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# Women Ending Hunger One Sneaker at a Time

**Joy Durham**

Contributing Writer

Pirates, fairies, princesses and more waited in line to receive their information packets and complimentary trick-or-treat bags; cases of water and bags of oranges were being stacked high on the back benches; children were running and jumping about; energy and excitement filled the air, and it was not even 9:00am yet!

Women Ending Hunger, an auxiliary of the Marion/Polk Food Share Organization, held its' first ever 5K Fun Run/Walk on Saturday October 22nd at the River Front Park in Salem Oregon, to raise awareness of hunger relief efforts.

Many people registered online. It was only a \$15 donation. Others just showed up with canned food or monetary donations and joined the run.

While the event was fun, the message is a serious one. Women Ending Hunger puts on several events and fundraisers every year in the efforts to end hunger. Over 5,200 families in Marion and Polk county receive a food box each month. The organization has a mission to end hunger in Marion and Polk counties... because no one should be hungry. They want

to turn 5,200 families in need to become zero families in need.

Kat Daniel is the program director for Women Ending Hunger. She has been with the organization for three years and said the run was a co-worker's idea. "Tawnya Russell came up with the idea. She is a runner. It seemed like it would be fun. With a turn out like this, and now that we know what we are doing, we will probably do it again."

Over 150 men, women and children showed up for the event. Rita Conrad showed up to support the cause and was pleased with the turn out. Conrad thinks next year will be even better, "It's like a garden, the first year it's small, second year it grows a little, and the third year it explodes."

Daniel's first inspiration to join the fight against hunger came when she was in high school. "I did a freedom from hunger hike in Denver. It was completely student run. We had over 10,000 people show up for the 30 mile hike. We raised over \$75,000. Ever since then I have had this passion to end hunger." Daniel came to Salem and started looking for work until Marion/Polk Food Share hired her. She enjoys the work that she does and said that Women Ending Hunger is especially dear to her heart. She believes that women are the major nurturers and if we can lift

up our women then we can lift everyone else.

There was a 1K for children 12 and under held at 8:30am and the 5K was held at 9:00 a.m. for the adults. Everyone was encouraged to wear costumes and a vast number of the participants did dress-up. Annee Goodrich brought her four children, dressed in costumes including, Super Mario, and the Toad. Alice Brawley brought her 7 year old daughter, dressed as a cheerleader, to participate in the fun as well.

The whole event was filled with smiling, happy faces. Who knew that raising awareness to end hunger could be so much fun? Hadley, a participant of the run and a Food Share worker said, "I just think it is a fun thing to do, exercise for a good cause." Jennifer Halfman, another enthusiastic participant of the 5K run, dressed up as a bottle of mustard. She cleverly used a play on her last name saying, "I'm half-man, half mustard." It was well worth it watching a bottle of mustard running down the street.

*Women Ending Hunger Awareness Event  
River Front Park in Salem Oregon at 9:00am, October 22  
Contact Kat Daniel at 503-581-3855 for more info*

## Grant Opportunity for Volunteer Students: Giving Back Pays Off

**Jill Mahler**

Editor-in-Chief

College can be hard enough without the fear of funding looming over a student's head. Thankfully, there are ways to help fund your education, as well as an opportunity to give back by volunteering. The Students In Service Program, sponsored by Campus Compact AmeriCorps, provides an outlet for students to volunteer and earn a scholarship to relieve tuition and other college fees. The program requires 300

hours of service, equaling in a \$1,175 scholarship.

There are several positions left to be filled. However, the deadline to apply for the program is drawing near. The deadline for submissions is November 1. The best part is students who are eligible for the program are able to participate in the program upto four times and have upto one calendar year to complete their 300 hours of volunteering. Those who are interested, should contact Art Mota, the program assistant for Student Life

and Leadership or call 541-917-4469 or 541-917-4457.

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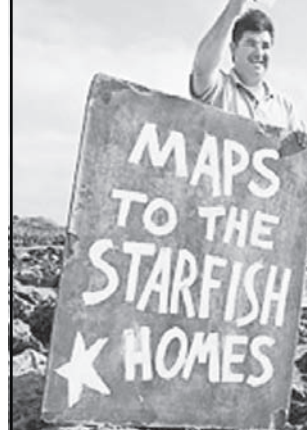
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## Auto Shop Provides A Glimpse Into an Industry

**Shawna Thibert**  
Contributing Writer

Hidden below LBCC's Industrial Building A is our very own Automotive Technology Program. Whether you are a student interested in the program or a student interested in having a car that runs, our auto shop is something you should know a little about.

In order to get this degree you must take 10-credit courses, which means five hours a day, four days a week. It typically begins with a lecture, followed by lots of hands-on learning in the garage.

The type of people that take this course usually fall into three categories, described by instructional specialist J.O. Walker: "Farm-boys, who came to learn to work on their equipment back home. Backyard Mechanics, who want to learn to be able to do a little handy work. Then there are those that came to get a career."

One thing to keep in mind is the training you receive in the shop is a little different than in the career itself. "This is an unreal world," said Walker. In the real world you have to work a lot faster, you have to know what you are doing, and you have to be good at it. There is constant schooling for this career because things are always changing. "The ones who are really dedicated are the ones who succeed," said Walker.

They do offer services to actual customers, but it also doesn't run on real time. Average time span



Shawna Thibert  
**Auto Shop student Austin Yoch works on the transmission.**

for a repair is anywhere between two days to two weeks, and the services offered depend on what the students are studying. Department Co-Chair Phil Krolick say they are covering the check engine light, clutches, driveshafts, etc. The cost of services is 10 percent over the cost of parts and a small service fee. "The thing to keep in mind is that the cars are here for student learning," adds Krolick.

Krolick describes his

environment as being comfortable and friendly, but still professional. "I enjoy working with the students and being challenged by them," he said. If you are interested in pursuing automotive technology then you are encouraged to contact one of the instructors. There are few spots and they are hard to get into; the instructors will tell you what you need to participate.

## Diversity Day at LBCC

**Kay M Roth**  
Contributing Writer

If you missed Diversity Day last week, you missed a great time to learn more about your fellow students and the many opportunities available to students at LBCC. The quad was filled with everything from singing and dancing, information tables, and several hands-on projects students were invited to try.

Jeremy Cornforth was manning the Diversity and Civic Engagement Council's table. "We advise the college board on diversity issues," he said. As one of the governing councils of the college, council works in three main areas- building a coalition of allies, improving climate and retention for target groups and creating an intercultural proficiency program. The council consists of a wide variety of campus employees, as well as several students. Their vision statement speaks volumes. "Linn Benton Community College is empowered by diversity."

Down the quad from the council, students were making leis at the Pacific Islanders Club table. While the club is currently on hiatus due to low membership, but the club's advisor Angie Klampe hopes students will breath new life into the fun and inviting club. "It's open to all people who want to learn more about the Pacific Islands," she said.

The club is student run and, according to Klampe, there are currently not enough students to bring it back. She hopes Diversity Day will help change that. Anyone interested in joining the Pacific Islanders Club is encouraged to contact Klampe at 541-917-4780. Please ask for Klampe.

Daniel Trinidad is a student worker in

the Diversity Center on campus. He said he really enjoys his job and that the Diversity Center is a great place to hang out with his friends and make new ones. He said the center, located upstairs in the Forum in room F-220, is open to all students. One of the things he likes is learning about other students' backgrounds. "We talk a lot about other cultures."

One table that seemed to be getting a lot of attention was on called, "The Human Library." Charlene LaRoux answered many questions regarding this unique concept. A relatively new program on campus, LaRoux described it as a way to get to know other students whose interests or background are different or unique. "Ethnic, culture, hobby or lifestyle," were some of the examples she gave regarding areas people might want to check into in regards to The Human Library.

Designed to get students together to learn more about each other, this program is the perfect fit for Diversity Day. LaRoux explained that it is meant as a way for people to get to know one another. Anyone interested in learning more should contact Lucinda Hawkins in the library.

In addition to the many tables throughout the quad, a rather somber display caused many students to pause. In the grassy areas in front of the library, small flags fluttered in the late October breeze. These flags represented the lack of diversity awareness in our distant and not so distant past, noting the number of people killed because they were considered "different."

With many students pausing to listen to music, spin a wheel, make a lei or just ask questions, Diversity Day was considered a success.



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**Fireside Room**  
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## Ridezap Shows Commuting Potential

**Emily Smucker**  
Contributing Writer

Every day I drive to LBCC, setting my cruise control at 55 mph because the Internet told me that cars get the best mileage at that speed. Other cars zoom past me, and by the time I've driven the entire half hour commute to school, I can't help but wonder if my slow driving really saved me any money.

Linn-Benton tries hard to provide cheap transportation options for students. Most notable are the Albany Transit, the Linn-Benton Loop Bus, and the Linn County Shuttle, all of which a student can use for free if they possess a student ID card. Still, there are some of us who live further away, out of reach of these systems. Many of us end up driving ourselves to school because we can't find anyone to carpool with.

David Petersen, a former LBCC student, has had his transportation difficulties in the past. Now a student at OSU, his main problem lies in the fact that though he lives in Corvallis, his girlfriend lives in Eugene.

Petersen wanted to find someone to carpool with, but had trouble finding a website that offered suitable services. The ones he looked at had "issues," so he decided to launch his own ride-sharing website, [www.ridezap.com](http://www.ridezap.com).

Ridezap.com is a simple and easy-to-use website. The first thing you see when logging on is a box asking you to type in your origin city and destination city. As you type, a drop-down list gives suggestions for cities you might be looking for, which is very helpful for a bad speller like me.

I typed "Harrisburg OR" into the "origin city" box, and "Albany OR" into the "destination city" box. Then I clicked "search," but no options came up. Confused, I finally realized that on the whole website, there was only one ride listed, and it certainly wasn't from Harrisburg.

"Is it worth it?" I thought. "Is it worth it to try to use a website that has so few users?"

But I think it will be eventually be worth it. RideZap is new, but it is a well-made website. Each ride listing includes a map of the route from Google maps, a listing of the price the driver is asking, and a preference list, where the driver indicates whether or not he is open to things such as talking, pets, or smoking during the ride.

Similarly, there is a profile page for each user. Users are asked to rate their experiences riding with each other, in an attempt to screen out the bad drivers. After all, no one wants to catch a ride with someone if they are going to drive unsafely.

It all comes down to this: RideZap is a great website, exactly what many LBCC students need. The drawback, of course, is the fact that there are very few users at the moment. You can change that by joining and telling your friends about it. Go to [www.ridezap.com](http://www.ridezap.com) and sign up today.

## Defender of History Visits Campus

**Kyle Holland**  
Sports Editor

Ray Brown is a 57-year-old retired History teacher from Eugene, with an above-average passion for American history and liberties. His love and passion recently led him on a 3,200-mile journey like none other.

In 2010, from June to December, Brown walked "step for step" from Eugene to Atlantic City, NJ on a mission to fulfill a personal dream of walking across America, and to raise public awareness of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and support for American History. He called it his "son of liberty walk."

Ray Brown visits LBCC's Democracy Club to talk about his journey across America.

On Tuesday, Oct. 18, Brown, a claimed "civil libertarian," visited the Albany campus to share his story with around 40 students and teachers.

He set out on his journey armed with a specially-built cart, weighing close to 170 pounds, loaded with copies of the Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence to distribute, custom-made outfits from the revolutionary time frame he would wear time to time, food essentials, and bear spray (needed in Yellowstone and in "the ghettos of Philadelphia").

Brown said his message was clear from beginning to end and had nothing to do with your political background. "My message is the same to the Tea Party, Democrats, Republicans, and independents. I believe we as a nation need to look at our history



Kyle Holland  
**Retired history teacher Ray Brown visits the Democracy Club.**

and remember our principles and ideals, which we were founded on. People's sovereignty and the idea that people rule in this country is important to remember."

He fought through weather conditions, construction sites, run-ins with the law, slept beside dumpsters in Idaho, and even watched his cart roll off a cliff in Wyoming one afternoon, all for his cause. He lost over thirty pounds during the trip and his longest day walking was 47 miles. His longest stretches between showers was eight days, and he even had to adjust his schedule to only walk at night through Iowa to avoid the agricultural vehicle onslaught brought by harvest season in October.

Brown was amazed at the help he received and the friends he made along the way. "People are hungry for conversation, and we have a lot more in common than we're lead to believe," Brown said.

Robert Harrison, History

instructor and Democracy Club advisor, invited Brown as part of a planned club event for the year.

Harrison said "his presentation fit perfectly with the Democracy Club's theme that we must take responsibility for our government, get involved and make a difference."

Brown handed out over 6,000 copies of the Bill of Rights during his journey, recited the Declaration of Independence by heart at Mount Rushmore, and touched several people throughout his journey across America. He gave roadside history lessons to a lady and her three grandsons in Idaho; he gave speeches in schools, and even received a police escort across the Mississippi river.

"History is not about dead people, it's about who we are," Brown said.

Brown has been invited to come back to LBCC and give more speeches and demonstrations. Stay tuned to The Commuter for future events.



**Students waiting in line at the bookstore.**

Brenna Heide



**Students walking in the Courtyard.**

Gretchen Groesbeck

## Students Around Campus



# HAPPY HALLOWEEN

SPECIAL PULLOUT SECTION



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## Halloween Happenings

2011 Zombie Apocalypse  
At: OSU Main Campus, the MU  
Saturday, Oct. 29

Halloween With Harry  
At: OSU LaSells Stewart Center, 875 SW 26th St.  
Sunday, Oct. 30

The Symphony will perform music by John Williams from the Harry Potter films. Rob Birdwell will be the guest conductor. Those with tickets to the concert may arrive at 1:00 p.m. for a special, interactive "Diagon Alley" community business fair in the lobby of LaSells featuring refreshments and special guests. Costumes are encouraged!  
General admission tickets only \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Available at Grass Roots Books & Music, Gracewinds Music  
[www.cosusymphony.org/concerts/](http://www.cosusymphony.org/concerts/)

Trolley of Terror!  
At: Downtown Albany  
Friday, Oct. 28, 6 - 9 p.m.  
Why limit yourself to a Haunted House? When you can visit the whole town!! Tour starts at Ciddicci's Pizza. Reservations are recommended, Adults \$10 Kids under 12 are \$5. Call 541-928-0911 to reserve your seat! Tours on the hour, 6-9 p.m. [www.albanyvisitors.com](http://www.albanyvisitors.com)

## Me Wants Pie!

### Student Life and Leadership Hosts Harvest Pie Festival

**Jana Hodgins**  
Contributing Writer

Don't miss your chance to get free pie! That's right, this year's Harvest Pie Festival, sponsored by the Student Leadership Council will have plenty of pumpkin pie, apple pie, and cheesecake for all students and faculty in the LBCC community.

The event is being held at LBCC on Halloween, October 31, from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. These three delicious pies will start off the holiday, and give you the opportunity to meet the new student leaders selected by the associated student body, according to Barbara Horn, student activities director. This event is designed to encourage asking any questions to student leaders you've had this first month of school, and to figure out just what they can do for you.

The Harvest Pie Festival is also promoting LBCC's activities and clubs. There are a large variety of school

affiliated groups around campus you may be interested in. The Student Leadership Council was especially excited to have started the women's soccer club this year.

A schedule of the soccer games, and all other fall events, is available to keep everyone on track for the term ahead.

This festival is an easy way to start getting involved! Not to mention Jessica Johnson, coordinator of student outreach, said, "It was awesome last year! The student leadership room was packed!"

Since the festival is the day of All Hallow's Eve, dress up in the spirit of Halloween and receive free prizes throughout the event! Also, come in for the games and a chance to meet some of your peers, while the council welcomes new and returning students to LBCC. There is plenty of apple cider to keep the party going, and thanks to Costco there will be quite a few pies.

Be there!

Oh come on, it's for my inner child.



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Kody Kinsella

ITS Club President Jonathan Rambousek sells Turkey Pumpkins in the courtyard through Oct. 27 to raise money for Welding ITS. They'll be on sale during lunch and from 3 - 4 p.m. Complete turkeys are \$25 or you can buy the metal parts only for \$15.



Gretchen Groesbeck

Theatre prop of a human head.



## Jack-O-Lantern Template



The black areas are cut out.

### In The Community

#### Friday 10/28

7 p.m.- WOW Hall  
The Everyday Tribe presents "Freakue-ncy" a DJ hosted dance. \$8 in advance; \$10 at door.

9 p.m. Cloud 9  
Violet Isle will be stopping in Corvallis for a performance! Along with Symmetry/Symmetry and Shadows on Stars.

5 p.m. WOW Hall  
Art reception for Sarah Refven. No cost! Come enjoy some of Sarah's works of art!

8 p.m. Calapooia Brewing Co.  
Jawbone Flats perform alternative country/rock/ bluegrass!

#### Saturday 10/29

12:30 p.m. Whiteside Theatre  
The Whiskey Chasers and Summer

Soundtrack perform! Tickets on sale now!

8:30 p.m. WOW Hall  
Medium Troy, Synrgy, Snow Angel (feat. Gabby Lala) are Bohemian Dub and Reggae bands. Tickets in advance are \$8 and \$10 at door.

1 p.m. Whiteside Theatre  
"Frightside Jam" Benefit concert will repeat daily until Oct. 30.

#### Monday 10/31

spend Halloween with Jason Webley and Mood Area 52!  
Tickets \$10 in advance; \$13 at door.

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

## No Plans? Try a Corn Maze

Jill Mahler

Editor-in-Chief

Hoping to avoid staying at home during Halloween? There are several places to spend some time and have some fun.

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**Hours**  
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Oct. 31: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

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Fri - Sun: 7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

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\$15 - Fri. & Sat./ \$13 - Sun.



## Dear Conscience,

### Trick, or treat?



**Justin Bolger**  
Shoulder Devil?

Um ... Mua! Ha! Haa! I'm all evil and tricky and stuff because I'm the Shoulder Devil, so of course I would choose trick.

Treats are wonderful lame! Who wants to give out those sweet, tasty morsels that would spread cheer and joy to all the little ones monsters out there? Pfff! Not me - that's for sure. Cheer is the best dumb!

Halloween is a time for some swell evil trickery. You could, um, point at their shoes and say they're untied. Oh, or you could point at their shirt and say, "What's on your shirt, Buddy Dummy?" Then you flick 'em in the nose softly! Oh, and laugh with at them.

Oh my goodevilness, forget those and go all out! What you could do is fill up a bowl with various candies poisons like with sugar and stuff. When children come to the door expecting gifts of some kind, you let them have their pick of candies poisons. The little buggers brats will gobble it all up, and you'll get to see them smile with pure joy hurl all over their own shoes through their pearly white rotting teeth.

Ooo, yeah, that's good bad! I'm getting good bad good at this being the Shoulder Devil thing!

Wait ... What have I become?! I'm a monster swell guy. I'm bad good to the bone. I'm the Shoulder Angel!!!

Halloween is a scary, confusing time. I don't like it. Don't lose yourselves out there, kiddos! Always remember who you are!

**Ashley Christie**  
Shoulder Angel?

Well gee golly, the answer's obvious, but I'll stay in character and tell you treat.

Who'd want to pull one of those nasty tricks anyway. They're just downright mean. Whereas treats are nice and make others so happy. And that's what always on my mind, other people's happiness.

Even on a day like Halloween, it's important to think of others and remember that a good time is always better when it can be shared by all. (Ugh, I'm making myself sick.)

Tricks are so much fun work. I meant work ... yeah, that's why they're bad. They require planning and who would ever want to devote so much time into hurting another person. Certainly not me.

It's like ... oh, screw it, I can't do this anymore. All this gosh darn cheerfulness and moral rightness, it's ridiculous. I don't know how Mr. "I'm the angel, I stand for all that is good" does this every week. (Although the robe is quite comfy.)

Treats are fine and all but, let's be honest, they're boring. Halloween is a night of possibilities and about letting yourself go. What other night could a devil go around masquerading as an angel?

On Halloween nothing is as it seems; anything could happen! And if a few harmless tricks get played along the way - so be it. It's about fun and games and free candy.

Enjoy the night everyone, and stay safe! (That sounds like something he'd say, right?)

## What Does Halloween Mean to Us?

**Ian Butcher**  
Contributing Writer

As a college student you might have had this thought: What's the point of Halloween?

Halloween is right around the corner, but isn't it a just a kid thing? What does Halloween mean to a young adult? What does Halloween become when all the majesty of ghosts and candy have been stripped away? We are all college students and we celebrate Halloween right? I asked several LBCC students about what Halloween means to them.

Jesse Huxman replied with, "Now as a college student I just think it's cool to just dress up as something with friends and just have fun."

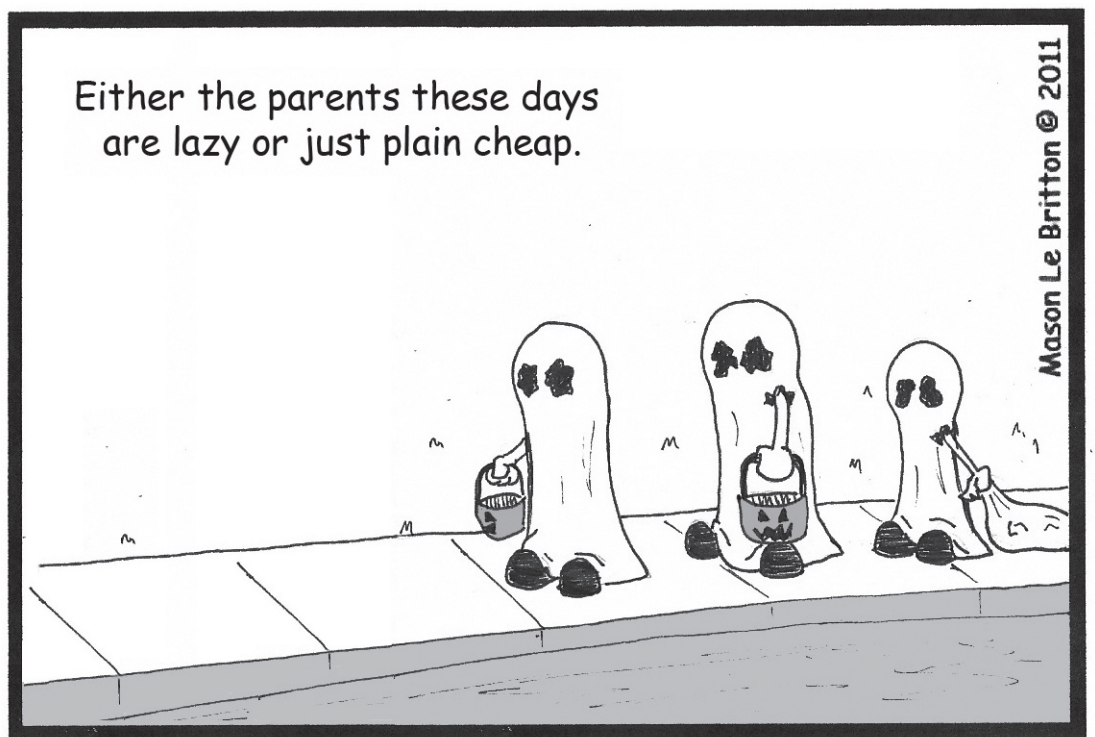
Huxman, who as a kid loved dressing up as the Great Pumpkin, still has a great affection for Halloween. He explained it, "Now that I'm out of high school, I feel like Halloween is going to be a lot more freeing. It's now just a fun chance to hang out with friends who are going to other colleges in the area and just dress up and have some fun with them." Huxman is more excited for the social aspects of Halloween than anything else.

Freshman Brooks Radtke took a slightly different stance. Radtke, who wasn't crazy about Halloween as a kid, said, "It doesn't really mean anything to me anymore. It's probably about just getting together with people ... I don't think I look forward to Halloween anymore."

Most of the students I asked

seem to have the same feelings about Halloween. One student in particular, freshman Jony Duran, summed it up the best, "It means partying, meeting new people, and having fun. Whereas when I was younger it was scary and nothing but monsters."

LBCC isn't the only school where this mentality about Halloween is being carried out. It seems that most everyone in the college crowd has moved on to seeing Halloween more as a huge party than anything else. It would seem, though, this is simply part of the continuing evolution of Halloween and its meaning. So as Halloween 2011 approaches, I challenge you to think about what Halloween means to you.



Either the parents these days are lazy or just plain cheap.

## Advice from Weiss

**Question:** I'm new to this college thing. It's been seven years since I was in high school. At first everything was fine. I got my books (even though my financial aid hasn't come in) and was keeping up with everything. But now, all of a sudden, I'm struggling to stay ahead and I feel really stressed. I've got some big exams coming up, a paper due, money is really tight because of not getting the aid yet, and I had a stupid fight with my girlfriend, and we never fight. All of a sudden I wonder if I'm doing the right thing? What should I do?



**Mark Weiss**  
Counselor

**Answer:** Get some help. Do some reaching out. But let me be a bit more specific. Mid-terms are starting up in the next week or so and, probably because you've been out of school for a few years, you're out of the rhythm of things. Mid-terms are one of the most, if not the most, stressful times in any term. The work builds up and the tests tend to all hit at once. Most students are working harder, but perhaps what affects them the most is the added pressure. With added pressure, everything feels even harder than it really is.

How can you relieve the pressure? There's two things that will help. One is to get some kind of emotional release. The other is to make sure that you are in good shape academically.

Every faculty member at LBCC has office hours. They can talk to you about both the personal stress and review

your work and tell you where you are doing well and where you need help.

LB also has a counseling department to help if you are feeling stressed out. And we have a learning center where you can get help with your work - tutoring, writing help, math help, whatever you need.

But my advice really is to make some one-on-one contact with any staff member at the college. Especially if it's someone you know and trust. Folks here are good about directing students to the help they need, and that alone will relieve some pressure.

Just before the school year started, I was talking to a group of faculty and asked them, "what's the most important message you would send to all students, if you could?" One long-time teacher said, "Tell them 'we're on your side.'" And that's what's true. LBCC does provide a lot of special services and advising, and you should take advantage of those. But you can speak to just about anyone and get some direction, because we are on your side. So reach out. You can get the help you need.

**Mark Weiss**  
Counseling

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## How to Survive a Horror Film

Jill Mahler

Editor-in-Chief

Some people dislike horror movies because of what they represent. Others, because of the terrifying images portrayed. However, whether a fan of horror flicks or not, there is some credible advice to take away from and apply in real life.

- The decrepit old house no one has lived in for years and no one knows what happened to the last owners, is probably a bad choice, even if it's a steal of a price.
- Checking out scary noises in the middle of the night, without some kind of weapon is never smart.
- Don't take short cuts home down dark and foggy alleys. Also, do not run down dead-ends to escape your attacker.
- Comply with the crazy man until you can escape. Getting the psycho angry usually doesn't end well.
- Do not look behind you when you are running from the killer. This is proven to slow you down. Look forward and run like the wind. At least you won't see it coming. Furthermore, ladies: Do not run in heels. Need I say more?
- Look around you for help or a potential weapon. Yelling out for help in the middle of nowhere gets you- nowhere. Girls, heels are also practical too. There is a pointy end for a reason.
- If something seems too good to be true, it probably is.
- Most people do not leave their windows open at night, so they can bang against the wall in the wind. If your electricity is out, but all the rest of the houses on your street have power, you are in for a nasty surprise.
- Dogs don't make the greatest protectors, they have weaknesses like ... food, so lock your doors.
- Approaching a man in a van with sliding doors by yourself is a quick way to end up on a milk carton.
- If your car somehow mysteriously runs out of gas or has a flat tire at night, wait inside your car for AAA or the police. Looking at the problem from outside the car will not solve it and that good Samaritan is never as good as they appear.

Remember to have fun this Halloween and stay safe.

## Smith's Thriller Is a Winner

Marci Sischo

Webmaster

Depending on who you ask, Red State is either the best film Kevin Smith ever made, or the worst trash ever committed to celluloid. There doesn't seem to be any middle ground for this film. For the record, I'm firmly in the "best film Kevin Smith ever made" camp.

This trailer is rated R for language and violence, folks. It's Kevin Smith. What did you expect?

Red State tells the story of the Five Points Church in three distinct acts. Five Points is a teeny little fundamentalist church colored in shades of Westboro Baptist right from the start. In the very first scene, they're holding a vocal anti-gay protest complete with hateful signs, chants, and attending media circus.

The protagonists of the first act are three high school boys (Michael Angarano, Nicholas Braun, Ronnie Connell) who only want what every teen boy since the beginning of history has wanted: to get laid. To that end, they use the internet to arrange a hook-up with an older woman — a hook-up that makes every other bad hook-up you've ever heard about (or taken part in — tsk, tsk) look like a Disney fairy tale in comparison. The older woman turns out to be the daughter of Five Points' preacher (Melissa Leo), and she's there to lure the boys into a trap.

The protagonist of the second act is the ATF agent, Joseph Keenan, (John Goodman) sent to deal with the Five Points Church. If you're old enough to remember Waco, Texas, the feelings of dread are cranked up a few tense notches the split second ATF agents arrive on the scene. A bad situation devolves rapidly into a horrifying situation, and it unfolds on the screen with an eerie, relentless inevitability.



The protagonist of the third act is... no one. The grand finale of Red State brings a sharp twist, leading into an ending that will leave you hating or pitying pretty much everyone involved in the story.

Red State is not without its faults. An early scene in the first act has Abin Cooper, Five Points' preacher (Michael Parks), sermonizing for some time. While the scene does a lot of heavy lifting in terms of introducing us to Cooper's flock and Cooper himself, the sermon does get tiresome. Later in the movie, the actual plot of the film begins to feel scattered, but it could be argued that this is a point in the movie's favor.

Almost from the beginning, you can see this situation is going to turn into an utter screw-up. If the plot feels scattered it's because the situation has gone so far south that coherency has become impossible. It makes following the whys and wherefores tricky, but it lends a compelling realism.

Where Red State really succeeds, though, is in humanizing its characters. Loving amounts of time are spent turning Abin Cooper and Joseph Keenan into flawed, full characters, neither strictly good nor evil. The three teen boys we meet at the beginning of the film could be easily dismissed as vulgar bit players, but their dialogue and mannerisms are so real, so quintessentially that of teen boys everywhere, that you practically recognize these kids. Cooper's flock, too, seem flat in the beginning, but it only takes a few inspired scenes to change that. In particular, a scene in the second act, where a married couple, members of the church, embrace each other before marching out to the horror is striking, turning these two characters whose names we don't even know from cardboard cutouts into real people.

The actors in this film take some great dialogue and make it amazing. John Goodman and Michael Parks brought their characters to life with their stunning performances. Angarano, Braun, and Ronnie Connell do a fantastic job as the three teen boys, as well.

Deft writing and talented acting all around make Red State an excellent horror film. Red State feels real. It brings on a growing, unavoidable dread, the sensation that what you're watching could be something unfolding on the news some day. There are no occult monsters that can be driven off with crosses or killed with silver bullets. There are no good guys that you just know will win. There are no bad guys that you just know are going to lose. Red State is the gritty telling of a tragedy, grabbing us by the back of the head and rubbing our noses in all the blood, misguided motivations, terrible decisions, and rotten luck of real people.

Red State

Runtime: 88 minutes • Rating: R

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"Paranormal Activity 3" takes a look back at Katie and Kristi as children.

## "Paranormal Activity" Three Times the Fright

Carli Gibson

A&L Editor

You know those movies that scare you so badly that you can't sleep at night? You imagine all the monsters from the movie coming through your bedroom door. "Paranormal Activity 3" is that kind of movie.

I was skeptical when I went to see this movie. After all, it is the third in the series and sometimes the previews make the movie seem better or scarier, but it was a great movie ... and terrifying. I would say it's the best of the three.

I think what made this movie work so well is that they took this series back in time to where it all began: when the sisters Katie and Kristi were just children.

The story all begins when little Kristi (Jessica Brown) befriends Toby, whom everyone assumes is her imaginary friend. Young Katie (Chloe Csengery) teases her for having an imaginary friend and her mom (Lauren Bittner) just goes with the flow, but it's Mom's boyfriend Dennis (Christopher Nicholas Smith) who notices something strange going on.

Once Dennis starts filming everything that happens in the house is when the story unfolds. Not just the hauntings, an actual story unfolds. What makes this movie different from the other two is that you actually find a story behind the haunting, secrets are revealed, and there are the mysterious conversations between Kristi and her "imaginary friend" that are revealed to only the viewers.

Some of the scare tactics used are incorporated from the previous movies. I don't believe they were put in just to be repetitive, but to show the connection between the movies – the actors and scenes may change, but whatever is haunting them doesn't. All the new scare tactics used in this movie were absolutely frightening.

I wouldn't be surprised if they were able to pull off a "Paranormal Activity 4" simply because in the second and third movie there are trace hints that this demon has something to do with the young girls' grandmother. As long as they don't run out of good storytelling and scare tactics I think they could manage one more movie.

## Sex AND THE Campus

### Couples Costumes: Tackiness in Disguise

Jill Mahler

Editor-in-Chief

Halloween is a great time to have some fun and out do your last year's costume. Another way to celebrate the holiday with your special half is to wear matching costumes. Choosing to create memories and have a good time with your partner is always a good choice and investment. However, with several costumes to choose from, ranging from the hilarious to the DNR (Do Not Resuscitate), couples should choose carefully.



Also, wearing costumes is an opportunity to have a little more adult fun. Costumes are a fun and exciting way to spice up the bedroom. A perfect excuse to entertain a fantasy you have in mind. Although I am not sure how a mummy or kitten can be sexy.

The question is not whether or not couple costumes are a mistake, but what are good costume ideas and what are not. If a funny correlation exists, the general consensus is, "why not?" However, not every costume should be seen in pairs. Everyone appreciates a good superhero duo, why not dress as Catwoman and Batman? An outlet and a socket are always a classic, but a couple dressed as a cave woman and cave man or the "classic Renaissance" couple is tacky and boring. Generally, the more creative you venture to be, the more memorable the costume pair will turn out.

Remember, if you have to explain your costume, something has gone wrong. If you find yourself spending a fortune, there are better and cheaper ways to replicate your desired look. Finally, if you are about to leave the house dressed like Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Kruger, stop and look at yourselves. By following these simple guidelines, you are sure to have a fun and entertaining Halloween, with the right amount of tacky mixed in.

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## Gamer's Log: Batman Arkham City

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<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Gotham City has walled off a section of the city, and crammed it full of criminals.</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">What could possibly go wrong?</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Perhaps a massive gang war between villains?</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">The Joker is deathly ill, and he is willing to take everyone with him.</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Over here... I just wanted an excuse to draw Catwoman. Hello kitty!</p>
<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Where is my Shark Repellent?</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">As you progress through the game, you unlock more of Batman's famous gadgets.</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">The combat controls are simple. Yet combat is intense and very fluid. Although it can get frustrating at times.</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Riddle me this...</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">While the main story might be a little short, there is a ton of side content.</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">The game is rather engaging, and it is easy to lose track of time.</p>	<p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Batman Arkham City is an absolutely fantastic game. Plus you get to play as The Bat.</p>



## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 "\_\_\_ be an honor"
  - 4 Absurd sham
  - 9 Music performance rights org.
  - 14 Fizzle out
  - 15 Where work may pile up
  - 16 Bit of wisdom
  - 17 Respond to Uncle Sam's poster request
  - 20 Navajo relative
  - 21 Wood decay
  - 22 Tall and long-limbed
  - 23 Hope/Crosby film title word
  - 24 Captured
  - 27 \_\_\_-Cat: winter vehicle
  - 28 Movieland
  - 30 Eliminate entirely
  - 32 \_\_\_, meenie ...
  - 33 Outdoor nap site
  - 36 Women, in old-fashioned parlance
  - 38 Blow one's top
  - 39 Chasms
  - 40 "Pay attention!"
  - 43 Pesky little tyke
  - 46 Retailing pioneer R.H. \_\_\_
  - 47 Eternities
  - 48 Zellweger of "Chicago"
  - 50 Anxiety
  - 52 Texas metropolis
  - 53 Passive-aggressive tactic
  - 56 Land along the ocean
  - 57 Two under par, on a hole
  - 58 Up to, in classified ads
  - 59 Aches
  - 60 Father of Beau and Jeff
  - 61 Go out with

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By Dan Naddor

- 6 Sac fly stat
- 7 Approve tacitly
- 8 Crowd scene actors
- 9 Copycat
- 10 Furry North Pacific swimmers
- 11 Hanna-Barbera output
- 12 Escort's offer
- 13 Thickness
- 18 "Gross!"
- 19 Jekyll's alter ego
- 23 Actuary's calculation
- 25 Cut or scrape, in totspeak
- 26 Lego relative
- 28 Tic \_\_\_: mint
- 29 Eric the Red's son
- 30 Loneliness syndrome when kids leave home
- 31 Repetitive learning method
- 33 Captain's position
- 34 "Carmen" highlight
- 35 Like weightlifters
- 36 Animal rights activists' concerns

- DOWN**
- 1 Lofty principles
  - 2 \_\_\_ Alley: old music-publishing district
  - 3 Old White House middle name
  - 4 Suspicious
  - 5 Poker payment

### Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 37 Draft choice
- 39 Five-star leader
- 41 Nifty
- 42 Low-cost lodging
- 43 Coastal irregularities, and word anagrammed in this puzzle's four longest answers
- 44 Stinker
- 45 Mortar and \_\_\_
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- 49 Shade tree
- 51 Tolkien tree people
- 52 Six-time Emmy winner Tyne
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- 54 Chit
- 55 Bigheadedness

# SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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### Last Week's Puzzle Solved

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9	5	8	6	2	4	3	7	1
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7	2	3	8	6	1	5	4	9
4	1	6	5	3	9	2	8	7

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9.

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## Noir Du Jour

An LBCC student-generated comic

By Lizzy Mehringer





## Poetry Spotlight

"You, traveler, who now leave all of this (summer) behind, carrying only what it has made of you." James Richardson

### Carrying by Robin Havenick

And do you ever wonder  
how much happiness  
you can contain  
folding inward the layers of  
fabric from summer's line  
in your backyard?

And do you ever worry you'll forget  
that shimmering sunrise  
over the Cascades  
or the owl  
her silent glide through midnite pines  
or hummingbird high and alone  
flying in from the deep side  
of a new day  
the stars just vanished and airy blues awash  
with Dawn's cold gray?

And do you love to long  
for summer  
even as earth turns  
autumn gold?  
And do you think that this  
is the right way to carry?  
Is this what it has made of you?



## BACK in the DAY

This day in history ...

**Oct. 26, 1949 - Workin' hard for the money**  
President Truman raises the minimum wage from 40 to 75 cents an hour. 35 cents may not seem like much, but when was the last time your salary was almost doubled?

**Oct. 27, 1964 - I got you babe**  
Sonny Bono and Cher get married. Do you think he needed a step-stool to kiss the bride?

**Oct. 28, 1886 - Open for business**  
The Statue of Liberty opens and is celebrated by the first ticker tape parade in New York City. Now when a woman invites a man inside, we just call her a slut.

**Oct. 29, 1945 - Black or blue?**  
The first ballpoint pens go on sale at Gimbels Department Store in New York for \$12.50 each. No wonder Gimbels went out of business.

**Oct. 30, 1938 - Did you hear?**  
Orson Welles' "The War of the Worlds" airs. Many believe that the radio dramatization is a live news event about a Martian invasion and panic ensues. No need for a joke, real life provided the punch line.

**Oct. 31, 834 - Trick or treat**  
The first Halloween is observed to honor the saints. Today it is observed to honor hot chicks in skimpy costumes.

**Nov. 1, 1947 - Up, up, and down**  
Howard Hughes' "Spruce Goose," a large wooden airplane, flies for the first and only time. Aww, too bad, but I hear Hughes accepted defeat well, wouldn't obsess about it or anything.

## ~ ~ ~ MONSTERSCOPES ~ ~ ~

**ARIES**  
3/21-4/19  
Demon: You rock evil, dude. Get some minions, and rule them all like the pawns they are. Muahaha!!

**CANCER**  
6/22-7/22  
The Blob: Yes! You are the most powerful of all monsters! Just ooze over them or whatever...

**LIBRA**  
9/23-10/23  
Frankenstein's Monster: Honestly, this is sort of the shafted monster. You're dumb, slow, and fear fire.

**CAPRICORN**  
12/22-1/19  
Mad Scientist: Drink some potions, build some robots, make a freeze ray ... this isn't a bad deal.

**TAURUS**  
4/20-5/20  
Minotaur: The lord of the labyrinth, the master of mazes! Use your head to, uh, gore somebody?

**LEO**  
7/23-8/23  
Manticore: A freakin' lion with badass wings and a scorpion tail. You're totally the Pegasus of lions.

**SCORPIO**  
10/24-11/21  
Scorponok: You are a giant transforming scorpion made of metal. That's awesome.

**AQUARIUS**  
1/20-2/18  
Creature of the Black Lagoon: You get all those bikini-clad babes. It's a shame you have to steal them.

**GEMINI**  
5/21-6/21  
Evil Twin: There's a good one of you out there somewhere. Seek it out. Once it's found, destroy it.

**VIRGO**  
8/23-9/23  
Medusa: You've got snakes on your head! OMGzors! Also, mirrors are your enemy. That's not so bad.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
11/22-12/21  
Zombie: RAwwwrRRar-RR!!! rAAARRRgggghh-HHH! HhHunnNNhHhh!! MmM-MmooOaaAr!! Rawr.

**PISCES**  
2/19-3/20  
Megashark: Nom! Nom! Nom! Tasty people are tasty. Eat them.

**Fried Bananas**  
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An LBCC student-generated comic

By Mason Britton

Panel 1: Batman: "We were supposed to be Batman And Robin!"  
Robin: "Yeah, obviously you would be Robin."  
Panel 2: Batman: "What? Why?"  
Panel 3: Batman: "Because... I AM THE BAT!"

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## “Dragon Age: Redemption” - It’s a brand new Day!

**Justin Bolger**  
Managing Editor

The goddess of geekdom has done it again! “Dragon Age: Redemption” is another solid web series created by and starring Felicia Day. This time by the grace of Bioware.

Welcome to the world of Thedas. Think classic fantasy with a darker edge. Our story follows the elven assassin Tallis (Day) as she tracks down a villainous qunari mage, Saarebus (Doug Jones).

Day has done justice to the mature ambiance of Dragon Age. Wasting no time, the series opens with scenes of torture and battle. Despite Day’s reputation of being adorably kind and awkward, even Tallis shows a real penchant for brutality.

While action is one token of Dragon Age, another is the inclusion of themes involving racism, religious tensions, and morals conflicting with duty, all of which “Redemption” regularly plays into.

Fans will also notice plenty of Thedas lore woven into the series. The religions of Andraste and the Qun play heavy roles alongside familiar history and powerful artifacts. Even the fight choreography, which is impressive, incorporates attacks and abilities accurate to the games.

For those of you new to Dragon Age, they were looking out for you too. Each episode begins with a seamless introduction explaining what you need to know to follow the story. These



are quick and written well.

Overall, the script shines brightest. Dialogue is witty, and the pace is fast. At ten minutes an episode, there’s only a short time to win over the audience and move the story along. They managed this without making it feel rushed or shallow.

You can tell a lot of care went into the whole production. “Redemption” is probably higher quality than “Hercules” from the ‘90s, but it’s around that level. I mean this by way of acting, as well as apparent production values. The blades look great, the costumes are perfectly adequate, and spell effects are pretty enough without being too distracting.

Do not go into this expecting “Game of Thrones.” This is still an indie-style web series after all.

### Stats

**Rating:** Unrated, but think PG-13  
**Length:** 8-10 minutes  
**Stars:** Felicia Day  
Doug Jones  
Adam Rayner  
**Where:** Machinima’s channel on Youtube  
**When:** New Episode every Monday

“Redemption” is a must-see series for fans of either Dragon Age or Felicia Day. I also encourage newcomers to give it a whirl, as some of you will certainly be made fans. Across the board, it’s one of the best web series out there, so try it out.

### What is Dragon Age?

Game developer Bioware created the setting of Dragon Age for the cross-platform video game “Dragon Age: Origins” in 2009. Because of its popularity, the game has spawned a sequel and has spread into a other mediums as well: comic books, novels, a table-top role-playing game, and now the web series “Dragon Age: Redemption.”

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# Lacy Wood

## On and Off the Court

**Scott Landgren**  
Sport Writer

If you went and watched an LBCC volleyball game or practice you would see a player who is a powerhouse on her team, but who is very quiet on the court. She might not be the vocal leader like others on her team, but she is the lead-by-example player that everyone respects. That player is sophomore outside hitter Lacy Wood.

When asked to describe Wood and the way she plays, Head Coach Jayme Frazier said, "Lacy is a quiet force on the outside, she is very powerful and pushes the ball through the block. She just gets the job done; she is a well-rounded power player for our team."

Wood was born in Medford and lived there for the majority of her life. She lived in part of eastern Oregon for a while as well. Wood grew up on a ranch in Medford and was into her horses. She used to participate in junior rodeos as she grew up. Growing up Wood was always active in sports, from basketball to soccer to volleyball and even track. With all the sports she did and other stuff with her horses she barely had any free time.

She was always busy and on the go.

Wood is an only child and she is close to her parents. They never pressured her into doing any sports, but they backed her up 100 percent on everything and every sport she wanted to try.

It was not until Wood attended high school that she knew volleyball was for her. During her time at Hidden Valley High School in Grants Pass, she

**Recap:**  
LBCC Volleyball

Oct. 19  
25 | 22  
17 | 25  
17 | 25  
12 | 25  
LBCC | Mt. Hood

Oct. 21  
25 | 22  
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25 | 17  
25 | 16  
LBCC | Chemeketa  
Next: Oct. 28 - Dorian Harris Classic in Gresham

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was able to polish and gain new skills in both volleyball, as well as basketball. After she graduated high school she was invited to come play basketball at LB.

While she was being recruited by the basketball coach, Frazier was recruiting her to come try out for the volleyball team. Judging by her



Lacy Wood (10) in action at a recent Volleyball game.

Kody Kinsella

success so far at LBCC it would seem Wood made a good choice to come here. Not only does she play a key role for the volleyball team, but she is also a big part of the basketball team here at LB. She played both sports as well last year at LBCC.

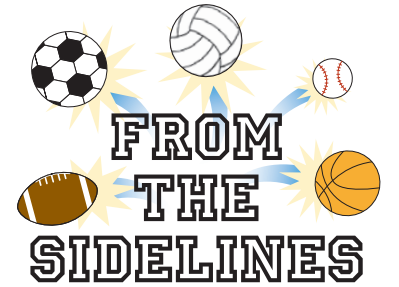
"While I was still in high school I received a letter from the basketball coach from LBCC, which really opened my eyes to LB. I had a teammate that played for Jayme the year before and had come up here on visits. So I knew this would be a great place for me," said Wood.

After she finishes at LBCC, Wood plans to pick one sport, either basketball or volleyball and

hopes to continue her playing career at a Division II school somewhere. She talked about wanting to play for a smaller school to gain more playing time and to continue playing the sport she loves.

"I am someone who leads by example, not very outgoing, not loud, but I do stay composed on the court," Wood said. "When I do something bad I stay cool and don't let it rattle me. I am not a standout, but I think I'm consistent."

If you want to see Wood and the rest of the Roadrunners play, their next home game is this Wednesday at 6 p.m. when they host New Hope Christian.



**LBCC**  
**Men's Soccer**  
Oct. 23

2 | 1  
LBCC | Willamette  
Next: Oct. 30 at Portland CC

**Women's Soccer**  
Oct. 22

1 | 7  
LBCC | UP  
Next: Oct. 30 at Portland CC

**OSU**  
**Football**  
Oct. 22

44 | 21  
OSU | WSU  
Next: Oct. 29 at Utah

**Volleyball**  
Oct. 21

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OSU | Washington

Oct. 22  
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OSU | WSU  
Next: Oct. 28 at home vs. Colorado  
Oct. 29 at home vs. Utah

**Men's Soccer**  
Oct. 21

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OSU | Stanford  
Next: Oct. 28 at San Diego  
Oct. 30 at UCLA

**Women's Soccer**  
Oct. 21

2 | 1  
OSU | WSU

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OSU | UW  
Next: Oct. 28 at home vs. Stanford  
Oct. 30 at home vs. California

**Corvallis Rugby**  
Oct. 22

15 | 22  
Corvallis | Bend  
Brewers | Roughriders  
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# Jackson's Dr. Stands Trial

**Melvin Dietz**

Contributing Writer

Attorneys and prosecutors have been debating in a Los Angeles courtroom for the past few weeks whether to charge Dr. Conrad Murray for alleged involuntary manslaughter.

Murray was Michael Jackson's personal physician. What we know is that Michael Jackson died of cardiac arrest associated with an overdose of the heavy surgical drug Propofol. Jackson was also administered Lorazepam and Midazolam, anti-anxiety medications.

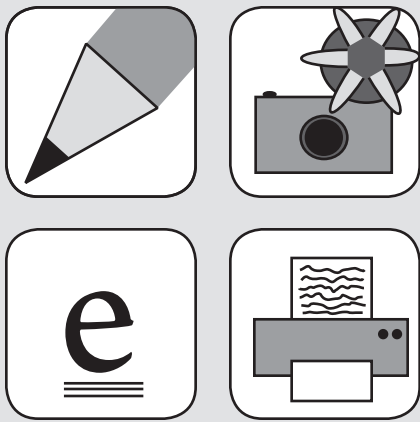
The original story given by the defense of Jackson's death was an overdose, but Murray had administered safe and non-lethal amounts to Jackson. The defense believes that when Murray went out of the room to take a phone call, Jackson gave himself more Propofol, creating an unsafe amount his body could not handle.

Propofol is a safe anesthetic, used often in hospitals for the purpose of putting you under

before surgery. However, mixed with the anti-anxiety drugs Jackson had taken and the lack of medical supervision to monitor Jackson, the prosecutors are claiming them to be responsible for Jackson's death.

The trial opened with statements from both viewpoints and both included disturbing material. Recorded from Murray's phone was audio of Jackson, slurring his speech massively. Also featured was a picture of the deceased Jackson lying on a gurney. Both pieces conveyed strong messages. The audio of Jackson recorded from Murray's phone could be used to protect Murray to prove Jackson was addicted to the drug before Murray became his physician.

The trial itself is almost over and if convicted of involuntary manslaughter, Murray could spend four years in prison and have his medical license revoked. If he is acquitted of charges, Jackson's family will not receive life insurance benefits due to Jackson having a hand in his own death.



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## In the News:

### Local:

**Salem, Ore.** - The Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) have discovered a security flaw in their online system that they use to issue licenses to workers in the construction field. They are notifying all of their customers and are working to fix the problem. One of their customers discovered that anyone could access personal information, such as addresses, phone numbers, and social security numbers. The DCBS currently uses the 'MyLicense' software and have provided a patch to fix the security issue.

source: kptv.com

**Newport, Ore.** - Police have identified the body of a woman found on a beach near Beverly Beach State park. Police have confirmed that the woman identified is Kayoko Umenishi from Neotsu, Ore. Umenishi was reported missing on Oct. 12 and on Oct. 15, police went to investigate a report of a woman's body discovered on the beach. So far, the authorities have not found any evidence at the location of Umenishi's body. The Lincoln County Sheriff and the Lincoln County Examiner are still investigating.

source: kptv.com

**Portland, Ore.** - Gabriel Gabreski, a chef at A Cena Italian restaurant in Sellwood, Ore., has been accused of stealing a \$12,000 acrylic canvas painting from an art gallery. Gabreski has been accused of taking the painting on Oct. 7, during a private art show on Southeast 34th Ave. Officials have reports from two individuals who saw Gabreski walk up to the painting and take it off the wall and walk out. When he was asked what he was doing, Gabreski simply said that the owner of the art gallery told him he could have it. The owner of the art gallery is Meg Hanson. "I'm upset. I'm angry. I feel violated. All of those things at once, but mostly it's a big loss," Hanson said.

Authorities have enough evidence and witness statements to charge Gabreski with one account of theft.

source: kptv.com

### Nation:

**Phoenix** - Jason Alistair Lowery, a deportation officer with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, has been arrested for smuggling pot and has been booked at Pima County Jail on allegations of smuggling and felony flight. Lowery led DPS and Federal Agents on a 45-minute chase out in the desert, where Lowery reportedly threw 10 of the 14 marijuana loads out of his ICE truck. DPS believes Lowery was taking the marijuana to a man working for a drug cartel, whose house served as the nexus of the drug distribution. The chase ended after Lowery rolled his truck and soon afterwards gave himself up. After arresting Lowery, the sheriff also arrested Joshua Duane Powell, the alleged marijuana distributor.

source: kptv.com

**New York** - Social Security recipients will receive a cost of living increase of 3.6 percent starting in January. Since inflation has been so low the past couple of years, beneficiaries have not received an increase since 2009. Unfortunately, most of the seniors will not receive the full COLA increase amount due to Medicare Part B increase. In the past, 70 percent of seniors were protected from Medicare increases because of a "hold harmless" provision. These 70 percent of seniors would not see their monthly social security checks decrease due to a Medicare hike. However, high-income beneficiaries and new enrollees did see their benefits reduced because they are not covered under the provision. This COLA increase is welcoming to the seniors that have seen their costs go up, while their social security remains flat. There are nearly 55 million people on social security and the average monthly check for seniors will increase \$43, to \$1,229, with it raising \$39 for the disabled, to \$1,111.

source: money.cnn.com

**New York** - Alec Baldwin is headed to the 'Occupy Wall Street Movement'. Baldwin's support comes the same night as feminist author and activist Naomi Wolf. Wolf was taken into custody during protests outside Skylight Studio in Manhattan. Wolf was arrested on charges of blocking pedestrian traffic. Baldwin and Wolf aren't the first stars to let their voices be heard. In the past, actress Susan Sarandon visited the Manhattan site, singer Russell Simmons has tweeted about it, and filmmaker Michael Moore has met with several protesters. While each person participating is protesting something different, the overall theme of the protest is against the out-of-touch corporate, financial and political elite. Demonstrators have rallied against what they are describing as corporate greed, arrogant, and powerful people repeatedly asserting their positions over the nation. The nation's wealthiest 1 percent holds inordinate sway over the remaining 99 percent of the population. The movement hit its 40-day mark on Wednesday, Oct. 26.

source: cnn.com

### World:

**Seoul** - After the major flooding in Thailand, the USS George Washington is stepping in to help. The aircraft carrier pulled out early from the Singapore port and is on its way to Thailand to help in any way they can. The USS George Washington is sailing along with destroyers USS Dewey, USS Wayne E. Meyer and USS Kidd. Thailand has had major flooding during the last few weeks and most of their towns are now submerged underwater.

source: stripes.com

**United Arab Emirates** - Anti-government officials have posted a new video online to remind people about how their months-long uprising is going to continue and that they have no intentions of quitting or backing-down. The video, titled 'Break the Silence,' has been posted on YouTube, Twitter, FaceBook and other social media websites. The video is made to look like the 'One' campaign ads and features young Yemenis speaking into the camera and saying why they are protesting the government and are asking for help and support. The activist group also has an active Twitter account. "We want independent institutions with an independent judiciary. We want the release of hundreds of political detainees. We want an end to the corruption. We want improved health care. We want better education.", said activist Atiaf Alwazir.

source: cnn.com

**50 countries** have signed up to get drone technology, including China, Russia, India, Pakistan, and Iran. A drone is a pilotless aircraft. The military is planning on developing autonomous drones. Autonomous drones are aircraft intelligent enough to make their own decisions on when to unleash lethal force. As of right now, these drones are used for surveillance. Not only are countries interested in these things, but private contractors are getting into business as well and many companies are offering drones-for-hire.

source: globalpublicsquare.blogs.cnn.com

### Weird:

**Utah** - Who actually believes a cat has nine lives? Well, in Utah, Andrea, a black and white cat, has just that. Andrea was being put to death because no one came to claim her, so an employee performed the routine procedure of euthanizing the cat. Once the procedure was over, Andrea was still alive, so they decided to do it a second time. After the second time, it looked like Andrea was dead and so the employee put her body into the freezer. After nine hours of being in the freezer, an employee heard meowing and lo and behold she was still alive and only mildly weakened and sick. After surviving two failed attempts, Andrea was turned over to the Community Animal Welfare Society.

source: huffingtonpost.com



## Campus Events

### Ongoing

#### Annual Art Faculty Exhibit

South Santiam Hall and Calapooia Center Galleries

Featured in the show are several colorful oil paintings by Department Chair Dori Bartholomew Litzer; recent watercolor paintings, photographs and mixed-media by Analee Fuentes; large-scale oil paintings by Gary Westford; and wood-fired ceramics by Jay Widmer from his 2011 Alesa Anagama firing. Also on view are pastel concept drawings of "A Christmas Story" by performing arts instructor Dan Stone, and platinum photographic prints by gallery coordinator Rich Bergeman. This is the 17th year for the exhibit, which runs through Oct. 28.

#### WOU Art Faculty Exhibit

NSH Galleries

A wide-ranging exhibit of artwork by a dozen Western Oregon University Art Faculty is on view at LBCC. This is the second of annual shows at LBCC featuring art faculty from Oregon's six state universities. The gallery is on display until Dec. 2.

### Wednesday 10/26

#### Courtyard Lunch: Chili!

Courtyard • Lunch time

Nothing like something warm to fill the soul and the belly! Lunch will include meat or vegetarian chili served with yummy cornbread with sour cream, diced onions, cheese, hot sauce, chips, cookie and a beverage. The cost is \$3.50 for students and \$4.50 for college employees. This event is made possible through a collaborative effort between Food Services and Student Life & Leadership.

#### Flu Shots!

Vinyard Mtn/Siletz Room CC 213 • Noon - 2 p.m.

Only employees and covered dependents that have the ODS-OEBB insurance card will be able to get a flu shot at no charge. Employees that have Kaiser insurance cards can get a flu shot at no charge by going to a Kaiser Clinic.

However, for convenience, Kaiser patients may choose to pay the cash price of \$ 28.00 and have their flu shot done during the LBCC Flu Clinic. Please be aware that Kaiser will not reimburse this expense, but you may claim it against your Health Savings Account.

#### Physical Science Speakers Series

MH 113 • Noon - 1 p.m.

Alison Koleszar, Department of Geosciences, Oregon State University. "Eruptive History of Mt. Hood, Oregon." Free and open to the public.

### Thursday 10/27

#### OIT Information Session

Fireside Room • 1:30 - 4 p.m.

OIT faculty will answer questions on admissions, financial aid and program requirements. LBCC/OIT Dual Enrollment programs include engineering, health technologies, management, communications and applied sciences.

#### AAWCC Bunco Night

Cascade View Meeting Rooms • 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Join in for a game of Bunco with food, fun & prizes! \$5 admission. Potluck, beverages provided. All proceeds benefit the Thanksgiving food drive for students and staff in need.

### Friday 10/28

#### ScareWaves: Halloween Radio Show

Russell Tripp Center • 6 p.m.

Presented in the classic 1940's radio drama style, the show will cover the classic horror stories of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, and Frankenstein. Tickets are \$5, or pay what you can, at the door. This family-friendly event includes activities for kids, including games and a costume contest, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Can't make it to the show? Listen to the live broadcast online at [www.linnbenton.edu/go/scarewaves](http://www.linnbenton.edu/go/scarewaves). The show will also be re-broadcast on Halloween night at 10 p.m. on OSU radio, KBVR 88.7 FM. For more

information, contact the Russell Tripp Performance Center box office at 541-917-4531. For special needs and accommodations, contact the LBCC Office of Disability Services at 541-917-4690 or via Oregon Relay TDD at 1-800-735-2900 at least 72 hours in advance of this event.

### Monday 10/31

#### Harvest Pie Festival

Student Life and Leadership • 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Join Student Life and Leadership for our annual open house and harvest celebration. Meet your student leaders and check out the fall activities you can take part in. Free pie and prizes will be given away to students and staff. This year's festival is Halloween-themed, so dress up and enjoy the celebration!

### Tuesday 11/1

#### Renewable Energy Lecture-Geothermal Energy Basics

Corvallis-Benton County Public Library • Noon - 1 p.m.

Come hear about new developments in renewable energy. This lecture will cover Geothermal Energy Basics. Geothermal energy has the potential to make a big impact on the West Coast of the US. This lecture covers the technical basics of geothermal operation, as well as an overview of the state of the industry and its potential. Presenter: Ted Brekken, Oregon State University.

### Wednesday 11/2

#### Physical Science Speakers Series

MH 113 • Noon - 1 p.m.

Dr. Joseph Levy, Geology Department, Portland State University, "Walking to Mars: What Antarctic Permafrost Tells Us About the Climate, Geology, and Habitability of the Red Planet." Free and open to the public.

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### 10/26-11/01

**Wednesday:**  
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Soups: Navy Bean, Won Ton

**Thursday:**  
Dishes: French Dip Sandwich, Chicken Ballontine, Thai Vegetarian Stir fry  
Soups: Dilled Potato Chowder, Curried Cream of Carrot

**Friday:**  
Chef's Choice

**Monday:**  
Dishes: Grilled Pork Chop Stuffed w/ Herbs & Hazelnuts, Rogan Josh, Portabella Sandwich  
Soups: Shrimp Bisque, Cream of Broccoli

**Tuesday:**  
Dishes: Rubeen Sandwich w/ Coleslaw, Chicken Gumbo w/ Creole Rice, Three-Cheese Stuffed Shells  
Soups: Creamy Chicken Mushroom, Tomato & Rice

## Classifieds

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

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This part-time job organizes and conducts basketball

practices, teaches skills, teamwork and sportsmanship. You must take a basic coaching class. You only volunteer two days/week (4-6 hrs/week).

**Pizza Makers (Albany)** Enjoy your job and coworkers and make money for school! Looking for people to work afternoons, evenings and weekends. Never have to work late hours.

**Historic Albany Recovery Program Intern (#9294, Albany)** Get to know local groups, work independently on projects and understand business planning as a route to generate Economic Impact sheets for major gambits and enterprises. Help Albany work its way out of the current recession!

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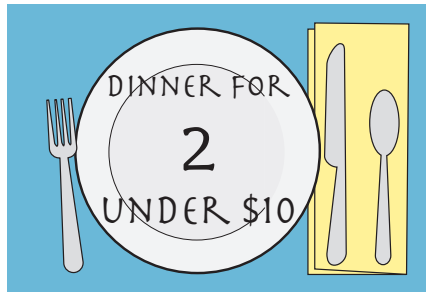
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- Meet with Friends or Make New Ones
- Watch a Movie, or Read a Book
- Search Scholarship Listings
- Use a Computer
- Find College and Community Resources
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- Learn about Non-Traditional Career Programs
- Attend an Activity or Event

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## Green Sauce Enchiladas

**Joy Durham**

Contributing Writer

Hello again! Welcome to another fun week of good eats at affordable costs. I hope you like Mexican food, because this week I made green sauce enchiladas. I did all of my shopping at Safeway this time. Walmart sometimes offers even better pricing, but I personally feel that Safeway has better product.

### Grocery list:

1 yellow onion	\$ .35
1 green bell pepper	\$ .89
1 can green enchilada sauce	\$1.19
12 corn tortillas	\$1.49
4 cups cheese	\$4.99
1 can refried beans	\$1.00

**GRAND TOTAL:**

**\$9.91**

### Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 335 degrees.
2. Chop the onion and bell pepper into a small dice.
3. Heat a saute pan on medium-high heat. Once the pan is warmed up, add enough oil to coat the pan.
4. Toss in your chopped onion and pepper. While peppers heat, grate your cheese.
5. Once the cheese is grated, add your can of refried beans to the onion/pepper mix. I like to add salt, pepper and garlic powder here, however this is optional based on preference. Also, if you like it spicy you can cut jalapeno peppers and/or serrano peppers and add them to the onion/pepper mix from step 2.
6. Once the peppers and onion are cooked al dente (about 10 mins) remove from heat. Set aside a baking dish.
7. Warm your corn tortillas in the oven for about 30 seconds. This makes them easier to handle.
8. Open your can of enchilada sauce. Pour some on the bottom of your baking dish and some on a separate plate.
9. Remove the tortillas. I prefer corn and flour tortillas. You can use whatever suits your taste. Take one and dip it in the sauce. Turn it and dip the other side in the sauce.
10. Fill your tortillas with some of the bean and onion/pepper mix and a handful of cheese. Place them in the baking dish. Repeat this step until all 12 tortillas are filled.
11. Pour excess sauce over tortillas, followed by excess cheese over the top of the enchiladas.
12. Bake for 15 minutes.

This is a great meal for a small family. You can get the kids involved and have some messy fun in the kitchen together. Have fun and enjoy!



Joy Durham

A trip south of the border.



## "Musketeers" Isn't One For All

**Kyle Holland**

Sports Editor

As the summer's blockbuster season quickly becomes a distant memory, director Paul Anderson brings a bit of summer action back with his latest version of Alexandre Dumas' original story "The Three Musketeers." This modern version still keeps a bit of Dumas' honor and epic sword fighting scenes, with added twists straight out of "Sherlock Holmes," "Pirates of the Caribbean," and "Mission Impossible."

Anderson, who also produced the "Resident Evil" franchise, the "Death Race" series, and is currently working on "Pompeii" set to release in 2013, offers up the film in 3-D or 2-D. His wife, Mila Jovovich, plays a super spy (Milady) out to sabotage the relationship between King Louis XIII and his rival, the Duke of Buckingham. Jovovich starred in the "Resident Evil" series and is no stranger to the action-packed role her character plays in the film.

But where there is a villain there must be a hero, or in this case four. "All for one and one for all" leads the young and feisty D'Artagnan (Logan

Lerman) away from his home with dreams of becoming the next Musketeer, like his father, but his road to Paris quickly becomes an adventure of a lifetime.

His arrogance or ignorance quickly pits him up against three down-and-out Musketeers: Athos (Matthew Macfadyen), Aramis (Luke Evans), and Porthos (Ray Stevenson), as well as Rochefort (Mads Mikkelsen), the Cardinal's captain of the guard and enemy of the Musketeers.

D'Artagnan challenges each Musketeer to a duel to the death, but, when the four meet, they realize they have a common enemy in Rochefort, who also has plans of his own.

From here the alliances are set and the team is ready to defend and honor thy nation. The foursome discover the backstabbing Milady and the Cardinal's plot and the one-time "warriors with no war to fight" quickly become engaged into a "fight worth fighting."

The film is set in 17th century France, with each scene offering breathtaking views and amazing scenery. The radiant colors attached to the scenery are epic in 3-D and really bring to life the Da-Vinci-inspired era

and architectural beauty the film provides.

There is no shortage of action from start to finish. The action comes and goes from the canals of Venice, to the streets of Paris, and even an "airship" battle in the sky. Yes, the "airship" battle is worth the price of the 3-D upgrade on its own.

All in all, the film does not blow you away with any great dialogue or great humor, but, like most Anderson films, the action keeps you entertained and the cast makes the film work. It's tough when a story has been done several times before, yet even with the rumored \$50 million budget, Anderson does a remarkable job with his use of cinematography and action sequences to spice up the film.

The last few weeks have been kind of a drag at the box office, however if you're in the need for some mindless 3-D action, then I suggest you get out of the brisk fall weather and go see the flick.

*The Three Musketeers*

Runtime: 110 minutes

Genre: Action, Adventure, Romance

Rating: PG-13

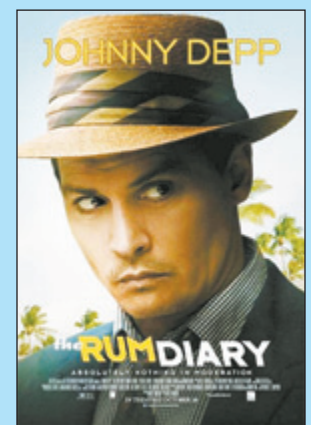
## COMING ATTRACTIONS



**In Time**  
Rated: PG-13  
Genre: Sci-fi



**Puss in Boots**  
Rated: PG  
Genre: Kitty Comedy



**The Rum Diary**  
Rated: R  
Genre: Adventure

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