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Celebrating the Life of Amanda Fewless

William Allison

Photo Editor

Wednesday, May 29, will be a day that many will not soon forget: The day that the world lost Amanda Rose Fewless. Around 6 p.m., Amanda was on her way to class when she was involved in a multi-car accident on Highway 99 in front of LBCC. This resulted in the loss of her life and injuries to two others.

Amanda wasn't just another face in the crowd, and this is evident from the reactions and statements by those who knew her. She was born on June 23, 1990, in Grand Forks, N.D. to Johnnie and Diane Miller.

Living in many towns throughout both North Dakota and Oregon during her childhood and teenage years, Amanda later called Albany home after marrying her soulmate, Joshua Fewless, on Sept. 16, 2011.

She was described by her husband as being shy, artistic, caring, and always willing to help others. She especially loved cats, and when she came across one, Amanda would often try to call it to her so she could pet it.

"It took her a while to open up to people, and even longer to tell someone how she felt," Joshua said. "Despite being reserved, she had a way of touching lives, and she was a friend to everyone she came in contact with."

Amanda received praises from many of her instructors. "She was a very good student; very attentive," said Arfa Aflatooni, sociology instructor.

She was set to graduate alongside her husband this month with an associate degree in general studies. In addition

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Joshua Fewless
Amanda's husband

to being on the honor roll, Amanda worked in the library for nearly 10 months and was very passionate about her job there, which ultimately led to her deciding to return after graduation to pursue a certificate in library science.

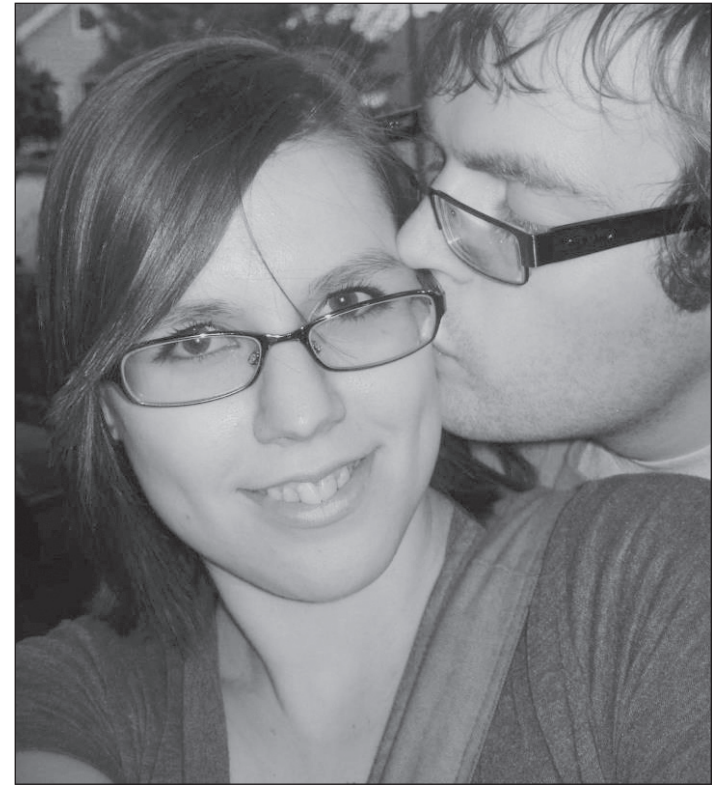
"She is a wonderful human being and friend," said circulation coordinator Cheryl Dingman, Amanda's supervisor. "I watched her blossom."

"Amanda made going into the library a pleasant experience," said art instructor Analee Fuentes. "She had a great smile and was always willing to help."

She loved to draw, paint, and sketch, according to Joshua. This showed based on her creativity and thoughtfulness in Fuentes's beginning drawing class.

"She was a fine young artist," Fuentes went on to say. "She was just a star in the night sky."

Outside of school, Amanda enjoyed spending time with those she



Rebecca Fewless/Provided Photo

Amanda Fewless and her husband Joshua.

cared about and frequently walked on some of Albany's various walking paths with her husband. She also spent a lot of time helping others.

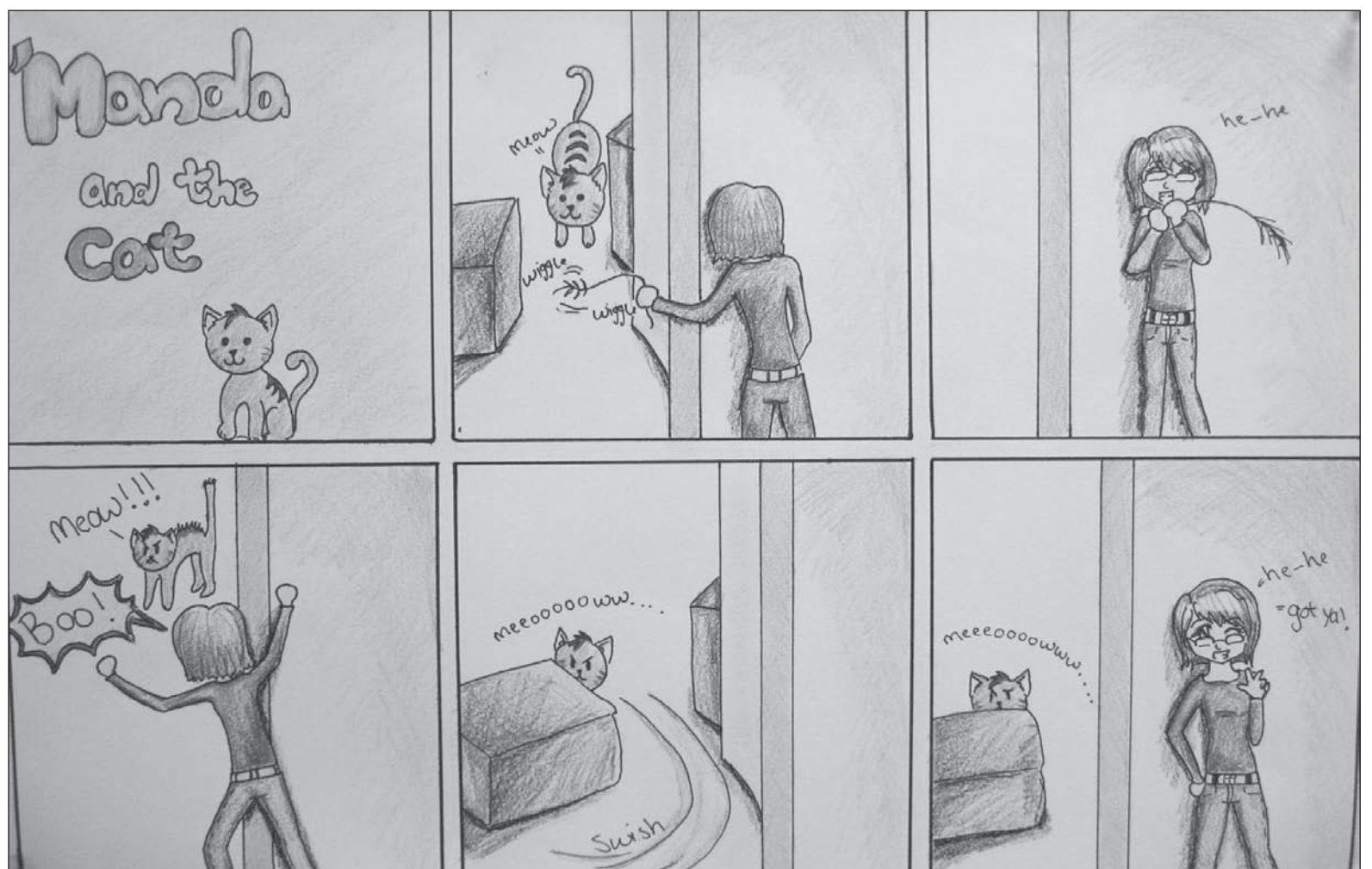
"I think that is something that will stand out to a lot of people that knew her: her willingness to serve others," Joshua said.

According to her husband, the one piece of advice Amanda would have given to anyone would be to "take the time to say goodbye to your loved ones, even if they are just leaving to run an errand," Joshua said. "I am glad I took the time to say goodbye to Amanda before she left for class."

Joshua also thanks those who are helping for their support. "My family and I have received so much help during the last week, and we are very grateful for that."

For those interested in helping with the cost of the funeral, there is a fundraiser set up at fundrazr.com/campaigns/6Wbc8

Read more about one student's first-hand account of the accident online at: steelrainlito.blogspot.com or bit.ly/19CM9V6



One of Amanda's comic strips for an art class.

Comments Spark Diversity Discussion

Emily Smucker
Contributing Writer

This year's Diversity Day was filled with brilliant sunshine, ethnic dancers, and candy. But something happened that day that challenged the spirit of diversity, and caused people to question the true meaning of acceptance and freedom of speech.

Many clubs and departments on campus set up tables in the courtyard, showing off the diversity that LBCC has to offer. Also, an organization called the Gideons had a table at which they handed out Bibles. Though the Gideons have no affiliation with LBCC, they had arranged with campus security to be there on that day, having no idea that it was Diversity Day.

English teacher Jamie Zinck, who works at the English Language and Culture Institute on campus, had a table next to the Gideons. That day, she had her young son with her.

The Gay Straight Alliance (GSA), which was on the other side of Zinck's table, held a mock gay wedding to show their support of same-sex marriage. According to Zinck, the Gideons thought her son shouldn't watch it. They suggested that she take him inside the building, and seemed upset when she

didn't, making disgruntled comments to each other about the situation.

"I was fine with it. Everyone has their own opinions," says Zinck.

Zinck recalls that the Gideons made comments about her parenting choices, but never said anything directly to her about it.

"I just ignored it," says Zinck.

Zinck's students, who visited her table throughout the day, had a harder time ignoring the comments, and brought it up in class. Zinck told them what happened. Though she never intended to make an issue of it, the story began spreading rapidly across campus.

Unfortunately, the story changed somewhat with multiple retellings. By the time the story reached the GSA, it erroneously proclaimed that the Gideons had told Zinck point blank that she was a bad parent for letting her son watch the gay wedding.

GSA members were understandably upset, and spent a good portion of their next meeting discussing the situation.

"It's fine to have an opinion, but don't tell the parent that they're bad," said one upset club member.

"It seems to me that they crossed the line of good taste by judging someone's parenting skills," said another.

Tim Black, faculty adviser for the GSA, said, "I'm extremely upset. Not only because I know I'm not a bad parent, but also because the folks involved in the GSA hear their whole lives that they shouldn't be parents anyway. It's almost like a double insult. I don't think that opinions like that need to be voiced on this campus."

Some GSA members wanted to have the Gideons banned from campus, while others wanted to ask for an apology.

Since people were complaining about the issue, Marcene Olson from campus security looked into it. According to Olson, everyone who complained had heard the story second or third hand, and no one identified the person whom the incident had actually happened to.

"It's a lot of rumor and conjecture," said Olson.

Nevertheless, Olson had a meeting with the Gideons, at which they denied attacking anyone's parenting.

"They said it's not their place to judge," said Olson. "We talked in generalities about their presence on campus in regards to being professional and appropriate."

According to Olson, the Gideons seemed to take it well.

The Gideons themselves appeared mystified by the story. One

man, who wasn't present on Diversity Day but knows the people who were, said, "It would be out of character for them to say such a thing. We couldn't come up with how that story could have been started."

These comments were, of course, made in reference to the accusation that the Gideons had directly attacked a mother's parenting skills.

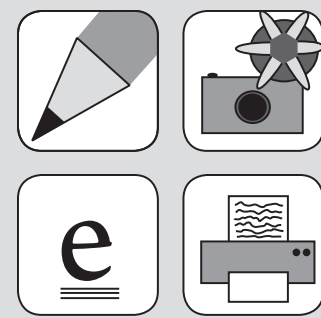
Although Olson considered the incident taken care of, the GSA was still deeply hurt. LBCC President Greg Hamann showed up at a club meeting to address the issue.

Hamann had heard the rumors. He knew of the hurt that the GSA was feeling, and showed deep compassion. After offering some advice on how to work with the Gideons, Hamann switched gears, and began talking about the real issue at hand.

"Creating a dialogue" is, according to Hamann, a goal of many organizations like the GSA. It's a goal of LBCC and it's a good goal. But many times, the dialogue is never created, and people end up hurt by each other.

The cause?

"We don't know how to believe different things and still have a relationship," said Hamann. "You have to be willing to have respectful conversation with people who will never agree with you."



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Mark Urista teaches the Art of Speech

William Allison
Photo Editor

Mark Urista is probably one of few high school dropouts with a master's degree, but he has the life experiences to make up for it. Urista, a southern California native who moved to Oregon just over three years ago, is a communication instructor at LBCC.

LBCC wasn't where Urista started his teaching career, though, nor did he think he'd end up there when venturing out into the world as an adult. After dropping out of high school, he got jobs in various places in Los Angeles including a vitamin shop and sports bar.

One day, when he was brought along to the local community college by a friend, as a condition of getting a ride home, Urista decided to take a placement test instead of waiting.

Then he got his results, which were good. "I turned to my buddy and said, 'Hey, I've got a big mouth, you've got a big mouth; let's take public speaking,'" Urista recalled. That started his community college experience at El Camino Community College, where he later taught.

Realizing that community college was a much different experience than high school, he grew to enjoy it, and it was this which later led to him deciding to teach at the community college level.

Moving forward several years, Urista graduated from University of California - Berkeley with a master's degree and started teaching at El Camino Community College, but not for long. A short while later, he got hired at LBCC, where he has remained.

Urista's style of teaching is much different than your average instructor, which is generally accepted by most students. Aiming to make the students comfortable in the classroom environment, he relates a lot of things to real life, and even shares a large portion of his personal life.

Additionally, Urista regularly has class discussions and mixes things up to create a more relaxed atmosphere, which some students like, but others don't.

"I like that he has part of the class be a conversation instead of just lecturing," said Joy Virtue.

Urista does more than just teach, according to Eric Noll,



William Allison

LBCC communication instructor Mark Urista

former Legislative Affairs Director with LBCC's Student Leadership Council. "Mark believes in his students," Noll said. "He believes that his students can do great things and encourages them to reach higher than their expectations."

Noll credits Urista, who has been his adviser for three years, for his joining of student government two years ago, which ultimately led to a lot of opportunities and success not only for himself, but the school as well.

Outside of the classroom, Urista has a wife and a cat that adopted him. When asked if there was anything he felt should be said, he ended things with this Aristotle quote: "The art of an educated mind is the ability to entertain a thought without accepting it."

Hello? Anyone Out There?

Dale Hummel
Staff Writer

If you're lounging around the pool this summer or bored of watching TV and looking for something different to do this summer, check out ham radio Field Day. The Linn County Amateur Radio Emergency Services, (LCARES) group will be participating in this event sponsored by the American Radio Relay League.

The event will take place June 22 and 23 and will last a full 24 hours beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday and ending 11 a.m. on Sunday. The public is welcome.

Ham Radio Field Day began in 1933 when QST magazine had the idea to hold a contest to test mobile radios and to see how many contacts an operator to get in a 24-hour period.

The winner of the first Field Day event was the W4PAW group. They had documented 62 contacts. The modern Field Day event involves thousands of clubs and individual operators from all over the country with the possibility with making several thousand contacts. To see more on what ham radio can offer, go to bit.ly/18R5vqG.

The Linn County event will take place by the running track to the west of the Activities Center at the Albany campus and will probably be operating at least two or three different radios. For more information about LCARES please visit www.qsl.net/lcares.

The LCARES group has been taken part in Field Day for several years and has made many contacts. To see the event the LCARES group placed in last year, please see bit.ly/14egVRL.

To see the Linn County Amateur Radio group in action, or if you have any questions about ham radio, be at the western edge of the campus by the running track and the baseball field on June 22

Ham Radio Field Day

When: Sat. June 22, 11 a.m. to Sun. June 23, 11 a.m.
Where: LBCC Running Track

Use Your Smile to Change the World

Shuo Xu
Staff Photographer

Time flies by in a blink of an eye. I have been here for nearly two years.

Looking back, I feel like I had just left the airport with tears in my eyes. I left behind my beloved parents and all my friends back home in China to come here to pursue my dreams.

At first, life here was pretty exciting. Everything is different from back home. There are new people, new things, a new language, new places to live, and new food. I feel really lucky to be in a cute but small college town. People are super nice, which makes me feel really welcomed. Honestly, it is quite contrary to what I expected. Maybe I just watched too many crappy movies in the past.

I love all the beautiful natural environments and weather here: the rain, the fog, and, occasionally, the rare sunshine.

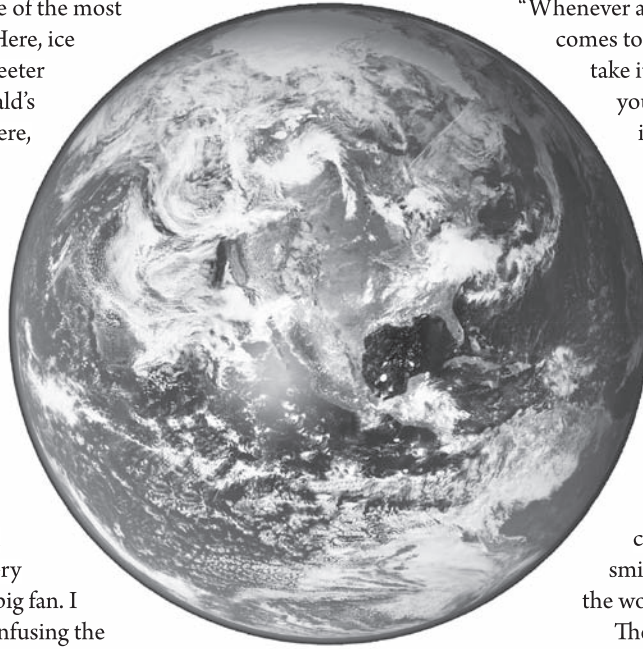
However, as welcoming as people here can be, I still feel like I don't belong sometimes, like I am an outsider to this world. When people celebrated Halloween or talked about their plans for Thanksgiving and Christmas, I would suddenly feel this sadness and void inside me.

I am a foreigner, after all, and this is not my culture. Maybe, I shouldn't be here.

Here, football is different from soccer, and baseball is one of the most common sports. Here, ice cream is much sweeter and even McDonald's tastes different. Here, citations are an important part of a research paper, and verbal presentations are the basic skill of a student. Here, Chinese food is NOT Chinese food – especially Panda Express.

Anyway, here I am. I cheer on every Beaver game as a big fan. I finally stopped confusing the form of citations and I am getting used to the presentation, which I feared so much at first. Ice cream is still one of my loves and

McDonald's is always my last choice. I started cooking for myself, which makes my mom very proud.



“Whenever a problem comes to you, face it, take it, and, finally, you will smile at it,” my mom told me as I said goodbye to her with tears in my eyes at the airport. “[Your] smile is your best makeup; do you know you can use your smile to change the world?”

There is a very famous saying on a tombstone, beside the Westminster Abbey in London.

“When I was young and free and my imagination had no limits, I dreamed of changing the world. As I grew older and wiser, I discovered the world would not change, so I shortened my sights somewhat and decided to change only my country. But it, too, seemed immovable. As I grew into my twilight years, in one last desperate attempt, I settled for changing only my family, those closest to me, but alas, they would have none of it. And now as I lie on my deathbed, I suddenly realize: If I had only changed myself first, then, by example, I would have changed my family. From their inspiration and encouragement, I would then have been able to better my country and, who knows, I may have even changed the world.”

After these past two years, I understand my mom's words finally. She didn't mean to use “smile to change the world.” She meant “don't let the world change my smile.”

I still don't belong here, but nobody can go back and start a new beginning. What I believe in, deeply, is anyone can start now and make a new ending. Of course, with the conviction of the people we love, we are loved in return.

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Life Happens, Never Give Up

Paul Smith

Contributing Writer

By now, I'm sure that you've been asked how school is going or how you like your classes. Spring term 2013 is far enough along that you probably have a pretty good answer to that question. So, how is school going for you?

Like most students, you are probably feeling the stresses of being a student while you simultaneously balance your life outside of school. If the term ended tomorrow, would you feel like you had gotten anything out of it? Would you be passing all of your classes? Maybe you are a typical straight "A" student, and don't have much stress-sweating to do and have learned a lot, so far, this term. Or, maybe your grades are hanging in the balance at this very moment.

For those of you who struggle, what are your obstacles? What is holding you back from being the best student that you can be? According to David Bird, a professor at LBCC and former counselor, being an effective student boils down to two things: environment and study groups. "Human beings are people of convenience, and will typically do what is most convenient for them."

Is being a student convenient for you? When you are not at school, what does your environment look like? Some questions you need to ask yourself are: Who are the people around me? What are my priorities/roles in life? What activities am I doing outside of school? Are these conducive with being a student?

"I live in an environment where a bunch of us like to party. I end up chasing after alcohol and weed more than I do

my books and assignments," is what an LBCC student had to say about his term, so far. He is "not at all surprised" that his grades are not what he knows they should be. Maybe your school work suffers for another reason. One student said, "When my sister passed away in a car crash, I stopped attending classes, for a while, because of how depressed I was."

Life happens, and each and every student brings their own life to campus each day. Regardless of what your outside life may be, if you have chosen that being a student is what you need to be, then you should dedicate yourself to being a student, and you might as well achieve some decent grades, right?

If you are one of those special cases that finds yourself holding yourself back in school, maybe you should try taking the "Dr. Bird challenge" ...

Don't try to get through school on your own.

"People who not only get help, but also help out others in school have shown to do better in school."

Be aware of your environment and make changes if need be.

"If school is important to you, then you should surround yourself around people who feel the same way, and help each other through it. A good way to find people like that is to start study groups."

Instead of chasing the non-important things in life, chase after your education. It's what you are paying for. LBCC provides plenty of services. Your first stop should be with your professors and adviser. Talk to them and ask any questions you might have. If they don't know, I'm sure they can point you towards someone that does.

Letter to the Editor

My twelve years here have been filled with tremendous joy in being able to work with so many talented and caring staff, faculty, administrators, and most importantly, students.

Forty-eight years ago I began my own college career as a student at a community college in the Bay Area. The classes I took in humanities, speech, sociology and writing in 1965 were taught by excellent instructors, who began to open doors for me into the world of learning. It has been an honor and privilege for me to carry forward their tradition, and pay it forward at LBCC.

At the beginning of March I was informed by the college administration that my position as an instructor in the art department was being reduced, and I was given an option to retire. I have elected to do so.

In my view, the loss of programs in the Center for Teaching and Learning and English Speakers of Second Languages will be detrimental to the college's stated direction of "student success" for future LBCC students.

The loss of athletic programs in the long history of Greg Hawk's Mens Baseball, and the Womens Basketball programs will have a huge impact on the college. The current baseball team has a roster of over 20 athletes who have come from many schools across the Willamette Valley to work together as athletes and students.

Best Wishes,

Gary Westford

Instructor in Art and Art History
LBCC

Changing of the Guard at The Commuter

Out with the
Old ...



Sean Bassinger (left) steps down as editor-in-chief of The Commuter and Ted Holliday takes over.

... and In
with the New

Sean Bassinger

Outgoing Editor-in-Chief

It's hard to believe another year has passed at The Commuter and LBCC. We had ups, downs, and many well-needed discussions along the way. Overall, we experienced a solid school year. As for myself, it was quite the learning experience.

As campus coverage increased, we saw more student and instructor profiles, and I'm proud to say we've placed an excellent foundation for next year's team to build upon. Furthermore, we also managed to open the office to many other contributors who weren't previously involved. If you're a continuing student here who always wondered how to get involved yourself, now is the time.

Our new editor-in-chief, Ted Holliday, will do an exceptional job. Next year will certainly be interesting, since this paper will undergo a tremendous transition. Holliday's leadership will assure the paper's foundation remains intact, as he and his crew also discover additional ways to involve the community while also enhancing our digital platform.

For those of you who contributed, thank you for your assistance. I'd also like to thank those who wrote in with letters, whether it be to address important campus issues or simply reflect on an article one of our writers published.

And finally, I'd like to thank our readers more than anyone else. Serving you will always be this paper's primary obligation, which is why we urge readers to get involved through online discussions and letters to the current editor. If something's missing, please tell us. If anything seems off, don't hesitate to shout out. First and foremost, we will always be your LBCC Commuter.

Ted Holliday

Incoming Editor-in-Chief

When I started my academic journey at LBCC, my goal was to be a teacher. I started in the education program with the emphasis on science and math.

With twists and turns in my life, I found my way to journalism. I realized that this was the path that interested me the most. In fact, it has become a passion and a love.

As I close out my academic adventure next school year, I have the honor in taking the helm at The Commuter. Taking over Sean Bassinger's reign will be a daunting task.

Bassinger and many of the talented

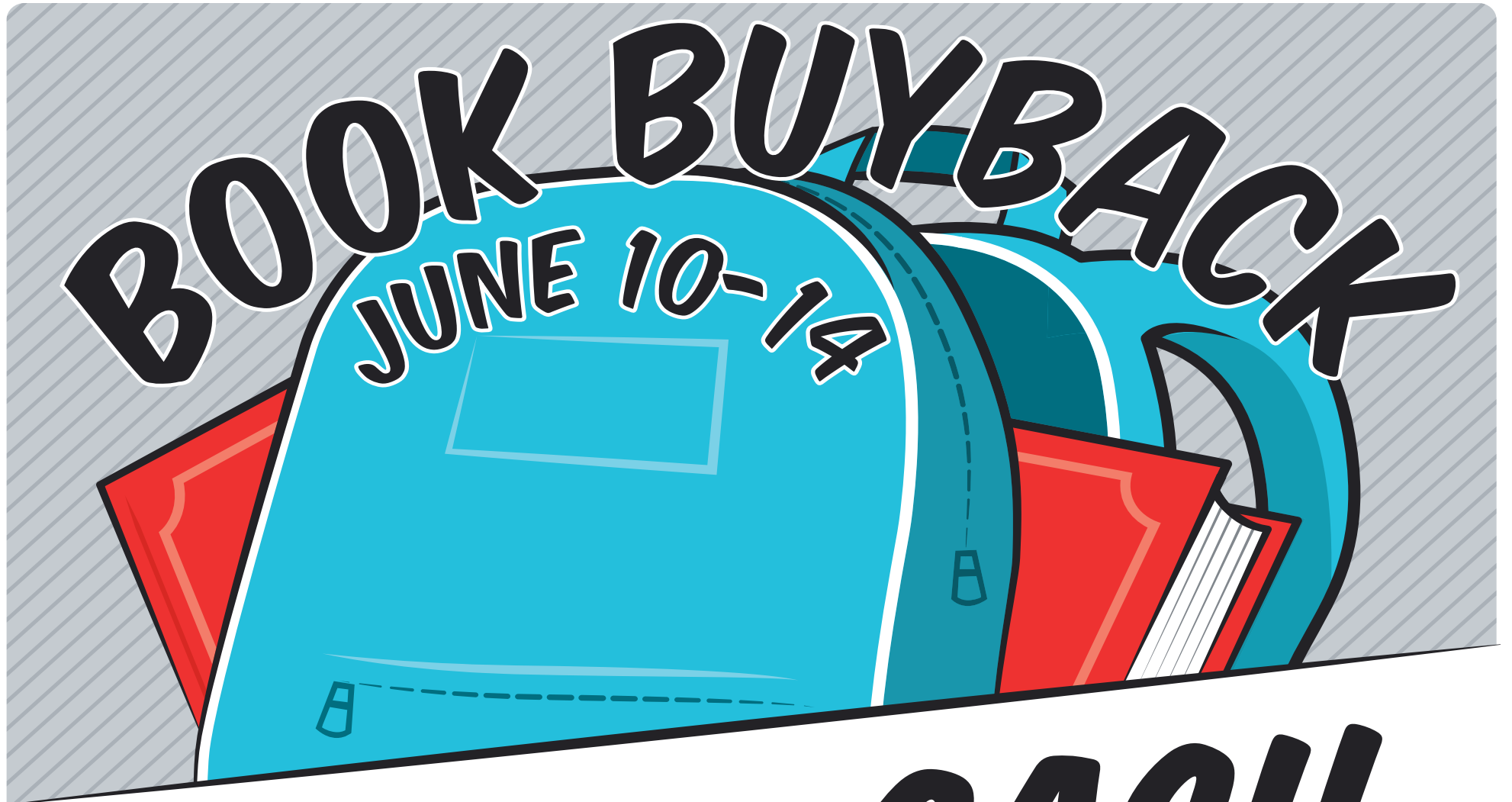
Commuter staff will be leaving. Several of the staff members are moving onto universities, while others look forward to becoming a productive member of society.

When The Commuter is at its best, it reports on student current events, breaking news, pictures, opinions, and features.

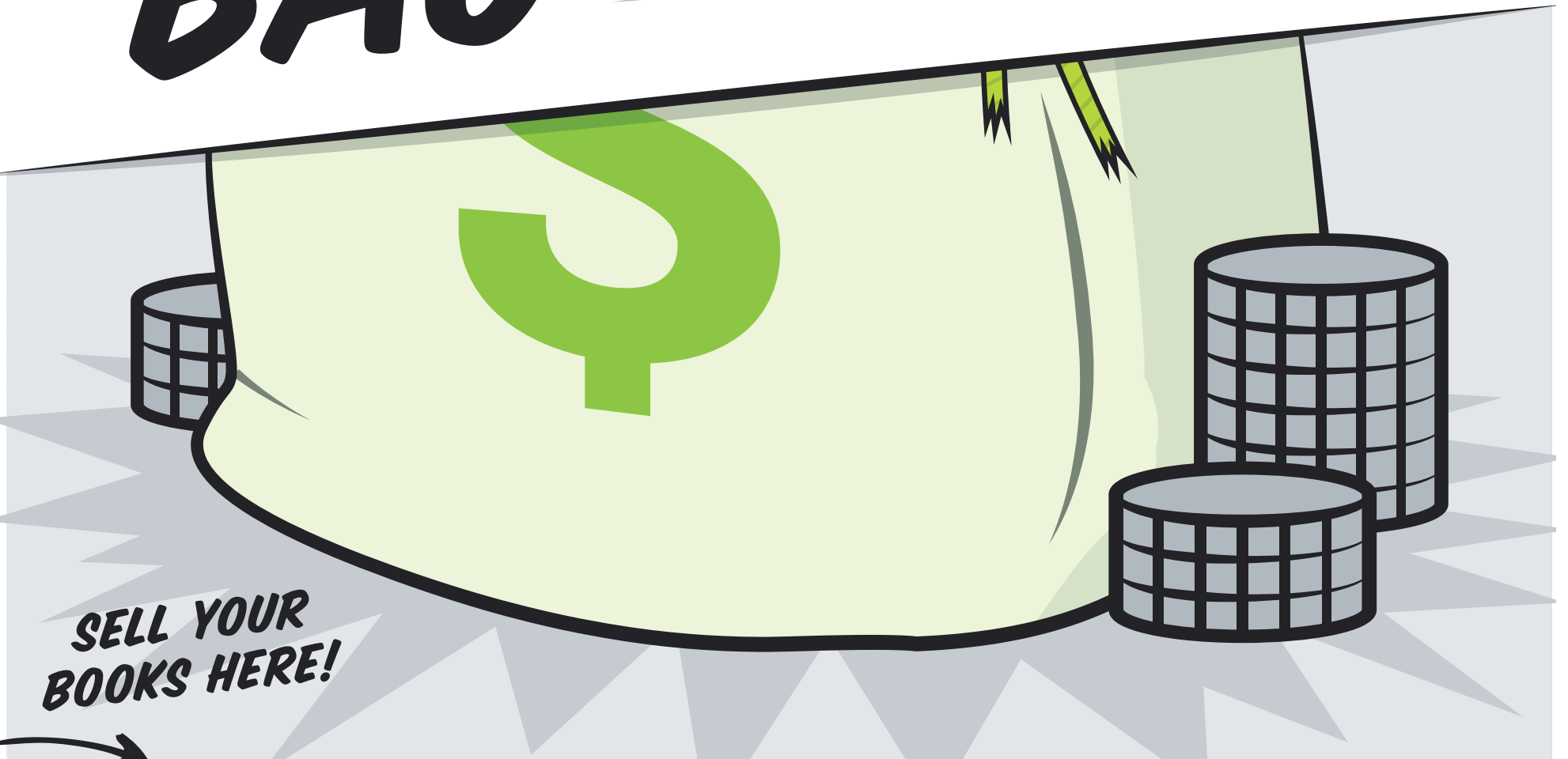
It was a privilege to work as a contributing writer, then move into a copy writer position. This experience has increased my writing and editing skills.

I look forward to continuing these strong traditions that have been established by my predecessors. Leading the helm of The Commuter as we move into the future, my plan is to keep the paper in the forefront of the college and technology.

I would recommend to anyone who wants to write or get more involved with school to work for The Commuter. A variety of jobs can be explored including writing, editing, designing, or reporting. Here we go, into the future.



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Day in the Life: Lebanon Firefighter

The men and women of the Lebanon Fire Department work one 24-hour shift then take two days off. Tagging along with these humble and courageous men and women provided an insight to a small part of their lives; saving property and rescuing lives.

Counter-clockwise from left: First call of the day, Candice McHuron (left) and Randy Whitfield put water on the fire at the old Champion Mill in Lebanon.

The doors on the station garage weren't even closed when the second call came in. Paramedics prepare a teenager to be transported to the hospital. During practice for the Civil War re-enactment at Cheadle Lake, the boy fell from his horse, and it rolled over him.

Todd Whitehead notifies dispatch of the location of the ambulance approaching Lebanon hospital.

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photos by Ted Holliday



Hamann's Stable Venture



Ted Holliday

Adrienne Baglien (center) introduces the new colt to LBCC President Greg Hamann on a visit to the LBCC horse barn. "He is so student-oriented," Dan Lara, dean of the Science, Engineering and Technology division said of Hamann. "He enjoys visiting the classes and interacting with what is being taught." See more photos from this visit at: tedholliday.com.

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Got Lung Cancer? OSU Might Have the Answer

William Tatum

Opinion Editor

Researchers at OSU are bringing science fiction style nanomedicine into the real world. This research will give manufacturers the information they need to make an anti-lung cancer inhaler.

The work, submitted for publication this month, detailed the use of Nanostructured (meaning particles only a few billionths of an inch across) Lipid Carriers (NLC) and their efficacy as a means for delivering cancer drugs via inhalation versus traditional IV delivery.

These cancer-fighting nanoparticles were coated with four substances. Two siRNAs (small interfering RNA), one for inhibiting the process used by cancer cells to "pump" cancer drugs out of the cell. The other prevents cancer from inhibiting the cells natural ability to die, a peptide that selectively binds to cancer cells, and the actual cancer drugs themselves. Trillions of the particles were then suspended in an aerosol and pumped into the mouths of anesthetized mice who had lung tumors.

In the mice treated via traditional IV

methods, but still using the nanoparticles and their special coatings, only 23 percent of the therapeutic compounds actually made it into the tumor cells in the lungs. Much of it ended up in the liver (59 percent) and kidneys (9 percent) and some even ended up in the mice's hearts (1 percent). Which may have been why that delivery method merely slowed the tumor's growth down, relative to the controls.

In the mice treated with the aerosol, an amazing 83 percent of the medication arrived where it was supposed to, the tumors in the lungs. The effects were truly astounding. Tumors were shrunk from 40 cubic millimeters to less than five. In 50 percent of the trials with the NLCS, the tumors were reduced to such an extent that the researchers could not find them.

While this is amazing, more research will need to be done to ensure that there are no long term negative side effects to using this kind of delivery system. Although given that most of the medication made it to where it was supposed to be, side effects should be minimal.

Berry Good Festival



Ted Holliday

Last weekend, Lebanon hosted its annual Strawberry Festival. The event included a 5K run/walk, parade, and carnival. See more photos from the event online at: tedholliday.com

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Reverse Transfer

Another benefit of being a DPP student



Oregon State University has partnered with Linn-Benton Community College to help identify and award Associate degrees to students that have completed the degree requirements but may be unaware of this achievement.

At the conclusion of week six each term, the OSU Registrar's office will send OSU transcripts for qualifying degree partnership program students to Linn-Benton. Linn-Benton will evaluate the course work to determine if requirements have been met for an Associate degree at LBCC. LBCC will contact eligible students.

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The Commuter congratulates all of this year's graduates!

Have a great summer everyone and we'll see you back in the fall.

Prepare for Graduation

Justeen Elliott
Managing Editor

It's everyone's favorite time of year, especially for the college. It is, in fact, graduation time.

The graduation ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. on June 13. Graduates and attendees are urged to get to the Albany Linn County Fair and Expo Center's Santiam Building no later than 5:45 p.m. Parking will be in the main lot, but in case there are no more spots available, there is an overflow parking lot across Price Road in the grassy area north of Timber Linn Lake. The Albany Trolley will be available to transport people to the Expo Center.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. for the ceremony guests. Seating is first come, first served, so plan accordingly. If you're saving a seat for someone, it may only be "saved" until 6:45 p.m.

There are certain things graduates should keep in mind during the ceremony: Don't bring anything that you don't want to carry throughout the ceremony. Graduates have been told not to have their cellphones with them (or please just silence yours if you break this rule). If you have any children, please do not bring a stroller since it will just clog the aisles.

Diploma covers will be handed out to graduates during the ceremony. If certain graduates already received their covers, they must return the cover to the college immediately after the ceremony. Students needing a cap and gown can visit the Student Union before the week ends and get them for free. You'll need to buy your tassel on the day of graduation. Please remember to return your cap and gown to the SLC the day after graduation, or to the student center in Takena Hall.

Degrees and certificates are conferred by the LBCC Board Chair and will become official once all graduation requirements have been met. If you're graduating in spring term, then your diploma will be mailed to you in July.

If you smoke, then you're allowed to smoke no closer than 20-feet from the building. Alcohol will not be permitted at any time during the ceremony. Once the ceremony is finished, there will be a reception where everyone who attended the graduation ceremony is invited to join. There will be a special appearance/photo opportunity with LBCC's very own Rocky the Roadrunner.

Lastly, make sure to have fun because the next day will be the real first day of the rest of your life. Congratulations on graduating and good luck in your chosen career. Make sure to not let the real world get you down.



Cover art by former LBCC student and Commuter cartoonist Mason Britton. See more of his work online at: groovysweet.wordpress.com

SPORTS

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Oregon State



photos by Shuo Xu

Baseball coach Greg Hawk with the seven students signed to continue playing at universities next year.



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A word from your local



Hello all,
Spring term is wrapping up and that means summer! We would like to thank you all for a fantastic year! Unfortunately, the year is not quite over yet and finals still loom ahead, which are almost never fun. One way to ease the stress of finals is to, surprisingly, study!

Study Jam, which is on June 8 and 9 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. is a great way to do this. This event takes place in the Learning Center and the Library. Over the years, the Study Jams have been a great success. We hope to continue this tradition and make the school year end with a bang. There are several services that are offered this weekend. Here is a short list of those facilities.

- Calculator checkouts
- Open study areas
- Math help desk
- Math Angle (noon – 4 p.m.)
- Testing (before 4 p.m.)
- Library and downstairs computer lab

We want to stress that there is a great opportunity in front you. Along with the services in the Library and Learning Center, your Student Leadership Council will be providing free pizza and snacks throughout the day in the Hot Shot Café. This will be offered all day, so please come have a good time and have some goodies. I hope to see all of you there!

Benton Center Pottery Sale

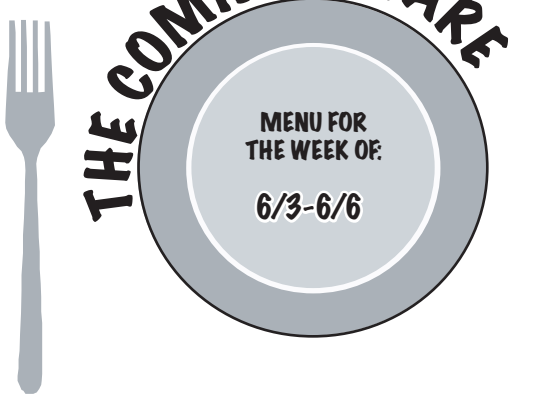
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The LBCC Benton Center Pottery Show and Sale will be held Friday, June 7 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the center ceramics studio, 757 NW Polk Avenue, Corvallis.

LBCC ceramic faculty members and students will showcase their work

and offer for sale raku, high fire, salt fire, and wood fire pieces. The selection includes vessels, vases and a wide variety of decorative items, tableware and sculptures.

A portion of all sales will be used to purchase studio equipment. For more information, contact the LBCC Benton Center at 541-757-8944.



THE COMMONS FARE

MENU FOR THE WEEK OF:
6/3-6/6

Monday: Spice Rubbed Beef with Compound Butter*, Chef's Choice Salmon, Vegetarian Gnocchi. Soups: Chef's Choice, and Split Pea*

Tuesday: Swedish Meatballs, Chicken Tamales*, Eggs Benton. Soups: Cream of Broccoli and Navy Bean with Sausage*

Wednesday: Chef's Choice "Black Box"

Thursday: Jaeger Schnitzel, Chef's Choice*, Spinach Lasagna with Garlic Cream Sauce. Soups: Beer Cheese and Chicken Tortilla*

Friday: Chef's Choice

Finals Week- The Commons will operate under normal business hours Monday through Wednesday, and will be closed Thursday and Friday.

Items denoted with a * are gluten free

Campus Events

Tuesday, June 4

Veterans Club Meeting
Noon – 1 p.m. · RCH-116

Thursday, June 6

LBCC FM Radio Club
3 p.m. · Library
Come talk about the radio industry and what happens behind the mic.

Choir Concert
7:30 p.m. · Russell Tripp Theatre

Friday, June 7

Pottery Sale
3:30 – 5:30 p.m. · Benton Center

Saturday, June 8

Study Jam
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. · Learning Center
1:30 – 2:30 p.m. · Benton Center

Summer Term Books
2 p.m. · Online

Sunday, June 9:

Study Jam
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. · Learning Center

Monday, June 10:

Book Buyback begins

Tuesday, June 11

Boutique for a Day
11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. · Vineyard Mountain Room, CC-213

LBCC Road Runners Relay for Life Team invites you to come by and pick up a gift for someone special or for yourself. It's an opportunity to purchase unique craft and new-to-you items while supporting the American Cancer Society. If you'd like to donate an item contact Linda Dompier at dompier@linnbenton.edu.

Veterans Club Meeting
Noon – 1 p.m. · RCH-116

WTF - Wild Thinkers Forum
3 – 5 p.m. · LBCC Albany Fireside Room

Thursday, June 13

End of Term Reception
9:30 – 11 a.m. · Fireside Room

Commencement Ceremony
7 – 9 p.m. · Linn County Fair and Expo Center

Are your loved ones graduation from LBCC? Come and watch the graduation ceremony. No tickets necessary. Open seating at 6 p.m. For safety and space restrictions, no strollers please.

Friday, June 14

Rental Textbook Return Deadline

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Classifieds

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

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

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Libel/Taste: The Commuter won't knowingly publish material that treats individuals or groups in unfairly. Any ad judged libelous or in poor taste by the newspaper editorial staff will be rejected.

Help Wanted

Sign up at www.linnbenton.edu/go/StudentEmployment to look at student & graduate jobs. After completing a simple Student Employment Profile form, you will have access to job postings, many of them are self-referrals. If you have questions, please email jobs@linnbenton.edu or call 541.917.4803.

Fabricator / Welder (#10399, Albany) Position, align, & weld parts; follow blueprints & layout specs; study blueprints & bill of materials to determine material requirements & task sequences; locate & mark work-piece bending & cutting lines allowing for thickness, machine & welding shrinkage & other part specs; setup & operate fabricating machines, such as brakes, rolls, shears, flame cutters, etc.; examine completed work pieces for defects to ensure conformance with specs; maintains welding & related equipment; and proficient in both MIG & TIG welding. Closes 6/15/13

Social Service Asst. (#10401, Corvallis) Provide crisis intervention, information and referral functions. Provide

supervision of shelters assuring client compliance with Agency rules and policies; act as Agency receptionist, answering phones, greeting visitors, assisting with medical clinic clients. Maintain professional attitude and behavior. Answer telephones in a professional manner, taking messages and routing business calls as appropriate. Provide appropriate responses and recording of child abuse reports. Closes 6/30/13

Adult Foster Care (#10376, Philomath) Take care of five elderly people including laundry, meals, and cleaning. Will train you to work in an adult foster care home. Looking for Fri, Sat, Sun 10pm-6am. \$8.95/night shift; \$9-\$9.50 day shift closes 8/31/13

Seed Warehouse Person (#10400, Philomath) Take clean seed from cleaner, put in 50 #sacks, stack on pallets, and operate lift truck to stack pallets by lot number. Tag certified seed, be able determine different seed varieties. Keep premises clean and organized. Make minor repairs with training. Closes 6/10/13

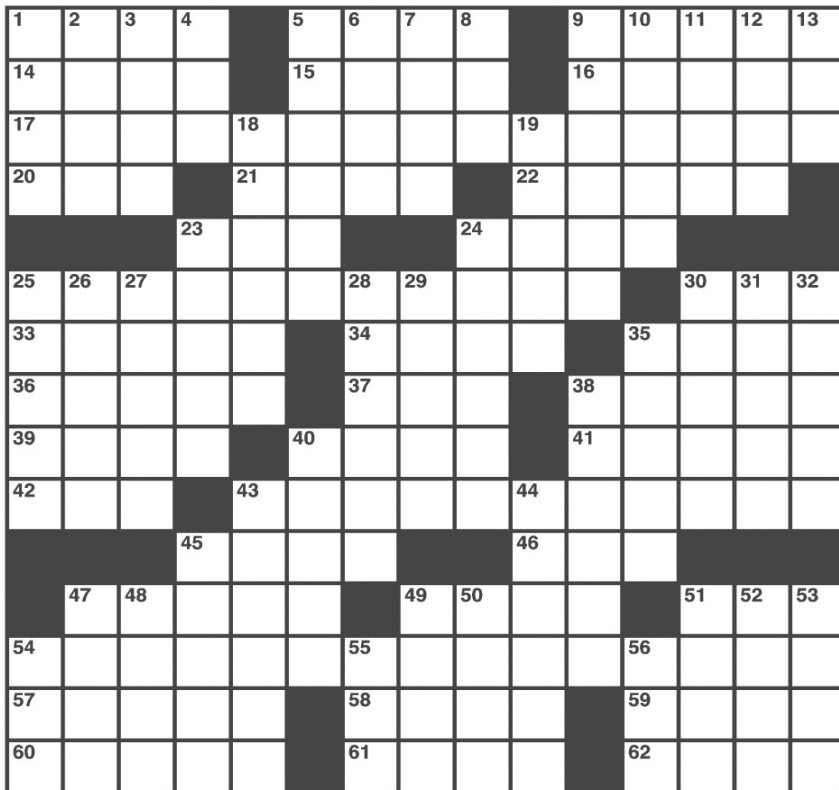
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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

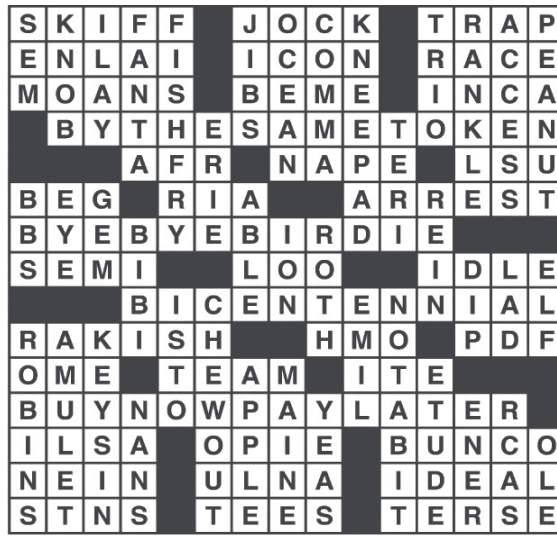
- ACROSS**
- 1 Run smoothly
 - 5 Uzi filler
 - 9 Bench warmers aren't on it
 - 14 Excellent
 - 15 Known as "the Impaler," prince who inspired "Dracula"
 - 16 American competitor
 - 17 Life insurance clause
 - 20 Printers' widths
 - 21 A deadly sin
 - 22 Posh
 - 23 Neurologist's test, briefly
 - 24 Publicizes
 - 25 Hoedown activity
 - 30 Poor, as an excuse
 - 33 Second most populous Oklahoma city
 - 34 Alan of "The West Wing"
 - 35 Marquis de ___
 - 36 Youngest of the musical Jacksons
 - 37 Golfer's concern
 - 38 Mass of grass
 - 39 Vocalized
 - 40 Defendant's answer
 - 41 Accountant's review
 - 42 Barely squeeze (out)
 - 43 Apple variety
 - 45 Petting places
 - 46 BMOG, for one
 - 47 Washington neighbor
 - 49 Yoked beasts
 - 51 Psychic's asset, for short
 - 54 Inadvertent remark
 - 57 Common news hr.
 - 58 "I'd advise against it"
 - 59 Brand with a paw print in its logo
 - 60 Bears, in Latin
 - 61 Pump or loafer
 - 62 17-, 25-, 43- and 54-Across begin with a kind of one



By Barry C. Silk

- DOWN**
- 1 Lose brightness
 - 2 Weaver's machine
 - 3 "We're treating"
 - 4 Surfing area with no water, with "the"
 - 5 Get even for
 - 6 LXII x XVII
 - 7 Quite a few
 - 8 Unusual
 - 9 Regard highly
 - 10 Portable shelters
 - 11 Part of QE2: Abbr.
 - 12 ABA member
 - 13 Perhaps will
 - 18 Ogle
 - 19 "Fear of Flying" author Jong
 - 23 Painter's stand
 - 24 Like llamas
 - 25 Missouri city nickname
 - 26 Fundamental particle
 - 27 Radii neighbors
 - 28 City in which the State Fair of Texas is held annually
 - 29 Out of this world
 - 30 Riyadh resident
 - 31 Fess up

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



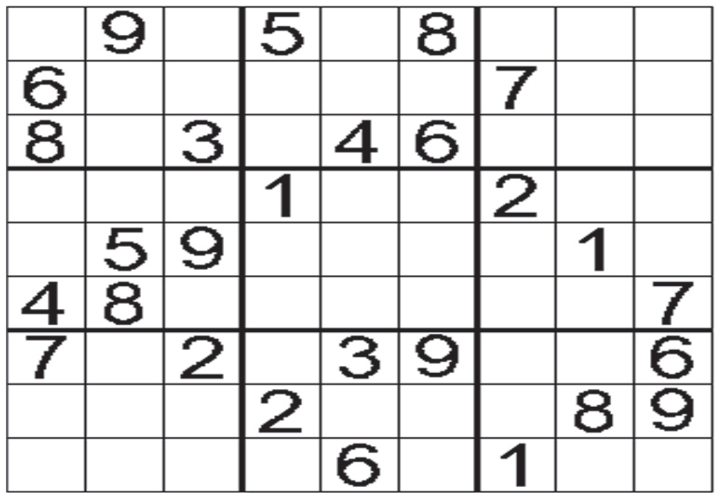
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- 32 Pool measurement
- 35 Batter's dry spell
- 38 Vegas attraction
- 40 Evidence
- 43 End a vacation, say
- 44 Mimieux of "The Time Machine"
- 45 Mothers of Invention musician
- 47 Robert of "The Sopranos"
- 48 Cacophonies
- 49 "Whoops!"
- 50 Strange: Pref.
- 51 Alaska's first governor
- 52 Japanese wrestling
- 53 Nuisance
- 54 Early Beatle Sutcliffe
- 55 NFL six-pointers
- 56 Ending with beat

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level: **1** 2 3 4



Last Issue's Puzzle Solved

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

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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TRE'S A CROWD

By Jason Maddox
 An LBCC student-generated comic



Fast-Action Fury

Shuo Xu
Staff Photographer

"Fast & Furious 6" is the sixth installment in the "Fast and the Furious" film series, which follows a professional criminal gang led by Dominic Toretto and his team.

The movie continues as Dominic Toretto (Vin Diesel) and his team have finished the successful heist in Rio and retired around the world.

The agent Luke Hobbs (Dwayne Johnson) tracks down Dominic and persuades him to help take down Owen Shaw, (Luke Evans) after showing him a recent photo of Dominic's former girlfriend, Letty Ortiz, (Michelle Rodriguez) whom he thought was dead. Dominic gathers his team together, and they accept the mission in exchange for being entirely free from their former crimes.

The director, Justin Lin, uses characters and situations from the previous films to drive the action forward, linking the movies together with very satisfying emotional bonds. This gives this film a deep grounding, and raises stakes that are totally new to the franchise.

The other greatest thing of "Fast & Furious 6" is the director has paced the film at an almost frightening speed. For example, there's a tank sequence followed by a plane sequence, followed by your jaw hitting the floor. The action never feels too repetitive because each set piece is broken up by another that's different from the ones surrounding it.

In "Fast & Furious 6," the characters not only have their driving prowess expanded tremendously, they're incredibly accurate with massive guns, can fly through the air, and exhibit super-human strength. The action is totally ridiculous and sure to induce much applause from the audience.

In a tag plot, while Han (Sung Kang) is being chased in Tokyo, he is hit by an oncoming car. The other car's driver walks away from the scene and calls Dominic, leaving him a threatening message: "You don't know me, but you're about to ..."

The other car's driver is acted by Jason Statham, which means he would join the sequel of "Fast & Furious 6." The seventh is scheduled to begin filming in August 2013.



Kiera Lynn Eller: Student Poet Laureate

Daniel Elliott
Contributing Writer

This year, Kiera Lynn Eller has taken up the calling of encouraging poetry by assuming the position of Student Poet Laureate.

Robin Havenick, instructor and Poetry Club adviser, was asked what made Eller the candidate of choice for the position of Poet Laureate, she said, "[Eller] is a dynamic and amazing poet who has a talent of appreciating others." Havenick described her as a "people person" who focuses on "things that matter."

"[Eller] is talented and charismatic. Like a bright star that sparkles and shines," said Havenick.

Being Poet Laureate for the college allows Eller to "promote written and spoken word in our community." She feels honored being appointed to the position and is eager to "bring to life" her ideas.

"A finger, two dots, then me" by Derrik Brown is the poem she believes "absolutely everyone" should hear read aloud.

After hearing the slam poetry by Brown, poetry read with emphasis on how words are said, she felt inspired to become a poet herself.

Saying Eller recites poetry doesn't do her justice; she performs poetry. Energetic and confident, she easily captivates her audiences with her emotion filled words. Relying on not just her voice, she connects with those present through her gaze and body language immersing everyone in her poems.

Not only is Eller a talented poet, she is also a musician. She can play multiple instruments including the ukulele, guitar, and piano. Furthermore, Eller is a singer.

Her band Little Brother, a duet with her partner Crash, is self-described as "Folkhop ... a funky mix of Folk, Hip-Hop, spoken word and jam." Little Brother has performed at LB's DAC, Spring Light, WordMOB and were recently featured live on KBVR FM on the Bluesday Show with Captain Walt. For a sampling of her band's sound visit <http://www.youtube.com/littlebrothersound>.

The WordMOB event at LB's Benton Center was so successful that the Poetry Club is looking forward to doing it every term next year.

Eller's plans for the future are currently "wide-open" depending on Little Brother's success, but she is "very



provided photo
Student Poet Laureate Kiera Lynn Eller (right) with instructor and Poetry Club adviser Robin Havenick.

interested in getting involved with a youth program to support and promote slam poetry education and events.

LBCC continues the tradition of promoting poetry by awarding a student the position of Student Poet Laureate. LBCC's Student Poet Laureate is chosen, once a year, by an advisory committee, consisting of LBCC English teachers. The position was created in 2009 via joint efforts of former college President Rita Cavin and Havenick.

"Being the Poet Laureate can only help further my success in my endeavors towards literature," said Eller. Traditionally, Poet Laureates speak publicly to provide attention to poetry using the power of words. At LB the Poet Laureate is responsible for writing poems of commemoration for major events, as well as actively promoting poetry through LB's poetry club.

The poetry club is very inviting. It consists of friends, and as Eller put it, "down-to-earth" people. "We're a tight-knit group and welcome to newcomers ... I like being a part of the Poetry Club for the community and the events," said Eller.

The Poetry Club was founded by Havenick in the spring of '08 and has been an ongoing resource for students to express themselves. The Poetry Club meets every Tuesday at 3 p.m. in the Hot Shot Café and every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the first floor conference room at the Benton Center. All are welcome to attend, participate (or not), listen, and join the club.

Much Ado About Joss Whedon, Shakespeare

Ashley Christie
Page Designer

Leave it to Joss Whedon to get me to watch Shakespeare.

"Much Ado About Nothing" is a contemporary spin on the classic Shakespeare comedy about two couples with very different approaches to love and romance.

Set in our contemporary world, filmed in black and white, with all dialog taken directly from the original text, this retelling definitely has its own style and is very enjoyable. The tone, the acting, the cinematography,

it was just ... cool.

Filmed in only 12 days (while Whedon was filming "The Avengers"), "Much Ado" somehow makes the Bard's prose feel modern. At first, the actors sound like they're speaking a foreign language, but through their delivery and actions you can still understand what they mean. By the end, even the words start to make sense.

Whedon fans will recognize a lot of the faces here. Most of the lead characters have worked on his other films and television series: "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," "Angel," "Dollhouse," "Firefly," "Cabin in the Woods," and

"The Avengers."

Amy Acker and Alexis Denisof star as Beatrice and Benedick, a couple desperately in love with each other but unwilling to let the other know. Jillian Morgese and Fran Kranz are the other couple, Hero and Claudio. They're young, and it was love at first sight.

Benedick and Claudio are both in the entourage of Prince Don Pedro (Reed Diamond). He plays cupid to bring the happy couples together while his brother Don John (Sean Maher) works to tear them apart. Clark Gregg (who I'm pretty sure Whedon cast because he felt so bad for killing

off his character in "The Avengers") is Leonato, Hero's father and Beatrice's uncle. And Nathan Fillion plays chief of police Dogberry, and acts primarily as the jester.

Now, I may be a bit biased, but I really enjoyed this movie, much more than I expected too. I went to this movie for three reasons: (in this order) Agent Coulson, Captain Mal, and Joss Whedon. I expected to get lost in the dialog and get bored cause I'd have no idea what was going on.

That never happened.

Even if you don't understand the words, the intent is clear and you can

easily follow the story. It's similar to when I watch old episodes of "The West Wing," I may not understand all that political mumbo-jumbo but I still love the show because I care about the characters and the emotions are clear. Whedon does a terrific job adapting the original play for our world and the actors are perfectly cast.

This stylized retelling is unique, and if you're up for trying new things or you just love Joss Whedon, it's definitely for you. "Much Ado About Nothing" is a modern Shakespeare mash-up and a fun time.

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THIS WEEKEND AT THE MOVIES



The Purge
Rated: R
Genre: WTF Thriller



The Internship
Rated: PG-13
Genre: Career Comedy



Much Ado About Nothing
Rated: PG-13
Genre: Modern Shakespeare

Sources: IMDb, Yahoo! Movies, Fandango.com

WEATHER

Wednesday (6/5)	Lots o' Sun	84°/51°	
Thursday (6/6)	Delightful	79°/53°	
Friday (6/7)	Pleasant	77°/47°	
Saturday (6/8)	Bright	82°/49°	
Sunday (6/9)	Warm	84°/52°	
Monday (6/10)	Sunshine Day	76°/45°	
Tuesday (6/11)	Radiant	79°/49°	

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