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# RECOGNIZING NANCY NOE

**Business Technology instructor named Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year**

Achievements don't just happen for students here at LBCC. Nancy Noe, business technology instructor, was named 2014's Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year by the Oregon Business Education Association.

Noe got an anonymous nomination for the title based on work experience, volunteer work, and extracurricular educational involvement. She was honored at the annual conference, accepting her award surrounded by peers.

"It's humbling and a great honor," Noe said.

The title was not won without support. In her nomination Noe was supported by three former students and two peers as she was considered for Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year.

"I think the student support was valuable to the award," said Noe.

At LBCC since 2000, she has a business degree in finance from Portland State and a master's in business from Oregon State University. She currently serves as an advisor for both the Legal Administration Assistant



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Program and the Administrative Office Professional Program.

Outside of the classroom Noe invests her time in her students. She enjoys offering hands-on, personal guidance as students prepare for their careers. She helps them find jobs and find connections that will be lasting in their field.

"Any educator that puts their heart out to students is working hard - that's what it takes. You have to care about your students," said Noe.

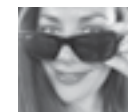
Twila Lehman, fellow business technology instructor and the 2010

winner of the same honor, works with Noe designing curriculum and teaching. They also serve on professional organizations together.

"Nancy is a true professional who always puts students first. She strives to bring out the best in each student, often going beyond what is asked of her to help a student succeed," Lehman said.

Noe values her ability to create relationships with her students scattered among two years of training at LBCC, and her work with them does not go unnoticed.

"She gets to know her students and helps them find their gifts and encourages them to achieve their dreams. She makes sure students get the support they need to succeed, and then celebrates when they achieve them. She exemplifies the skills she expects her students to learn and prepares them to move from LBCC to the workforce with confidence," said Lehman.



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# CAMPUS VOICE

**Spring break is over and a new term begins; here is what some students and staff did over the break**



Dale Moon, director of the regional Perkins Program, headed to Eastern Oregon attending a health and wellness conference in Bend. Moon also went to Smith Rock and hiked around in some freshly fallen snow. Upon returning home he practiced health and wellness in his garden getting it ready for spring and summer.



Deric Ntirandehuz, electrical engineering student, spent his break doing research on human robotics at OSU. "I got a lot of work done...integrating a camera into a robotic arm."



Kacie McCracken went to Crescent City, Calif. where she visited the Redwoods and Battery Point Lighthouse. McCracken's grandparents were keepers of the house and lived in it until 2003. Her grandpa passed away a few months ago and it was the first time she was able to make the trip to pay her respect.

Dave Cho, a viticulture major, saw the birth of his daughter Adeline on March 1, so he spent his break changing diapers. "I got a break when she's sleeping."



Lindsay Ciullo went to Las Vegas to play softball in the Sin City Classic for the Derby Girls softball team. She is in the Air Force Reserves and when she wasn't playing ball she worked.



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# STRAW CODE

Do your baristas know the code?

Handing out hotness - one straw at a time, or so you thought. Dutch Bros., a local coffee drive through, has been surrounded by rumors about color coordinating customer attractiveness using different colored straws.

The straw code isn't just word of mouth; it has migrated to social media becoming a kick start for conversations.

A simple search on Facebook can locate the straw code page by typing "straw code;" you will be amazed at what comes up in the search.

A North Albany Middle School student, Tawni Schulze, heard of the straw code from a friend at school.

Schulze said, "People get upset because of the color they get."

When questioned regarding this straw "hotness code," baristas denied it. Baristas mentioned it being a "myth" or a "joke."

OSU student Nathan Rust and LBCC student Cassidy Muller work at the Dutch Bros. off of Ninth Street, referred to as Albany Two. On Saturday, March 14, Rust and Muller blended, mixed, and steamed coffee concoctions during their

late night shift.

The straws come already packaged and ready for use with pink, orange, yellow, green, and blue. The baristas just replenish the straw container and wait for the next customer order.

"Honestly, I don't look at the straws," said Muller.

During the March 14 shift a customer happened to drive up and put in her order. She ordered a 32 ounce green tea with grapefruit and half sweet. After placing her order, she had a specific request. "Can I get a blue straw please?" asked Madison Wasson.

Rust inquired as to why she requested a blue straw.

Wasson said, "I don't want my straw to clash with my lipstick."

Customers will come to the coffee drive through and request straws simply because they prefer a color more than others. Occasionally customers will even grab their own straw.

Rust said, "Two girls came in last night and asked for pink straws."

Nicole Jacobson, a barista at the Albany Three location talked about male

customers and the straw code.

Jacobson said, "Guys get offended when they get a pink or orange straw."

She refrains from giving male customers these colors as to not offend. However, it cannot be helped in a rush.

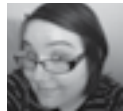
Kamira Pullam, a barista at the Albany One location uses the colored straws to help coordinate for the drinks prepared.

"I like to color coordinate with a customer's outfit sometimes," said Pullam.

Another barista, Andrew Bell-Morgan, uses the straws in a similar way as Pullam. Instead of the clothes, he coordinates sometimes with the customer's vehicle.

The straw "hotness code" may be a myth to some; however, it is alive and appears to be thriving among a younger generation.

"All people are attractive, but we're not all attractive in the same way," said Leslie Hammond, dean of student affairs. ♡



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## EXTENDED LEARNING CENTER HOURS

Are you taking an evening class? Do you need access to a comfortable study space in the evenings, or access to math assistance on Saturdays? Over 51 classes are offered after 4 p.m. on the Albany Campus, and The Learning Center is now open additional hours for students to study, to get drop in math assistance, or to take scheduled tests. Here are our new hours:

### Learning Center Open Hours Spring Term

Monday - Thursday from 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. (an additional 1.5 hours each evening!)

(No tests\* issued after 8:00 p.m.)

Friday - 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

(No tests\* issued after 4 p.m.)

Saturday, noon - 5 p.m. (Just like the Library: an additional 5 hours!)

(No tests\* issued after 4 p.m.)

\*Testing in the Learning Center is available for specific Math, Reading, and Writing courses. Make up tests for other disciplines is offered through the Student Assessment office. Go online or into the Learning Center for more details. ♡

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## QUICKBOOKS CLASSES

Learn the basics of QuickBooks in classes offered through Linn-Benton Community College Small Business Development Center.

Guided Tour QuickBooks is a four-hour class designed for those with no previous experience using a computer-based accounting system. Class will meet on April 7 and 9 from 2 to 3:50 p.m. in the LBCC Forum building, Room F-202. Cost for this non-credit class is \$69.

QuickBooks I class is designed to help you set up an accounting system using QuickBooks 2013. This 10-hour class will meet on April 23, 30, May 7, 14, and 21, from 2 to 3:50 p.m., in the Forum building, Room F-202. Cost for this non-credit class is \$195.

For more information or to register, contact the LBCC Small Business Development Center at 541-917-4929, or see our website [linnbenton.edu/sbdc](http://linnbenton.edu/sbdc). ♡

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## CAMPUS BULLETIN

### April Fool's Hat Day

Wednesday, April 1

Wear a wacky hat to school and you may receive a fun prize for a great hat.

### CFAR Disability History Exhibit

Wednesday and Thursday, April 1 and 2

The Center for Accessibility Resources and the Oregon Association of Higher Education and Disability (ORAHEAD) are proud to bring the Disability History Exhibit to LBCC in Takena Hall. We have 3,500 years of disability history displayed in 23 full color panels chronicling the seldom-told history of individuals with

disabilities from medical, moral, and social minority viewpoints. This exhibit was created by Advocating Change Together and was featured on the 2007 Road to Freedom Tour.

### Spring Walk for Fun

April 2, noon

In the courtyard students and staff are invited to a walk for fun in celebration of spring. Tickets will be handed out for each five laps completed. Participants holding winning tickets will receive a prize. Each participant can only win once.



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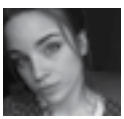
## THE COMMUTER GOES VIRAL

### Welcoming our new Social Media Editor

Hey there Commuter readers,

My name is Paige Harkless and I'm the new social media editor! Over this next term, I'll be updating our Facebook, Twitter and our brand new Instagram. I'll be doing my best to keep you up to date on our stories before they're published in the paper. I'll be tweeting updates on stories that are in the works, posting pictures of live news, and Instagramming interesting things you'll want to see. Best of all, no more silly weather updates! Big new posts are to come so stay up to date and follow us on:

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# LIFE'S JOURNEY

## Social Media and Employment



Remember when Facebook was in its infancy? Back then it took a verifiable college e-mail address simply to join. That didn't last long.

With Facebook's ever-growing access to people's lives and increasing popularity, soon people from all generations found themselves a part of something that feels like a massive social experiment exploring the boundaries of what people consider private. The strange thing is that most people fail to see the harm that can be done when they post something for the consumption of the masses.

I came to realize this early on after teaching at a college for over a decade and watching as the "friends" section of my Facebook page grew over the years.

Unfettered access to the lives and happenings of college kids has always amazed me. As I peruse pictures of scantily clad college bodies imbibing alcohol and weed, passed out under a bush or looking for a fight, I find myself wondering where some of these people learned lessons about the world around them.

Now don't get me wrong, I am not here to profess that any of the aforementioned should stop. Having played soccer and run

track in college, I will be one of the first to tell you that much of these moments were what made college so memorable. What I am attempting to understand is how so many of these students were never taught to edit their profiles before handing in a job application.

With a search engine geared towards making any target an easy task, do people not realize that one of the first things potential employers do is look them up via Facebook or Google? If the many entertaining conversations I have had with friends in hiring positions are any indication, I can safely assume most college graduates either skipped the lecture or simply didn't think it could apply to them.

Believe me when I tell you, though some of the things you post may do well in elevating your social status amongst your friend group, potential employers peruse these pictures while asking themselves, "What type of person is this individual?" Believe it or not, the ability to polish off a fifth, take a huge bong rip, or hook up with a new partner every few weeks does not exactly identify you as the type of person most companies are looking for, at least not any reputable

company.

When you do happen to find yourself employed, it would be wise to keep in mind that your employers are likely keeping an eye on you, especially if you tend to call in sick often. In fact, you can probably expect to find a pink slip in your mailbox one day if, instead of being home sick in bed, you choose to head off to the mountains to ski or to the beach to work on your tan, and lacked the common sense to not rave about how awesome it was on your timeline. If your boss doesn't see it, chances are good that at least one of your co-workers has access to your newsfeed and, unless you are loved by all, there is a very good probability your transgression will be brought to the attention of someone in charge.

Believe it or not, the world is not as safe and secure as you may believe it to be. In the real world, there are actually consequences for poor choices. ♥



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### DID YOU KNOW?

The birthstone for April is Diamond, the flower is daisy and sweet pea, and Zodiac signs include Aries and Taurus.

## JOB OPENINGS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

There are **MULTIPLE OPENINGS** that need to be filled **ASAP**.

### Are you majoring in any of the following areas?

- |                                |                         |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Biology                        | Science                 | Engineering |
| Chemistry                      | Physics                 | Computers   |
| Business Technology            | Business Administration |             |
| Water Environmental Technology |                         |             |

### Minimum qualifications:

- Two terms of applicable college courses
- Min. 2.0 GPA and 3.0 GPA or better in major)
- Registering for credits in the CWE program at LBCC
- Prefer a one-year or longer commitment to employment

### How to APPLY???

Contact: Lena Carr or Rich Horton  
 cwe@linnbenton.edu - 541.917.4787  
 Career and Counseling Center in Takena Hall, Rm 101



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# INTERNET DREAMS CAN COME TRUE

**All over the world people become famous with the use of the Internet and these key steps can help you do the same**

“Ever wonder how that one Facebook post got 35,000 likes in less than 24 hours? Or how horrible creatures like Justin Bieber really got famous? It turns out there’s a really exploitable pattern anyone can copy to make themselves Internet famous,” said Brandon Mendelson, author of “Social Media is Bullshit” and world renowned viral marketer.

Anyone can become famous with the use of the Internet and there are seven key ways to make that happen based on Mendelson’s advice.



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## 1. **Make sure you always have credible information.**

The most important step seems to be the credibility of you and the information you offer. With honesty there is trust and both will help you ultimately in every aspect of your product, which in some case may be you.

## 2. **Once you have decided to put yourself out there on the Internet, decide if your product or your information, for the lack of a better word, sucks.**

During this process you have to be unbiased and completely blunt with yourself. If it sucks, you have to know why it in order to change it. Or why it is great in order to sell it.

## 3. **Test your ads, pictures and overall content in the market separately; this will allow you to assess your website thoroughly.**

This applies more to the business oriented users but none the less is very important to making sure people notice your product. It will show you your weak points and your strong points. If you know how your customers or subscribers use your website and more importantly why, then you can make changes accordingly.

## 4. **Mention famous people or products that you would associate with or, when it comes to famous people, ones you idolize.**

Internet keywords or “tags” can help people find you easier. These will funnel the traffic in your direction even if it is by accident.

## 5. **Network and build relationships with friends and their friends.**

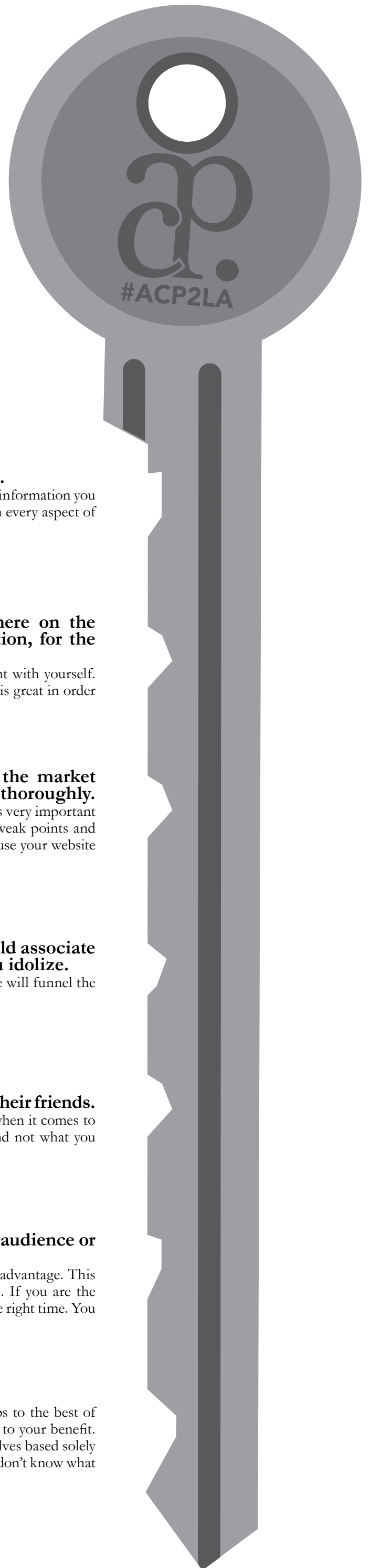
This fifth step is becoming more important in everyday life and when it comes to the Internet; this is no different. It can be more who you know and not what you know that separates you from everyone else.

## 6. **Choose your platform wisely and post when your audience or customers are using the platform most.**

Most people don’t realize that every social media platform has its advantage. This is crucial for those who are trying to make a name for themselves. If you are the product, you want to get yourself out there and in the right place at the right time. You have to think smarter, not harder.

## 7. **Use responses to your advantage.**

This last point is only useful once you have used the first six steps to the best of your ability. As you get feedback you need to know how to utilize it to your benefit. People can be quick to brush off negative feedback and judge themselves based solely on the positive reviews they get. You are stunting your growth if you don’t know what is holding you back.





# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT



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The time has come to strap on your lizard skin armor, sharpen your ridiculously oversized bone sword, and assemble a kit of hunting gear out of random stuff you found in the forest. Get together with four of your closest friends to take down some of the most intimidating creatures ever to creep out of the wilderness. Or ditch them and do it all with cats wearing armor instead. Either way it's finally time to hunt some monsters.

"Monster Hunter 4 Ultimate" is the latest installment in Capcom's long line of games by the same name. This title is available exclusively on Nintendo 3DS and is set to receive a constant stream of free content over the next year. With a few additional mechanics, exotic hunting locations, a new roster of monsters and more, this game is one of the highlights of the series.

The game borrows heavily from its predecessors, sharing many mechanics and art assets from the previous title "Monster Hunter 3 Ultimate." It's all about hunting monsters to get new materials to craft new armor to hunt bigger monsters and so on. Each monster is basically a different boss battle and you'll likely be hunting certain creatures repeatedly to complete their corresponding armor set.

The main difference in this installment is that players now have the opportunity to climb on and vault off nearly

every part of terrain and onto monsters, attempting to topple them over and make them vulnerable to attack. There is also a new mechanic where monsters may contract a virus that makes them stronger and more aggressive. Players can also be infected with the virus, either making them far weaker as it overwhelms them or giving them a bonus to attack if they can fight through it.

Underwater battles from the previous game don't make an appearance this time around, but frankly I doubt they'll be missed. Other than that it's the exact same as every other Monster Hunter game, which is good, because they're good.

As far as the monster roster goes, many iconic monsters like the terrifying Rathalos and the intimidating Zinogre make a return in the various new environments. The game's new star monster is the Gora Magala, a vicious black dragon that is responsible for the aforementioned virus and acts as an antagonist for the first part of the game.

Like most other Monster Hunter games, players will play through low rank missions until they unlock the more difficult high rank missions and finally unlock the incredibly challenging G-Rank missions. The game can get pretty challenging later on, but the ability

## VIDEO GAME REVIEW: **Monster Hunter 4 Ultimate**

**SYSTEM:** 3DS  
**PRODUCTION:** Capcom  
**GENRE:** Action RPG  
**RATED:** T

to play online and with friends via wi-fi is great. The game is great on its own, but you'll never beat playing it with other people.

Unfortunately, the biggest drawback of the game is its exclusivity to Nintendo 3DS. While the game has amazing environments and a phenomenal soundtrack, the Nintendo 3DS simply cannot do them justice with its hardware. The sound comes out crackly and much of the environment doesn't seem to render properly. Having to hold the game up to face level or constantly looking down to see the screen gets painful fast, and there really just aren't enough buttons on the Nintendo 3DS for this game, which makes playing the game awkward and difficult at times. The game would be much better suited to a console so that players could relax on the couch and put their full focus on this challenging title.

Overall this is a fantastic game for anyone who loves boss battles, crafting gear, and getting their butts kicked. Whether you're a long time veteran of the series or a new player who's looking to get into it for the first time, this is a decent title to pick up. Have fun, and happy hunting. ♡



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## MEDIA BULLETIN

| GAME                    | Platform | Developer    | Release Date |
|-------------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| Finding Teddy 2         | PC, Mac  | LookAtMyGame | April 2      |
| Xenoblade Chronicles 3D | 3DS      | Nintendo     | April 2      |
| Etrian Mystery Dungeon  | 3DS      | Atlus        | April 7      |

| Movie                     | Director         | Genre             | Release Date |
|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Detective Byomkesh Bakshy | Dibakar Banerjee | Mystery, Thriller | March 3      |
| Furious 7                 | James Wan        | Action, Thriller  | March 3      |
| Woman in Gold             | Simon Curtis     | Drama             | March 3      |

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### DID YOU KNOW?

Congress adopted a flag with one star representing each state and 13 stripes representing the original colonies on April 4, 1818.



### FTL: Faster Than Light

"Command your own spaceship as you speed across the galaxy, desperately trying to outrun the massive enemy armada. You must accomplish your mission or die trying! Mostly die trying."

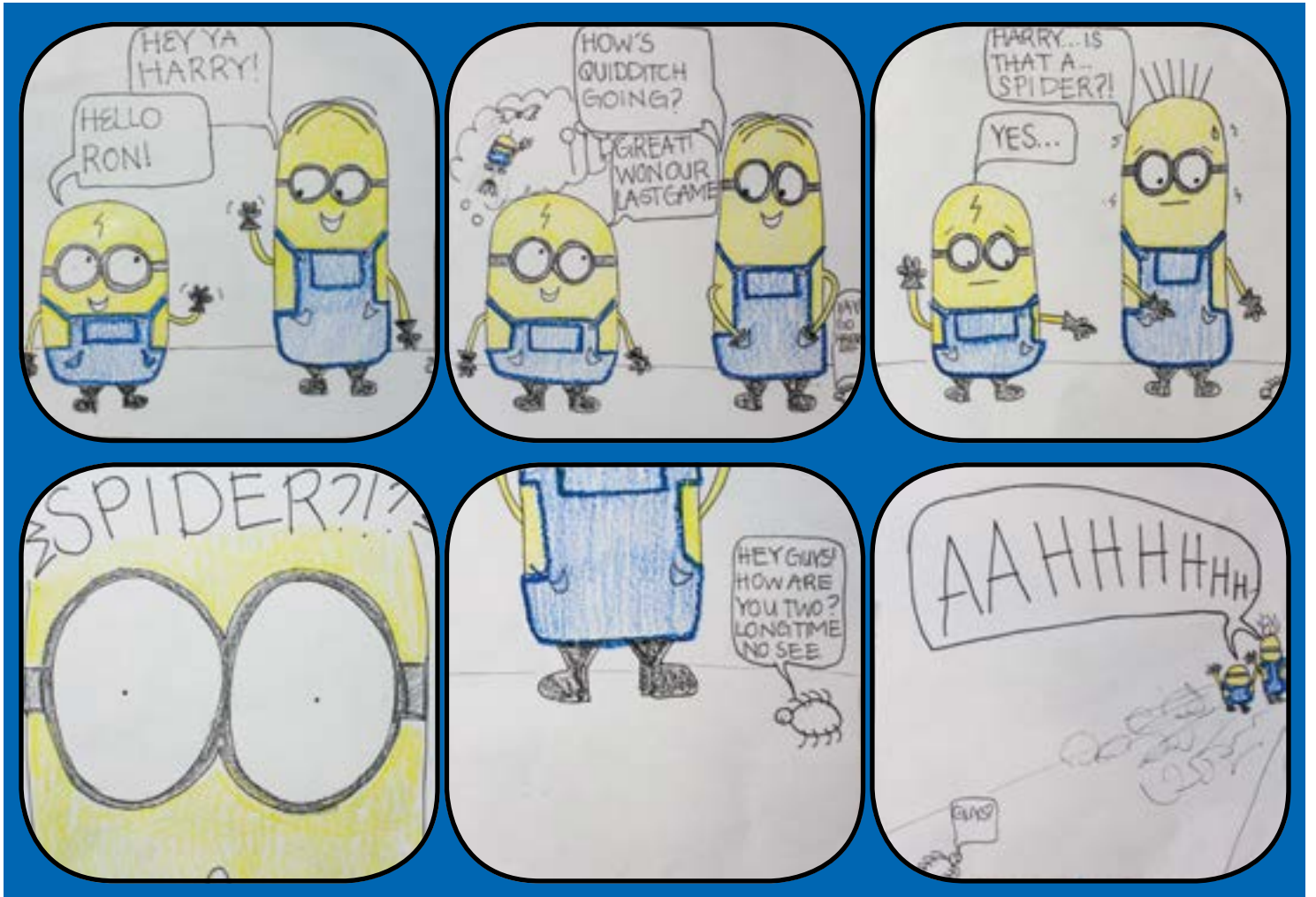


# STUDENT SUBMITTED ART

In Analee Fuentes' Drawing 131 class this winter students were asked to create a comic strip with inspiration from real life. This assignment was confined to one page and thus students had to be able to tell a story within that restriction. These are some of their creations.

## Kaity Fitzgerald

This comic was created by Kaity Fitzgerald using pencil, sharpies, and crayons. Her inspiration was her love for "Harry Potter" and her fear of spiders. She connected her fear of spiders and the fact that Ron Weasley from "Harry Potter" also has a fear of spiders, and ran with that idea. She found the minions were the easiest to draw with emotion. "I thought that this was one of the easier assignments for my class," said Fitzgerald, "I thoroughly enjoyed it and I found that it brought out my style in the art work."

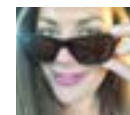


## Wake Up Call

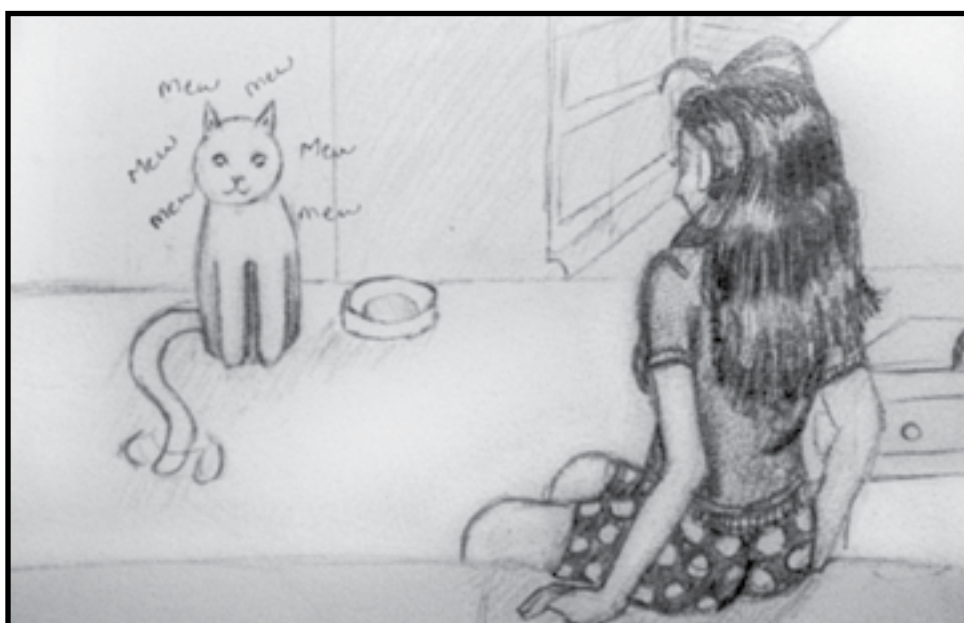
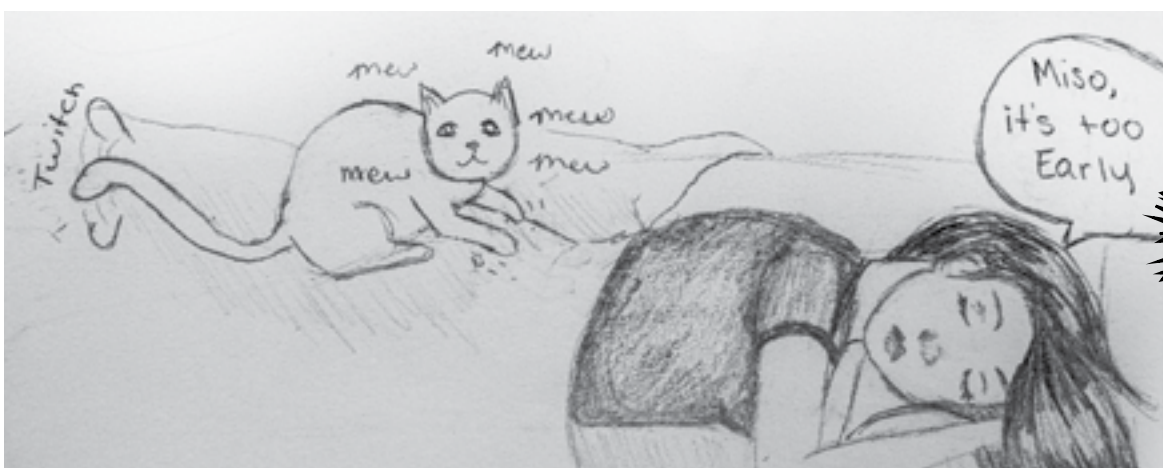


## Rebecca Fewless

This comic was created by Rebecca Fewless with only a 3B drawing pencil. The inspiration for the comic was her cat. "Every morning, Miso, my cat, gets up as soon as my alarm goes off. She then proceeds to annoy me until I get up to feed her," said Fewless. This comic fit in with her drawing style, but Fewless found her biggest challenge was figuring out how to tell the the story.



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# CREATIVE CORNER

## "Praise Song for my People"

To my children who are looking in this clean college town for missing family:

Father! Uncle! Grandfather!

And to myself, still looking for my own,

I see you.

To single mothers raising their sons on food stamps,

And to the bored and stifled women at the day-spa,

To foster-children stuck in the great grating system of charity,

I see you.

This is where you are standing.

To many of us maddened and depressed by the tidy pattern of streets:

Presidents run North! Numbers run West!

To the 'stinkies' camped on the Willamette River, who don't pay taxes,

I see you.

You belong here in this place.

To aliens in that border neighborhood behind Trader Joes,

Illegal or otherwise!

To mothers and fathers who both work but can't afford health care,

I see you.

The soil has shifted to accept your feet.

To the elders in Sunnybrook who are leaving in pieces,

And to those who are leaving too soon,

I'm still here!

To the girls who stay hungry when the cupboards are full,

I see you.

If you were to abdicate to the Moon,

The whole Earth would mourn your passing.

To 'the family' of misfits who meet in Central Park,

To ADHD kids who twitch and struggle in overheated rooms,

IPads lighting up faces!

To young people raising their siblings and attending Community College at night,

I see you.

Your thread is woven with my thread.

To members of the New Hope w/o Dope Fellowship who know how it feels when the sun shines,

But not for them!

To the runaway children in MacDonald Forest and their shoulder cats,

I see you.

Your fathers are my fathers, and my fathers are your fathers.

The Kalapuya who lived in Corvallis where the rivers meet,

Long, long, long before we rolled in,

Know this: I see you.

By Dari Lawrie

## "Vampire"

From the palace of your dreams  
She offers you a bedtime prayer  
But under the angel's breath—  
Her poisoned lips are waiting there.

Inhale the promise of a heaven  
And you will feel your spirit fly.  
Chase the dragon through the clouds  
And you will find her kingdom's a lie.

That's where her kiss will slaughter you  
And when she's finished with her meal  
She'll cast you down into a darkness—  
Then bound by cravings you will kneel.

Believe these words, I know they're true  
Because I'm trapped in her abyss—  
And now I'm tortured by the angel  
But I admit, I loved her kiss.

By Tony Makosica

## "uilty"

Sit still and silent  
And feel the soul's thirst  
A cry of agony comes  
From your lips it bursts  
For the claws of a sloth  
Grip onto your back  
And pulls you down  
In a furious attack.

If you feel like this  
Then you feel as I  
Have felt for years  
For on my back I still lie  
Torn and waiting  
For someone to be  
The one I needed—  
The one I needed to be.

By Nathaniel Edwards

### SUBMIT YOUR WORK

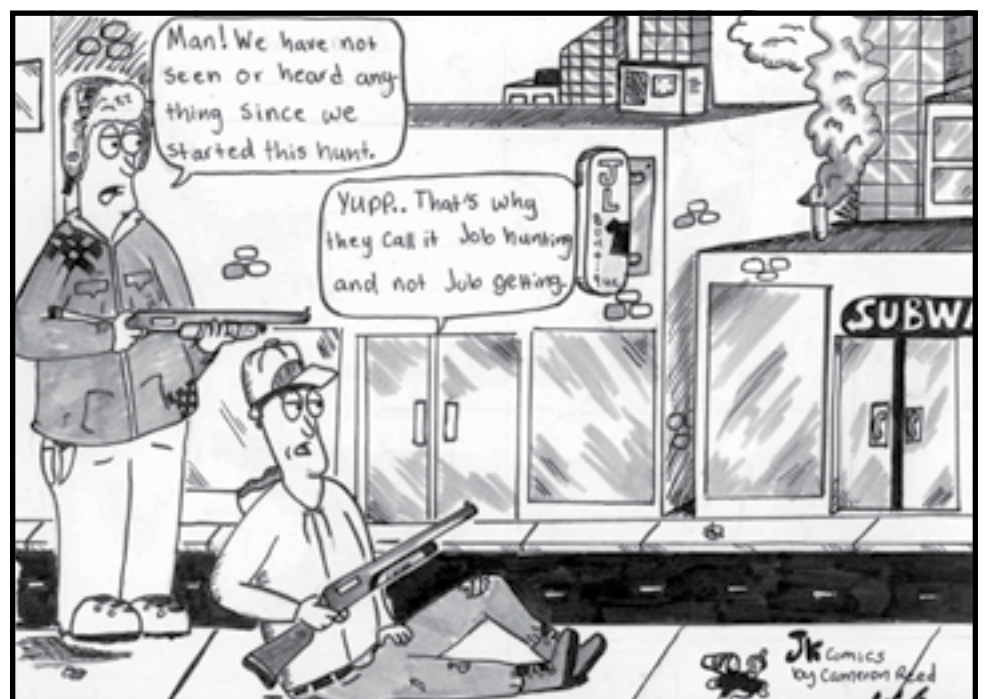
Submit your poetry to The Commuter by email at [commuter@linnbenton.edu](mailto:commuter@linnbenton.edu) or drop by the office in Forum 222.

Join the Poetry Club Tuesdays in the DAC, 3-4pm.

# "JK"



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### DID YOU KNOW?

April is Humor Month, Global Child Nutrition Month and Mathematics Awareness Month.



# THE BEAUTIFUL NEIGHBORHOOD?

A revealing follow-up to the darker side of houseless culture

Many communities such as Lebanon share the social issue of homelessness.

The neighborhood you live in might have similar qualities to Lebanon: small, beautiful and full of kind people, but does your neighborhood have a darker side that is easier—way easier—to look the other way instead of trying to address?

The article “The Beautiful Neighborhood,” published by The Commuter Oct. 14, took a deeper look into Lebanon’s vagrant population and challenged readers to look into the daily lives of many people who prefer the title of houseless over homeless.

The cloud of secrecy that envelops most houselessness in small-town communities such as Lebanon seems to conceal a prejudice that houseless individuals are getting what they deserve because of the choices they made in life. A comment left by a person known only as Stephanie harped on that very point.

“He is just where he deserves to be. He was a narcissistic, drug addled romeo.”... “I am so sorry for his misfortune, but I’m sure he brought it on by his own actions.”

One of Lebanon’s newer community members has a deeper understanding of daily life for the houseless. After a life of living on the streets since the age of 16 Marlon J. Mendoza recently moved in with his mother, a resident of Lebanon for over 20 years.

“I pictured myself working construction, surfing and having a place on the beach.”

But after a few wrong turns and becoming involved with crack cocaine, Mendoza’s options in life narrowed down to simply surviving. Even though Mendoza enjoyed living “free,” he feels the reason he was houseless had a lot to do with the fact that society accepted it.

According to him, part of the problem of people living on the streets has to do with the roles people associate themselves with and the roles they fit everyone else into. Mendoza feels society expected him to act a certain way, so he did. “You have to change for the people who want to help you.”

The same may be true for the folks at River Park where many of Lebanon’s houseless community gather daily to live out their lives.

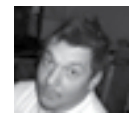
Violence, poverty, drug use, and camaraderie are the cornerstones of the houseless community in River Park. Either way people choose to view the community and its internal politics, one thing’s for sure: the local houseless population of Lebanon will be posted up at picnic shelters in River Park sneaking: alcohol, marijuana, or other illicit drugs.

Individuals who make their homes in the brambles and alleyways of Lebanon deal with a difficult situation daily, most of which are only spoken from one houseless person to another. Addressing the issue of houselessness is no small task, however to pretend it is not an issue or that it is acceptable, is irresponsible.

A 2009 report released by Linn County Health Services stated that, “Homeless face a mountain of health issues.” The most concerning according to the report is the availability of psychotropic medication and medical services for houseless individuals.

The cycle that perpetuates from the lack of mental health care in our communities is felt on many levels, but merely arresting individuals simply to return them to the same situation seems to be compounding the issue.

Maybe some choose a homeless lifestyle. Maybe some end up homeless through a course of unrelated events. Maybe the example set by looking the other way is just as bad as the choices the houseless made to end up in their situation. ♡



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A vacated hovel in Lebanon. (above) Marlon J. Mendoza.

## THE NOT-SO-FRIENDLY SKIES The turbulence of today's aviation industry

If you grabbed a seat aboard a jet airliner over spring break, or within the last 12 months for that matter, you survived the turbulence of today’s modern day aviation industry. As of between March 2014 and March 2015, 1,095 people from around the globe are no longer with their loved ones, having fallen from the skies as victims of commercial airline accidents.

These dreadful occurrences can be linked to a series of tragedies that started with the mysterious disappearance of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 on March 8, 2014. In a scenario that seems almost ripped from the script of the hit TV series “Lost,” none of the passengers or crew have been found. All 239 people on board are currently listed as fatalities.

Since Flight 370’s disappearance several major aviation tragedies have grabbed the world’s attention including Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 shot down over Ukraine July 17, 2014 leaving 298 dead. Seven days later Air Algérie Flight 5017 crashed in Mali leaving 116 dead, and December 28, 2014, Air Asia flight QZ 8501 went missing over the Java Sea which left 162 recorded fatalities. On the same day two separate flights crashed and suffered a combined loss of eight casualties that didn’t make the nightly newsreels.

This has been an unusual fiscal year for aviation accidents and the circumstances that have surrounded them. The most recent tragedy, Germanwing flight 9525, crashed over the Swiss Alps March 24

resulting in the loss of 150 passengers, three of whom were Americans.

The co-pilot of Flight 9252, Andreas Lubitz was suffering from depression and, is accused of deliberately sabotaging the voyage, while simultaneously committing suicide and murdering 149 people. Lubitz has caused the international airline industry to question its protocol.

Acts of terror, most notably 9/11, have changed the way we take to the skies. The incident on 9/11 forced the creation of a new government agency called TSA, which at times treats passengers like common criminals. Flight 9252’s crash could possibly enact a similar, less drastic sort of change within the immediate future by changing HIPAA laws regarding pilots’ medical confidentiality.

With all the recent media hype air travelers should rest easy. Statistically, flying is still far safer than driving, and if you are worried about the recent spiral of the commercial aviation industry in the last 12 months, it’s nothing compared to 1972. That year was the worst in commercial aviation history with 55 fatal crashes and 2,429 deaths, more than doubling the loss of human life over the previous 12 months. Since then the FAA has worked tirelessly to keep the airways safe and in 2013 recorded its safest year since 1945 with 265 deaths. ♡



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Mike Takamori warms up.

## ROADRUNNERS SWEEP CORBAN JV

As students were away for spring break, the baseball team remained busy preparing for the approaching NWAC season. The RoadRunners had seven out of conference games and used these games to prepare both physically and mentally for the upcoming conference schedule.

The latest series the RoadRunners played was against Corban's JV squad. Back to back doubleheaders on March 27 and 28 provided a tough test for LB's pitching staff. With eight games in nine days, Coach Ryan Gipson asked a lot from his players.

LB wanted to get hot at the right time to start the conference schedule and were able to do so against Corban.

The RoadRunners scored 30 runs over the four game series. After struggling early in the year to put runs on the board, the young team is confident at the plate with some game experience under their belt.

The RoadRunners offense was sparked by leadoff hitter Eric Allen. The sophomore from Las Vegas had a great series against Corban going 5-15, and provided base runners for the middle of the

RoadRunner batting order. Allen is batting .359 for the year with eight RBIs and nine stolen bases.

The first game of the series on Friday was a closely contested RoadRunner win after freshman Luke Rappe hit a walk off single in the bottom of the seventh inning to earn a 7-6 win. Freshman left fielder Jacob Musial went 2-4 with an RBI and a double. Freshman catcher Tyger Liner went 1-2 with two RBI's.

The final three games of the series went to the RoadRunners after three outstanding pitching performances from the LB starters. In an 8-1 victory in game two Friday, Musial threw seven innings of one run ball while striking out six. Sophomore Austin Kelly went 1-4 with an RBI double. Freshman Trevin Stephens continued his good hitting form with a 3-4 game with two RBIs. Leadoff man Eric Allen provided runners for the heart of the order with a 2-3 game and two runs scored.

Kelly dominated game three as Corban could not figure out the RoadRunner ace. Kelly allowed just four base runners, two of those being hits. He struck out seven and showed why he is regarded as one of the most promising pitchers in the NWAC. Musial and Brendan Fricke provided run support, as

Musial went 3-3 with an RBI and Fricke 1-2 with two RBIs.

The RoadRunners completed the weekend sweep in game four with an 11-2 win with phenomenal hitting and pitching. Ian Scott started the game and allowed just two runs on three hits. Jake Lessel came on in relief for the final two innings, shutting Corban out while striking out five. Sophomore Henry Rondeau went 2-2 with two walks and an RBI. Kelly showed his power at the plate by going 2-4 with two RBI's and a double in the win.

The RoadRunners have won six of their last 10 games. After struggling early, LB is starting to find their identity as a team and are becoming more comfortable in game situations.

This momentum will be key to carry into the NWAC schedule as LB begins division play against Clackamas next week. Clackamas has been slumping and the RoadRunners will look to continue their hot streak and pick up some wins to start the long division season. ♡



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## RETURN TO ROADRUNNERS

**LBCC alumnus and former coach Debbie Herrold returns to coach women's basketball**

After taking a hiatus from coaching since 1993 to raise her children, Debbie Herrold was hired to revitalize the women's basketball program at LBCC. Inducted into the NWAC hall of fame as a player for the 1980 season, she was head coach of women's basketball and full time instructor at LBCC between 1988-93.

"[I'm] very excited and extremely

humbled to restart the women's basketball program here at LBCC," said Herrold.

Herrold graduated with her bachelor's degree from Western Oregon University and her master's from OSU. She is currently an adjunct instructor with 28 years at LBCC that teaches physical education and health classes. She has strong ties to the Willamette Valley and LBCC. Growing up in Lebanon, Herrold was a three sport RoadRunner playing basketball, cross country, and track.

"She is a great hire for us; her previous history with LBCC and local knowledge to help with recruiting and a great basketball background," said Athletics Director Randy Falk.

While playing basketball for LBCC she won all league honors twice and was Oregon Community College Athletic Association player of the year in 1980-81. That year she led the RoadRunners to their best winning percentage in school history 28-2.

"I feel deeply rooted in this school,

this is where it all started for me, playing and coaching for LBCC," said Herrold.

After LBCC Herrold played two successful seasons for WOU before leaving to play one season professionally in Australia. After her return to the States she took a graduate assistant job at the University of Wyoming for a year. The next year she returned to WOU as an assistant for a year before returning to coach for LBCC.

There will be a welcome reception for Herrold Friday, April 10 at 3 p.m. at LBCC in the Activities Center on the Albany Campus.

Those interested in playing should also stop by Herrold's office in the AC building or email her at herrold@linnbenton.edu. She will be hosting open gym nights Mondays and Wednesdays 4 to 6 p.m. and hopes anyone interested in women's basketball will come play. These sessions will serve as tryouts for the team but are not limited to prospective players, any women that would enjoy playing basketball are welcome to show up. ♡



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### SPORTS BULLETIN

#### OSU Baseball:

at UCLA  
Thursday, April 2 at 7 p.m.  
Friday, April 3 at 7 p.m.  
Saturday, April 4 at 4 p.m.

#### UO Baseball:

vs. Seattle  
Wednesday, April 1 at 6 p.m.

vs. Michigan State  
Friday, April 3 at 6 p.m.  
Saturday, April 4 at 2 p.m.  
Sunday, April 5 at 2 p.m.

at Portland  
Tuesday, April 7 at 3 p.m.

#### LB Baseball:

at Clackamas doubleheader  
Friday, April 3 at 1 p.m.

vs. Clackamas doubleheader  
Saturday, April 4 at 1 p.m.

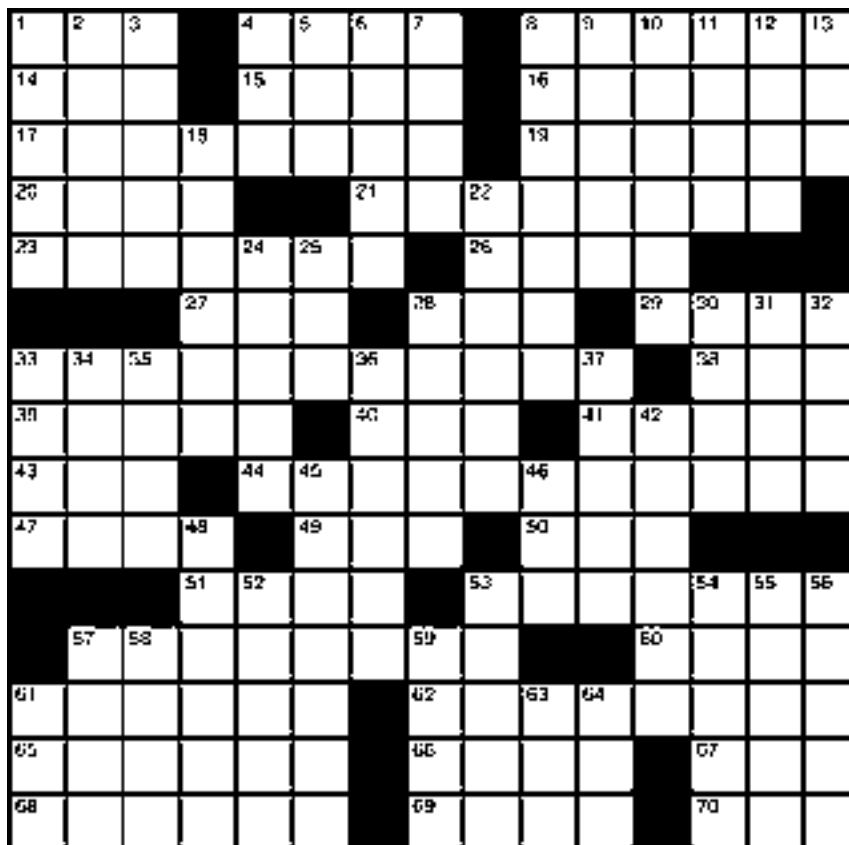


## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

### ACROSS

- 1 "That's enough from you!"
- 4 City whose tower's construction began in 1173
- 8 Pops out of the cockpit
- 14 Seoul-based automaker
- 15 Bulky boats
- 16 Hit one's limit, in slang
- 17 How poets write?
- 19 Like a classic French soup
- 20 Tree of Knowledge locale
- 21 How moonshine is made?
- 23 Quick summary
- 26 Learned
- 27 Actress Thurman
- 28 Bath bathroom
- 29 Go to the bottom
- 33 How parts of a whole can be written?
- 38 Middling grade
- 39 "Doctor Who" actress Gillan
- 40 Taylor of fashion
- 41 Strong glue
- 43 Lyrical preposition
- 44 How a priest preaches?
- 47 Electrically flexible
- 49 Lyrical preposition
- 50 Feel crummy
- 51 World power until 1991: Abbr.
- 53 Spirits brand with a Peppar variety
- 57 How kangaroos travel?
- 60 Former Cubs slugger
- 61 Meadow lows
- 62 How some paper is packaged?
- 65 Land on two continents
- 66 Squeaker in Stuttgart
- 67 Big fan
- 68 1987 Beatty flop
- 69 Freelancer's detail
- 70 Big primate



By Doug Peterson and Patti Varol

4/1/15

### DOWN

- 1 One going downhill fast
- 2 \_\_\_ Kush mountains
- 3 Port in a storm, so to speak
- 4 Score to shoot for
- 5 Taxing initials
- 6 Knitter's coil
- 7 Part of LPGA: Abbr.
- 8 What the cold-blooded don't feel
- 9 She performed between Creedence and Sly at Woodstock
- 10 Sends away
- 11 Aloof
- 12 Napa vessels
- 13 Piggery
- 18 Last
- 22 Needs a fainting couch
- 24 Saudi neighbor
- 25 WWII female
- 28 Hard-hit ball
- 30 Clickable image
- 31 Coming up
- 32 Florida \_\_\_
- 33 Blue-and-yellow megastore

### Last Edition's Puzzle Solved

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# THE COMMONS

## Cafeteria

... MENU ...  
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**Wednesday:** Pulled Pork Sandwich, Turkey Cutlet with Browned Butter, Squash Enchiladas\*. Soups: Creamy Chicken and Mushroom, and Tomato Garlic and Herb\*.

**Thursday:** Swiss Steak, Hazelnut-Crusted Chicken with Frangelico Beurre Blanc\*, Macaroni and Cheese Grantinee. Soups: Lentil Bacon, and Dilled Potato Chowder.

**Friday:** Chef's Choice

**Monday:** Chicken Chasseur, Cajun Catfish Sandwich, Thai Tofu Curry with Steamed Rice\*. Soups: Egg Flower\*, and Coconut Curried Carrot\*.

**Tuesday:** Chile Verde\*, Breaded Chicken Cutlet with Balsamic Cream Sauce, Spanikopita. Soups: Beef Barley, and African Sweet Potato\*.

Items denoted with a \* are gluten-free  
Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

# SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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SOLUTION TO LAST EDITION'S PUZZLE

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**BEST OF**  
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**BEST COFFEE**

- The Human Bean
- The Hot Shot Cafe
- The Beanery
- Interzone
- Coffee Culture
- Other \_\_\_\_\_



**BEST BURGERS**

- King Kone
- Delicias Valley Cafe
- First Burger
- Nearly Normal's Sun Burger
- Burgerville
- Other \_\_\_\_\_



**BEST PIZZA**

- Cirello's
- Ciddici's
- Izzy's
- James Gang Pizza
- American Dream
- Papa's Pizza
- Figaro's Pizza
- Abby's Famous Pizza
- Pizza Amore
- Pizza King
- Woodstock's Pizza
- LBCC Commons Pizza
- Other \_\_\_\_\_



**BEST DRINKS**

- Harrison Bar & Grill
- Two Towns
- Sky High Brewery
- The Peacock
- 101
- Block 15
- McMenamins
- Calapoolia Brewery
- Flat Tail
- Magenta
- Bombs Away Cafe
- Growler Cafe
- Other \_\_\_\_\_



**BEST GYM**

- Timberhill
- Anytime Fitness
- Albany Athletic Club
- Fitness Experience
- Other \_\_\_\_\_



**BEST SOCIAL MEDIA**

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram
- Snapchat
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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