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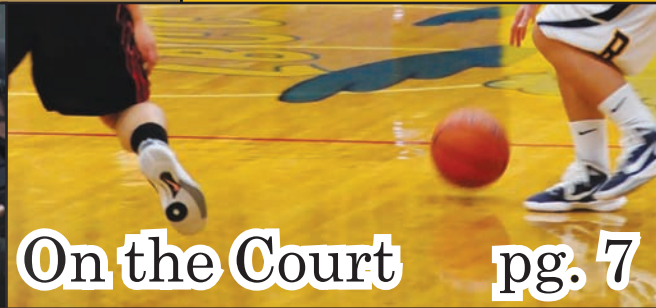
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# Meet Your Poet Laureate Ruth Krueger

**Kay M Roth**

Contributing Writer

Ruth Krueger is a student at Linn-Benton. She carries a full load of classes, works part time, studies hard and is working toward a degree. She differs from many other students in two special ways. Ruth is a non traditional student and is the current student poet laureate.

"I returned to school after a bit of an 'ahaa' moment," she said. Standing amid a pile of dishes at her food management job, she suddenly realized she was not doing what she wanted to do with her life. "My kids were all old enough for me to spend more time pursuing my goals."

Following in the footsteps of two of her children, both recent OSU graduates, Krueger returned to school. "This is my first college experience." She graduated from Mar Vista High School in San Diego in 1984. She is majoring in elementary education and is working toward meeting the requirements for a teaching certificate through OSU's double degree program. "My second major is language arts."

Krueger, who has been married for 26 years, lives in Lebanon. One of her daughters teaches English in China, while the other is an instructional assistant at Linn-Benton. Her third daughter is a freshman in high school.

Krueger is not her family's first poet laureate at Linn-Benton. "My daughter, Amy Earls, was student poet laureate for the 2009-10 school year," she said, adding that she was very proud of her daughter's accomplishment. "She is a remarkable poet."

Krueger had no intention of following her daughter's example. "It just came naturally when I returned to school." She went through the application process last spring, including writing an essay on poetry and what it meant to her. She also submitted six of her poems. Following an interview with the poetry committee, Robin Havenick, the school's poetry advisor, notified her later that day. She decided "[Poetry] was pursuing me."

Currently, her poetry has only been published in The Commuter and in the Albany Democrat-



Provided by Ruth Krueger

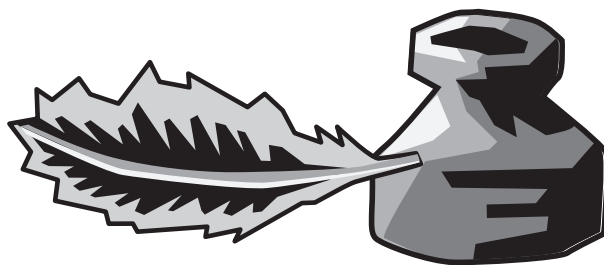
### Student Poet Laureate Ruth Krueger

Herald. "Maybe someday I'll try elsewhere. Maybe."

One of her poetry outlets is the Linn-Benton Poetry Club. "The poetry club is fun!" The club meets every Tuesday from 3 - 4 p.m. in the Hot Shot Café. She calls the club casual, where everyone is relaxed and everyone is welcome. There is about 15 members, including students, staff, and community members. Each week they write to a prompt and bring their poems in to share.

"I have always loved words and the way they can be put together to express ourselves," she said. "Poetry is a way to use the power of words to the fullest." She believes writing poetry helps her understand herself and the world around her. "I love the way it sounds and the thoughts it provokes."

Some people are afraid to try their hand at writing poetry. Krueger offers encouragement. "Poetry is not as hard as people may think it is, both to read and to write."



## For the Love of Shakespeare

**Nora Palmtag**

Contributing Writer

When discussing William Shakespeare, usually the audience is passionate or asleep in their seats. This is not the case with Peter Jensen, English instructor and successful writer. If you want to take a class to fulfill your requirements in English - one that will



grab your attention and keep it - take one of Peter Jensen's classes, especially one on Shakespeare. He has published two

books on Shakespeare: "Shakespeare's Name Code," and "Shakespeare's Lovers, A Novel."

Jensen's led a discussion on Wed. Nov. 9, at the NSH 107, to analyze the movie, "Anonymous," directed by Roland Emmerich and written by John Orloff. The film's premise states that the plays and poems commonly attributed to William Shakespeare are actually the works of Edward de Vere, 17th Earl of Oxford.

Another premise in the movie is Shakespeare is only an illiterate upstart. However, with Shakespeare's father being a mayor, bailiff, and alderman, there is little doubt that he was educated in the village of Stratford.

A controversy that started in the late 1700s, was whether it was possible for there to be three authors of the Shakespearian works. The timeline of

these players in relationship to Shakespeare are important:

- William Shakespeare - 1594-1616
- Edward De Vere, Earl of Oxford - 1550-1604
- Christopher Marlowe - 1564-1593
- Francis Bacon - 1561-1626

Christopher Marlowe is discounted immediately, as he died before some of the greatest works of William Shakespeare were written.

Francis Bacon is "an English philosopher, statesman, scientist, lawyer, jurist, author and pioneer of the scientific method." The two types of writing are almost antithesis of each other.

Finally, Edward de Vere, 16th Earl of Oxford, has a totally different style

of writing than William Shakespeare. There have been studies comparing the two styles of writing and there is very little similarity.

The critics of Shakespeare have not been able to find works by De Vere, to compare with Shakespeare's works.

Shakespeare's honor and reputation have been protected by Jensen, and any doubt that 'Anonymous' is a work of fiction has been vanquished. There is no doubt that any of those historical figures were the true writers of Shakespeare's works. Two of the better reference guides, per Jensen, are:

- The First Folio-The Norton Facsimile - 1623
- A Documentary Life of William Shakespeare by S. Schoenbaum - 1975

### My Soul

by Ruth Krueger

My soul has grown deep.  
I wonder, did yours also,  
Your souls, that is?  
Where they deep like mine?  
Who are you,  
My ancestors,  
Who may as well be strangers?  
What did you live to know?  
What stirred your thoughts  
And stung the corners of your eyes?  
What made you soar inside,  
Lifting you up  
With a sense of wonder so strong  
You thought you would burst?  
Did you fight for your lives,  
Your freedom as I have sometimes done?  
What filled your vision as you sailed the Atlantic  
To flee restraint?  
Did you know that one day others would come  
To your land of freedom  
Only to be enslaved?  
And if you had known,  
Would you have hated that as I do?  
And would you have wept for them,  
For all humanity,  
That we could do such things?  
And would you feel your souls grow deeper  
At the hearing of their cries?



## Jackson's Doctor Convicted of Manslaughter

**Justeen Elliott**  
News Editor

After a long two-year battle, the death of Michael Jackson has officially been ruled as involuntary manslaughter. Dr. Conrad Murray was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter of the king of pop, Michael Jackson, and will be facing a four-year sentence. His sentencing will begin on November 29.

Defense attorney Ed Chernoff said the defense's main priority now is to prepare for sentencing and to limit the amount of time Murray will spend in jail.

"What matters most right now is trying to keep Dr. Murray from taking up a prison cell in this community," Chernoff said. "That's what we're focusing on right now and we'll deal with an appeal after that."

Once the verdict was read, Murray was immediately handcuffed and taken away by deputies after Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor denied bail. Murray didn't seem to show any kind of emotion once his sentence was read. La Toya Jackson on the other hand, let out a loud, but short, scream and was quickly silenced by the bailiff. Fans of Jackson could be heard celebrating outside the Los Angeles County Courthouse. They were so ecstatic; one woman fainted after hearing the verdict.

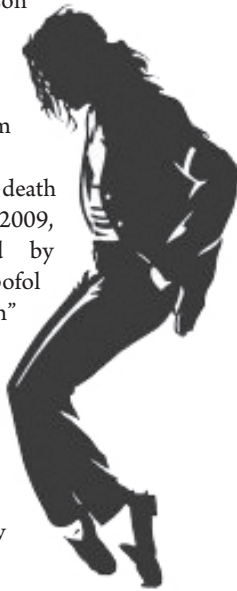
The verdict came from around nine hours of jury deliberation, which began Friday morning in the downtown Los Angeles County courthouse.

Another lawyer of Murray believes that the verdict would have been different if they were able to introduce some additional evidence, like Jackson's past drug use and "financial condition," for

example.

Murray was Jackson's personal physician as Jackson prepped for his comeback concerts. Murray often gave Jackson surgical anesthetic propofol to help him sleep.

Jackson's death on June 25, 2009, was caused by "acute propofol intoxication" in combination with two sedatives according to the Los Angeles County coroner.



## In the News:

### Local:

**Portland, Ore.** - Portland's Small Business Advisory Council has passed a motion to end Occupy Portland's encampment of two downtown parks. The advisory group plans to draft a letter to the City Council to encourage evicting campers from Lownsdale and Chapman squares. Three nearby business owners are so frustrated that they are considering moving their storefronts away from downtown. The council advises city commissioners on issues related to small businesses and includes representation from several area business groups.

source: Oregon Live

**Portland, Ore.** - Police said that a Molotov cocktail was set off in an exterior stairwell at Portland's World Trade Center Tuesday night by one of the Occupy Portland protesters. Police have been investigating reports since Oct. 31 that a person, or group of people, at the downtown Occupy Portland encampment have been making or storing Molotov cocktails.

source: Oregon Live

### Nation:

**Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington** - Calvin Gibbs, a sergeant in the U.S. Army, has been sentenced to life in a military prison with eligibility for parole in ten years. Gibbs was found guilty on Thursday of murdering three Afghan Civilians, illegally cutting off pieces of their corpses to keep them as "souvenirs", and planting weapons to appear as if they were Taliban fighters killed in legitimate firefights. Gibbs' rank was reduced to a private and was ordered to forfeit all pay and benefits.

source: CNN

**Washington D.C.** - On Tuesday, Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield of Ben & Jerry Ice Cream, showed their support to the protestors at McPherson Square by handing out free ice cream. Cohen and Greenfield are touring the country in support of the protestors and released a statement.

"I think that there's a lot of people in the 1 percent that believe that the laws in our country have been rigged to support the wealthy," Cohen said. "It shouldn't be surprising that people are advocating for things that don't necessarily help them, but help the community in general," he said, adding that a constitutional amendment could "solve the problem" of corporate personhood in politics.

source: Huffington Post

### World:

**Tokyo, Japan** - Toyota has recalled around 550,000 cars worldwide, mostly in the U.S., due to issues that could make it harder to steer. Toyota has received a total of 79 reports about this defect, dating back to 2007. The latest recall is due to the outer ring of the engine's crankshaft pulley may bemisaligning with the inner ring, causing noise or a warning signal to

light up. If the problem isn't corrected, the belt for the power steering pump may become detached from the pulley, making it suddenly more difficult to turn the steering wheel. Toyota will mail owners a notification to make an appointment with an authorized dealer to have their car inspected. If needed, parts will be replaced for no charge. Notifications will be mailed starting January.

source: Huffington Post

**Paris, France** - 153 bodies from the 2009 crash of Air France Flight 447 have been identified. Of the remaining 75 bodies, 74 are still in the ocean. The remains of the last of the recovered bodies are at the Medical Institute in Paris, where tests are ongoing to determine their identities. It took four searches over the course of nearly two years to locate the bulk of the wreckage and the majority of the bodies.

source: CNN

**Okuma, Japan** - More than 30 members of the press, wearing protective masks, anti-radiation suits, and confined to buses, were allowed inside the Fukushima Daiichi building. The bases of the buildings were filled with crumpled trucks, twisted metal fences, and large buckled water tanks. While the journalists were around the reactors, the reading rose to 300 microsieverts (0.3 millisieverts). The Japanese government-set threshold for evacuation from a normal area is accumulated radiation of 20 millisieverts per year.

source: Jakarta Globe

### Weird:

**England** - The makers of a stain removal product showed their support for breast cancer by making the world's largest bra. When it was finally unveiled on Oct. 28, at the Southbank Tower, the pink bra, which is a size 1,222B cup, measured nearly 102 feet around the chest. If shrunk down to human proportions, the bra would fit a woman with a 34B cup. The bra took four weeks to make and was made by M Putt Sailmakers.

source: Huffington Post

**Santa Fe, CA** - Law enforcement officials in California are seeking information about a man who robbed a Rancho Santa Fe bank, armed with a pesticide sprayer. On Nov. 4, he tried to pass himself as an exterminator and was seen toting a white plastic spritzer of bug spray and wearing a yellow rain jacket with a dust mask. The crook fled with an undisclosed sum of money. No one was injured.

source: Huffington Post

**England** - Last month John Lennon's housekeeper's daughter put Lennon's tooth up for auction. It sold for \$31,200 or £19,000. The tooth is too fragile to document to investigate if it is truly Lennon's tooth.

source: Huffington Post

# THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



**LBCCC is currently collecting non-perishable food items and money (checks may be made payable to AAWCC) until November 17th. The food and money collected will go to help students and staff in need this Thanksgiving season. Please consider donating to this very worthwhile cause. All food/money needs to be delivered to the Student Life and Leadership office no later than 4pm on Thursday, November 17th.**

Please call Tammi ext 4818 or Leta ext 4675 if you have any questions or concerns. If you or someone you know needs a food basket this Holiday season please contact Tammi at ext 4818 or Jeanine at ext 4236.

## Lend a Helping Hand

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## Letter to the Editor

### Re: Dear Conscience and Young Love

I am deeply offended by this article in [last week's] Commuter. Being young and being in love is nothing to be ashamed of. [The article] states "being young affords you the luxury of making mistakes." Isn't falling in love and falling out of love a way to adapt to the world? To your surroundings? Find out who you really are and what you want as a partner later in life?

How is relating love to Romeo and Juliet a realistic point of view? Yeah they were young, but honestly it's a love story told over and over way too much.

And in reference to Bella Swan: Life isn't a freaking fairy tale. [Twilight] is a book and a movie; as young adults we must learn what to expect from life, what is going to come out of a long-term relationship.

I do agree, however: school should be important, but being in a relationship doesn't make school any less important. It is up to the student what they want out of the relationship.

I am a 21-year-old married woman. I married my high school sweetheart. We have no kids, but plan to in the future. We argue, but who doesn't? I am dual-enrolled and school is at the top of my priority list. I work full time and go to school full time, as well as my husband. So I had a deep relationship going into college, but honestly I am not suffering from it. I enjoy it. Why do I need to date many guys to determine who I am? Personally I find that rather boring.

I am speaking out because this article is blatantly telling students that finding love is wrong, that they need to wait until they are finished with college before they think about finding that special someone who makes them smile, who is that person that makes them want to keep going throughout their day.

Mandi

**In response** to the letter to the editor: You are correct, the Devil in Dear Conscience is encouraging young students to "play the field," and to wait until finished with college before settling down with someone.

However, a fictitious character we use in our newspaper generates this opinion. Both our Devil and our Angel go to extremes in offering opposing advice in order to enhance the notorious personality of their characters: one is extremely blunt and sometimes cold, the other is hopeful and optimistic.

We aim to add humor to life's situations. Thank you again for your concerns. We hope this clears any misunderstanding. As always, our fictitious characters do not necessarily reflect the opinions of our editors and writers.

## OPINION

### Dear Conscience,

**My teacher is so inflexible, I have one thing that I wasn't able to turn in, but I offered to either e-mail it or bring it in another day, but they "don't take late assignments, regardless of the reason."**



**Ashley Christie**  
Shoulder Devil

**Justin Bolger**  
Shoulder Angel

Just drop the class. This teacher sounds like a real pain. It's not worth it.

Your time is valuable and you don't need this. You're having to put in a lot of extra effort, how dare they actually make you earn your grade?

I'm sure that you didn't know about the due date ahead of time or have ample opportunity to finish the assignment.

And I'm sure you had a very good reason for not turning it in on time. It's not like you just forgot about it or put it off till the last minute and didn't have time to finish it.

Oh ... you did ... well regardless, college is your time. Do things at your own pace, live by your own schedule. Don't conform to "the man's" timetable. Be your own person. You get your assignment done late, so what? It's not the end of the world. Your classes should be about fun and frolic, not being responsible.

You need to stand up and protest this unjust teacher. Stop doing all the assignments. Better yet, do them to show your teacher they're finished then simply rip them up. That'll show 'em.

Rally the other students and get them to do the same thing. College should be about the students anyway. Why don't you have a say? Shouldn't you be asked when you'd like to turn in the assignments?

It's time you take control and let this teacher know just exactly who is in charge.

I'm afraid I have to go lawful good on you here. I don't disagree with your instructor.

It was in the syllabus, I'm sure, so what stopped you from turning it in? An emergency could be an acceptable excuse, I suppose, but still, it would depend what it was ... a car accident maybe? A child in the hospital?

If this is the case, bring in the medical bill or whatever and have a calm, reasonable conversation with your instructor. Don't get angry. Don't stoop to guilt-tripping. Remember they are human, but there are reasons for their rules.

Otherwise, here's how to handle a situation like this in the future: Turn in the assignment early. Instructors are always open to this, and it could net you some bonus respect points.

Speaking of respect, consider what your instructors do for you on a daily basis. They prepare lesson plans, grade every assignment, inspire/lead discussions, available during office hours, etc. My point is they do their part. Give them a show of respect by doing yours. There's a relationship there, a trade. If you're not making an effort, why should they?

This is a bit of a learning experience, isn't it? Let me welcome you to college. Consider it nearer to a job than to high school. While the latter has fewer consequences, if you miss your deadline at a job, you'll likely get fired or demoted. It's better to learn that now.

### Have questions? We have answers.

We offer advice on ANY topic from two different points of view. Send your questions to: [commuter@linnbenton.edu](mailto:commuter@linnbenton.edu)

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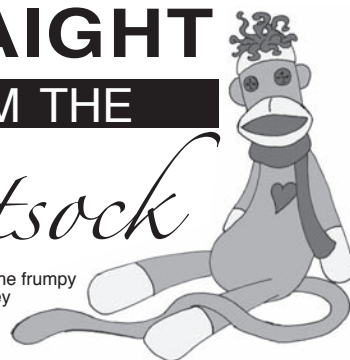
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## STRAIGHT FROM THE

# Hartsock

Brain stuffing from the frumpy sock monkey



### Encourage Your Child's Strengths

**Jennifer M. Hartsock**  
Opinion Editor

You would think it's common sense for children to experience the great outdoors, get dirt in their hair and under their fingernails, and get a few bruises and scratches. Playing with other children helps develop social, problem-solving skills, and provides a first-hand understanding of the natural world.

Parents sometimes force, or strongly encourage, their children to participate in school activities, join a sport, play

an instrument, or schedule play-dates with the neighbor kids. This will produce stable and balanced people, they reason.

Sometimes parents want their children to be involved in the same activities they were involved in. Their past accomplishments become goals for their children to meet in order to relive the "glory days."

How far should parents go to influence and shape their children into well-adjusted individuals?

It should always come down to encouragement and respect for the children. Encouragement from the parents to do well in life (which does include learning social skills, responsibility, and hands-on knowledge of the world) is a good and healthy thing. But take a serious look into your child's personality, skills, and interests. Brainstorm activities suitable for them. They may not want to live your glory days, or take up the family business – or play a sport or instrument – but at least this will avoid leading them down a pathway they dislike and end up resenting.

There is nothing wrong with wanting the best for your children, but doing so with respect to their personalities will always produce better results. Maybe the outcome will be hard to understand, but at least it will be something they enjoy.

Interest in their well-being, and respect for their happiness should always be the goal.





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# Penn State Riots for Wrong Reasons



Jennifer M. Hartsock

Opinion Editor

Former Penn State assistant coach Jerry Sandusky was charged earlier this month with 40 counts of sexually abusing eight young boys from 1994 to 2009. He has since denied such claims.

According to John Remiro at USA Today, "The report details claims of alleged sexual encounters with boys in Sandusky's home, hotels and Penn State locker rooms."

Sandusky has said that there was some "horsing around" with young boys, as well as showering, though claims none of it was sexual.

However, Penn State assistant Mike McQueary testified that in 2002 he witnessed Sandusky conducting sexual acts with a 10-year-old boy in the university showers. McQueary reported the scene to his supervisor, Head Coach Joe Paterno. The scene eventually reached university President Graham Spanier, who did not report it to the police.

A potential rape went unreported, but Paterno banned Sandusky's privilege to a Penn State shower key.

As Jon Stewart said, "They run a tight ship..."

According to ABC News, "[Paterno and Spanier's] firings came after two other top school officials were charged with perjury and failure to report sex abuse, allegedly committed by Sandusky."

One would think that something as serious as an unreported rape would justify not only firing the alleged offender, but also those who did not act. This doesn't appear to be the case with Penn State students, who are rioting against Paterno's firing. Why are they rioting? Because Paterno has managed the most wins in the history of major college football.

Dan Harris of ABC News, who found himself in the riot, reported that thousands of "students learned that Joe Paterno had been fired ... [and] the response was ferocious."

Police had to use tear gas to control the crowd. Apparently, students were "overturning a TV news truck, knocking over light poles, and throwing rocks at police," reported CNN News.

Students are outraged by the firing of a professional who failed to act upon a potential rape of a child.

How is this even possible? How can the rage of losing a game-winning-record coach outweigh the rage of his failure to put a stop to someone who has potentially abused children? Any person, especially one of authority, is responsible for reporting a potential rape. And as human beings, we should never put a score card above the well-being of a child.

# GOP Debate Heats Up

Melvin Dietz

Contributing Writer

Last week a GOP debate aired on CNBC is receiving a lot of attention. Texas governor Rick Perry attempted to determine which three government agencies he would cut as president.

He started off strong in the discussion stating he would cut the Department of Commerce, Department of Education, and when it came to the third on his list of "cut" agencies, he seized up and forgot. Trying to downplay the situation, Perry took the suggestion of one of his opponents saying he would cut the EPA. CNBC moderator, John Harwood, then asked Perry if that seriously was the third department, to which Perry said no. Perry then restated the two departments and again forgot the last one and simply ended the response saying he couldn't name the third, "oops."

After the candidates changed the topic, Perry came back stating he remembered the last department he would cut as being the Department of Energy. During the debate, CNBC pulled tweets about the debate and broadcasted them in a ticker at the bottom of the screen,

one of which said, "Put a fork in him, Perry's done." Pundits and Politicos regarded the incident as the end of Perry's presidential campaign. Others simply wrote it off as a brain fart likely to not damage his campaign.

Another point of controversy during the debate occurred when Herman Cain was debating healthcare policies passed in congress that the public was unaware of, under former Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi. Cain described Pelosi as "Princess Nancy."

Cain has been in the spotlight recently amid a sex scandal, alleging he sexually harassed several women in the '80s as CEO of Godfathers Pizza. He has since said he is innocent of the allegations against him and sparked a moment of discontent with the debate moderators when asked about the scandal during the debate. People in the audience booed when the question was brought up during the debate theme of Economy.

Cain has lost some favor due to his "Princess Nancy" retort and current scandal. Future debates will be interesting to see how candidates respond to key issues. The next televised debate will be on November 22 at 5 p.m. on CNN, live from Washington D.C.

# Advice from Weiss

**Question:** Help! I've been getting help with child care from a family member. But she's moving away at Christmas, and I don't have anyone to take care of my daughter for winter term. How can I find someone?



Mark Weiss  
Counselor

**Answer:** LBCC has a wonderful service for students called "Family Connections." They can help you find child care providers, elder care providers, and any one of a number of other services students with families need. They are also great consultants on child and family issues.

You can talk with someone in Family Connections by calling 541-917-4899, or by emailing them at familythings@linnbenton.edu... Or, if you're on the Albany Campus, walk over and see them personally. They are located in our Luckiamute Building in room 132. They can give you information on all kinds of services in the two county area, and beyond.

**Question:** The whole Penn State child abuse scandal is so weird. How can a coach get fired for a crime he didn't commit, and even told his superiors about? Nothing like that could happen here, could it?

**Answer:** Well, I'm no expert on the laws in Pennsylvania, but in Oregon, Coach Paterno could have been charged with a crime, as well as fired.

Oregon has a "Mandatory reporting law," where child abuse is concerned. Anyone working at a school, or working with the public in any way, is required to report child abuse if they observe it, or are told about it. Anyone who doesn't report can be legally charged. Medical doctors are about the only folks in a "people helping profession," that are not mandatory reporters, in Oregon.

So LBCC's teachers, coaches, counselors, administrators, and classified staff are all required to report to either the Police, or the Department of Human Services, if they are aware that a child is being hurt.

About 30 years ago, research showed that child abuse was much more common than previously believed. There was a sense of moral outrage that swept the country over the next few years, and many states adopted strong laws for the protection of children. Oregon among them.

Mark Weiss

Counselor

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

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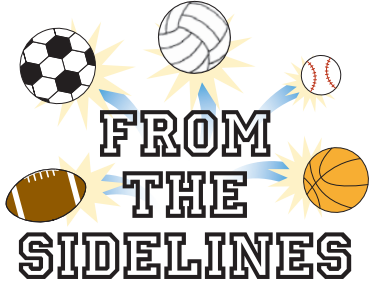
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# Women's Basketball

# Ready for the Tip Off



**Kyle Holland**  
Sports Editor

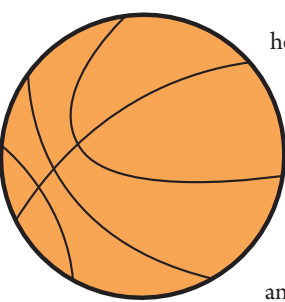
After working hard for the last month and a half, the LB women's basketball team is ready to tip off the 2011-2012 season.

After dealing with an up and down season last year, finishing at 6-18, the team is poised for a successful season this year. With the addition of some key players and the experience of the returning players, fourth-year coach Teresa Guerra believes this year's team has the potential to do great things.

"The girls have been working hard building great chemistry and are really excited to get the season started," Coach Guerra says.

The team is a dynamic group of girls led by returning sophomore Alicia Love, who missed all of last season with a torn ACL she suffered in the first pre-season game of last year. Love plays guard and post and will be "back making major contributions to the team," her coach said.

"It feels good to be able to come back, my knee is feeling 100 percent and it just feels good to be playing again and that the team still wants me here. The team is really looking good, a lot better than we have in the past," Love said.



6'2" sophomore Heidi Halemeier, who was an honorable mention to the NWAACC all-star team last year, will be a big presence for the team in the key and looks to be a dominant force in the paint, drawing a lot of attention that should also help get the outside shooting going that even the coach says the team as lacked in recent years.

"It's gonna be a really great year. We're quicker and have a wide variety of players this year that can

contribute on offense and defense," Halemeier added.

Leading the outside shooting attack will be incoming freshman and shooting guard Michelle Bromagen. "She's always a threat to score from the outside and is always hustling out there," her coach says.

The team had two pre-season games over the past week against Clark and Umpqua. Even though stats and scores were not officially kept against, the team scored its first 21 points off three-pointers and played tremendous team defense, forcing many turnovers. The bench play was also a factor in both games, stepping right in and keeping up the overall intensity of the game.

After the hot start, Coach Guerra was excited with the team's unselfish team play, saying, "this is the best start we have had since I have been here."

The team has been out and about in the community, trying to spread the word about the LBCC women's basketball team. The girls have been volunteering in basketball camps and in grade schools around the area, helping out with kids and hopefully earning some fans along the way to come and cheer them on throughout the season.

The team officially kicks off the season this weekend at the Everett Basketball Classic in Everett, Wash., followed by a tough pre-season schedule that should help the team prepare for league play coming up in January. Coach Guerra has high hopes of getting this year's team into the NWAACC tournament at the end of the season and be in the top four of the league.

### Upcoming Games: Women's Basketball

Next: Nov. 18-20  
Everett Community College  
Women's Basketball Classic

### Men's Basketball

Next: Nov. 19  
home game vs.  
Northwest Elite at 6 p.m.

### LBCC Volleyball

Nov. 9  
3 | 2  
LBCC | Clackamas

### Men's Soccer

Nov. 11  
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LBCC | Willamette

### Nov. 13

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LBCC | Reed  
Next: Nov. 18 at PCC  
Nov. 20 at Lewis and Clark

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A path through the arbor of trees in the park near Oregon State University.

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Privileged Bicycle parking behind Valley Library at OSU.



## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Treat for tired dogs?
  - 8 Snake oil, so it's said
  - 15 Bridge bid, briefly
  - 16 Fauna
  - 17 Old Meccan governors
  - 18 Swift specialties
  - 19 Gents
  - 20 "Real breakfast 24/7" restaurant chain
  - 22 Ventura County's \_\_\_ Valley
  - 23 Actress Swenson
  - 25 God of Spain
  - 26 More than just ask
  - 27 Head lock
  - 29 "\_\_\_ boy!"
  - 31 City on the Rhine
  - 32 Shrub with clusters of blue flowers
  - 34 Betrayals
  - 36 Hotel amenity for business travelers
  - 38 Delete
  - 41 Tiny white ovum
  - 45 Musical set in Manhattan's East Village
  - 46 Armstrong singing style
  - 48 Iberian river
  - 49 Stock suffix
  - 50 Agcy. that conducts workplace inspections
  - 52 Noilly \_\_\_: vermouth brand
  - 53 Defect
  - 55 Private pupils
  - 57 Artist who funded Manhattan's Strawberry Fields memorial
  - 58 Reminder file
  - 60 Ale seller
  - 62 Menu courses
  - 63 Ventilation source
  - 64 Can't stand
  - 65 Did over on a Selectric, say

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By Bob Peoples

- 2 Candy bar with an exclamation point in its name
- 3 Fruits used in making Grand Marnier
- 4 Three times, in Rx's
- 5 Senate Majority Leader Harry
- 6 Ravenous, probably
- 7 Sarajevo's region
- 8 Lineup announcement medium, briefly
- 9 Santa \_\_\_: West Coast winds
- 10 Trivial point
- 11 "The Rachel Papers" novelist Martin
- 12 Arctic deer
- 13 Nitrogen or oxygen
- 14 Transfers, as legal rights
- 21 "I wouldn't do that just yet"
- 24 Fielder's stat
- 28 Boys, to men
- 30 Italian sports car, briefly

### Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 31 Old-fashioned proof of purchase
- 33 Aces
- 35 Crow's nest sighting
- 37 "For sure!"
- 38 Skillfully made
- 39 Deletion indicator
- 40 Plays without intermissions
- 42 Ace of Base genre
- 43 Bit of grit
- 44 Retire, but not permanently
- 47 Legal profession
- 51 Raptor's home
- 54 Cincinnati sitcom station
- 55 Tiger's pocketful
- 56 Miró Foundation architect
- 59 Gift for an island visitor
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### Last Week's Puzzle Solved

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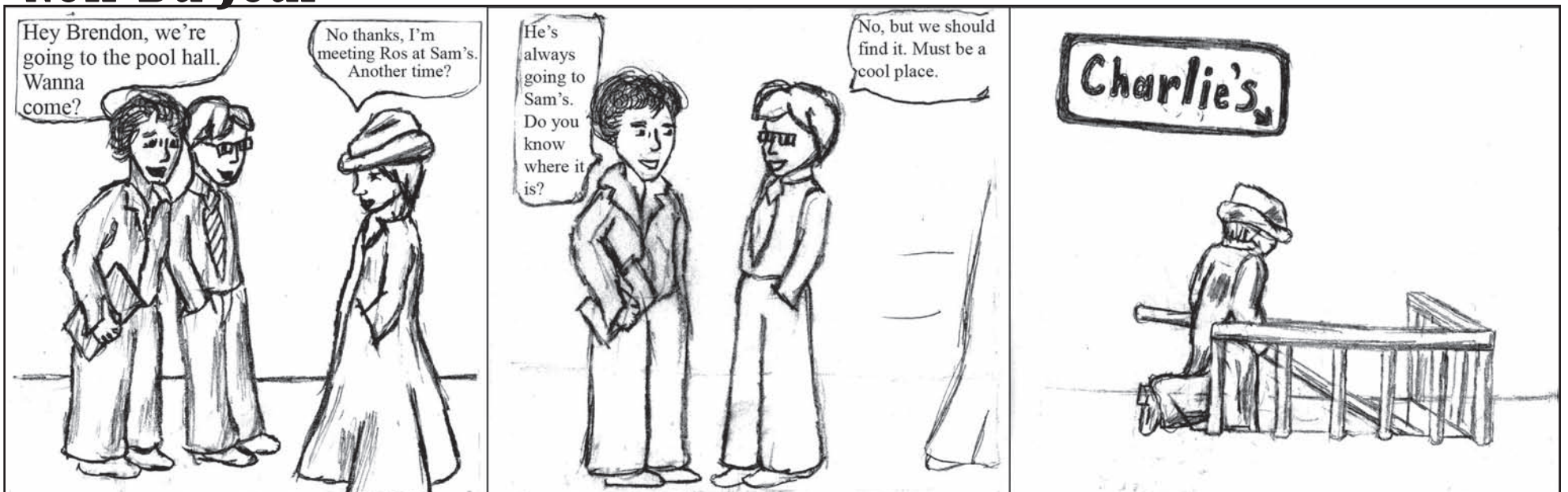
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## Noir Du Jour

An LBCC student-generated comic

By Lizzy Mehringer





## Poetry Spotlight

## BACK *in the* DAY

### Untitled Poems

Wipers washed away  
morning dew  
Of summer's fall.

Chris Martin

Piles and Piles of stuff  
Here and there, everywhere  
Junk, it's all just junk

Pamela Dobbins

Damn,  
Empty bottle.  
Even when I fill you up  
You are still unsatisfying.

Michaella Parks



### This day in history ...

#### Nov. 16, 1952 - Good Grief

In the Peanuts comic strip, Lucy first holds a football for Charlie Brown. That's what you get for trusting a woman.

#### Nov. 17, 1913 - May I have this ... nevermind

In Germany, Kaiser Wilhelm bans the armed forces from dancing the tango. And the men were so looking forward to showing off their fancy footwork.

#### Nov. 18, 1985 - Defence! Defence!

Lawrence Taylor breaks Joe Theismann's 12-year NFL career after breaking his leg during a game. I only know about this 'cause it was in "The Blind Side." Sandra Bullock is awesome.

#### Nov. 19, 1965 - Most important meal of the day

Kellogg's Pop Tarts introduced. What do you mean you put them in the toaster? You like them warm? That's weird.

#### Nov. 20, 1984 - I'm lovin' it

McDonald's makes its 50 billionth burger. You can almost feel the arteries clogging.

#### Nov. 21, 1929 - The mind's a scary place

Spanish surrealist Salvador Dali has his first art exhibit. Can anyone explain to me what the melting clocks mean?

#### Nov. 22, 1995 - To infinity and beyond

"Toy Story" is released in the US. It's the first feature-length film created completely using computer-generated imagery. The animated world was never the same.

## ~ ~ ~ HOROSCOPES ~ ~ ~

**ARIES**  
3/21-4/19  
I have not winced nor cried aloud. / Under the bludgeonings of chance / My head is bloody, but unbowed.  
- William Ernest Henley

**CANCER**  
6/22-7/22  
A robin red breast in a cage / Puts all heaven in a rage.  
- William Blake

**LIBRA**  
9/23-10/23  
I was born to catch dragons in their dens / And pick flowers / To tell tales and laugh away the morning  
- James Kavanaugh

**CAPRICORN**  
12/22-1/19  
The woods are lovely, dark and deep. / But I have promises to keep, / And miles to go before I sleep,  
- Robert Frost

**TAURUS**  
4/20-5/20  
While I nodded, nearly napping, suddenly there came a tapping, / As of some one gently rapping, rapping at my chamber door.  
- Edgar Allan Poe

**LEO**  
7/23-8/22  
I cannot build a mountain / Or catch a rainbow fair, / But let me be what I know best, / A friend that is always there.  
- Khahlil Gibran

**SCORPIO**  
10/24-11/21  
Boldly they rode and well, / Into the jaws of Death, / Into the mouth of Hell / Rode the six hundred.  
- Alfred Lord Tenneyson

**AQUARIUS**  
1/20-2/18  
Water, water, every where, / And all the boards did shrink; / Water, water, every where, / Nor any drop to drink.  
- Samuel Taylor Coleridge

**GEMINI**  
5/21-6/21  
If you can meet with triumph and disaster / And treat those two imposters just the same;  
- Rudyard Kipling

**VIRGO**  
8/23-9/22  
Shall I compare thee to a summer's day? / Thou art more lovely and more temperate.  
- William Shakespeare

**SAGITTARIUS**  
11/22-12/21  
Drink to me only with thine eyes, / And I will pledge with mine;  
- Ben Johnson

**PISCES**  
2/19-3/20  
I think that I shall never see / A poem lovely as a tree.  
- Joyce Kilmer

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## Winter Registration Tips

As fall term nears to an end and winter registration lurks around the corner, plotting your plans now for next term is recommended. Open registration is December 10. Before you register consider the following:

- Ask yourself, how well did you do this term? If you will have to redo a class, this should be first on your list of classes to register for.
- If you are planning on graduating this year, you need to complete any required classes.
- If you are transferring, contact the college you will be entering to assure you are completing any required classes, as well as if there are other classes you could take now to save yourself time (and possibly money) later.
- Also consider speaking with an LBCC counselor to make sure you are on track and aware of any additional requirements you will have to complete to transfer or graduate in the near future.
- Ask yourself how you learn best and what you need to succeed in classes. For example, if you know that classes at 8 a.m. are difficult for you to concentrate in, consider taking the class at a later time. It is better to be realistic with your expectations. If you have doubts about a class time, use your better judgment.
- Consider the workload and time you will have to devote

to studying. Typically full time is equal to three or four classes, which may not seem difficult, but the amount of homework, testing and other assignments should not be overlooked. Becoming overwhelmed or getting behind in classes is a danger you'd do well to avoid.

- Check to see if the class you are interested in requires out of class attendance, prerequisites or additional requirements that could pose a problem with your schedule.
- Those who want to save money and ride on public transportation, should consider departure times. It is recommended to give yourself at least ten minutes after your class ends and before your transportation arrives to ensure you can make it to the pick-up point in time.
- Volunteering or participating in sports or clubs are great ways to develop experiences and incorporate yourself into the college experience. However, understand what you will need to give yourself, such as extra time, in order to juggle multiple responsibilities successfully.

It is important to know yourself. Everyone's pace is different. Remember, when it comes to being successful in college, it's not about how long it takes you to finish, but how well you did along the way.

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## Campus Events

### Ongoing

#### WOU Art Faculty Exhibit

NSH Galleries

A wide-ranging exhibit of artwork by a dozen WOU Art Faculty is on view at LBCC. The gallery is on display until Dec. 2.

#### Gallery Show "Mutual Appreciation"

SSH Gallery

The show features paintings, drawings and printmaking works from eight OSU students and recent graduates, three of which are former LBCC art students. The show runs through Dec. 2.

#### Wednesday 11/16

##### Physical Science Speakers Series

MH 113 • Noon - 1 p.m.

Dr. Dudley Chelton, College of Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences, Oregon State University, "Satellite Oceanography." Free and open to the public.

#### Friday 11/18

##### Remaining Tuition Balance Due

#### Benton Center Acoustic Showcase

Benton Center Student Lounge • Noon

Mark Weiss and Scott McAleer will share their acoustic guitar licks and feel-good folk tunes. Bring your lunch and a friend and enjoy!

#### Artist Reception

South Santiam Gallery • Noon - 1 p.m.

A reception for the artists in the show "Mutual Appreciation," featuring eight OSU students whose work includes paintings, drawings, and printmaking.

#### Saturday 11/19

##### LBCC Men's Basketball Game

AC 130 • 6 - 8 p.m.

Home basketball game vs. Northwest Elite

#### Tuesday 11/22

##### Renewable Energy Lecture - Wave Power

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

Come hear about new developments in renewable energy. November 22, lecture covers wave power. Wave power continues to develop in Oregon.

This presentation continues from last year's with updates on prototypes being tested and installed from Coos Bay to Puget Sound. Wave energy basics, and a general update on the global

status of wave energy, will also be presented. Presenter: Ted Brekken, OSU

#### Fall Choral Concert

7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

#### Thursday 11/24

##### LBCC Closed (Holiday)

#### Friday 11/25

##### LBCC Closed (Holiday)

#### Tuesday 11/29

##### Renewable Energy Lecture - Residential Solar Systems

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

Come hear about new developments in renewable energy. November 29, lecture covers residential solar systems. An overview of residential solar systems will be presented, from photovoltaics to hot water heaters. This presentation will focus on the basics of technical operation, and examples of current and cutting edge residential solar systems. Presenter: Dave Ewelland, Solar Summit.

If you have a Campus Event,  
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## THE COMMONS FARE

11/16-11/22

### Wednesday

Dishes: Baked Stuffed Snapper, Braised Lamb, Cheese and Fried Onions over Spaetzel  
Soup: Albondigas and Cream of Broccoli

### Thursday

Dishes: Beer-battered Fish Sandwich, Cider-brined Pork Chop w/ Caramelized Onions, Cheese and Mushroom Crepes  
Soup: Grilled Vegetable Beef and Dill Potato Chowder

### Friday

Chef's Choice

### Monday

Dishes: Fettuccine Bolognese, Coq Au Vin, Portabella Mushroom w/ Spinach, a Poached Egg, Béarnaise and Rice Pilaf  
Soups: Italian Sausage and Cream of Broccoli

### Tuesday

Dishes: Jamaican Jerk Chicken w/ Mango Chutney, Prime Rib w/ Popovers, Chile Rellenos  
Soups: Creamy Chicken Mushroom and Vegetarian Tomato

## Classifieds

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*Give me books, fruit, French wine and fine weather and a little music out of doors by somebody I do not know - John Keats*

## Interview with a Sexpert: OSU's Kathy Greaves

**Jana Hodgins**  
Contributing Writer

Given the nickname Dr. Sex by her students, Kathy Greaves is the all-knowing information source for sexual health. Greaves, a professor at Oregon State University, holds a Ph.D in Human Development and Family Sciences and writes the "Dear Abby" style sex column for the OSU newspaper. The issues that she discusses are "any and all aspects of sexuality."

Greaves says her "philosophy comes from over 10 years of education in the field of sexology and seven years of experience as an educator on [the Oregon State] campus." Amanda Antell, who also writes for the Barometer with Greaves and former student says "She is an amazing person."

Most students are familiar with Greaves as the Human Sexuality teacher. This class can be selected to fulfill graduation requirements, and students are in for an eventful class. "Her lectures are never boring" says Kelly Hall who took Human Sexuality from Greaves.

Her biggest impact on students, however, is her Sexpert column. Greaves writes short blurbs on sexuality a few times a month in hopes that she can better educate college students.

This column allows students to ask questions they may be afraid to ask out loud. Brenden Hesse, a current student, explains that Greaves is perfect for this topic because there's "no sugar-coating." She addresses "issues that require that kind of frank talk." And on topics of sexual health, Greaves can help "break the ice," allowing students to open up and be honest.

**How do you like writing the Sexpert column?**

**KG:** Oh I love it, I actually wish I had more time. Every once in a while



**Kathy Greaves**

I just feel completely rushed. Two weeks ago my column was really short, and they don't like that either. I really like it, and part of the reason I like it, I guess I would say, is that I don't necessarily love writing it. I don't see myself as a writer, but students love it.

**And students can write in?**

**KG:** Yes. They don't do that very often, oddly enough I hardly get email questions. And so, in my human sexuality class I have a question box. When I'm not getting email questions directed specifically to Dr. Sex then I just pull from my question box.

**How do you like teaching?**

**KG:** I LOVE teaching. Teaching is the best part, emailing is the worst part. Without a doubt email is the worst part of my job. Well, over 200 a day. My favorite part of the job is when I'm in the classroom.

**What is the one number one piece of advice you'd give if you could tell every college student one thing?**

**KG:** Take advantage of what's being offered to you. Many college students, not all of them, but many college students just want to come here and get away from home and do

as least as possible to skirt by. And the resources that are available here, you and your parents are paying for in your fees regardless of whether you use it you're paying for it anyway, so you might as well use it. Like Dixon, Student Health Center, and Caps, and all the student resource centers on campus. ... Its an amazing opportunity, somebody's paying for it.

Open your mind. This is your opportunity to learn stuff that you don't know, and so many students come here and they think they know everything. People do have to take in information from different places, and then decide for yourself.

**What are your passions outside of work?**

**KG:** I wish I could say I had them, I work like 60 hours a week. I have a dog, I love her. I do like to travel. ...I was in San Francisco this summer, I love that city.

**Average day of work?**

**KG:** I'm a slow mover in the morning, so I usually get up about three hours before I have to teach. I'm not a morning person. Then I usually teach, have a break, teach, have a break, then I go home and have dinner and check email.

**This role that you've taken at the university is a little bit different. How did you end up here?**

**KG:** You know, I kinda fell into it especially with the Dr. Sex column. I had a conversation with the Barometer well over a decade ago when I was a grad student. When my column first started, it was called "Ask the Sexpert" because I didn't have my Ph.D yet, so you couldn't call it "Dr. Sex" We thought what a great idea to have a Dear Abby column, but about sex. They do not know that they're doing out there!

## "Jack and Jill" Fetches a Pale Review

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To sum it up in a word, adequate. "Jack and Jill" is funny, but not Adam Sandler's greatest movie, despite the high sells at the box office.

"Jack and Jill" stars Adam Sandler, Katie Holmes, Al Pacino, and a series of other cameo appearances, proving Adam Sandler is trying way too hard to make a good movie.

The film is about a man named Jack, with a nice family, a good wife and seems to have the life of his dreams. The only problem is Jack dreads one event in the year, Thanksgiving, for one reason- his twin sister Jill. Jill (also played by Adam Sandler) is needy, rude, and very aggressive. She is always right there ready to turn Jack's life upside down.

The only good part of this film was the fact that Al Pacino is himself and is funny. The only thing that Adam Sandler had that made him "funny" is that he would start his line of comedy with a fart. The other "funny" parts of this movie were the random cameo appearances. Some of the actors who starred included David Spade, Drew Carey, Shaq, Rob Schneider, Regis Philbin, and Johnny Depp. They made the

twist in the movie that saved it from being a total bust.

Now Adam Sandler's movies haven't always been bad, and "Jack and Jill" isn't the worst one yet. According to IMDb, Sandler's worse rated movie is "Little Nicky." In "Little Nicky," Sandler was nominated for worst actor and worst screenplay for a film.

Some of the more successful movies that Sandler has starred in include "Going Overboard," where he starred in his first film role as Schecky Moskowitz. He is also known for his more famous comedies, such as "Billie Madison," "Happy Gilmore," "The Wedding Singer," "Mr. Deeds," "50 First Dates," and his more recent films, such as "Just Go With It," and "Bedtime Stories."

So, while "Jack and Jill" may not be Sandler's best movie, it certainly isn't his worst. But Sandler has the potential of making an awesome, funny movie that can leave you crying on the floor from laughter.

Out of 5 stars, I would rate "Jack and Jill" a 2.5. I hope Sandler learns to stick with the jokes he's good at and stop trying so hard to "freshen" his comedy.

## Sex AND THE Campus

### Intolerable In-Laws

**Jill Mahler**

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Every relationship has its milestones. For some, this can be moving in together, saying I love you, the first time you have sex. For others, meeting the parents ranks at the top. When you are dating, the parents are not a huge factor. The weight is placed on your compatibility with each other.

Why is it when you were dating, parents seemed to be of no consequence? The parents made you feel more than welcome, as if you inherited another family. However, when you got married, the in-laws became a force of their own? Maybe the relationship with the in-laws didn't change. Maybe the stars aligned and uncomfortable in-laws wasn't in the cards. But not everyone is lucky enough to mesh with his or her in-laws. Why does it seem there is an enviable price to pay for finding your other half? I have to wonder why it seems if you have great in-laws, the marriage is bound to go south, but a great relationship paves a bumpy road with in-laws. Why does the other shoe always have to drop?

Despite the old adage of "marrying into the family," you are able to choose for the most part when you spend time with your in-laws. Although avoiding in-laws comes with its own issues, such as if you have children or when the holidays roll around. If moving hundreds of miles away isn't a viable option, a strategy must be developed for those shared occasions.

Alcohol. One option is to drink through those uncomfortable occasions. I ponder if this has something to do with why alcohol sells are at their highest during the holidays. Maybe there is a silent mass of people suffering from in-laws. However, unless you have a liver of steel or don't mind being considered a member of AA meetings, you will have to endure with less help from Jack Daniels or the captain.

Those insufferable moments with in-laws are bound to creep up eventually, but holidays seem to be worst. Long dinners and the pressure of accidentally giving in-laws more fuel for their torches and pitchforks can ruin any event.

Some experiences with in-laws can be pleasant, but you cannot please everyone. Should you even care what they think? You cannot control how your in-laws feel about you and therefore, sweating over an ideal relationship is impractical. However, there is a catch. If family is important to you and or to your significant other, you will have to find a way to do more than endure your in-laws. Maybe all you can do is give your best and hope your mate appreciates your effort. Maybe in the bigger scheme of things, that is all that matters. But just in case, a stashed bottle of something strong can be helpful.



## My Mom Says

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Editor-in-Chief

We love our mothers, but sometimes they can be outrageous, inappropriate and downright funny. We wanted to share some of the memorable quotes mothers have been caught saying.

- Once to an 11 year old child, "Stop giving me hand-made crap for presents."
- My mom nonchalantly handed me a jar of chocolate body paint and the paint brush that came with it and said, "you can have this since your dad won't let me use it on him."
- "Taking drugs is very bad, but if you sell them you can make lots of money. Make sure you don't sell to an undercover cop."
- "Why aren't you wearing makeup? You look pretty with it on."
- "You're not allowed to be that when you grow up. I've already chosen your career."
- "I don't want your artwork

cluttering my fridge."

- "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach, so you need to work on your cooking."
- "You sure you want to eat that? You're getting a bit hippy."
- "I hope your sister's future babies look like her and not her husband."
- "What the frig-ass are you doing?"
- "When you move out I am turning your room into my naked-room."
- "Why aren't you wearing your contacts? You look better without your glasses."
- When I was younger and in the stages of puberty, my mother felt it necessary to share my development with my grandmother. She said, "Look mom at how much she is growing."
- My mother once said to a principal when she found out her son was being bullied. "If you don't do something about it, I'm going to rip off their little arms and beat 'um with them."
- "If you just do what I want, we would get along just fine."



*Give me books, fruit, French wine and fine weather and a little music out of doors by somebody I do not know - John Keats*

## “Immortals” Is Weak Story in Shiny Wrapper

Ian Butcher

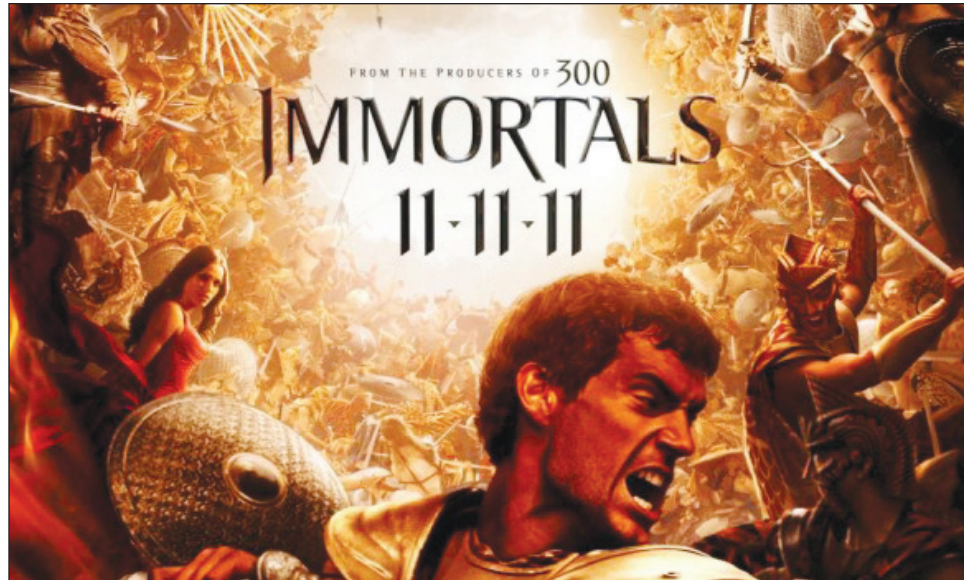
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Are you looking for some bloody action and stunning visuals? Then “Immortals” is for you. Are you looking for a story filled with three-dimensional characters who embark on an emotionally satisfying journey? You’re better off looking elsewhere.

“Immortals” tells the tale of Theseus (Henry Cavill), a young man who has been chosen by the Greek gods to save the world from the evil King Hyperion (Mickey Rourke) after his village is destroyed and his family killed. Along the way he is aided by the oracle Phaedra (Freida Pinto) and the thief Stravos (Stephen Dorff).

Don’t worry if the plot description seems a little barren, I guarantee you have seen this story before (“Clash of the Titans,” “Conan the Barbarian,” any other fantasy film that involves swords and/or sandals). Also there isn’t really much of plot to talk about.

Director Tarsem Singh (“The Cell,” “The Fall”) manages to create some fantastic visuals



and some truly entertaining action scenes. Sadly, it would appear that anything resembling a story or characters have taken a back seat. While

watching the film, I found myself taken aback by not only the amazing visuals, but also how hollow the film felt. During the entire two hour film,

I felt nothing for anything happening on screen.

Bold action scenes move the “plot” along, but we never get to know the characters. It’s because of this lack of characterization that the motivations are blurry, things just happen without lead-up, and everyone comes off as nothing more than a cardboard cutout. This doesn’t help the fact that the plot itself has some gray areas that don’t make a lick of sense.

Now, I’m not completely down on this film. There are actually a number of things that I like about “Immortals.” Like I mentioned before, the visuals, as well as the action sequences are stunning. All the actors do their best with the material they have been given. Also, when the film decides to get bloody, they don’t hold back. It’s clear that everyone involved brought their A-game to this, it’s a shame that it didn’t pan out like they had planned.

If you have a burning desire to see some bloody action, captivating visuals, and are ready to leave your brain at the door, then I would recommend “Immortals.” All in all, I would give the film a rather mixed 3 out of 5.

**COMING ATTRACTIONS**



**Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn part 1**  
 Rated: PG-13  
 Genre: Vampire



**Happy Feet Two**  
 Rated: PG  
 Genre: Penguin

Sources: IMDb, Yahoo! Movies, Fandango.com

## DiCaprio Gives Passionate Performance

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Security and justice hold a high stance in this society. Most notably, the FBI comes to mind when speaking of national security and investigation. “J. Edgar” takes you through large events in the formation and reformation of the FBI, and at the center of all of it, J. Edgar Hoover was the man that revolutionized the “art” of investigation and justice.

In the early ‘20s, the FBI was not looked at so highly due to corruption and scandal at the federal level. Before the Cold War, there was a pre-red scare in America that had U.S. citizens afraid of the Bolshevik Revolution, spreading communism throughout America. This was an essential beginning to the reformation of the FBI, as Hoover thought finding these Soviet sympathizers and tracking them was



vital.











Hardly known for implementing a catalog system in the Library of Congress that made it easy for people to locate books, he also thought that the state should have a record system of U.S. citizens for the same reason. Hoover brought about the use of fingerprinting and evidence collection. In this enthralling biopic, Leonardo DiCaprio shed his appearance and caked on makeup to play this role. His

persona fit the pace and intensity of the film. The acting between the cast was exceptional and the directing by Clint Eastwood was phenomenal.

The film jumps between Hoover’s position as head of the FBI during his brother’s presidency, all the way up through the Nixon administration with the power of the FBI growing. Armie Hammer, who’s best known for his role as both of the Winklevoss twins in “The Social Network,” stars alongside DiCaprio, as Hoover’s right-hand man in the FBI.

Throughout the film, you begin to see a deep relationship form between the two. It is speculated that Hoover may have been gay, which plays a part in the film. I found the film very remarkable for DiCaprio, who’s character encapsulates a great era of justice and law, even though some were broken.

**Gamer’s Log: Skyrim** Mason Le Britton © 2011 Groovysweet.wordpress.com

 <p>Skyrim is an open-world sandbox RPG, with a fantasy setting. Plus it has dragons.</p>	 <p>You are dragonborn gifted with the power of voice, and destined to be a hero.</p>	 <p>Dragon shouts are powerful and awesome. Just be careful where you aim them.</p>	 <p>It was nice having a female assistant serve me, especially when she’s so much better at fighting than me.</p>	 <p>Be careful where you swing your axe, wouldn’t want to hurt a friend.</p>
 <p>It can be a little difficult to get a dragon to actually land and fight.</p>	 <p>Once you do face a dragon, be sure you’re ready for it.</p>	 <p>When purchasing a house be sure you know where it’s located. Wouldn’t want to end up homeless after spending the gold.</p>	 <p>The game comes with a rather fancy world map, which acts as a treasure map of sorts. X marks the spot.</p>	 <p>One thing is certain, Skyrim is filled with epic moments including deaths.</p>