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# Campus News

News about Linn-Benton Community College, including the Sweet Home, Lebanon, and Benton Centers.

## LBLB feeds the needy

**Ryan Henson**  
 The Commuter

For some students, the times are tough and nourishment can be hard to come by.

Linn-Benton Community College's Student Life and Leadership office (SL&L) helps those students and their families by providing emergency food assistance through the Linn-Benton Lunch Box (LBLB).

Students in need can come to the SL&L office, where they will receive emergency rations for three days, according to Jessica Calhoun, ambassador of Goodworks, an extension of SL&L that helps students find volunteer opportunities within the community.

"For each kid, we give them one meal for breakfast, lunch and dinner. If that means 18 meals, then we will give them 18 meals," said Calhoun. "But, if they are in dire need, we can give them more."

Calhoun emphasized that it did not matter how many family members a student needed food for.

The food, which is non-perishable canned, boxed and bagged products, including baby formula, comes from donation boxes at Student Programming Board events, food drives held in other departments, and the First Congregational Church of Corvallis, which donates food every week.

So far, the program, which began in January of this year, has been a success, and this term is no different.

"We've had a ton of people," said Calhoun. "I've personally helped five people already, and I've only worked three days this week."

Donna Reishus conceived the LBLB. She is a former AmeriCorps member who worked as coordinator for learning and civic engagement, a volunteer position with SL&L. She is a nurse by trade.

"While I was working here (SL&L), I noticed that kids would come in every once in a while looking for food because they were hungry," said Reishus. "So, that sort of gave me the idea that we needed to formalize something so that we would have food available for students, especially as the economy started getting bad."

Reishus says that, before her, other people tried to get emergency food for students, but past college administrations were not in favor of the idea.

There are no requirements or qualifications for students to receive the service, and the only thing asked for is the last four digits of the student's "X" number. This is just to track how many times the students have used the service.

"Unfortunately, some people take advantage," Calhoun said.

In addition to the food, each box contains information about obtaining food stamps and a directory of community services in Linn and



Jessica Calhoun stands in front of the food for LBLB

photo by Max Brown

Benton counties.

For students or staff who would like to contribute, Calhoun says there are a number of ways to help, including the referral of any students who are in urgent need of food, the donation of food or food coupons from food services at LBCC, or by holding a food drive within their department.

For more information, contact Jessica Calhoun at (541) 917-4469 or [WORKSG@linnbenton.edu](mailto:WORKSG@linnbenton.edu)

## AlterNet solutions to parking

**Max Brown**  
 The Commuter

The overflow parking lots on Linn-Benton Community College's Albany campus were closed on Oct. 1, leaving many concerns about where to park.

Bruce Clementsen, dean of student services, said that parking at the beginning of the term is usually worse than later in the term. According to Clementsen, this is due to the fact that students are spending more time at campus as they have

more to do than just attend classes, such as visit their advisers, get books, check with financial aid and more.

"History has shown it will get easier," Clementsen said. However, he did admit that due to an overall increase in students at LBCC, parking would probably remain a problem throughout the term. Enrollment for full-time students is up 20 percent, according to Clementsen.

To help the flow of traffic in the parking lot, LBCC has opened the gates

near the baseball fields. According to Clementsen, this will help prevent backups as people are entering and exiting the parking lots.

In addition, Clementsen suggests students use AlterNetRides for carpooling. This is a site devoted to linking people who would like to carpool. The service is free unless you want your own designation. LBCC, OSU, and UO worked together to buy their own designation for the site, so that it would

be easier for students to use.

"It allows you to select LBCC, and then you will only get matched to providers, or get riders, that are interested in LBCC as a destination," Clementsen said. He also noted that it is all free, and that students need only to register.

Clementsen reminds students that LBCC doesn't

control who is on this site.

"Always use all your common sense safety precautions before you get in cars with people, or get people in your car," Clementsen said.

For FAQ on how to set up your account on AlterNetRides go to <http://alternetrides.com/faqs.asp>.

### Alternative Parking Options:

**Central Willamette Credit Union** – Parking lot across Allen Lane just south of campus. Only use spaces on the north / front side of the building – Do not park on the west side.

**Looney Lane** – Behind the soccer / softball field

**Adjacent side streets**

For other ride options, the Associated Student Government also has a carpooling transportation board outside the financial aid office in the courtyard.

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## Nationwide search for president

**Justin Bolger**  
The Commuter

At the beginning of the summer hiatus, the search for a new Linn-Benton Community College president began.

Several nationwide, education-oriented periodicals were released with a call for applicants, and 1200 brochures outlining the particulars of the position were sent out to community colleges across the country in hopes of finding the best-qualified candidates.

"We mailed the brochure to every community college in the U.S. ... so this is a nationwide search for a president," states Marlene Propst, the foundation public information officer.

The pool of applicants continued to expand until Sept. 11, when human resources closed the doors to select a chosen few. After having passed the initial resume review, 12 potentials are to be interviewed on both Oct. 5 and 12 by a confidential screening committee. Interviewers have been appointed through various associations within our school and community including, but not limited to, the student, faculty and management associations.

The screening committee will recommend the choice finalists to the seven members of LBCC's Board of Education, at which point more information regarding the candidates will become available through the local media.

The Board of Education will then hold its own set of interviews on Nov. 5 and 6, leading up to a forum that will be open to the public. Here, questions can be asked of the final candidates by anyone in attendance. The forum will be held in F-104 on Friday, Nov. 6 at 1p.m.

With all the information from the application and the forum considered, the responsibility rests on the Board of Education to make the final decision as to who will become the chief executive and administrative officer of LBCC.

## LB receives grant for green industry

**Ryan Henson**  
The Commuter

Linn-Benton Community College was recently awarded a \$115,412 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Cooperative State Research Education and Extension Service.

The CSREES grant, "Fueling Pathways to Rural Prosperity," will be used to develop programs at LBCC that train students to work in green energy and sustainable energy industries, according to a press release issued by the LBCC News Service.

LBCC plans to design an agricultural technician degree with a focus on sustainable fuel, fiber production and processing. The new program will provide training for entrance into various industries, including cellulosic biofuel, pulp and paper and sustainable agriculture.

In addition, the grant will be used to expand LBCC's existing mechatronics program to include training in the biofuel industry. The program currently provides training to maintain and repair high-tech mechanical equipment controlled by electrical and computer systems.

Fred Haynes, dean of academic facilities planning, says the CSREES grant provides funds for the college to form academic and industrial partnerships. Dan Lara, dean of science, engineering and technology, agrees.

"Creating multiple pathways into green industry allows for the creation of a higher skilled, more diversified workforce that can cross-train into multiple

economic sectors," says Lara.

According to Lara, this will create a workforce that is able to shift into the new employment opportunities that result from economic pressures.

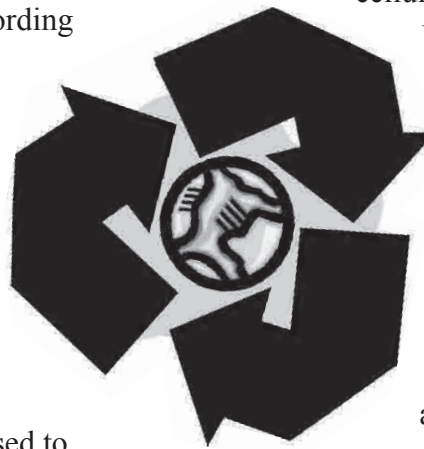
Lara said that plans are in place to partner with Trillium FiberFuels of Corvallis. Trillium, which recently received a separate \$750,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy, is focused on improving the developmental processes and equipment of the cellulosic ethanol industry with an emphasis on using agricultural fiber for biofuel.

The ideas for the project stemmed from discussions between Lara, Haynes and Trillium FiberFuels President Chris Beatty.

LBCC's familiarity with the curriculum's needs and Trillium's immersion in the emerging local cellulosic ethanol industry, according to Lara, are well suited to defining the appropriate needs and scope.

Engineers at Trillium have built and characterized a first prototype tool for biofuel process development. Under the guidance of LBCC faculty and Trillium staff, students would assist in the design and testing of the prototype.

"The development of novel, scalable technologies in the pre-treatment of cellulosic ethanol production enhances the knowledge base of the entire industrial sector," says Beatty. "This can stimulate advances leading toward the reduction in America's dependence on foreign oil and the ultimate production of fewer greenhouse gases that contribute to global warming."



## Classifieds

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

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

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

**Libel/Taste:** The Commuter will not knowingly publish material that treats individuals or groups in an unfair manner. Any advertisement judged libelous or in poor taste by the newspaper editorial staff will be rejected.

### Help Wanted

You can sign up at [www.linnbenton.edu/go/Student Employment](http://www.linnbenton.edu/go/Student%20Employment) to look at student & graduate jobs.

\*For more info about the opportunities listed below, please see Carla in Student Employment in the Career Center (Takena 101).

#### **Product Tester** (#7592, Corvallis)

If you have experience with computers and are a self-starter, then this part-time position is for you!

#### **Customer Service Representative**

(#7591, Salem) You have customer service skills in a call center environment? Then you might be interested in a call center full-time position. 50 openings. \$12.50-13.50/hr DOE.

#### **Instructional Aide 2, Notetaker**

(#7586, LBCC) Hey, you say you

have great typing skills, know how to use a laptop and take great notes. Then here is a job on campus typing notes for people. Pay is \$9.39/hr.

**Interested in learning about Apprenticeship Programs?** Join us for an informative presentation focusing on existing training opportunities in Oregon & Washington on Friday, Oct. 2 9:15-11:15am at the Central Electrical Training Center.

#### **Oil Change/Lube Technician**

(#7595, Corvallis) Here is a full-time job working for a car dealership that pays \$9/hr.

### For Rent

**Self-Care Horse Stall:** Indoor riding arena and round pen. A mile and half from LBCC. 541-619-4437.

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## A word from your local ASG

Let me start by saying thank you very much to the staff at The Commuter for generously offering the Associated Student Government (ASG) a weekly space in their publication. Reaching out to one another, building relationships and finding ways to enhance the overall collegiate experience of our fellow students is what past and present members of the ASG have strived to accomplish on an annual basis – as I am sure holds true for many student groups on campus. Having yet another outlet to communicate with the campus population is greatly appreciated. We would like to use this column as a “sounding board” for what is going on with the ASG. We hope to share our experiences with you, the student body, as we navigate our year. We would also like to take these weekly opportunities to pose questions of interest to our fellow students.

The ASG is intended to be a “voice of the students.” By attending campus committee meetings, having direct conversations with the deans of the college, and meeting with senior management (president and vice presidents of the college) we serve as the faculty and administration’s insight into the needs and wants of our student population. However, without as much communication and conversation as possible with our vastly diverse student body, it is possible that certain individuals or groups of individuals may be left with less representation than others, although it is certainly not our intent to leave any voice unheard. With our growing student population and limited time and resources, we will do the very best that we can to take a stand for everyone.

With that said, here is the first call-to-action to the students: the Student Life & Leadership office has many immediate ways to get involved on campus. Both the ASG and Student Programming Board (SPB) have a position to fill for this school year. ASG will be looking to fill the role of Health Occupations Representative, while SPB has a specialist position to fill. In addition, there are several Student Ambassador positions to be filled as well. Information for these opportunities may be found in the Student Life & Leadership office located on the first floor of the Forum building, right next to the Hot Shot Coffee House.

Engage your surroundings. Take the initiative to elevate your own experience.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy school year,

**Nic Bowman**  
**ASG President**

The views of the ASG do not necessarily reflect those of The Commuter. Any questions can be directed to the Student Life & Leadership office.

# Advice from Weiss

**Mark Weiss**  
 For The Commuter

**Question:** How do I get a plan? I’ve got classes, but how do I know if they’re the right ones and what else I should take next term?

**Answer:** Great question. It’s important to have the full picture of what your long-range plan looks like, and it’s important to know what to sign up for in the immediate future. Here’s how I’d go about it.

All full-time teachers, and many part-timers, have “office hours.” These are the times that students can just drop in and talk. Teachers usually post their office hours on their office doors, on the web sites and have them in the syllabus for each of their classes. So it’s easy to know when they will be available to you. Any student who knows what he or she wants to major in needs to pick a teacher from that area as an adviser. This is critical to your success.

The teachers are the ones who create the curriculum and teach it. They will always have the best understanding of what you are trying to accomplish, if you are in their program. Drop in during their office hours and get to know a few of them. Pick someone that you feel comfortable with to be your guide, your adviser.

Students who have not yet decided what their major is going to be (and that’s usually about 30 percent of our students) should use a counselor as an adviser. One of the things counselors specialize in is advising and career counseling for undecided students. You can find us at the front of Takena Hall, in the Career Center. Just stop in and make an appointment.

In addition, LBCC has some “Academic Planning Assistants.” These are folks who work with our faculty in helping keep students on track and scheduling classes. A teacher or counselor may have an Academic Planner help you with the registration process and the laying out of a term-by-term plan.



Counselor Mark Weiss

Creating an ongoing relationship with a teacher or counselor will have meaning for you beyond just knowing what classes to take. Having someone on campus that knows you, knows your style, your interests, your values, someone who can talk to you about your goals and advocate for your needs, really helps get you grounded at a college. It’s important to feel like there’s someone here that takes your success personally.

The college experience is pretty different from high school. It’s larger, for one thing, and our way of scheduling isn’t even remotely similar. It’s also harder to know how to go about making connections with people. A good way to start creating those connections is by developing a working relationship with a faculty member.

One other little tip: One of the big keys to success at LBCC right now is to use “early registration” for winter quarter. We have set a record for total number of students at LBCC this fall, and using the early registration period will help to make sure you get the classes you need.

There’s plenty of time; early registration will take place the week after Thanksgiving, and winter term won’t go online for viewing until the end of October. So there’s no need to panic about winter quarter, but having an advising session with a teacher or counselor between now and then would be a really good idea.

Keep the questions coming,  
 Mark

Mark Weiss has been a counselor and adviser at LBCC for 20 years. The purpose of this column is to answer student’s questions about the college, academic advising, and how to be successful at LBCC. Please send your questions to mark.weiss@linnbenton.edu or stop by the Career and Counseling Center in Takena Hall.

## Associated Student Government Meeting Schedule 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**October 7** – Diversity Achievement Center, Room F-220; Public welcome

**November 18** – Benton Center, Room BC-104; Public welcome

**October 21** – Lebanon Center, Room LC-218; Public welcome

**December 2** – Board Room, Room CC-103; Public welcome

**October 28** – Siletz Room, CC-213; Public welcome

**December 9** – Siletz Room, Room CC-213; Public welcome

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## Hypocrisy Now

**Adam LaMascus**  
 The Commuter

I love the smell of bigotry in the morning; smells like fear-mongering, dishonesty, and blatant power grabs.

I was watching the news the other day and saw a story with lots of photographs and video of people toting signs equating Obama to Hitler, complaining that the government was infringing upon their personal rights and complaining that they were being persecuted for their lifestyles.

First of all, Barack Obama and Adolf Hitler? I'd just like to point out that Hitler would have had the man shot and thrown in a ditch (or gassed after nearly working him to death). By comparing Obama to someone as evil as Hitler, people show their ignorance and stupidity, as well as marginalize and disgrace the people, over 70 million, who died because of him.

Anyway, as I saw this, I was waiting for some sort of "hypocrisy alert" to go ticker-taping across the screen. It did not. I was pretty sure I had seen these people before, spouting another message. So, afterward, I went to a few of the news stations' Web sites (NBC, ABC, Reuters, and a few others), and did a little research. I found, much to my NOT surprise, that this same group of people that are complaining they are being "persecuted" for their beliefs are largely the same people who often and actively persecute homosexuals, liberals, and non-Christians( All of these are people whom Hitler loved to persecute, by the way, just ask the over 10 million Jews, gypsies, political opponents, and homosexuals he murdered).

Next, they whine that the government is trying to pass laws governing their personal lives, and that just isn't fair. I actually agree with this. The government does not have any right to legislate what you do in your house (except for murder and similar things.) It is just the fact that they say this and then in the same sentence say the government needs to use its power more to enact laws prohibiting homosexual behavior, and to dictate what you can and cannot do in the privacy of your own home. By the way, homophobia, bigger government, and more laws based on religion,

some other things Hitler liked.

Lastly, in the articles I found, and on almost every single news clip they were in, these same people also preach what they think are the messages of Jesus, a man who was a radical liberal in his time, and a man preached love, peace, and understanding. Again, not so bad. They often immediately follow this up with comments about how Jesus hates homosexuals, non-Christians, and other people. I've read a few of the most scholarly accepted versions of the Bible, and I'm pretty sure that nowhere in there did Jesus condone behavior like theirs, let alone encourage it. Militarism and violence against other people are frequently thrown in the package too. I'm reminded of some pictures of people waving banners saying something to the effect of we should bomb everyone whom we don't like.

I'd like to clearly state that I am not saying that all Republicans/Christians/Religious people do this. I am just saying that quite a few do, and unfortunately it is often the most powerful and vocal ones who do these things. Watch some of the things congressmen and senators say on and off the podium, it isn't hard to find video of it. Nor am I saying that liberal people are exempt from hypocrisy and idiocy. I'm looking at you Code Pink women who say if there were no guns there would be no violence. Yes, I'm sure that Julius Caesar, Alexander the Great, Genghis Khan, Saladin, Caligula, the Inquisition, and Richard VIII, all would agree with you.

I can't help but chuckle mirthlessly at the fact that people are comparing a black former Muslim whose grandfather and two great-uncles were American WWII veterans, to Hitler when their beliefs and actions are so much closer to what Hitler actually did and stood for. Also, that they preach the message of a man who is known as "The Prince of Peace" and use a corrupted version message to spread a doctrine of fear, intolerance, hate, and violence.

It is important that people voice what they believe, that ability being the basis of our country. It's just pathetic when people are such hypocrites. They should think before they speak and spare the world their ignorance and hatred.

## Back in the day

**Adam LaMascus**  
 The Commuter

### This week in history...

**October 7, 1916: At least Blount wasn't there...**  
 Cumberland University is defeated by Georgia Tech in football. This is memorable because the final score was 222-0, making it the most lopsided college football game in American history.

**October 8, 1918: Hollywood worthy...**  
 Corporal Alvin C. York single-handedly kills 28 German soldiers and, with the aid of only seven other soldiers, captures 132 German prisoners while under fire from multiple machine gun nests. For this action he is awarded the Medal of Honor and has a movie made about him. Ironically enough, York applied as a conscientious objector but had his application rejected.

**October 9, 1967: Viva le Revolution!**  
 Ernesto "Che" Guevara is executed by CIA-assisted Bolivian soldiers. I'm sure Che would be happy to know that he has been reduced to an overused image on "Rage Against the Machine" T-shirts.

**October 10, 1732: France succeeds where Spain fails...**  
 A Frankish (French) army defeats a large Moor (Muslim) army at Tours. This defeat stops the spread of Islam into Western Europe and presages the eventual re-conquest of Spain by European forces.

**October 11, 1958: If at first you don't succeed...**  
 A year after the launch of Sputnik, NASA launches the Pioneer 1 probe, which promptly falls back to Earth and burns up. Score: USSR 1, USA 0

**October 12, 1810: Hooray for beer!**  
 Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria marries Princess Therese von Sachsen-Hildburghausen. In celebration, they invite the entire populace of Munich to come out and celebrate the first ever Oktoberfest. God bless the Bavarians.

**October 13, 54: And the number of the beast...**  
 Nero becomes the emperor of Rome. Nero was the nephew of the infamous emperor Caligula. I guess being totally insane and homicidal ran in the family.

"If the human mind was simple enough to understand, we would be too simple to understand."  
 -Fortune cookie I got last week

## PERSPECTIVES:

What song best describes you and why?



**Shelby Towns**  
 Theater

"'Happy Ending' by Mika. It's somber and uplifting."



**Daniel Murray**  
 Business Administration

"'Nothing but a Good Time' by Poison. I love it because it makes me forget about everything else."



**Corinne Burden**  
 Animal Science

"'Battlefield' by Jordan Sparks. I can relate because of my personal circumstances."



**Allison Keith**  
 Sociology

"'Exactly' by Amy Steinberg. It's positive and has a sense of humor."



**Walker Maddalozzo**  
 Architecture

"'Time' by Ospada (Sude shaft & remix). It's just the coolest song, you have to hear it!"

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# Feature

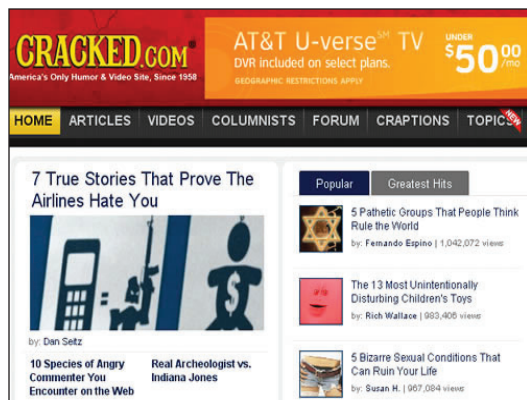
Something a little different.

## Things to do when your homework calls

Ryan Henson  
The Commuter

We at The Commuter understand the college student's need to occupy their time with anything and everything but their school work. There is no better way to do this than the Web. Here are the sites we recently visited while waiting until the last minute.

1. **FARK** - This site brings together strange and humorous news from around the Web and organizes it into an addicting social networking site. Members of Fark submit links to the stories they find around the Web and give them clever headlines ("Connecticut man goes to dental appointment naked, will experience two cavity searches in the same day"). If the submitted story is "hand-picked" for the main page, other members comment on it. If you have a nose for the news, or the "not news," FARK is for you.

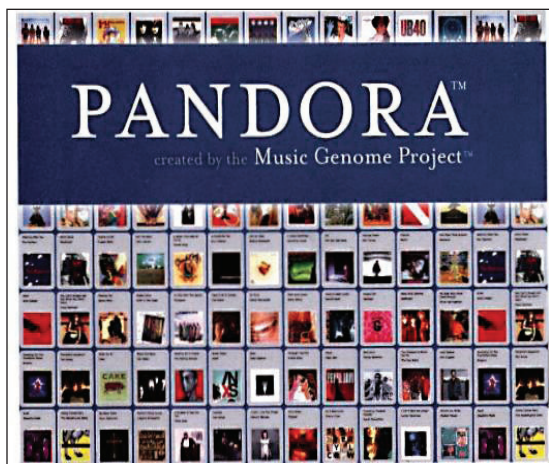


2. **Cracked** - This humor magazine's online format is funnier than the now-defunct print version ever was, incorporating articles, columns, video feeds, forums, and caption contests. But what makes this site so amazing are the lists, with titles like, "6 Badass Tricks You Can Do With Fire (That Might Kill You)", "The 13 Most Unintentionally Disturbing Children's Toys", and "7 People Who Cheated Death (Then Kicked It In The Balls)." If you say you don't like lists, we call shenanigans. You are reading one right now.

3. **Huffington Post** - On a more serious note there is this news aggregator, or the "blog that got big," started by Arianna Huffington and Kenneth Lerer. If you are a conservative, this left-leaning site is going to have your blood boiling. (We love it, though. We are the tree-hugging, liberal-loving media.) The site offers breaking news in print and television format, opinion pieces, a blog index, photo galleries, and even has a section devoted to the coverage of "The Colbert Report," "The Daily Show," "The Onion," etc.



4. **Earth Day Network Footprint Calculator** - Visitors get to create an avatar (think Sims) and take a quiz that calculates their ecological footprint (the impact they have on the environment). After visitors finish the quiz, the site calculates how many planets it would take to sustain our natural resources if everyone shared their habits. My lifestyle requires 4.2 planets. Hooray for overindulgence – now excuse me while I join the co-op, buy a bike, and put up some solar panels.



5. **Pandora Radio** - Nearly 10 years ago, a group of musicians and music-loving cyber geeks started the Music Genome Project and began analyzing the musical qualities of thousands of songs one attribute at a time. The by-product of all this work is Pandora Radio, a site that allows you to create stations around your favorite artists and then explore other artists with similar qualities. (For instance, Modest Mouse > The Shins > The Killers > Weezer > ... ) There you go -- now stop downloading torrents off of Pirate Bay and discover new music in a way that doesn't make the RIAA want to punch you in the face.

## Down the Silk Road

Tanya Dolan  
The Commuter

the influence of the Silk Road.

The Corvallis-Benton County Public Library is offering a free lecture series presented by Gail VanderHeide on the highly influential Asian trade route known as the Silk Road.

The Silk Road may be considered only a slice of Asian history, but once explored, it is considered a part of our history and our world. The next lecture is Oct. 13 at 12:10 p.m. in the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library, 645 N.W. Monroe Ave., Corvallis.

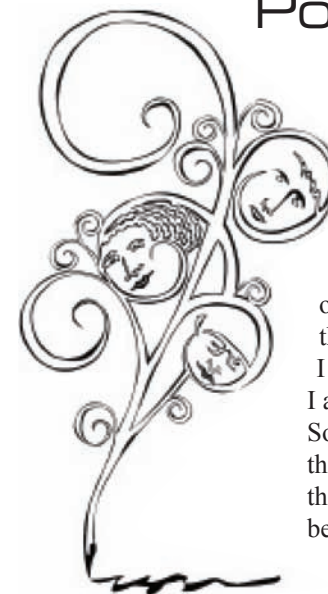
Do you ever wonder how religion, philosophies, art and technology spread throughout the world? The Silk Road was the optimal factor in the groundwork for some of the greatest ancient civilizations. Some of today's world powers would not be so without

**What: Lecture series about the Silk Road**

**When: Oct. 13 at 12:10 p.m.**

**Where: Corvallis Library**

## Poetry spotlight



**Wild Hops**  
by Ruy Lopez

When you wrap your arms around me, I know then your love is old, old as this land and stronger than vines that climb to the sun. I breathe the scent of you I am lost in dewy foliage. So then, let these budding moments these pellucid, artless aspirations that glide like husk to the floor be crushed into an elixir for the pain of winter days.

## LBCC Lunch Box: EMERGENCY FOOD for Students in Need

For more information, call 917-4457 or stop by Student Life & Leadership in the Student Union. Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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# Feature

Something a little different.

## How to date a musician

Maya Lazaro  
 The Commuter

Dating a musician can present some difficult challenges that often leave women feeling overwhelmed, pregnant and borderline alcoholic. Navigating such a relationship may be confusing or unfamiliar to you. However, don't be put off by the challenge. With this time-tested guide, you and your man will be singing the same tune in no time. As my own musically blessed boyfriend once said, "While I may leave beer stains on the carpet and occasionally forget to bathe myself five consecutive days in a row, I can give you rhythm, melody, harmony, timbre, texture, form, and dynamics, baby. Oh, and can I have five dollars?"



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### 1. Rampant alcoholism and drug abuse is a given, so know what you're getting yourself into.

When you find your man passed out nude in a bathtub somewhere with crude Sharpie drawings on his forehead, realize this is perfectly normal and acceptable musician behavior. Music is about invention, and nothing aids invention more than intoxication. So when your boyfriend's stumbling around in a drunken stupor, just smile and hand him another beer. Any attempt to quell his substance abuse will result in the stifling of his creative juices and the alienation of his band mates.

### 2. Be prepared to live in filth.

Personal hygiene and cleanliness are not high on most musicians' priorities, which means you're going to be spending a lot of time scrubbing, washing, drying, and throwing away empty beer cans. Encourage him to bathe regularly, and reward him with beer and cigarettes when he successfully brushes his hair or remembers to vomit in the toilet and not on the upholstery. Buy deodorant and strategically place it where he can see it. He'll take the hint.

### 3. Get on his band's good side.

Encouraging the people he gets drunk with on a regular basis to think you're a control freak isn't going to win you any brownie points with your man. The solution? Food. Men love food, and musicians are no exception. The next time you visit your boyfriend backstage or sit in on a practice, bring in some homemade snack foods to share with the band. They'll totally love you for satisfying their munchies, and even better, they'll be nagging your boyfriend for more of your dishes, which means he's got to keep you around if HE wants to stay on his band's good side.

### 4. Separate yourself from the common groupie.

You're not some desperate tag-along trying to flash your way backstage; you're his girlfriend. Maintain a certain level of respectability

and you'll be treated like a VIP, not an STD. Behaving like a squealing fan girl puts you in their ranks; you have more dignity than that. By being the self-assured, intelligent, responsible woman you are, your musician will remember why he chose to be with you in the first place and ditch the groupies.

### 5. Understand that your boyfriend is married to his music first, his beer second, and then hopefully to you.

Music is his baby, his life, his ambition. You're his girlfriend. You may be a Swedish supermodel with a graduate degree in culinary arts, but as long as your boyfriend enjoys the sound of music over the sound of your voice, you'll never place first in his heart. If that sounds like too much to handle, then perhaps dating a musician isn't for you. Accountants are much more reliable and make a lot more money. Plus, they hate their jobs so they won't ever be accused of 'working late' in preference to being with you.

### 6. Get a life.

Go to his concerts, advertise his music, buy him shiny new instruments if you can afford it, but cultivate some interests of your own. Let your own creativity shine through and your relationship will improve immeasurably. You'll serve not just as a source of inspiration to yourself, but to him as well. And who doesn't want a song written about them?



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# SPORTS

News about local and national sports and activities.

## Soccer team snowed out

**Matt Deboodt**  
 The Commuter

Linn-Benton Community College's soccer club found their first game stymied by snowfall.

The match, which was set to be played against Central Oregon Community College on Sunday, October 4, in Bend, was canceled after a short attempt to clear the field.

The match was rescheduled for the weekend of October 17. COCC, who will be in town for a match with OSU, will play LBCC at the Albany campus.

Sunday's match was to be the first time an LBCC soccer club played in a league-sanctioned game.



The soccer players try and make the most out of the weather

Photo by Matt Deboodt

## Mota hopes to rebuild relationships

**Matt Deboodt**  
 The Commuter

Linn-Benton Community College's soccer coach hopes to rebuild league relationships with referees.

Art Mota, who is the vice president of the newly reorganized Cascade Collegiate Soccer League, says the league was reformed over the summer and is working to reestablish itself after developing a bad reputation.

"It's like we have swine flu; they won't come near us," said Mota. The main

transgressions that the officials were upset with included the improper handling of red-carded players, non-payment for games officiated, and rescheduling of matches without communicating those changes to the officials.

Currently teams in the league are responsible for getting their own officials to cover matches.

"The plan is to affiliate with the Oregon Adult Soccer Association in the winter break from

play," said Mota.

"That, along with the addition of a designated coordinator for officials, will help a lot."



### Soccer game info

**WHEN:** Saturday, Oct 10 at noon  
**WHO:** LBCC vs. the University of Oregon  
**WHERE:** Soccer field just west of the Activities Center and track on the Albany campus

For more information or to offer sponsorship, contact coach Art Mota at (541) 917-4467

## Campus Shorts...

**The art faculty are opening the fall term with their annual exhibit** in the South Santiam Hall Gallery on LBCC's Albany campus. The exhibit runs through Oct. 29. Gallery hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, contact the gallery at (541) 917-4247.

**In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month,** LBCC will exhibit the artwork of Humberto Gonzalez and Yolanda Valdés in the LBCC North Santiam Hall Gallery through Nov. 23.

**The graduation deadline has been changed** to the 4th week of the term prior to a student's last term.

Deadlines for each term can be found online at [www.linnbenton.edu/go/graduation](http://www.linnbenton.edu/go/graduation).

**The class Business Basics for Business Owners and Managers will be offered fall term.** The five-week class will meet on Mondays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. starting on Oct. 12 in room CC-213. The class costs \$99. For more information or to register, contact the Small Business Management Center at (541) 917-4923.

**The LBCC Benton Center will host a ceramics workshop** with local ceramic artist Terry Inokuma on Friday, Oct. 16 and Saturday, Oct. 17. For more information or to register, contact Lin Olson

at (541) 757-8944, ext. 5114, or Jay Widmer (541) 757-8944, ext. 5106.

**Phagans Cosmetology Colleges will be having one of their "Marathon Service Days"** for "Passionately Pink for the Cure," an awareness and fundraising program benefiting Susan G. Komen, on Friday, Oct. 30, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please join them at 1565 S.W. 53rd St. in Corvallis.

**Join filmmaker Stan Walsh as he presents the first film in the LBCC Travel at the Tripp film series "Corsica and the Rivas" on Sunday, Oct. 18 at 2 p.m.** in the LBCC Russell Tripp Performance Center.

**Creative Crafts at 934 N.W. Kings Blvd. in Corvallis is having a breast cancer fundraiser.** Come down to the shop and vote for one of the decorated bras on display. Cost is one dollar per vote.

**Colorado State University will have a representative in Tadena Hall** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 14.

**Would you like to study in London?** Kim Sullivan, LBCC's study abroad coordinator, will hold a presentation in the Diversity Achievement Center (F220) on October 21 from noon to 1 p.m.



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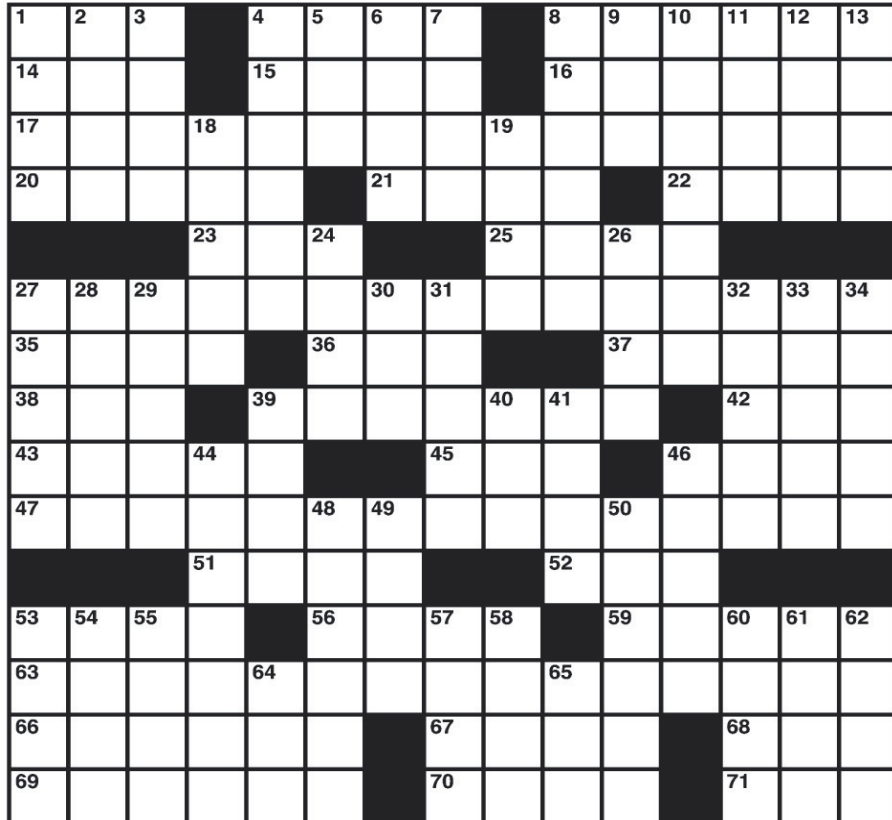
Crosswords, cartoons and some fun facts to brighten your day.

## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

### ACROSS

- 1 Perform in a play
- 4 Skilled
- 8 Check signers
- 14 1950 Edmond O'Brien suspense classic
- 15 Sliding \_\_\_
- 16 Hide out
- 17 49th state's largest city
- 20 Parking spot money taker
- 21 Sly
- 22 Grating sound
- 23 1/60 of a min.
- 25 "Was \_\_\_ hard on him?"
- 27 E.M. Forster classic set in fictional Chandrapore
- 35 "What \_\_\_ is new?"
- 36 Washroom, briefly
- 37 Is ahead
- 38 \_\_\_ for tat
- 39 Houses with sharply angled roofs, and what this puzzle's four longest answers literally have in common



By Lee Glickstein

10/7/09

### DOWN

- 1 Eve's mate
- 2 Ice cream holder
- 3 Diplomat's forte
- 4 Has a crush on
- 5 NYC's Bronx, e.g.
- 6 Bread purchase
- 7 Thus, to a logician
- 8 \_\_\_ win: go all out
- 9 Afflict
- 10 Beginning of time, figuratively
- 11 Film lioness
- 12 Korean soldiers
- 13 Trade
- 14 "Steppenwolf" writer Hermann
- 15 Way off the turnpike
- 16 Young cow
- 17 Lubricates
- 18 Health Net rival
- 19 One with a trade
- 20 Moving about
- 21 Needle-toothed fish
- 22 Give the slip
- 23 "Hawaii Five-O" nickname
- 24 Figure of speech
- 25 Stars, in Latin
- 26 Thomas \_\_\_ Edison

### Solution to Last Week's Puzzle



- 40 Scuff or scratch
- 41 Suffix with differ
- 44 Interpret via mouth movements
- 46 Neatness
- 48 Paris palace
- 49 Moore of "Ghost"
- 50 Maps within maps
- 53 Vice squad action
- 54 A single time
- 55 "The African Queen" co-screenwriter
- 57 "The Suze Orman Show" channel
- 58 50-and-over org.
- 60 City near the Sphinx
- 61 Word before rain or rock
- 62 Sewer rodents
- 64 The "L" in XL: Abbr.
- 65 Goat's cry



"Let's get away from each other this weekend."

### RACKAfracka by Fritz



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## Add/Drop

An LBCC student generated comic

By Maggie O'Reilly



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## redbox review

### The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

**Bonnie Starr**  
 The Commuter



A new year descends upon us bringing the promise of homework, late-night study sessions and, best of all, new movies! Ok, so the first two items aren't something to be excited about nor are redbox movies so much "new" as they are "newly released on DVD," but hey, not all of us can pay \$8 matinee prices, can we? So for your reading pleasure I give to you the "redbox review," an article that not only helps you choose wisely while in a drunken state but also wards you against the terrible atrocities that Hollywood attempts to throw at us.

In "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" we have Brad Pitt playing the lead role of, guess who, Benjamin Button. The movie follows our mild-mannered leading man through well-edited vignettes of his curious life starting at his birth as an old, arthritic man-baby and on through the decades as he ages backwards. This is not your action-packed, edge-of-your-seat kind of movie so if you don't enjoy character interaction or plot growth that moves slower than what you'd find in "The Fast and the Furious," then this is not the movie for you. "Benjamin Button" is a movie that you don't expect to like as much as you end up liking it by the end, especially once you realize it's a massive 166 minutes long (you do the math).

The movie opens with an elderly woman in a hospital, her daughter at her side. The scene feels mildly reminiscent of "Titanic" when we discover we're going to be watching this movie in a flashback format, but it was done differently and very well here. When the daughter begins reading from an old journal in her mother's belongings, we quickly come to the realization that she is reading Benjamin Button's diary.

Benjamin recounts his youth with his "mother" Queenie, a black woman who works and lives in an old folks home. This is where Benjamin spends his childhood, a little boy in the body of an old man. This part of the movie is not only entertaining in a "that's so silly!" way but also shows just how child-like we all get when we reach our golden years. This is where he meets the love of his life, Daisy, who, when an adult, is played by the ever-strange-looking-but-I'm-not-sure-why Cate Blanchett.

As the movie progresses we see Benjamin continually growing younger and more Brad-like while he waits for Daisy to stop acting like a pretty-pretty princess and realize that she left a good man behind in search of fame and glory. She eventually does realize this and runs back to Benjamin with her tail between her legs- figuratively speaking of course.

Even though I am not in the business of movie spoilers, I will say that things work out for the best in the end. Although the ending of this movie was certainly not happy, I would venture to say that the ending was very right. This movie is highly recommended.

## 'No Line On The Horizon' - U2

**Joel DeVylde**  
 The Commuter

"I know a girl who's like the sea. I watch her changing every day for me ..." With this introduction, U2 begins their 12th studio album in 19 years.

Titled "No Line on the Horizon," U2 has really picked up the craziness with this new CD. In some places constant and close to concept album status, and in others dissonant and riddled with discontinuity, "No Line" plays out like a confident and imaginative invitation to eccentricity.

The music is excellent, especially the guitar work on songs like the single "Crazy Tonight" and "Get on Your Boots," but the most shocking aspect of this album is the way in which the lyrics are fashioned. They seem to be straight out of a journal and unaltered for flow or content.

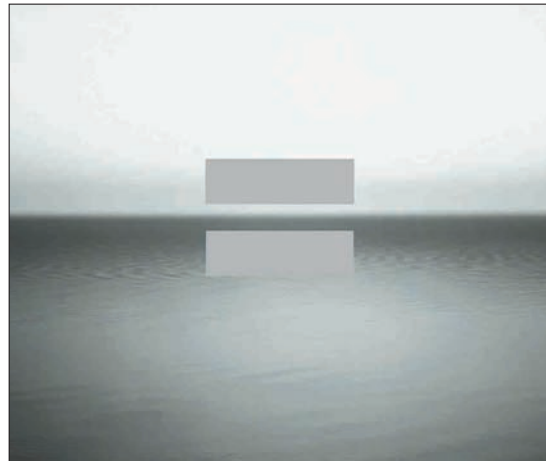
Lyrical, "No Line" at first seems to be playing tricks on the ears, dancing, twisting and aching like a band of 50-year-old rock stars (hear the craziness in "Breathe"). As the music blared out of my speakers, I did not know what to expect from one line to the next. I found the experience exhilarating. But that's probably because I'm so bored with the cliché and repetitive trash being played on the radio.

Unfortunately, this kind of daring experimentation with lyricism and song structure has some nearly unavoidable consequences. For instance, some of the melodies come off as flat as a locker stash of Mountain Dew (give the chorus to "Unknown Caller" a listen). Tipping the scales back to the positive, in songs like "Breathe," in which Bono's voice drives a sort of unorganized collage of lyrics and rock guitar, this experimentation is brilliant.

"No Line" has something else that the band's last

offering, "How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb" didn't retain at all - the crazy rock energy. They might be a bunch of mid-life musician/activist crazies, but U2 has proven again and again that they have the ability to reinvent themselves. Changes, and drastic ones, find this album reversing the trend of the reminiscent and agedly introspective music that began with "Atomic Bomb."

My favorite song on "No Line" was "White As Snow,"



U2's new album, 'No Line on the Horizon'

a ballad from the perspective of an American soldier dying from a roadside bomb in the Middle East (we might assume Iraq or Afghanistan). In it, Bono slowly paints just enough of a picture for the listener to understand the

sadness of the situation while keeping the lyricism far out of the cliché range. It comes off very tragic. From "Get on Your Boots": "I don't want to talk about the wars between the nations ... not right now."

"White As Snow" is very different from every other song on the album because it is about war. Until this track, Bono and company had uncharacteristically avoided the subject altogether.

Although they fail to honor their apparent determination, this album does mark a

unique change in Bono's strategy to approaching social issues: they have become less explicit, and more poetic. As an example, listen to the trifurcated strands of lyricism that make up the lead single "Crazy Tonight."

U2 without the war commentary? Still worth it. I'm giving this album two thumbs

up for the quality of the music. Original lyrics and unorthodox song structures make U2's "No Line" one of the best albums to come out this year.

## THE COMMONS FARE

### 10/7-10/13

**Wednesday**  
 Dishes: Cassoulet, Pork Schnitzel, Carey Pocket  
 Soups: Corn Chowder and Beef Barley

**Thursday**  
 Dishes: Braised Pork Shanks, Casserole- Poached Chicken and Tempura Vegetables  
 Soup: Split Pea and Spanish Chicken

**Friday**  
 Chef's Choice

**Monday**  
 Dishes: Roast Pork, Shrimp Fried Rice and Macaroni and Cheese Gratinée  
 Soups: Chicken Noodle and Cream of Broccoli

**Tuesday**  
 Dishes: Chicken Chasseur, Cajun Fish Sandwich and Spinach, Mushroom and Cheese Omelet  
 Soup: Lentil and Corn Chowder

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## Upcoming movie and game releases

### Couples Retreat

Cynthia (Kristen Bell) and Jason (Jason Bateman) convince their friends to go with them on a couple's retreat to a tropical island. Most of them think this is a vacation, but soon find out the therapy sessions are mandatory. Hilarity ensues.

Rating: PG-13

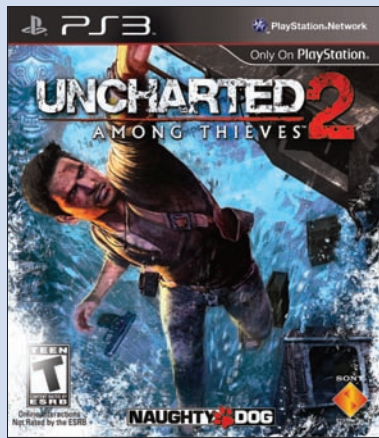
Runtime: 107 minutes



### Uncharted 2: Among Thieves

Nathan Drake is back in the highly anticipated sequel to "Uncharted: Drake's Fortune." The game looks even more visually appealing than its predecessor and offers improvements to the already great game play. Uncharted 2 also brings multiplayer to the series, which helps add great replay value.

System: PS3 Rating: Teen Release: Oct. 13



### Brütal Legend

As your standard action beat 'em up, "Brütal Legend" mixes in rock and heavy metal to keep things interesting. Jack Black from Tenacious D voices the main character, so hopefully his humor seeps into the game. The story follows Eddie Riggs, who is the world's best roadie for the world's worst heavy metal band, as he gets transported to a fantasy world focused on heavy metal.

System: PS3, Xbox 360 Rating: Mature Release: Oct. 13



## Rule #40: Go see 'Zombieland'

Max Brown  
The Commuter

"Zombieland" is yet another movie about our favorite shambling, mindless husks of what were once human beings. Luckily it is one of the few good zombie movies out there, and totally worth the time and money to see.

The movie starts out with narration about what has happened to the planet, and then provides rules on how to survive in this new world, deemed 'Zombieland' by the narrator. "Rule #2: Double tap." The narrator explains that you should not get stingy with bullets and make sure that a zombie you just shot is dead, thus avoiding becoming "a human happy meal." These rules keep popping up throughout the movie marquee-style, like on car commercials, and are usually quite hilarious.

The movie follows four main characters as they make their way to check on relatives or complete other hopeful objectives. "Zombieland" puts forth a comedic "Shaun of the Dead" kind of take to zombie movies. It has plenty of fast-paced zombie slaughter action and some romance that does not bog down the fun, yet provides a little character development in the process. It also has all the fun gore that should go with any zombie flick.

The main characters don't share their real names as they don't wish to get too close to each other. In the zombie apocalypse genre, connections to other humans can mean you do stupid things, such as break Rule #17: "Don't be a hero." So instead, the characters refer to each other as towns or places they're from or intend to go.

The narrator is an integral part of the movie as he explains things and adds great commentary to the scenes. This role is performed by the story's protagonist, Columbus,

who is played by Jesse Eisenberg (*Adventureland*). He does a fine job of assuming the role of a socially awkward ex-World of Warcraft player. Woody Harrelson does an amazing job of portraying the crazed zombie-killing badass. He has perfect timing for his one-liners and is 100 percent ruthless when it comes to the undead.

The rest of the cast is good and works well within their roles. This movie also has Bill Murray; how can you go wrong with Bill Murray and zombies? It's a hilarious combo.

Overall this zombie movie is a good one. It doesn't take itself seriously and does a great job of making you laugh. It will be a great compliment to other zombie comedies like "Shaun of the Dead." I give this movie five out of five Golden Twinkies.

Release date: Now playing  
Run time: 80 minutes  
Rated: R



## Weekly Weather Predictions

Wednesday-10/7	Thursday-10/8	Friday-10/9	Saturday-10/10	Sunday-10/11	Monday-10/12	Tuesday-10/13
Partly Cloudy 68°	Sunny 68°	Sunny 67°	Partly Cloudy 67°	Mostly Cloudy 68°	Mostly Cloudy 62°	Showers 62°

Warning: These are only predictions. For up-to-date forecasts, please look out your window. source: weather.com