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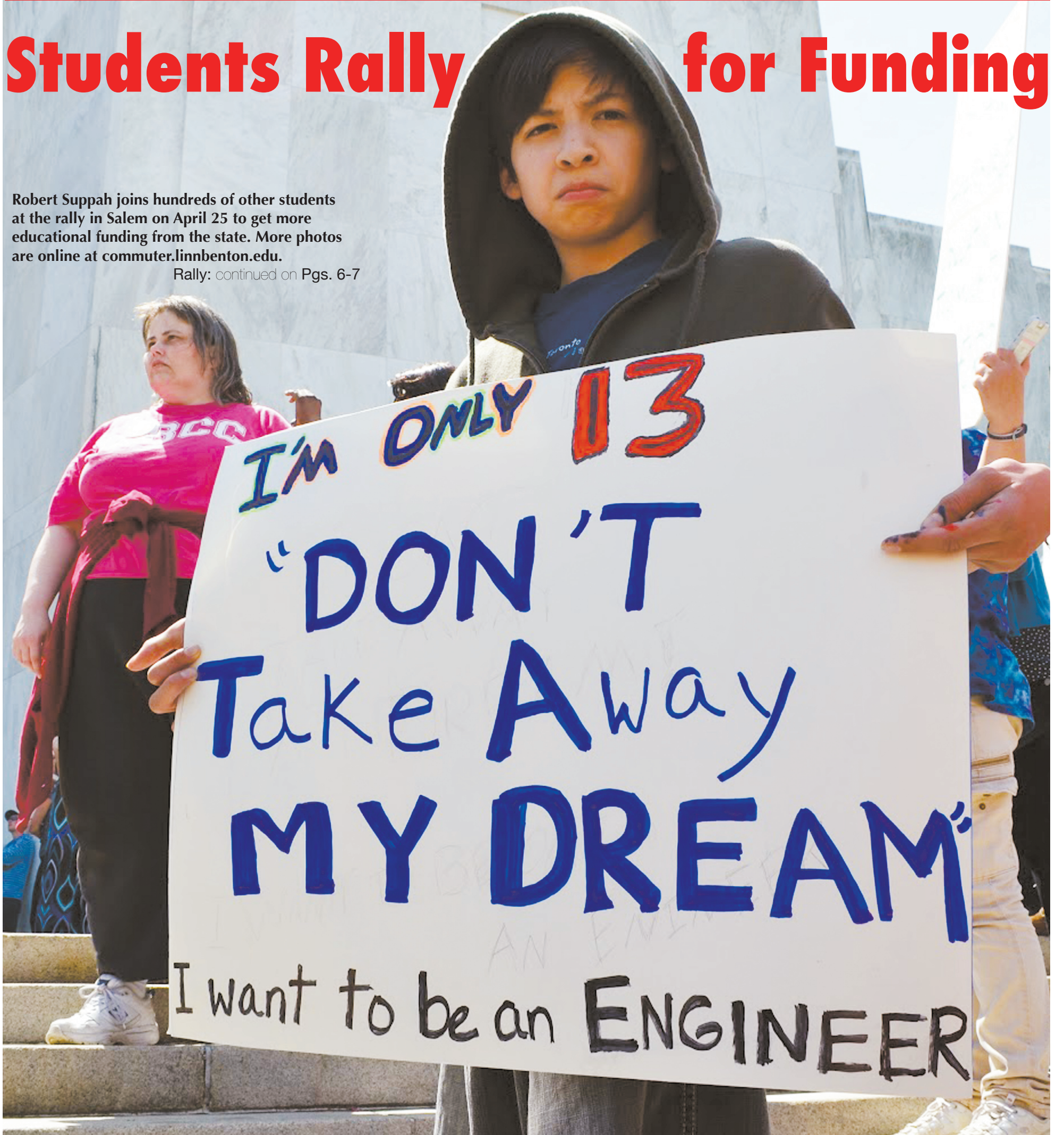
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## Students Rally for Funding

Robert Suppah joins hundreds of other students at the rally in Salem on April 25 to get more educational funding from the state. More photos are online at [commuter.linnbenton.edu](http://commuter.linnbenton.edu).

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# Student Activists to Promote Peace in Norway

Lindsey Rainwater

Contributing Writer

Five students are preparing to embark on a trip to Lillehammer, Norway, in June for the 16th Annual Symposium on Peace, Justice and Human Rights.

The first symposium was established in 1982 by teachers desperate to prevent international conflict during the Cold War paranoia.

To promote international unity, each cycle rotates locations through countries such as Israel, Poland, or Germany. The next symposium will be held in Oregon due to LBCC's active participation.

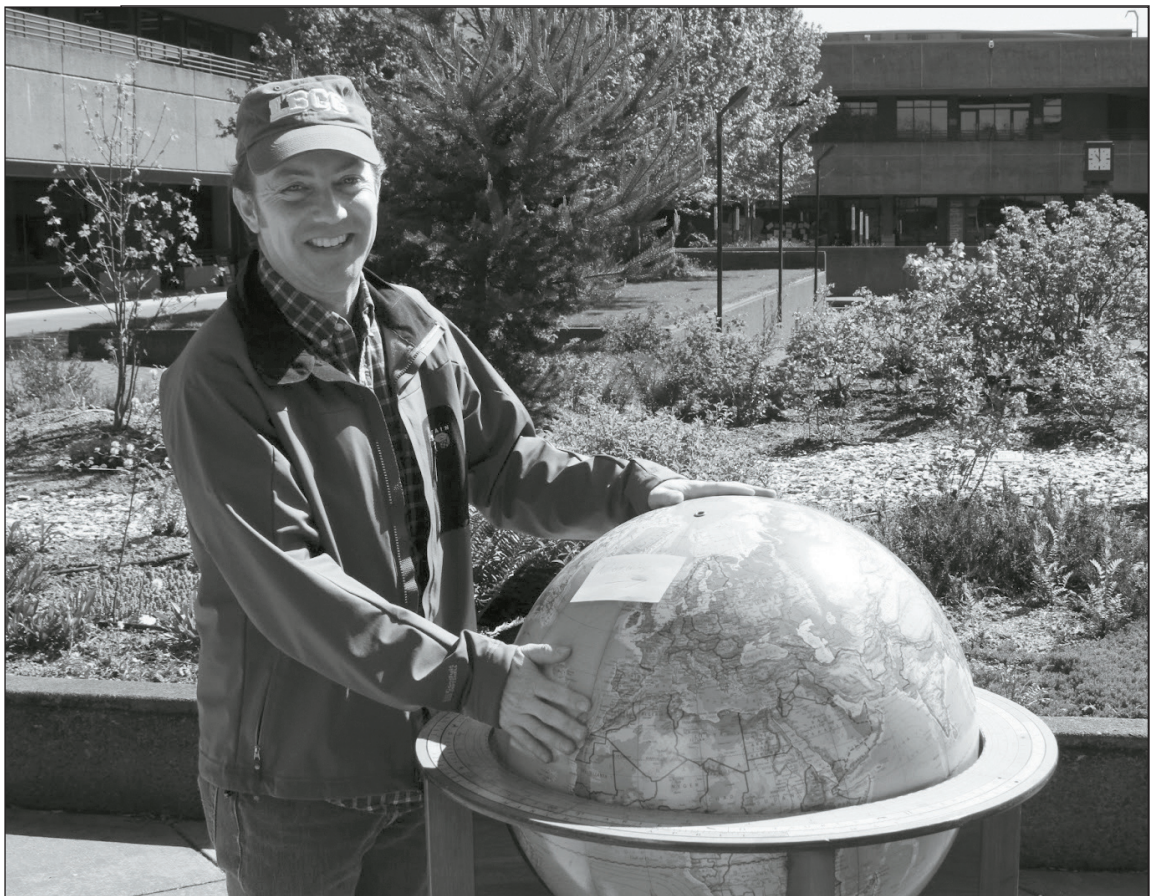
Each symposium provides workshops focused on contemporary world issues. The 2013 themes will be revealed on-site, where students will engage in a series of workshops alongside other peace advocates from around the world.

The trip will last a minimum of nine days, with some students staying for up to three weeks. Upon return, students will pass their knowledge on to the college community through presentations and "in-class raps."

The tradition of LBCC Peace Studies Symposium reaches back to 1988, when students went to West Berlin as a by-product of a Fulbright teacher exchange. Considering the wall dividing Germany wasn't physically destroyed until 1990, it is clear that LBCC Peace Studies is a small but radical group venturing to the frontlines of human rights barriers.

Instructor Scott McAleer is the current adviser for LBCC Peace Studies, a co-curricular club embedded in the social sciences department. He organizes the international trips, and all other meetings. So far in 2013, they have met a half-dozen times, and held a table at the Sustainability Fair on April 22.

The last symposium trip was unfortunately cancelled for LBCC, so closing in on the funding and making this trip a reality is crucial for these students who most likely will have moved on from LBCC



Ron Borst

LBCC instructor Scott McAleer points out the Peace Studies Club destination on the globe at the Sustainability Fair on April 22.

before the next trip.

So how much will it cost? LBCC is fronting some of the costs, but the registered students also pay \$500 out of pocket in addition to fundraising \$500 each. That is a substantial estimate of \$2,500 in fundraising.

Currently, the peace club is selling T-shirts for \$15, finding creative solutions, and expect they may have to do some "begging and pleading" to meet their financial requirements.

Funding the symposium is crucial for several reasons. According to their mission statement, attending the symposium is the ultimate purpose of LBCC Peace Studies.

### You can help!

**How:** Buy a shirt

**Where:** Contact Scott McAleer at [mcalees@linnbenton.edu](mailto:mcalees@linnbenton.edu)  
541-917-4578, SSH-109

**Cost:** \$15

As the only group planning to attend from the western hemisphere, this is an investment that will represent LBCC, Oregon, and the United States as a whole. This small program is a college tradition nearing three decades of international activism.

## LBCC's Health & Safety Fair Wednesday, May 1st, 2013 11:00 till 1:30 Courtyard LBCC Albany Campus



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Thursday, May 30th, 12-1pm RCH 116

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## Giving Runs in His Veins



LBCC President Greg Hamann donates blood at the annual spring term blood drive April 23 and 24. Alissa Neft

## Class Offers Blood Testing

**Stephen Blair**  
Contributing Writer

In the United States, 250,000 people die each year due to blood related illness before they get the chance to reach the hospital. However, keeping track of blood glucose, lipid panel, and cholesterol levels can save lives.

LBCC now offers an opportunity to learn vital facts about blood levels each term. Students enrolled in Lifetime Health and Fitness can have this done by phlebotomists from Samaritan Health who come once a term to draw your blood and send back your results. Students enrolled in Circuit Weight Training can also get this done. However, they require a \$20 fee. Faculty members and their spouses can also have this done for this same fee.

Blood related illnesses include conditions such as heart disease and diabetes, heart attacks, and strokes. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say that in the year 2010, heart disease had claimed 597,689 lives, diabetes claimed 69,071 lives, and stroke or cerebrovascular diseases

claimed 129,476 lives.

Being aware of these blood levels can prolong your life span, and knowing what you're up against isn't where it ends. The knowledge you either do or do not have an issue enables you to make any lifestyle changes needed to save your life.

LHF instructor Brad Carman said, "Between 300 and 400 students opt for this testing each term," which is usually the third week of each term. "When you get your results, you can even give them straight to your doctor to either act on or put on file for future reference," said Carman. "Results range from lipid panel, blood glucose level, cholesterol, and indications whether you may be diabetic."

Athletics Department secretary Gayle Rushing said that "only students enrolled in these classes are eligible for testing." Rushing was very clear that if students are interested in blood testing, they must sign up for one of these classes. "We don't want students thinking that just anyone can do it," said Rushing. "We just don't have enough people from Good Samaritan coming to accommodate more students than

are currently in class." Can you imagine the line of people who would show up if it was open to everyone?

"You want to fast for 12 hours before you have your blood drawn," said Richard Gibbs, athletics and health instructor. "You want to be fasting so your levels reflect your normal state as opposed to giving a false score due to food you just ate."

Gibbs has personally participated in this and believes that keeping informed is quite important. Gibbs said that he has seen many people who have received their results and were able to make lifestyle changes that they didn't even know were needed.

For anyone interested in having this information, enroll in LFH or Weight Training and become the master of your own future. For anyone currently enrolled who has missed sign up or is unable to attend the event, a second chance to have this done will take place at the Benton Center at a date that will be given to those interested parties. Protect your future. Think ahead. Be prepared.

## Search for Next Editor-in-Chief Begins

**Press Release**

With only five more issues this term, The Commuter staff will soon hand the baton of leadership to next year's editors.

Now is the time for LBCC students to apply to become the next editor-in-chief, along with a variety of other staff positions, which range from photo and opinion editor to news and managing editor. The college's newspaper and online site also is seeking students interested in becoming reporters, photographers, cartoonists and columnists.

"While some of the top jobs are sought by students looking to pursue careers in media, The Commuter invites students with a variety of interests to become contributors," said Rob Priewe, journalism faculty and The Commuter's adviser.

The term of the current editor-in-chief, Sean Bassinger, will expire at the end of spring term. The next editor-in-chief will be appointed by the college's Student Publications Committee, which is comprised of LBCC students, staff and faculty.

The duties of The Commuter's editor-in-chief include:

- Appointing and managing the newspaper's staff

of editors, reporters and photographers.

- Coordinating the work of the staff, including assigning and editing stories and photos.
- Leading staff meetings and other newspaper activities.
- Representing the newspaper in the college community.

The next editor-in-chief starts the position over the summer and continues through the 2013-14 school year. The editor-in-chief and other staff members also can earn tuition credits based on their contributions to the paper.

Applications for the editor-in-chief position are due no later than 5 p.m. Monday, May 13.

Whether students are interested in applying for the top job or becoming a reporter, photographer or section editor, they can get an application and more information from Priewe, whose office is on the first floor of North Santiam Hall, Room 114. Or call 541-917-4563, or send an email to rob.priewe@linnbenton.edu.

Applications also are available in The Commuter office, Forum Room 222, on the Albany campus.

## Safety Fair Approaches

**Caitlyn May**

Contributing Writer

When there's an emergency, who do you call? That's the question the college's Safety Office is trying to help answer with its second annual Public Safety Fair.

"We wanted to make students and the community aware of the resources here in the county," Mindy McCall said. McCall acts as administrative assistant to public safety manager Marcene Olsen.

Scheduled for Wednesday, May 1, the Public Safety Fair is set to showcase several vendors and informational booths to aid students in understanding local emergency resources.

"We're going to have SAIF Corp. here demonstrating with drunk goggles, search and rescue, and even guide dogs for invisible disabilities," McCall stated. Linn County hazmat and SWAT will also be in attendance with two rescue rigs available for demonstration.

The 'drunk goggle' booth will allow students to simulate the experience of driving under the influence. Designed to create an imbalance in the wearer's equilibrium, the goggles are used by various law enforcement agencies to demonstrate the dangers of drunk driving.

Love Yoga Studios will be on hand as well with live yoga demonstrations for students needing a mid-day relaxation session.

"The main thing is having some of these emergency personnel talk with students," McCall noted. "We have a lot of interest in the fair. A lot of vendors are signed up."

Curious students are invited to check out the informational event in the courtyard starting at 11 a.m. and running until 1:30 p.m.

### Health and Safety Fair

**When:** Wed., May 1  
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Courtyard

### Vendors Include:

SAIF, Team Oregon Motorcycle and Safety, LBCC nursing students, Cancer Resource Center, Costco Pharmacy and Eye Care, Dogs for Invisible Disabilities, Linn County Search and Rescue, Albany Martial Arts, Mid Valley LEPC, PACE Fire Extinguisher Demo, Linn County SWAT, Love Yoga Studios, SamFit Gym, and Serve Pro.



Tony Brown

LBCC parking lot

## Students Ponder Parking

**Sarah Shye**

Contributing Writer

LBCC has more than enough parking spots to accommodate the students, but somehow it only seems that way when you are not looking for one.

The problem seems to lie with the northern parking lots, five and six. Some students have not only found it difficult to find parking there, but have said the difficulty has made them late to class.

Student Callie Durst says she prefers to park in parking lots five and six because they are the closest to her classes. When asked if trying to find parking back there has ever made her late to class, she replied, "Yes, it has."

"Expanding the back parking lot would definitely help," said student Durst.

LBCC student Kenny Haener saw things a bit differently. Haener said that finding a parking spot has never made him late to class. When asked if he has noticed a lack of parking spaces here at LBCC Haener replied, "If you don't mind walking, no. If you want to park up close, yes."

Haener revealed that he most likes to park in lot two, in front of Takena Hall, because there are more spaces there.

Vice President of Finance and Operations Jim Huckestein said that there has been a lot less stress on the parking lots compared to a couple of years ago. Huckestein also said that there is a plan to expand parking lots, should that ever be required.

"We are not anticipating the need to expand parking at this time," said Huckestein.

# Stables Offer Unique Classroom Experiences

**Ted Holliday**

Copy Editor

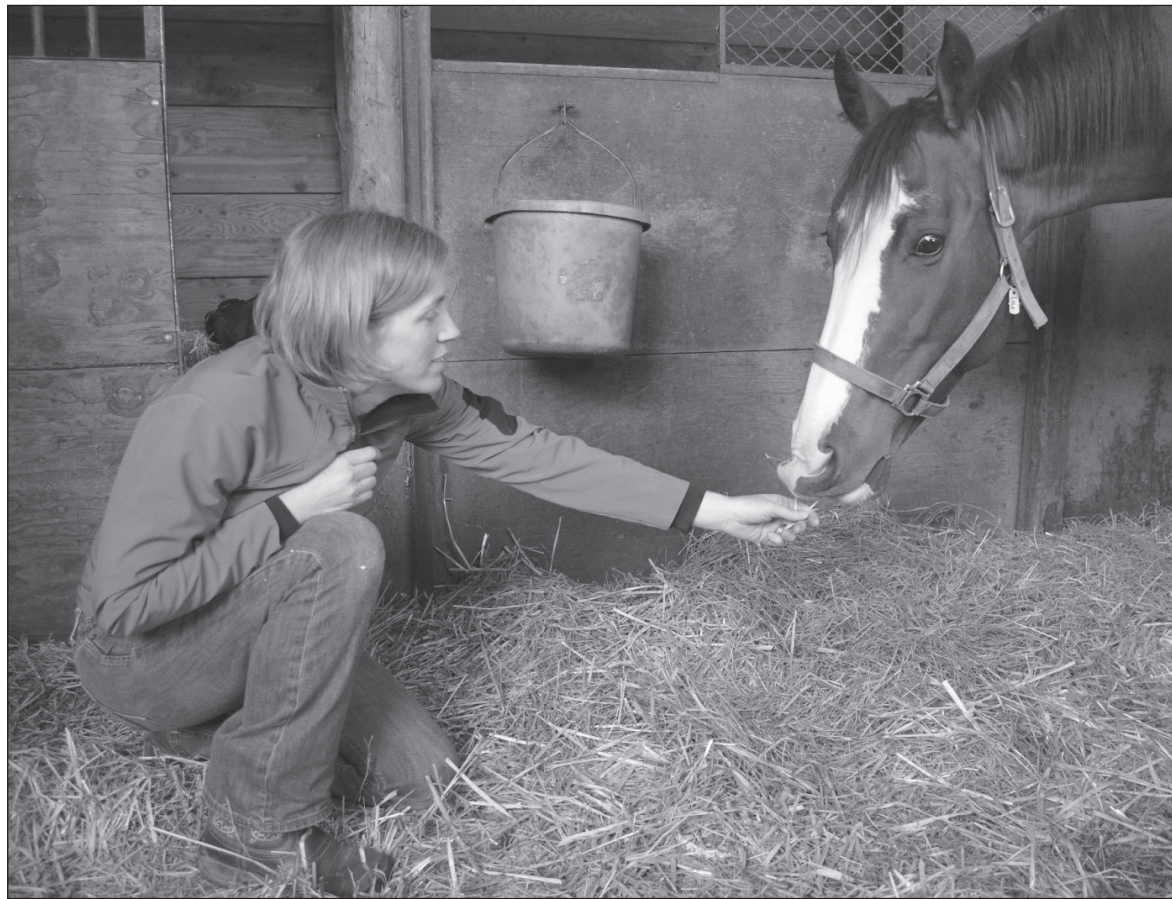
"There are horse stables?" LBCC student James Burkey asked. "I didn't even know that we had horse stables."

Yes, the college has horse stables and one of the most unique animal science programs in the Northwest. LBCC is the only community college that offers these programs. Students from all over the country travel to attend one of several programs in animal or horse sciences. Students prepare to go to work in their field of study as soon as they graduate.

In 2001 a public bond was passed and the stables were purchased. They are located about a mile and a half from the main Albany campus. The stables and grounds are self-funded. The horse breeding program and boarding generates the majority of the money to maintain the property as well as buy feed and supplies.

Jenny Strooband is the department chair and instructor for the animal science program. The programs have two main areas of focus, either move onto a four-year degree or go right to work after two years. "The biggest misconception I want to address is that there aren't any jobs," Strooband said.

Many of the students who attend the program find employment soon after they graduate. "There was one gal we had who took awhile to find a job," Strooband said. It was because she was looking for something so specific



Ted Holliday

**Animal Science Director and Horse Management instructor Jenny Strooband hand-feeds Lola.**

it took about six months to find a position.

Kelsey Eunkle from Vancouver, Wash., came here to attend the horse management program. "It gave me a lot of the basic knowledge about breeding and handling different

animals," Eunkle said. She graduated from LBCC in 2011 and now works for a veterinary office in Washington. "So much of the horse industry is who you know and not what you know. But, this program gives you the knowledge to step up and run a barn."

Eunkle said Strooband helps students in any way that she can. She said that Strooband helped her find a job once she graduated the program. "I loved the program and she really cares about what she does to make people successful."

Current student Jessica "Smeds" Smedly will graduate in June. "It gives you the foundation to be successful in the horse industry," she said.

"Smeds" is in the basic two-year horse management program. She hopes to find a job after graduation, and with a little luck, she'll go right to work.

Part-time faculty Cindy Gooch said, "This is a hands-on program." She said sometimes students who think that this will be a walk in the park program, find out pretty quickly otherwise.

"We have the ability to handle the raising of a horse," Gooch said. "Getting into a real-life situation [with animals], it's no longer romantic."

The combination of the classroom work and hands-on work makes this program one of a kind. "The course work is rigorous. We mainly focus on the science of animal and horse management," Strooband said.

For students who have a lot of positive energy and enjoy being outside working with animals, this program will set them on the right path for success, even if they have to ask someone for directions on how to find the stables.

*Read more about the stables in "New Baby in the Barn," from the April 24 issue of The Commuter or online at [commuter.linnbenton.edu](http://commuter.linnbenton.edu).*



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Brady Thomas fist bumps Reese Merriman during a game against Mt. Hood CC. See more photos online at: [commuter.linnbenton.edu](http://commuter.linnbenton.edu)

## LBCC Loses Doubleheader to Mt. Hood

“We’re ready to bounce back,” said utility player Christian Morrison.

The need to “bounce back” is magnified at this point in the Roadrunner season, as the team focuses on the homestretch and making the playoffs. With 12 games left in the regular season, winning games has more importance.

“Doing the things we do well, will get us there,” said Coach Hawk.

On Tuesday April 30, the boys returned home for a doubleheader date with league titan Mount Hood Community College. In Game 1, the Roadrunners got off to a hot start as Jacob Herklotz and Trevor Nix homered.

But defensive lapses late, led to Mount Hood scoring 5 runs and winning 7-4. “We know what we have to do,” said Coach Mitchell Nelson, referring to Game 2.

LBCC has struggled a bit lately, as injuries to Cody Blount and Darin Nelson have taken a toll. Coming out for Game 2 versus Mt. Hood, better defense and pitching is essential. “Time to hit the ball too,” said Coach Brad Reider.

One bad defensive inning cost LBCC, and they could never recover, losing Game 2 against Mt. Hood, 9-2.

LBCC plays again on Saturday, May 4 versus Chemeketa CC at LBCC’s Albany field.

## Roadrunner Baseball Look for More Wins

**Ronald Borst**

Staff Photographer

After a torrid stretch, winning 11 of 14, the Linn-Benton baseball team faltered at Lane Community College on Saturday, losing both games. Nothing like the road to stop a winning streak.

The team looks to return to winning ways this week, with four games at home. The Roadrunners play a twinbill on Tuesday with league leader Mount Hood and again on Saturday, May 4 against Chemeketa C.C. With the playoffs looming, games are becoming increasingly important.

Lane got on the board first in Game 1, with a

run in the first inning. LCC increased the pace in the second inning, scoring five runs on five hits. LBCC committed two errors in the inning, uncharacteristically.

Lane would go on to win 7-3.

In Game 2, the Roadrunners only managed four hits. Taylor Higgins and Derek Cartwright drove in the only two runs for LBCC. Austin Woodward took the loss.

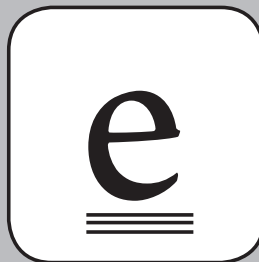
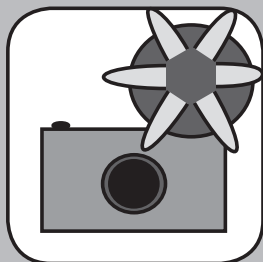
Lane jumped in front in the first inning, with a run, and LBCC responded with two of their own. Higgins ended the inning caught stealing. LBCC would not score again.

Lane ended the scoring in the fourth, punching

two runs in on five hits. LCC won Game 2 by the 3-2 score.



Devin Staebler



## Write. Snap. Edit. Print.

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Here are some of the positions we have open:

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Ted Holliday



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Students from LBCC and several other colleges and universities around the state came together April 25 in Salem, Ore. to ask for more educational funding.



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Dale Hummel

A group of students is on a rocky beach. Some are wearing waders and are looking at something on the ground. The background shows a rocky coastline with a hillside.

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Dale Hummel

Clockwise from top left: Students from community colleges around the state show their support for more funding. Allayna Faulkner and Regan Allen perform with the The Sirens for the crowd. Students stand at the front of Ore. State Capitol. Students begin disbanding after supporting the rally for an entire afternoon. Spirits were high following speeches from legislators. Erik Noll leads the group of students in a chant.

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## Students Rally for Funds

**Ted Holliday**  
Copy Editor

The Student Leadership Council guided students to the rally at the Oregon State Capitol on April 25. With over 190 students, the SLC wanted to let the decision makers, sitting in their climate-controlled seats, know that they are fed up with the growing tuition cost and climbing student debt.

The SLC joined forces with other schools from all over the State of Oregon. Hundreds of students convened at the First United Congregational Church of Christ in Salem. The battle plan had been weeks of planning with statewide cooperation from different colleges. As students gathered for food and drinks in preparations for the walk to Oregon's Capitol Hill, the orders were distributed. It was clear that there was no stopping the voices from being heard.

The cost of education has been increasing over the past few years, while funding from the state has been declining. In order to reverse this trend, students asked lawmakers to provide \$510 million towards community colleges. Lawmakers are currently considering lowering the state amount to \$395 million.

In order to make up the difference, schools will need to eliminate staff, cut sports programs, and raise tuition fees. All three have already occurred at LBCC. Approximately 25 staff members have been terminated, six faculty members were forced into early retirement, the baseball and women's basketball teams have lost funding, and the ESOL program is being transferred to another organization. On April 18 the Board of Education for LBCC voted to raise tuition \$3 per credit for the 2013-2014 school year.

Students may not realize how much this will impact them at first. However, they will feel it in their paychecks once they complete school. According to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, student loan debt has surpassed home credit card debt. Rising tuition cost for fewer services is a trend that doesn't look like it will end anytime soon.

Linn Damewood of LBCC expressed her concern: "Education is important. We need to cover the cost of funding education and make it affordable while keeping tuition costs low."

Zachary James from Portland Community College said from his wheelchair, "As a paraplegic I need to find a job. It's not easy for someone like me to find a job. I can't get a good job without

a good education."

Along the streets as students headed to the capitol, students chanted their message: "What do we want? \$10. When do we want it? NOW."

When they arrived, a number of distinguished speakers took the podium, including Speaker of the House Tina Kotek and State Senator Fred Girod. "We can't continue cutting funding to the community colleges," Girod said. "Our students simply can't afford the debt that they are incurring to get an education, and quite frankly I'm embarrassed."

Rebecca Fountain, from LBCC said, "I love [this school]. It's important to fund community colleges so that people from all demographics can get a better job."

As the rally wound down, LBCC's all men's choir, Blue Light Special, closed out the ceremony with a stirring rendition of "Shooting Stars."

LBCC had the largest attendance of all the colleges represented. It will still remain to be seen if student voices have made an impact to change the tide of the law maker's wave of cuts.

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# The Power of Social Media

William Tatum

Opinion Editor

Over the past year bullying induced suicides, public figure trolling, amateur sleuthing for the perpetrators of the Boston Bombings, and subsequent mainstream media coverage of these events has ignited a debate about the value and utility of social media.

Often demeaned as either a vapid form of narcissistic navel gazing or a means for social aggrandizement, media pundits and concerned parents have taken to the airwaves and newspapers to decry this new technology and the danger that it poses to the youth and to society as a whole.

Not to be left behind, special interest groups representing various minority populations, who are often legitimately the victims of real world persecution, have jumped on the bandwagon decrying social media as nothing more than a cesspool of vitriolic anonymous trolling.

Yes, bad things happen on the internet: People spread misinformation, make prejudicial statements, and say generally hateful things. But this has always been true, and does not represent the bulk of activity done on social networking sites.

Because the KKK publish thousands of pages of hate-filled propaganda, should printing presses have been abandoned? Focus on the Family airs hundreds of hours of sexist and homophobic video footage, but should video recording technology be curtailed? Since Rush Limbaugh spews ideological diatribes and racial epitaphs on a daily basis over the airwaves, should the government censor shock-jocks?

Hate speech, prejudice, and trolling have been a part of the human experience since the dawn of civilization. The only difference is that it can be seen by all now, and in a way that was simply impossible in bygone eras. Social media does what none of the other communication methods do, it allows for real-time and asynchronous feedback.

Sure, letters can be written to editors, shows can be called into, and networks can be sued. But all of these require relying on the very people who offended you being willing to publish your reply.

On social media sites like Reddit and Twitter, this isn't the case. Hate-speech can be checked in a way that was never possible before, bullies, celebrities, talk show hosts, presidents, even the Pope, can all be called out publicly for their misinformed, wrongheaded, bigoted, or hate-filled remarks.

If an interviewer says something inaccurate or bigoted you can bet that their followers and criticsers will be letting them, and others viewers, know just how wrong they are on their social media platforms.

Even bullying, something that does need to be addressed in the social media landscape, is a problem that originates in the meatspace, not the virtual space.

Bullying has always occurred, and it has always occurred for one reason and one reason alone. The great

silent majority is just that, silent.

The bullying that occurs online and cannot easily be blocked is in the public view. Instead of confronting the bully, or at minimum offering sympathy to the victim, the silent majority of viewers either pretend that it isn't there, or worse, join in the furor.

Social media gives users and citizens the tools and the power to confront these oppressive bullies. But when individuals and societies choose not to use these tools, it seems odd to blame the tool instead of the user.

Social media isn't the source of causal agent for bullying. The problem is the same online as it is offline: Individuals don't step up and defend their digital brothers and sisters.

Beyond the power given to the viewer/reader/listener by social media, groups focusing on the tragic suffering of a few ignore the hundreds of millions of young and old people who find social acceptance, recognition, and validation through social media.

By finding like-minded peers on social networking sites these individuals live a happier and more fulfilling life. Social media provides a foundation for niche cultures to flourish despite being geographically spread out.

Demeaning social media also requires ignoring the billions of dollars made by individuals leveraging these very social platforms to create new businesses and to generate new content. Youtube, yes, it's a social network too, has allowed individuals like Psy to go from local comedy gold to international star complete with millions of dollars in ad revenue from people watching his free videos.

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While social media is still maturing as a medium for cultural exchange, it cannot be denied that it empowers citizens to challenge authority. It also provides a platform upon which individuals can congregate to share what gives their lives meaning.

Whether it be a person's philosophy on life, what they had for breakfast, their feelings about Justin Bieber, or funny cat pictures, the activities of persons on social media sites are more than just words and pixels on a screen, they are fundamental expressions of identity. These expressions, even if they appear from your perspective to be vapid and narcissistic, still have value and articulate meaning.

Instead of wasting your energy complaining about how social media sucks or worrying about how Twitter will lead to "Idiocracy," why not try making the conversations on social networks better by adding your voice. The more people who participate, the more representative the conversation is.



## Student Leaders Lobby Legislators

**TeJo Pack**  
Staff Writer



TeJo Pack

**A**pril 25 was to be a day full of excitement with a rally for more college funding set to march to the steps of the state capitol. However, for four members of the LBCC student body, it was also a day of lobbying.

Emily Browning, Charly Hemphill, Andrew Holmes, and Eric Noll as quoted by Holmes "arrived at the capitol at 8 a.m. after waking up and preparing for our day at 5 a.m."

The group then spent the morning before their meetings conversing with other lobbyists from other schools and finding out who they would be meeting with that day.

At 10:15 a.m. Hemphill and Holmes met with Rep. Sherrie Sprenger's staff, where they got the chance to tell their individual stories and discussed college funding, public reform, and university governance reform.

"The staff was very receptive," says Hemphill.

At 11 a.m., since the House was in session, the two were able to do a floor poll with Sprenger where they got access to speak with her for and were able to address the issues previously discussed with staff.

"Sprenger seemed very passionate about everything we discussed with her," said Holmes.

It was around this time that morning meetings concluded and the group joined the LBCC students and students from all across the state for the rally. The rally went off without a hitch and was a huge success, but was hardly the end of the day for these four.

At 2 p.m., Browning, along with several other Oregon State University students, had the chance to sit down with Senator Betsy Close and discuss prison reform and its impact on funding.

"Though she was not supportive of reforming Measure 11, she was very supportive for getting funding for community colleges," says Browning.

To close out the day, Hemphill and Holmes met with Representative Andy Olson from District 15 who, as Holmes put it, "Was not very happy about the cuts made to LBCC, especially the cutting of our baseball program."

"Olson has been known to converse with Coach Greg Hawk on several occasions, so no doubt he was sad to see the program go," Hemphill said.

It was in this meeting that Hemphill and Holmes were

again given the opportunity to tell their stories and discuss funding.

"Olson is extremely passionate about the need for additional funding for colleges," Holmes added. "In the end I think it was a very productive day for lobbying. In times past, there would usually only be 50 to 60 scheduled appointments; this day there were 80. This influx really shows the passion for these issues at the capitol," Noll concluded.

## Opinion: Double Jeopardy

**Nora Palmtag**  
News Editor

**T**here is a policy here which needs to be amended, changed, or rewritten. According to Academic Regulations:

### Repeating a Class

In general, you cannot repeat a class for additional credit. Any course completed with a grade below a "C" may be repeated for grade replacement and GPA recalculation. Any course completed with a grade of a "B" or "C" may be repeated once for grade replacement and GPA recalculation. Any replacement grade will replace all previous grades for that course number.

After talking with the registration desk and being told that if you repeat a course and receive the same grade, in this instance a "D," you will be penalized twice on your GPA. I got a 'D' in Math 111 twice. This was due to test anxiety and short-term memory loss. Both instructors were aware that I had aced all the quizzes and did okay on all extra projects but failed all exams.

However, there will be no grade replacement if they are the same. If you receive a better grade, then the lesser grade will be replaced. Why get both grades against you? How does this affect the financial situation of the school? Is there any recompense for the other situation to the student? If not, then all students and grades should be treated equally? One grade should be counted for all students, the better grade, if achieved, but there should be no double jeopardy.

This statement is not spelled out and clearly noted when a student wants to retake a course. How is the average student, let alone a person with a handicap suppose to know that they may be punished for trying to improve their grades. Even when it is for admission to a higher institution, self-improvement, or other reasons?

Once this information was discovered, I appealed to Danny Aynes, director of enrollment services/registrar, to see if there was any way this double jeopardy could be avoided. A great analogy of this policy would be if you appeal a sentence after you were convicted and received ten years, then if you appeal and lose, you will receive 20 years for your efforts.

In essence, this policy seems to say that a student should not try to better their grade if they cannot be assured that they will make a "C" or better. This would discourage anyone with a disability or chance of losing their funding from even trying to do better.

I am not the only student this has happened to, and I am upset that I have encouraged other students to retake some courses, not being aware of double jeopardy.

This institution must be made aware that there are students who are afraid to rock the boat in this circumstance and ask for a grade replacement once they are told at registration that this is impossible.

*If you have had a similar situation at this campus or would like to comment on this policy contact us at [commuter@linnbenton.edu](mailto:commuter@linnbenton.edu).*

## Letter to the Editor

LBCC will have guests on campus this Friday for Diversity Day. Danette Killinger from Linn County Health Department will be conducting a student survey. The survey goal is to identify student behavior involving drugs and alcohol. Linn County has a grant to support student health in our region.

We invite students to pick up a survey at Diversity Day (near the Student Union). You may turn it in to the table or to the Student Union office and will be given a ticket for prize drawings for participating.

It is also possible that the survey will include a section on sexual behavior. Linn County and LBCC are doing the survey primarily to understand the needs of our students

related to use of illegal drugs or alcohol.

The surveys are entirely confidential. Students may skip any question. LBCC wanted to inform students in advance that our goals are to understand the collective needs of students around behaviors related to drug or alcohol abuse. If students wish, they may skip the section on sexual behaviors. (At press time, we were trying to determine whether that section of the questionnaire could be deleted.)

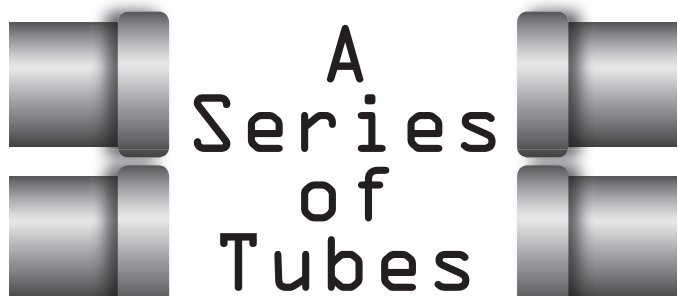
In the event that the survey section on human sexuality remains in the survey, you may choose to answer or ignore any question. The questions on sexual behaviors are explicit. Feel free to disregard those

questions and skip over them or answer them, as you choose. We recognize that students have a variety of thoughts and values around human sexuality. We do not want to offend students or cross your personal boundaries in the process of gathering needed information about student health. Please honor your own privacy and personal boundaries when you complete the survey.

LBCC is participating in this survey to help our community understand student needs and plan for services related to student behaviors and student health.

*Lynne A. Cox*

Associate Dean, Student Services



# A Series of Tubes

Your Guide to the Interwebs

## CISPA: The Zombie Bill

**Marci Sischo**  
Webmaster

Here's the situation – the Internet is under near-constant attack ...

Read the full article online at: [wp.me/p14GZu-rPR7](http://wp.me/p14GZu-rPR7)



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## A word from your local



Dear Campus Community,

Thank you for the last two years! I have served as the Legislative Affairs Director in the Student Leadership Council since May of 2011. Over these two years, I have worked to register over 2,600 students to vote, lobbied successfully for policy changes and funding at our State Capitol, planned numerous events on and off campus, organized and recruited 200 students to the Rally in Salem, and many other successes. This would not have been possible without the support from our LBCC campus community in a twofold sense.

First, I want to extend my gratitude to the faculty, staff and administration of LBCC. You all have been incredibly supportive of our efforts in the last couple of years. The interactions that I've had with all of you have been positive and genuine. It's for these reasons that leaving LBCC will be bittersweet. I'm ready to move on, but I am going to very sincerely miss all of the relationships that I have built with you, the faculty, staff and administration of LBCC.

Second and finally, I want to thank my fellow SLC members from the last two years. Your support at a personal and professional level has more than helped me to find a place where, for the first time, I felt like I really belonged. It has been the utmost pleasure to serve the student body alongside you. Thank you for the memories!

This is your 2011-2013 SLC Legislative Affairs Director signing off.

*Eric Nall*

## Veteran's Club Changes

To all,

As you all know, the term is almost halfway over and summer break will be arriving soon. Some of us will be graduating, transferring to other schools, or entering the workforce at the end of the term. This means the following vacancies will be to be filled in the club ranks:

- President
- Treasurer
- Event Coordinator
- Archives Officer

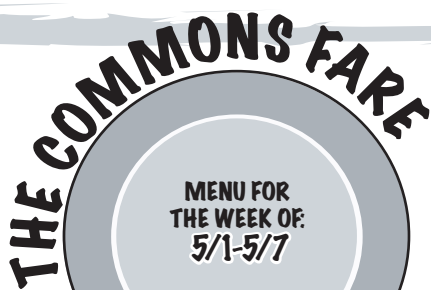
I cannot emphasize enough that we need motivated student-vets to continue the growth and development of our club for the school year. This year's club members have diligently worked to improve communications with the LBCC administration and financial aid departments, as well as local

veterans support in our communities. We hope that future club members can continue to build from what progress we have made in order to improve the quality of education and support we receive at LBCC.

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions regarding the responsibilities of any of these positions, please contact us via our club email, Facebook page, or stop by Lewis Franklin's office (SSH-113) during his office hours. Also see LBCC's clubs handbook to get an idea of how clubs are supposed to operate on campus.

Respectfully,

Derek Smith  
Club President  
veteransclub@linnbenton.edu



**Wednesday:** Persian Lamb Stew\*, Turkey Cutlet with Browned Butter Sauce, Vegetarian Quiche with Hollandaise. Soups: Pozole\* and Beer Cheese.

**Thursday:** Reuben Sandwich with Coleslaw, Roasted Beer-Brined Chicken with Pan Gravy, Vegetarian Risotto\*. Soups: Chicken and Matzo-ball, and Split Pea\*

**Friday:** Chef's Choice

**Monday:** Baked Stuffed Snapper, Beef Goulash\* with Spaetzel, Grilled Cheese with Tomato Soup. Soups: Chili Mac and Potato Cheddar\*

**Tuesday:** Tuscan Braised Pork over Creamy Polenta\*, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Portabella topped with Spinach, Poached Egg and Bearnaise with Rice Pilaf\*. Soups: Billy Bi and Vegetarian Vegetable\*

Items denoted with a \* are gluten free

## Linn-Benton Opera Guild Preview: Falstaff

### LBCC News Service

The Linn-Benton Opera Guild will preview the opera Falstaff, by Giuseppe Verdi, on Tuesday, May 7 at 7:45 p.m. at 303 Benton Hall, Oregon State University campus, Corvallis.

OSU music professor Angela Carlson will tell the story of the opera and play recorded excerpts from the score. Admission is free to Linn-Benton Opera Guild members, students of Linn-Benton Community College and OSU. Cost for the general public is \$5.

Performance dates will be May 10, 16, and 18 at 7:30 p.m. and May 12 at 2 p.m. at the Keller Auditorium, 222 SW Clay, Portland. The opera will be sung in Italian with projected English translations.

Linn-Benton Community College and the Linn-Benton Opera Guild will host a bus ride to the closing performance on Saturday, May 18 for those interested. Round-trip coach fare is \$45 per person. Cost for opera tickets is not included, and seating reservations are required.

The bus will leave LBCC's Benton Center parking lot-757 NW Polk Avenue, Corvallis-at 4:30 p.m., arriving at Key Bank-3rd and Ellsworth, Albany-at 4:55 p.m., then to Super 8 Motel-1288 Hawthorne Avenue, near I-5 Market Street exit, Salem-at 5:30 p.m. The bus will return immediately following the performance.

### Falstaff Preview

**When:** Tues., May 7  
**Time:** 7:45 p.m.  
**Where:** 303 Benton Hall  
OSU Campus  
**Cost:** \$5  
**More Info:** (541)757-8949

Tickets to the opera must be purchased in advance through the Portland Opera Box Office, 503-241-1802 or toll-free at 866-739-6737 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by visiting

Portland Opera website at [www.portlandopera.org](http://www.portlandopera.org).

For more information about the Linn-Benton Opera Guild or to make bus reservations, call Betty Miner, Opera Guild coordinator, at 541-757-8949.

## Campus Events

**Wednesday 5/1**  
**Health & Safety Fair**  
11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. · Courtyard

**Student Leadership Recognition**  
5:30 - 7 p.m. · CC 209

LBCC student leaders and employees are invited to honor our students! The 2012-2013 Student Leadership Council, Student Ambassadors, and Diversity Achievement Center student leaders will be honored. See the swearing-in of the 2013-2014 Student Leadership Council team.

**Friday 5/3**  
**Diversity Day "Connecting Cultures"**  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. · Courtyard

We are truly unique to the combination of our differences. Join us for a campus-wide event to support school clubs. Enjoy the activities and performances! Prizes to be won!

**Teriyaki: Courtyard Lunch**  
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. · Courtyard  
Teriyaki chicken with stir-fried vegetables served with Yakisoba noodles, includes cookie and a beverage.

**Saturday 5/4**  
**Home Baseball Game**  
1 - 5 p.m. · Baseball Field  
LBCC vs. Chemeketa C.C.

**Tuesday 5/7**  
**Veterans Club Meeting**  
Noon - 1 p.m. · RCH-116

**Wednesday 5/8**  
**Chili: Courtyard Lunch**  
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. · Courtyard  
Meat or vegetarian chili, cheese, cornbread, and onion, includes chips and beverage.

**Student Art Show Reception**  
Noon-1p.m. · NSH 2nd Floor Atrium

**Dodge Ball for Diabetes**  
7 p.m. · Activity Center  
Play dodge ball and help others! The American Diabetes Association is raising funds and awareness about diabetes. Join the dodge ball tournament and visit our diabetes info booths.

**Thursday 5/9**  
**Phi Theta Kappa Orientation**  
2 - 3 p.m. · Vineyard Mountain Room  
Interested in Phi Theta Kappa? Come and learn about opportunities for Phi Theta Kappa members.

**The Underpants-Spring Theater**  
7:30 p.m. · Russell Tripp Theatre

**Musical Mayhem**  
7:30 - 9 p.m. · SSH 213  
LBCC's music faculty invites you to celebrate American music! Folk, Broadway, and everything in between!  
**LBCC FM Radio Club**  
3 p.m. · Library

If you have a Campus Event, please e-mail them to [commuter@linnbenton.edu](mailto:commuter@linnbenton.edu).

## 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.

**Personals:** Ads placed in the "Personals" category are limited to one ad per advertiser per week; no more than 50 words per ad.

**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](http://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](mailto:jobs@linnbenton.edu) or call 541.917.4803.

**CWE Environmental Tech (#10313, Albany)** An ideal hands-on training experience you will operate an automated industrial wastewater treatment system, collect environmental samples, and perform environmental monitoring and inspections. \$10.85 - \$11/70/ hr Closes 5/13/13.

**Police Officer 1 & 2 (#10323, #10324, Eugene)** Possible 5 openings. Responsible for maintaining peace & public safety through enforcement of laws, performing traffic control, and providing emergency services on

University of Oregon owned and controlled properties. Closes 5/21/13.

**Project Engineer (#10327, Corvallis)** Corvallis based architectural Cabinetry & Millwork manufacturer is looking for a Project Engineer. Job would consist of working alongside the owner and project manager to streamline each job process. \$35,000 to \$50,000/yr Closes 5/31/13

**Data Entry Specialist (#10331, Albany)** Small, family-owned appraisal business in Albany, looking to add a data entry specialist to our dynamic team. We promote a professional atmosphere and team environment; and a positive attitude toward team building and helping everyone succeed. This is an entry-level position, intense training will be provided with oversight and review until the task has been mastered. Closes 5/10/13

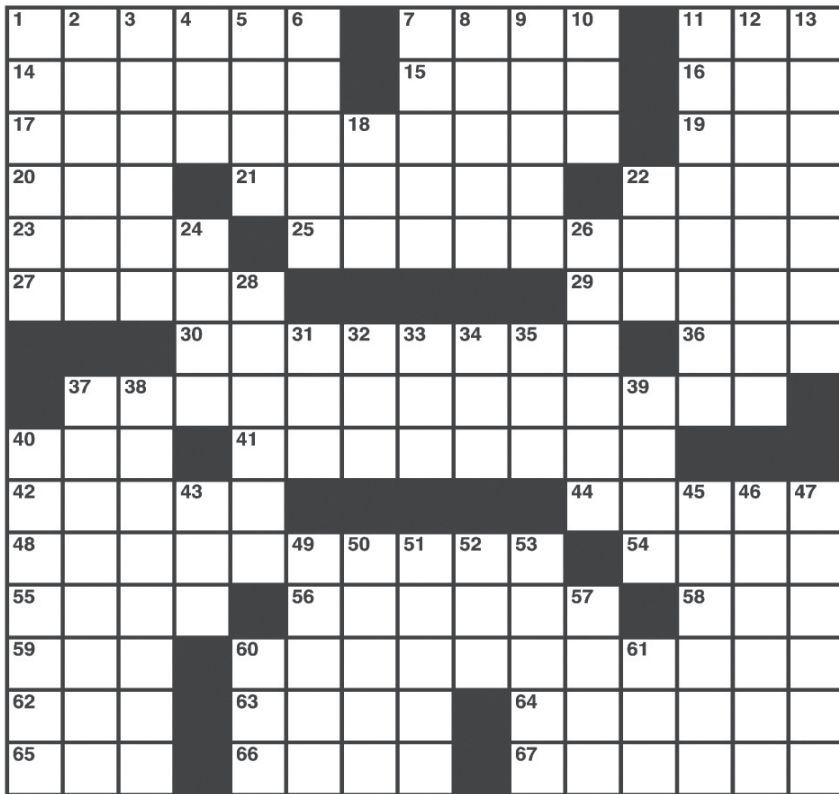
Persons having questions about or requests for special needs and accommodations should contact the Disability Coordinator at Linn-Benton Community College, RCH-105, 6500 Pacific Blvd. SW, Albany, Oregon 97321, Phone (541)-917-4690 or via Oregon Telecommunications Relay TTD at 1-800-735-2900 or 1-800-735-1232.

Contact should be made 72 hours or more in advance of the event.

## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

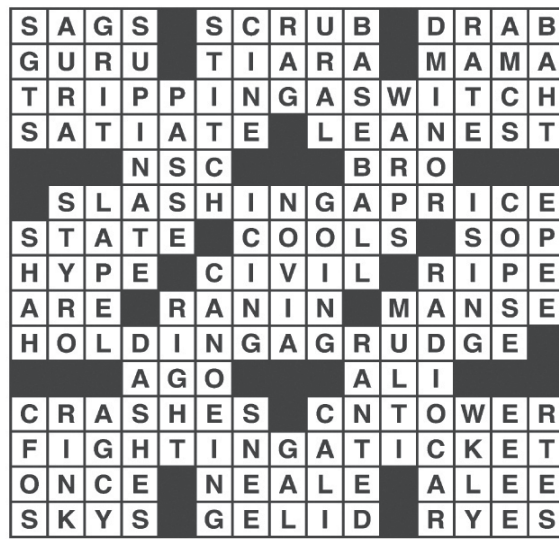
- ACROSS**
- 1 Sweet Spanish wine
  - 7 In that case
  - 11 Inst. that turns out lieutenants
  - 14 Moves on all fours
  - 15 Cause of a worldwide 19th century fever
  - 16 Old school dance
  - 17 Lost it
  - 19 Victoria's Secret offering
  - 20 Bonanza find
  - 21 In copious amounts
  - 22 Ivy in Philly
  - 23 Ivy in New Haven
  - 25 Dismissed out of hand
  - 27 Pizazz
  - 29 Trumpet sound
  - 30 Party list
  - 36 Bug
  - 37 Like Starbucks coffee, every 30 minutes
  - 40 Bard's "before"
  - 41 Software customers
  - 42 Three-time world champion alpine skier Hermann
  - 44 Feast where the Haggadah is read
  - 48 "That's too bad, man"
  - 54 Brazilian soccer legend
  - 55 Prime Cuts in Gravy brand
  - 56 Crude fleet
  - 58 Busy co. on Valentine's Day
  - 59 \_\_\_ Speedwagon
  - 60 "I don't feel like cooking" option
  - 62 Enlistees, briefly
  - 63 Slurpee relative
  - 64 Capital on the Missouri River
  - 65 Wee hour
  - 66 High degrees: Abbr.
  - 67 Aftershock



By Dan Naddor

- DOWN**
- 1 Real people?
  - 2 Biblical debarkation point
  - 3 How bad excuses are given
  - 4 Bowl over
  - 5 Guzzling sound
  - 6 "Piece of cake!"
  - 7 Inuit home
  - 8 Club for country kids
  - 9 Shuteye
  - 10 Anomalous
  - 11 Austin Powers catchphrase
  - 12 Trapped
  - 13 Stretchy fabric
  - 18 Day-\_\_: pigment brand
  - 22 D.C. deal maker
  - 24 Nobelist Wiesel
  - 26 Preoccupy
  - 28 Make certain
  - 31 Videotape type
  - 32 Land in la mer
  - 33 Norse god of single combat
  - 34 Diminish
  - 35 Pitching stat
  - 37 German miss

### Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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- 38 Put back in force, as an expired tax
- 39 Blubber
- 40 Economic warfare tactic
- 43 Funnyman Philips
- 45 Mar the beauty of
- 46 Corrida snorter
- 47 More rare, as steak
- 49 Raid target
- 50 Protected by levees
- 51 "\_\_\_ Gold": Peter Fonda film
- 52 \_\_\_ volente: God willing
- 53 Spew lava
- 57 Show signs of life
- 60 Service reward
- 61 Service charge

# Poetry Spotlight

## Propaganda Piece

by Michael Rivera

Justice is the accent to the meaning,  
 propositions paid and played its part out.  
 the fate of one's actions judged with qualities either damning or redeeming,  
 either with swift haste or convincing doubt.

the judges walk with power concealed;  
 looking at what is portrayed and deemed to be real.  
 the guilty as charged strives to make his appeal,  
 the propaganda called the prosecution vehemently allures to reveal.

the subject turned suspect looks to prove,  
 the events explained they know is a truth or lie.  
 allegedly accused plays the chessboard of words to move,  
 it comes down the the innocent lives or the guilty die.

the incoherent vibe felt within this court,  
 the inexplicable differences in what is to be decided.  
 the pandemonium of facts disproving facts are communicated with exhorts,  
 of the each group so wrapped up in opinions divided.

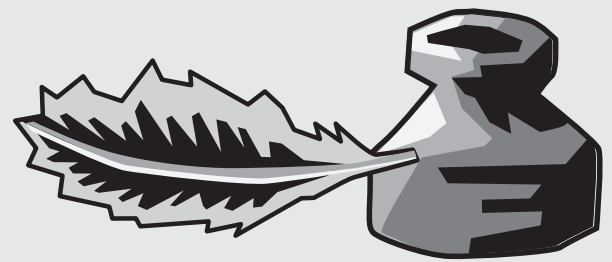
The fact remains the factions deliberate and debate,  
 what is good for community or destroys set-in-stone morality.  
 the behaviors we condemn with acceptance or hate,  
 is based on what is proven to be reality.

so as one eye leads the many that are blind,  
 soon comes power, blanketed with responsibility.  
 Choose to administer, loosening shackles or tightening bind,  
 with only time and appeal to test the credibility.

the legislation is interpreted to the masses,  
 the people have made their inquisitions.  
 this is how society drinks the law by glasses,  
 of the truth be told or the heinous dispositions.

So repeats when the propaganda piece pipes in,  
 to convince those that doubt insidious exposures.  
 the snakes mouth speaks reproachful chagrin,  
 challenged with well-placed riposte keeps the composure.

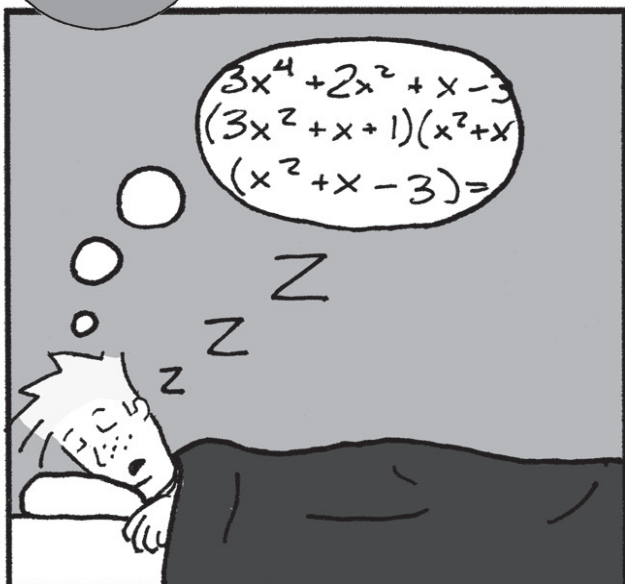
It's a decision of all people to make in this illustration,  
 of what is to be created through wrong and right.  
 For its the struggle to find the right-in-life equation,  
 for the rulers requests you accept or fight.



Submit your poems and artwork to commuter@linnbenton.edu



By Jason Maddox  
 An LBCC student-generated comic



## Kemp Named Copper Chef

William Allison

Photo Editor

It was a heated battle in the LBCC kitchen Wednesday afternoon as five second-year culinary students went head to head in the ninth annual Copper Chef competition.

The contestants had to create a first course, which could be a salad, appetizer or soup, and an entrée.

Ian Amen, Daniel Mickelson, Beatrice Kemp, Molly Ward, and Gretchen Manning had only 90 minutes and a limited number of ingredients to create a dish to make them stand out from their peers. Instructor Sami Hopson said that it makes her proud seeing that all of her hard work teaching them has paid off. "It makes me tear up," she said.

The main ingredient, a whole chicken, was prepared several different ways in the five different dishes. From bacon-wrapped chicken stuffed with spinach to chicken sausage. Each dish was "amazing, but incredibly unique," according to Josh Jess, one of the four judges.

The judges, who had no prior knowledge of the students involved, rated each dish based on their appearance, flavor, taste, degree of difficulty, and harmony of choices. In the end, the judges were pleased with all five dishes, but Kemp came out on top with a stuffed chicken wing with marinara sauce and chicken sausage over mushroom risotto with sautéed spinach and shallots.

Kemp was shocked to hear that she had won, as she changed her dish many times before deciding.

"Sausage, why not?" Kemp said. "I've never made sausage in my life, but why not now?"

"She is an incredibly talented young woman," Hopson said of the Forest Grove native. "At 21 years old, she exhibits discipline and experience well beyond her years."

"I think it's really nice to see the culmination of all their work and studies," said LBCC Dean of Instruction Jonathan Paver, a judge in the competition. "It's a privilege to taste their works."

# A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words

## Poetry Club's Group Show 'Ekphrasis'

Lindsey Rainwater

Contributing Writer

"Sometimes poetry is like smoke in the eyes: It meanders, turning here and there, lifted on the air like a ghost that haunts us." In her eerie artist statement, Ruth Krueger illuminated the magic and mystery on display in "Ekphrasis: Photos Speak Out," a group show where photography informs poetry.

Like a blind date, poets chose their inspiration from a stack of anonymous photographs. Looking at their visual muse, they composed an Ekphrasis, the Greek word for a literary description of visual art. Last month, an audience was amused to witness the paired artists meet for the first time.

Twenty pairs of photos and poems line the walls of the South Santiam Hall Gallery, a collection of 19 poets and 10 photographers from the Lebanon, Corvallis, and Albany region.

"I can still taste your nicotine-laced porter kiss," is a line from Krista Ruck's scorching poem, written for Phil Coleman's cool "Early Morning" snapshot of a winding cobbled alleyway wet with rain puddles reflecting the orange glow of street lamps.

Ellen Hamill's "Evening is Nye" pictures a salt-sprayed seaside house in front of a spectacular sherbert sky. Instructor Karelia Stetz-Waters was inspired to set her dramatic story against its windy wooden railings.

For architecture and travel enthusiasts, many of the photographers captured places from around the world. Kat Sloma's "The Castle's Back Door" has a magical feel, with its old hewn stones and heavy, rounded door of vivid cobalt blue.

Other works bring the mystery of nature to light. "Tide Water Meditation" by Walt O'Brien inspired a mythical poem, called "The Goddess" by friends at the opening. Jane White penned this flow of ink: "You (strewn) with mermaid's tears / are the rise / and the fall / of the breath / of the sea"

In contrast, Craig Hanson's photo "Apparition" is a spook. A witch's world of paradox, blackbirds, and crooked bare branches reach up to a bright full moon. Nature cons us again with smoke and mirrors in the form of clouds and water.

If you have been intimidated by poetry's ambiguity, this show provides an



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"Ekphrasis: Photos Speak Out," the Poetry Club's group show, is on display in the first floor of South Santiam Hall until Friday, May 3.

inviting entrance with its defined point of context. Before the show ends on May 3, take some time to peruse the gallery packed with photos and prose paired together.

Robin Havenick, adviser of the Poetry Club, organized "Ekphrasis" and was positively thrilled with the turnout. She said, "The event was a grand success! It was wonderful to share our art and joy with students and staff." The poets themselves were shocked but pleased to see their words plucked from their usual place, pressed in the pages of a book, and lifted up to the walls of a public gallery.

All works showing were available for auction online until April 19 at [tinyurl.com/vwssaa](http://tinyurl.com/vwssaa). Sales benefited The Valley Writers Series, which sponsors readings by prominent authors and writing workshops.

A limited edition book release of "Ekphrasis" accompanies the gallery show. There are a limited number of books still available on campus. Contact Jeremy Cornforth in NSH-101 to purchase your copy.

# Finding Nirvana in Corvallis

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Just south of Ninth and Circle is a hidden jewel of Corvallis: Nirvana Indian Restaurant. It offers a wonderful atmosphere, delicious food and great service!

Nirvana opened in 2008. In 2009, Gurmeet Lal Kaul began managing the restaurant; he and his wife assumed ownership in January 2011. He and his family enjoy working in the restaurant and make their customers a top priority.

"We provide very fresh food each day and work hard to keep the prices reasonable so our customers will be very happy," said Kaul.

Most of the menu, excluding breads, is gluten-free. All dishes can be made vegan, and they have a large selection of vegetarian specialties. Nirvana offers dine-in, take-out, lunch buffet, weekend buffet and catering.

Once inside, customers are greeted by the friendly staff, usually the owner Kaul or his wife. They welcome guests into their restaurant as they would into their home. Spicy aromas surround diners as

## Nirvana Indian Restaurant

**Where:** 1945 NW 9th St., Corvallis

**Hours:** 11 a.m.-10 p.m. daily

**Phone:** 541-738-6104

**Web:** [nirvanaindianrestaurant.com](http://nirvanaindianrestaurant.com)

they enter the dining area. It is open and airy. The walls are decorated with Indian art while soft Indian music plays in the background.

After patrons are seated at the table, the waiter will bring over water and a complimentary appetizer of papadum Indian bread with a slightly spicy cilantro/mint sauce and a sweet tamarind sauce.

Nirvana serves a traditional Indian drink, the Lassi. A favorite is the mango Lassi, a sweet blend of mango and yogurt. For those who want the standard fare of beverages, they also serve soft drinks, milk, coffee, beer, and wine.

Nirvana offers some delightful and flavorful appetizers to start out the meal. Two customers' favorites are the chicken Pakora, a deep fried chicken fritter that is light battered and spiced, and the lamb Samosa which is spicy (not hot) ground lamb stuffed

into a creative shaped pastry served with a spicy mint sauce. And don't miss the garlic naan bread.

When it comes down to selecting an entrée, it's all good. Most dishes are available in chicken, lamb, shrimp or vegetarian. A must-have is the Korma. Nirvana's Korma is a nice creamy, mildly spiced curry sauce with nuts. Each meat adds its own unique twist to the flavor. It is served with basmati rice.

Kaul said some customer favorites are the chicken Tikka Masala, lamb Vindaloo, Aloo Gobhi and shrimp pepper Masala. All the dishes are available in mild, medium, or hot, so be sure to spice it up if you enjoy a bit of a fire in your life.

Nirvana's staff works very hard to make their customers happy by offering great service, tasty food at affordable prices, pleasant ambience and a clean restaurant. The dining room is nice and spacious. The tables are arranged so meals and pleasant conversation can be enjoyed. The restrooms are very clean and easily accessible.

"We work hard to keep costs down to be able to give back to our customers so that you are happy," said Kaul.



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## THIS WEEKEND AT THE MOVIES



**Iron Man 3**  
Rated: PG-13  
Genre: OMG! Finally!



**The Iceman**  
Rated: R  
Genre: Irrelevant

Sources: IMDb, Yahoo! Movies, Fandango.com

## WEATHER

Wednesday (5/1)	Pleasant	73°/37°	☀
Thursday (5/2)	Sunny	80°/43°	☀
Friday (5/3)	Warm	80°/46°	☀
Saturday (5/4)	Warmer	86°/46°	☀
Sunday (5/5)	Very Warm	87°/47°	☀
Monday (5/6)	Bright	81°/48°	☀
Tuesday (5/7)	Mostly Sunny	69°/49°	☀

Source: [accuweather.com](http://accuweather.com)