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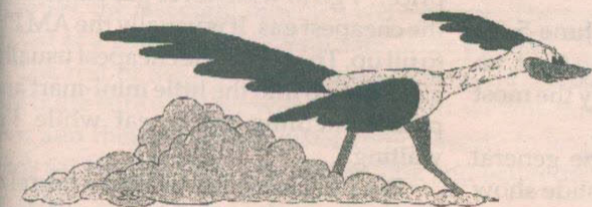
## LB roadrunner gets make over

by Melani Whisler  
of The Commuter

For the past 15 years, LBCC has been much like Wiley E. Coyote, always trying to get a final hold on the roadrunner.

But thanks to Elizabeth Smith and Lara Eckert, students in Electronic Imaging & Prepress Technology, LBCC has a roadrunner to call its own.

Over the past dozen years, physical education instructor Arlene Crossman has been trying to track down an acceptable logo that wasn't a copy of Warner Brothers classic roadrunner.



"We've never had an 'official' logo before," said Crossman, "at least not one good enough to put on a T-shirt."

Crossman asked electronic imaging instructor Dennis Bechtel to help design a new logo.

"The students had to research pictures of real roadrunners and turn them into cartoon characters with personality," said Bechtel. "It's a process of work and review, work and review, that took a couple of months. If you've ever seen a roadrunner in real life, they're quite ugly."

Eckert did most of the research for the preliminary design, and the finishing touches were done by Smith.

LBCC adopted the roadrunner as its mascot when the college first began fielding inter-collegiate teams more than 25 years ago. At the time, classes were held

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### Passing the Torch

The Olympic Torch passed through Corvallis on its way north on Sunday, drawing large crowds along the route. Several local residents took part in the event, including former LB basketball star Carol Menken Schaudt, who won a gold medal in the 1984 Olympics. The torch left Los Angeles two weeks ago on an 84-day journey around the country to Atlanta for this summer's games. The opening ceremony will be held July 19.



Photos by Deb Ridge

## what students think

### Temperatures rising along with local gas prices

by Josh Burk  
of The Commuter

When you go to the gas station to fill up your tank is your first thought to stop by the bank and get out a loan?

If it is you're not alone. Millions of Americans are paying more for gas than they have paid in a long time, including commuting LBCC students.

And they don't like it.

"I have been waiting and waiting for the gas prices to start going down, but they haven't," complained Kevin Bettis, a second-year student. "I don't know when they will, if they ever will, but I hope it is soon." Criminal justice major Kalle Greene added that she hopes prices come down soon. "I can't afford to deal with this nonsense. It's a bunch of crap when it

*"It's a bunch of crap when it costs me almost \$20 dollars to fill up my tank. It used to only cost about \$15 and that was with putting premium gas in."*

—Kalle Greene

expensive. "I just started driving two years ago, but since then I haven't ever seen the price of gas go up so rapidly."

In the last month or two gas prices have skyrocketed up to nearly \$1.50 a gallon at some stations. If you are an Albany resident—or if you don't mind driving to Albany—then you can hit the stations that are waging an old-fashioned gas war on Tuesdays. Usually the

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costs me almost \$20 dollars to fill up my tank. It used to only cost about \$15 and that was with putting premium gas in. Now I put regular unleaded in, and it is still more than before."

First-year student Brian Kettle doesn't understand why gas has to be so

### Student elections carry on with no candidates

by Mary Hake  
of The Commuter

Today is the final day of the LBCC student elections, but there are no candidates on the ballot.

Although some applications were picked up during the shortened campaign period, none were turned in by the May 2 deadline.

Consequently, the new constitution is the only item being voted on in the current election. However, voters may write in names for each ASG position. Polls, outside the cafeteria and in Takena Hall, are open until 7:30 p.m. with a dinner break from 3-5 p.m.

The student government elections, already postponed from Feb. 27 and 28, will now need to be rescheduled once again. Students interested in serving should contact the Student Programs office in College Center Room 113. Applications will be available until noon May 17.

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## Mother's Day plant sale set for Friday

There's no need to worry about where or when to buy flowers for Mother's Day, thanks to Linn-Benton's Horticulture Club.

The club will hold its annual Mother's Day plant sale on Friday, May 10, in the courtyard outside of Takena Hall. Plants to be sold include hanging basket plants, such as fuchsias, geraniums, impatiens, begonias, and lotus; annual bedding plants, vegetable starters, indoor plants and tree seedlings. The sale will be from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the courtyard and from 2 to 5 p.m. at the greenhouse.

The plantsale is the Horticultural Club primary fund-raising event of the year. The club was started by students 12 years ago to explore areas of horticulture not covered in the classroom environment, Greg Paulson, the club's advisor, said.

Money raised in the sale is used to finance the club's operations and as supplemental funding for the horticultural program at LBCC.

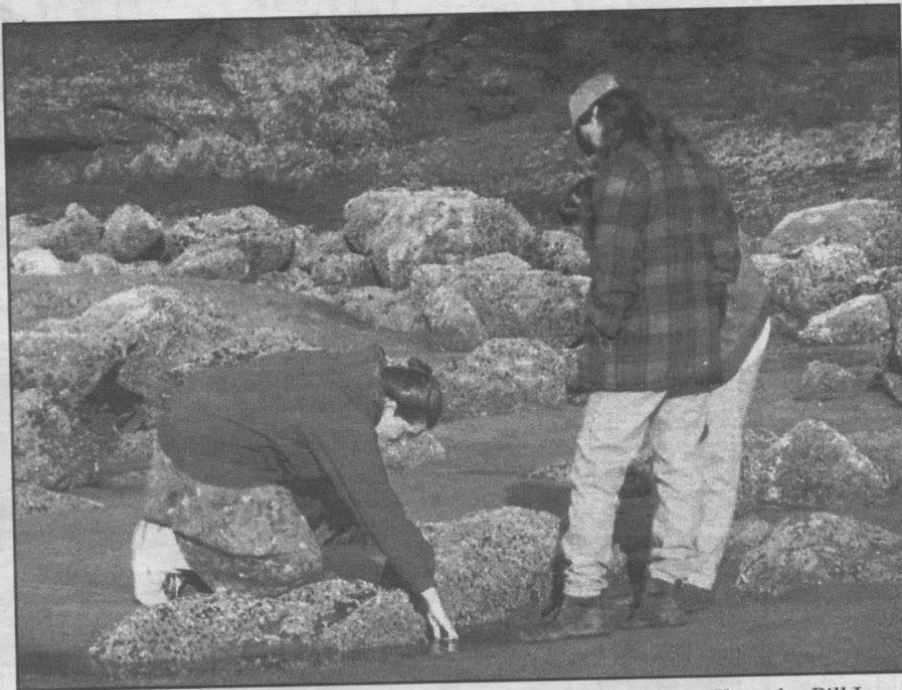


Photo by Bill Jones

### Field Trip

Students in Dr. Dave Perkins' GS 106 class visited the coast on Saturday to examine geologic features at Seal Rock, which contains examples of basalt, sandstone and other rocks.

## Chinese Imperial Tombs on display in Portland

by Jennifer Broxson  
of The Commuter

Through the generosity of the Chinese Cultural Department, the United States will host an exhibit of the Imperial Tombs of China.

Portland, Ore., is the second stop on a four-state tour through the United States. These Chinese treasures were transferred from Memphis, Tenn., May 1, and will remain in the Portland Art Museum until Sept. 15.

The arrival of the Chinese Imperial Tombs makes possible "a major exhibition for (both) the area and the United States," said Kent Sumner, manager of the OSU Craft Center.

Because Oregon is the only West Coast stop, the Portland Art Museum anticipates visitors from both the United States and surrounding regions.

Twenty-five centuries of Chinese history and culture will be open to the public, in a never-before-shown exhibit. This event will display artwork created by craftsmen expressing their devotion to the Emperor. The exhibit includes such treasures as life-size terra cotta warriors, created to protect the deceased emperor, and an all-jade burial suit.

The OSU Craft Center, Corvallis Arts Center and the City of Corvallis Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring

a day-long tour to the Portland Art Museum on June 5 for those interested. This tour, guided by Barbara Sobo Gast, an art administrator, costs \$67 and should easily satisfy the most lustful of cultural thirsts.

To give those attending the tour, as well as the general public, insight into the exhibit, a free informative slide show and lecture by Hattie Mai Nixon, a University of Oregon textile curator, will be given on May 22 at 10:30 a.m. at OSU.

The bus leaves Oregon State University at 8 a.m., and the day's agenda consists of: a guided audio tour of the Imperial Tombs Exhibit, a film orientation and related exhibit activities, a visit to Portland's Contemporary Crafts Gallery to see "Fertile Ground," an exhibit of contemporary ceramics with an introduction by museum executive director Marlene Gabel, and a studio visit to the museum's resident artist.

Also included in the fee is round-trip bus fare, morning tea, Asian buffet lunch at the museum, and museum admission. The bus will return to Corvallis by 5 p.m. Registration deadline for the 40-person tour is May 17. Forms are available at the Corvallis Arts Center, Corvallis-Benton County Library, and at Oregon State University Crafts Center.

For more information or for a tour flier call the OSU Craft Center at 737-2937.

## LBCC honor society seeks officers

by Mary Hake  
of The Commuter

Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges, is seeking members to serve as officers for the coming school year.

PTK is now a co-curricular organization and will receive student funds to finance projects and activities.

Advisor Rosemary Bennett will be teaching a leadership class for officers next year.

PTK officers will also receive talent grants of six credits for their year of service, with the president receiving a grant of

12 credits.

An informational meeting will be held at 1 p.m. today, May 8, in the Willamette Room on the second floor of the College Center.

Those who cannot attend the meeting may contact Bennett in the counseling center or at extension 4780.

The election will be held at the monthly meetings, May 22 and 23. Officers are also looking for ideas for activities and suggested meeting times.

Installation of officers will take place at the induction ceremony for new members on Friday May 31 at 7:30 p.m.

## New logo samples available

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in rented facilities all over Linn and Benton counties. "We had students running all over both counties, and it was a joke to call them roadrunners. The name stuck," said Crossman.

She has ordered a T-shirt with the new roadrunner logo, and the sample will be available in a couple of weeks. Currently, a small iron-on patch is available in the bookstore, and costs about 18 cents. Students will also see the new roadrunner next fall in the activity center. This July, when the floor is refinished, the roadrunner logo will be painted in the center of the floor.

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## Gas wars waged each Tuesday

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price will be dropped a bit here and there throughout the day.

The only problem is you have to wait in line. The competing stations often have seemingly endless lines of disgruntled drivers acting as if they were waiting for the last drop of gas in the Northwest.

"Hitting the gas wars each week is the only way to go," said Kristen Stevens. "I fill up at the Arco every week and usually I can get a lower price on Tuesdays because of the gas wars. It is definitely a must to get the lowest price that I can now, because gas is so expensive."

Sally Margaret Boyd, another LBCC student, thinks that the gas wars are a super idea.

"I put super premium gas in my car, and the only way that I can really afford it is if I get it during the gas wars. The only part that is bothersome is waiting in line."

Mark Gross, a first-year student, is always trying to find the bargain gas price. "I go to whichever gas station has the cheapest gas. It is usually the AM PM to fill up. They have the cheapest usually, and I can go into the little mini-mart and pick something up to eat while I'm waiting."

Back in December of 1995 a barrel of crude oil cost about \$17.50; by mid-April 1996 the cost had soared to \$25. If this is not changed, then we might not ever have an answer to the question that is on everyone's mind: When will the price-inflation stop and when will it go back to normal?

"I'm not sure if gas prices will ever go back down to where they were, but if they don't, then I will just have to get by," said Leroy McClone. "If you think about it, maybe this is a good thing. It could be good for the environment. Maybe now more people will car pool or ride the bus."

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**Help Build Our Brotherhood**

Alpha Sigma Phi is seeking new members for its fraternity. ASP was founded in 1845 at Yale, but has now developed into one of the largest national fraternities. ASP is a fraternity based on equality, brotherhood and education.

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is seeking male transfer students to OSU in fall term. LBCC freshman and sophomore students can get involved before transferring to OSU.

If you want to get involved with the Greek social system at OSU, please contact Art King at 754-6003 or call Alpha Sigma Phi at 758-3324.

## ROAD TRIP

## Opal Creek leaves lasting impression of beauty in travelers' minds

by Melodie Mills  
of The Commuter

Our legs dangled over the edge of the steep canyon that spread before us, an unbroken emerald sea of evergreen forest. We sat on a lush green carpet of moss, my husband and I. Water gurgled in a stream far below.

So this is what all the controversy is about, I thought.

Opal Creek, an old-growth wilderness area just 35 miles east of Salem, is the center of a hot debate between conservationists and the timber industry.

To get there we traveled east on Highway 22 to North Fork Road, where we drove up a lovely valley with old homes and barns, and a beautiful vista of the surrounding mountains sporting the last of winter snows and the beginning of spring flowers.

On this overcast but warm spring Sunday, the political nature of the place was far from our minds. We were just enjoying the lovely green grass, daffodils and mossy old-growth trees.

We turned up Willamette National Forest Service Road 2209 from North Fork Road to get to the Opal Creek access trails. On the way we stopped at Salmon Falls where we walked down a footpath and over a bridge spanning a small creek, with purple flowers and ferns growing alongside. I was reminded of the interiors of the islands of Maui and Kauia which we visited last fall. Oregon is just as beautiful, if not more so.

Getting back on Road 2209, we drove the rest of the 21 miles, the last eight of which were gravel. The road ended at a gate where several cars were parked.

The rest of the trip would have to be done on foot. Not quite sure what we were getting into, we saw three men and their mountain bikes getting ready to leave. They said that the trip was demanding and better done by bike.

The signs said three miles to Jawbone Flats! Since we had traveled so far, we decided to go all the way and headed down the rocky path.

Western hemlock and Douglas fir towered above us, the 1,000-year-old giants reaching 250 feet into the sky.

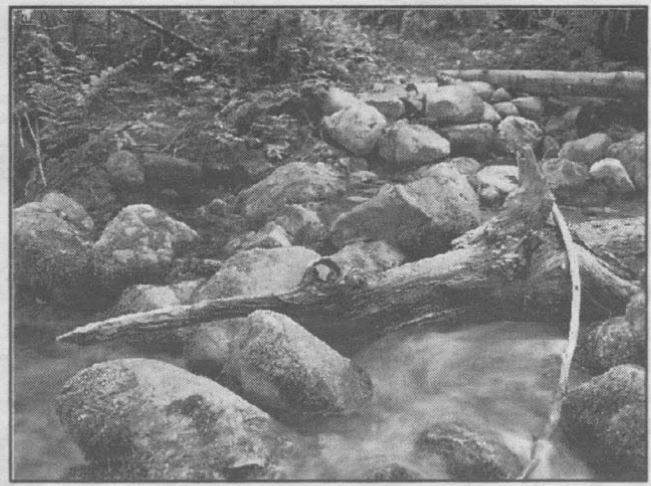
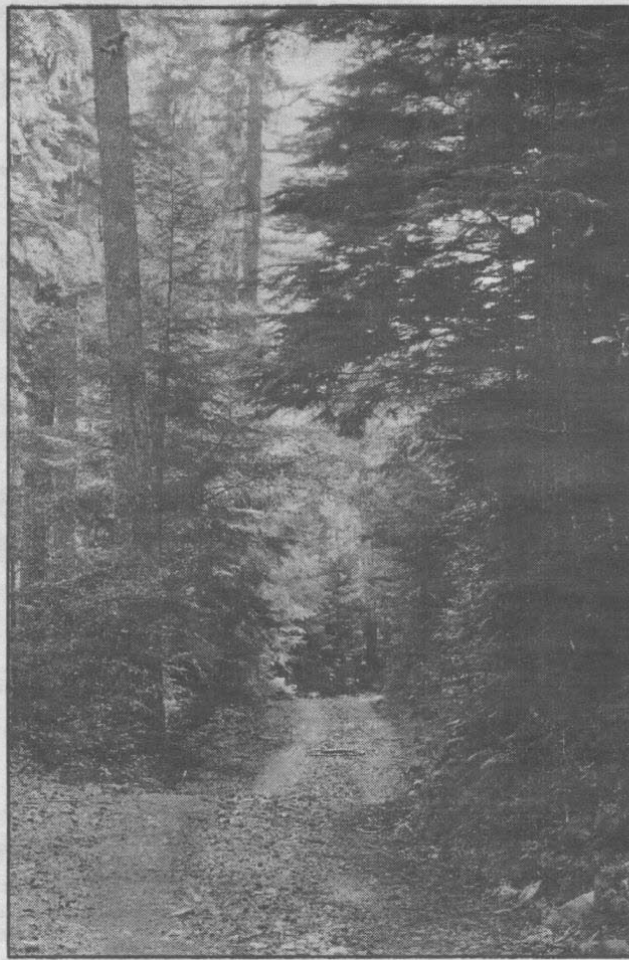
We soon crossed a wooden bridge over Gold Creek, a lovely stream that shot down to a jade-colored pool below us. Farther on, the huckleberries, wild rhododendrons, vine maple, alder, maple and cottonwood trees were all leafing out. Clearings gave lovely views of Opal Creek, whose swift waters varied their hue from jade to turquoise.

The creek seemed to reveal the source of its name as the greenish water rippled over rocks of black and sand, green and yellow, their colors shining through just the way colors of an opal do. But the stream was really named for Opal Elliot,

wife of early USFS ranger Roy Elliot. We kept passing real-hiking type people with all the boots and gear that go with it. Glad in tennis shoes, we were both worried we might turn back if the trail became too hard.

I was reminded of my brother, also a non-hiker, who had once walked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon with a friend. Since neither had backpacks, they carried suitcases. All the true hikers coming back up the trail kept saying, "Hey, there's no hotel down there!"

As we continued to walk with the creek on our right, there was a lovely tiny stream on the left of the trail due



Photos by Roy Anderson

Visitors to Opal Creek can expect a three-mile hike through scenic old growth stands over pristine streams. The area is found at the end of FSR 2209 off North Fork Road, which intersects with Highway 22 near Mehama.

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to the snow melt-off. Small green ferns and flowers of white trillium, yellow and blue wood violets bent over this trickle which flowed over colorful rocks.

We met several people along the way. One couple said that the hardest part was called the Opal Creek Trail, because it was muddy, with lots of downed logs to maneuver around; but there was a fork in the road and the path to the left was easier. We saw another family with a two-year-old who had a small orange and brown salamander in his hand. We also found both of the crude outhouses and old mining shafts, one of which was below another bridge.

According to Ray Crist, recreation forester for the Detroit area, the mining started at the turn of the century with most of the tunneling being done in the teens or 1920s. Originally miners were looking for gold or silver and then zinc or copper; however, the larger mining folded because not much was produced.

Mining continues to the present, even though most of the acreage is national forest, because scattered throughout is 150 acres of privately owned property.

In a grassy clearing there was large old, rusty mining equipment and a wooden shack that said Mertin Mill 1943. Inside was a rusty oval pot that someone had recently built a fire in. Outside was a lovely, thundering waterfall.

Back on the trail again, we came to the fork in the road we had been warned about. To the right, another wooden bridge spanned the creek and led to the Opal Creek Trail.

Going left one more mile and another bridge later, we saw the sign welcoming us to Jawbone Flats. It was a beautiful clearing with green grass and a shallow

pool of water in front which was surrounded by large sand-colored boulders. There were several miners' houses made of wooden shakes and tin roofs. Each one was surrounded by artful but natural-looking rugged landscaping.

On the left was the old company store that now sells Jawbone Flats T-shirts and other tourist items. There was also a cookhouse, lodge and equipment garages powered by a water-powered generator that drains back into the creek via a hollowed-out log.

All the out-buildings were made of the same materials as the houses. Old vehicles and mining equipment are placed throughout in an interesting, non-junky way.

Jawbone Flats and the 90 surrounding acres is owned by the conservation group Friends of Opal Creek, and is managed year-round by a manager and an assistant, along with volunteers.

Don Anderson, 32, volunteer for the last three years, said that the Jawbone Flats area started out as a family mining operation about 65 years ago. He said that people cross-country ski around there, but things really picked up on May 1 when the camp begins hosting educational groups.

These are the only means by which the public can come spend the weekend, but anyone is welcome for a day trip.

A mile farther up the path is Opal Pool, but we had all the enjoyment our legs could stand. So we returned to the car and headed for the Gingerbread House Restaurant in Lyons.

To reach the Opal Creek area from Albany, take Highway 226 through Lyons, turn right on Highway 22, going one mile to the yellow light and turn left at the State Forestry Department building. Drive 21 miles up the North Fork of the Santiam River. Take the left fork on Road 2209 until the gravel road runs out in front of the gate and the mileage sign to Jawbone Flats.

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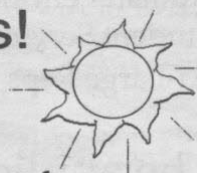
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can be bought at the sale.



review

## Wayans and Jackson team up in new gut-busting comedy

by Ben Cole  
of The Commuter

Samuel L. Jackson plays a Don King-like boxing promoter, Rev. Fred Sultan, in a hilarious comedy that takes a look at the behind-the-scenes world of boxing. Damon Wayans also stars as the heavy-weight champion, James "The Grim Reaper" Roper.

The film starts out with Roper annihilating an opponent in the ring. In his post-match interview he describes the fight as "just like beating up my little sister." Roper then goes to promoter Sultan's home to collect his promised \$10 million paycheck, but it turns out that Sultan's revenues for the event weren't enough to cover Roper's pay, so Sultan promises Roper two Rolls Royces.

Considering that Roper already owns six Rolls, he is not happy with Sultan's offer. Realizing that he needs something to draw the crowds to his events again, Sultan decides to do something that hasn't been done in a while: create a white contender to fight the champ. Sultan finds Terry Conklin, an ex-golden gloves champion who beat Roper when he was an amateur.

Conklin has been in a heavy metal band and is only interested in fighting if he can put his money toward solving the homeless problem in "America and the United States." Clearly, he's not too bright, but he is adored by women and quickly becomes as popular than Roper.

Roper, in the meantime, doesn't take Conklin seriously and doesn't train for the fight, instead working on a huge beer-belly while sitting at home watch-

ing soap operas and eating junk food.

Conklin trains hard, like a dim-witted rock 'n' roll Rocky. Although neither Sultan nor Roper takes the match seriously, Conklin is training to win. Another person thinks Conklin has a good chance of winning the fight too—former documentary-maker-turned-publicist for Sultan, Mitchell Kane (Jeff Goldblum), who decides to manage Conklin if he wins. Kane's plan is to take over Sultan's operation if Roper loses to Conklin.

And throughout the movie, Hassan El Ruk'n (Jamie Foxx), the manager of the rightful Number 1 contender, keeps dogging Sultan for a title shot.

Will Sultan ever give Hassan's fighter a title shot? Will Conklin score a major upset and defeat Roper? Does Roper walk to the ring or roll to the ring?

These questions will be answered if you go see "The Great White Hype."

This is a great comedy for those who like their comedies a little more intelligent than, say, "Dumb and Dumber" or "Happy Gilmore." The jokes and sight gags are silly enough to get a good belly laugh out of most people, while not being too low on the stupidity scale.

In one scene, it looks like Roper is going on a run as part of his training routine, but he's actually chasing an ice cream truck.

One bad part of this film is the large amount of cussing. But, if you don't mind profanity, this is a side-splitting look at the boxing world, with great comedic performances by all involved.

I give "Great White Hype" eight out of 10 stars.

review

## Shakespeare's comedy of masquerades at Majestic

by Melani Whisler  
of The Commuter

Corvallis Community Theater's production of William Shakespeare's classic romance-comedy "Much Ado About Nothing" was well worth the \$6 that I bummed off my friend.

Even though the play ran about two-and-a-half hours, including a 15-minute intermission between the second and third acts, the time flew by.

It opened in a courtyard in Messina, Italy, with Claudio and Don John returning from war. Claudio, played by LBCC student Timm McLagan, is a handsome young lord who falls in love with Hero, Leonato's (the governor of Messina) daughter. With the support of Signor Benedict, Don Pedro and Leonato, Claudio pursues Hero and soon wins her hand in marriage. In the week before the wedding, Claudio attempts to set up Signor Benedict with Lady Beatrice. (They have a long-standing grudge against each other.)

Everything goes as planned until Don Pedro (Don John's evil bastard brother) brews up a jealous plan to scuttle the wedding. He sets it up so it looks like Hero is unfaithful to Claudio by making everyone think she is sleeping with someone else.

After Claudio disgraces Hero on their wedding day by refusing to marry her at the altar, everything is revealed when Dogberry and his men catch Don John's men bragging about

their evil deed.

Everyone lives happily ever after in the end. Claudio and Hero get married, along with Benedict and Beatrice. Don John and his men are captured and everything works out.

As always, the witty torts between Benedict and Beatrice steal the show. Benedict, played by Rocco April was the comic relief of the show, followed by Beatrice who was played by Alice Best-Taneli.

Dogberry and his men also stood out in the show, playing the watchmen as grandly stupid and moronic. And keep your eye on Kathy Freemark. Although she's off to the side a lot of the times, if you glance at her once and awhile, you'll be sure to chuckle.

The costumes were immaculate. The men wore colorful tunics over matching stretch pants with swords hanging from their hips. The women wore full-length brightly colored low-neck dresses with flower headbands.

CCT's "Much Ado About Nothing" was a wonderful play that made me laugh, and sometimes want to cry. The entire cast and crew did an incredible job in bringing Shakespeare to life.

The play continues May 9-12 at 8 p.m., with 2:30 p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets available at Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis or call 754-8455 for reservations.

## Student Government Applications are still Available

Come to CC-213 and get your application.

They will be available now until Friday, May 17 at noon.

Open Positions:

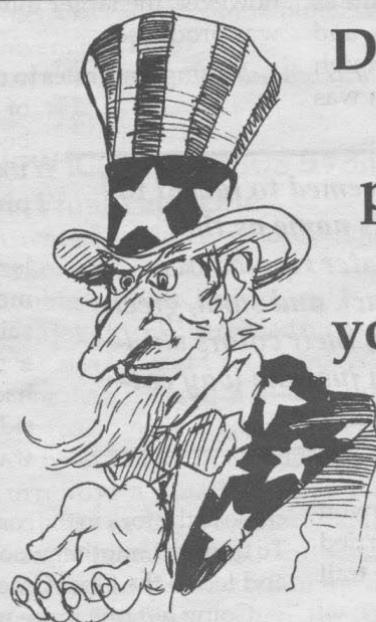
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SPORTS PAGE

# Cedergreen leads the Roadrunners to victory

Jessica Sprenger  
The Commuter

Freshman hurler Brannon Cedergreen and 13 hits by the Roadrunners' bats gave Linn-Benton a 6-3 victory over Clackamas in Southern Region baseball on Saturday.

Cedergreen went the distance, struck out seven, gave up five runs and three runs.

The Roadrunners put three runs on the scoreboard in the fifth inning. Jim Pex started the inning with a double and followed with two outs Derick Gammon tripled to score Pex. Gammon scored on Ricky Lowe's single.

Lowe made his way around the bases by stealing second and throwing errors by the catcher and pitcher allowed him to score.

Joel Greene finished the game 3 for 4 at the plate with a triple in the first inning. Pex hit 3 for 5 with two doubles and an RBI.

In the second game of the doubleheader Clackamas needed three two-run innings as the Cougars defeated Linn-Benton 8-4. Joel Greene capped the day going 2 for 3 with a run scored.

Earlier in the week Linn-Benton dropped games to Clackamas and Lane.

Against Clackamas, the Roadrunners had six errors and six batters losing 9-2. Miguel Garica and Jim Pex each hit doubles for Linn-Benton, but were left stranded on the bases.

The game against Lane didn't go much better, as the Roadrunners committed seven errors in the 8-1 loss. Ricky Lowe

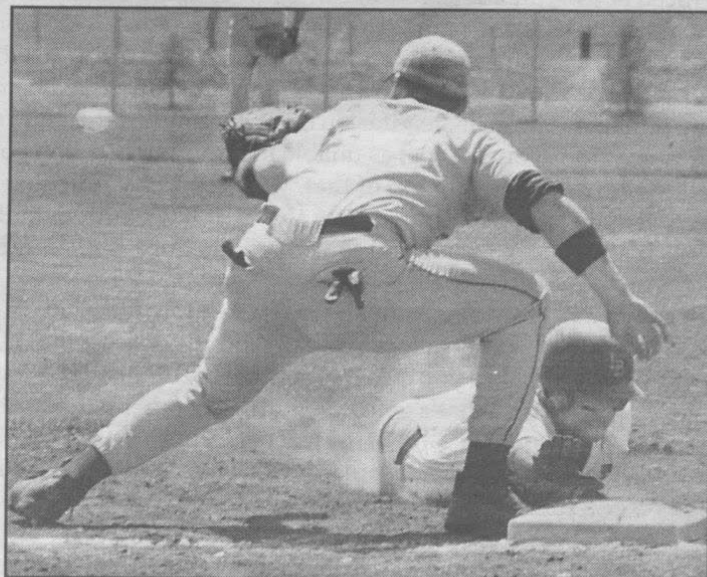


Photo by Jessica Sprenger

**Jim Pex gets back before the Clackamas first baseman applies the tag in the Cougar's 9-2 victory.**

went 2 for 5 with an RBI, while Lance Haver hit a double, Linn-Benton's only extra base hit. Roadrunner pitchers Kevin Knight and Randy Crane combined for 13 strikeouts. In 2-2/3 innings Crane struck out five.

Linn-Benton, 10-8 and 16-10, host Chemeketa in a doubleheader on Thursday at 1 p.m.

## scoreboard

### Baseball Results

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Whitt and Dube; Knight, Crane (7), Pex (9) and Haver. L—Knight, 2-2. 2B—L, Baker, Meyers; LB, Haver.

**LINN-BENTON 6, CLACKAMAS 3**  
Linn-Benton ..... 100 300 002 — 6 13 2  
Clackamas ..... 000 012 000 — 3 4 4  
Cedergreen and Aguiar; Duling, Gardner (5), Moore (9) and Hubbard. W—Cedergreen, 5-0. L—Duling, 2B—LB, Pex 2; C, Hubbard. 3B—LB, Gammon, Greene; C, White.

**CLACKAMAS 8, LINN-BENTON 4**  
Linn-Benton ..... 000 011 2 — 4 7 1  
Clackamas ..... 210 122 x — 8 10 3  
Stateler, Knight (6) and Aguiar, Haver (5); Moore, Carter (7) and Hubbard. W—Moore. L—Stateler, 4-3. 2B—C, Hubbard. 3B—C, Schillings. HR—C, Mann.

### Standings

Mt. Hood	..... 12	6	.667	—
Chemeketa	... 11	7	.611	1
Clackamas	..... 9	7	.563	2
Linn-Benton	10	8	.556	2
SW Oregon	..... 5	11	.313	6
Lane	..... 6	14	.300	7

### Track results

**MULTI-EVENT RESULTS**  
7, Sami Bond, 3556; 100H—18.06; HJ—4-8 3/4; SP—34-11; 200—30.93; LJ—14-6 1/2; Javelin—112-0; 800—2:40.88.  
10, Sara Ziemer; 100H—18.84; HJ—5-5; SP—26 2 3/4; 200—29.4; LJ—15-0; Javelin—62-7; 800—2:47.32.

### Schedule

Saturday, May 11  
Baseball  
at Lane (2), 1 p.m.

# Women score points at heptathlon championship

Jessica Sprenger  
The Commuter

Going into this weekend's Southern Region Championship, Sara Bond and Sara Ziemer have already accumulated five points for the Linn-Benton women after competing in the heptathlon last week.

Bond finished sixth in the Southern region and seventh in the NWAACC. Bond threw the javelin 112-feet.

Ziemer finished 10th in the NWAACC. She completed the 100-meter dash with a mark of 15-0.

On Saturday the two along with the rest of the Roadrunner

team competed at the Clackamas Open. Bond and Ziemer, still recouping, had fair marks, but not as strong as earlier in the week.

For the men, Josh Harpole and Moses Bullock competed in the long jump and triple jump. Harpole went 21-0 and 42-6, while Bullock was recorded as going 40-8 and 20-1.

Brian Earls, normally a distance runner, competed well in the 200 and 400 meters. Earls entered the short races to do speed work to prepare for the Southern Region meet.

Robert Boyd put the javelin out at 170-4 to round out the Roadrunner competitors at the event.

# Young LB bowler seems destined for success in professional ranks

Bill Jones  
The Commuter

*"Chim-chimemy, chim-chimemy, chim-chim chere, I'm as lucky as lucky can be. Chim-chimemy, chim-chimemy, chim-chim-cheroo, I does what I loves and I does what I do."*

The first thing you'll notice about Josh Ridinger, is that he loves what he does. The second thing you'll notice is that despite being only 19 years old, he's very good at what he does.

What he does is bowl. Bowling. It's not just for overweight middle-aged men anymore. In fact, bowling is the fastest growing sport in America.

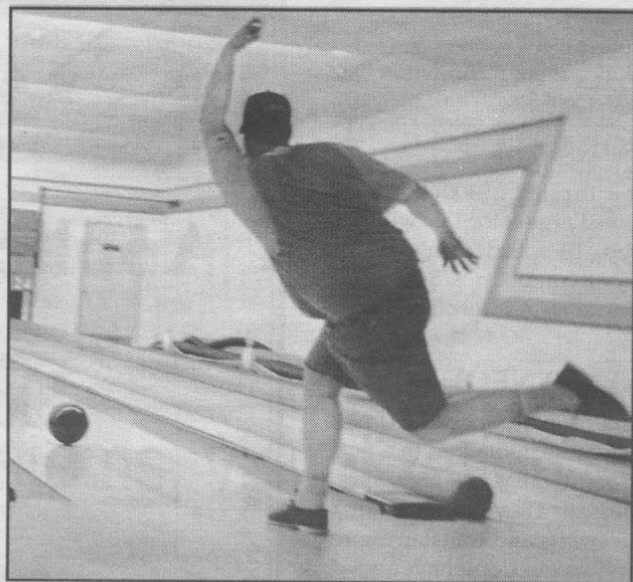
Ridinger began bowling as a youngster, but the bowling alley in his home town of Newberg burned down, and it wasn't until he was 16 that he went with his father to bowl in Wilsonville.

It was there that a "guy at the desk" noticed him and asked him to sign up for their fall league. His starting age was 150 and by the end of his first year, he had already taken third in doubles and eighth in singles in a tournament in San Francisco.

While at the San Francisco tournament, Ridinger met some other Oregon bowlers and became "hooked." Ridinger now bowls for "R" kids, a junior league in Wilsonville that has been rated the No. 1 junior league team on the West Coast, with minimum average scores of 160 for boys and 150 for girls.

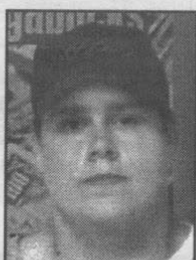
In the second straight year, Ridinger has had the highest average for his team with a score of 203. "The conditions were more difficult this year," explained Ridinger.

Conditions include such things as the amount of oil on the lanes and where that oil is placed. Oil is placed on the lanes in strips of varying lengths by machines and have a set number of patterns to choose from. The bowler has to figure out what sort of pattern they're using and will know what kind of ball to use and how and when to throw it.



Photos by Bill Jones

**Josh Ridinger shows the form that has made him one of the top junior bowlers in the Northwest. The 19-year-old student has collected two perfect games during his amateur bowling career, and plays for the top junior league on the West Coast.**



Choosing the correct ball is an important factor of successful bowling, Ridinger said. Reactive resin balls, for instance, slide on the oil and produce a more drastic hook when they hit the dry surface. Reactive resin balls can also "carry" or smear, oil down the lane. Bowling balls made of urethane, however, slide less in the oil and have a more even arc. Balls made out of plastic have little or no arc and are normally used to pick up spares.

To compete in a junior league, bowlers must be under 21 and a member of the YMBA (Young Ameri-

can Bowling Alliance.) YMBA rules forbid junior bowlers from accepting money for bowling. However, some of the bigger tournaments do offer scholarships as prizes.

Recently, Ridinger went to Portland to bowl his qualifier for the state tournament. The winner of the state tournament will go on to Ohio to compete in the national tournament. Each state will send one boy and one girl to the nationals, with the winners of that tournament each receiving a \$10,000 scholarship.

Twice, Ridinger has taken third in the state tournament, winning \$100 dollars in scholarship money the first time and \$125 the second time. He's also taken state titles in singles, doubles, teams and all events. "All events" refers to each bowler's total, combined pin count from singles, doubles and team play.

The YMBA gives its members a ring when they bowl a 300 game. Ridinger is wearing one ring and his second, which he just won at a monthly tournaments in Spokane, is on the way.

"That tournament was held in a big, 36-lane house, with the tournament taking up 24 lanes," said Ridinger. "I was getting ready to bowl the last frame, and I realized it was dead silent, every one was just watching me. Then I threw the last ball and . . . the roar of the crowd."

But Ridinger is not the youngest bowler in YMBA history to bowl a perfect game. That honor goes to an 11-year-old boy from Portland who has bowled two 300-point games this season.

Ridinger will finish this season, bowl one more year in junior league, and then begin bowling in an adult league. Next year he will transfer to OSU to continue work on his business degree. In the future he hopes to get his PBA (Pro Bowlers Association) card and bowl professionally. He has already been sponsored for \$1,000 to bowl in a five-day tournament in Hawaii.

"When I go somewhere, say down South, for a tournament," Ridinger said. "We practice the night before and we see the families with the kids that are overwhelmed with our intensity and our scores."

PAUL TURNER

# Commercial holiday can give birth to genuine sentiments

Mother's Day is one of those Hallmark-induced ticks on the calendar which everyone knows originated to serve a commercial end. Even with that knowledge, we still run out and buy all manner of flowers and cards for dear mom. I think one of the reasons this day remains so economically prosperous is that having a day to honor mom is not such a bad thing.

It takes about nine months to become a female parent. But, becoming a mother is a lifetime job. It's not an easy job. You're not likely to see anyone win an Oscar for Best Mom. Those who are mothered usually don't appreciate the work involved until they are mothers (or a male parental unit) themselves. And in the back of their minds lingers one hard fact: no matter how good of a mom you are, sometimes kids don't come out the way everyone hoped.

With all that, these moms still lunge forth into the unknown and usher most all of us into the world. Matter of fact, not many of us would be there without a mother.

Something that happens is kids grow older and mothers fill less and less of their lives. Between one and 10 years old, mom is often your whole world. Even when she makes you go to bed you can't be too mad at her. After all, she's the one who hid the cookies. When you hit the teen years, mom can often be what stands between you and having fun. She is also the one you might talk to when there's a hurt or joy in your life involving emotions. Moms are good for that. As sexist as it may be, dads often kinda suck at a lot of that mushy stuff. When the twenties set in, you start to see that a lot of the stuff that worked for your parents doesn't exactly work for you. Matter of fact, it can sometimes be a little on the hard side to be civil to the ol' parental units.

When this time comes, and it does to most all of us, it is hard to remember all the decent and difficult stuff moms have done for us. Maybe that's the biggest thing Mother's Day has to offer: 24 hours of "I know we don't understand each other as much as we used to, but here's to the fact we still care about each other."

Conflicts with the parents don't get easier the older you get. Sad but true. Even in middle age (when you have your own room and can eat all the potato chips you want), emotional land mines, set as far back as

preadolescence, can be trod upon. Suddenly a long-resting rage surfaces and there you are, mad at each other, just like when you were a kid trying to talk mom into letting you go on that unchaperoned camp-out. Mom is steadfast in her belief she is right, and you find yourself just as unable to move her as when you were a kid. On top of that, you feel pretty ridiculous being that frustrated now that you have your own life. She can't send you to your room, but it still feels like she just did.

Moms know stuff. They know how you're feeling usually before you do. And it's not just the mom that raised you. Most moms are pretty darn good at divining what's going on with most other people who have moms. Some of my teachers are moms. My own mother is, well . . . It sometimes seems out of the question that I can have a thought to myself.

"You don't like it. I can tell."

"You don't seem that sick to me. You better take an aspirin and go to work/class anyway."

"No. No. Don't mind me. You run off and have fun."

"I know you haven't forgotten (fill in holiday of choice: Birthdays, anniversaries, dental cleaning, etc.), but I put it on the calendar anyway."

"Are you going to eat that all by yourself?"

"I see you noticed the young lady. Looks a lot like your wife, doesn't she?"

"Yes, dear. I'm sure your only thought is better fuel economy in buying a new car."

"I wonder if the police officer shares your belief that you are immune to speeding tickets."

When I try to connive my way into a new possession, I have to deal with the mothers in my life being practical.

"Of course you need a new set of wheels for the Jeep. We can just let the lawn grow for the rest of the year. By the way, did you bring the burned-up lawn mower to the dump yet?"

"If there is one thing you need, it's another gun. Don't you worry about the transmission in my car. We can use the gun to rob someone for a new one."

What's irritating as hell is that the mom's are usually right.

I have trouble getting through my day without thinking of my mom. When I was just a little kid, I asked how they made cartoons. She explained the trick with pictures and frames of film. I was enthralled. She responded to that by getting me a roll of film and handing me the family Bell and Howell 8 mm movie camera. I was seeing those first jerky animated images of my Joes and Teddy bears crawling across the floor when she started a life-long affair with cameras. My mom was often the camera-person when I hauled all my friends out to the sand pit so we could make a real movie. Mom would patiently let me direct children actors donned in oversized army clothes and helmets so big they teetered on our heads like cereal bowls over baseball caps. Even now as I play with video and photojournalism, my day rarely goes by where I don't use some trick I learned when I was crawling through the neighborhood shrubs trying to make it look like a jungle.

A lot of other kid's moms made fun of their dreams. Though I'm no Stephen Spielberg, Mom knew I wanted to make movies (even if it was on the weekends with

my buddies), and never made fun of it. And she was always there when I needed someone behind the camera or with a few bucks to get film from PayLess.

These are the things I try to remember when our worlds collide. The stuff that hurts is easy to cling to. It's OK to have stuff that hurts. It's always been OK to tell mom how you feel. It's even OK to be mad at moms. But, even if it's for 24 hours on Mother's Day, try to remember the things mom did right, like stopping her house work to play ball with you or make one of your friends feel like they were home when they couldn't go home. These are the things you

taking with you into your day. The things you're taking with you into your children's days—and life.

So here's to all the moms that have taken care of me in this lifetime—starting with my own, and to all the others who have taken me in when I was far from home. My love to you all.

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## OPINION PAGE

## Gas tax, minimum wage used to fuel campaign highway

by Pete Petryszak  
of The Commuter

Politicians can take any aspect of life and turn it into a major campaign issue. This is especially true in an election year.

Recently, a lot of hot air has been emanating from out of Washington, D.C. Depending on which side of the Capitol you are on, you either hear a lot of noise about the exorbitant taxes we pay for gasoline or impassioned pleas to raise the minimum wage our corporate leaders must pay their workers.

What do these issues have in common? Not much on the surface. But if you look at the timing and the manner in which they are brought up by their chief proponents, some similarities arise.

Since at least the 1920s, and maybe a little before then, the Republicans have presented themselves as the party of lower taxes and less government. So the recent decision of Bob Dole and other Republican leaders to advocate the repeal of a 4-cent per gallon federal gas tax is in keeping with the traditional role of the party.

What is surprising, first of all, is that this becomes a burning issue for the party only during an upswing of fuel prices in an election year, and secondly, that they actually expect us to believe that the removal of a 4-cent tax will have any impact at all when gas prices have gone up almost 25 cents per gallon.



A book could be written about all the factors which affect the prices of gasoline. A lot of things combined to cause the recent increase. Among the reasons I've heard is the harsh winter which led to more petroleum to be refined into fuel oil this year, the usual seasonal increase in gas prices during the summer and refineries holding out on new purchases of crude in anticipation of cheap crude prices accompanying the removal of U.N. sanctions against Iraq. Which reason is correct? Take your pick or combine a couple of them into a coherent explanation.

I do have one observation about the situation. Blaming the increase on a 4-cent per gallon gas tax is as

ridiculous as blaming it on the repeal of the 55-mile per hour federal speed limit, which nobody ever obeyed anyway.

I would be loathe to suggest, however, that the Republicans have a monopoly on meaningless populist gestures during a presidential campaign.

You have probably heard about congressional Democrats' attempts to raise the minimum wage from a measly \$4.25 an hour to a measly \$5.15 an hour. I've worked at both of those rates in my life and have had difficulty paying my bills at each. The proposed increase would give the minimum wage worker approximately \$1,800 more a year.

So what?

\$10,600 per year at \$5.15 an hour, up from \$8,800 per year at \$4.25 an hour is still well below the poverty line. This token increase will not make workers any more able to buy the goods they produce than they are now. The best we could hope for is that the raising of the minimum wage might cover the increase in gas prices.

This continuing pattern of politicians in both parties assuming I'm dumb enough to believe that their meaningless political gestures will have any beneficial impact on my life fills me with the desire to present both parties with a meaningless gesture of my own.

## Free-wheeling drivers must be willing to pay free-market prices

by Erik Bootsma  
of The Commuter

Recently the Congress passed a bill to finally repeal the federal speed limit. Now just as logic seemingly prevails and the people of the states will be able to set their own limits, certain liberals want to bring back the federally mandated limit. Why? Because people are dying? Because the roads aren't safe? No. Because they think we are paying too much for gas.

Is nothing safe from political gain? It seems so. This winter ate up the immediate supply of oil, refineries were shut down, and the price of gas shot up 30 cents in less than two months. But ready to grasp on any straw to bring back the penny-state federal limits, the Democrats blamed the repeal of this Big Brother-product of the last forty years of liberal control of Congress.

Why did they do this, you may ask? Simple, political gain. The coincidence that these prices shot up and the limit's repeal gave Democrats the chance of a lifetime. Additionally, if Clinton can score on the issue and pin bringing the cost down

on himself, 54 electoral votes in a certain state are his (you guess which one, hint: it's south of us).

I like to drive fast—a lot of people do. I can't believe it when people pass me and I'm doing eighty, but people do. Most of the time there isn't a problem, and when there is, it's a local problem. The point of repealing federal limits was that this is a state choice. The states were then given the right to raise the limit as high as they wanted.

Montana instantly became the haven for Autobahn-craving motorists in America with no daytime limit on speed, so long as it is "reasonable and prudent." Other states have similarly increased speed limits, Oregon has reinstated the Basic Rule as the norm. The Basic Rule is simply any "reasonable and prudent" speed for conditions, though numbered limits remained up.

So what's the big deal! "If you don't want to drive fast, don't!" It really comes down to my choice. If I want to risk my life, my car, pay more for insurance, pay more for gas, that's my money I am wasting.

I don't encourage driving recklessly, driving drunk or driving stupid, but I do think that it is possible to drive at 80 to 90 miles an hour and still be safe in certain

cars on certain roads. That's a factor people must remember. On Sunday I witnessed a terrible wreck in a stock-car race and the driver walked away. He certainly wouldn't have done that in a Geo Metro at the 290 mph speeds he was going. The point is, buy a car that's safe, drive it at the speed the manufacturer designed it for and you will be safe.

A Volvo, an old Chevy or a Mercedes will probably guarantee survival at high speeds, but then you run into the sin of gas guzzling. I only get 15 miles per gallon in my car and I drive it like a rocket, but again that's my choice. I'm the one who has to deal with paying 30 bucks for every 300 miles or so, but that's my choice. The Federal government has no business telling me how fast to drive my car, and they've got no business trying to fix the price of gas or say that I'm paying too much for gas when they are pushing up the cost of gas with additional taxes.

It comes down to this—I don't mind paying a few more bucks for gas, but if I have to shell out \$30 to only drive 55 miles an hour, I'd rather go to the movies and see Speed 10 times, where you can't go UNDER 55.

## Re-examined belief systems, visualization can lead to better future

by Linda Fuller  
of The Commuter

When you believe in something, your mind has the power to make it happen. A change in beliefs can change your life and direction.

There are many examples of the mind's power over the body. There are people who have been diagnosed with terminal diseases and make unexplained miraculous recoveries. In the athletic world, it was once believed that a mile couldn't be run in less than four minutes. This record stood for years. Then Roger Bannister, a runner who believed it could be broken, ran a mile in less than four minutes. Once the belief was broken to be false thirty-seven people broke the four-minute record within one year.

The belief or vision of a goal can change our physical abilities. Bernie S. Siegel, M.D., states in his book "Love, Medicine and Miracles" that "Soviet research indicates that athletes who spend as much as three-fourths of their time on mental training do better than those who place more emphasis on physical preparation." Again, it is the importance of the mind and its power over the body. It is essential to control our thoughts and emotions in order to control our destinies.

A belief starts as a thought or idea. If the mind takes hold of the thought/idea and focuses energy on how to make it become a reality, it can and will happen.

Visioning is the strategic tool needed to make new beliefs and break old ones. If you can envision a new belief, the mind will react by showing you the possibilities or avenues through which it can become a reality.

If you can envision the new belief as a true one, your mind will work to prove you right. According to Siegel, "Visualization takes advantage of what might almost be called a "weakness" of the body: it cannot distinguish between a vivid mental experience and an actual physical experience". The importance of using goal visioning as a tool to empower your mind cannot be stressed enough. Your new belief will energize the mind to find the sources needed to make your belief become a reality.

Once the new belief is in place, the mind needs repeated visualization of it. This continuous reinforcement of the thought or idea will stimulate the mind to react. As the person takes step after step towards the goal the belief will become stronger. Soon what once was just an idea or thought will be a true reality. The key to success is for your actions to reflect the belief. I

think Andre Gide said it well: "The belief that becomes truth for me...is that which allows me the best use of my strength, the best means of putting my virtues into action".

It is necessary for people to re-examine their belief system already in place to see if their beliefs are in alignment with their personal goals for the future. If you do not believe that a goal can be reached, your mind will find ways to counteract your actions. Your disbelief will result in a failure to achieve your goals. Anthony Robbins, in his book "Awaken the Giant Within" says, "All personal breakthroughs begin with a change in beliefs".

What was once just a thought or a hope can now become a solid belief that will lead to a new reality. This powerful tool of the mind can take us from vision to reality. Our beliefs hold the key to obtaining what we want. Robbins says, "Once accepted, our beliefs become unquestioned commands to our nervous system, and they have the power to expand or destroy the possibilities of our present and future". We need to change the belief system in our minds today, because it is the only thing keeping us from making our dreams the reality of tomorrow.



## Oil pressure ✓ Fuel ✓ Untie rope. . . whoops

BIG LAKE, Minn. (AP)—Not even George Hook's name helped him remember to unlatch his helicopter from his truck before taking off.

Hook, a 57-year-old pilot, was only slightly injured when he tried to fly his helicopter off the truck Saturday to do some maintenance on the aircraft, said Sherburne County Sheriff Bruce Anderson.

Hook said Sunday it was when he noticed his truck was accompanying the flight that he got scared.

"I forgot to unlatch one of the chains," said Hook, who returned to his home in Becker after he stopped briefly at a hospital. "I just forgot. I got distracted."

The front of the three-seat helicopter was pulled down immediately after takeoff, and the blades carved into the cab of Hook's pickup before the helicopter crashed to the ground.

"The helicopter is destroyed but I just have a scratch," Hook said. The accident occurred near Big Lake in central Minnesota.

Hook said he uses the helicopter often to help spray crops in Minnesota and Wisconsin. It's easier and less expensive for him to haul it from job to job in the truck, he said.

Hook said it isn't the first time he has had a helicopter mishap. In 1977, he hit a power line.

"I landed upside down and helicopters aren't supposed to land upside down," he said, laughing.

## Judge spanks crybaby inmate and guards

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—An inmate who sued over a scoop of ice cream tossed onto his bed got the same advice from a judge as the jailer who served up the dessert: "Grow up."

U.S. District Judge Thomas A. Higgins dismissed the lawsuit, ruling that a jailer's failure to properly serve inmate Michael Lyell his second scoop of ice cream was not cruel and unusual punishment.

Nor, Higgins ruled, was it worth the \$100,000 Lyell sought from two guards at the South Central Correctional Facility in Wayne County.

Higgins said Lyell should "grow up and do his time ... like a man" and that the guards he sued should "act like grown men with some sense." Lyell has been in state prisons since 1983. He is serving a 16-year sentence for various crimes, including forgery, theft, aggravated burglary and escape.

Lyell, who prison doctors approved for double portions of meals, got only one scoop of ice cream with his dinner one night last year. He let two guards know of his unhappiness by banging on his cell door and yelling.

The inmate sued the two guards. U.S. Magistrate Juliet Griffin dismissed the lawsuit in January, saying Lyell hadn't suffered sufficient damages to deserve a jury trial.

"The plaintiff raised a ruckus, much like a 2-year-old in a play pen who is not given his way," said Higgins, whose ire also was raised by the guards' behavior.

"Suffering from terminal dumbness, the defendants went back to the plaintiff's cell ... and went in and one of them threw the ice cream on the bed."

From there the incident escalated from shouting to shoving, "much like kids in fifth grade scuffling on the recess yard, except these events took place between the keepers and the kept inside a prison facility," Higgins said.

## Cops burst from TV land into family's living room

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Police broke down Patty and Paul Mueller's door hoping to find a large cache of machine guns and other firearms.

Instead, the Muellers say, authorities found a typical suburban family with two kids, a dog and not so much as a BB gun.

"We're your basic dorky family who goes to soccer games and hangs out with their kids," Mrs. Mueller said Thursday.

The mistake happened Tuesday night when a dozen heavily armed officers swarmed over the Muellers' home about 25 miles northwest of St. Louis, held the couple at gunpoint and even threatened to shoot their dog. Their children, ages 6 and 2, were asleep.

The officers, who had a search warrant, were acting on a tip from an informant who said he had bought and sold weapons with people living in the house, said Daniel Hoggatt, a special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. After finding no illegal weapons, they left after about 45 minutes.

Hoggatt said the Muellers were owed an apology. "No one should have to worry about having a search warrant served on them in their own home when they haven't done anything wrong," Hoggatt said.

As of Thursday afternoon, no one had apologized, the Muellers said.

St. Charles County officials say the informant has been charged with providing false statements to police officers, a misdemeanor, and the county will help the Muellers clean their muddy carpets and repair any damage.

"We don't want to be bad government, here," said county counselor Joann Leykam.

She also said the officers did their jobs properly under the circumstances and that the Muellers were victimized by the informant.

## Oil change leads to test drive of lady's Porsche

RALEIGH (AP)—A routine checkup for a 1995 Porsche 911 convertible turned into a high-speed joyride for which a mechanic was charged with speeding.

Nancy White, an attorney, dropped the car off at a garage Wednesday morning for an oil change and a checkup. The bill for the service was \$152.99 when she

picked it up at 5:30 p.m.

But White didn't know all of the story—she wondered why the oil change took all day—until a state trooper came to her house. Trooper C.P. Genaudeau told the attorney that Johnny Elliason, 22, had been charged with speeding 89 mph in a 40 mph zone on the Raleigh Beltline, which encircles the city.

The mechanic also was charged with reckless driving, possession of drug paraphernalia, speed to elude arrest and failing to stop for the trooper's blue lights and siren.

White called the garage owner, who offered to tear up her check.irate, she demanded the mechanic be fired. But garage owner Jimmy Elliason balked.

"It's kind of hard to fire your brother, you know," Elliason said Thursday.



## Forget the Orkin man give me a 12-gauge

ALBANY, Ga. (AP)—Ida Belle Ellis has been finding it hard to fall asleep since the night she found an opossum staring at her from her headboard only inches above her pillow.

The 78-year-old woman's rented house is experiencing an opossum problem.

"I stay up all night long and sleep with the light on so I can see him when he comes in," she said.

The same night the opossum appeared last week, one of Mrs. Ellis' sons killed an opossum with a broom in another bedroom. On Friday morning, another son was startled while shaving when he saw an opossum scurrying across the bathroom floor.

"I tried to hit him with the shovel," said her son, Ramond Neal. Mrs. Ellis, who lives on a fixed income, said she wants to move, but has no choice.

Officials with the city's animal control division inspected the house on Thursday and left a wire mesh trap containing a bowl of sliced ham to lure the opossums' capture.

"They're pretty easy to trap with a walk-in trap," a veterinarian W. Don Bush said Friday. "They'll take after most any kind of food."

Bush said opossums are not aggressive and cannot carry rabies. However, "If you put your hands on one, they do have sharp teeth," he said.

## Spam attack taken seriously by prosecutors

HONOLULU (AP)—Federal prosecutors are taking an alleged Spam-wielding assailant to court.

Tomasa Hines, 40, is accused of attacking an Air Force woman with an open can of the luncheon meat. Hines was arrested Thursday after the early-morning incident in the Bachelor Enlisted Quarters at Hickam Air Force Base.

The victim suffered cuts to the head and required treatment at Tripler Army Hospital, the FBI said.

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The Pretty Mean Snow-Man.