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Athletics looks to score \$5 fee increase via special January election

Request is contingent on board approval; comes after last year's defeat

GASTON FIGUEROA
STAFF WRITER

The LCC Athletics Commission is fighting to have an early special election winter term to allow students to decide whether to increase the athletics fee by \$5.

The fee increase proposal is on the agenda for the upcoming December LCC Board of Education meeting that will determine whether or not there will be early elections winter term. If the measure passes, credit students would pay \$10 to Athletics and Recreational Sports every term.

The commission proposed the special election in response to last year's defeat of the same proposal, which failed by only nine votes. The commission feels the loss was a result of students being misinformed about the measure.

Ryan Hague, office support specialist for Athletics, believes that this time students will be better informed and that the measure will

be more likely to pass. "Nine votes . . . tells me I can pass it," he declared. "I won't leave this school until this is done."

Hague also attributed the failure of the measure to its title. He said that 'athletics fee' gives people the misconception that it only benefits those in athletic programs, whereas it also supports the Recreational Sports program at Lane. According to statistics provided by Hague, "the Recreational Sports program serves over 5,449 participants per year with on and off-campus events." Twenty percent of the athletics fee goes towards Recreational Sports.

Brent Ellison, director of Student Recreation, agrees with Hague that students were misinformed last election "because they thought [the fee] was going to athletics" only. He added that this fee helps subsidize trips and outings, access to recreational facilities, and family activities such as visits to the Oregon Zoo, passes to play miniature golf and more.

Ellison emphasized that the open gym at Lane receives approximately 60 visits per day five days a week and that some of the visitors don't know that the athletics fee helps support that facility.

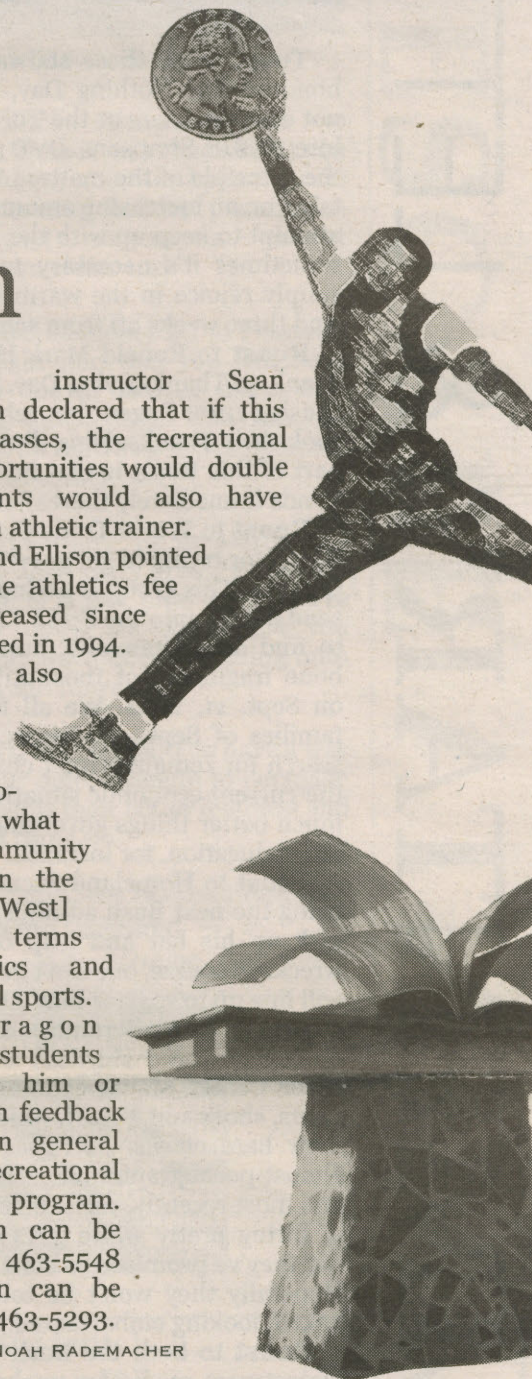
Athletics instructor Sean MonDragon declared that if this measure passes, the recreational sports opportunities would double and students would also have access to an athletic trainer.

Hague and Ellison pointed out that the athletics fee hasn't increased since it was created in 1994.

Hague also warned that LCC has only "two-thirds of what other community colleges [in the North West] offer" in terms of athletics and recreational sports.

MonDragon encourages students to contact him or Ellison with feedback or ideas in general for the Recreational Sports program. MonDragon can be reached at 463-5548 and Ellison can be reached at 463-5293.

GRAPHIC BY NOAH RADEMACHER



Keeping up tradition

Native Americans ready to celebrate 14th annual powwow at LCC

GASTON FIGUEROA
STAFF WRITER

The Native American Student Association at LCC will hold its 14th annual powwow Saturday, Dec. 4. According to Frank Merrill, ex-coordinator of the Native American Program, an estimated 2,000 people will attend the event. The powwow will host more than 20 drummers and 100 dancers from all over the Northwest.

Merrill said that this event meets some of the needs of Native Americans. He emphasized that the powwow is organized with as many traditional elements as possible. "The more traditional, the more we can live our tradition for one day," he said.

According to Merrill, the LCC powwow is an event that has continued growing over the years because "people feel

connected."

"People that do it, keep coming back" every year, he added. Merrill also declared that some people travel 3,000-4,000 miles just to attend this occasion. He said that almost all tribes from the lower 48 States will be represented at this powwow.

ASLCC Senator Sandin Riddle explained that unlike most other powwows, NASA organizes non-competitive powwows without a host drum but pays all its drums equal attention. This, he explained, foments equality among participants and attendants. "People show up because it gives them a good feeling," he said.

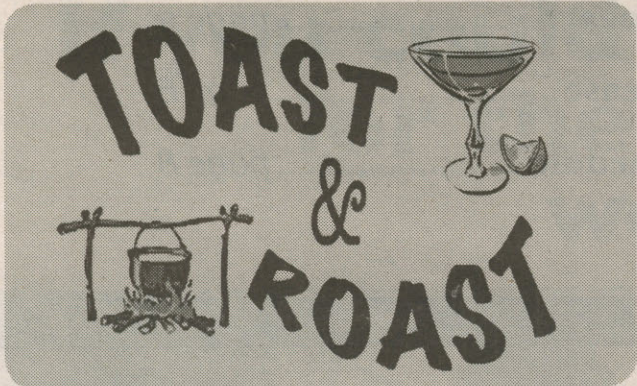
This powwow also carries a special meaning because it will be Merrill's last powwow as coordinator for NASA, as he has already retired. Merrill, who started NASA 14 years ago, was the first staff member on this campus to receive the MLK Award.

Individuals interested in volunteering for the powwow can contact NASA at 344-4287.



A powwow participant shows off an impressive tribal outfit while celebrating at an annual LCC powwow.

TORCH ARCHIVES



Toast to all those stalwart souls who genuinely honored Buy Nothing Day, Nov. 26. To be honest, not everyone here at the Torch was able to resist the lure of \$18 Simpsons DVD sets, but we still honor the principle of the matter. As the average American takes on an increasing amount of debt each year in an attempt to keep up with the figments of the Joneses, sometimes it's necessary to take a step back and simply rejoice in the warmth of friends and family. And three weeks off from school.

Roast to Ronald Mark Huffman, 39, for driving drunk on Thanksgiving Day, hitting a utility pole and causing 1,100 Eugene households to have no power to cook their Thanksgiving dinner. The only redeeming part of this Roast is that he drove his car into Delta Ponds immediately thereafter. (He survived.)

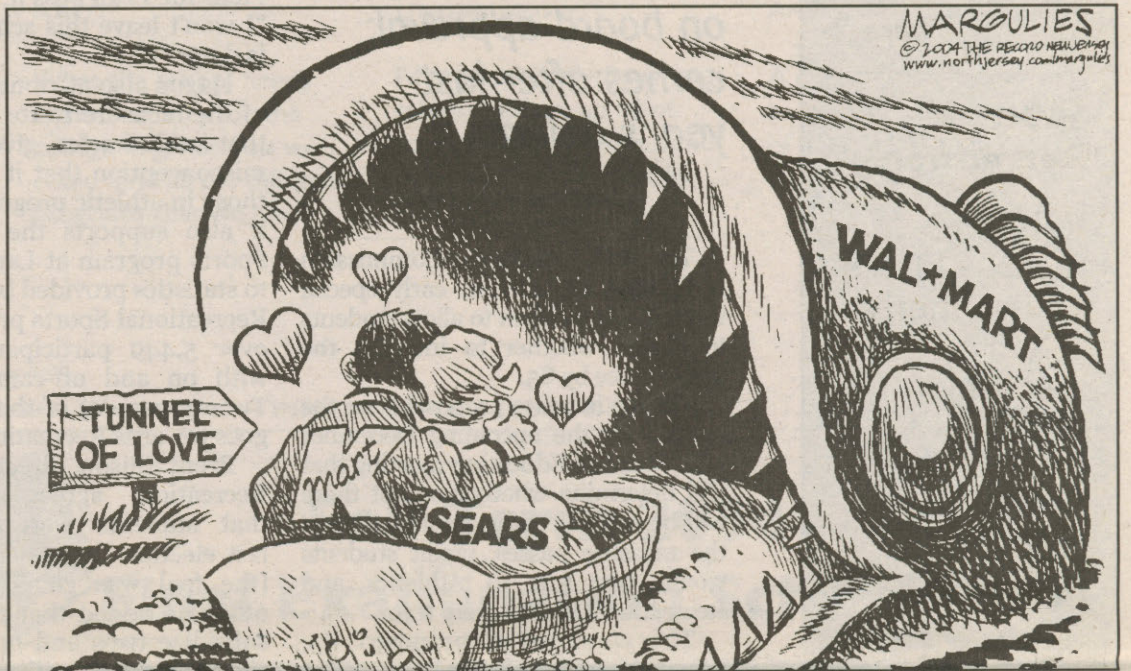
Roast to World Trade Center Families for Proper Burial for trying to get government funding to dig up the past. This group is asking the U.S. government to send people into the Fresh Kills landfill in an attempt to find ashen remains, human tissue remains and bone fragments of those killed in the twin towers on Sept. 11, 2001. We all feel compassion for the families of Sept. 11 victims, but a vainly intensive search for remains won't change the past. And with the current economic situation in the U.S., there are much better things government money can be spent on – education, for instance.

Toast to Homeland Security chief Tom Ridge for being the next Bush administration official to calmly pick up his hat and leap off the impending train wreck. Of course, one can't help but wonder who Bush will line up to replace him. Lex Luthor, perhaps?

Roast to Abercrombie & Fitch for hiring male models to stand shirtless at the front of its Valley River Center Mall location. The models wore only pants, shoes and a scarf, which looked absurd against their bare chests. A&F has been known for their almost-pornographic magazines, undersized clothing, and most recently, racist hiring practices. Their habit of hiring pretty white guys cost them \$40 million, but they've promised to start hiring more minorities. Hopefully they won't be told to stand around half naked, looking embarrassed.

Roast to both the Bush administration and the mainstream media for uncharacteristically being on exactly the same page and failing to see the irony in asserting that the Ukraine election results are invalid while ignoring the same issues here at home. "There's just a lot of allegations of vote fraud that place their elections, the validity of their elections, in doubt... The international community is watching very carefully. People are paying very close attention to this, and hopefully it'll be resolved in a way that brings credit and confidence to the Ukrainian government," said a straight-faced W. Our ears perked up until the word 'Ukrainian.' Among the reasons to be suspicious, according to the administration? Widespread reports of fraud and a 3-percentage-point difference in the official vote tally. Hmm, sounds familiar. Oddly, a search of CNN.com for "election fraud" yielded 20 results tied directly to the Ukraine debate and only one for U.S. domestic challenges.

Toast to Ukrainians for refusing to roll over and play dead when faced with suspicious activity in their national elections. It's great to see democracy flourish, isn't it? Maybe we can get some of that one day.



Overspending is not a welcome holiday tradition – but it's become one

ELIZABETH WEST
GUEST COMMENTARY

Christmas is an interesting time in America. As I wandered through a large local store five days before Halloween this year, I saw several clerks frantically putting up Christmas displays. When I asked where the Halloween supplies were, I was sent to the back of the store to one small display. This, along with many other equally infuriating instances, has made me wonder – can America afford to keep up with the image of Christmas?

Advertising is one of the major causes of Christmas fever. As early as October, most Americans are being told to "prepare for the holidays." Thanksgiving day begins the bombardment of ads that tell us that the most outlandishly expensive gifts are what would make our partners, moms and children happy. After about a week of listening to this, a knit scarf seems like an insult to your loved one when you could get them a car! This leads to a gross amount of overspending and credit card debt.

Jordan Goodman of Cambridge Credit Counseling says that at least a quarter of consumers plan to take on more debt this month as the holiday season gets underway. Goodman says the amount of debt in January is "staggering" and that America currently carries a record amount of credit card debt

– about \$735 billion.

Richard Byum, with the University of Wisconsin, states that the majority of Americans spend 95-100 percent of their paychecks year round. Added costs between Thanksgiving and New Year's contribute to a significant rise in depression, alcoholism, and divorce. The most commonly cited causes of depression over the holidays are loneliness, overspending and feeling inadequate. More than half of divorcees cite "money troubles" as the cause of divorce. This is a very clear message to us as a nation.

It is not easy to be the voice of reason while wading through mountains of glitter, bows and those pretty little ornaments. Christmas is designed to make you feel good – and generous. Every department store begins to look like a casino, and we all know how exciting that can be. It is hard to stay away from the "limited edition" toy cars and to resist the temptation to start everyone a collection of cat figurines.

The feeling of euphoria attained from spending money is false and short-lived. I believe that Christmas is a wonderful time but we need to open our eyes to the ramifications of buying into the hype of what a perfect Christmas should be. To me, the perfect Christmas is having all of my family safe and home for the holidays. What's yours?

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Titans get offensive at holiday tournament

Owen Newman leads the team with 17 points and 8.5 rebounds per game

SHAWN MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

Two tournaments into the season and the Lane men's basketball program is 3-2 overall with third and fourth-place finishes.

After losing in the opener to eventual champion Bellevue, the Titans defeated Green River and Shoreline to place fourth at the Invitational Thanksgiving Tournament in Tacoma, Wash., on Nov. 26-28.

"We drove five and a half hours, then tried to play soon after we arrived so I'm sure that had to do with how we played," said Titans head coach Matt Swagerty, referring to the loss to Bellevue. "Our offensive execution was terrible. We didn't get back on defense and they scored several buckets in transition."

Bellevue took the 80-70 victory, while the Titans fell into the consolation bracket. The next afternoon was a different story, however, as Lane used a late rally and strong shooting to defeat Green River 91-76.

"We shot the lights out," said Swagerty of the Titans' 60 percent from the field. "That is one of the highest percentages that I have ever heard of."

The next morning the Titans routed Shoreline 78-62. Pushing the ball down

the court led to a 14-0 lead early and defensive stops allowed the Titans to jump to a winning record for the first time this season.

"It was fun to progress, to get better each game," Swagerty said. "We were able to play all 13 guys in that last game and all 13 guys contributed and helped us out."

Josh Akwenuke averaged 14.7 points and 7.3 rebounds per game, while teammate Maurice Ross averaged 12.3 points per game for the Titans.

Lane opened the season with a split at the Southwestern Oregon Community College Tip-Off Tournament on Nov. 19-20. In the season opener, SWOCC defeated the Titans 87-70.

"They came out and hit some shots early," Swagerty said. "We were playing catch-up all night long."

"We competed hard and there were still chances in the second half to get back in the game."

While the Titans were unable to take advantage of the opportunities against SWOCC, they took full advantage of Umpqua with a 73-64 victory.

"We didn't get the ball inside against SWOCC and that is what cost us," Swagerty said. "So that was an emphasis against Umpqua."

Owen Newman averaged 17 points and 8.5 rebounds per game to earn all-tournament honors. Bryan Martin averaged 14 points per game for the Titans.



PHOTO BY JACKIE LOWRY

Brad Kanis defends against Jarvis Thomas in the second half of the "Meet the Team" night on Nov. 17. The Titans play their first home game on Dec. 11 at 6 p.m.

COMING UP NEXT.

Men: Dec. 7 at Northwest Christian College at 7:30 p.m.

Next home: Dec. 11 hosting Dale Bates Tournament at 6 p.m.

Women: Dec. 3-5 at Everett Community College Tournament in Everett, Wash.

Next home: Dec. 9 against Willamette University JV at 7 p.m.

Quick start leads to victory

The Titans jump to a 15-2 lead early, before allowing Northwest Christian College to edge close at halftime

SHAWN MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Lane women's basketball program is undefeated after taking advantage of opportunities in the opening week.

Freshman Morgan Zajonc scored a game-high 20 points off the bench to light a fire under the Titans in the season-opener, a 77-55 victory at Northwest Christian College on Nov. 20.

"I tried to concentrate on defense, to use my energy in a positive way," said Zajonc, who also recorded four assists and four steals. "I have a lot to prove and I wanted to show that I belong on the court."

The Titans jumped to a 15-2 lead minutes after tip-off, yet only held a 37-31 advantage at halftime.

"We went flat a little bit," Titans head coach Greg Sheley said. "We struggled shooting and allowed a few easy buckets."

Defensive pressure was the key to a second-half spanking provided by the Titans.

"I think we stepped it up on defense," said Titan guard Kellie Griner of the second half. "We went really hard on the press."

The Titans used 18 offensive rebounds and forced 41 turnovers to shoot 30 more times than NCC.

"I thought we were more than 22 points better than them," Sheley said. "We must



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH KAHL

Kristin Nelson drives past teammate Corrinne Kaleese in a recent practice. Nelson led the team with 16 points against the Lane Alumni on Nov. 21.

have missed 10 short shots and layups."

Griner scored 11 points with six assists and Ashley Weber added eight points, 11 rebounds and two blocks for the Titans.

The Titans defeated Lane Alumni 87-45 on Nov. 21. Kristin Nelson led three Titans in double-digits with 16 points. Ashley Sequeira scored 12 and

Jessie Moore added 10 points.

Despite the victories, Sheley and the Titans are working at harder practices and have injuries to heal.

"We are not where we need to be," Sheley said. "I am expecting a lot out of this year. It is going to come along. Fortunately, our depth is keeping us going."

King bows to season-ending injury

The Titan point guard is sidelined for the season with interior compartment syndrome

SHAWN MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

Standout Dominique King, the leading scorer from last year's women's basketball squad, will apply for a medical redshirt this year following season-ending surgery.

King was diagnosed with interior compartment syndrome, which is when the muscle that overlaps a person's shins becomes overdeveloped, leading to constant severe pain.

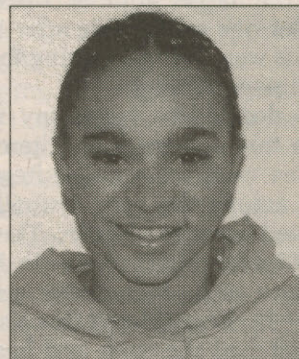
"It always feels like a lot of weight on my legs," said King, who will return home to Oroville, Calif., for surgery over winter break. "It'll be better in the long run."

Luckily for the Titans, depth is a strength. Kellie Griner will take over at the point to help fill King's void.

"I think it is a huge, huge loss," Griner said. "We were counting on Dom a lot this year, but it's not going to hurt us because our team is so deep that injuries aren't going to effect us."

This is where depth is so important, according to head coach Greg Sheley.

"Domonique is a phenomenal player, but this is where the depth of this team will take over," Sheley said. "I don't plan on it effecting us. Now we might have to work harder as a team."



Dominique King

Jär-gön

Voodoo Ball (baseball) –
A baseball manufactured
in the United States but
stitched in Haiti.

Jackson Roundup

Holiday shopping on a \$20 budget

ANGELINA MILLER, MATTHEW SMITH AND SUSAN WAHLBERG
FEATURES EDITOR, PRODUCTION MANAGER
AND MANAGING EDITOR

Holiday shopping can be stressful but shopping on a budget can be down right nerve-racking. With winter term financial aid checks still about six weeks away, where can a student find good deals around town?

Three monetarily challenged students set out on a mission to buy at least three presents on a \$20 budget. One student opted to hunt for used presents at the Piccadilly Flea Market, the second cruised for children's gifts at chain stores and the third hit the mall in search of good deals.

Each had different experiences but all three demonstrated how, with a little planning and creative thinking, gift-giving can be achieved without spending loads of cash.

Angelina: Piccadilly pick a present

For those who are bargain hunters, the Piccadilly Flea Market is the place to be. The flea market is a place where oddities, novelties and vintage items can be found.

The flea market takes place at the Eugene Fairgrounds from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. every first and third Sunday of the month Sept.-June. Admission to the market is \$1.50 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and free 3-4 p.m. There is a \$7.50 "early bird" admission fee from 8 a.m.-10 a.m. for those who opt to pay extra for prime pickings.

This was my first visit to Piccadilly and I wasn't sure what to expect or even if I would be able to find gifts on a \$20 budget. As I walked in, I was immediately overwhelmed by the large number of vendors under one roof. Table after table of items were set up, waiting for me to rummage through.

I decided to begin my mission at a table where a few items from China were set up. One item stood out among the rest, a small hand-carved perfume bottle. The bottle was intricately carved with Buddha images and, incredibly, priced at only \$3. I considered this a steal, so I snatched the item and headed to find more bargains.

I scanned a few different tables and came across some leather goods. To my surprise I was able to

purchase a new hand made leather wallet for a mere \$5.

Next I came across a vendor selling vintage textile items such as scarves, tablecloths and pillowcases. I found a great vintage black lace top that was still stylish by today's standards. Priced at \$2, it was perfect for a friend on my gift list.

Three gifts down and \$10 left in my pocket.

Next, I noticed a unique leather handbag located on a table and headed on over. The handbag looked like it was from the 1960s or 1970s and had that special love-child hippie look to it. I gladly handed over \$5 for the purse and another person was crossed off my list.

My last stop was at a table filled with used toys. Apparently the G.I. Joe's, Care Bears and Strawberry Shortcake I grew up with in the 1980s are now "vintage". Anyways, I purchased a "vintage" G.I. Joe action figure from 1984 for \$5. This was the perfect item for the toy collector on my list.

Five gifts and \$20 later, I was done. The Piccadilly Flea Market provided a great shopping experience. There weren't unbearable crowds and I was able to find unique novelty Christmas gifts at affordable prices.

Matthew: Toys for Tots on Twenty

Every year my family donates toys to charity. Twenty dollars to purchase at least three kid-orientated presents sounded impossible. With some creativity and shopping around, however, I did just that. I even tacked on the stipulation that most of the items should be at least semi-educational. Soon after, I realized this added stipulation would mean added effort.

My day actually began on Thanksgiving afternoon. The stores are way too busy the day after Thanksgiving for browsing, so I first checked out advertisements. This gave me a game plan for the next day.

Cheap board games and half-priced Hot Wheels made Target my first point of attack, with Wal-Mart as the second. Shop-Ko and Fred Meyer looked to have pretty meager toy sales, so they were put on the "if all else fails" list.

I arrived at Target the day after Thanksgiving at 10 a.m. With my 16-month-old son strapped to my back and my three-year-old in the cart, I made a bee-line for the toy aisles. I headed towards the board games first and walked away with great results.

I managed to nab one of six remaining Chutes and Ladders board games; a mere \$3.88 for a classic board game was a good grab in my book.

My luck was with me and the Hot Wheels were even a better deal, at 49 cents each (regularly 99 cents each). I picked out eight Hot Wheels, totalling \$3.92.

I stumbled upon some Crayola products. I got two sets of markers and 64 crayons for \$3. I vaguely remembered these items being more in the past, so in my cart they went.

Wal-Mart was the complete opposite experience. Rolling back prices? Not hardly; the items I had bought at Target were more expensive at Wal-Mart. Chutes and Ladders retailed for \$6, Hot Wheels were 75 cents each, markers were \$2.99 and crayons were \$3.99. My \$10.80 purchase at Target would have come to \$15.97 at Wal-Mart.

Shop-Ko yielded even worse results. Their great toy sale was 20 percent off the regular prices, but

I am a hard-core bargain shopper and 20 percent just doesn't cut it.

Discouraged, I began to compare my purchase from Target: the Chutes and Ladders board game was retailing for \$10 at Shop-Ko. My comparison ended there and so

did my visit to Shop-Ko.

So I still had \$9.20 burning a hole in my pocket. Could Fred Meyer be the answer? It was my last hope for a successful mission.

I had only searched for 25 minutes when I found Lego Bionicles on sale for just \$2.99 each (regularly priced between \$7-9). I purchased three for \$9 and had 23 cents left over from my \$20 budget.

What did I learn from this experience? First, don't shop for Christmas during the holidays. It may seem impractical, but crowds suck and the prices are not that low. Shopping out of season (January-early October) is always cheaper.

Second, if you can leave your kids somewhere else while shopping, do so.

Three, if you can't manage to do these other two things, it's not the end of the world. It can be done.

Susan: Mall Madness

The average human body radiates the same amount of heat as a 300-watt heater. This fact was brought to my attention during my expedition (and there is no other word for it) into the Valley River Center Mall the Saturday after Thanksgiving, when the aisles were packed and the heating system was on.

It was hot, and not in a flatteringly warm way. It was hot in a humid, slightly smelly, Amazon jungle kind of way. This was not the only resemblance to the Amazon jungle the VRC held for me.

It was full of toys buzzing through the air and amazing sights, such as live shirtless male models at Abercrombie & Fitch. The

thought when I saw them was, "Well, they're cute, but I have to object to the

principle of the thing," followed up instantly with, "Gee, I wish I could take my shirt off, too."

I was also pretty impressed by the prices. Apparently costume jewelry has become real jewelry, or at least the people who set the prices seem to think so.

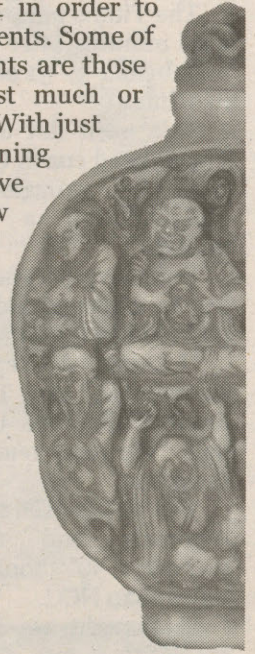
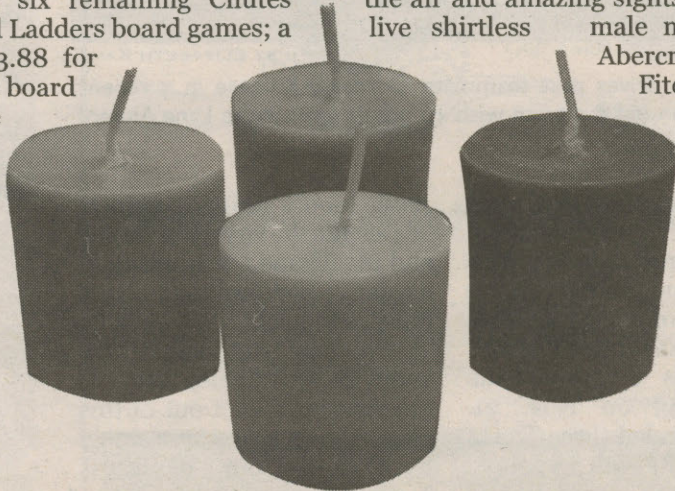
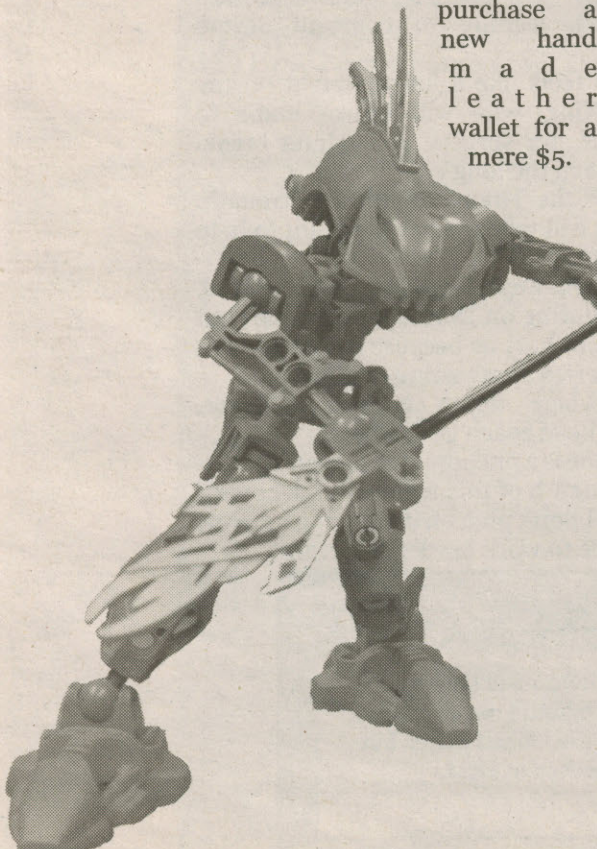
Trying to buy any kind of clothing for something close to \$6 was not going to happen. The key to shopping at the mall with only \$20 is to think small and avoid Claire's.

I actually spent more than \$20, but what I did buy within budget was a pair of earrings for a friend from Hot Topic (\$5), four scented candles for my mother from Cascade Candle Company (\$6), a hemp bracelet for my sister from Con Solo Pueblo (\$4), and an apple-scented Dead Sea Soap bar from the Natural Scents kiosk for my mother (\$4.99). I had one penny left over, which I secreted away to the hole in my pocket.

All of the stores mentioned above had other small items for slightly more, usually around \$8-10. If you bring \$40 and think small, you can buy gifts for probably four or five people easily.

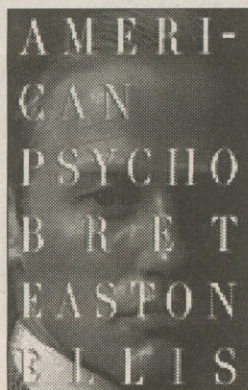
I highly suggest the Cascade Candle Company, where you can put together your own selection of four scented votive candles for \$6. I also liked the merchandise at both Con Solo Pueblo, for its color and uniqueness, and at Euphoria Chocolate Company, where it's pretty easy to put together a gift basket of various chocolate-coated goodies for about \$15.

The one thing that should be remembered throughout the holiday season is that there is no need to dive into debt in order to give great presents. Some of the best presents are those that don't cost much or nothing at all. With just a little planning and creative thinking, a few bucks can go a long way.



Need a book?

With all that extra reading time over the holidays, The Torch Editorial Board recommends some reading material.



"American Psycho"
by Bret Easton Ellis
NOAH STEPHENS
A & E EDITOR

Starting the list off with a big dose of insanity, the novel upon which the cult movie is based is 400 pages of narrative perfection. Titular protagonist Patrick Bateman colors the world (circa-'80s Manhattan) he's dangerously unraveling within with incredible detail – and gore. A vivid tour de force of the vacuity of the ruling class, and the extent to which the hate and immorality it breeds can grow.



"Black Like Me"
by John Howard Griffin
ELIZABETH KAHL
ASSISTANT PHOTO EDITOR

During the 1950s Griffin decided he wanted to write about what it was really like to be black and living in the South. He decided the only real way to do this was to become a black man in the South. So, he dyed his skin and moved to Mississippi, leaving behind his wife and children. This book explores his experiences during that time.

"A Father For All Seasons"
by Bob Welch
SHAWN MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

This is a great book, sharing personal, life-changing stories of the father/son relationship through the eyes of Welch. It offers encouragement at the struggles and laughter at the everyday issues that most people endure. Women and mothers alike can get better insight at male relationships after reading this book as well.

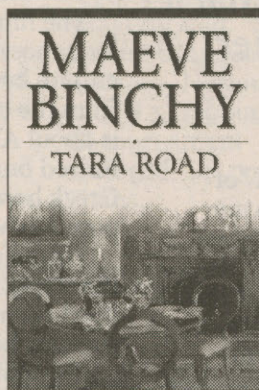
"Good Omens"
by Neil Gaiman and Terry Pratchett
SUSAN WAHLBERG
MANAGING EDITOR

If you're into Monty Python, Douglas Adams, or any kind of British humor, this book is for you. It's the tale of the

(possible) apocalypse and the efforts of one angel and one demon to help make sure the Anti-Christ, who as a young, impressionable boy, does not destroy the world. To enjoy this book you'll need a mature sense of humor, but this intriguing, hilarious story about the end of the world is most certainly worth the effort.

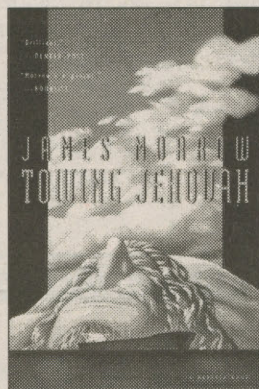
"The Man in the High Castle"
by Philip K. Dick
MATTHEW SMITH
PRODUCTION MANAGER

Zeppelins rule the sky and Americana art is highly sought after by Japanese businessmen. Is this what would the United States would be like if Germany and Japan had won WWII? Explore the endless possibilities through the eyes of Philip K. Dick. A very compelling book that keeps your imagination engaged throughout.



"Tara Road"
by Maeve Binchy
ELIZABETH WEST
ASST. PRODUCTION MANAGER

A poignant tale of Ria, a middle-aged woman struggling with being newly single. The story's set in Dublin, Ireland, and it is fun to sample a bit of the Irish culture and language. Binchy is a master at showing the truth, regardless of how painful or discolored it might be.



"Towing Jehovah"
by James Morrow
TRAVIS D. RODERICK,
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Imagine the ramifications if God himself literally died – and his two-mile long body fell into the ocean. Such is the dilemma faced by alcoholic oil tanker captain Anthony Van Horn, who finds himself charged with towing the massive corpse to an equally massive tomb in the arctic carved by the few surviving angels. Mutiny, sharks, atheists and the Vatican aim to prevent Van Horne from reaching his clandestine goal. If you make it through this one, pick up the sequels in which God's body is turned into a religious theme park before finally exploding, sending His skull hurtling into orbit around the earth and bringing about a new apocalyptic dark age.



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH KAHL

Reuse for the holidays

Gift-wrapping alternatives help to prevent extra waste

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FEATURES EDITOR

Every year holiday shoppers flock to purchase festive wrapping paper, gift boxes and cards. What many don't realize is the amount of waste this creates each holiday season.

In a 1999 news release from the Lane County Waste Management website, "Extra waste generated during the holidays amounts to 25 million tons of garbage or about one extra ton a week."

There are several gift wrapping alternatives that can cut down on extra waste and be used in place of store-bought paper or boxes. Here are a few holiday wrapping suggestions to help save paper and waste.

Many items do not need to be placed in boxes at all. If a box is required, there is no need to leave home to find one. Cereal boxes are the perfect size for large items such as clothing. Spaghetti and toothpaste boxes are great for long items such as paintbrushes, incense or tall candles. Smaller items such as jewelry fit nicely in used mint tins or match stick boxes.

Used newspapers can do double duty as tissue and wrapping paper. An old issue of the Torch could be reincarnated as a piece of holiday wrap for a present. The Sunday newspaper comics are often

in color, creating a fun and humorous wrapping option. If a friend or relative enjoys a certain comic strip, wrap their present in it for a personal touch.

Used paper grocery bags are a great alternative to holiday paper. The paper is not only sturdy but is also a blank canvas begging for creativity. Festive artwork, colorful collages or holiday stamps can turn a brown bag into an original piece of artwork and wrapping paper.

For children's presents, used coloring book pages can be cut out and used as wrapping paper. Old art work and used construction paper can be revitalized as holiday gift wrap.

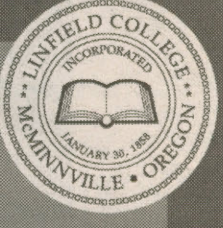
Scarves and handkerchiefs make a great alternative to wrapping paper. Just place the gift in the scarf, pull the fabric around the items tightly and tie together with a bow. If the scarf is going to be used to wrap a box, use tape to secure the fabric. This creates two presents in one. Used scarves can be found at thrift stores and add a special touch to the gift.

Save wrapping that might be given to you during the holidays. Bags, bows and gift wrap can be used for several holidays down the road. Of course, always remember to recycle what you don't need or want to save for next year. 25 million tons of waste is an incredible number but less waste can be achieved one alternatively wrapped present at a time.

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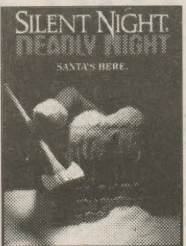
"SANTA CLAUS CONQUERS THE MARTIANS" (1964)

A dorky oddball of a movie in which the two myths meet: a jovial, if somewhat dull Saint Nick and green Martians in ridiculous headgear, who kidnap the jolly old fellow to entertain their Earth TV-addicted children. Actually a bit less bizarre than anticipated, but still worth seeing once for its novelty value.



"SILENT NIGHT, DEADLY NIGHT" (1984)

Every child's worst nightmare, a homicidal maniac dressed up as the good-natured Christmas Eve gift-giver. This slacker flick, about a little boy who sees his parents murdered by just this and grows into a Kris Kringle-garbed slayer himself, is very creepy, full of gratuitous nudity, and was so controversial it was pulled from theaters after the first week.



"SANTA WITH MUSCLES" (1996)

One of those atrocious '90s comedies of the worst kind. Starring Hulk Hogan, one of the finest actors of our time, as a millionaire — or some kind of — naire — who loses his memory while dressed as Santa and is promptly convinced by an "elf" that he's the genuine article. He then becomes a crime-fighting Claus bent on stopping the evil Mr. Frost (what an original moniker) from shutting down an orphanage. Every last second is contrived and requires a total dismissal of logic. Featuring Clint Howard and numerous candy cane fights, it's so bad it's funny — and sometimes a little too bad.



A&E Calendar

"Blue Door @4," a student cabaret of scenes and monologues. Dec 2 and 3.

Fall Ensemble Concert: Jazz Band and Spectrum. Friday, Dec 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lane Performance Hall. Donation \$4-\$6.

Music faculty concert: "Dueling Divas." Jan 9 at 4 p.m. at the Blue Door Theater.

The LCC Art Gallery will exhibit the printmaking work of Ken Paul through Dec 2.

Lane chemistry teacher Will Klausmeier will exhibit his oil on canvas Northwest landscapes at the Secret House Winery and Gallery in Veneta through Jan 1. For more info contact the instructor.

Lane computer information technology teacher Jerry Ross will exhibit his oil paintings at Eugene Wine Cellars, 255 Madison Street. There will also be a two-person show featuring his and Clarice Zdanski's oils in Milan, Italy from Dec 2 to 22. For more info go to <http://rossjerry.tripod.com/NovDecShows.htm> or contact the instructor.



Colin Farrell leads the charge to conquer the world as "Alexander," in theaters now.

Alexander the misunderstood

Biopic is aesthetically rich, even if it won't make its studio richer

BY HEATH WEIMER
COLUMNIST

It's not very often that a film comes along that makes you re-think your view of Hollywood. However, that happened to me over this past weekend when I went to go see "Alexander" the day after Thanksgiving. The theater lobby was packed and I thought I would never get in to see it that night, that perhaps it was sold out. To my surprise though, the showing, at 8:30 on a Friday night, was almost empty.

"Alexander" is the story of Alexander the Great, the son of the Macedonian King Philip, who, as played by Collin Farrell, struggles with his inner demons throughout most of the movie. Routinely showing flashbacks of a childhood moment with his father, Alexander recalls the various stories of all the heroes and kings who have gone before him, each attaining glory yet eventually finding a horrible death.

Val Kilmer and Angelina Jolie were very convincing as Alexander's parents. Kilmer was absolutely perfect for the role of King Philip, the one-eyed, womanizing drunkard who routinely staggers around in a stupor and slurs most of his speech. Jolie was not miscast as Olympius, as many reviews have said, but was rather excellent for the role of Alexander's mother, who seems to like snakes and dark magic. The fact that the character was absolutely insane was great, because, let's face it, Jolie is a few

elephants short of an army herself.

The film focuses not so much on battle sequences and the expansion of Alexander's empire but rather on the man himself. Apart from the two battle scenes, most of the movie is about Alexander's struggle with greatness. Raised on the stories of Achilles and other Greek heroes, he feels compelled to show his power as well.

Historically, Alexander was at least bisexual, if not gay. American theatergoers, however, don't seem to care much about facts, and I strongly believe that the reason this movie is doing poorly at the box office is because the title hero is gay.

Although Alexander takes a wife (played by the goddess Rosario Dawson), he shows most of his affection towards his best friend and general, Hephaestion (played by Jared Leto). As a strict heterosexual, even I'll admit Hephaestion was hot. Despite all the anti-gay sentiment in our society right now, the film was actually toned down a LOT for theatrical release. The director, Oliver Stone, stated that he left much of Alexander's gay romps on the cutting room floor.

Oliver Stone has truly created a masterpiece in "Alexander," a script he has been working on for 15 years. Those of you out there looking for low-grade entertainment with big explosions and no real acting, head for "National Treasure." If you want to see a film that accurately portrays one of the most important historical figures ever, with a truly brilliant script and stunning cinematography, run with open arms to "Alexander."

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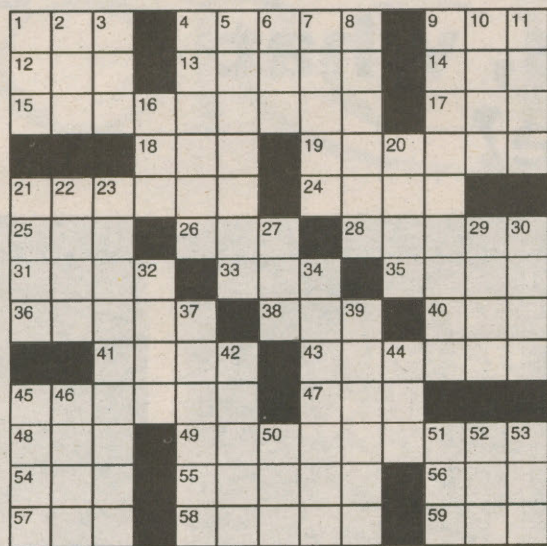


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34 Put back to normal
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5 Hair ribbon of a sort

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SALOME'S STARS

For the Week of November 29, 2004

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) There could be an unexpected change in plans for your upcoming holiday travels. But keep in mind that a little flexibility goes a long way in resolving any disappointments.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A new relationship might not be responding quite as quickly as you'd hoped. Could you be expecting too much too soon? Try to ease up and let things happen at their own pace.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) As we approach the frenetic pace of pre-holiday planning, take time out now to reconnect with the wonderful people who share your life, especially the one who also shares your dreams.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A misunderstanding should be resolved before you get caught up in the flurry of holiday preparations. Set your pride aside and deal with it, regardless of who might have hurt whom first.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Being told that a colleague might have been trying to undercut your effectiveness might or might not be true. Get all the facts before you even think about acting on this so-called information.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) It's a good idea to start your holiday preparation plans early in order to avoid a time crunch if an unresolved workplace situation causes a problem. That old friend might have some welcome news.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A family member's actions continue to surprise you, but this time with positive results. Could be your wise counsel finally got through. It's like having an early holiday gift, isn't it?

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your reluctance to act in a current

situation could be traced to your inner self advising you to take more time to study its complexities before you attempt to deal with it. Good luck.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Soothing hurt feelings before they can ignite an angry outburst is the wise thing to do. And, of course, when it comes to doing the "wisdom thing," you do it so well.

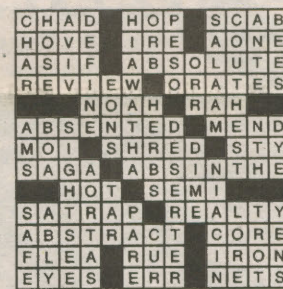
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Budget your time so that you can handle both your workplace duties and your personal holiday planning -- including travel arrangements -- without burning out on either end.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might find that you still need to firm up one or two of those still-outstanding decisions so that you can finally move forward as you had planned. Weigh the facts, then act.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You usually don't carry grudges, but you might feel this is one time when you're justified in doing so. But aren't you spending too much energy holding onto it? Let it go and move on.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of using your quiet strength to persuade people to follow their better instincts and do the right thing.

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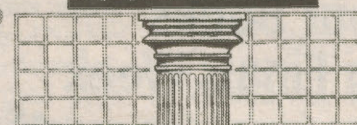
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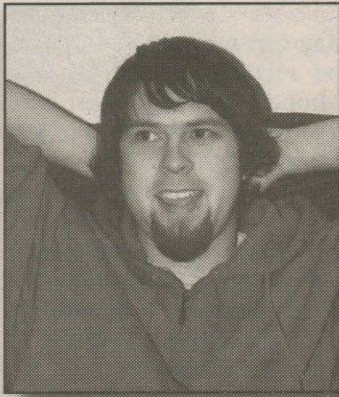
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If you could give L.C.C. anything for the Holidays, what would it be?



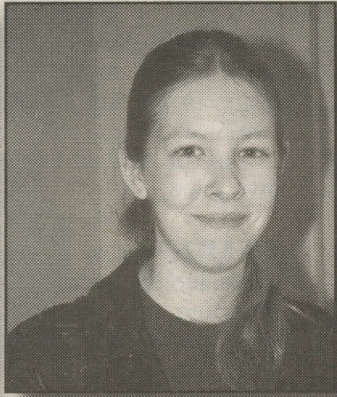
Diana Velazquez
NURSING

I would give free tuition to everybody who needed it so they could finish their major in whatever they wanted to do.



Jesse Smith
BROADCASTING

I'd give us more money towards the broadcasting video production because my major got cancelled. This is the last term for me to finish it. It's too bad they're giving me a time limit.



Krystine Watkins
AAOT

What the school needs is more money for the college in general so we could fund all the different programs that we have,



Marilen Delgado
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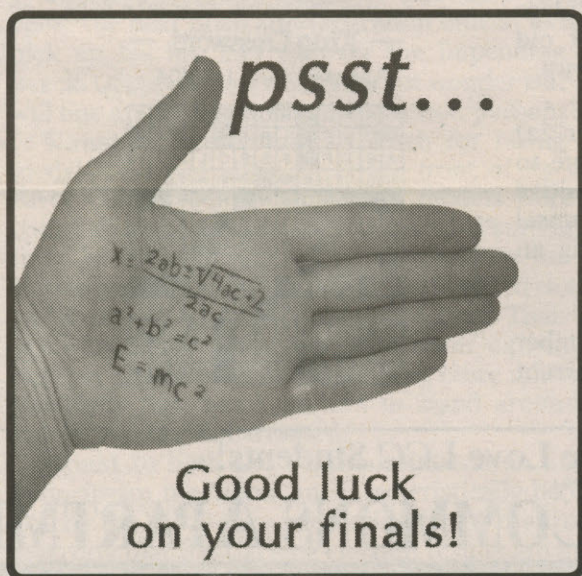
I'd probably give the whole school heaters, so all of your classes are warm, and not cold like they usually are.



Stacia Stabler
AAOT

A cheerleading team because I'd like to be part of it. I think [Lane needs] more spirit.

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Fall Term 2004 Final Examination Schedule



Class Days: MWF, M, W, F, MW, WF, M-F, M-Th, MWThF, MTuWF

Class Starts at:	Exam Day:	Exam Time:
7:00-7:30 a.m.	Fri	7:00-8:50 a.m.
8:00-8:30 a.m.	Mon	8:00-9:50 a.m.
9:00-9:30 a.m.	Wed	8:00-9:50 a.m.
10:00-10:30 a.m.	Mon	10:00-11:50 a.m.
11:00-11:30 a.m.	Wed	10:00-11:50 a.m.
12:00-12:30 p.m.	Mon	12:00-1:50 p.m.
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2:00-2:30 p.m.	Mon	2:00-3:50 p.m.
3:00-3:30 p.m.	Wed	2:00-3:50 p.m.
4:00-4:30 p.m.	Mon	4:00-5:50 p.m.
5:00 p.m.	Wed	4:00-5:50 p.m.

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7:00-7:30 a.m.	Fri	9:00-10:50 a.m.
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3:00-3:30 p.m.	Thur	2:00-3:50 p.m.
4:00-4:30 p.m.	Tue	4:00-5:50 p.m.
5:00 p.m.	Thur	4:00-5:50 p.m.

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