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Wednesday(2/8)

  
Partial Sunnyness  
54°/36°

Thursday(2/9)

  
Some Sun  
57°/35°

Friday(2/10)

  
Clouds with Sun  
58°/38°

Saturday(2/11)

  
Drizzle  
56°/36°

Sunday(2/12)

  
Showery  
54°/39°

Monday(2/13)

  
Cloudified  
50°/35°

Tuesday(2/14)

  
Rain  
44°/42°

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# Democracy Club Leading LBCC

**Cory Warren**  
Contributing Writer

On Jan. 20, 1961, the newly sworn in 35th President of the United States, John F. Kennedy spoke the following words:

"And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country."

Students all over the nation recite this speech in classes, and these words have found themselves ingrained within modern American consciousness. Along with "We hold these truths to be self-evident..." and "four scores and seven years ago..." each invoke the strong sense of commodore and patriotism that built this nation up from nothing more than an idea of enlightened thinkers in dark times.

They seem to resonate most strongly during times of political and civil unrest, as Kennedy knew when he spoke at his inauguration during the continued struggles of the civil rights movement, the ongoing Vietnam War, and the growing tension of the increasingly nuclear-fueled Cold War.

Now as we enter into the fray of primaries and election battles, we as citizens now hold the power to step forward, and shape our nation in ever-changing times.

For LBCC's Democracy in Action Club, led by History instructor, Dr. Robert Harrison, there will be many opportunities for students and members of the LBCC community to become engaged in the role of civic participation.

During the course of 2012, students at LBCC will be given the chance to not only learn about the history of the democratic process, but also to participate in ways not just voting, but how they can

be advocates for the changes they wish to see take place.

The Democracy Club has put together many events spaced throughout the year, from a speech and panel by noted Historian, Harvey J. Kaye, on "Thomas Paine: the Unfinished American Revolution" on Feb. 21 from 12-1 p.m. in Forum 104, to discussions of the role of Media (traditional and social) in the modern political process.

For students who are interested in political activism, there were also be a opportunity through the 'Liberty Tree Fair' in April to connect with various groups representing the diverse political spectrum, and find ways to add their voice to civil political discourse.

As Club Advisor, Professor Harrison said:

"I want the students to remember that this election, and also in the years between elections, that they need to be active citizens, and that means voting. It also means being an educated voter. It means getting involved;

petitioning the government, whether it is state or federal, and contacting your state and local representatives to let them know how you feel. I want students to think of citizenship in this broad sense of how they must be responsible for the quality of

### Upcoming Events

February 21: 12-1 p.m. in Forum 104 – "Thomas Paine: the Unfinished American Revolution" by Harvey J. Kaye, with panel at 3 p.m.

March 8: "A Revolution in Media and Politics" time and location TBD.

April: Special events month at LBCC.

May 24: "Liberty Tree Fair".

July 4: "Independence Day Chautiqua – American Heroes" – Albany Court House Grounds.

October 10-17: Special Events Week.

their government. Above all, I don't want young to give up on the system."

Students are also welcome and encouraged to join in shaping the experiences of these events. On the Forth of July, many students and community members will be dressing up as important figures of American history, including founding citizens, civil rights champions, and modern figures that have left an indelible mark on this nation, and speaking of their lives.

It will also be an opportunity to celebrate those who serve this nation with honor, defending its values both as members of our armed forces, and as members of our civic heritage. Throughout the year, at the various events, students and community members who wish to register to vote can pick up the proper forms to get started.

Any student who is interested in participating in this and other events can speak with Instructor Harrison.

"Let us never negotiate out of fear. But let us never fear to negotiate" – Inauguration of John F. Kennedy.

Democracy in Action Club meets weekly in the library on Thursdays at 3 p.m.

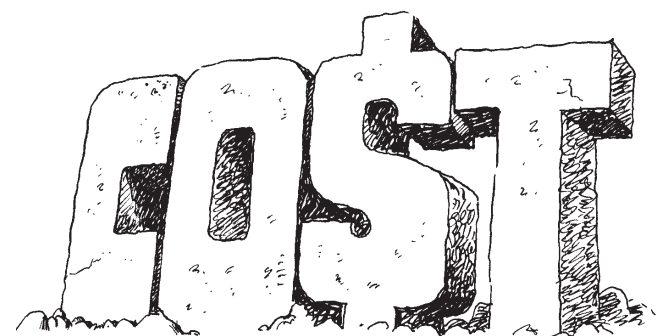
## Meeting to Discuss Funding; Why You Should Care

**Kay Roth**  
Staff Writer

If you have concerns about whether or not tuition will be going up or how community colleges, such as Linn-Benton are funded, there is a special event next week in Salem that would be worth attending. Student representatives from the Oregon Community College Student Association (OCCSA) will hold a town meeting for Oregon State Legislators on Feb. 13 in Salem. The hour long meeting will run from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. with the legislators discussing questions and topics regarding community college funding and those dreaded tuition increases.

The panel will be answering questions and have discussions with a moderator and students. The main focus will be on the topic that today's problems need to be solved today and not in the future. The questions to be fielded will be based on pre-selected topics, which were sent to the legislators. Topics include the Oregon Opportunity Grant, tuition increases and the community college support fund. For those unable to attend the meeting, the discussion will be video streamed online and to campuses unable to attend. The live feed can be accessed at <http://www.leg.state.or.us/listn/> then click on Hearing Room C.

The OCCSA is encouraging students to attend the meeting, so that they may be empowered and that legislators can hear what you have to say. Because this is such a crucial year when it comes to funding, the OCCSA hopes to be heard en masse. They believe that it is essential for community college students to be heard.



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# Active Minds Active On Campus

**Amanda Hayden**  
Copy Editor

Feb. 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Albany's Safe Haven Humane Society and Active Minds members will be teaming up, to bring some adoptable dogs to LBCC's Albany campus.

There should be about four guest canines.

Greg Jones, the Active Minds faculty advisor said, "The idea behind this is that single people feel alone around Valentine's Day and being around dogs (and possibly adopting) might improve mental health on campus."

Students are encouraged to come pet the dogs and maybe even fall in love to begin the pet adoption process.

Pet adoption paperwork will be available on-site.

Another campus event will happen the following day. James Phelps, MD, a nationally respected expert in the field of mental health, will be giving a brief presentation on various mental health topics. Phelps has more than 15 publications and hosts his own informational website. He is recognized as one of the highest nationwide experts on the topic of bipolar disorder.

He completed his education at Stanford University, Case Western Reserve University, and residency/fellowship at University of New Mexico.

Phelps will be in LBCC's Tripp Theater in Takena Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 15, from noon to 1 p.m., giving

a 45 minute lecture, followed by a 15 minute Q&A session. This presentation is entirely open to the public and is intended to be a resource to anyone interested. Business cards will be handed out, including public and community resources.

Topics to be included in the presentation:

- What to consider when depression doesn't improve.
- How to choose medication/psychotherapy.
- How to choose a therapist.
- What you should know about antidepressants.
- Nine alternatives to medication.

There is also an OSU chapter Active

Minds video screening on Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. of Kay Redfield Jamison's lecture at OSU from last quarter. The topic of this screening is "Depression and Bi-Polar Disorder in Young Adults," which will be followed by a Q&A session with OSU Counseling and Psychological Services clinicians and an OSU staff member with her own personal experience.

The Active Minds club was formed in 2001 by Alison Malmon, the sister of a University of Pennsylvania student, who committed suicide on campus a year and a half after being diagnosed with depression and psychosis.

Her main goal was to provide support to students, and to help reduce the stigma that comes along with

being given the title of "mentally ill." The Active Minds Club is highly respected and well-funded, with over 340 campus chapters nation-wide, since its inception in September 2001. The LBCC chapter has been meeting for about a year and is proud to have an active level of involvement.

The next regular LBCC club meeting is Friday, Feb. 10 at noon in Mackenzie Hall 118, gathering every other Friday. Meetings are always open to the general public.

For additional information:  
email [activemindslbcc@gmail.com](mailto:activemindslbcc@gmail.com)  
or contact faculty advisor  
Greg Jones, 541-917-4549

**We,** the students of Linn-Benton Community College send our fullest solidarity with the students at the Oregon Community College Student Association Town Hall, who have come to engage in constructive and progressive discussion about the future of community college funding in the State of Oregon. Although we students were unable to attend tonight's event due to reasons such as homework, our jobs, and our families, we send our signatures as proof of our support to the goals of the Oregon Community College Student Association (OCCSA).

In our support we believe that the fight for affordable public education at community colleges is everyone's fight in so much as we are creating the future of our state and our country in these institutions. Funding for community colleges has decreased incredibly and the overall funding for community colleges in the State of Oregon is \$80 million dollars below its minimum. On average, tuition has increased for community colleges statewide by more than 20% and making a college education increasingly unaffordable to lower income students. In addition, the funding for the Oregon Opportunity Grant has decreased which reduces the number of students who can receive need-based aid to offset the rising costs of living or raising a family.

We support the efforts of the OCCSA because funding cuts and tuition increases at Oregon Community Colleges must stop. If costs continue to rise and opportunities continue to become limited then we, as a State, move farther away from maximizing the potential of our students in the workforce, at home, and in life.

In mutual support and inspiration for February 13th we send our fullest solidarity.

To sign this letter stop by the Hot Shot Café, the Diversity Achievement Center, or the Student Union.



## In the News:

### Local:

Tigard, OR.: Jamal Tarhuni, 55, a naturalized U.S. citizen, was denied boarding a U.S. bound flight at a Tunisia airport Jan. 17, and interrogated by the FBI for reasons he claims he doesn't know. Tarhuni was helping to distribute medicine and supplies in his native country of Libya has been blocked from flying back into the US. Tarhuni flew to Libya three months ago, to personally deliver millions worth of medical supplies donated by Medical Teams International. Tarhuni is now forced to stay with extended family in Tripoli, while he is under investigation. He is only able to communicate with his wife and four kids via Skype. Tarhuni is adamant that he has never spoken to any terrorist groups, and has never done or said anything that goes against the US. His family says he made the trip himself, to ensure the supplies weren't intercepted at the port and sold on the black market.

source: KPTV

### Nation:

Hagerstown, M.D.: A Hagerstown mall was closed temporarily after a crowd became unruly, while waiting for a shoe store to open and begin selling Nike's new Foamposite sneaker. Officers went to the Valley Mall after a disturbance was reported among about 100 people waiting for the store to open Saturday morning. The sheriff's office says some shoppers told officers they had been waiting in line overnight and others began cutting in line.

source: AP

### World:

Australia: Authorities were using military helicopters and a C-130 cargo plane Sunday to evacuate thousands

of residents stranded by rising floodwaters in the eastern Australian state of Queensland. Heavy rains in recent weeks have swollen rivers beyond their banks, threatening a number of communities in Queensland and New South Wales. Authorities were using the plane and helicopters to evacuate patients from a hospital in particularly hard-hit Queensland town of St. George, where officials were warning about 4,000 residents to get out of the path of what officials say will be a record-breaking flood. According to authorities, food and medical supplies have been flown to isolated communities elsewhere in Queensland and rescue workers have already recovered the body of a woman, who died trying to drive her pickup through floodwater.

source: CNN

### Weird:

Stockholm: A five year-old pet rabbit from the small village of Kal in northern Sweden shot to online fame last week, having garnered more than 700,000 YouTube hits so far, after a clip of his sheep herding skills surfaced on a blog. The June video shows a persistent Champis running back and forth on the farm, trying to keep Nils-Erik and Greta Vigren's sheep together. Vigren said she first noted his talent last spring when they let out the sheep to graze for the first time after the long Swedish winter. Dan Westman, who's known both Champis and its owners for years, said the beige little mix-breed bunny had never been trained for the job, but seemed to have learned the ropes all on his own. Despite his tiny size, Westman said the sheep seem to pay their minder a world of respect, letting him herd them around when he feels they need some moving.

source: AP



## Office Hours with Beth Hogeland

**Justeen Elliott**  
News Editor

Beth Hogeland has been named the new vice president of Academic Affairs and Workforce Development and will be succeeding Carol Schaafsma once she retires in June.

Hogeland has served as dean for the Liberal Arts, Social Systems, and Human Performance divisions since 2009. She also served as dean of LBCC Family Resources and Education from 2002 to 2009. Apart from being dean for the past 10 years, Hogeland also taught at LBCC. She was a teacher here for 12 years and has been here for a total of 21 years.

Hogeland holds a doctorate degree in human development and family science, as well as a master's in education and a bachelor's in child development and elementary education.

What is Hogeland most famous for?

Hogeland helped bring family resources onto this college. She helped train the staff and has designed to make the community a better place. Hogeland has a background working with kids and families.

Any faculty and students, that either know her or have met her, have nothing, but kind words to say.

"Beth has an outstanding work ethic and is really devoted to LBCC," said Jeff Davis, Regional Director for Benton County. "She has invested so much time into child development, the athletics, the arts, just so many areas of this college. She



Amanda Hayden

**Beth Hogeland**

knows what students like and I am very excited that she is the new vice president."

**Commuter: What is your first act of business**

**as the new vice president of Academic Affairs and Workforce Development?**

**Beth Hogeland:** I can't answer this question just yet, as I won't be replacing Carol Schaafsma until

June 30. However, the next couple of months are going to be full of training and hiring a replacement for my current position.

**C: Why did you choose this career path?**

**BH:** I applied for this position because I want to feel like I am giving something back to this college. This is going to be the last job I do before I retire and I just want to make sure that I leave here in a better place and make sure that I help in any way I possibly can.

**C: What experience do you have?**

**BH:** While I don't have any experience as vice president, I do have experience at this college. I have been a dean here for the past 10 years and have also taught here for 12 years. I know how students learn and what they need to achieve their goals.

**C: What do you think will be the most challenging part of your new job?**

**BH:** The job will be the most challenging. I have never done this before and there are still so many things that I do not know.

**C: What do you think will be the most rewarding part of your job?**

**BH:** I hope that I will be able to help the entire school, rather than just parts of it. I hope to be able to see that what I have invested my time and resources in, makes a difference.

**LINN-BENTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRESENTS**

# FREEDOM RIDERS

**FEB. 8TH**  
**12PM - 3:30PM**  
**FORUM AUDITORIUM**

**SPEAKER (12-1)**  
**DR. ROBERT SINGLETON**

**DOCUMENTARY (1:30-3:30)**  
**AMERICAN EXPERIENCE DOCUMENTARY**  
**FREEDOM RIDERS**

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**FREEDOM RIDER SPEAKER**  
**DR. ROBERT SINGLETON IS AN ECONOMICS PROFESSOR AT LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY IN LOS ANGELES. HE BECAME INVOLVED IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND IN 1960 BECAME PRESIDENT OF THE NAACP CHAPTER AT UCLA. HE HELPED RECRUIT AND PARTICIPATED IN THE FREEDOM RIDERS MOVEMENT IN THE SOUTHERN UNITED STATES.**

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Go online to see a video office hours with Stefan Seiter, the program chair of horticulture at LBCC, filmed by Justin Bolger.

Find it online at:  
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# Brothers On and Off the Court

**Kyle Holland**  
Sports Editor

Anyone who has ever played sports at a high level can tell you how much inspiration or motivation a coach can provide. However, when you have two brothers fighting blood, sweat, and tears over a ball day in and day out, there's no better motivation than that.

Brothers Brady and Seth Brent did just that every day, for as long as they can remember.

Growing up in Central Oregon, the cul-de-sac provided the stage for many endless one on one battles. It wouldn't stop their though, when they were done setting the sun on the court, they would take the battles to the nerf ball inside, dunking over the top of each other on the plastic door hoop. The battles went on and on pushing these two into daily competitions/battles.

"We would often come to fist fights over our games, it made me better as a basketball player though and as we matured it made us both great together" Brady said.

That it has. Both players have worked their way into the Linn Benton men's basketball teams starting lineup, Brady at 6-7" and not so little brother Seth at 6-8" are providing a big force in the middle.

Having played together their whole lives, the two know every aspect of each other's game making easy for the two to be in sync on the court and off.

Head Coach Randy Falk discussed what it was like having the two brothers on the court together.

"It really helps solidify our game plan, they are on the same page with each other and in sync with what we are doing as a team too" he said.

After high school, the two split up going to different schools, but it wasn't long before the two couldn't resist being back on the court together.

"He would call me and tell me we need one more year together" Seth said.

After some phone calls and some soul-searching Brady had reached out to LB Coach Anderson, whom he had met working as a counselor at Cascade Sports Camp and asked "do you have room for a 6-8" and 6-7" players on the team?"

It wasn't much longer the two were on their way to Albany to suit up.

Now the two are roommates here in Albany and are helping the Roadrunners get back to the NWAAC tournament. Currently, the team is 6-2 in league play with Brady averaging 14.9 points and 5.5 rebounds in those games, while Seth is averaging 4.9 points and 3.2 rebounds a game in league play.

Living together again has the two spending a lot of time together again, playing Halo and Call of Duty takes up most of the non-basketball time. Even though Seth says he likes to cook, he



Above: Brothers Seth (33) and Brady Brent (31) fight for the rebound.

Left: Brady goes in for the lay-up.

Below: Seth shoots a three after getting a screen from teammate Josh Garlington.

photos by Marcea Palmer



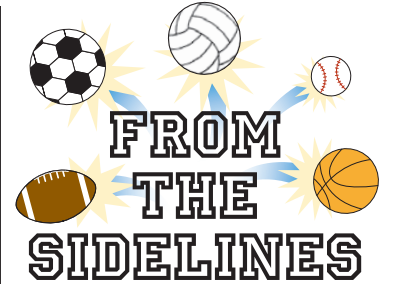
insists his brother is on his own when it comes to eating.

Cleaning house is not at the top of things to do, unless of course one of their girlfriends is coming to visit.

Then it's on, but the one that is having his girl over usually does most of the cleaning.

"He's my best friend, we would do anything for each other. It has been

awesome having a talented guy to look up to all my life" Seth said about his brother.



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**Men's Basketball**

Feb. 4

75 | 43  
LBCC | PCC

Next: Feb. 11 at Clackamas 6 p.m.

**Women's Basketball**

Feb. 4

71 | 45  
LBCC | PCC

Next: Feb. 11 at Clackamas 4 p.m.

**OSU**

**Men's Basketball**

Feb. 4

76 | 58  
OSU | Utah

Next: Feb. 9 at Oregon

**Women's Basketball**

Feb. 4

62 | 61  
OSU | Utah

A split down in L.A. has the Lady Beavers at 3-4 in PAC-12 play and 12-7 overall.

Next: Feb. 9 at Oregon

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## Human Trafficking Presentation Spreads Awareness

### News Release

Traffick Jam, a presentation on human trafficking and exploitation in American, will be held on Wed., Feb. 15 from noon to 2 p.m. Located in the Linn-Benton Community College Diversity Achievement Center, second floor Forum Building, room F-220, 6500 Pacific Blvd. SW, Albany.

Jim Westfall, cofounder of the Door to Grace Organization in Portland, will present statistics on human trafficking and share information on the organization and how communities can get involved.

Door to Grace provides restorative care services and safe shelter for children, who are survivors of commercial sexual exploitation. The presentation helps bring awareness to human exploitation in America, with special focus on Portland and the surrounding areas.

Guest speaker Jessica Richardson, a survivor of human exploitation, will share her story. She was 17, when she was trafficked from Oregon to California to Canada as part of the West Coast sex trade. Now 31 and living in Gresham, she shares her story in an effort to raise awareness about human trafficking.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the LBCC Diversity Achievement Center at 541-917-4461 and visit the following link.

more info at: [linnbentoncommunitycollege.blogspot.com/2012/02/lbcctrack-jam-presentation-on-human.html](http://linnbentoncommunitycollege.blogspot.com/2012/02/lbcctrack-jam-presentation-on-human.html)



**Wednesday: Braised Lamb\*, Chicken Gumbo w/ Creole Rice, Vegetable Lasagna w/ Marinara. Soups: Chicken and Wild Rice\* and Dilled Potato Chowder**

**Thursday: English-Style Fish and Chips, Chicken Pot Pie, Tempeh Enchiladas\*. Soups: \*Potage de Boeuf and Beer Cheese**

**Friday: Chef's Choice**

**Monday: Turkey Cutlet w/ Browned Butter Sauce, \*Texas Chili con Carne y Frijoles, Cheese and Mushroom Crepes. Soups: Mulligatawny and \*Tomato Basil**

**Tuesday: \*Salmon w/ Lentils and Sauce Smitane, Swedish Meatballs, Cheese and Fried Onions over Spaetzel. Soups: \*Egg Flower and Cheddar Cauliflower**

Items denoted with a \* are gluten free

## Freedom Riders on Campus

### News Release

Dr. Robert Singleton, one of the original Civil Rights Freedom Riders, is speaking today at Linn-Benton Community College from noon to 1 p.m. in the Forum building, room F-104, 6500 Pacific Blvd. SW, Albany.

Singleton, an economic professor at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, will speak of his experiences with the Freedom Ride, being arrested and jailed and what it meant to him then and now. A question and answer session will follow.

In 1960, Singleton was named president of the NAACP chapter at UCLA. He helped to recruit for, and ultimately participated in, the Freedom Riders movement in the south, where the riders set out to challenge Mississippi and other southern states to comply with two U.S. Supreme Court decisions ruling racial segregation unconstitutional in interstate travel.

On July 30, 1961, Singleton, along with more than 300 Freedom Riders, was arrested in Jackson, Mississippi, where the riders were tried, fined and incarcerated at Parchman

Penitentiary.

This event is free and open to the public and sponsored by the LBCC Diversity Achievement Center. For more information, contact the center at 541-917-4461.

Here is a link to an article about one of Dr. Singleton's recent speaking engagements:

[www.uidaho.edu/newsevents/item?name=facing-history-and-ourselves](http://www.uidaho.edu/newsevents/item?name=facing-history-and-ourselves)

The Freedom Riders documentary will also be shown today in Forum 104, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday 2/8-10

Purchase flowers to be delivered to that special someone for Valentines Day! Orders will be taken in Takena Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$2 for one flower; \$10 for six.

### Thursday 2/9

7:30 p.m. Community Center for the Performing Arts  
Come watch singer-songwriter Jackie Greene with Jabe Beyer perform! Tickets are \$15 in advance; \$18 at door.

### Friday 2/10

12 p.m. MKH118 Active Minds meeting! "Bring your creativity and join us!"

6:30 p.m. Corvallis Country Club "Valentines in Vegas" Tickets are \$40 a person and includes a buffet and casino games! Proceeds go to help the Benton County Historical Society and Museum.

7 p.m. Rhythm and Brews Cafe  
Yvonne Ramage performs!

8 p.m. Calapooia Brewing Company  
The Druthers perform!

8 p.m. Community Center for the Performing Arts Medium Troy, Yogan Burning Band, Tribal Spectrum and Undermind perform Bohemian Dub! Tickets are \$8 in advance; \$10 at door.

### Saturday 2/11

10 a.m.-2 p.m. LBCC Albany Campus Family Fun Day is back for it's 35th year! Everyone is invited to this fun filled, inexpensive event! Located in the Activities Center gym!

7 p.m. Whiteside Theatre Come celebrate all things love with Satin Love Orchestra! All proceeds go to "Lighting of the Marquee" project!

8 p.m. Squirrels Searchlights -- Lost Tortoise performs for the first time at Squirrels.

### Tuesday 2/14

12:30 a.m. Calapooia Brewing Company. John Shipe performs!

### Wednesday 2/15

12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Albany Campus--D.A.C. (F-220) After celebrating a day of love, come join the DAC in raising awareness about a tragedy close to home. Survivor testimony will be given by Jessica Richardson and a presentation by Jim Westfall.

8 p.m. Community Center for the Performing Arts  
The Coup performs hip-hop! Tickets are \$15 in advance; \$18 at door.

### Thursday 2/16

8 p.m. Community Center for the Performing Arts Electronica performance by Sazon Booya! Tickets are \$5 before 10 p.m. and \$8 after 10 p.m.

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

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# Happy Valentine's Day

## Valentine's How it Came to Be

Ari Nunez  
Staff Photographer

Sweetheart's candies, cheap foil-wrapped chocolates, and little boys' adorable attempts at handmade Valentine's cards; these items are just a few traditions one may think of when Valentine's Day comes to mind.

For me, however, I think of grade school (I've never had a boyfriend, so why not?). Valentine's in elementary school was great; everyone built their card mailboxes out of construction paper and cut-up milk-jugs, and no one was left out of the fun. Boys had their Star Wars cards and left the girls to their Disney Princess fun. It isn't really until middle

school or high school that Valentine's Day gets complicated, but that's okay. Out come the roses, heart-shaped cookies, and "CRUSH sodas for your crush!" It was always fun to watch guys try to out-do each other when it came to impressing their girl, if they were fortunate enough to have one.

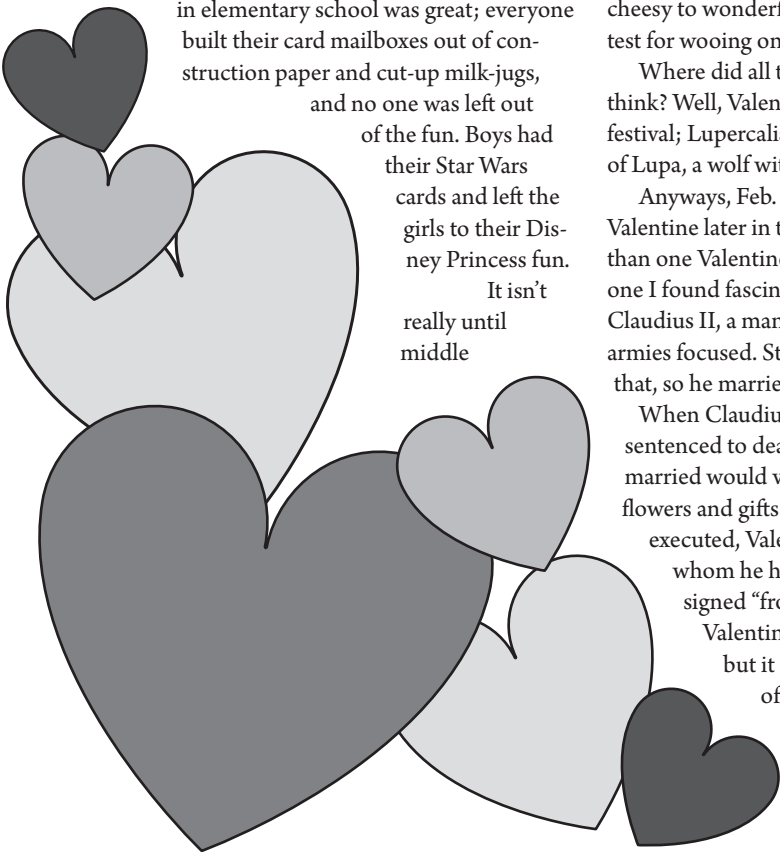
Then comes adulthood. All I can tell you about this time period in one's life is from the movies: dinner at a fancy restaurant, roses, and gifts that run from ridiculously cheesy to wonderfully sentimental. Once again, the contest for wooing one's love comes to the fore.

Where did all these traditions come from, do you think? Well, Valentine's Day has its roots in an old pagan festival; Lupercalia, to be exact. This holiday was in honor of Lupa, a wolf with a very strange story.

Anyways, Feb. 14 earned its Christian distinction of St. Valentine later in the game. Did you know there was more than one Valentine who can be linked to this day? The one I found fascinating lived under the rule of Emperor Claudius II, a man who outlawed marriage to keep his vast armies focused. St. Valentine didn't like the thought of that, so he married couples in secret.

When Claudius found out, Valentine was arrested and sentenced to death. Legend says that the couples he married would visit him before his death and give him flowers and gifts to show their gratitude. The day he was executed, Valentine left a note for the jailer's daughter, whom he had supposedly fallen in love with. It was signed "from your Valentine."

Valentine's Day may have lost its original roots, but it still carries the most important attribute of all - love. Stop stressing over making it the perfect day; instead, enjoy your traditions for what they are. They're still around for a reason!



## When Romance Dies

Jill Mahler  
Editor-in-Chief

When you first meet that special someone, it's a magical time. Your stomach is full of butterflies, you can hardly eat, and you can't wait to see them again. In short, it gives you something to live for. Not only do you try to be healthy/look good, but you try your very best to keep those dirty little secrets well hidden. But as time wears on, you begin to see why the good Lord, in his infinite wisdom, invented doors, curtain, and locks.

Let's start with everyone's favorite: *farting in bed*. It is truly the moment when you are completely comfortable with the other person. It is also the moment when your nostril hairs are synched and you are never the same. Once the first "air bubble" escapes, it is the beginning of a long downhill cycle. Some say this level of comfort is a wonderful freedom, but they are obviously the people who never had any covers pulled held over their heads.

Next one on the list is *washing each other's laundry*. This is a dangerous act of kindness, since you are bound to come into contact with the worst of the worst. The term that comes to mind is "hitting a deer" - need I say more? If your partner is a clean freak, they are sure to have a nervous meltdown.

*Going to the bathroom with the door open*. When you're first in a relationship, you will run the shower so they don't hear what you're really doing. But for some the open door policy eventually will rear its ugly head. Leaving the door open is a sure fire way of letting your loved one know "Hey, this is me!"

Finally, for the grand finale and my personal favorite; *checking the inside of your partner's nostrils*. It is kind to save someone from a moment of embarrassment, but you have to ask where it will end. I have only witnessed this act being done once in my life, but I can say from a bystander looking in, it is never a good sign. This is right up there with scratching yourself and using his electric razor to shave your legs. I miss the times when modesty and propriety were the common place. Now it's a free for all, which in my opinion, is the main underlining cause for therapy sessions and has contributed to the raise in alcohol sales. But that's the funny thing about love, you're significant other can do every gross and obscene thing in front of you and you are still head over heels about them. I guess this is how us humans have evolved.



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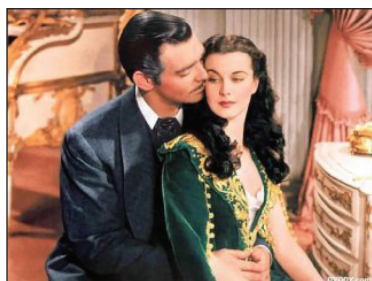
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# Hollywood's Not So Cute Couples

**Ashley Christie**  
Page Designer

Nowhere is there more dysfunctional couples than in Hollywood. The movies make us look at our lives and examine our relationships and see that things could always be much, MUCH worse. This Valentine's Day snuggle up on the couch with your sweetie, pop in one of these films, and say to each other, "At least we're not that bad."



**Scarlett O'Hara and Rhett Butler**  
**Gone with the Wind (1939)**

Always a gentleman, Rhett gives and gives and gives, while the Southern belle takes and takes and takes. In a film where everyone dies, except for the one person I wanted to see go. Frankly my dear, I didn't give a damn either.

**Jack and Wendy Torrance**  
**The Shining (1980)**

You have a nice romantic lodge to yourselves all winter, how romantic. Oh wait, your husband is an abusive, alcoholic psychopath, whose best

friend is a ghost. All work and no play makes Jack a creeper! But that hedge maze is still really cool.



**Veronica and J.D.**  
**Heathers (1988)**

Nothing brings people together like plotting a murder! These two crazy kids make such an explosive couple. Why can't Veronica see that she doesn't need to be one of the popular girls when she has a man(iac) like J.D. at her side?

**Harry and Helen Tasker**  
**True Lies (1994)**

Every relationship has its ups and downs, but just be honest. If you tell your wife you're a secret agent maybe she won't think you're so boring and go off with the used car salesman. Then she wouldn't get kidnapped by the terrorists and you wouldn't have to save her.

**Mickey and Mallory Knox**  
**Natural Born Killers (1994)**

They were completely devoted to one

another. They'd kill for each other, in fact they did. How romantic? Yeah, there's nothing wrong with these psychotic newlyweds with daddy issues. Not even prison bars could keep these to lovebirds apart.

**Romeo and Juliet**  
**Romeo + Juliet (1996)**

It doesn't really matter which version you watch, the story's the same and as dysfunctional as ever. They're teenagers and "in love," so of course it's the end of the world cause they're families hate each other. It's no reason to kill yourself, so overdramatic.

**Jack and Rose**  
**Titanic (1997)**

I know this seems like a romance to end all romances, my heart will go on, and all that crap, but let's look at the facts. Jack died because his precious Rose couldn't slide over a couple inches and make room for him. How selfish can you be! There was totally room for both of them.



**Elizabeth Bennett and Mr. Darcy**  
**Pride and Prejudice (2005)**

What do you do with two people so perfect for each other, but can't see it because their own egos get in their way? All this fighting and misunderstanding could have all been cleared up if they would just talk to each other. Drives me nuts.



**Lars and Bianca**  
**Lars and the Real Girl (2007)**

They say love is blind, but is it also delusional? She's a plastic sex toy. And I don't mean that as a demeaning remark towards the girl, I'm being literal. She's not real. I know dating can be rough, but isn't it better if they have a pulse?

**Edward and Bella**  
**Twilight (2008)**

Speaking of necrophilia ... he's an overprotective, arrogant reanimated corpse. But a rich one, so he's got that going for him. Bella is ... um ... terrible. Honestly, just a horrible excuse for a female protagonist. Will someone please explain to me why they like this unironically?

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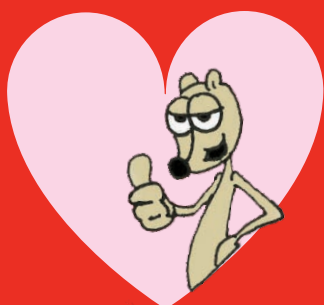
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# Love Eternal: Video Game Couples

**Sean Bassinger**  
Staff Writer

The Beatles once said “love is all you need,” but on a holiday like Valentine’s Day, some individuals feel they need something different: a way out, whether it be real or simply virtual.

Well too bad, because love is everywhere — even in our precious video games.

Since the evolution of storytelling in the mid ‘80s, the element of love continues to be a vital cog in the plot machine, whether it’s giving the protagonist something worth fighting for or simply adding some romantic passion into an already rich pot of fictional elements.

Though many games now involve some kind of romantic endeavor, the following is a list of some more popular couples in the land of video games and why they’re so memorable in the first place. Whether or not they last, well... sometimes that’s even up to the player.

## Mario + Princess Peach (The odd couple)

Like everyone else who’s played a “Super Mario” game, you’ve probably asked yourself, “How in God’s name did a chubby plumber wind up with an overly attractive princess?”

When it’s all said and done, nobody really cares — it just works.

But Princess Peach wasn’t always around. If Mario ever had a thing for Pauline (the kidnapped girl from “Donkey Kong”), it was probably ruined over the fact that he — once a carpenter — randomly decided to invest in a giant pet gorilla, who had a thing for kidnapping women.

Perhaps after this, Mario simply decided that plumbing was a better way to go.

“You know what?” he said to himself. “Chicks dig guys who kick turtles, conquer haunted houses and stomp on giant dinosaurs just to reach them.”



Turns out he was right.

Mario and Peach remain as a popular pairing, but she’s not the only princess he’s rescued ... he also swept Princess Daisy off her heels in the Game Boy’s “Super Mario Land.”

## Squall + Rinoa (The hopeless romantics)

Squall and Rinoa are the people you’ll see and find yourself saying, “these kids have it made.” Sure, it’s kind of gross how one seems to almost always be inhaling the other, but you have to respect the passion they have — at least if you’re in a good enough mood.

Every Final Fantasy (minus the first) game has a “hopelessly romantic” couple, and they’re pretty much identical. But there’s something special about Squall and Rinoa, especially since the game they’re in — “Final Fantasy VIII” — is notoriously known as “the one about love.”

What’s even more funny about this pairing is how they also cater to the whole “opposites attract” theory, given the fact that Squall is a reserved and self-motivated type, and Rinoa is described as a “free spirit.” Of course, Squall can’t help but fall in love with her “do anything, anywhere” attitude.

Anything. Anywhere. Good stuff for Valentine’s Day.

## Link + Princess Zelda (The long distance relationship)

Out of sight, out of mind? Not for these two.

In “Ocarina of Time,” Link was constantly (and I mean constantly) surrounded by other girls, but his interest always peaks in Zelda (he is saving her ass after all). As for Zelda in “Skyward Sword,” she’d rather have the comfortable, more polite Link as opposed to that muscular idiot Groose, who’s honestly... well, he’s just plain creepy.



Who would’ve thought that the representations of courage and wisdom would make such an ideal pairing? Link and Zelda may not be a smoochy bunch, but they make an excellent team.

With that being said, Zelda and Link — especially in “Ocarina of Time” and the recent “Skyward Sword” — are the couple who know how to put their heads together in a tough situation (even if they’re apart) and find their way to safety. As for their future relationship, we’ll just have to see how everything goes.



## Pac-Man + Ms. Pac-Man (The perfect match)

Everyone’s favorite piechart-shaped duo is the perfect example of an ideal match — in fact, it’s almost scary how similar they are.

Sure, they’re not the most romantic couple (though “Act 1” in the “Ms. Pac-Man” cutscenes would suggest otherwise), but they’ve got a great thing going. These two eventually become that couple you’ll see sitting on a park bench and feeding ducks together. They have stories to tell, for better or worse, and a love stronger than their cravings for the lunchtime buffet special.

Pac-Man and Ms. Pac-Man blasted into arcades decades ago, and their family’s been growing, since the ‘80s when Namco thought it would be cute to release “Jr. Pac-Man.” Later on, the entire family got their own game in the form of “Pac-Man 2: The New Adventures,” where the player can (and probably will) do everything to either help Pac-Man and his family, or completely ruin their lives (no, seriously, Google this game).

It’s safe to assume that Pac-Man and Ms. Pac-Man are of the greatest couples in gaming history. After all, they spawned an entire nest of little Pacs — there’s a Pac-Baby and (somehow) a Pac-dog — to continue the family legacy, and eventually drive an aged Pac-Man and Ms. Pac-Man to the park after their bingo tournament with the ghosts.

# Voodoo Doughnuts Put a Spell on You

**Justeen Elliott**  
News Editor

People often ask why anyone would stand in line from anywhere to 10 minutes to an hour, just for doughnuts. It’s because it is the BEST doughnut you will ever have — hands down. To most people, it is hard to say which is the best, but the most famous one, and the one that is always sold out, is the Bacon Maple Bar, which is just a maple bar with two strips of bacon on top of it.

According to the Bacon Goddess, she too believes that the Bacon Maple Bar looks to be the best creation ever.

“I found the most amazing place ... where doughnuts are more than just tasty snacks. There was a voodoo doll doughnut, doughnuts with candy and cereal on them, doughnuts with grape sugar dust, a doughnut that looks like a blunt and doughnuts that look like naughty bits. And, yes, one doughnut even contains bacon!” blogged the Bacon Goddess.

Voodoo Doughnuts always draws a crowd. It doesn’t matter what time it is, there is always a line at all three of their locations. They are located in two different places in Portland and have recently opened up a new location in Eugene.

Voodoo Doughnuts has been around since 2003. The owners, Kenneth “Cat Daddy” Pogson and Tres Shannon, have been friends for awhile and wanted to start a unique and different business that was fitting for Portland. When they first started Voodoo Doughnuts, neither of them knew how to even make a doughnut, so they went down to Los Angeles to learn from the doughnut masters and learned how to make



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doughnuts from the ground up.

They are most known for their unusual doughnuts and their eccentric décor in all of their shops. They are also known for their iconic pink boxes with their logo on the cover. All over the outside bricks of the Voodoo Doughnuts’ location, they are all painted gold with sparkles. Then as soon as visitors walk inside, they are instantly greeted not only with the smell of fresh doughnuts, but with the color pink.

Pink is their trademark color and is in all of their locations. Also along the walls are giant plastic doughnuts, merchandise, and underwear inside a frame. In every location, there are also chandeliers randomly placed.

It has been known that once people have bought their doughnuts and have walked away



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Above: The famous Bacon Maple Bar.

Left: Colorful array of Voodoo doughnuts.

from the building, people will offer money for your doughnuts. They have also been featured in the new hit TV show “Grim” and were featured on the Food Network.

“Every time I go to any Voodoo location, as soon as I step out the door, I have at least two bums asking for doughnuts, and when I’m walking down the street, I have at least three people that are offering me money for my doughnuts because they don’t want to stand in line,” said regular customer Cheryl Davis from Portland, OR.

Voodoo Doughnuts has 44 different doughnuts available, in both regular and vegan. If visitors are confused as what to get, why not get a Voodoo Dozen? With a Voodoo Dozen they pick all of the doughnuts for you, which makes it easier for you and for them, as it saves the next

customer’s wait time.

Some of the most random ones people will find there, apart from the Bacon Maple Bar, are the Voodoo Doll, the Gay Bar, and the Maple Blazer Blunt. The Voodoo Doll is a raspberry filled voodoo doll with a pretzel through its heart. The Gay Bar has all colors of the rainbow on it, aka fruit loops. Finally, the Maple Blazer Blunt is a doughnut shaped like a blunt with maple frosting and red sprinkles on the side.

Not only do they sell doughnuts, but they also sell ale. Rogue Bacon Maple Ale to be exact. This is one of their newest creations and is based on their Bacon Maple doughnut. They are starting to sell these at every Voodoo location along with at the Rogue Stores and on the Rogue Ale website.

One other thing that Voodoo Doughnuts does is they are ordained ministers. People can get married at any of their locations. The weddings cost anywhere from \$25 to \$5,000. Wonder what the cake is like? It’s a voodoo cake!

Have a special occasion coming up? Then why not get a special order of doughnuts? They have four packages, and they all cost \$35. They have a unicorn, where they place miscellaneous doughnuts around the decorated unicorn center piece. They also have a cowboy, a robot, and a spaceship, where, much like the unicorn center piece, they place random doughnuts around them.

If there is something that visitors wanted to buy that wasn’t available in the stores at the moment, then they can go to their website and order anything from a \$5 gift certificate to women’s underwear.



# SPECIAL Date Night Ideas



Kody Kinsella

Selling flowers above are Rick Klampe (left) and David Becker (right).

## Your Honeybee Needs Flowers

Jill Mahler

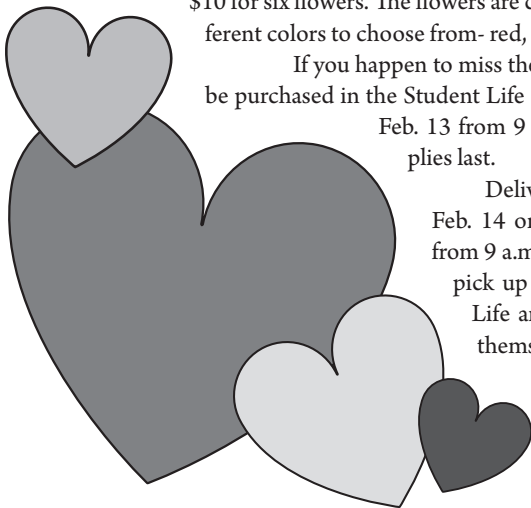
Editor-in-Chief

Wanting to show that special someone how you feel or how much you care for Valentine's Day? Your in luck, you can skip the florist and purchase flowers here on LBCC Campus. In addition, all of the profits go to benefit the following clubs and organizations on campus: Phi Theta Kappa, Science Club, ITS Welding, Dance Club and ROV Club.

Flowers will be sold on campus for the rest of this week from Feb. 6-10 in Takena Hall from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The cost will be \$2 for one flower and \$10 for six flowers. The flowers are carnations, with three different colors to choose from- red, white and pink.

If you happen to miss these dates flowers can also be purchased in the Student Life and Leadership office on Feb. 13 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., while supplies last.

Delivery of flowers will be Feb. 14 on the main campus only from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. People can also pick up their flowers in Student Life and Leadership to deliver themselves, if so desired.



## Valentine's Day Flower Sale

Show your appreciation & affection while supporting LBCC campus clubs! Flowers will be delivered on the Albany campus only on Feb. 14 between 9 a.m. & 3 p.m.

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## Radcliffe Stars in Woman In Black

Carli Gibson

A&L Editor

I was afraid to go see "The Woman In Black." Not because it's a scary movie, but because I had extremely high expectations for it and one thing I've learned about movies is that you should never go in with high expectations.

I got lucky though, my high expectations for this movie were met. It was scary, I won't say that it was absolutely terrifying, but it had me jump quite a few times, scream like a little girl, and my eyes were covered for half of the movie.

My next fear for this movie was the main character Arthur Kipps, aka Daniel Radcliffe. Being an extreme Harry Potter nerd, I was afraid I would be so concentrated on the idea that he's still Harry Potter, but that fear was quickly cast aside. (Get it? "Cast" aside?)

Radcliffe did a great job after playing Harry Potter for so long, transitioning to a new character. Although there were only subtle differences between Potter and Kipps: Where Potter was almost stubbornly brave, Kipps was only as brave as the curiosity of the audience wanted him to be. It was a great performance.

I suppose Kipps' bravery mostly stemmed from the typical scary-movie-character-persona. You're in a house alone and you hear footsteps upstairs? Of course you go investigate. Personally, I'd run for it, but you go for it, bud; I'll just sit here and watch.

In the movie, Kipps works for a



Daniel Radcliffe finds life after Harry Potter with "The Woman in Black."

law firm. Widowed and with a son, he takes any job he can to support his family. He got a job to travel to a remote village for a few days to work on paper work for a deceased woman.

He can only get to and from the woman's house at certain times of the day because the ocean tide will cover the only long stretch of road that leads to the house, which means during high tide he's stuck.

He quickly befriends a local by the name of Mr. Bentley (Roger Allam), who carts Kipps back and forth and offers him a place to stay. Unlike the rest of the town, Bentley doesn't buy into the superstition of the woman in black, but the hauntings that Kipps experience is enough to turn even Bentley into a believer.

When Kipps first gets to the house, there are a few scenes that made me jump, but nothing ghostly mostly just

intense music and loud noises. The hauntings really begin to happen when Kipps decides to stay overnight at the house to try and get all the paperwork done and get the hell out of there. Basically he decides that because the house is haunted and creepy enough during the day, night time would be a perfect time to be there.

Kipps' bravery ... or stupidity, however you prefer to see it, makes a great movie involving objects moving on their own, old creepy toys playing old creepy music, and scariest of all: the woman in black. She'll send a chill down your spine and keep you from sleeping at night. (I highly recommend a night light and a guard dog; they're your best defense against any scary movie.)

The Woman in Black  
Rated: PG-13 | Runtime: 95 min.

## Vault 244 Holds Big City Vibe

Aaron Keen

Contributing Writer

Vault 244 bistro/lounge brings a big city vibe to small-town Albany.

Located in downtown Albany on 244 SW First Ave., Vault 244 offers a unique blend of big city cuisine and atmosphere with small town prices and values.

For starters, the Tapas, or appetizers if you will, include: Mac and Cheese, Four Cheese Fondue, Fish and Chips, Grilled Halibut Fish Tacos, Zucchini Cakes, Prawn Scampi, SW Chicken Quesadilla, and Spinach with Artichoke Dip. All reasonably priced between 6-12 dollars. The Four Cheese Fondue and Spinach and Artichoke dip are served with bread and tortilla chips.

Vault 244 includes a wide range of entrees from Stuffed Salmon and Hand Made Ravioli to Dover Sole Piccata and Grilled Pork Tenderloin, as well as three different types of steak including; an 8oz Prime Top Sirloin, a 9oz Hanger Steak, and a "Kobe Style" Waygu Flat Iron Steak. The steak is extremely tender and served with roasted potatoes and asparagus with a balsamic herb butter glaze. Price of entrees vary from \$12-27.

Desserts include French Flourless Torte, Local Apple and Pear Crumble, White Chocolate Tiramisu, Creme Brulee, and Oregon MarionBerry Crostata. Desserts are all



Aaron Keen

"Kobe Style" Waygu Flat Iron Steak dinner entree at Vault 244 in Albany.

priced \$6 or \$7.

If your looking for a few drinks at happy hour or a nightcap at the end of a long day, the Vault has plenty of adult beverages mixed with an up-scale yet laid-back environment.

The wait staff is decked out in traditional black-tie apparel and ready and eager to meet one's needs. Vault 244 doesn't have any loud music blaring, and dim lighting accompanied with beige and black wall tones, make for a calm and relaxing atmosphere. The ceiling is equipped with tiny circular

lights that give one the impression of sitting outside looking up at the stars.

"I like to come here for the drinks and the appetizers," says Barbara Hammond, a regular customer at Vault 244. "It's a great place to get a couple drinks. It has an up-scale vibe, but no one here acts snobby."

So, if your looking for a big city vibe right here in small town Albany, Vault 244 is the place for you.

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# Why I Hate Valentine's

Ian Butcher  
Staff Writer

February 14. A date that will live in infamy.

It's that time of the year again, where single people are put out to dry, while the restaurants and card companies make bank. It's that day where you sit alone at home watching "500 Days of Summer" telling yourself that you will meet your Autumn (spoilers) by next year. What are you going to do when all of your friends are out with their significant others laughing it up?

Let me tell you a revelation I've had about this so called holiday we've come to know as Valentine's day. IT DOESN'T MATTER! It doesn't matter if you're single, and it sure as hell doesn't matter if you're in a relationship. Valentine's day is part marketing ploy, and part intergalactic scam. What do you mean, you may ask? Allow me to tell you...

For those who are in relationships, Valentine's Day isn't about showing someone how much you love them; it's about how much you buy (usually the guy) for the other person. It's

about how much money you are spending, because one day out of the year, buying those flowers, or the expensive dinner will really prove how much you love that person. I'm here to tell you that that's not the case at all. It's so that the money you've shelled out will go to that flower stand, or that expensive meal with the wine and dessert.

Generally, Valentine's day is seen as a day when you can really show that special someone how much you love them. However, I pose a simple question: Why should February 14 be different than any other day? You think that just because someone tells you to be a mindless drone on this one day means that you will win the affections of that special someone that much more? If you really love this person, it shouldn't matter what the calendar says. You are in a relationship because you (presumably) love this person and care for them deeply.

So here's a little tip: Maybe do a little something on the 14th. But wait to go out until, maybe, the week after when the prices aren't so high and aren't so packed with love zombies. Or go out when it feels right for your relationship.

The point is that you should be an individual and not care about a silly date on a calendar. You know how your relationship works, and don't let your corporate masters tell you how to run it.

For those who are single, it's not about wallowing in your own chaotic insecure disillusion. As we've discussed before, it's not about anything. Really, think about this: What's it to you? Why should you be worried that a date on the calendar – that's only sole purpose of emptying your pockets – is going to have an impact on your love life? How is this day different from any other day? You shouldn't look at this day as the end of the world, or a clear sign that you will be forever alone. Remember that it's just the greatest fake holiday possible.

Now Arbor day on the other hand...



## Single?

Ian Butcher  
Staff Writer

You're single. You happen to live in the Corvallis area. What is one to do?

Well after you pull yourself out of your self inflicted alcoholic stupor, you could always go to one of the many flower stands around town to get a lovely bouquet. I prefer ordering a nice bundle of flowers from Leading Flower CO. in Corvallis.

They have great prices as well as a fantastic selection of Valentines day themed flowers that you can send to your ex. I prefer the Love-Fest bouquet that will best illustrate the nights crying and vomiting you've spent ever since you were dumped at the turn of the new year.

Maybe your ex and their significant other are planning on shaking things up for Valentines and are participating in the Osborn Aquatic Center's Amazing Race. At a scant \$20 you can follow your ex as they begin a scavenger hunt from the Majestic theater and run all around Corvallis. Maybe this time they will see the tears and bags under your eyes from the many nights you've spent up and alone screaming

at the wall. Maybe this time they will take you back.

What's that? They are both taking a pedicab around town? Well those are affordable and fun to ride on so get your own and follow them around town until that special someone sees you and realizes what a mistake they made in leaving you. Then when they go to Fireworks Restaurant and Bar you can convince to Brazilian style guitarist to play your favorite song from when the two of you were together. That has to stir something up aside from a restraining order.

Then when the night comes to a close and you book a room at the Harrison House Bed and Breakfast, you can deck the whole thing out in hearts and chocolates that say "I love you". This way when your ex and their significant other walk through the door and ask how you found out about this room, you can really show them your deep seeded love.

So as the cops load you into the back of the patrol car, hopefully you will think of a more constructive and less destructive thing to do on February 14. It is after a fake holiday and is just meant to sell cards and chocolates.

## Sex AND THE Campus

### Where to Meet Singles

Jill Mahler  
Editor-in-Chief

Let's face it, meeting new people is difficult. Similar to the proverbial phrase "Rain, rain everywhere and not a drop to drink," we are constantly surrounded by people, but finding someone you are compatible with is no easy feat. With the most romantic holiday around the corner, you might be on the lookout to find that special someone.

Anywhere you go, the biggest

key to successfully kicking it off with someone is in your approach. Being confident is the sexiest trait. Confidence isn't something you can fake. You have to know your strengths and what makes you a great catch. In addition, being open-minded is crucial.

Consider the following if you are searching for great places to meet other singles.

#### Women:

Men's Warehouse - Loitering inside a Men's Warehouse may seem out of place, but the men who shop there tend to have money and know how to dress nicely - score. Go buy your dad a tie and maybe you'll also pick yourself up a date.

#### Men:

Victoria's Secret - You may believe that prowling for women in a Victoria's Secret is an promising

setting, but you would be surprised. Although women who shop at V.S. may be looking for lingerie, there is a reason. The women in Victoria's Secret are most likely taken and looking for their significant other. Don't waste your time.

The great thing about college is it's a clean slate, with an abundance of people. You never know whom you are going to meet or what tomorrow will bring. *Looking for a social opportunity on campus to meet new people? Attend the campus mixer, The Commuter and Student Life and Leadership is hosting the mixer on Feb. 13, from noon - 2:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Light refreshments and door prizes will be provided and who knows what else you may find there.*

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# STRAIGHT FROM THE

## Hartsock

Brain stuffing from the frumpy sock monkey



## Lies Hollywood Loves

Jennifer M. Hartsock

Opinion Editor

What do Rachel McAdams, Cameron Diaz, and your girlfriend all have in common? Well, the first two are Hollywood actresses and have starred in popular romance movies. Your girlfriend, however, just expects your relationship to play out like theirs.

Most romance movies have the exact same three parts: The Build-up, the Conflict, and the Make-up. The first and last parts aren't so bad.

The Build-up consists of boy meets girl, boy woos girl, and girl falls for boy. Rachel McAdams and Ryan Gosling are young and in-love. Cameron Diaz and Jude Law are a bit older, and also in-love. Steve Carrell and Catherine Keener, two adults with adult problems, find real love.

The Make-up is when girl gets thrown against a wall, and ravished by boy. Then boy and girl live happily ever after. Josh Hartnett lifts Diane Kruger's chin at the airport, together at last. Chris Egan confesses his love to Amanda Seyfried from a balcony and receives the kiss of a lifetime.

But what about the middle part? And, more importantly, how does it influence a relationship?

Even though they are happy and content in the Build-up, some conflict splits them apart. Sandra Bullock gets tired of being Hugh Grant's confidant. Katherine Heigl questions the intentions of potential-husband James Marsden. Eva Mendez feels betrayed by Will Smith's true identity. There are hateful words, sometimes physical fighting, and a spectacular storm off. The door is slammed shut, and there's no going back.

The most important thing to note is that afterward, everything is better than it was before. Eventually, the longing is just too much; their desire just too great, and these hormone-raging, heart-gushing, dramatic love-birds realize the error of their ways during the – you guessed it – Make-up part. And, from watching these romances, we all know how great that part is, right?

They say we're all influenced by media, and you're damn right we are. These countless examples of romance tell us (usually females) how a relationship is supposed to work. Relationships are supposed to have conflict and drama. Fighting actually enhances our relationships and fuels the passion. Young girls watch these silly movies, and they see, countless times, that it is attractive, healthy, and downright insatiable to get in a huge fight and have an incredible make-up.

Sure, there are certain people, who can selectively ignore the influence of media, but for the majority of us, the examples we see time and time again are what mold our vision of real love. The problem is that movies are not real life.

When people's feelings get hurt in real life, they don't always come back. More often than not, it's better off for them that they don't. Life is full of honest and good people, who want to treat others well. For those who still crave tension and drama, a choreographed flash mob sequence in her honor doesn't always win back the girl's heart. Interrupting the Divorced Women's Group, and confessing, "You complete me," doesn't always excuse an empty marriage and an abandoned child.

The three-act structure of most films isn't really all it's cracked up to be. It is a structure used for fiction, not for real relationships. So for those of us who grew up thinking that this is the way it's supposed to be – that it's romantic and passionate – real life is different, and it should be different.

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## Dear Conscience,



### What do you think of Valentine's Day?

**Jill Mahler**

Shoulder Devil

Ahh, amoré is in the air. You think with my background I would be against Valentine's Day, but in fact, I am rather fond of the holiday.

Let me start with something my friend... I can't do it, the leech I have to spend my Valentine's with, doesn't understand it's all about the moolah. Valentine's isn't about love or showing that special someone you care -- it's about how much cash you can blow.

Make it rain. You would be surprised by the amount of money people blow during the "special day," and guess who reaps all those profits. All those 9-5 shifts don't mean squat when females want something that sparkles.

The number one gift for Valentine's is jewelry, followed by chocolates. Some people go to theatres to watch chick flicks, I just kick back. Nothing is better to watch on Valentine's than a man struggle to explain why he didn't get the right gift or why he hesitated when she asked if she looks bigger after gobbling up that pound of chocolates earlier.

Valentine's is also a special day for those who are single. They cry into their drinks as they sneer at the couples in the corner booths -- ahh, priceless. Don't be fooled by those trouble makers, love isn't really in the air, but the H1N1 virus is.

Isn't it ironic that the mascot for Valentine's is a baby, as if to say love is a naïve and an easily-distracted thing? How do we prove we are in love? By buying shiny objects and fatty foods -- sounds about right.

(Ps. I have a Valentine's gift for you Shoulder angel and it's ticking right now!)

**Jennifer M. Hartsock**

Shoulder Angel

Oh, my evil antagonist, you've come such a long way in seeing the brightest side of your hell hole. I bet that with just one more heart-to-heart chat, we'll have you wearing a halo in no time!

But until then, I'll never falter in offering excellent and noble advice.

Valentine's Day can be such a hassle for single people and for couples. It's a shame, because it could be a really great day for both.

Take my word for it: If you've been wandering through life an empty vessel, and have found "the one," you know just how wonderful Valentine's Day can be! True love sprouts from the inner-most cushion of your heart, and blossoms into an unconditional, heart-warming orchid that lasts your entire life.

Love in its truest form is never naïve or easily-distracted. The problem is that certain inexperienced and conflicted people believe that love is better with extra gifts and praise on one particular day. It becomes more about proving someone's worth than expressing your feelings. An extravagant evening means you're loved and cared for, whereas a simple smile implies that you're not worth the effort.

This may be the case with some couples, but if so, that relationship isn't worth the long-haul.

Valentine's Day is what you make of it. When your relationship is based on respect and trust, Valentine's Day won't become a hassle, but just another day to celebrate being together.

This is what every day should truly be about: appreciating what you have, and expressing that to the people who make it so.

## Chester Love's Guide to Romance How to Score a Date with a Hottie

**Chester Love**

Star of Fried Bananas

Valentine's Day is upon us, and you find yourself without a hot date. Never fear, Chester Love is here. And I'm going to help you pick up a hottie for the day of love.

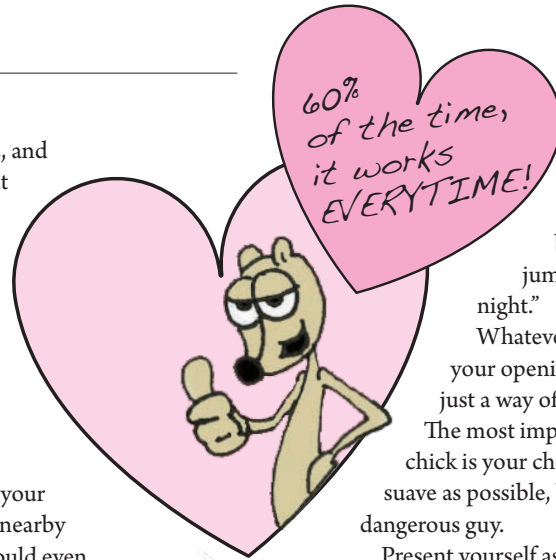
Finding a suitable female is a difficult step. There are a few places I can suggest though. The bar is always a hot spot of desperation, especially around this time of year. If the bar is not your scene, try the mall, or perhaps a nearby party or local school yard. You could even arrange to 'bump' into a woman outside of her house.

Once you have a place to stalk your prey, you must use your hunting instincts to find the right girl. Do you want a cute bubbly girl or a voluptuous babe? I prefer the red-headed foxes myself.

The main thing you want to look out for is the girl who is just begging to be caressed with love. That is to say, the one that looks the most desperate.

Once you have found the lovely lady of the night, you must prepare to make your move. Time the moment right -- wait until she's not talking to anyone else. If she's surrounded by friends, create a distraction to split them up.

Don't let her see you approaching, this could scare the



potential love bunny away. You want to sneak right up next to her and surprise her with a solid one-liner. I prefer the classics, such as "You must be tired, because you've been doing jumping jacks in my mind all night."

Whatever you choose to go with for your opening line, remember that it's just a way of getting your foot in the door. The most important part of picking up a chick is your charisma. You want to be as suave as possible, but remember: Chicks love a dangerous guy.

Present yourself as a tough guy with a heart of gold and a sly smile. If you can make her laugh, then you know you have her hooked. All you need to do is reel her in, and you'll have her in your net in no time.

After you have her within your grasp, you have two options. Stay and roll the dice to get lucky or leave her wanting more.

Now, I know many of you will be pressed for time with Valentine's day so close, but I do suggest leaving your sultry minx on a cliffhanger. In order to seal the deal, there is one method sure to succeed.

You are an adventurer; your life is dangerous. Either you must leave right that moment or you are going into a very dangerous situation tomorrow. Surrounding yourself in mystery and intrigue is sure to excite her. All that's left is to do the deed. If all else fails, just cop a feel.

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## “SoulCaliburV”: More of the Same

Sean Bassigner  
Staff Writer

The “SoulCalibur” series was always impressive, but Namco has yet to recreate what players felt during the early years.

Granted, SoulCalibur games need not be entirely fresh to be enjoyable – but like all things in life, the obvious “lather, rinse, repeat” cycle becomes dull for fans craving more.

Ranked number five on Complex.com’s “50 Best Fighting Games of All Time,” “SoulCalibur” – following success in the arcades – found a new home on the Sega Dreamcast. The first sequel launched in 2003 on all three major consoles of the generation, followed by two additional chapters and a bombed segue (“SoulCalibur: Legends”). According to VG247.com, the latest, “SoulCalibur 5,” was initially announced at a conference in Dubai last May.

But like every other sequel after the second installment, “SoulCalibur 5” gives players what’s expected – and that’s about it.

The next chapter in a tale “told for all eternity” (and they’re not kidding) continues in medieval times, 17 years from the last game. The main protagonist, Patroklos, searches for his lost sister Pyrrha, while attempting to locate an evil “malfested” girl – a demonically possessed individual – who kidnapped her and killed their mother. Players switch back and forth between character perspectives, revealing experiences from both Patroklos’s and Pyrrha’s point of view.

Following in the footsteps of its immediate predecessor, “SoulCalibur 5’s” offline story only takes away from other quality aspects of the game. The plot is painfully predictable, and the overall fighting routine becomes quickly repetitive, presenting you with limited items to be unlocked. In fact, the only real objective is to reach the next cut-scene, so “SoulCalibur” veterans will probably yearn for the days when there were plenty of missions, collectible items, and the ability to choose your character. This is, however, still an excellent time to experiment with character moves.

When fighting the computer, constant kicking (sadly) goes a long way, even when the difficulty level seems harder. This might have been acceptable in the days of “Mortal Kombat 2,” but one would think a computer opponent capable of blocking more complicated moves could deal with repetitive kicks.

“SoulCalibur 5” lacks innovation, but the visual appearances and general mechanics remain golden. For starters, everyone’s favorite characters look more realistic than ever. With reoccurring appearances from fan favorites like Nightmare (obviously), Sigfried, Ivy, Astaroth, and Voldo, there are 29 selections total (not counting custom fighter options).

Like previous entries before it, character movements and animation are almost flawless, and feature some of the smoothest graphics ever witnessed in a “SoulCalibur” title. Character move patterns seem similar to their predecessors, placing an emphasis on both classic and modern “SoulCalibur” mechanics. Thankfully, none of the fighters seemed brutally overpowered, which is a minor flaw prominent in the first games.

The second installment to offer online matches, “SoulCalibur 5” has a sturdy match lobby, allowing for both random pairings and selectable challenges. Spikes in online latency are rare, though unfortunately devastating when present. There’s a chance you’ll get pinned up against someone greater than you in the first match, but balancing seems to even out after completing more fights.

Though it might sound strange, the most immediate fun in “SoulCalibur 5” involves the character creator. Whether you’re looking to construct the babe of your dreams or an ideal macho destroyer, you’ll probably spend most time playing with the different equipment types – additional accessories can be unlocked – and physical features.

You’ll laugh, cry, and maybe even throw up a bit, because there are some pretty gnarly-looking characters created by others in the “quick match” offline mode.

Overall, exceptional visuals and a sturdy match-up system make “SoulCalibur 5” a reasonable, but all-too-familiar package. Repetition makes the full \$60 price tag of the game difficult (if not impossible) to justify, since most features are already available in “SoulCalibur 4.” Like every other relaunch of a popular fighting game, the greatest appeal in “SoulCalibur 5” is how it offers a (technically) fresh battleground for both new and returning players to embrace.

Perhaps someday Namco will recreate what everyone felt in 1998 and 2003. Meanwhile, you could simply rent the newest chapter and create a clever-wielding Richard Simmons to fight player X’s “generic skimpy school girl,” and player Y’s “outrageous sumo surprise.”

## Tim Allen is the Last Man Standing

Dale Hummel

Contributing Writer

Tim Allen is back on the small screen with a new sitcom that has some similarities to his 1990’s TV show “Home Improvement,” but there are differences. Differences that could make “Last Man Standing” last well past syndication.

Mike Baxter (Allen) is a marketing executive at a large sporting goods store called Outdoor Man. At work, Mike rules with a “King-of-the-Hill” kind of attitude and really enjoys his sales trips and promoting the goods the company offers; however, at home there are four women, and he is always the “odd man out.” Mike’s “that’s what’s wrong with the world today” rants always earn eye rolls from the ladies in his family, but seem to make sense to most everyone in his company.

When Mike’s boss and company owner, Ed Alzate (Hector Elizondo), tells him that he is shutting down the catalog department, Mike has to change to the cyber world to stay with the company. Because of the changes in the department, Mike stays home more now and his wife Vanessa (Nancy Travis) goes to work.

This creates quite a challenge for him at home in dealing with his daughters. Mike struggles with teaching his daughters old-fashioned family values, while keeping his masculinity intact, run a business, and keep up in a modern world.

Fans of Tim Allen shouldn’t be disappointed with this sitcom. I was kind of surprised that ABC aired this show. Mike Baxter shares his opinion on several of today’s issues, including child-proofing a house, child care with alternative ideas, vegans, fantasy football, soccer, Obamacare, and others. The character seems a bit on the conservative side for what network broadcasting is today. Not unlike other shows of the past, like “All in the Family,” “That 70’s Show,” “Sh!T My Dad Says,” and even “According to Jim.”

So far, “Last Man Standing” isn’t gaining too much support in the entertainment world. Daniel Fienberg, who writes for hitfix.com, calls the show a “dreadful new Tim Allen sitcom.” According to hollywoodreporter.com, the show is “A predictable sitcom with a stupid premise and bad acting.”

Despite the bad reviews from critics, “Last Man Standing” definitely fills the niche of manly-men, who enjoy watching television without the onslaught of left-leaning TV shows that attempt to push alternative ideas that flood the prime-time air waves of America.

If you like “Home Improvement,” you’ll love “Last Man Standing.”

*Last Man Standing airs Tuesdays at 8 p.m. on ABC*



## Gamer’s Log: Soul Calibur V

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 <p>“Soul Calibur” is a fighting game, based on an ongoing war surrounding two legendary swords.</p>	 <p>There are several game modes, The classic arcade mode is only 6 stages long.</p>	 <p>Even though it was short, it took me awhile to beat, because Nightmare is a jerk.</p>	 <p>If you feel confident in your skills, you could try out the online vs mode, or watch replays.</p>	 <p>The story mode features a whiney prick and his annoying coward sister. In a terrible excuse for a story.</p>
 <p>The story mode had two types of cutscenes. There were some nicely rendered scenes, but most were lame sideshows.</p>	 <p>The guest character, Ezio Auditoro from “Assassin’s Creed,” was sadly a let down.</p>	 <p>The customization options are expansive, and I got obsessed with creating and changing characters.</p>	 <p>It doesn’t matter how big or small “they” are, there is no escaping the jiggle effect. It is unneeded.</p>	 <p>Overall the game is simply a “Soul Calibur” game. It just made me want to play the tower of lost souls from “SC4”</p>



## HOROSCOPES Poetry Spotlight



**ARIES**  
3/21-4/19  
You may long to hold the love of your life, but a conversation will feel just as sweet.



**TAURUS**  
4/20-5/20  
Good times are ahead; there is no shame in sitting back and relaxing.



**GEMINI**  
5/21-6/21  
You are never truly alone, although you may be stuck with someone you don't like.



**CANCER**  
6/22-7/22  
You may feel pressured to do something you don't want to do, so don't do it.



**LEO**  
7/23-8/22  
No one can resist your charm this week. Take advantage of everyone around you.



**VIRGO**  
8/23-9/22  
You may be a world apart, but only a few words away from the love of your life.



**LIBRA**  
9/23-10/23  
It takes a lot of sadness and loneliness to appreciate the good. Think of it as a future investment.



**SCORPIO**  
10/24-11/21  
You might be alone at the moment, but maybe that is a good thing.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
11/22-12/21  
Another archer might be getting all the attention at the moment, but you're still cool.



**CAPRICORN**  
12/22-1/19  
You may be on your own, but that won't bring your spirits down. You're just too awesome for that.



**AQUARIUS**  
1/20-2/18  
Being surrounded by good intentions is nice, but peace and quiet is nice too.



**PISCES**  
2/19-3/20  
Times are good when they are spent with the ones you love. Enjoy.

### A Mother's Vow by Delores Ebert

Delicate flutter  
a butterfly's kiss  
first embrace  
maternal bliss.

A new spring bud  
so tightly wound  
presented upon  
a silken mound.

You drink me in  
I pull you close  
inhale your scent  
like the bloom of a rose.

The love I give  
from in my soul  
my heart I lose  
to you in whole.



## BACK in the DAY

### This day in history ...

**February 8, 1955 - Again and again and again**  
John Grisham, author of 50 legal thrillers (that are all really the same book), was born.

**February 9, 1960 - Among the stars**  
Joanne Woodward gets the first star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. No one told her that the stars have to pay to keep those things maintained.

**February 10, 1996 - The Terminator**  
Gary Kasparov loses a chess game to an IBM computer. It was on this day that Skynet became self-aware.

**February 11, 1990 - Morgan Free is smiling somewhere**  
Nelson Mandela is released from prison in South Africa.

**February 12, 2008 - Revenge of the Fallen**  
The 100-day writers guild strike ends. We now know who to blame for Transformers 2.

**February 13, 1633 - Of course he's wrong**  
Galileo is in Rome for an inquisition regarding his outlandish theory that the earth orbits the sun.

**February 14, 278 - A holiday tradition**  
St. Valentine is beheaded in Rome. It seemed timely.

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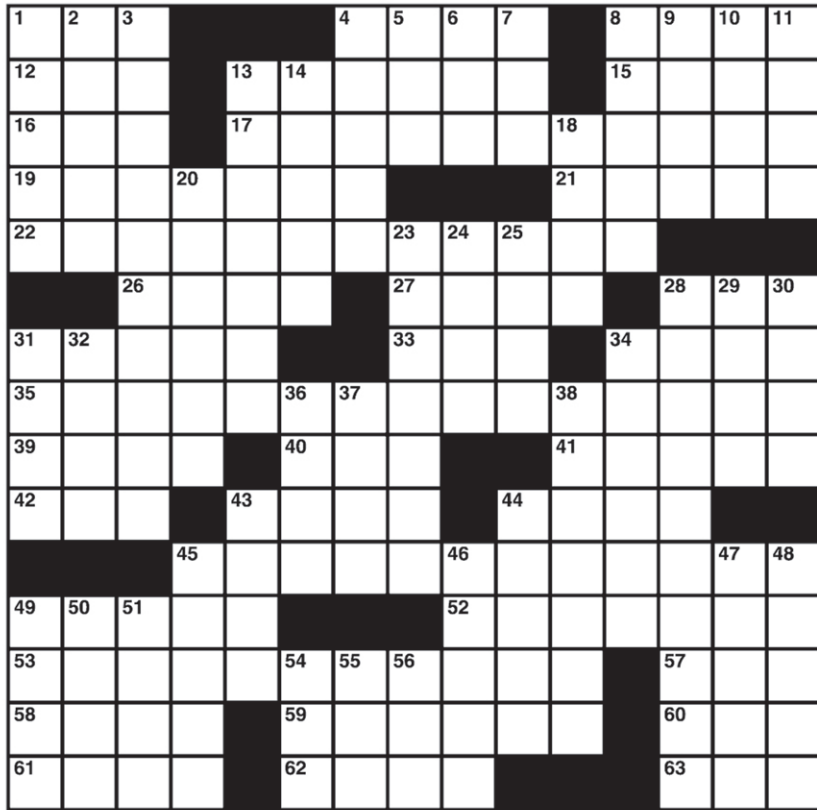


## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

### ACROSS

- 1 Apply lightly
- 4 Alice doesn't work there anymore
- 8 Spring
- 12 Oft-named time
- 13 Some trick-or-treaters
- 15 Annual spring race, for short
- 16 "Smoking or \_\_\_?"
- 17 Park official who tickets speeding bears?
- 19 More than upset
- 21 Dickinson output
- 22 Smallest allowable bet?
- 26 Pinnacle
- 27 It'll grow on you
- 28 Tennis court ploy
- 31 Like some stockings
- 33 Drop the ball, e.g.
- 34 Course-plotting "Star Trek" crewman



By Dan Naddor

- 35 Steals a plumbing supply?
- 39 Cubist Juan
- 40 Provide support for
- 41 Columnist Noonan
- 42 Tax form ID
- 43 Parsley relative
- 44 Field of study
- 45 San Fernando creator of fake van Goghs?
- 49 Zeal
- 52 They help get the lead out
- 53 Burrowing critter cited for excellence?
- 57 "Mazel \_\_\_!"
- 58 Big picture
- 59 Pictures on a screen
- 60 Nile snake
- 61 "Forget it!"
- 62 Low islands
- 63 Some appliances

- 3 Stereotypical pratfall cause
- 4 Web surfing tool
- 5 Pablo's "that"
- 6 USPS delivery
- 7 Turkmenistan, once: Abbr.
- 8 Eyelid application
- 9 Certain Caltech grad: Abbr.
- 10 Citrus drinks
- 11 Combustible heap
- 13 They're scheduled to be awarded at the Staples Center on 1/31/2010
- 14 International Court of Justice site, with "The"
- 18 Declare as fact
- 20 Wealth
- 23 Sweet-talk
- 24 Seniors' D.C. lobby
- 25 Miss
- 28 Identifier seen on a carousel
- 29 Jackie's designer
- 30 Hide, dog-style
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### Last Week's Puzzle Solved

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- 45 Spokesperson
- 46 Hoods with safe jobs?
- 47 Irregularly notched
- 48 Much of a bride-to-be's mail, for short
- 49 "Right on!"
- 50 Seized wheels
- 51 Crashing bore
- 54 Pen name
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# SUDOKU

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### Last Week's Puzzle Solved

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit [www.sudoku.org.uk](http://www.sudoku.org.uk)

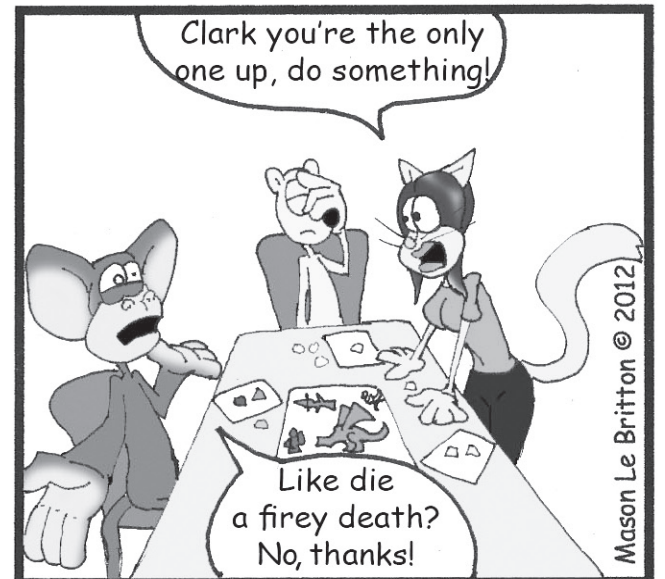
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## Fried Bananas

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# Pop's Branding Iron: An Albany Tradition

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There is a log building on the corner of Pacific Boulevard and Madison Street in Albany. There you will find one of the most interesting restaurants in this part of the state. The food at Pop's Branding Iron is as hearty as its decor, with a history as interesting as its customers.

The BLT sandwich with a side of clam chowder makes for a satisfying lunch, and at \$5.95 for the sandwich and \$2 for the cup of chowder, it will also satisfy your wallet. The "Hired Ham" burger, despite the funny name, also with clam chowder is just as filling. The hamburger and cup of chowder meal is also \$7.95.

The BLT was nicely toasted with fresh-tasting ingredients that were nice and crisp. The fries were hot, slightly crispy, and lightly seasoned. The clam chowder was quite good considering the restaurant is about 80 miles from the nearest coast.

My wife said that the "Hired Ham" was good, but there could have been more mushrooms. The waitress was very nice and asked us a least at couple of times how things were. We nodded with our mouths full and continued enjoying our meal. We aren't the only ones who like Pop's.

I don't know of anywhere else in the mid-Willamette Valley one can get a meal like this with this kind of price, service and



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The "Hired Ham" burger from Pop's Branding Iron in Albany.

environment at any time of the day or night.

People in the area have been coming to Pop's for years. Everyone from old men having their morning coffee and talking about the weather and politics, to teens who just want to get out of the house for some french fries and company.

The restaurant is also known for catering to groups. Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, Boys and Girls Clubs, and even church groups have meetings in their large banquet room. Pop's even has a place to wet your whistle, for those who would enjoy a cocktail or glass of wine with dinner, or just pop in for a beer with friends.

Even though Pop's Branding Iron seems more famous for its breakfast menus, they do offer an extensive lunch and dinner menu. They have an omelette for most every taste, as well as several different burgers and sandwiches, and a very satisfying dinner menu. None of these items are over \$20, which makes it a great place for the family, or an after-party snack, or just a place for good comfort food.

I found Pop's Branding Iron to be a relaxing place for friends and family. The food and service makes for a delightful experience.

Day or night, anyone can get anything on the menu. The only problem I saw with the restaurant is during off hours: They may overestimate their wait staff. This causes a little bit of a wait to take your order. Other than that, no problem.

*Pop's Branding Iron*

901 Pacific Blvd. SE | Open 24/7

Read more about the diner's history online at: [commuter.linnbenton.edu](http://commuter.linnbenton.edu)



## Finding Deals on Blogs

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If you've been following my Couponing 101 series, you've learned about how grocery stores conduct their sales. You've gotten to know the ins and outs of your Sunday paper. You've collected coupons from online sources. What now? Let's take a look at what you need to do next, so you can begin saving money!

Saving money with extreme couponing starts with matching store sales to corresponding coupons. In couponing lingo, this is referred to as creating "store matchups." This process takes patience and skill and may seem overwhelming to a beginning couponer. The good news: there are a number of coupon blogs that have already created all of the matchups for you!

Coupon blogs are where the savings take place! Content on coupon blogs includes everything related to couponing and saving money: weekly matchups to store ads, online deals, printable coupon alerts, freebies, giveaways, and promotions.

Below are the coupon blogs I personally enjoy and recommend. These are just a handful of the hundreds of coupon blogs that are out in the blogosphere. Each blog has a slightly different focus, so spend time finding the ones that suit your needs.

- The Coupon Project: [www.thecouponproject.com](http://www.thecouponproject.com)
- Deal Seeking Mom: [www.dealseekingmom.com](http://www.dealseekingmom.com)
- Frugal Living Northwest: [www.frugallivingnw.com](http://www.frugallivingnw.com)
- The Crazy Coupon Lady: [www.thekrazycouponlady.com](http://www.thekrazycouponlady.com)
- Living Rich With Coupons: [www.livingrichwithcoupons.com](http://www.livingrichwithcoupons.com)
- Money Saving Mom: [www.moneysavingmom.com](http://www.moneysavingmom.com)
- Totally Target (For Target matchups): [www.totallytarget.com](http://www.totallytarget.com)
- Wild for Wags (For Walgreens matchups): [www.wildforwalgreens.com/](http://www.wildforwalgreens.com/)

Is there anything you'd like to know about coupons? I'd love your feedback.  
E-mail me at [yesi@campuscouponqueen.com](mailto:yesi@campuscouponqueen.com).

### New to couponing? Try the Grocery Game!

If you're overwhelmed with combing through weekly coupon match-ups, I recommend that you try using The Grocery Game, an online service that matches up coupons in the Sunday paper with the sales going on at grocery stores in your area.

You'll receive customizable lists of all the sale items at stores in your area showing you what coupons to use and where to find them. The Grocery Game is a paid membership website. Head over to [www.thegrocerygame.com](http://www.thegrocerygame.com).

## Who Needs "Money"?

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Page Designer

Let me preface this review by saying that I am not a Katherine Heigl fan. I can't exactly say why, but I can't look at the woman without thinking "heinous witch."

That being said, the trailer for "One for the Money," and the fact that I really enjoy the Janet Evanovich book series the film is based on, sucked me in. And I wasn't horribly disappointed ... too much.

Heigl stars as Stephanie Plum, an out-of-work lingerie saleswoman turned bail enforcement agent in New Jersey. Her first case, Joe Morelli (Jason O'Mara), is a falsely-accused cop she went to high school with. (Also, she ran him over with her car when he didn't call her after an ... intimate night together.) Even with bounty hunter lessons from Ranger (Daniel Sunjata), Stephanie gets in a little over her head, while trying to apprehend Morelli.

There is a lot of humor in Evanovich's books that the movie failed to capture. The best moments are in the trailer, and the rest of the movie is mediocre, though harmless.



Fans of the source material will be disappointed.

I really like the character of Stephanie Plum and, my own personal feelings about the "actress" aside, I don't feel that Heigl did her justice. Stephanie, as much as she wants to be, is not a badass recovery agent. She's smart and resourceful, but lucky more than anything else.

If one day I decided that I wanted to be a bounty hunter, I imagine it'd be something like what happens to

Stephanie. She has no clue what she's doing, keeps her gun in the cookie jar, and gets herself handcuffed to her own shower rod.

Heigl's performance felt forced and, like her New Jersey accent, too heavy-handed, in contrast to O'Mara ("Terra Nova"), which was more natural. There was a lightness in his character. Sherri Shepherd, as Stephanie's informant Lula, also interjects some much-needed humor into the story.

The entire film needed a lighter feeling. Yes, there's crime and guns and death, but it's in a fun way. It's more about the awkwardness and absurdity of how Stephanie gets into the situations she finds herself in than the seriousness of them. The cinematography kept things bright and happy, where the script failed to do so.

"One for the Money" is kinda like a candy bar (that Stephanie would keep in her glove compartment next to her Beretta): a bright shiny wrapper filled with unsubstantial fluff you know isn't good for you. It's a fun movie, and though it doesn't call for any deep thinking, it's not going to kill you either. My advice: watch the trailer and read the book!

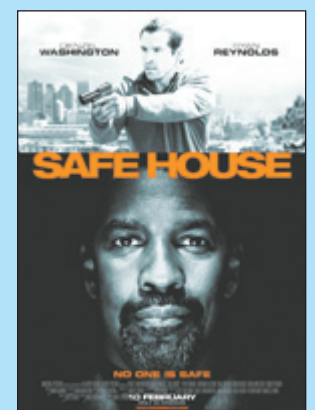
## COMING ATTRACTIONS



**Journey 2**  
Rated: PG  
Genre: CGI Sequel



**The Vow**  
Rated: PG-13  
Genre: Tear-jerker Chic Flick



**Safehouse**  
Rated: R  
Genre: Shoot-em-Up Action

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