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Where's the Ark?

After more than week of record rains, swollen rivers and flooded fields begin returning to normal levels



Photos by Chris Treloggen

Umbrella Days

The campus was inundated with water over the past week as heavy rains drowned the valley. Umbrellas were standard equipment for students making the soggy walk from the parking lots to their classes. The rains caused no serious problems, although the small lot in front of the Family Resource Center was closed part of last week until high water was pumped out. In addition, bridges on the Wellness Trail were reported to be unstable, and users were advised to exercise caution.

Students fight state for grant money

by Paul Turner
of The Commuter

A 1993 Oregon legislature decision decreased the Oregon Need Grant monies to community college students by 9 percent while raising awards to students at private institutions more than \$1,000, said Randy J. Brown, LB's student moderator.

"I want students to get excited . . . to get motivated to do something about this," Brown said.

The Oregon Need Grant was created in 1971 to help all students, regardless of the college they attended—public or private. It has gone through many changes since its inception. However 1993 brought the biggest change.

The 1993 legislature was down to the eleventh hour

when it passed—without broad-based support or debate—a budget note that decreased need grant awards for community college students and left four-year colleges and universities unchanged in order to give a 60 percent increase in need grant awards to private schools, according to

"Students who are receiving the need grant or will apply for it will receive about \$400 more, if we get this back."

—Randy Brown

an Oregon Student Lobby (OSL) memorandum distributed to Community Colleges of Oregon, Student Associations and Commissions (CCOSAC) members. Brown is a member of CCOSAC, which represents every community college in Oregon.

According to the OSL memo, students at Oregon State System of Higher Education schools receive a maximum of

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Winter enrollment shows 5% decline

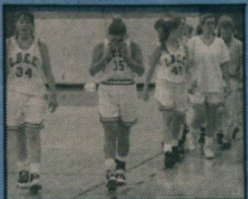
by Ray Haycock
for The Commuter

Student enrollment for winter term shows a 5 percent drop of registered students compared to 1994 winter term.

In the second week of fall term last year the tally for registered students is 8,539. The current second-week tally for winter term is 8,200 students.

"The school experiences a natural decline each year in the number of students from fall term to spring term," said Glenda Tepper, LBCC Registrar. "The numbers for winter term don't include all students who will register for short term classes."

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New center will offer region a healthy dose of education

by Amy Radie
of The Commuter

The Health Occupations Department of LBCC has formed a new education center to serve health-care workers in Linn and Benton counties.

The new center will be called the Health Occupations/Services Education Center (HOSEC), and will become the area's "training and health services development center for health technology," says training coordinator and Director of Nursing Evon Bergstrom.

HOSEC will offer workshops and seminars for hospitals and clinics and provide credit courses in a wide variety of health occupations.

It also will form partnerships with high schools, other health occupation programs and training consortiums.

Using teleconferences, Ed-net offerings, distance learning, an electronic bulletin board and multi-media assisted instruction, health professionals will

be able to keep abreast of rapidly changing technologies.

During January, a basic EKG class for registered nurses is being offered and a blood-borne pathogens workshop is being conducted by Salem health consultant Pat Preston.

In February, a pharmacy technology workshop will be offered, and in May a skin and wound workshop is scheduled. In addition, an EMT recertification course being planned.

HOSEC offers instructional resources and services in curriculum development and marketing.

"If a health occupation facility requested training in a specific procedure or knowledge, HOSEC would respond by assessing the need, targeting the curriculum, developing the competencies and determining the methods of evaluation," said HOSEC Program Coordinator Missy Dutson.

The center is located in the Health Occupations Building.

Committee studies degree requirements

The ad hoc committee designed to study the issue of the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer, AA(OT), will hand down its recommendation today at 2:00 to the Curricular Issues Committee.

Faculty and student input during the two ad hoc committee meetings last week totaled two—one student for each day.

Its recommendation will concern the

change of the degree requirements from having to complete three term sequences in Arts and Letters, Science/Math, and the Social Sciences. New requirements would allow students to select courses regardless of sequence.

The committee studied the impact the change would make on students, other community colleges, and four-year institutions.

Letter-writing campaign aimed at legislators

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\$900 per year today. Community college students can receive up to \$756. However a student at a private college can receive as much as \$2,390.

On Jan. 10, Brown participated in a conference call with other members of CCOSAC to plan what to do about getting fairer distribution of the Need Grant. Brown and the other members are planning a Lobby Day on Feb. 23, where as many students as possible from LBCC and surrounding campuses and throughout the state will descend upon the legislature to be heard and convince the legislature to give the money back to community

college students.

Activities leading up to Feb. 23 are letter writing campaigns to legislators, letters to the editor in local papers, phone calls to let students know what is going on with the need grant and phone calls to the capitol.

"Students who are presently receiving the need grant or will apply for it will receive about \$400 more, if we get this back," Brown said.

"CCOSAC and OSL will do something about this," he added.

To get more information or participate in activities contact the LB Student Programs Office or call OSL at 588-1571.

Student Council sets 1995 goals, works to gain more visibility

by Amy Radie
of The Commuter

The ASLBCC Council of Representatives set goals for winter term at its Jan. 4 meeting, including forming a volunteer task force and gaining more visibility on campus.

In order to increase their visibility, each representative is distributing "introduction" flyers around campus. Also planned are visits to the district high

schools, a brochure about student government and a survey to see what students want from their government.

The volunteer task force being set up will investigate formation of a fire drill team, a night escort and new student assistance.

Other goals include setting up an ad-hoc committee to come up with a 1995 class gift, making the book exchange board more presentable, rewriting some

forms and office procedure manuals, and starting a 1994-95 scrapbook for ASG.

Among the announcements made at last week's meeting were several pertaining to upcoming events:

- A Leadership Conference is set for Jan. 20-21.
- Student Lobby Day is tentatively set for Feb. 23.
- Elections for the 1995-96 Council of Representatives for LBCC's Associated Student Government will be held on March 7-8.

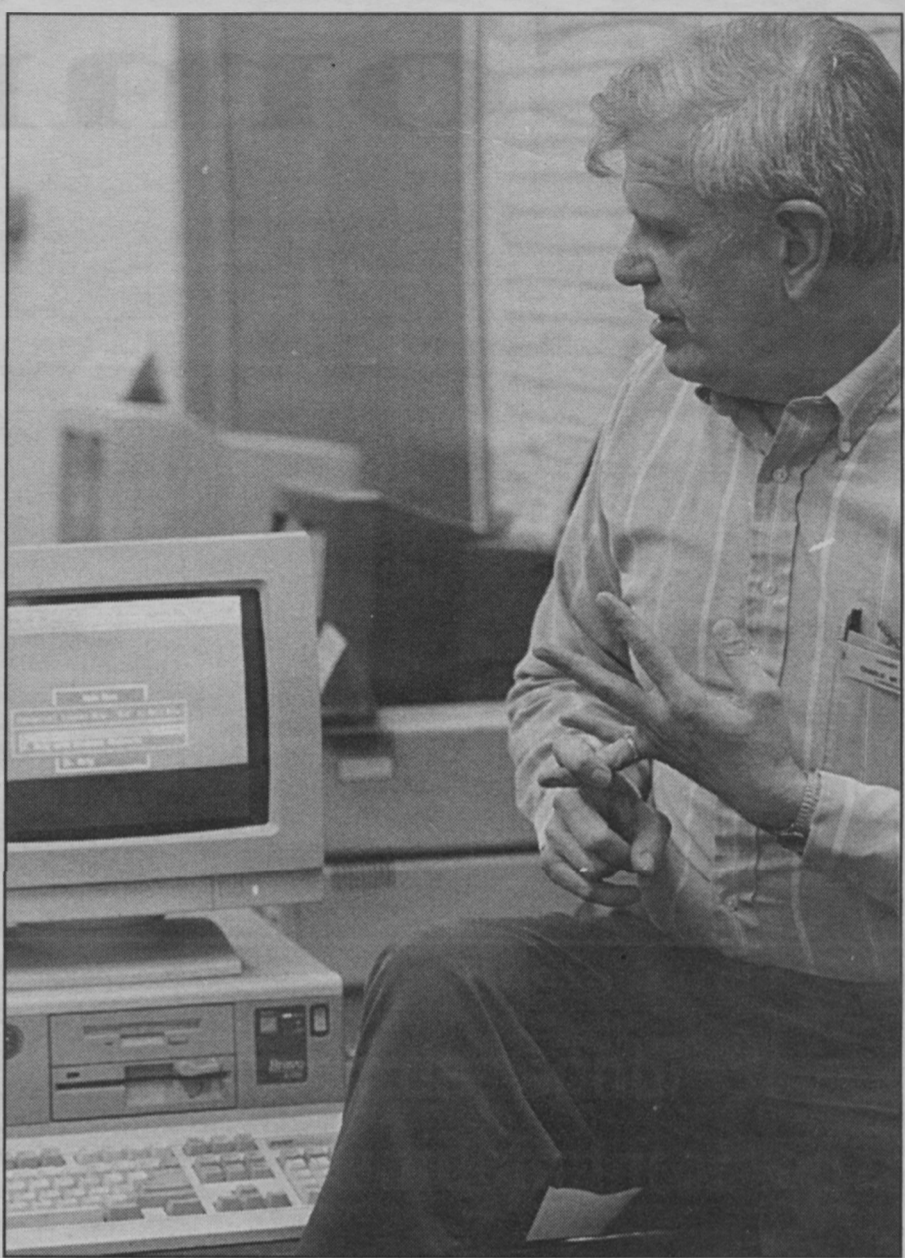


Photo by Carol Rich

Reference librarian Charlie Weyant explains the workings of the library's newly-networked CD ROM research station.

CD ROM opens a new window into the world of student research

by Carol Rich
of The Commuter

Research just got a little easier at LBCC. The library now has four computers connected to a CD ROM that puts thousands of facts at students' fingertips.

Now accessible are newspaper articles from The New York Times (1991-current) and the Oregonian (1992-current). One periodical index is networked with Academic Abstracts and can extract approximately 800 periodicals dating from

1984 to present. About 120 full text print outs from 1990 are available.

Other research data includes contemporary authors, Oregon Revised Statutes, Grolier's Encyclopedia, and the McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology (condensed version).

For further information, anyone interested can contact the reference desk inside the library on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Recreation games tournament open to students

by Bill Chiaffino
of The Commuter

Starting Jan. 24, the ACU-I (Association of College Unions-International) will hold a two-day series of events on the Linn-Benton campus as part of the ACU-I games.

"I'd like to see a good turnout bringing people together to have a good time," said Greg Larson, a member of the Student Programming Board.

ACU-I, a non-profit higher education organization, holds the events annually, giving students and staff members the chance to compete in such events as billiards, cribbage, chess, and table tennis.

More than 20,000 students from large universities and small colleges nationwide participate every year at the campus, regional, and national levels. The Association has

members in the United States, France, Canada, Mexico, Great Britain, New Zealand, Australia, and Japan.

In the past, turnouts at such events on the Linn-Benton campus have been low.

"Most students just come to school and leave," said Larson. "Others have to work."

The events start on Jan. 24 with billiards at 9 a.m. in the recreational room. Table tennis will be at 9 a.m. on Jan. 26 also in the recreational room and chess and cribbage at 10 a.m. in the board room. Bowling at Lakeshore Lanes is being considered.

Those who advance to regionals will travel to the state of Washington to compete for nationals.

Anyone interested in the games should contact Greg Larson in the Student Programs office.



Photo by Craig Hatch

Several speakers drew a large crowd to the OSU Memorial Union to commemorate the anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Speakers pay tribute to King at OSU event

by Craig Hatch
of The Commuter

A large number of students and others turned out at OSU's 13th Annual Peace Breakfast Monday to hear several speakers pay tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"It's a day of peace," said OSU President John Byrne in his welcome. "It takes courage to surrender the armor of indifference."

Laverne Woods the recited King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech and

the first Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir sang a tribute to King.

"Change did not come easily and still doesn't," said keynote speaker Annabelle Jaramillo, Executive Director of the Commission on Hispanic Affairs and a member of Gov. John Kitzhaber's transition team. Jaramillo stressed the value of King's work for Hispanics and all people.

The breakfast closed with a presentation of three awards and a closing poem dedicated to King.

news briefs

Writing and art wanted

The Eloquent Umbrella, the college's literary publication, seeks creative work. Mail or deliver poetry, prose, art or photographs for consideration to The Eloquent Umbrella, AHSS-108. The deadline for submission is Sunday, Jan. 20. Poetry should be typewritten and single-spaced; fiction or non-fiction prose typewritten, double-spaced, and should not exceed 1,500 words. Black-and-white artwork should be unframed and no larger than 16-by-16 inches. Black-and-white photographs should not be larger than 8-by-10 inches or any smaller than 4-by-6 inches. Submissions should have the name and address on each page on the back of each piece of artwork or photograph along with a short biographical statement. For more information, call Linda Smith, 753-3335.

One Woman Art Show

Award-winning artist Charlotte Abernathy will be exhibiting her impressionistic oils and pastels Feb. 13 to March 3 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday in the Arts, Humanities and Social Science Building Art Gallery, room 100. Abernathy will share 20 to 30 of her works, including landscapes and florals, half of which are sites along the Oregon coast.

classifieds

HELP WANTED

Looking for work? Visit the LBCC Student Employment Center located on the first floor of Takena Hall in the Career Center. Part time, full time, temporary and permanent positions available. A new plastic injection molding company is hiring for various positions; a residential care facility is looking for medical, floor and short care aides; a hospital is in need of patient registration clerks; a research business is looking for an administrative assistant; and many more employers need to fill additional positions. For a complete list of jobs come to the Career Center, T-101. If you are eligible for the Federal Work Study through Financial Aid we have jobs available at the Benton, Lebanon and Sweet Home Extended Learning Centers and on main campus.

Men and women earn up to \$480 weekly assembling circuit boards and and electronic components at home. Experience unnecessary, will train. Immediate openings your local area. Call 1-602-680-4647 ext. 102c.

SCHOLARSHIPS

95-95 AMS/INDUSTRIAL Scholarship for transfer students in Oceanic & Hydrologic Science. \$2000/yr for Jr. & Sr. years. Application information available in Career Center. Deadline to apply is Feb. 17, 1995.

95-96 Leslie D. Parker Memorial Scholarship Eligibility: Female, transfer student, upperclassmen for 95-96. Must be Oregon Resident. \$500 for one year. Scholarship application deadline April 1, 1995. Address for application available in Career Center located in Takena Hall.

95-96 Under-represented minorities achievement scholarship program has scholarships available to college junior transfer students who meet all eligibility requirements. Deadline to apply is May 1, 1995. Apps available in Career Center in Takena Hall.

94-95 Mensa Scholarship essay contest offering \$200-\$1000 grants. Applicants must apply by January 31, 1995. Applications available in Career Center in Takena Hall.

95-96 National Society of Public Accountants Scholarship: Available to full-time undergraduate students in degree program. B or better GPA. Application deadline: March 10, 1995. Applications available in Career Center in Takena Hall. Approximately \$6,000 award. Deadline to apply is April 15, 1995. Applications available in Career Center in Takena Hall.

WANTED

Wanted King Size mattress with box springs in fair condition please. Reasonable. Call Lynda after 5:00 p.m. at 926-8131.

Need Spanish tutors for second year and conversation classes. Pay \$5.64 - \$6.16 per hour. Contact May Garland, LRC 212.

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GAMES!

ACU-I GAMES: January 24 & 26

Billiards

January 24 • 9:00AM • Rec Room

Chess & Cribbage

January 26 • 10:00AM • Boardrooms

Table Tennis

January 26 • 9:00 AM • Rec Room

Bowling

January 26 • TBA • Lakeshore Lanes

For sign-up contact Student Programs, Ext. 831



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

review

'Dumb and Dumber': A sweeping epic film destined for an Oscar nomination? Not!

By Paul Turner
of The Commuter

The Movie 'Dumb and Dumber' compares and contrasts frighteningly well with MTV's Heroic 'Beavis and Butt-head.' Here's how it looks:

'Dumb and Dumber'

Jim Carey and Jeff Daniels star as Lloyd and Harry, two hapless losers who are obsessed with returning a briefcase to a woman in Aspen.

One is blond, one is brunette.

Jim Carey's face does so many contortions he makes Kramer seem as expressionless as Clint Eastwood.

Much of the humor of this film revolves around the bathroom and mucus.

Much of the humor works due to the physical slapstick of Carey and Daniels.

Lloyd and Harry have hairstyles that reflect their mental abilities quite well.

Here are two guys with the intelligence God gave to celery rumbling their way across America to Colorado to find a woman.

Lloyd and Harry think nothing of sharing the five-foot heart-shaped tub in their hotel suite.

Harry's best line with a chick: "Nice set of hooters ya got there (referring to a pair of caged owls)."

This is the highest grossing film of the week, scaring most thinking people into believing TV has lobotomized America's sense of humor.

"Dumb and Dumber" is rated PG for bodily humor and a close-call in a public men's-room.

'Beavis and Butt-head'

Beavis and Butt-head are MTV's losers obsessed with one-armed-aerobics.

One is blond, one is brunette.

Beavis and Butt-head's expressions are limited to "That sucked" and "That was cool."

Much of their lives revolves around humor and mucus.

These guys are just animated.

Beavis and Butt-head have hairdos that need building permits.

Here are two guys dumber than a box of rocks whacking their way through adolescence wishing they could find a woman.

Beavis and Butt-head think nothing of watching Nirvana's Heart Shaped Box video 500 times a day.

Butt-head's best line with a chick: "Come to Butt-head (the reference is obvious)."

This show makes us laugh at ourselves for how sick we must be to find these losers so funny.

"Just PG? What a wuss! It needs more chicks! Huh-huh. FIRE! Huh-huh."

Children's show coming in February

The popular children's show "The Secret Garden" will be performed two weekends in February in the Takena Theatre at LBCC.

Saturday shows will be held on Feb. 11 and 18 at 10 a.m. and Sunday shows on Feb. 12 and 19 at 3 p.m.

Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for

children. Tickets are available at Sid Steven's Jewelry in Albany, Rice's Pharmacy in Corvallis, and at the Takena Theatre Box Office a half hour before curtain.

For information or to reserve tickets, call the box office at 967-6504 Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Photos by James Eagan

Highway One to Mecca

Jenalee Santos and Robert Moore (above) profile an aging woman's struggle to maintain her freedom in the ACT production of "The Road to Mecca." Below, Jim Ambrosek performs in "Highway One" at the Majestic Theatre. Both plays are being performed Friday and Saturday nights, with an 8:15 p.m. curtain. Tickets are available at the door.



Attention!!

February 6, 1995 • 12:00 to 1:00

Alea-Calapooia Room

Have a brown bag lunch with your student government. Bring your lunch and meet your divisional representative and ask questions or make comments. Come and join us!



Bring questions and concerns!

Work and Family Seminars

Both students and staff are invited to attend **FREE** lunch time seminars.



MANAGING STRESS: Understand your stressors and learn coping strategies to reducing their impact. **Jan. 26** in the Alesea/Calapooia Room.

LIVING WITH TODDLERS AND PRESCHOOLERS: Understand and cope with the growth and development of this age group and discuss strategies to handle challenging behaviors. **Feb. 2 and 9** at the Family Resource Center, Room 105.



All seminars are from 12 to 1 p.m.

Work-Study Job Available

ADVERTISING ASSISTANT

Work in The Commuter office as assistant to the advertising manager of the newspaper. Assist in scheduling and designing ads, handling telephone inquiries and miscellaneous office work. Experience with Macintosh and interest in desktop publishing helpful.

Contact advisor Rich Bergeman, Room F-108, or call ext. 218.

SPORTS

Athlete of the week:
Skier Velazquezby Aaron Heinemeyer
of The Commuter

After scouring the campus for a premiere Focus Athlete this week, I came across an individual that stood out in both sports and education. Greg Velazquez, a transfer student from Southern Oregon State College in Ashland, has not only made his way into the skiing world, but at the same time has been able to maintain a respectable 3.4 GPA.

Velazquez has been skiing since he was 16 years old. At age 18 he was impressing audiences with his smooth style of skiing, and by age 19 he was winning men's slalom and downhill events. This year he has improved dramatically with big wins in Aspen, Colo., Sun Valley, Id., and Mammoth Mountain, Calif.

Velazquez is taking time away from skiing this term to concentrate more on his Mechanical Engineering degree, but plans to be back in full throttle this spring.

"I ski for excitement and intensity. My long term goals—my education—are more important to me," he said when asked why he didn't take a scholarship to ski at a major university.

In the week's to come I'll focus on other student athlete's who have excelled in their sport. Anyone who knows someone or feels they themselves deserve this recognition can contact me at The Commuter office.

Roadrunners take over league lead

Men's team overwhelms Mt. Hood in Gresham and runs past powerhouse Chemeketa to post 4-0 league record, their best start in years

by Jennifer McCloskey
of The Commuter

The smell of success is flourishing among LBCC's men's basketball team this season and it's expected to continue.

LBCC won two tough games last week—one against Mt. Hood CC, 84-75, and one against the former contenders for first place in the league, Chemeketa CC, 90-83. Saturday's victory against the Chemeketa marked the first time in recent memory that the Roadrunners managed to defeat the perennial league power.

Sean Eaton, who has been out with an injured elbow, returned to the team sooner than predicted, and went on to play against both Mt. Hood and Chemeketa. Eaton's return was instrumental in the outcomes of both games, as he scored 18 points and had three steals against Mt. Hood on Wednesday and collected 13 points and four rebounds against the Chiefs on Saturday.

At Mt. Hood, Chris Swallow led all scorers with 27 points, including seven three-point shots. Jeff Taylor chipped in 14 points, and Kyle Wonderly scored 14 points and was leading rebounder with a total of 12. Other strong contributors included Greg Obrist, Dustin Hamann and Aaron Mickey.

The Wednesday win left LBCC in a three-way tie for first place in the league with Chemeketa and Lane. After LBCC defeated Chemeketa Saturday, the Roadrunners and Lane are left on top.

The leading scorer of the game against Chemeketa was Jeff Taylor, who totaled 32 points to go along with two rebounds and nine assists.

Obrist added 11 points and had six rebounds; Hamann had a killer 19 points and led the team with seven rebounds. Swallow had ten points, including three three-point shots.

The Roadrunners play Lane CC tonight at Lane at 8 p.m. This game determines who will lead the league. Lane is the only other undefeated team in league play in the Southern Region.



Photo by Jessica Sprenger

Roadrunner Dustin Hamann goes up for two of his 19 points against Chemeketa Saturday.

Five points keep women's team out of first place

by Aaron Heinemeyer
of The Commuter

Last week the Roadrunners met up with two of the division's top teams. Hoping to add wins to a 2-0 start, the women went into the games with a positive attitude.

Mt. Hood hosted the first of the battles Wednesday night in an exciting 46-45 finish. For the Saints this was a cherished victory, moving them above .500. The Roadrunners would not only have to face their first league loss, but have to prepare for an undefeated

Chemeketa on Saturday.

Going into Saturday's game with a respectable 2-1 record, LBCC was looking to give the home crowd a win.

Linn-Benton's Darci Powell lead all scoring in the first half with nine points, but Chemeketa's Kelsie Piper added points of her own to send the Chief's into the locker room at halftime with a 27-25 lead.

Starting the second half the Roadrunners knew they had to come out strong to shake off this tough Chemeketa team. With great hustle on

the defensive end by Waite and Wordon, this gave the Roadrunners a chance to tack on some points. Putting the ball in the hands of Sprenger and Powell, they would combine for 21 points, to give Linn-Benton a 50-42 lead with approximately 4:30 left on the clock.

But Chemeketa was not done, the Chief's went on a 7-0 run and would be down by only one with 3:33 left to play.

Chemeketa's Kelsie Piper would not let up with a steal on the defensive end, and an outlet to Salazar, she would then go coast to coast for the go-ahead bucket. At the other end Linn-Benton's Jessica Sprenger was playing her heart out, adding a baseline jumper to regain the Roadrunner lead.

With 1:30 left in the game Chemeketa's Piper was fouled shooting a three pointer, and would get a chance at three free throws. Piper hit all three and gave the Chief's a 54-52 lead. The Roadrunners were not giving up. With :21 seconds left Powell got fouled and went to the line for two shots. Powell made the first, taking the score to 57-55, but overshot the second and the Chief's grabbed the rebound.

With only twelve seconds remaining in the game and sharp shooter Piper at the line shooting one and one to secure a Chief victory. Piper missed the shot and Sprenger yanked down the rebound for the Roadrunners. With 10 seconds on the clock Wordon gave a nice pass underneath to a wide open Sprenger, but time had ran out before Sprenger could get a shot off.

The Roadrunners faced their second league loss with the final score 57-55.



Photo by Carol Rich

Women's team takes second league loss hard as they lose 57-55 to league leading Chemeketa.

Baseball players
waiting for springby Jennifer McCloskey
of The Commuter

Sports quiz: What happens when the sun begins to shine and the flowers bloom? Answer: Baseball!

Although at this time there is no final roster and it's too early to predict the season, Coach Greg Hawk says that by looking at the quality of the approximately 37 ball-players he's considering for the team, he is looking for a "really strong and outstanding year."

"I think we have some really fine players," Hawk said. "We are a little short on catching—which is a key position but we're working on that. For the last three years we have been in second place in the league. From 88-91 we had two Northwest Championships and last year we came a long way after we started out in the hole."

Currently, Hawk is working with his players five days a week. Close to 75 or 80 men started practicing fall term.

Hawk believes that right now he's looking at great defensive players and many surprise hitters. "Last year we had big guys who were big hitters," Hawk said. "This year our guys are going to be smaller and faster, which will give the game excitement." The first game of the season is March 18 in Shasta, Calif.

NATIONAL NEWS

Environmentalists criticize Clinton plan as logging scam

ASHLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Clinton Administration's plan for thinning 20 million acres of national forests in the West to protect them from wildfires is just a way to allow logging in areas that should be protected, environmentalists said Friday.

"A recent memo from the Forest Service pest managers claimed that 543,000 acres of old growth in eastern Oregon and Washington need to be thinned to prevent loss from insects and disease," said Julie Norman, president of Headwaters, an environmental group based in Ashland.

"Maintaining old-growth forests is part of the solution for forest health, not part of the problem."

Debris, known as slash, left behind by logging will actually increase the danger of wildfires, particularly in areas where people build homes near national forests, said Felice Pace of the Klamath Forest Alliance, based in Etna, Calif.

Pace said when fires burn through old-growth forests, they typically burn slowly along the ground, causing little damage and leaving the forest intact.

"In the history of fire in Northern California, you find that most fires started or blew up in untreated logging slash," where flames burn hotter and cause more damage, Pace said.

The environmentalists were in Ashland for the West Coast Ancient Forest Activists Conference.

They were reacting to the Forest Health Initiative, announced by the Clinton Administration last month. The plan would produce 1.5 billion board feet of

timber from national forests in 11 western states.

The Clinton initiative was prompted by widespread wildfires that burned last summer, many of them in forests weakened by drought and misguided forest management policies of the past.

It comes at a time when logging on national forests in the Northwest has been sharply cut back to protect habitat for fish and wildlife, including the northern spotted owl, a threatened species.

Pace said the Forest Health Initiative doesn't address the problem of logging slash, which is likely to be left untreated because the kinds of thinning operations proposed don't generate enough money to pay for treating the debris.

John Fitzgerald of the Western Ancient Forest Campaign in Washington, D.C., said the Forest Health Initiative defined a healthy forest as one that allows logging to go on, not one that provides good habitat for fish and wildlife.

He warned that the widespread thinning of national forests was being proposed without a clear understanding of how it would affect the environment.

Pace said he was having a hard time getting information from the Forest Service on specific projects intended to improve forest health.

While environmentalists agreed that it was good to thin out young stands so they could grow faster and bigger, they often found logging in old-growth timber included in plans for thinning.

Microsoft planning full internet access

SEATTLE (AP)—Microsoft Corp. plans to offer full access to the Internet computer network as part of its Microsoft Network on-line service scheduled to debut later this year.

Bill Gates, chairman and chief executive of Microsoft, outlined Microsoft's Internet strategy Thursday night at a conference sponsored by the Washington Software Association.

By making it easy for users of Microsoft's on-line service to navigate the Internet, Microsoft plans to become one of the world's largest Internet providers, company officials said.

Russ Siegelman, general manager of the on-line services group at Microsoft, said the goal is "to make seamless, one-button access to the Internet an integral part" of using the Microsoft Network.

Microsoft announced Thursday a strategic relationship with UUNET Technologies Inc., a leading Internet service provider, to offer Microsoft's link between its on-line service and the Internet, which brings together computer users from around the globe.

Microsoft has bought a minority interest in UUNET, based in Falls Church, Va., but did not announce terms Thursday.

"Microsoft's strategic relationship with UUNET will allow us to work together closely to build one of the largest Internet access networks in the world and will help accelerate the growth of Internet," said John Sidgmore, UUNET's president and chief executive.

Microsoft announced in November that it would create Microsoft Network, an on-line service similar to CompuServe, America Online and other commercial on-line services.

Bill Miller, director of marketing for Microsoft's on-line services group, says its network will offer full access, instead of the limited access now provided by the existing commercial on-line services.

Gates also said Microsoft has licensed technology from SpyGlass Inc., including the widely used Mosaic software that allows personal computer users to browse the Internet.

Windows 95 is Microsoft's follow-on product to its popular Windows operating system for personal computers.

Microsoft had announced that its Microsoft Network would be included in Windows 95. But Miller said the Internet access would be offered as an add-on service to users of the Microsoft Network and should be available next fall.

Eugene vet uses acupuncture to heal pets

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — The first miracle Dr. Doreen Hock saw performed through acupuncture was on her own dog, Lily.

A disc problem in the 5-year-old German shorthair's back caused the dog so much pain that she stopped jumping into the station wagon for outings. The traditional treatment was medication and — when the condition worsened — surgery to fuse two vertebrae.

Hock, 39, balked. As head veterinarian at the Eugene-Springfield Emergency Veterinary Hospital, Hock knew modern drugs can have distasteful side effects.

"I figured there had to be a better way," Hock said. So she loaded the 40-pound dog into her car and carted her to an acupuncturist trained in treating humans. Six treatments and two months later, Lily was back to her old self, playing fetch and romping with Hock's other dog, a Doberman named Chiya.

"You can't ignore those kinds of results," Hock said.

It's been two years since Lily made her recovery and Hock became a believer in the growing field of veterinary acupuncture, which is accepted by the

American Veterinary Medical Association as a viable treatment.

Nine months ago, Hock, a 1987 O.S.U. veterinary graduate, finished up the 125 hours of coursework offered by the 500-member International Veterinary Acupuncture Society. Now, she is the only veterinarian in the Eugene-Springfield area to offer acupuncture for pets. She's one of only eight such veterinarians in the state.

Her single-doctor practice, Pacifica Veterinary Services, makes \$30 house calls to about a dozen pets a week, from limping cats to puppies born with hereditary bone problems.

Like acupuncturists who treat humans, Hock seeks to heal animals through the ancient Chinese medical practice that believes that life energy, called Qi (pronounced Chi), flows through lines (or meridians) in the body.

Acupuncturists believe that when Qi is interrupted, the body responds with pain or illness. Acupuncturists use thin, metal needles inserted in any of 300 points on a patient's body to stimulate or sedate Qi and let the body heal itself.

Congressional minority Democrats attack Republicans

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a Congress marked by abundant partisanship after eight days in session, Democrats sharply attacked the Republican majority on grounds of economics, etiquette and ethics.

Armed with a Treasury Department study, Democratic Party leaders in the House and Senate said GOP plans to cut spending and shrink government would lead inevitably to billions in higher taxes at the state level. "The middle class holds the bag," said House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo.

House Democrats also accused Republicans of a "rush to judgment" on a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution by denying them votes on several proposed changes in committee. "Not an auspicious beginning for bipartisan cooperation," they said tartly in a letter to Judiciary Committee chairman Henry Hyde, R-Ill.

Out of power for the first time in 40 years, Democrats scuffed up House Speaker Newt Gingrich, as well. "Every single day seems to bring new controversies that just add to the ethical

cloud hanging over the speaker's head," said Rep. David Bonior, D-Mich., the party's whip, renewing his call for an outside counsel to investigate Gingrich's finances.

Bonior spoke shortly after Gingrich, R-Ga., conceded that he met with businessman Rupert Murdoch just before his agent negotiated a \$4.5 million book contract with a publishing firm owned by the wealthy businessman. Spokesmen for Gingrich and Murdoch said the contract was never discussed.

The economic attacks produced a combative reply from Ed Gillespie, spokesman for House Majority Leader Richard Arney of Texas: "The Democrats tried these scare tactics during the campaign and they didn't work then. Even under the fiscal discipline imposed by a balanced-budget amendment, federal spending will rise by a half-trillion dollars."

Following an election that swept them from power in November, Democrats have worked to position themselves as guardians of the middle class in the tax and spending battles likely to dominate this 104th Congress.

That political maneuvering creates inevitable conflict, particularly as House Republicans enjoy the fruits of power for the first time in 40 years and try to push their conservative "Contract With America" agenda to votes within their 100-day timetable.

Although political tensions have been more subdued in the Senate, Democrats offered a string of enticing amendments—all voted down by Republicans—before permitting a final vote Wednesday on a measure that ultimately cleared 98-1.

The Democratic leaders in both houses, Gephardt and Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota, focused attention Thursday on the potential impacts of a balanced-budget amendment, releasing a Treasury Department estimate of the higher state taxes needed to replace the federal spending that such an amendment would require.

"The programs they're putting on the GOP guillotine aren't about waste in government — they're about real people," Gephardt said in a written statement. "Medicare for the elderly. Education and student loans for our

children. Veterans' benefits for those who have protected us in times of crisis."

In Gephardt's state of Missouri, for example, the Treasury Department estimated that a balanced-budget amendment would take \$1.3 billion from programs such as Medicaid, welfare and highway projects, requiring the state to raise taxes by 15.5 percent to make up the difference. The study said passing the GOP-proposed tax cuts—which would cost the Treasury money—would lead to even deeper reductions in services in the states, and higher taxes there.

In Utah, the Treasury Department estimated the balanced budget and Contract with America would reduce annual federal grants to the state by \$579 million, requiring a 15.6 percent increase in state taxes to make up the loss. It said there also would be a \$323 million per year loss in Medicare benefits to Utahns and the federal government would spend \$1.2 billion less in Utah on such things as housing assistance, student loans, veterans' benefits and grants to local governments.

OPINION

soapbox

Water woes reflect larger ecological threat

by Marie Oliver
of The Commuter

There's an old poem that includes the line: "Water, water everywhere, and not a drop to drink." I don't know the rest of it, but that line has been haunting me lately.

In late December I began to notice that our drinking water at home was tasting highly chlorinated and would often have a foul odor when the tap was turned on. A few days later my son brought home a meeting notice regarding his school's ongoing struggle to provide safe water for the kids. Next, I read about the discovery of contaminated well water in the Lebanon-Sweet Home area, and finally, our two pet rabbits died on the same day. We don't know the cause of their death, but at this writing their water source is a prime suspect.

One of the things I—and most native Oregonians—have always taken for granted is our abundant supply of fresh, clean water. When I lived in the overpopulated Los Angeles area in the early 1980s almost no one drank water from the tap unless they were a masochist. Part of my weekly shopping ritual in L.A. was to fill up the water jugs, and I was so pleased to come back home to Oregon where I didn't have to worry about that anymore.

Well, here I am in my beloved Oregon—buying water at the grocery store. Why?

I think the Lebanon-Sweet Home situation is most indicative of what is going on. Simply put, until recently people there didn't make the connection between dumping solvents into the soil and the eventual contamination of their groundwater supply. For decades we also didn't make the connection between air pollution and lung disease, or a high-fat diet and heart disease—but what we are learning is that these things ARE connected. In fact, we now know that every living thing is connected to every other living thing at the atomic level—that our ecology is a delicate balance between systems dependent upon one another.

The new Republican regime in Washington has signed a "Contract with America"—which I like to call their "Contract ON America"—and their hit list includes the Endangered Species Act. The way they put it goes something like, "We need to make people as important as animals."

Maybe these guys have never taken a biology class—or even read a first grade primer—if so, they obviously have forgotten that people ARE animals and that what affects the lower species will get around to affecting us sooner or later in some way.

These hit men want to reduce the effectiveness of one of the most useful tools we have maintaining any kind of control over the activities of massive, profit-hungry, environmentally-unfriendly corporations—or for that matter, Joe Blow down the street who only cares about feeding his family today and not whether his neighbor is poisoned tomorrow.

Taking care of the plants and animals on this planet is not an economic issue—it's an issue about the survival of our own endangered species. It's not only an issue for "do-gooder" granola-crunching hippies, it's also an issue for the selfish, "me-first" yuppies who want to have it all—including great-grandchildren.

The latest statistics show that in 20 years our earth will have doubled its population. That's twice as many people sharing our backyard.

Two years ago when Clinton took office I was hopeful that our country was finally on the road to taking control of our environmental problems. This year I'm buying bottled water and we're running out of time.

It's time to acknowledge our responsibility in caring for the health of our eco-system, if not, that haunting line of poetry may be prophetic?



ellen goodman

Get on that pony and ride: Congress should find the common ground and trot together

BOSTON—Maybe I'm feeling too mellow this morning, although not quite mellow enough to invite Mrs. Gingrich to tea. But from my post outside the infamous Beltway, the first sight of partisans spoiling for another fight is surprisingly unwelcome.

We're not even two weeks into the new—that is new, not Newt and puhleeze trash that headline!—Congress. We've already had the ethics flap: the \$4.5 million dollar book advance. We've already had the appointment disaster: the hiring and firing of historian Christina Jeffrey. We've even anointed the new media villain: Connie Chung.

The Republicans are now behaving like insiders, the Democrats are behaving like outsiders. The majority is barreling down the policy highway—if this is Tuesday, it's time to amend the Constitution—and the minority is readying a counterattack.

In theory I should be pleased if things don't go smoothly. I am after all a registered non-fan of the Gingrich crowd. The only contract I would recommend anyone signing with Newt is a prenuptial one. Among the few joys of being a minority is that you get to bite the ankles of the party running over you.

But I can't help noticing how easy it is for opponents to forget or deny what they agree on. How easy it is to try and land a blow so the other guy won't look like the winner.

Two years ago when the Democrats won the White House, the Republicans were outraged that Clinton had won on "their" issues, most notably crime, welfare reform and values. They went on a search and destroy mission.

Now the Republicans have won the Congress and the Democrats are appalled that Gingrich's folk have stolen "their" issues. Change, the middle class, welfare reform and, yes, values.

We're either going to get a scorched-earth policy out of Washington or find some common ground. So in this mellow moment, I am reminded of the optimist who was given a room full of horse manure for Christmas and said excitedly, "Wow, there must be a pony in there somewhere."

Somewhere in the morass of political fights and policy wrangles, there are points that most of us in the non-partisan, bipartisan middle actually agree on—especially in the worry about kids, welfare and unwed mothers. Before we're blinded by partisanship, we should keep an eye out for the ponies.

Pony 1: Kids. OK, Gingrich bounded off the wall in fantasizing about orphanages for non-orphans, for the kids of the teens he'd cut off the welfare rolls. You shouldn't lose your baby because you're poor.

What do we agree on here? That some families are



irreparably broken down. That the kids should come first. That some young mothers living alone with their babies aren't happily independent; they're abandoned. That group living—call it a kibbutz, call it an extended family or a boarding school or whatever—for parents and their kids is worth encouraging.

Pony 2: Welfare reform. A tough Clinton plan balances a two-year welfare deadline with the promise of training, day care, jobs. Now the Republicans want to show they're even tougher. They want to cut the funds, give the program over to the states, and wipe their hands of it all.

What do we agree on? That promising a teenager money—a pittance but more than she's ever had—for having a baby isn't a great idea. That leaving her and the baby broke isn't either. The common wisdom favors work over welfare, and common decency rejects the idea of starving poor kids. We agree on the fix we're in if not how to fix it.

Pony 3: Unwed teen-age mothers. Just because it's the Republicans, backed by a strong right-wing choir, chanting about the evils of unweddedness, doesn't mean that the Democrats should lose their voice again.

Remember rolling your eyes at the glorification of unwed pregnant movie stars, groaning at the words of pregnant girls who can't plan for the weekend let alone for their children's future?

What do we agree on? Well, one side says abstinence. The other side says birth control. Most of us want "Both, either, anything, something!"

Pony 4: Values. Here we go again. A core of Republicans is saying that poverty is a matter of morals or to be more precise, the lack of them. A core of Democrats is saying that poverty is a matter of jobs, or the lack of them.

What do we agree on? That jobs make an enormous difference. That individual grit, gumption, will power does too. It's a matter of internal resources and international forces.

Somewhere in here there's gotta be a whole herd of such ponies.

In the months ahead, there will be a lot of honest disagreement about policy. There'll be an enormous temptation to do unto others as was done unto you: attack. And there'll be a lot of, um, pony waste.

What else do we agree on?

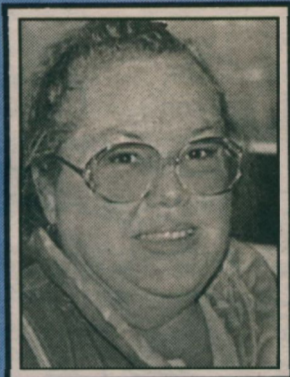
Pony 5: The good ideas don't belong to one side or another. The real winners are going to be the ones who ride the common ground.

THE LAST WORD

you said it

How have you been affected by all the rainy weather lately?

On Oakville and Riverside drives there was a lot of water over the road. I just have a little-bitty car. I thought 'I hope there is no big current.' It was kinda scary driving through the water. The last time I saw this much flooding I was just a teenager in Florida. I saw on the news last night a 100-foot section of Highway 101 was down.



Cindy Wells, Corvallis
Second year, Graphics

I just feel sorry for the coastal cities. From Elkton to the coast it's flooded. The roads are damaged and people can't get through. The bass pond on Highway 34 outside Corvallis by the river is almost to the edge of the highway.



Eric Ellis, Butte Falls
Third year, Business

It hasn't really affected me. I feel for the people that it has, like in California. Locally, I was in Waterloo and I saw some houses that were flooded. The fire department was sand-bagging around them. I heard the Red Cross was helping out 16 families around here.



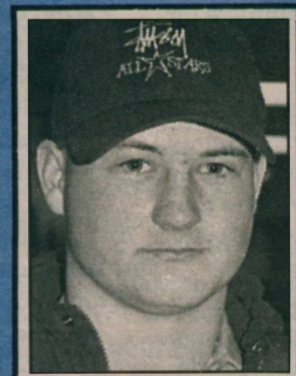
Mike Savage, Albany
Fourth year, General Studies

I don't mind the rain. We've had a drought, now we're getting rid of it. We need rain; it's a good thing. There has been some damage around Riverside and Northfield drives. Houses on the banks of the river that have basements have had flooding in them. I know some of the people out there.

Joshua Hayworth, Albany
First year, Computer Science

It doesn't really bother me. I'm from Klamath Falls. It's dry there. The only thing is that it has kept me from playing sports outside.

Matt Verlings, Klamath Falls
Second year, Business



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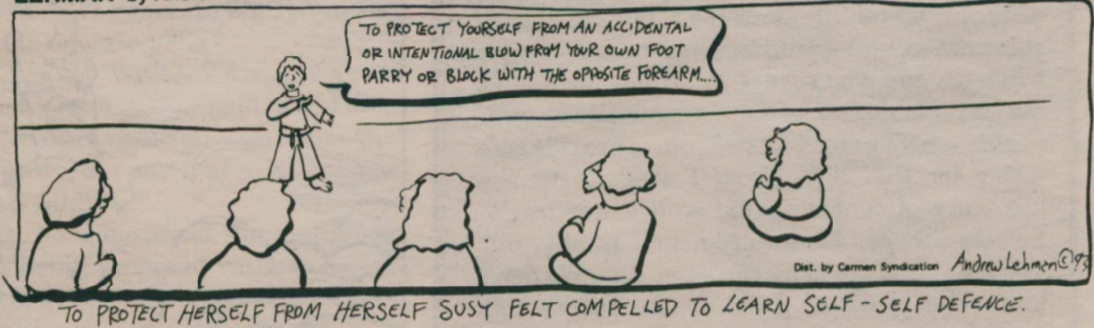
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To speak out against an unjust war was treasonous, to speak out against the treatment of blacks made you a Communist. But if you feel in your heart that you have a responsibility to advance justice and human rights, then do it.

—Harry Belafonte

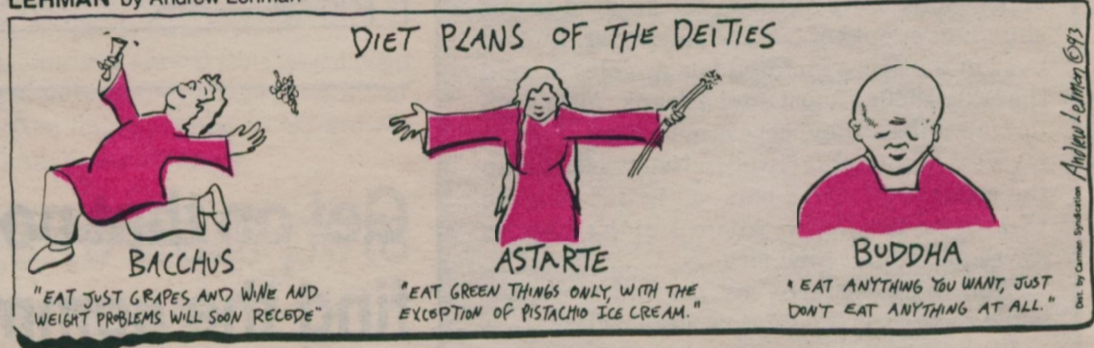
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Crossword 101

"It's Your Deal!"

By Gerry Frey

- ACROSS**
- 1 Joint
 - 5 Bengal ____
 - 10 Acting troop
 - 14 Perfect score: 2 wds
 - 15 Make amends
 - 16 Bread spread
 - 17 Popes' name
 - 18 All but one trick in bridge
 - 20 Charges
 - 22 Itemizes again
 - 23 Pitching stats.
 - 24 Stone anagram
 - 25 German city
 - 27 Girl or boat
 - 28 Flower part
 - 32 Rules
 - 33 UT Univ.
 - 34 Second hand transaction
 - 35 Boxing great
 - 36 Tarnishes
 - 38 Storage container
 - 39 Rang
 - 41 NY neighbor
 - 42 Rosebud?
 - 43 Smoke ____
 - 44 Place
 - 45 Prom goes
 - 46 Stop by
 - 48 Mr. Dawson & others
 - 49 Hair dresser e.g.
 - 52 Ventilated
 - 55 Bridge term
 - 57 Yuppie goodbye
 - 58 Robert ____
 - 59 Speak
 - 60 Approve
 - 61 Observes
 - 62 Unkempt
 - 63 Bro. & sis., e.g.

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- 3 Poker option
- 4 Secures
- 5 Stories
- 6 Inflammatory suffix
- 7 Received
- 8 Main dish
- 9 Rent again
- 10 Trig. functions
- 11 " _ well that ends well"
- 12 Chair
- 13 Male cats
- 19 Weds secretly
- 21 ____ Diego
- 24 No score in bridge
- 25 Make happy
- 26 Beauty shop
- 27 Isr. neighbor
- 29 Poker limit
- 30 Part of ALF
- 31 ____ a hand
- 33 Open in pinochle
- 34 Soak flax
- 36 Taunt
- 37 Interest: Abbr.
- 40 Met Opera Cond. James & family
- 42 Dole, e.g.
- 44 Sea robber
- 45 Three times: Latin
- 47 Blood ____
- 48 Suspicious
- 49 Bachelors of Voc. Ed.
- 50 Regulation
- 51 Sheltered side
- 52 Pub offerings
- 53 And others: Lat.
- 54 "Those were the ____"
- 56 Boats for short

Crossword answers on Page 3