

# The Torch



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## Who's the boss of John Klobas?

Judy L. Sierra  
Managing Editor

Due to budget crunches, the Social Science Department decided it should reduce the Neuro-Linguistic Programming courses to save money. So NLP Instructor John Klobas proposes to retire so he can return part time to be a "cheaper teacher."

NLP provides an understanding of how people gather, store, access, process and use information, says Klobas. He teaches strategies and skills that aid learning and change.

"NLP provides skills for proficiency, caretaking and health, and for other aspects of personal ecology," he says. "It's really a lesson in life."

The gray hair and beard, not-so-tall build and ever-gesturing hands may not reveal much about Social Science Instructor, John Klobas. But his students will.

"John has touched my life in such a pervasive way. That has allowed me to be more affective in how I touch other people - like a ripple on a pond," says Woody Mims, a former student, who has his master's in counseling psychology.

At 67, Klobas is not ready or willing to retire - completely. He has taught NLP for 10 years and has spent \$60,000 - 80,000 of his own money and nearly 3,000 hours to become an NLP Certified Master Trainer.

Due to budget crunches, all departments at LCC were asked last year to reduce their budgets. Former interim-Department Chair of Social Sciences Garry Oldham had to decide where to make cuts. She reduced NLP down from six courses to just the first three required for Community Service certification.

So Klobas will retire from his full time position in hopes that the college will rehire him at part time wages "so the department can afford me."

He says, "I have made a commitment to my students that there will be a completion of classes. I don't want to leave anyone hanging."

"If LCC allows this professor to leave permanently, it will be the greatest injustice that this college will ever see," said Rebecca Ginestar, single mother of two who suffers from post traumatic stress disorder.

"John is the best professor I've ever had in my life," Ginestar continued. "He gave me focus. I've had brilliant instructors who I've admired, respected and loved. But John helped me move forward and beyond."

"Somewhere between the fourth and sixth classes I was compelled to switch my major to sociology, so

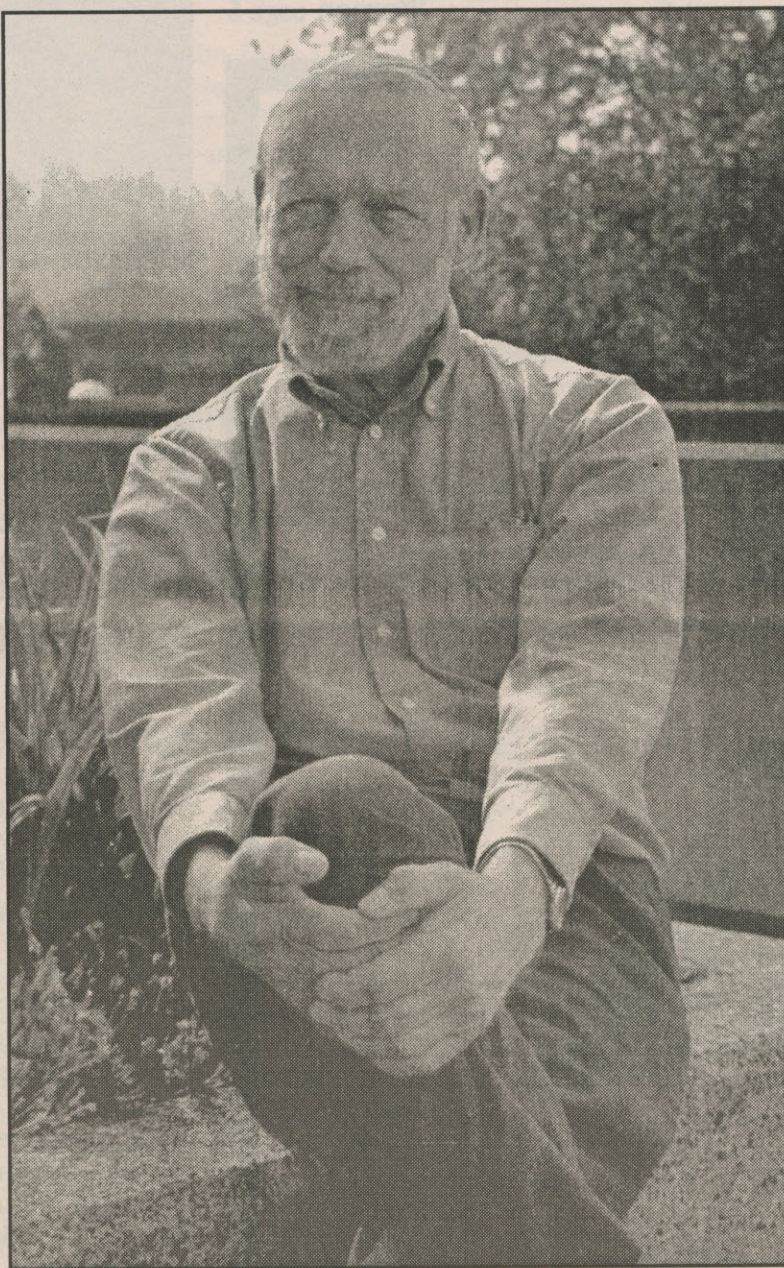


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**Social Science Instructor John Klobas retires as full-time instructor hoping to continue teaching NLP part-time to save LCC money.**

that I, too, could help others and have an impact. My life work will be to take up where John leaves off."

Susan Parker, NLP student, says, "I have taken the courses five times. This is the worst possible decision the department could make."

"If they're only offering the first three courses, they're only giving you the tools - not teaching you how to use the tools."

Mary Spilde, vice president of Instruction and Student Services, said, "It's very difficult right now because community colleges across the country are facing the same crunches we are. We've been all things to all people, and we can't do that any longer. The overall process of learning is diminished if we try to stretch too thin. We will do things at the highest possible level even if that means less, because we're not

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## American Gypsy traces heritage

Judy L. Sierra  
Managing Editor

Ostracized, feared, shrouded in romance and mystery, ignored, disgraced, excluded, and misunderstood. Imprisoned and exterminated by the Nazis, Gypsies have withstood over 1,000 years of enslavement and genocide.

And still, most of the world continues to disregard what Gypsies have endured.

Leland Robison, 56, is one of very few formally educated American Gypsies. He received his associates in the Chemical Dependency Counselor Training Program last summer at LCC and his bachelor's in sociology from UO in 1974.

Robison tutors many subjects at LCC including social science, anthropology, sociology, and psychology.

Robison says he spent 20 years learning about his ancestry and feels too many people are ignorant about the history of Gypsies, the Holocaust, and prejudices they still experience.

In this two-part series, Robison recounts what he has learned and pieced together with the help of other Gypsy scholars.

### Historical Background

Robison describes Roma (Gypsies) as a large ethnic group, originally from India, who have their own cultures, laws, rules of conduct, and languages. It would be invalid to generalize and oversimplify all Roma. Romani culture is diverse with many customs and traditions.

"After I graduated from the university, European Gypsy scholars began talking about the dispersal from India, slavery and the Holocaust," Robison said. "I couldn't locate other

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## Discrimination or misunderstanding?

Kim McCloy  
Staff Writer

Favoure Miller, an 18-year-old mixed-raced woman, was appointed to the Eugene Human Rights Commission by a majority of its 15 members last May 12.

In the months since, she has been at the center of a continuing debate about the discrimination biracial people endure.

The only vote against Miller was cast by 72-year-old Eugene City Council member Betty Taylor, who wanted to appoint a middle-age

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# ACCESSing non-traditional careers for women

**John Dreiling**  
Staff Writer

In the 1980s, Donna "La Rosa" Rose started her own cabinet and furniture making business because "I couldn't get anyone to hire me — mostly because I was a woman."

Today, Rose is the advisor for the LCC Women's Center's Alternative Career Choices for Equitable Success, which supports female students in fields traditionally inaccessible to women.

The federal definition of a non-traditional career for women is any occupation where 25 percent or less of those employed are women. Rose defines it as "any career

that appears to be male-dominated."

"That's really our goal, to not have that line of demarcation, that any job would be a job that anyone could do," says Rose.

ACCESS has directly impacted several hundred individuals through panel discussions, tours of job sites and LCC facilities, and access to support and resources regarding non-traditional occupations during its short five year history, says Rose, who has been teaching woodshop at LCC for approximately 15 years.

Rose says that nationwide there is a resurgence of women in non-traditional careers, in part, sparked by a

need by women to earn more money.

Women at LCC have studied such fields as welding technology, energy management, aviation maintenance, electronics, drafting, RV maintenance, automotive technology, computer information technology, diesel technology, auto body and paint, and some fields within media arts.

Rose says the LCC welding program has been especially supportive of the ACCESS program and female welding students. Earlier this term, for the first time, the program invited students from ACCESS and the Child Care Resource

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Janet Mulder takes classes at LCC through the welding program, a non-tradition career field for women.

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## Health care within credit students' reach

**John Dreiling**  
Staff Writer

Whether you have sprained your leg, run out of birth control pills or are feeling stressed out, LCC Student Health Services can help you as it helps approximately 50 other individuals daily with similar health needs.

According to Donna Zmolek, Student Health Services administrative assistant, SHS offers visits with a doctor or nurse free of charge to students taking credit classes on the main campus. "When we start getting into cost is when there's lab work to be done," says Zmolek.

Zmolek says SHS employs four part-time doctors, two full-time nurses, one part-time nurse practitioner and one part-time lab technician. One doctor is always there on duty.

SHS charges for special services such as immunizations like Hepatitis B or Tetanus, and for some services in the women's clinic such as PAP smears and STD testing.

Zmolek says SHS can refer students to other doctors in the community for services it does not offer, for instance x-rays, or for serious health problems including cancer.

"If we can't do it we may know who in the community to send you to or how to get

you to a resource," adds Sharon Kealoha, SHS nurse for the past 22 years.

SHS, located in Room 126 of the Center Building, is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays, except Tuesdays when it opens two hours later. Zmolek recommends that students come between 8-9 a.m. when SHS is least busy.

Students can also purchase "major medical, catastrophic" health insurance for \$132 per term through Manley Administrative Services. The insurance can provide \$25,000 for accident coverage and pay for three days in the hospital, but it will not cover doctor visits or SHS services. Students should contact SHS for more information.

"[The current SHS is] really is a result of student involvement," says Kealoha. SHS developed from a first aid station to a true clinic approximately 22 years ago after a group of students demanded the college's health services be improved. Students overwhelmingly voted to add SHS to the list that incidental fees pay for in May of 1993, after the college threatened to cut the program's funding, says Kealoha.

According to Barbara Delansky, ASLCC advisor, the student vote count was 1,082 in favor and 187 opposed.



# LCC events available from home

**Victor Runyan**  
Staff Writer

Is the baseball game away or at home? Where and when is that one guy speaking on civil rights?

This are the type of questions that LCC's newest web page will help answer on your computer screen.

The page is an events calendar to help staff and students share that most precious of all commodities, information, says Diane Dann, director of Institutional Advancement.

Users wanting to look through the calendar can get to it from the LCC homepage, by selecting the "calenders" link.

Students will first go to a page with all the events for the next week on it. They can then choose different time scales on a daily,

monthly, or whole year basis, and can specify certain categories like sports and recreation, or arts and entertainment. The college departments will add and maintain their own entries on the calendar, says Dann.

The college is purchasing the software from the local internet publishing company, New Paradigm, which developed and owns Home Town Online (<http://hometownonline.com>), a local internet site that features a community calendar. The college will continue to work with the company, fine tuning the software for LCC's calendar and providing news of LCC events which may be of interest to the community at large to Paradigm's Home Town Online. The college has budgeted \$3,000 to the project with about \$2,000 for the purchase of the software. The balance will be used to pay set-up and monthly fees for the first 10 months of running the calendar on the New Paradigm system.

## Just say no to academic probation

**Victor Runyan**  
Staff Writer

Perhaps you've had a bad term, or you didn't complete most of your classes.

Then you get a letter from the college or the Financial Aid office informing you that you are on "academic probation."

When students don't meet LCC's academic standards the college wants to know, "Why, and how can we help?" says Elaine Matchett, lead specialist in the Student Records office.

LCC uses a progressive scale — listed in the college catalog — that requires higher cumulative GPAs as the student completes more credit hours, maxing out at a required GPA of 2.00 for students with more than 86 credits.

The college also requires students to complete half of the credits they are taking each term.

But, the first step of academic probation begins when a student fails to meet one of these standards. The college's computer generates a letter to the student. In the next two

terms, if the student fails to meet the standards, the college places a "hold" on his or her registration until the student has a conference with a college counselor, to help the student identify problems and likely solutions to fix them.

Matchett says the student may have enrolled in difficult classes, or have poor study habits.

The fourth term a student fails to meet the standard, the college will dismiss him or her for a year. The student can appeal this action to the Progress Review Committee which will evaluate the petition for any extraordinary circumstances.

If during a term in this process a student raises his or her grades and credit completion above the standard the college will take him or her off of academic probation. But if a student falls below the standards again he or she will start the process all over again, says Matchett.

She says the college recognizes the efforts of students who get at least a 2.00 GPA

and complete half their classes in a term but still have a low cumulative GPA. The college notifies them of their improvement and won't place the students on the next step of academic probation.

Matchett says that after the first step, Admissions staff members manually examine those students records before any action like a registration hold or dismissal.

Financial Aid students with academic problems should be aware that its standards are stricter and affect the student sooner. Michelle Scott, of Financial Aid says "There is no probation period."

FA's standard's peek — for students with more than 73 credits — at a cumulative GPA of 2.00 and 90 percent of all credits taken completed. After the first term of not meeting its standard, a student would be disqualified from aid. He or she would then have to file an appeal and prove extenuating circumstances. FA provides on request a handout that explains the details of its academic standards.

## Eye on the community

### OSPIRG HOLDS FOOD DRIVE

OSPIRG will hold its food drive extravaganza on Friday, Oct. 31, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the first floor of the EMU Building on the UO Campus.

Participants will collect canned food for Lane County through door to door trick-or-treating. Costumes are required.

Contact Mariah Barret at 747-4501 ext. 2166 for more information.

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM AND ASLCC CO-SPONSOR HALLOWEEN PARTY

The LCC International Program and ASLCC are sponsoring a Halloween dance/party on Oct. 24 from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Emerald People's Utility District, located on Seavy Loop, across from the Bring recycling center near Mt. Pisgah.

Tickets are available for \$5 (non-refundable) if bought before noon on Oct. 23, in the ISCP office Center 414. Tickets will be available at the door for \$7. Those interested are encouraged to buy tickets and sign up early, as there will be limited transportation provided to return students back to their

homes.

Those who can provide transportation home for other students are encouraged to volunteer.

For more information, contact Sandra Penfield at 747-4501 ext. 2165.

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM SPONSORS PORTLAND TRIP

LCC's International Student Program will sponsor one full day trip to Portland on Saturday, Nov. 1 for new and former international students.

LCC vans will leave from the North East parking lot promptly at 7:45 a.m., and will visit such places as Multnomah Falls, Columbia River Gorge and the downtown shops of Portland. Students will be returned to the LCC North East parking lot by 9:30 p.m.

There is a \$18 non-refundable registration fee. Those interested are encouraged to register by Wednesday, Oct. 29, as there are 44 spaces available. Those who register, but are unable to attend, need to notify the ISCP office to allow other students an opportunity to attend.

For more information, contact Sandy Penfield at 747-4501, ext. 2165.

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# LTD changes affect LCC ridership

**John Dreiling**  
Staff Writer

LCC is discussing a group bus plan allowing students, and possibly faculty and staff, to ride for free.

A committee is being formed to represent LCC in negotiations with LTD, according to Danny Armanino, ASLCC Student Body President. The committee will consist of representatives from the administration, the Board of Education, faculty, classified employees and students. Armanino says he prefers the bus plan not be funded by student fees, but instead by the college's general fund.

Andy Vobora, LTD Service Planning and Marketing Manager, says that recent LTD research points at a

cost of \$10.61 per student per term — if funded by student body fees paid by students enrolled in credit classes on the main campus. He says LTD would neither profit or lose money at that rate. He adds that if the group pass program were implemented he would expect ridership to increase by 50 percent from the current average of 700 LCC riders daily.

Students who ride the LTD bus to LCC are experiencing some service changes, and more changes may come in the future.

Vobora says that LTD has eliminated some Eugene/LCC trips, such as: the 7:57 a.m. route of the 81 LCC/Harris bus bound for LCC, the 4:07 trip of the 82 LCC/Pearl leaving LCC bound for the Eugene Station, and the 3:40 trip of the 92 Lowell/LCC bound for LCC and Lowell from Eu-

gene Station because those routes unnecessarily duplicate services. He says that 6:10 a.m. and 6:10 p.m. trips of the 83 LCC/Willow Creek have been added, along with the 98 Cottage Grove bus, which stops at LCC's main campus twice daily.

LTD is in the process of building a new downtown Eugene bus station. Vobora said he expects the new station to be finished by March 18, 1998, and to be operational by April 5.

In the meantime, however, sections of the current station have been moved, he said, to avoid the construction.

Section G, from which four LCC bound buses depart, has been moved three times thus far. LCC students have had to stay aware of changes throughout the process, or risk missing their buses.

Vobora says the latest move is the final one planned until the new station is completed.

LCC riders may notice an increase in ridership which Vobora says is typical in the beginning of the term, but tapers off as the term progresses. He said that some morning LCC routes — those between 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. — have been added to deal with the demand.

Vobora added that although the number of three-month passes purchased by LCC riders has remained constant, the total number of LCC riders has declined during the most recent time periods studied. In winter of 1995 there were 42 LCC riders on the LCC/Harris bus per service hour. By winter of 1996, the number had dropped to 26, but did rise slightly to 28 in fall of 1996. He defined riders per service hour as the total number of individuals who got on the LCC/Harris bus, even if they did not get off at LCC.

## Check out LCC's campus clubs

**Dan Ball**  
Staff Writers

Are you looking for a good time? Consider joining some of the LCC campus clubs.

- The Lane Writer's Club meets every Tuesday in Center 420 from 3-4:30 p.m. The members meet to discuss the works (poems, stories, short stories) and sometimes have guest authors talk about their works as well. Call either Kathleen Shull at ext. 2118 or Sharon Thomas at 2760 for more information.

- The Native American Student Association (NASA) meets every Wednesday in Math and Art 235 from 11-12 p.m. The members are getting ready to have elections for officers, and planning a Pow-Wow on Nov. 29. Anyone is welcome to join in on the fun. Call Frank Merrill at ext. 2238 for more information.

- The Multi-Cultural Club meets every two weeks. If you wish to join, you can sign up in the Multi-Cultural Center on the fourth floor of the Center Building. Call Connie Mesquita at ext. 2276 for more information.

- The Black Student Union meets once a month. At the next meeting on Nov. 22, it will hold elections for student officers at 7 p.m. in the LCC Downtown Center. Call Greg Evans for more information at ext. 2340.

- The Latino Club meets on Friday at 8 a.m. in the Multi-Cultural Center (Center 409). The club will decide upon participating at the Mecha-Conference at UofO on Oct. 23-26. It is also considering being part of Gamas, an organization that matches Latino college students with Latin middle school students as mentors. The club will discuss whether to go to the Pow-Wow on Nov. 29. For more information call Phil Martinez at ext. 2158.

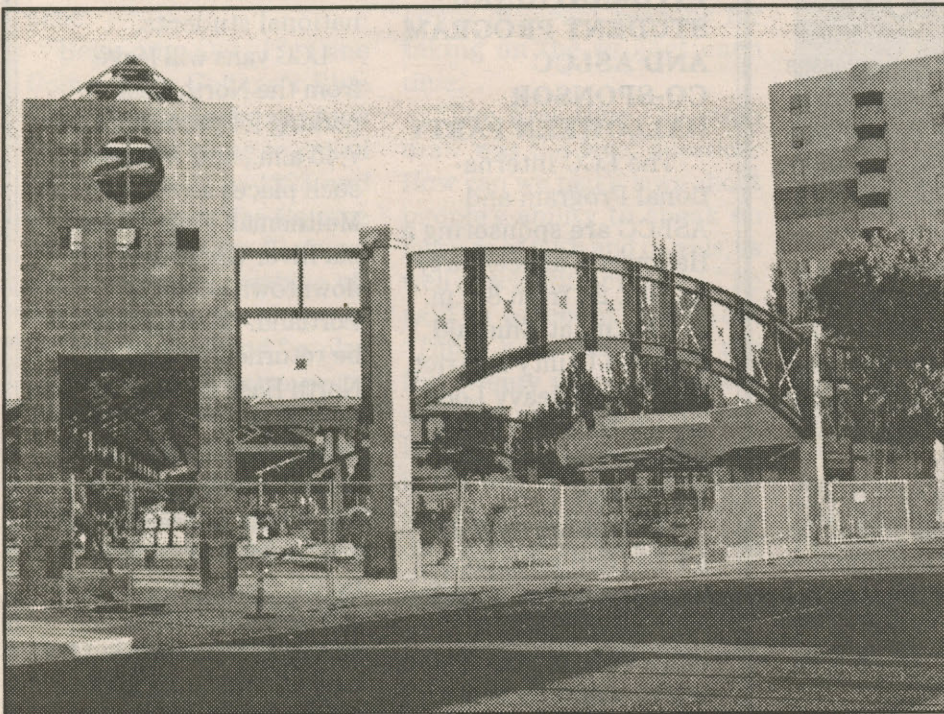


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The LTD downtown Eugene bus station, now under construction at Willamette and Eleventh Streets.

## Campus Ministry will not replace director and associate director

**John Dreiling**  
Staff Writer

The LCC Campus Ministry's 12-member Board of Directors has decided not to replace retiring director, Father Jim Dieringer, and Assistant Director, Marna Crawford. This means funding changes for the CM office which will continue to serve students.

Last Spring Dieringer retired after 25 years of service to LCC students and staff. The Roman Catholic Priest had donated his \$21,000 yearly salary from the Catholic Archdiocese to fund the CM office.

Tara Worman, CM Board of Directors secretary/treasurer, said the Catholic church has pledged to contribute the financial equivalent of Dieringer's salary for the 1997-98 school

year. She said that donations from individuals, churches and LCC employees will combine with the Catholic church's pledge to fund the operation.

The board of directors is composed of local ministers, LCC employees and students, and private business people.

"The basic problem," says Larry Brown, board of directors chairperson, "is that CM was run primarily on Dieringer's salary. The current budget makes it near impossible to fund the office while hiring staff such as a director or an associate director, he said.

Worman stated that these

projected funds are used to pay rent, phone and utilities and one part-time staff member for the office located in Room 242 of the Center Building on the main campus. She added that currently there are ministers representing the Catholic, Baptist and Episcopalian churches available through CM.

The CM office is currently open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays. Worman said she would like CM to continue to be diverse in what it offers.

Worman said CM is unique among community colleges on the West Coast. "As far as I

know, it's the only one," she said. She added that because of the separation of church and state derived from the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution CM is not funded by the college. Because it is located on college property, however, CM is required to be open to students of all religious beliefs.

Worman said that CM already has several activities planned for fall, including a panel discussion of the differences and similarities among the Catholic, Episcopal and Lutheran denominations scheduled for November. In December CM will sponsor a panel discussion and workshop on the subject of faith and death with representatives of various denominations. She said that the Baptist church is currently the only organization sponsoring a weekly Bible study or discussion group through CM, although she expects others to begin soon.

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# Gypsies: Leland Robison uncovers historic agony



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## Gypsy children starve in Nazi concentration camps during WWII.

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educated American Gypsies to help unravel the mystery of our past existence, so I contacted Gypsy scholars in England, Germany, Greece, France, and Yugoslavia. I also talked with Indian scholars who were putting together the history of Roma - how and when they started leaving India."

Robison says he then sold his ranch in Eastern Oregon for money to travel throughout Europe and India to gain more knowledge and continue tracing his ancestry.

"Since our people were scattered and not allowed to get a formal education, says Robison, "our history has been kept alive, virtually unwritten, from generation to generation."

Robison says he learned some very powerful and painful facts during his travels.

In the year 1001, Muslim Persian invaders, under the leadership of Mahmud Ghazni, attacked and decimated Northern India. They returned 12 times in 13 years, killed half of a million people and took another half million as slaves. They emptied the treasures of India. They forced the Roma to become Muslim, who were traditionally Hindu. Those who started out as war refugees and those who escaped — who fought their way out of battles — banded together for protection.

The Gypsies traveled west along well-established trade routes between India and Europe into what is now Greece. They lived well there for about 150 years then started moving out of Greece and into Western Europe.

"As I said, I traveled all over Europe and India," Robison said. "I spent many years tracking my roots."

In sixteenth century England, Gypsies were ordered to leave or be imprisoned because the English thought them to be "sorcerers, thieves and cheats," says Robison.

The French, Portuguese and Spanish banished Gypsies to other countries, and

Switzerland and Holland allowed "Gypsy" hunts. They were taken as slaves in several European Countries due to the shortage of man power, Robison's studies show.

During this time, the Catholic Church prohibited any one from talking with Gypsies and threatened excommunication to those who violated orders.

By edict, Gypsies were excluded from joining any trade guilds. They were forced to be wanderers.

Each tribal group has its own history embedded within the total picture of all Gypsies.

Robison is a member of the International Union Romani which has membership in 40 countries.

"The first international conference of the union was held in India in the late '70s, during Mrs. Indira Gandhi's tenure. Mrs. Gandhi was very interested and supportive," Robison said. "The Indian government sponsored the conferences. It was so important to reestablish connection with our Indian roots and for the government to acknowledge our existence."

## Gypsy victims of the Nazi terror

When Adolf Hitler came to power in Germany, his Nazi re-

gime inherited "anti-Gypsy" laws that had been in force since the middle ages.

In 1937, the Nazi government arrested and interned Gypsies in concentration camps, as it did with many Jews, and homosexuals. To the Nazis, a "Rom" meant diseased, so the prisoners were sterilized to prevent reproduction.

Only Jews and the Roma were considered genetically tainted, threatening German racial purity, says Robison.

Untold thousands were tortured, used for inhuman scientific experiments and put to death in the gas chambers.

Robison says many historians estimate 500,000 to one million Roma were annihilated from 1935 to the end of World War II.

"People are aware of the vile and evil deeds done to Jews during the Holocaust, but the plight of the Roma has been virtually ignored and dismissed by almost everyone, Robison said. "We are working now to have these exploitations brought to public attention."

Up to one million Gypsies perished during the Holocaust, either in the concentration camps or in transit.

Josef Mengele, known as "the angel of death" was involved, with other doctors, in medical-research projects conducted by the Nazis between 1939 and 1945. These experiments were done on humans held against their will because the victims were thought to be lower than rats in the minds of the Nazis, Robison's sources show.

The types of experiments were diverse. They included freezing/hypothermia, genetics, infectious diseases, interrogation and torture, killing/genocide, and sterilization.

"Dr. Mengele was fixated on twins," Robison said. "He would skin out the backs of twins and sew them together, trying to create 'Siamese twins.'"

*Part Two will continue with the holocaust, the more recent history of Gypsies, and what is being done to help improve the conditions for Gypsies worldwide.*

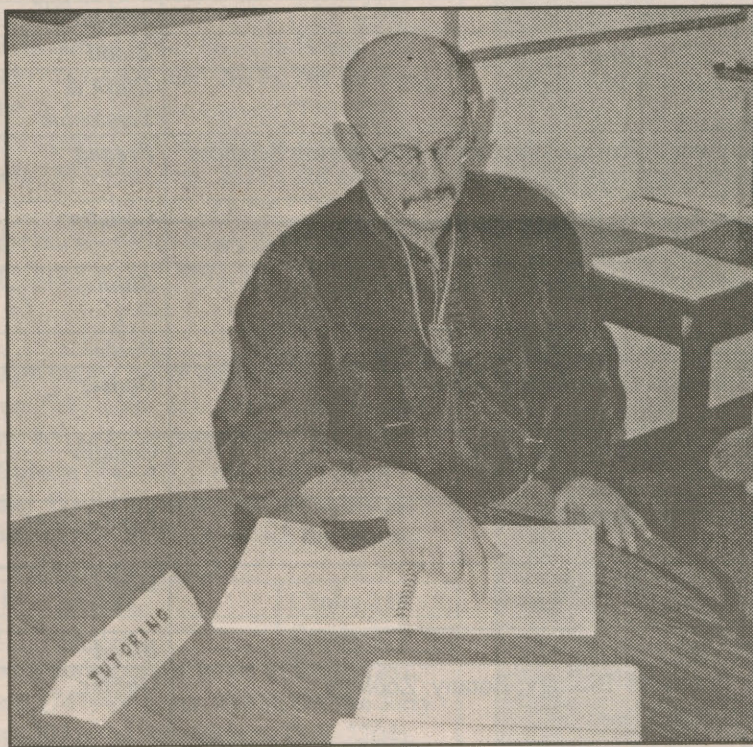


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**Leland Robison, an American Gypsy who has spent 20 years tracing his heritage, is a tutor at LCC.**

# Women: Access mentorship program opportunities

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Connection to speak to male and female students regarding how to better support women within that field.

"We'd love to be able to do that in every department," says Rose.

Eileen Short, a second year welding student, and ACCESS participant says ACCESS has offered her tours of businesses and has introduced her to women employed in similar fields to those she is considering. "It's good to see somebody that's stayed with it," says Short.

Jan Burrell, also a second year welding student and ACCESS participant, says the one-on-one as well as group support ACCESS offers have "kept me in the program."

She said she became interested in welding after seeing a participant in a panel discussion who studied at LCC, and is now employed in the welding field.

Two of the programs that ACCESS offers are the mentorship program and the Women in Computing workshops.

The mentorship program

matches up "students on campus in the various non-traditional programs with women in the community doing the kind of job they think they'd like to do when they graduate," says Rose.

Pamela Briggs, who participated in the mentorship program last year in the Computer Information Technology program, says, "My mentor gave me valuable insight into what she does on the job and it showed me areas I need to strengthen in my learning." The mentorship program occurs during winter

and spring terms, but students sign up for the program during fall term, says Rose. She adds that interested individuals should contact her by Nov. 15, 1997, so they can be matched up by winter term.

Women in Computing offers monthly meetings for support and opportunities to delve deeper into computing through activities such as taking apart computers and examining the components, says Rose. "Mostly it's a place where women can talk," she adds.

For more information about

## Klobas: Cheaper teacher a keeper?

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going to do mediocre in lots of areas."

Spilde said the decision is not set in stone. "If new information that people think needs attention, that was not considered in the first decision is made available, I am willing to listen. But I don't want to give the sense that the decision will be reversed. The original decision group will have final say."

Ginestar said she is not giving up.

"I am going to talk to every one of John's bosses personally to let them know just how much he accomplishes. I'm calling many of his students, both past and present, to encourage them to do the same."

Klobas has taught at LCC for 32 years. "I turned 67 on my last birthday and have planned to teach for another three to seven years. This was awfully quick and the response was stronger than I expected. And it's very emotional for me."

Klobas claims he is his own boss, but admits to letting students tell him what to do.

"My students are really the ones who have taught me how to teach. Years ago they told me to put my books down and teach from my brain. As I teach them, I keep learning more and more. That's one reason I want to continue to teach."

**MURPHY'S LAWS**

- If anything can go wrong, it will.
- Everything takes longer than you think.
- Every solution breeds new problems.
- It is impossible to make anything foolproof because fools are so ingenious.
- Nature always sides with the hidden flaw.
- Mother nature is a bitch.



Reserve  
and  
confirm  
classes for  
next two  
terms

Judy L. Sierra  
Managing Editor

Imagine — all the classes you need, the instructors you want, and within the time schedule you choose — for the next two terms.

Continuing LCC credit students will be able to register for winter and spring terms through the new Annual Reserve-and-Confirm Advising Program.

Those who attend one of the scheduled advising sessions between Oct. 6 and Nov. 14 will be eligible to reserve classes for winter and spring. Advisors and counselors will assist students in effective course selection, and in planning class schedules.

After completing the advising session, students may call Classline after 24 hours to reserve their classes.

Counselor Mason Davis says, "Assurance of classes for a full school year is a great planning tool. It helps students with part-time jobs and those in need of child care to establish long range objectives."

Students may register this month for classes with a prerequisite, but must remove all "holds" — such as testing requirements, prerequisites, and college debts — before they can confirm.

To confirm class schedules — and to change or drop classes — students must call Classline Nov. 24-26. If students forget to confirm, the college will drop their schedules from the registration database and they will have to register again during the registration period specified in the 1998 Winter Term Class Schedule.

"Education is a desirable commodity which means students are looking ahead to gain skills to get into careers that are stable," says Davis.

Undecided Majors

(For students who have not yet chosen a major)

First Letter of Student's Last Name	Counselor	Day and Date	Time	Place
A-D	Betty Vail	Tuesday October 28 or November 4	3 - 4 p.m.	CENTER 203 Counseling and Advising Center
E-K	Bob McCorkle	Wednesday October 15, 29 or November 12	11 a.m. - 12 noon	CENTER 203 Counseling and Advising Center
L-R	Julia Poole	Monday October 20 or November 3	9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	CENTER 203 Counseling and Advising Center
S-Z	Catherine Sloat-Leiper	Wednesday October 15, 22, 29; November 5 or 12	9 - 10 a.m.	CENTER 203A Catherine's Office

Students with Majors

College Transfer Program

Program	Counselor/Advisor	Day and Date	Time*	Place
Architecture	Winguist	Thursday, Nov. 6	3 p.m.	Ind.Tech. 200
Art	Blood	Monday, Nov. 3	3 p.m.	Center 219
Business (4-year transfer)	Clark & Yamamoto	Monday, Oct. 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3 or 10	10-10:30 a.m. or 3-3:30 p.m.	Business 105P
Computer Science; Computer & Information Sciences	Freund	Monday, Oct. 13 Monday, Nov. 3	3 p.m. 3 p.m.	Center 321 Center 321
Dental Hygiene (4-year degree)	Conklin	See Jean Conklin during office hours in Health 251 or by appointment (747-4501, ext. 2617).		
Education (Elementary and Secondary)	Blinn	See Charlene Blinn during office hours or by appointment (747-4501, ext. 2235).		
English, Foreign Language & Speech	Poole	Monday, Oct. 27	9:30 a.m.	Center 320
Environmental Sciences & Forestry	Ganser	Monday, Oct. 20 Thursday, Nov. 6	1 p.m. 9 a.m.	Center 219 Center 321
Health & Physical Education	Conklin	See Jean Conklin during office hours in Health 251 or by appointment (747-4501, ext. 2617).		
International Students	Sloat-Leiper	Wed., Oct. 15, 22, 29; Nov. 5 or 12	9-10 a.m.	Center 203A
	Davis	See Mason Davis on Mondays between 4 and 5 p.m. or during office hours in Center 221.		
Journalism	Blood	Monday; Oct. 27	3 p.m.	Center 219
Life Sciences-Biology; Botany; Zoology	Ganser	Wed., Oct. 15, Wed., Oct. 22 Thursday, Nov. 13	1 p.m. 1 p.m. 9 a.m.	Center 220 Center 220 Center 321
Mathematics	Freund	See Rich Freund in M & A 203 during office hours or by appointment (747-4501, ext. 2435).		
Nursing (4-year degree)	Conklin & Sirois	See Jean Conklin during office hours in Health 251 or by appointment (747-4501, ext. 2617); <i>OR</i> see Jerry Sirois in Center 203 or by appointment (726-2204).		
Nutrition & Dietetics	Conklin	See Jean Conklin during office hours in Health 251 or by appointment (747-4501, ext. 2617).		
Performing Arts-Dance; Music; Theatre	Blood	Monday, Nov. 10	3 p.m.	Center 219
Physical Sciences-Chemistry; Physics; Geology	Freund	Friday, Oct. 31	1:30 p.m.	Center 321
Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy	Conklin	See Jean Conklin during office hours in Health 251 or by appointment (747-4501, ext. 2617).		
Pre-Dentistry; Pre-Medicine; Pre-Medical Technology; Pre-Pharmacy; Pre-Veterinary Medicine	Conklin	See Jean Conklin during office hours in Health 251 or by appointment (747-4501, ext. 2617).		
Pre-Engineering	Freund	Monday, Oct. 27 Monday, Nov. 10 Friday, Nov. 21	3 p.m. 3 p.m. 1:30 p.m.	Center 321 Center 321 Center 321
Social Science — <i>all social science transfer majors:</i> Anthropology; Area & Ethnic Studies; Economics; Geography; History; International Studies; Philosophy; Planning, Public Policy & Management; Political Science; Pre-Law; Psychology; Religion; Sociology; Women's Studies	Bowman & Raglin	Monday, Nov. 10	3 p.m.	Center 401

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# Registration SESSIONS

AAAS Degree & Certificate Programs

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Program	Counselor/Advisor	Day and Date	Time*	Place
Broadcasting/Visual Design & Production; Multimedia Design & Prod.; Radio Broadcasting	Blood	Monday, Oct. 27	4 p.m.	Center 219
Business Administration Business Management Sales & Marketing Supervision	Clark & Yamamoto	Monday, Oct. 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3 or 10 Tuesday, Oct. 14, 21, 28; or Nov. 4	10-10:30 a.m. or 3-3:30 p.m. 10-10:30 a.m. or 3-3:30 p.m.	Business 105P Business 105P
Business Technologies Accounting Clerk; Accounting/Bookkeeping; Administrative Assistant/Secretarial; Legal Secretary; Office Assistant; Real Estate	Clark & Yamamoto	Monday, Oct. 13, 20, 27; Nov. 3 or 10 Tuesday, Oct. 14, 21, 28; or Nov. 4	10:30-11 a.m. or 3:30-4 p.m. 10:30-11 a.m. or 3:30-4 p.m.	Business 105P Business 105P
Chemical Dependency Counselor	Bowman & Raglin	See Polly Bowman during office hours in Center 401A or by appointment (726-2204).		
Community Service	Bowman & Raglin	Monday, Oct. 27	3 p.m.	Center 401
Computer Information Technology Computer Application Specialist; Computer Network Operations; Computer Programming; Computer User Support	Freund	Monday, Oct. 20 Monday, Nov. 17 Friday, Nov. 7	3 p.m. 3 p.m. 1:30 p.m.	Center 321 Center 321 Center 321
Construction Technology	Davis	See Mason Davis on Mondays between 4 and 5 p.m. or during office hours in Center 221.		
Criminal Justice	Bowman & Raglin	Monday, Nov. 3	3 p.m.	Center 401
Culinary, Food Service & Hospitality; Hospitality Management	Davis	See Mason Davis on Mondays between 4 and 5 p.m. or during office hours in Center 221.		
Dental Assisting (admitted into program)	Conklin & Sirois	See Jean Conklin during office hours in Health 251 or by appointment (747-4501, ext. 2617); <b>OR</b> see Jerry Sirois in Center 203 or by appointment (726-2204).		
Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene (not yet admitted into program)	Conklin & Sirois	See Jean Conklin during office hours in Health 251 or by appointment (747-4501, ext. 2617); <b>OR</b> see Jerry Sirois in Center 203 or by appointment (726-2204).		
Dental Hygiene (admitted into program)	Conklin & Sirois	See Jean Conklin during office hours in Health 251 or by appointment (747-4501, ext. 2617); <b>OR</b> see Jerry Sirois in Center 203 or by appointment (726-2204).		
Early Childhood Education, Nanny Program	Conklin & Riepe	See Linda Riepe during office hours in Health 107C or by appointment (747-4501, ext. 2287).		
Electronic Engineering Technology; Electronic Technology	Winquist & Litty	Thursday, Nov. 13	2 p.m.	Ind. Tech. 200
Emergency Medical Technology/Paramedic	Conklin & Sirois	See Jean Conklin during office hours in Health 251 or by appointment (747-4501, ext. 2617); <b>OR</b> see Jerry Sirois in Center 203 or by appointment (726-2204).		
Energy Management	Freund & Ganser	See Roger Ebbage (747-4501, ext. 2451) on an individual basis. For an appointment, see schedule posted on his office door, SCI 124, or ask the Science Department staff.		
Flight Technology	Blood	Monday, Nov. 10	4 p.m.	Center 219
Graphic Design	Blood	Monday, Nov. 3	4 p.m.	Center 219
Health Records Technology; Medical Office Assistant; Medical Transcription	Conklin & Sirois	See Jean Conklin during office hours in Health 251 or by appointment (747-4501, ext. 2617); <b>OR</b> see Jerry Sirois in Center 203 or by appointment (726-2204).		
Industrial Maintenance	Winquist & Litty	Thursday, Nov. 13	4 p.m.	Ind. Tech. 200
Mechanical Technology Agricultural & Industrial Equipment; Auto Body & Fender; Automotive Technology; Aviation Maintenance/Avionics; Diesel Technology; Manufacturing Technology/CNC Technician; Recreational Vehicle Service Technician	Litty & Svarverud	Annual Registration Advising Sessions for Mechanical Technology majors will be conducted in classes on <b>Thursdays</b> from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 5:30-6:30 p.m. beginning October 16 and ending November 13, 1997.		
Nursing—LPN & ADN	Conklin & Sirois	See Jean Conklin during office hours in Health 251 or by appointment (747-4501, ext. 2617); <b>OR</b> see Jerry Sirois in Center 203 or by appointment (726-2204).		
Respiratory Care (admitted into program or not yet admitted into program)	Conklin & Sirois	See Jean Conklin during office hours in Health 251 or by appointment (747-4501, ext. 2617); <b>OR</b> see Jerry Sirois in Center 203 or by appointment (726-2204).		
Technical Drafting	Winquist & Litty	Thursday, Nov. 13	3 p.m.	Ind. Tech. 200
Welding Technology	Davis	See Mason Davis on Mondays between 4 and 5 p.m. or during office hours in Center 221.		

\*Unless otherwise noted, each session will be approximately one hour.

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If you are unable to attend an Advising session, you should see the counselor/advisor for your major during office hours or by individual appointment.

LCC at Cottage Grove... For Dates and Times of Early Advising Session, Contact LCC at Cottage Grove, 942-4202

## Miller: Taylor takes time to listen — offers understanding but no apology for comment

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African-American man to the commission instead.

According to news reports this month, following the meeting Taylor confided in council member Scott Meisner that she discounted the amount of racial discrimination Miller had experienced in Eugene because "she looks white." Reports from The Register-Guard said Meisner informed an aide to the commission about the comment.

Taylor denied that her comment was racist. Recognized as a liberal member on the Human Rights Commission, she has been involved in many race issues throughout the years, and has three biracial great-grandchildren. But the question still remains: Was Taylor's comment racist, or biased at the least?

Miller, now an LCC student, called Taylor's comment "insensitive."

"It was offensive because, basically, it's putting yourself in someone else's shoes."

Miller said it isn't appropriate for one person to assume or dismiss what another person has or has not experienced. She told the Torch that biracial people endure just as much racism as any people of a single minority; if they are neither fully black nor fully white, they are caught living in between two worlds.

Taylor said that she doesn't feel her comment was insensitive. She claimed, "It was a statement made to one person [Scott Meisner] in private, then it was repeated several times [to other individuals] and taken out of context."

When asked what she intended by her comment directed toward Miller, Taylor told the Torch, "My intention was simply that I believed one person had been discriminated against more than another person; and that was only my opinion."

Eugene Mayor Jim Torrey and other city officials urged Taylor to meet with Miller to explain her position.

At first scheduling conflicts hampered their meeting, then Taylor refused to meet because of the attention the media and opposing officials had brought to this issue. But on Oct. 15 the two finally held a 35 minute, face-to-face session. They reached a truce, The Register-Guard reported.

Miller had maintained that reconciliation needed to be addressed in private and with maturity.

Miller said often people don't communicate effectively and do not attempt to understand one another. She felt that had happened in this situation, and it was her goal to bring understanding between Taylor and her.

"She didn't understand what was upsetting about her statement," said Miller, who added that she wanted Taylor to hear and understand what she felt.

Miller also said that the only person who is an expert on discrimination is the person who experiences it first hand. Taylor's assumption may not have been intentionally biased, but Miller said she felt that it was indeed a biased comment.

"It isn't right if you're prejudging someone before you know about them," remarked Miller.

According to The Register-Guard Taylor did not apologize. But Miller had told the Torch before the meeting, "An apology isn't as important as her listening to me and understanding why what she said was hurtful."



# Opinion & Editorial

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## FALL TERM

The price for replacement LCC identification cards will change from \$2 to \$7 on Friday, Oct. 24

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## Just when we thought it was safe to go home



Jon Limer

*Editor's notes- During the 1996-97 school year, Jon Limer began writing a series of columns that expressed his feelings on becoming a new father and husband, from the time he found out that his then-girlfriend was pregnant, through their wedding, to the complications of his wife's early pregnancy. This is the fourth installment this year.*

There was an ominous silence on the phone.

It was the kind of silence that happens when the world stops spinning, and time grinds to a halt.

Our daughter's pediatrician had just informed me that, no, we were not taking Alexis home after already being in the hospital a week, her entire life. I was not a happy camper. Some of my worst fears were coming true, and I knew there was nothing I could do to stop them.

I told myself that so long as she didn't end up in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) I would be okay. I could look at it objectively, even. If a longer stay is required to make my daughter better, then so be it.

My wife however, was an entirely different matter. After being admitted two weeks earlier, giving

birth, and then dealing with her baby girl being poked, prodded and stuck with more needles than there are in a tattoo parlor, she wasn't up for more stress.

I had discussed with the doctor earlier in the week, my displeasure with Alexis being taken to an ICU. To put it bluntly, I had said hell no, she won't go. I couldn't bare to be on one side of the glass while my child lay helpless on the other... untouchable, unreachable. There was no way that I was going to let my daughter be separated from me and my wife if adequate care could be provided right where we were at. Why go "high-tech" if there isn't the need.

Well, I decided that if Alexis needed to be in some sort of contact with the endocrinologist (a specialist for the liver, pancreas, etc.) then maybe we should ask him where he would be most comfortable having her. So I had the pediatrician call him and find that out, and call me back.

I hung up the phone and looked at Angie. I could see the slow change of expressions cross her face in the same way that sand changes the face of a rock over time. She started with happy and excited to go home, to a "who was that on the phone" look, to puzzlement, to confusion, to realization and finally to aggravation and depression.

"We're not going to be able to take her home yet are we?" she said. With all the energy I could muster, I had just enough left to slowly shake my head. "No" I said

in possibly one of my most dejected tones.

Then the phone rang again. I looked at it in the same way Sigorney Weaver regarded the Alien in "Alien 3." Fear, terror, horror, these are close, but so is pity and depression. I was coming to the realization that things may get real bad real fast. And considering my track record so far, we must have been battling 1000.

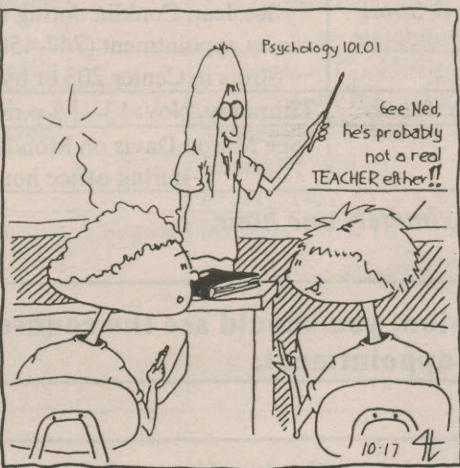
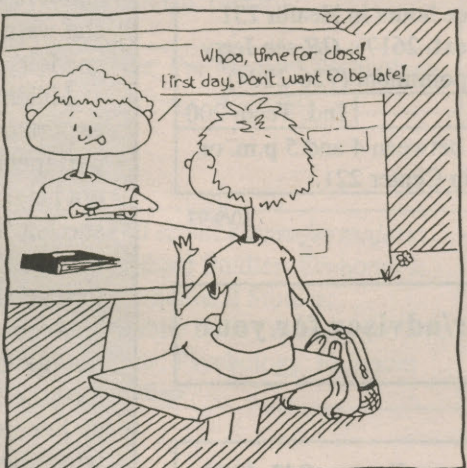
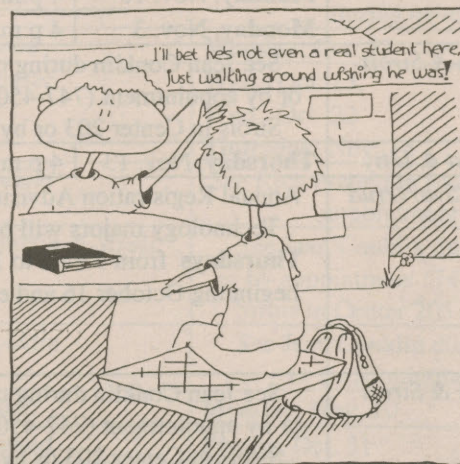
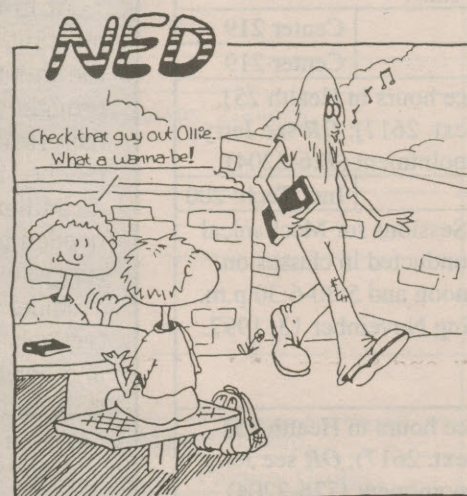
I picked it up and said "What's the story, Doc? What did he say?" The doctor took an audible deep breath, and I knew in a millisecond what she was going to say ... "He wants her up there in ICU, Jon. He said that her pancreas can have a serious episode and her hypoglycemia would get much worse. "I understand," I replied, "how?" "They are on their way now from OHSU in Portland, the Neo-natal ICU panda team."

I had the strength to say "okay, see you soon." Then I hung up. My legs buckled and I started to sob unrelentingly. Angie looked up at me and turned pale white.

"What?" she said quietly, then she screamed it, "WHAT?" So I told her. "They are coming to get her, so they can take her to Portland and put her in the ICU."

The resulting scream filled with tears will forever be etched on my consciousness. My wife lost it, and I was not far behind.

Little did I know that later, I would have to be twice as strong as I knew I needed to be right then. The worst was far from over.



By James Lamb 1997 @ Just Smile Productions

### Safety & efficiency in twos and threes

Let's give praise to a free night time taxi service that debuted last spring at the University of Oregon.

Dubbed Tandem-Taxi, it provides bicycles built for two or three for students who need escort service across the 250-acre campus. In its trial run last spring the service averaged 35 riders each night for five-nights per week.

This term Tandem-Taxi is on the streets all seven nights.

The drivers, who have radios connected to the campus security office, earn a little more than minimum wage. The riders provide their share of the peddle power.

It improves campus safety, promotes a healthy lifestyle, and diminishes campus traffic.

It's so simple, it works.



# Measure 51 offers voters a second chance

**John Dreiling**  
Staff Writer

In the next few weeks Oregon voters will receive a ballot in the mail giving them an unprecedented opportunity—a second chance to vote on doctor assisted-suicide.

This is an issue so complex and important that Oregon legislators voted to allow Oregonians a chance to repeal the law passed by voters in 1994. A “Yes” vote on Measure 51 will repeal Measure 16 as it was written, which legalized doctor assisted-suicide.

Obviously, Measure 51 deals with death, and thus, is controversial. Its very nature, however, demands that we give careful consideration to both sides prior to forming our opinions.

We must ask ourselves if what we are being told is true. Is doctor assisted-suicide really compassionate? If society allows it to remain legal, would it truly be an option for terminally ill individuals, or would they sense pressure from doctors, family, and society to end their lives prematurely?

We must remember that we are not debating the goodness of doctor assisted-suicide, but of the fine print of Measure 16. We must examine Measure 16 carefully.

Is Measure 16 compassionate to the individual facing death? Measure 16 makes it legal to prescribe a lethal dose of pills for the terminally ill. It does not legalize any other methods of causing death.

Derek Humphry, Hemlock Society co-founder, wrote in his book “Final Exit” “With the complete Death with Dignity, when it becomes law everywhere, here would be a way of handling the dilemma of those with degenerative diseases or what I call

‘terminal old age.’”

Measure 16, however, is not “the complete Death with Dignity.”

Humphry later said in a 1994 New York Times article, “The weakness of Measure 16 from the standpoint of practical application is its prohibition of lethal injection. Thus, those who are taking a long time to die cannot be speeded up, but worse, those who cannot for medical reasons ingest drugs are left stranded.”

The Oregon Legislature voted to send the issue back to voters in part because of new evidence that pills are often ineffective in causing death. Humphry stated in the same New York Times, “25 percent of assisted suicides fail, which casts doubt on the effectiveness of the new Oregon law.”

A 1997 Oregonian editorial echoed this idea: “Measure 16 allows doctors to prescribe life-ending pills to terminally ill patients, but those pills—the 60 to 100 you must keep in your body to induce death—fail in up to 25 percent of the cases. The result can be vomiting, convulsions, brain impairment, kidney damage, comas, and lingering deaths.”

Does this sound compassionate?

Depression is very possible in an individual diagnosed with a terminal illness. However, Measure 16 does not require any kind of mental health counseling. Individuals suffering from depression may not make life or death decisions in a responsible, competent manner.

Measure 16 does not require a patient's family to be notified. Individuals may die alone while their families have no involvement in the decision. As with other families experiencing suicide, family members may experience guilt feelings that they should have done something to help. In addition, Measure 16

may deprive families the opportunity to say good-bye to their loved ones.

Measure 16 tragically shifts the balance on the Declaration of Independence phrase, “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” Instead of seeking to end life prematurely, we should seek to ensure that the individual with a terminal illness can continue the “pursuit of happiness.” This would be compassion.

The alternative to doctor assisted-suicide is not forced treatment which serves no purpose other than to prolong agony. Rather, the alternatives are to provide adequate medication to control pain, and withhold treatment when the patient requests or when that treatment is not successful. If your doctor does not provide these options, find a new doctor.

What Oregon needs is a stronger, improved focus on hospice care, pain management, and mental health support for individuals faced by death caused by illness. Doctor assisted-suicide is not the answer.

By giving approval to doctor assisted-suicide, monies could shift away from scientists who are seeking cures to these terminal illnesses and improved painkilling drugs. This would be tragic, indeed.

Measure 16 gives the power of life and death to Oregon doctors. Are doctors capable of fulfilling the requirements of Measure 16?

In a study of Oregon physicians which appeared in the New England Journal of Medicine (Feb. 1, 1996, vol. 334, No. 5, p. 313), “Half the respondents in our study are not confident they could predict that a patient had less than six months to live.”

Would patients feel pressured to choose doctor assisted-suicide in order to stop “burdening” their

families or society? Many of us may feel the terminally ill have a right to end their lives, but could this publicly endorsed option translate into an obligation in the minds of a terminally ill individual concerned about large medical costs? Will other individuals be considered burdens on society and then pressured to end their lives? These are the questions which must be answered.

“The voluntary self-elimination of individual and mortally diseased or crippled lives taken collectively can only enhance the preservation of public health and welfare,” said Jack Kevorkian, the retired coroner now known as “Doctor Death” because of his role in assisting terminally ill patients die. What would this twisted logic mean to society or individuals like myself who use a wheelchair? Would society devalue our lives, too?

The Oregon Medical Association, Oregon Hospice Association, Oregon State Council of Senior Citizens, and the Oregon Legislature urge each of us to vote “Yes” on Measure 51, thereby repealing Measure 16.

This is an issue which transcends political beliefs and parties. Former U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield said, “After careful consideration I have found that the numerous flaws in Oregon's assisted-suicide law outweigh any potential relief for our terminally ill.”

President Bill Clinton said, “I have a great deal of sympathy and profound respect for those who suffer from incurable illnesses, and for their families. I have had a number of family members die from painful and protracted illnesses. Even so, I have always expressed my strong opposition to physician assisted-suicide. The risks and consequences of physician assisted-suicide are simply too great.”

## Enough is enough: campuses combat credit card hawkers, tuition

### Colorado students take on credit cards

Students at the Metropolitan State College of Denver have begun to combat the growing problem of credit cards on campus.

Deluged daily with credit card hawkers from various companies, the Student Government Assembly has decided enough is enough. The

SGA plans to suspend student union privileges for credit card companies that exploit students with free gift items such as T-shirts, mugs, and backpacks.

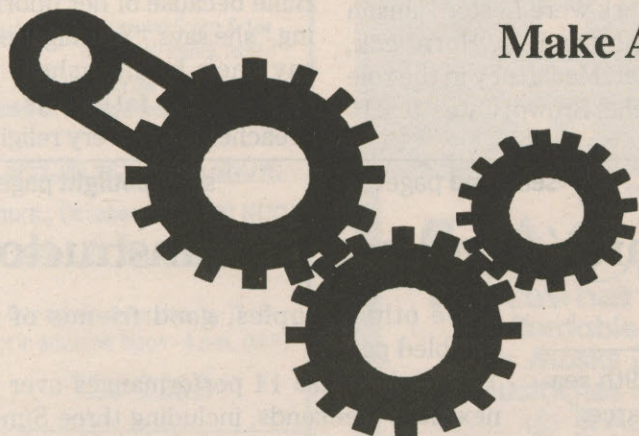
This action has been prompted by the danger that credit cards present to students' credit rating and the deceptive nature of the companies' marketing strategies.

### Students win victory in California, tuition cut

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## LCC stage to present all sides of controversial issue

Jack Clifford  
A&E Editor

Everyone agrees that a school setting should provoke thought. But what happens when that process conflicts with the moral and ethical beliefs of a community? What punishment should the community impose on one who promotes ideas contrary to those beliefs?

Beginning Oct. 17, Lane Community College's Blue Door Theatre is the site for a reenactment of the so-called "Monkey Trial" in 1925 and its background. The Cottage Theatre and LCC's Performing Arts School combine efforts to present five showings of "Inherit the Wind," a play that dissects a controversial issue still thriving.

The basic religious tenets of a small Southern town in Tennessee were shaken 70 years ago when John Scopes began teaching evolutionism to his students. He was charged with a crime and the

courtroom became a battleground, pitting Bible-thumpers against free-thinkers of the time. Scopes was eventually found guilty of the charge and fined \$100 for his transgression.

LCC theatre instructor Patrick Torrelle directs "Inherit" and it's his second crack at the 40-year-old script written by Jerome Lawrence and Robert Lee. Torrelle acknowledges different reasons for taking on the project each time.

"The first time the main draw was the legal question: How can we make laws about people's ability to speak on matters of faith and morals, as well as scientific evidence," he said in a recent interview. "Times have changed in the last twenty years and now it seems to me the real question is 'Why aren't we doing more in the way of teaching morals and ethics in school and why do we insist on keeping all of that under wraps?'"

This newest production stays relatively true to historic

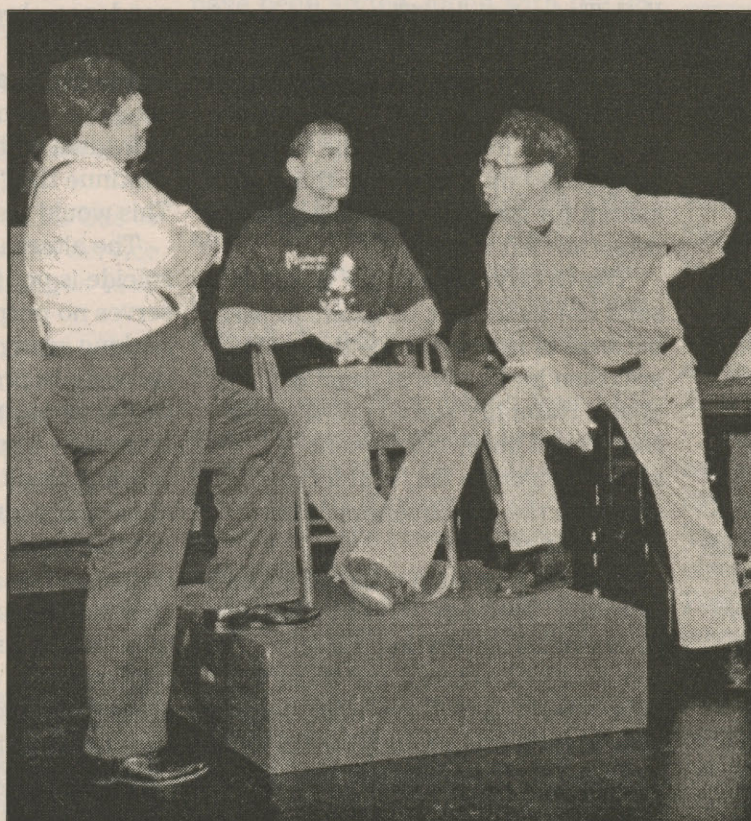


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Cast members rehearse for the Oct. 17 LCC opening of "Inherit the Wind," a play about Darwinism vs. creationism.

facts, but is a fictionalized account. Names have been changed — instead of William Jennings Bryan and Clarence Darrow trading legal barbs as opposing attorneys, the audience will see Matthew Harrison Brady and Henry Drummond tangle. Scopes has become Bertram Cates.

Torrelle adds unique touches to this version. The cast is shuffled from part to part throughout the run; one showing, the Rachel Brown character, Cates' girlfriend, could be played by Kati Macartney, the next time out by Treann Tubbs. Also, the audience is encouraged to participate during hymn singing and various other moments of hot-dog hawking or Bible sales.

The cast took its show to Eugene's First United Methodist Church on Oct. 3 and the crowd hesitated at first to join the circus-like atmosphere. Soon though, people clapped and sang along, then focused on the trial proceedings as if they were on the jury.

Several of the performances helped keep them enthralled.

Gene Stillman played de-

fense attorney Drummond with verve, occasionally stepping over the line to melodramatic, but always pushing his fellow actors to keep pace. Chris Pinto looked at ease as Brady, the white horse-riding politician selected to prosecute the heretic. When the pair confronted each other, there was genuine incredulity in the opposing viewpoints.

Although overall the cast handled Torrelle's shifting of roles, flubbed lines or too much distance between actor and character were evident. The director expected such problems however.

"Even though we may forsake the theatrics at times, we gain that feeling of being a part of the whole production. Whenever an actor creates a role, they take it personally, they feel it belongs to them. So, to go out on stage with someone who is playing the role that you believe is your own is very disconcerting."

Two actors who really hit the mark were Lester Hanson as reporter E.K. Hornbeck, and Kati Macartney in the role of Rachel Brown, Cates' teach-

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## Spotlight on the cast Macartney's passion gives play a spark

Jack Clifford  
A&E Editor

Kati Macartney has dabbled in art since she was four years old. There's been a smidgen of painting and drawing, a touch of sculpting, even a hand in jewelry-making.

Now the 20-year-old Lane sophomore is tackling a new craft.

"There was always one thing missing in my art, and theater fills it for me," says Macartney, who plays Rachel Brown in LCC's production of "Inherit the Wind." "It's a definite passion."

This is Macartney's first major role — in fact, it's the first time since grade school that she's been on stage. She started at Lane with an art degree in mind, but changed her path after taking a few acting classes. Her long-term goal is a transfer to UCLA's School of Theater, Film and Television.

"There's always crazy people that come along in the art field," says Macartney, laughing when explaining the attraction to Los Angeles. "I enjoy meeting creative people."

Macartney was born and raised in Midland, Mich., a small town on the shores of Saginaw Bay, an inlet for Lake Huron. She moved to Oregon to gain her independence and because she just "wanted to get out Michigan."

The Rachel Brown character in "Inherit" finds herself in similar straits.

"Throughout most of the play, Rachel is more with the Bible because of her upbringing," she says. "You might even say she's brainwashed, because her father is the preacher in this very religious

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## VLT opens with a 'farce' thanks to LCC instructor

From Staff Reports

The Very Little Theatre opens its 69th season Oct. 17 with the play "Bedroom Farce."

Directed by LCC English instructor Jack Powell, the story revolves around a couple experiencing marital problems. The issues are resolved in their bedroom and the bedrooms of

three other couples, good friends of the troubled pair.

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# New releases run the gamut from earthy to raunchy

Jack Clifford  
A&E Editor

In the early '90s, Seattle's music scene spewed forth the grunge sound — Nirvana, Soundgarden, Pearl Jam, and the like. Young and confused, these males whined about their lot in life, and another American anthem du jour seized the nation.

Well, grunge is dead, so take a seat in the crowd and listen up guys. Songwriter and musician Jules Graves, from your own backyard, is putting a different spin on our woes.

Don't get the wrong impression. The lyrics from Graves' new 13-track CD "Plunge!" don't sugar-coat her disgust with the rape of our lands or our souls. In fact, she can get downright vicious.

What's different and refreshing however, is an unabashed appreciation for those who share her concern for the earth and its people. Anyone who was in the audience at the WOW Hall for Graves' Oct. 3 revival-like show can testify to that fact.

Playing mostly songs from "Plunge!," the 25-year-old's voice weaved through the crowd, touching and showering them with praise. "If only you could see yourselves from (onstage)," she said several times. "You all look great."

They had good reason to appear that way.

Graves recently told *The Torch* her music swings from "soulful a cappella to a shake-your-booty kind of sound." Her third album sways and rocks with tunes such as "People of the Earth Tribe," an exhortation to rise and unite, to value the person next to you, no matter his or her spiritual beliefs. "Well



## Spin This CD reviews

now some they say namaste, Some say aho metacuayasin, Some say om others say shalom, But we all call mama Earth our home."

While the overall theme of "Plunge!" is planet-friendly, Graves doesn't just blithely skip along without whipping a dagger or two at the earth's "enemies."

On "Corporate Clones," she sneers at "worker drones...Livin' on loans of our mother's bones." In questioning their sanity, she snaps "Well, your soul is stained with martini and quiche, Your necktie looks a lot like a leash, Being led around by the noose at your collar, War-shipping the almighty dollar. If you sell your soul to the corporation, What will be left for generations to come? Seven generations to come."

Her activist side can be intense, but she also offers several ballads showing her playful being as well.

"Wamba (The Big Bottom Belly Boobie Goddess)" celebrates a woman's body in its most voluptuous form. "The mountains of my breasts, Are a living treasure chest, My legs are mighty stumps, To support this mountainous rump."

Take that, all you Kate Moss wannabes.

Graves follows this track, no doubt purposely, with "Anger," a forceful unleashing of emotions about the crime of rape, refusing to be quiet about the rage she feels. "I'm not a frightened little victim any longer, Woman grows wiser growing stronger. And I'm not gonna lay silent like a rug on the floor, And let this abuse go on anymore."

"Plunge!" is Graves' third musical release, following "Wildcrafted!" and "Waterfall Child." Her voice and her words — she wrote all of the songs on "Plunge!" — penetrate without making you hurt. Instead, the intention is to make the listener think about life on this planet we share.

Oh yeah, and shake your booty in celebration.

Smashmouth *Fush Yu Mang*

The released single from this CD, "Walkin' on the Sun," gets more air-play than a Blue Angels flight show. Unfortunately, like some recent airshows, when the performers stray from their best stunt, wrecks are inevitable.

"Walkin'" has licks and sounds that are reminiscent of the mid-60s mod music, but the band refuses to maintain that "shagadelic" mood. Instead, we get testosterone-induced punk-ska on most of the 12 cuts. They're not all bad, it just quickly becomes repetitive and one song turns into another without a shade of difference.

When the guys do work their way back to a slower pace, *Fush Yu Mang* hits the spot. "Padrino" and "The Fonz" are enjoyable tracks, and the band does a decent job on War's "Why Can't We Be Friends." There's just not enough of this pace.

Lords of Acid *Our Little Secret*

Sunday morning is not the time to listen to this new release. Trust me.

The liner notes ask you to "swing with the supersexy sounds" of the Lords. They apparently forgot to add the part about "while bound in chains and leather."

Mixing a dance club beat with torture-chamber lyrics, the band's little secret is that they enjoy their sex down and dysfunctional. Not that there's anything wrong with that. After all, you can't spell "dysfunctional" without the word "fun."

The Lords' CD is obviously not for Christians, but if you're hanging out with your parents, give it a spin. That is, if your parent is Dennis Hopper.



## Spotlight: Macartney brings extra energy to the stage



photo by Nathan Ulrich  
Kati Macartney and Lester Hanson rehearse for "Inherit"

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town. She's never really seen anything other than the Bible, then she's introduced to Darwinism and she begins to question her beliefs."

That inner struggle leads to the most emotional scene in the play, when Rachel confronts her father during a sermon he's delivering on the "evil" Bertram Cates, the teacher accused of teaching evolution. Her outburst is one Macartney relishes if the mood is right.

"Sometimes it's really easy and really fun, because when everybody in the cast gets into

it, there's a lot of energy."

Her fellow actors draw out even more of that emotion.

"Gene Stillman (who plays defense lawyer Henry Drummond) helps me on stage create even more energy and more realistic ways that the characters are thinking. He believes it so much."

The play's director, Patrick Torrelle, sees Macartney's passion pour out on stage.

"That's really Kati's strength and that's what she leads with," says Torrelle, who is also her LCC instructor. "She has some technical things, some vocal

things that she has to work on. But that's why she's in school, she's working on it and she's an excellent student."

Occasionally, Macartney finds herself stumbling with the script, but winging it can work to her advantage.

"During one performance, I lost a line and couldn't think of it. I was just going to repeat my last line, but when I opened my mouth to repeat it, the right line came out."

On the road to Hollywood, the good ones, with a little bit of luck and hard work, usually

end up in the right place.

"I have every expectation that if she continues this way and becomes even more dedicated and even more serious in what it is that she's pursuing," says Torrelle, "she most certainly will be one of those working actors. I believe her passion will carry her through."

## Wind: juggling roles not always easy

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ing colleague and love interest.

Hanson brought just the right amount of cynicism to Hornbeck, who meanders through the show bemused at the townspeople hell-bent on destroying Cates' career and life. When Hornbeck cackles at the town's inanity, he also makes a statement about the media's inability to remain neutral on this subject and its tendency to inflame both sides.

This was Macartney's first

venture into a major production but she shined, allowing Brown's character to struggle with the issue at hand. Macartney also admits that she enjoys any controversy caused by the play.

"One night in Cottage Grove there was a handful of churchgoers upset with the theme, but that made it more exciting. At least they're paying attention and we affected them in some way."

That is Torrelle's hope, but

with a word of caution.

"When people start insisting on putting all human behavior into certain kinds of categories, you either behave this way or you are an anthema," he says. "Then that's when you start to get in trouble, that's when you are going to start to 'inherit the wind.'"

The play opens at 8 p.m. Oct. 17. It runs Oct. 18, 24, and 25 at the same time. There will be one matinee performance on Oct. 19 at 2 p.m.

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Sign of the Times

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) : Things change. It's the only thing that you will ever be able to depend on. Sometimes the direction that things go of their own accord seem to be aimed directly at screwing with your life, but trust me, it is not so. As a Master said, "Nothing is good or bad, but thinking makes it so." Instead of raging against universal circumstance, use it as an opportunity to grow.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If I hadn't completely gone against the advice of parents and teachers and other various and sundry adults, if I hadn't packed my bags and set out traveling to explore the world I had been programmed about for nearly two decades, I'm sure I would have ended up a bitter, unhappy human, never able to be fully involved in my life. Things inside the soul seek other places, and will never be silent until the journey there is made.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): When you first begin to use and realize your personal power, remember that you are only an apprentice. Go slow and rest, but beware of the part of you that doesn't want your energy to flow. It's a very real part of your consciousness, like Freud's ego, that doesn't want you to grow and will cloud your resolve. Hold fast and don't forget.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A wound of the body is exactly like a wound of the mind. At first there is no pain, the body is in shock. Then it creeps up on you, and you know that nothing has ever felt this bad. But gradually, with some care, the agony subsides and the wound heals. The flesh is tougher, stronger, but also less able to feel and experience.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): My greatest aspiration in life is to live. This is the complete sum total of what it's all about. Of course this is the highest aspiration of everything else that lives as well, and I don't think that I have the monopoly on resource to live. In fact, there are a very defined set of rules of conduct in a living system. If you don't know what they are, look around. If an action destroys without purpose, takes without giving, you are breaking a rule.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): Everyone needs a language of their own. The universal education system designs your teaching plan specifically for you. No one will ever be able to use it to the extent that you can, indeed you are truly the only one who can correctly gauge your improvements and achievements. Every word has power to call up images and emotion, so keep a vocabulary of your own, like a book of magic spells.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19) : Stop trying to bite off more than you can chew. Trying to deal with too much at once merely impedes the facility to deal with it at all. As a Master said, "The softest thing in the world overcomes the hardest thing." A sunken boat will disintegrate in time in the ocean, and the wind eats entire mountain ranges in the desert. Take things slowly and your power will endure.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): So now that you've been there, taken a look around, what do you think? If you like it, that's great, I'm very happy that it met your needs. If you don't like it, I'm giving you expressed written permission to leave. Go on, get the heck out of there. If you say that you can't leave, remember that you are choosing to stay in a place that makes you unhappy for reasons that will make you more unhappy if you leave. That doesn't seem like seeking health, only feeding the disease.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): Every emotion that doesn't reflect perfect respect for all other things is merely a tool to help you learn about perfect respect for all other things. It's the same for every action and thought. It's expected of you to make every mistake at least once, but don't abuse that time given for your education. Nothing is unthinkable, but it's what you do with that knowledge that generates your morality.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): Accept the reasons that you do things for. Don't be ashamed of the inspiration from inside. Everybody needs things and the search for these things should be a large portion of your life. If you start to be completely honest with everyone with exactly what you want in life, you will find that eventually you end up with precisely what you ask for. The time spent in waiting usually is full of turmoil as you shed everything that you expressed a desire in before.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): What makes you afraid? I can be assured that it's something that threatens to take away something that you hold dear. So isn't that fear connected to having something important to you, that you risk great pain with every great pleasure? Absolutely. Don't use this as an excuse to never have feelings for things, however. Knowing of inevitable pain merely allows you to be prepared to draw every available shred of wisdom from it.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There is a certain process in everything that you do that has nothing to do with things that you have learned. There is a biology to your psychology; your brain is an organic construct, following laws of physics. Remember that you can learn about how you function in the process of learning about something else.