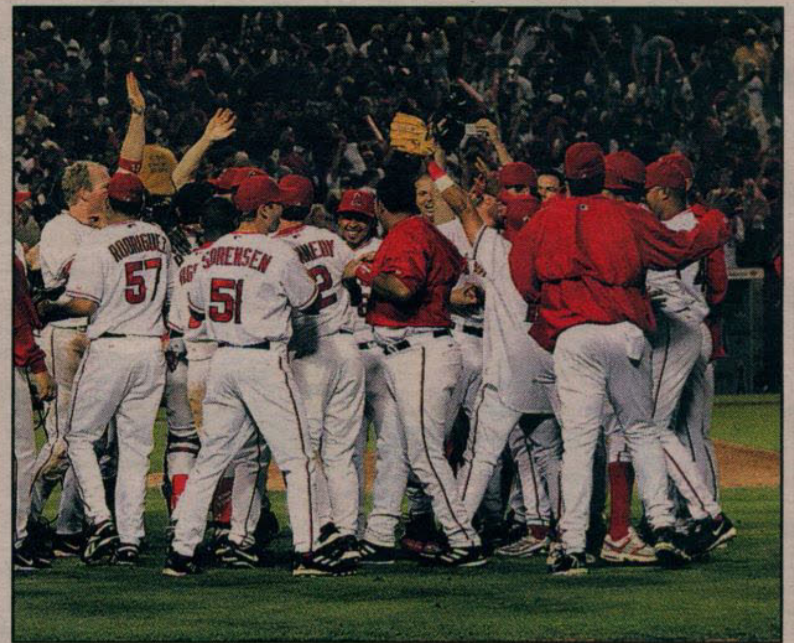
(99-63) in a three-game sweep that ended on Friday in Boston. Over the next four days, Chicago had been patiently waiting for the winner between the Yankees (93-67) and Angels (95-67). That series was settled last night when the Angels won Game 5.

In the National League, the top seeded St. Louis Cardinals (100-62) took on the Padres (82-80) and swept them in three games, capping the series on Saturday night in San Diego with a 7-4 victory. The Cards were no doubt watching closely on Sunday to see if they would be getting an extra day off or if the Astros would end the Braves'

14th consecutive playoff appearance with a 13th unsuccessful trip back to Atlanta.

It took almost six hours, but after the longest post-season game in history, Houston won 7-6 in 18 innings. After losing in his Game 2 start, Roger Clemens earned the victory with a surprising relief appearance as "The Rocket" and retired nine of the final 11 Atlanta batters.

The Astros will now play the Cardinals in a rematch of last year's NLCS. Post-season great Andy Pettite will face-off against Cy Young finalist Chris Carpenter of the Cards in St. Louis to kick off the seven-game series.



KRT Photo

Francisco "K-Rod" Rodriguez is mauled by his Angels teammates celebrating the closer's save in Game 5 of the Divisional Series against the Yankees Monday night. The Angels now face the White Sox in the ALCS while the Astros take on the Cardinals in the NLCS.

Angels send baseball's biggest payroll home for the winter

Knight-Ridder News Service

ANAHEIM, Calif.—The Los Angeles Angels ousted the best team money can buy Monday night, setting up an intriguing American League Championship Series matchup against the best team period.

Despite the early loss of starter Bartolo Colon to a shoulder injury, the Angels knocked off the New York Yankees 5-3 in Game 5 of their AL Division Series, earning a chance to spoil the White Sox's dream season.

While a White Sox-Angels

series may lack the hype and the history of a Yankees-Red Sox sequel, it does feature two hard-nosed, battle-tested teams who overcame late-season adversity and national skepticism to finish with the top two records in the American League.

Los Angeles beat the Yankees without the benefit of their ace after Colon was forced to leave with an inflamed right shoulder at the outset of the second inning. Angels manager Mike Scioscia called on 22-year-old rookie Ervin Santana, who survived a shaky start to notch the biggest

win of his brief career.

Santana outpitched Yankees veteran Mike Mussina, the Game 1 winner who spent the last four days waiting for the series to come back to California, only to get yanked in the third trailing 5-2. Colon came out more aggressive than in his Game 1 start, when he allowed four runs in the first two innings after retiring the first two batters in each inning. With two on and two outs in the first, he reared back and struck out Hideki Matsui with a 95-mph fastball to end the threat.

But Colon walked off the mound in pain twice after pitches to Robinson Cano in the

second inning, and was forced to leave during the at-bat.

Bubba Crosby's run-scoring single put the Yankees on top, and Derek Jeter's sacrifice fly made it 2-0. But the Angels answered in the bottom of the inning with three runs off Mussina, ignited by Garret Anderson's solo homer. A two-out, two-run triple by Adam Kennedy gave them the lead when outfielders Gary Sheffield and Crosby collided at the wall while Sheffield attempted a leaping catch.

Kelvim Escobar pitched 1 1/3 scoreless innings, and Francisco Rodriguez finished it out in a dramatic ninth. A leadoff

single by Jeter sent shock waves through the ballpark, but K-Rod induced A-Rod—Alex Rodriguez—to hit into a double play. Singles by Giambi and Sheffield put the tying runs on base, before Matsui grounded to first, sending the drained but delirious Angels off to the South Side.

After losing a late-inning lead and blowing Game 4 in New York, it appeared as though the Angels' luck had finally run out when Colon left the game.

Instead, it was time to start spreading the news. The \$200 million Yankees were going home, and California dreaming was alive in Anaheim.

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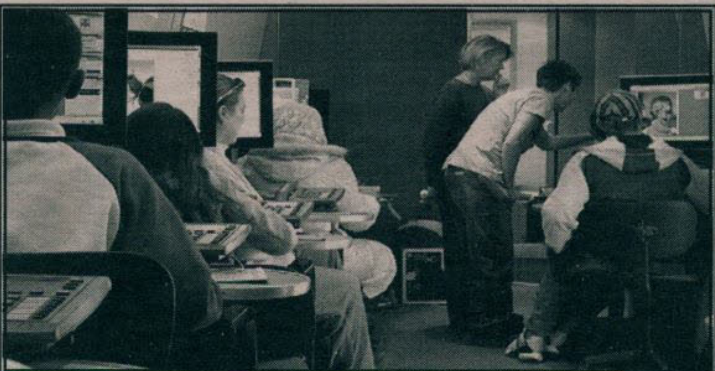
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Pride makes '05 season memorable

Neal Jones
 The Commuter

The Corvallis Pride fell short of every team's goal, which is to win the big game, but their 2005 season is worth remembering.

The Pride is one of three Oregon women's football teams in the Independent Women's Football League. The IWFL is a nationwide league and doesn't just exist in the Northwest.

In the Pacific Northwest Division, the Pride finished second with an 8-3 record to the Tacoma Majestics. They started out the 2005 season with a bang, defeating the Boise Xtreme 41-6. Against the division champion Majestics in the second week they fell short 13-0.

After that loss the Pride went on a tear with seven straight wins, including handing the Majestics their only loss in the regular season, though in the season finale the Majestics handed the Pride another loss in the 28-0 shutout.

An 8-3 record got the Pride a wildcard matchup with the Sacramento Sirens. The Pride fought hard but couldn't overcome the dominating run offense of the Sirens in a 43-22 loss.

However, there is more to it than just a loss. The 22 points scored by the Pride was the most allowed by the eventual champion Sirens, all year. Three scoring runs by Kim Trumbo provided those points; the longest being 45 yards.

Jayme Frazier, LBCC volleyball coach and quarterback of the Pride, said, "We played better versus Sacramento than the previous year. Our passing game took them by surprise and we set up our running scores with the pass."

Frazier also added, "We scored more against Sacramento than any other team. We just didn't play to potential and didn't take advantage of our field position."

Frazier did something very difficult for football players; she changed positions from wide receiver to quarterback.

"I learned the game from the receiver position because women aren't taught football," she said. "Last year playing quarterback, I had to read the defense, and we had eight to nine formations with eight to nine plays within the formation. It took me until midseason to become comfortable."

To keep up with the Pride this upcoming season you can go to their Web site at www.CorvallisPride.com. If you are a woman interested in trying out for the team, they will be holding tryouts on Oct. 22 at 10 a.m. at LBCC.



photo by Erik Swanson

Jessica Morrison skies for a block while Erika Nay and Kathy Gellatly wait for the deflection in last Wednesday's win over Clackamas. LB faces Chemeketa tonight in the Activities Center.

LB makes run for division supremacy

Caleb Hawley
 The Commuter

With impressive play in the past two home games the LB Runners have found themselves tied atop the NWAACC Southern Division with SW Oregon.

The Runners faced off against Clackamas Wednesday, Oct. 5, in a short meeting. Clackamas was downed quickly by the surging Runners by scores of 30-28, 30-26, and 30-25.

Impressive individual performances came from Ericka Nay, who recorded 16 kills and 20 digs.

Kathy Gellatly also had a big match with 12 kills and three aces. Monica Samsa did her part, assisting 44 times.

The following match came against previ-

"This team is so well-rounded, we have a lot of depth and everyone made an impact tonight."

Jayme Frazier
 Volleyball Coach

ous league leader Mt. Hood on Friday, Oct. 7. After slipping up and losing the first game 28-30, the Runners took charge and never looked back, winning three consecutive games (30-22, 30-21, 30-25) for the match.

The victory was credited by Head Coach Jayme Frazier to great team play. "This team is so well rounded, we have a lot of depth and everyone made an impact tonight," Frazier said.

Some of the impact players were Kathy Gellatly, who jammed 19 kills and picked up 14 digs; Chelsea Hartman, who also added 14 kills. Monica Samsa led the team in assists as usual with 54; Darci Williamson, who contributed 19 digs.

LB looks to preserve the top of the conference tonight as they square off against Chemeketa at home.

ROADRUNNER SCOREBOARD

Southern Division Standings

Team	League	Overall
Linn-Benton	4-2	22-7
SWOCC	4-2	19-6
Chemeketa	3-3	18-10
Mt. Hood	3-4	17-10
Clackamas	2-5	17-14

Remaining October Schedule

When	Opponent	Where
Oct. 12, 6pm	Chemeketa	LB
Oct. 14, 6pm	SWOCC	Coos Bay
Oct. 19, 6pm	Clackamas	LB
Oct. 21, 7pm	Mt. Hood	Gresham
Oct. 26, 6pm	SWOCC	Coos Bay

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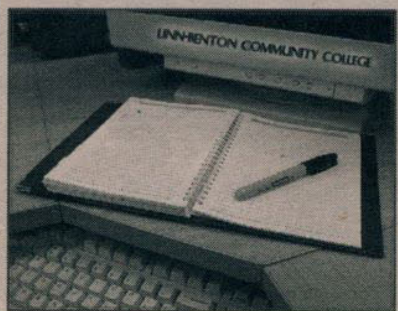
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CAMPUS NEWS

News about Linn-Benton Community College, including the administration, faculty and students on campus

TRIO strives to increase student success

Sherry Majeski
 The Commuter

TRIO Student Support Services (TRIO SSS) is Linn-Benton Community College's newest program introduced this fall, and is located in the Health and Occupations Building, Room HO116.

TRIO is an educational opportunity for low-income and disabled students.

It is a program geared to support students through their college careers, and help them increase their levels of success.

TRIO Programs are educational opportunity outreach programs designed to motivate and support students from disadvantaged backgrounds. TRIO supports programs targeted to serve and assist low-income, disabled, and first-generation college students.

TRIO SSS is a federally funded program created to help increase the number of students who enter college, with special emphasis placed on first-generation, low-income students and students with disabilities.

While student financial aid programs help students overcome financial barriers to higher education, TRIO programs help students overcome class, social and cultural barriers as well.

Students in the program are more than twice as likely to remain in college than those students from similar backgrounds who did not participate in the program.

Our nation has asserted a commitment to providing educational opportunity for all Americans regardless of race, ethnic background or economic circumstance.

Benefits from TRIO Student Support Services include:

- Guidance in understanding how college works.
- Assistance with your financial aid application and scholarship searches.
- Study and support groups with other students.
- Help in choosing a career.
- Tutoring in basic courses.
- Workshops for college, personal growth and success.
- Textbook checkout for basic classes.
- Access to computer lab and computer assistance.

• Assistance with your transfer process to four-year universities.

• Guided visits to local four-year universities.

To join TRIO SSS, you must be fully admitted to LBCC, committed to earning your associate's degree or transferring to a four-year college within three years, and be a US citizen or legal resident alien.

You must also work with a TRIO advisor to develop a Personal Success Plan that will help you identify your goals and how to achieve them.

In addition, you must attend an orientation workshop plus one seminar each term. Topics might include career exploration, transfer to a four-year college, study strategies, financial aid application, etc.

In order to be eligible to apply for TRIO, you must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- First-generation college student (your parents or the person who raised you did not graduate from a four-year college).
- Qualify as low income (Taxable income must not exceed 150 Percent of the federal poverty level).
- Have a documented disability.

Periwinkle Center gets federal grant to offer low-income students cheaper childcare

LBCC News Service
 The Commuter

The Periwinkle Child Development Center at Linn-Benton Community College has just been awarded a Child Care Access Means Parents in School Program (CCAMPIS) grant, a federal grant in the amount of \$47,788 each year for four years, for a total of \$191,152.

The CCAMPIS grant will enable LBCC to provide support for low-income Pell eligible LBCC student parents by providing subsidies for childcare fees, offered on a sliding scale, so that their children can be cared for at the Periwinkle Child

Development Center while they are in school.

Parents will also have the option of reducing their child care fees even further by working in their child's classroom two hours a week.

Students enrolled in the LBCC CCAMPIS program will also receive personal support by attending a weekly seminar aimed at strategies for balancing school and family, parenting issues, and being a successful college student.

For more information about the program, contact the Periwinkle Child Development Center at 917-4898, or LBCC Family Connections at 917-4899.



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Bonus Sunshine

Students take advantage of a sunny fall day at lunch time in the Courtyard last week. The inevitable rains have held off longer than usual this year.

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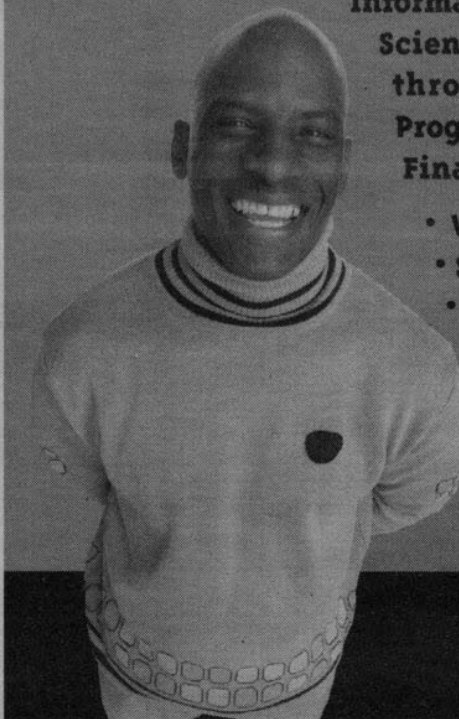
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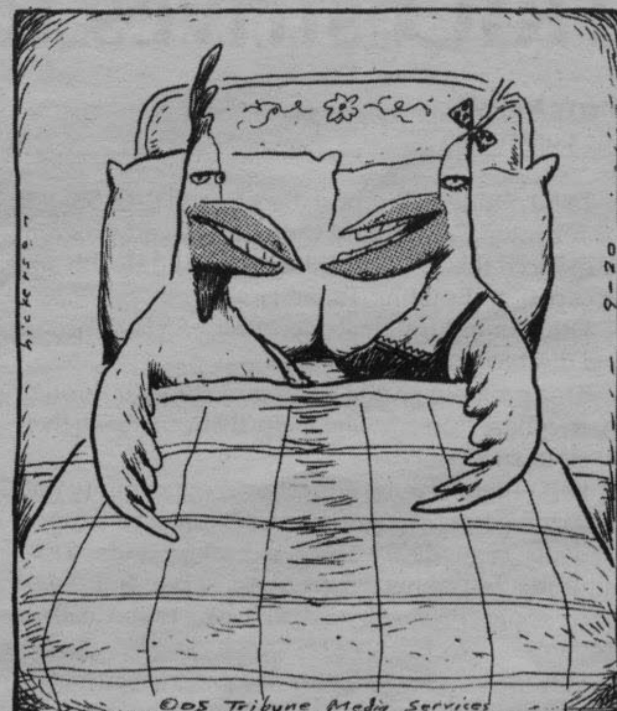
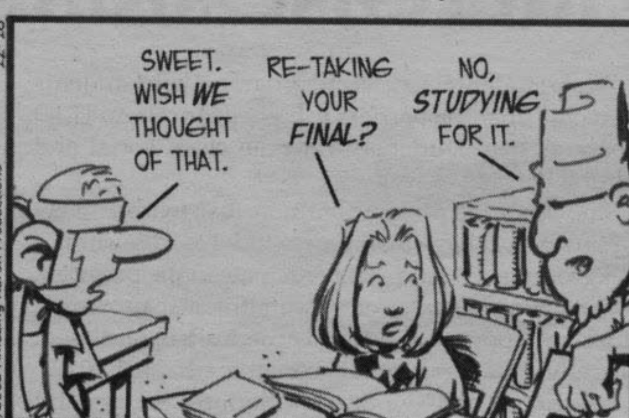
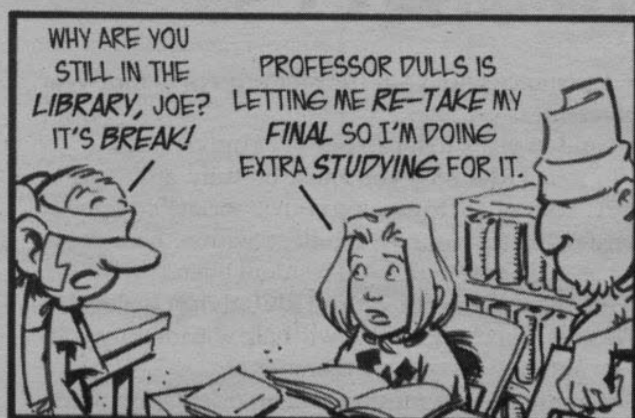
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FUNNY BONES

Crossword, cartoons, the LBCC Commons menu and some fun facts to brighten your day.

2 Dudes

By Aaron Warner



"Thought you'd like it. It's my new perfume. Made from 17 herbs and spices."

Crossword

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 - 27 Big name in ice cream
 - 28 Most shabby
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- 10 Kind of pen
- 11 Hideout
- 12 "The Joy of Cooking" author
- 13 Subterfuge
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"Finally, I find myself in a committed relationship."

LBCC MAIN CAMPUS

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Oct. 12 - Oct. 18

WEDNESDAY:

ENTREES: Chicken Fried Steak w/Country Gravy, Thai Yellow Curry, Pork Noodle Soup, Red Peppers, Snow Peas, Lasagna Florentine

SIDES: Mashed Potatoes, Barley Pilaf, Peas

SOUPS: Tortilla, Navy Bean

THURSDAY:

ENTREES: BBQ Shredded Pork Sandwich, Grilled Chicken Breast w/Pear & Mango Chutney, Squash Enchiladas w/Ranchero Sauce

SIDES: Steak Fries, Rice Pilaf, Broccoli & Carrot

SOUPS: Beef Barley, Corn Chowder

FRIDAY: Chef's Choice

MONDAY:

ENTREES: Swiss Steak, Sweet & Sour, Tempura Chicken w/Steamed Rice, Meatless Eggs Benedict

SIDES: Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Egg Noodles, Green Beans w/Balsamic Shallot Butter

SOUPS: Creamy Chicken Mushroom, Minestrone

TUESDAY:

ENTREES: Roast Turkey w/Dressing & Pan Gravy, White Wine Poached Fish Mediterranean Style, Thai Vegetable Green Curry w/Steamed Rice

SIDES: Braised Eggplant & Tomato

SOUPS: Shrimp/Seafood Chowder, Tomato Basil

Weekly Menu

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Wednesday, Oct. 12
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Nagasaki Presentation
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Friday, Oct. 14
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Platinum, Corvallis
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Saturday, Oct. 15
 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Linn-Benton Hispanic
Advisory Committee Fiesta
Linus Pauling Middle School
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Saturday, Oct. 15
 7 p.m.
"Blowholes"
Starlight Gala
Benefit for Majestic Theater
 115 S.W. Second Street
 Corvallis

Oct. 17, 18, 19
 7 p.m.
Auditions for
"Bullshot Crummond"
 directed by Robert J. Olin
 Corvallis Community Theater
 115 S.W. Second Street
 Corvallis

Saturday, Oct. 22
 7 p.m.
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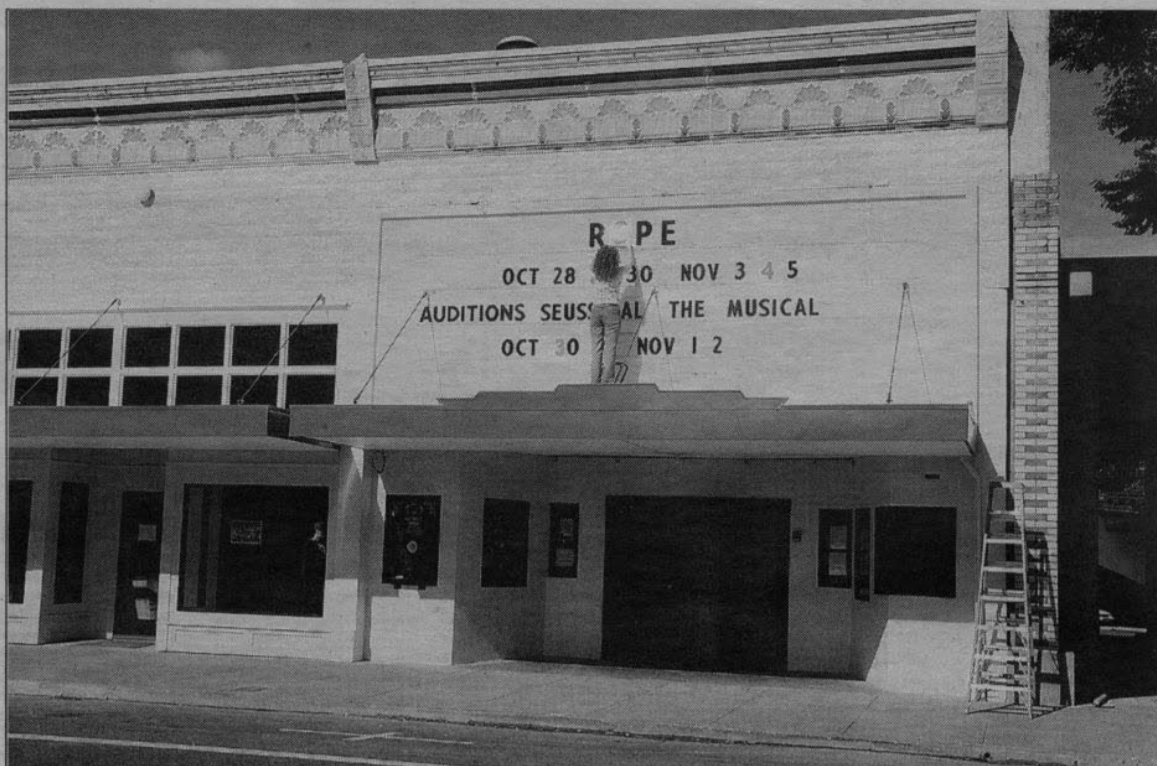


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Caren Parmenter of Albany places the finishing touch on Albany Civic Theater's new marquee. ACT is nearing completion on a much-needed replacement of the front wall.

ACT's next fix is a facelift

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Albany Civic Theater, in historical downtown Albany, is nearing completion in a much-needed renovation to the front of their building. Due to the natural aging process of a building over 100 years old, rain damage undermined the stability of the front wall.

Oscar B. Hult, ACT's Historic Resources coordinator, worked on the project with the Central Albany Revitalization Association (CARA), a committee of citizens who live or own property in Central Albany.

CARA hopes to make improvements to the core downtown area to attract businesses and shoppers to the area.

Hult, an ACT veteran, said, "A lot of water damage occurred over the years. The little fixes weren't fixing it." Twenty-two thousand dollars was required to make the needed repairs and refacing of the building, he added. CARA offered matching funds to be added to the over \$11,000 raised by the ACT volunteers to complete the project.

ACT is housed in two historical buildings. The building needing repair, which houses the main auditorium and lobby area, opened as a furniture store in 1893. The building next door that houses the prop room, make-up area and scene shop opened as a restaurant and billiard hall in 1919.

Albany Little Theater, formed in 1955, operated out of a small building in what is now the parking lot of Two Rivers Market, at the corner of Second Avenue and Ferry Street. The theater company moved to its present location, in the old Rialto Theater building, at 111 W. First Ave., in 1963. ACT's lobby is dedicated to Mildred Gonzales, one of the founding members of ALT, who died in February this year.

The buildings have had cosmetic work over the years, but when the extent of the damage was known, the entire front wall of the lobby had to be removed and replaced. In addition, the marquee and awning across the entire building had to be redone.

The committee wanted to restore the front of the building as it was when the Rialto Theater occupied the building from 1930 to 1963. Old photographs and memories of people who once worked at The Rialto were used to make the finishing touches of paint and trim as close to the original as possible.

All through the project, ACT kept its doors open and worked around the construction scaffolding out front. Last Saturday was the closing night for "The Seven Year Itch." Next up is "Rope," a suspenseful thriller, directed by Nancy Fairchild, which opens on Oct. 28.

For more information about tickets, shows, or on the renovation project, see their Web site at www.albanycivic.org

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Moore and his wife Carol, both retired, work the business together. "I work the artistic side, and she handles the computer and printing side." Carol is the computer expert," he added.

Most businesses donated their proceeds to worthy causes throughout the Newport area.

The proximity of Newport High School—next door to the fairgrounds—brought concern to the Enforcement of Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL.) Wendy Rudy, underage prevention coordinator for Lincoln County, was worried because the Brew Festival was the same night as the high school's homecoming

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game.

"Homecoming and graduation are the biggest drinking nights for kids. We wanted to ensure there would be enough enforcement at the event," said Rudy. Members of the EUDL donned their yellow windbreakers and patrolled the perimeter of the fairgrounds.

"We did catch a couple of kids trying to sneak through the

fence, but we stopped them and had a chat," she added. Part of their mission is to ensure law enforcement cites offenders for underage drinking.

Mark Lokietz, OLCC inspector for Lincoln County, also wanted a control plan set in place by the festival organizers. "I like to see how many alcohol monitors will be on hand, the expected attendance and to make sure the exits are covered. It's important to have a balance of food and alcohol," Lokietz added.

"Everyone had a good time, the business made a little money, and we had no incidents of anyone overindulging. I think the event was a success."

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Brew Fest serves up flavor, tunes and art

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The greater Newport Chamber of Commerce hosted the 11th annual Newport Microbrew Festival, dubbed "Suds and Surf 2005" at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds last weekend. Phil Hutchinson, chamber executive director, estimated the attendance to be 2,500 to 3,000 beer lovers.

"Twelve breweries are represented this year," Hutchinson said. "The breweries bring a few of their specialty brews, for those with discriminating tastes," he added. The chamber also hosts the "Newport Seafood and Wine Festival" each year.

Hutchinson added, "The beer crowd is different from the wine crowd. We tailored this event to suit those who attend this affair. These people like live music."

The Jumpers, a local funk-blues-rock and roll band provided the live entertainment for the festival Saturday night. The crowd enjoyed the music and danced the night away. Three other bands, in addition to The Jumpers, played throughout the weekend.

The festival began 11 years ago as The Fisherman's Harvest. As the festival grew too big for them to handle, Rogue Brewery took over hosting the event in their parking lot. Once it grew too large for them to manage, Rogue asked the Newport Chamber of Commerce to take over the event four years ago. This was the first year it was held at the fairgrounds.

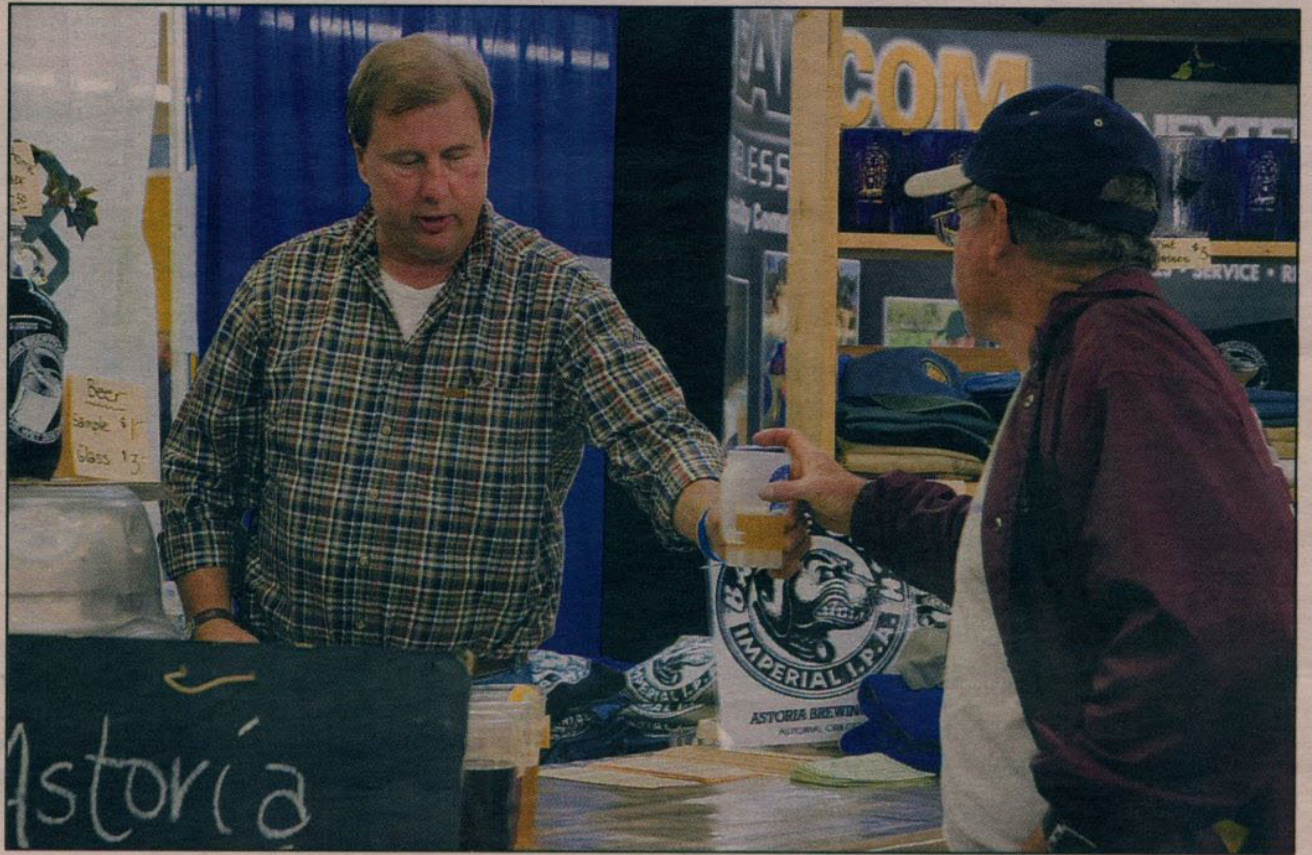
One of the most interesting offerings came from Steelhead Brewing Company. Their Gnarleyhead Barley Wine actually came from the now defunct Wild Duck Brewery.

"The Gnarleyhead Barley Wine has a 15 percent alcohol content, so legally, we have to sell it in a wine glass," said Jim Hawkins, from Steelhead. At \$8 for a four-ounce glass, the wine is precious indeed. It has an almost sweet taste and doesn't have the "bite" that many beers have.

The owner of the Wild Duck Brewery, Glen Falconer, died a few years ago. A few kegs of Gnarleyhead were saved, and only eight kegs exist in the world, Hawkins added. Steelhead hopes to brew the wine again, so they will save at least one keg for the new batch.

"The proceeds we raise here go to the Glen Falconer Memorial Fund, which offers scholarships for brewing school," Hawkins said.

At the Astoria Brewing Company booth, Lynn Greer, of Weston, Ore., sampled Hillbilly Beer. "I love it," he said. This was his first time at the Newport Festival, but he usually attends the Portland Brew Festival in July.



Steve and Karen Allen of Astoria Brewing love it in Newport. "The community is very welcoming, so we like to attend this event," Steve said. They also own, with partner, Mike Avent, The Wet Dog Café, in Astoria.

In addition to the breweries, several local restaurants and arts and crafts vendors were on hand.

Newport photographer, Michael Moore, was on hand with a beautiful display of prints taken up and down the Oregon coast.

"People love coastal scenes," Moore said, "much more than pictures of old barns." He likes talking with the shoppers who stop by his booth. "It's nice to get that immediate response on your work," Moore added.

"If you sell a photograph in an art gallery or in a store, you don't get to hear the feedback on why they liked that particular scene," he added.

Moore, a photographer since 1968, switched to digital format five years ago. "I've spent the last five years learning the process," he said. He uses an Olympus E20N, and is quite pleased with the results. Moore lamented the fast-changing digital technology.

"Just when you think you know it, it's not safe to go back in the water," he chuckled.

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Steve Allen of Astoria Brewing Company serves up his Hillbilly Beer to Lynn Greer, of Weston, Ore. Astoria's Battle Bitch Ale won the People's Choice Award this year at the Newport Microbrew Festival. Below: Rebecca Cohen, from the Optimist Club of Yaquina Bay, happily serves up a cup of Mo's World Famous Chowder. At bottom left, The Jumpers rocked the crowd at the Newport "Suds-n-Surf 2005" event. Their blend of Funk, Rock, R&B and Jazz kept the appreciative crowd on their feet Saturday night.

