



'Pur-ga-to-ry' at Lane

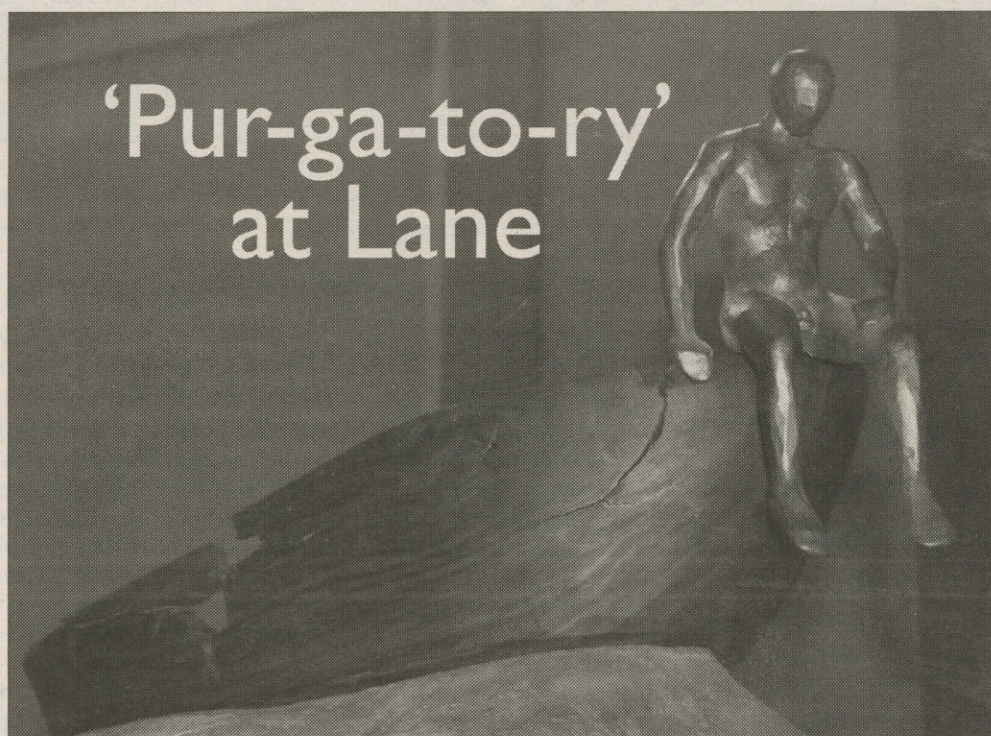


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Running until Feb. 17, the latest art show at LCC features the work of Eric Shultz and Jazzietoo Januari. Januari's work is entirely in clay, featuring a study on handle-mug relationships and joining hardened pieces of clay. Shultz's pieces are mostly metal and wood, as pictured to the right. Shultz and Januari are both students and shop technicians at Lane Community College.

National assessment survey aimed at understanding LCC students needs

The CCSSE will be given to over 2,000 students in national survey to determine students success

SUSAN WAHLBERG
EDITOR IN CHIEF

On Valentine's Day, Lane Community College will begin handing out a peculiar kind of valentine to its students. Instead of pink hearts, it will be handing out surveys intended to help Lane understand the trials and tribulations of the average LCC student.

The Community College Survey of Student Engagement is a national survey focused on defining the needs of community college students through a series of questions aimed at different issues, including class participation and childcare problems. The Success And Goal Attainment committee (SAGA) purchased the test from the University of Texas to help determine what Lane students need to be successful.

"The purpose of it is to help

Lane assess student learning and best practices," said Anne McGrail, a member of SAGA. "In order to do that we have to figure out what is it that's keeping students from attaining their goals."

SAGA has been working over the past years to figure out a way to improve student retention at Lane. They have been studying which behaviors and programs help students succeed at Lane. The CCSSE is another part of the plan.

"For the last several years, [SAGA] has been trying to gather information about why is it that once we get students here, successful students will always do well, but then we lose students. Some people come but don't stay, or they come but then they leave and come back, and it gets harder each time," McGrail said.

Some programs that have helped students with school are learning communities and TRiO, a federally funded program that provides academic skills classes, tutoring, and counseling to about 200 students at Lane.

"Learning communities and intervention by counselors and advisers at a certain point, before students are failing, all these things really help with retention," McGrail said. "Another one was finding out what exactly it is that students need."

The CCSSE will be given to 69 randomly chosen classes starting on Feb. 14. The last session will take place on Mar. 4. The test takes about 30 minutes to complete, and will be administered by student proctors or by staff members involved with SAGA. As of Feb. 8, SAGA still had not filled all of the student proctor positions. They are encouraging students to proctor the test and offer a modest payment as an incentive.

Once the information is gathered, the Institutional Research, Assessment and Planning department will compile a report of the findings and submit it to the Student Affairs Council and the Learning Council. These two governance councils will then integrate the findings into its plans for next year.

Students raise \$1000 for tsunami relief

Students organizations are raising money to help the tsunami victims

MARY TUCKER
FOR THE TORCH

Since the first week of winter term, students have been trying to come up with ways that they can help the victims of the Asian tsunami. The Students for Tsunami Relief Coalition was the result of these efforts.

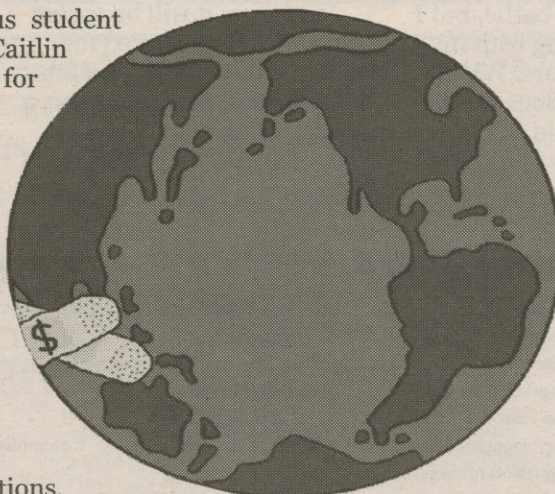
The Students for Tsunami Relief Coalition is made up of several campus organizations including, ASLCC, International Student Program (ISP) and a council of

clubs such as the various student unions, according to Caitlin Scholl, campus organizer for OSPIRG.

"We have raised \$1,000 so far," Scholl said.

The campus bookstore is getting involved in the efforts. It is selling paper dolls with the donors name on them. Sales will continue through February," stated Scholl.

"Last week we had an action table set up in the cafeteria, just taking donations,



GRAPHIC BY MATTHEW SMITH

Tutoring center offer students many options during fall term

1,600 students took advantage of free tutoring services

THADDEUS WOZNIAK
STAFF WRITER

More than 1,600 students took advantage of the free tutoring offered on campus. This is an estimated 9,000 hours of gruelling study.

LCC maintains seven resource centers that all offer free tutoring in the subjects of academic learning skills, business/accounting, computer usage, math, music, psychology, science, speech and writing.

"These resource centers have more than most might expect," says Liz Coleman, Tutoring Service Coordinator at LCC. Her office is in the Tutor Center located in the Center Building. "The amount of resources is going unnoticed."

Gary Conklin is an LCC accounting student graduate who volunteers his time in the Tutor Center. He says that LCC helped him when needed it. "If there's something I can do to help out then I'll help," Conklin said.

When asked what motivated him to volunteer Conklin replied, "I think it's important that students come down here because we can help them."

The Music Resource Center is equipped with some of the most modern accessories and equipment available.

"We have the best recording studio in a community college perhaps in the Northwest," says Alberto Redondo, music lab coordinator.

The Music Tech Lab has 28 Macintosh G4's hooked up to a 16 x 4 mixing board, an 8 channel MIDI Express to change analog to digital and vice versa, Triton Keyboards, Access Virus-C Synthesizers, Roland Sound Canvas MIDI, each with a microphone and the best software with it. That's just in the Music Tech Lab."

According to Redondo, students have been known to come down to the recording studio to record all kinds of music from hip-hop, country, rock, or their own inventive style. "The hardware in the lab is state of the art and best of all it's free to use."

The Science Resource Center (SRC) has "almost anything associated with science class," says Luke Tabor, a tutor. "All the computers have some kind of interactive program taken from the text books given to the students." The SRC also provides models for students to aid them when studying. "This gives them some hands on experience," said Tabor.

Of the many models of tissue, eyes, skulls, and skeletons, the 'Bag-O-Bones' is perhaps the most interesting. It has every bone in the body labeled in a bag allowing students to examine each bone in its entirety.

The Math Resource Center (MRC) boasts more than just tutors to answer questions. "The MRC has a library with well over 1,000 tapes available that cover every section from MTH20 to MTH253," says John Steele, a tutor and instructor for the last 22 years.

All students are allowed to take a tape home and/or watch it at the MRC in a separate viewing and listening lab. The MRC also has its own quiet room and two tutoring rooms.

For information about the Resource Centers on campus please call 463-5282.

2 My private war on legal drugs

Handfuls of pills a day does not keep the doctor away

LAURA RALSTON
COLUMNIST

I grew up a military brat. My slant on war is quite possibly based on what I observed as a child. I think the thing I remember the most is what the army had to say about war. "There are two rules in war. Rule number one; young men die. Rule number two; even doctors can't change rule number one." So when I hear about 'drug wars', I remember the two rules, or should I say, the one rule. People are going to die.

My drug war is not the same as everyone else's drug wars. It's not that I don't care about the tons of illegal pharmaceuticals that enter our country, I simply have a personal interest in the legal ones that are slowly killing our population. I'm talking about the millions of prescriptions that doctors write every year. The unnecessary ones.

My mother is a victim of the doctor's pen and pad. She takes around 100 pills a day. No, not a week, a day. Some of them were prescribed to counteract a side effect of another, some were prescribed for a specific symptom and some were prescribed to replace something that her body was no longer able to produce. To the tune of \$900 a month my mother faithfully follows her doctor's orders and swallows handfuls of pills. Now, mind you, my father is retired military and they get their prescriptions for \$3 each for generic and \$9 for name brands. Still, it costs them \$900 a month for drugs.

Now, let's see how this happened. As a military family, we moved a lot. Every time you were sent to a new base, you took your medical records with you. However, you couldn't take your doctor with you. My mother saw more doctors than there are countries in the world! You should see the size of her medical records. Anyway, as the years went by, each trip to the doctor gleaned a new prescription. No one has bothered to eliminate any of the unnecessary drugs; they just add another one to the list.

Here's my problem, I think it's bad enough that seniors have to spend an enormous amount of money on drugs, but why are they taking things that have not been tested for lengthy periods of time? I'm pretty sure that most drugs are tested for 10 or maybe even 20 years. I do not however believe that they were meant to be taken for 40 or 50 years. I also do not think that they were tested for the infinite possible combinations that can occur. Fire and water do not mix and neither do some drugs. So, I watch as my mother slowly deteriorates and spends more time in the hospital than out of it. Each time, the doctors shake their head and say they can't figure out what is wrong with her. The last time was for 70 days and she remained in a coma. She is home now, but for how long?

So my private drug war is against the companies that produce these drugs and the doctors that prescribe them. It is all about the Benjamin's and should not be. If it were about our health, about maintaining our bodies for a long life, it would be free. Drugs are big business and so is war. I think that speaks volumes about our society.

I encourage all of you to be careful with your health. It is your body and only you know what it is telling you. The next time you go to a doctor, make sure you need to. Remember that the piece of paper framed so nicely on the doctor's wall is a license to PRACTICE. And guess what, we are the guinea pigs. Ask for an alternative to that pill. There are always options. And do not let them give you a prescription to treat a symptom instead of finding out what is really wrong with you. Treating a symptom does not cure the problem; it only masks the symptom.

Sadly, taking on drug companies is a mountain that is hard to scale. I may never win a battle, but I will make sure that I am loud and strong with my voice. Maybe I should call Michael Moore. Whether or not you agree with his opinions, he does reach a large audience. Wonder what he would call it... "Legal Weapon"?



HTTP://WWW.LANECC.EDU/NASA/LONGHOUSE/INDEX.HTML

This sketch is what the long house at LCC is proposed to look like. It will cost \$800,000 to build and NASA still needs to raise \$300,000. In the works for over 10 years this project is the main focus of many current NASA efforts and hold emotional ties for many current and past members,

New long house project in search for funding, support from donors

This project will take \$800,000 to build and donations are NASA's last hope

ELIZABETH KAHL
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Years ago the idea came up to build a long house at LCC. The project idea was a huge undertaking that would cost \$800,000, but the Native American Student Association and their supporters were willing to take it on.

Fund raising has been one of the most important aspects of this project and trying to raise this much money has become quite frustrating. LCC's board has agreed to contribute \$250,000 and Spirit Mountain Community Fund has given \$100,000.

This project really hits home for a lot of people. Being in the works for over 10 years has gotten a lot of people deeply involved. Now these people are faced with the possibility that their dream may not happen if they cannot raise the funds soon. NASA's web page has many details about what this project is, how it is going to

work and most importantly why it means so much to so many people.

A long house in the Native American tradition is a place of gathering for cultural, academic and spiritual support.

In Native American culture, a long house serves the social, educational and spiritual needs of the extended Native American and related communities. It provides a holistic atmosphere for focusing on obtaining and maintaining balance in mind, body, and spirit.

The long house is a common ground contributing to the inner peace and sense of inclusion for the individual. It is designed to enhance learning and personal growth through education.

Native American Students who sometimes feel excluded and separated from the community at large need a sense of place and belonging that will enhance their ability to succeed academically.

Fundraising has provided some results, but not enough and now it's up to the campus. Up to the students to show their support for this project and what it will bring to LCC.

This campus shows finical support to meaningful issues all the time. Take the resent amount of money collected for Tsunami relief for example. When students feel an issue is important they act. So, why has the money not been raised for the long house yet?

With all the things this building could bring to LCC's campus students should be getting involved. Helping other students, staff, retirees who spent years on this project and all the future students that would benefit from it is something worthy of any support which can be offered.

Recently on campus many students have noticed the beginnings of the creation of seven totem poles that will stand behind the long house when completed. These poles have sparked student interest in the project and will hopefully help create a wave of donations.

The poles are being carved outside the cafeteria and are definitely worth a walk to the bottom level to see and while you are down there leave a few dollars in the donation jar. Your money will be going to an extremely worthy cause.

Winter is ending, allergies emerge

It's time to think about baseball, sneezing and food

Mackworld



John Mackwood
Columnist

Don't dig yourself into a deeper hole. Everyone is nervous about the LTD bus strike. They will go to court sooner or later. Keep it up. This is a stop on a one-way road to the jungle.

Very soon it will be spring and I will have worked for the Torch for six years. I am cutting a few extra calories and working out a lot more every day. I always feel good

and have a normal body. The bottom line is that it's a lot more crazy and it feels like a jungle out there. I always have very good handwriting.

In spring, summer strawberry short cakes are good deserts. Allergy season picks up quickly. You will sneeze your head off like crazy. Live better with pollen, pets,

dust, mold and food allergies. See your doctor and don't suffer too much. Learn about your treatment options for severe allergies like itching and crazy watering eyes.

The year's full season comes to an end. There's a baseball game. Does everyone know? It comes up in spring, or all summer long. Count one, two, three strikes. You're out of the baseball game, with music, hot dogs and pop.

Editor's Note: John Mackwood is a G.E.D. student in Springfield. John writes his column with the help of a Torch editor.

THE TORCH

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'The God's Honest' delivers good cast acting, good theatre

An evening of deceit, murder, fun and humor

HEATHER SERAFIN
COMMENTARY

With dishonesty at the heart of "The God's Honest", there is no deception involved with how fantastic the actors slipped into their rolls.

The play tells seven stories with a reoccurring theme of deceit. Each act adding its own flavor and lasting impression. It would be impossible to only remark on one aspect of this play.

The voice of the play Kevin R. Glenn, began each act with clever untruthful statements like, "I did not have sexual relations with that women." In a witty move, he asked the audience to join in with their own lie, much to the audience's joy.

In the first act, "The Rape of Emma Bunch" Kristen McLeod and Spencer Mawhar act out a racy love scene for all to see. It was strongly acted, sexy and fun without being offensive about such a serious topic as rape.

"Between the Lines" followed. Though it was beautifully acted and funny, it lacked the spunk of the other six acts. Though the mother daughter duo put on a very convincing performance their scene did not show the intensity and power of deceit as vividly as many of the others.

Next was "Angels on the Train" The actors were fantastic and funny. The couple lived in a world of deceit, but it still ended with what seemed to be true love.

Jacob Bees plays Walt in "Opening Act." He was by far the funniest character of the night. He plays a shy momma's boy with a lot of heart.

Although the entire play was well performed, there was one act that left



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH KAHL

Amy Wray and Anton Ray get close in their final dress rehearsal of the scene "Angel on the train."

me shocked and breathless. Anton Ray and Dustin Capps gave a chilling performance as best friends in "Hardstuff." When one friend confronts the other about the affair, he is having with his wife a gun is drawn and the room is completely silent. Without giving too much away, it ultimately ends with a stunning murder.

Another favorite of mine was "Brothers." Josh Landis-Spur gives a remarkable performance as a mentally ill brother who knows about his brother's affair with a married woman. It goes to show you that you can't judge a book by its cover.

The play ends with "The Twin Mendaccios." Megan Lutsock plays Tommy and Terry who are identical twins. Lutsock transitions between her two characters with ease. She and Aaron Ertsgaard were very funny.

If you haven't seen it already, go and support the excellent actors in "The God's Honest".

Torch editor in chief resigns

Managing editor takes over vacant position

Editor in chief of the Torch Travis Roderick resigned from his position effective immediately.

Replacing Roderick as EIC for the remainder of the year will be Susan Wahlberg, the managing editor for Fall and Winter terms.

Roderick started out at the Torch as the assistant photo editor in the summer of 2003. Roderick became news editor after a turnover in that position. At the end of last year Roderick was named Torch editor.

Roderick started out the year with big plans. During his time as editor and chief, he changed the entire design of the newspaper and established such features as Toasts and Roasts and Rent Increase. He improved the quality of writing and content for the Torch and worked to keep the papers on the stands each week.

Roderick regigned for personal and time commitment issues, Roderick felt he needed to give up his position.

Born in Washington, Wahlberg attended high school near Tacoma and college in Minnesota and Indiana before settling down in Eugene. Wahlberg started the year as managing editor, and said she is excited to take over the editor in chief position.

"I want to expand on Travis' goals. They were all really great ideas," Wahlberg said. "Travis got everything started and I want to finish it."

Wahlberg's goals include making Rent Increase and FYI into features



Susan Wahlberg

that appear consistently each week, improving staff unity and communication, and getting students more interested in reading the Torch.

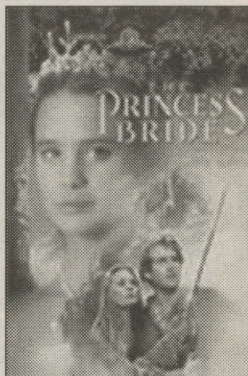
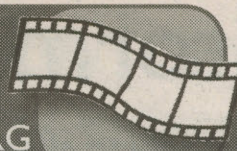
"We've done a lot this year to try and please the students at Lane without sacrificing our principles, but it's a rare thing that I see someone actually reading the Torch," Wahlberg commented. "I am open to suggestions from anyone, the staff or students or faculty. The Torch is the Lane Community College student newspaper. We should be working to interest the students."

Wahlberg has extensive previous experience working at student newspapers. She started in high school as the editor in chief for the Viking Shield, moved on to the managing editor position for the IFW Communicator, and continued her work as managing editor for the Torch over Fall term and most of Winter term. Despite her experience working for newspapers, Wahlberg still feels a little nervous.

"It is a huge time commitment, and I am a little scared of all the responsibility, but I am really excited," Wahlberg confessed. "It's been going well so far and I don't think we will have any major problems. The only thing we really need right now is more good writers."

Wahlberg faces a considerable understaffing problem, but hopes that some applicants will be showing up soon. The open positions include features Editor, A&E editor, and with Wahlberg's recent promotion, managing editor. All three positions are paid, open to the general public, and provide valuable experience for journalism majors.

Rent
Increase
BY SUSAN WAHLBERG



The Princess Bride

This is cult-classic love flick that most 80's kids can quote reliably is the fairy-tale adventure story of Princess Buttercup and the farmboy/lover/evil pirate kidnapper Wesley that she loves. Separated just after they discover their love for one another, The Princess Bride is about true love and the things people are willing to go through to achieve it. It includes all the necessary elements for a great fantasy movie; sword fights, unrequited love, pirates, monsters, kings, magic and Billy Crystal.

Amelie

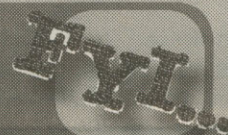
Artsy and French, Amelie is a sweet, visually and mentally stimulating story about an isolated French girl seeking adventure and companionship in the world around her. When she meets the love of her life, she goes about wooing him in a wacky courtship that involves theft, scavenger hunts, carnival rides and a weird addiction to photo booths.

Love Actually

There are many different kinds of love, and this movie explores all of them, from brotherly love to true love to passion to love betrayed. Set in England, Love Actually is a series of related vignettes about the varied kinds of love, all loosely related through character relationships. True to life, they don't all end perfectly, but the bittersweet resolution of the movie is what separates Love Actually from all the fluffy Hollywood romances.



For your
Information



BROWN BAG TALK: FAT CATS AND UNDERDOGS

Women's Center Brown Bag Talk, Wednesday, Feb. 9, at noon: Fat Cats and Underdogs: Work, Class and the American Dream. Have you thought about what it means to pursue the American Dream? Does everyone get to achieve it? We often think that we live in a classless society, yet we confront inequalities of class, ethnicity, race and gender everyday as they interrelate to sustain the power and interests off the economic elites. Join us to discuss the stories and images that contest the illusion of individual responsibility for achieving the dream. Presenter is Margaret Bayless, one of the instructors for the spring term Learning Community, Fat Cats and Underdogs. Bring lunch for this noontime talk in Room 202, Building 1. - For further information please contact Jill Bradley, Women's Center, at 463-5353

COLLEGE TOUR

Representatives from the Oregon Scholarship Commission and 16 four-year colleges will be at the cafeteria on Thursday, Feb. 10, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lane students and staff, as well as local high school students and staff, are invited to stop by their tables for information about admissions and program requirements. For further information please contact Deb Hupcey at 463-5635.

FINALLY, FUN ON FRIDAYS

Lane Queer Straight Alliance is hosting a brown bag lunch every Friday from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Student Life and Leadership Development lounge, Building 1, Room 206. No agenda, not another meeting, just an opportunity to have some lunch and connect with people from across campus. Come early and stay late, or just drop by for a few minutes! Everyone is welcome, bring a friend. Sponsored by the Lane QSA and Student Life and Leadership Development Department. (Attendance was sparse last week but it was great to see those who stopped by. Stop in before or after the Women's Center video, and bring a friend.) - For further information please contact Barbara Delansky at 463-5337

THIRD ANNUAL FUNGAL FEAST

Cascade Mycological Society proudly invites all to its third annual Fungal Feast. Noted chef Clive Wanstall and the students of LCC's award winning culinary arts program will prepare scrumptious dishes using several local edible mushrooms. A description of the species used as well as a brief cooking display will precede the meal. Anyone who likes eating and cooking with mushrooms is sure to enjoy this Fungal Feast! Proceeds to benefit Lane students. Where: main campus, northeast corner of the cafeteria, Center Building. When: Thursday Feb. 10, 7 p.m. For further information please contact Kyle Hammon at 463-5447 or hammonk@lanecc.edu.

4 Storm surges sweep Titans

Chemeketa shoots 58 percent from the field in a 21 point victory over the Titans

SHAWN MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Titans played two games against #1 Chemeketa, the top team in the NWAACC (Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges) within a week. Two very different games with the same outcome: a Titan loss.

Lane hosted Chemeketa on Feb. 2, in a make-up of the Jan. 15 game that was rescheduled due to weather, losing 88-67.

The game was close throughout the first half, with the Titans trailing by three points with three minutes to play before halftime.

Chemeketa retained the ball after a questionable call and capitalized with a three-pointer. On the ensuing inbounds play, the Titans turned the ball over, leading to an easy bucket for the Storm. Chemeketa nailed a three on its next possession after a Titan turnover with 1:46 to go.

"That is where we have struggled in games — the end of the first half," Titan Jarvis Thomas said. "It seems like we always have a letdown."

Chemeketa added a bucket to close the half on a 10-0 run, leading 48-35 at the break. The Storm connected on 20 of 28 field goals in the first half, shooting over 71 percent from the field.

"Once Chemeketa got that momentum going into halftime, some people shut down in their minds and hearts," said Maurice Ross, who led the Titans with eight first-half points.

The second half opened with Chemeketa pushing the lead to over 20 and the Titans were unable to maintain a run to get within single digits.

"That obviously put us in a hole," Lane head coach Matt Swagerty said of the Chemeketa runs. "It felt like we could score when we wanted to and our pressure caused them a lot of turnovers."

Josh Akwenuke led the Titans with 21 points, while Thomas scored 15 and Ross 11. Owen Newman added 10 points, seven rebounds and two blocks.

In the rematch on Feb. 5, the game played out entirely differently, but the Titans were unable to hold the lead late and came up short 68-61.

Up by two points with three minutes remaining in the game, Newman fouled out for the Titans and the Storm stole the momentum.

"That really hurt us," Swagerty said. "We had

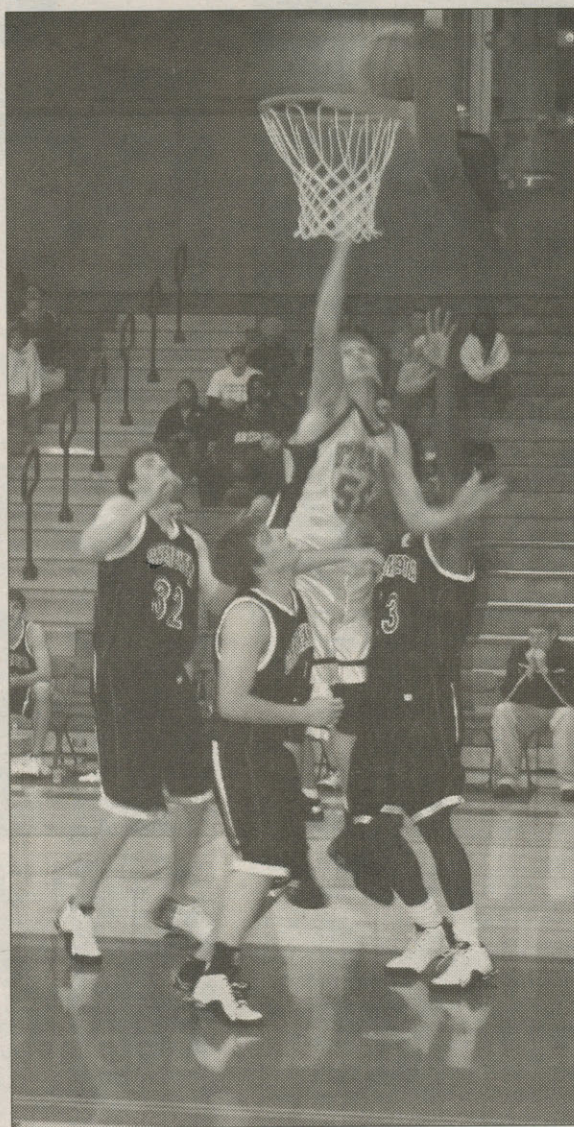


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Owen Newman scores between three defenders in a 88-67 loss to Chemeketa on Feb. 2. Newman scored 10 points with seven rebounds for the Titans.

found a way of scoring by getting the ball to Owen. He was just a real important cog for what we were trying to do."

Despite shooting only 61.5 percent from the free throw line, Chemeketa shot 26 free throws to Lane's eight, translating to an extra nine points.

Akwenuke recorded team highs with 19 points and 13 rebounds. Newman scored 17 points with seven rebounds.

"It just felt like we were the better team all night and it was ours," Swagerty said. "To see it fall through our fingers is kind of discouraging."

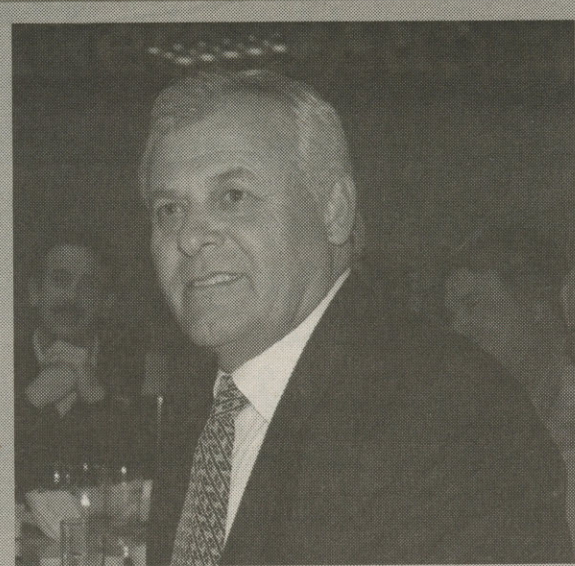


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Boone visits Lane

Former major league baseball catcher Bob Boone was the featured speaker at the Student Spring Spectacular on Feb. 3. The event raised between \$60,000-65,000 for the Lane baseball/soccer programs.

Jär•gón



Jacklight — A powerful flashlight or spotlight used in fishing or in illegally hunting game at night. Usually, the beam of light momentarily blinds the animal and freezes it with fear long enough to be shot by a poacher.

(Men's standings as of Feb. 5)

SOUTH	League	Overall
Chemeketa	9-0	18-5
Mt. Hood	8-1	19-2
Clackamas	7-2	19-3
SW Oregon	4-5	9-14
Linn-Benton	3-6	9-13
Portland	3-6	7-15
Umpqua	1-8	9-14
Lane	1-8	8-15

Next game: Feb. 12 at Clackamas. Women play at 4 p.m. Men tip-off at 6 p.m.

Next home game: Feb. 16 against Southwestern Oregon. Women at 5:30 p.m., men at 7:30 p.m.

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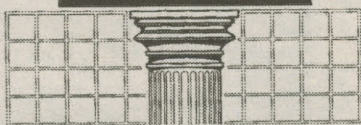
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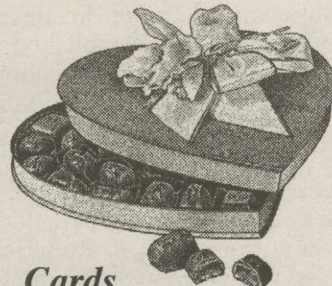
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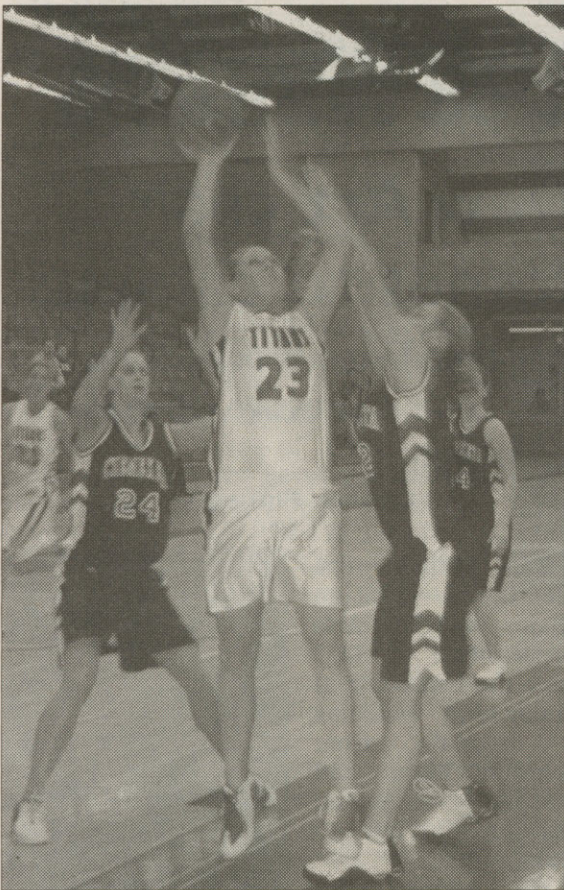


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Ashley Weber goes up for two points during a lopsided 81-46 Titan victory over Chemeketa on Feb. 2. Weber finished with eight rebounds.

The Titans outrebound Storm by an average 16.5 per game; tops in women's league action

SHAWN MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Lane women's basketball team swept Chemeketa last week to gain one step closer to a perfect league record.

The Titan's weathered the Storm (81-46) on Feb. 2, a rescheduled game from the Jan. 15 freezing rain fiasco.

Chemeketa held an 8-4 lead five minutes into the game before Lane used a 22-2 run to separate for good. Subbing was a strategy for Lane head coach Greg Sheley.

"Early on we made a couple of turnovers and we weren't able to set the tempo," Sheley said. "We made a few subs and got some energy, which caused turnovers that led to easy baskets. We hit some shots in between and that is where we separated."

Lane led 41-23 at the half, but Chemeketa closed the game to within 12 points early in the second half.

"The thing that I was concerned about was that overall we had average energy

and we turned the ball over," Sheley said. "I just wanted us to look sharper, more crisp."

The Titans committed 26 turnovers, but were able to use a solid performance from the bench to pull away with the victory.

Lisa Fernandez scored a game-high 15 points and grabbed nine rebounds. Morgan Zajonc added 11 points, while Kellie Griner scored 10.

Kristin Nelson scored nine of the bench's 44 points, followed by Jessie Moore with eight points and four assists.

Offensive rebounds provided the needed boost for the Titans in a 79-53 victory over the Storm in their second match-up on Feb. 5.

The Titans used 24 offensive rebounds to create free throw situations and six more shot

attempts. Lane capitalized on both, making the extra six field goals and shooting 23 of 29 on free throw attempts.

"We have been rebounding well," Sheley said. "We got a bunch of offensive opportunities, which leads to second, third and fourth chances [to score]."

Cora McVey hit a putback at the buzzer to give the Titans a 41-30 lead at halftime.

"That was a big one because the goal was to have a 10-point lead at the half," Sheley said.

Despite making only 41 percent of field goals in the second half, the Titans pulled away for the victory.

McVey recorded a game-high 19 points and 13 rebounds. Fernandez added 19, while Griner tied a career-high with 10 assists.

Women's (standings as of Feb. 5)	SOUTH	League	Overall
	Lane	9-0	24-1
	Umpqua	8-1	23-1
	Clackamas	7-2	19-5
	Linn-Benton	4-5	12-12
	Chemeketa	3-6	9-14
	SW Oregon	3-6	8-13
	Portland	2-7	9-14
	Mt. Hood	0-9	1-22

Rec department busier than ever

Spots open for women's volleyball, men's basketball spring city league teams

SHAWN MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

Lane students are encouraged to diversify themselves in numerous on campus activities and they are given ample opportunity by the recreation department.

Brent Ellison, the director of student recreation, has seen student interest skyrocket over the past few years.

"This is by far the busiest term I have ever had," Ellison said. "When I first started [working at Lane], I would make 150 tickets and they would run out. Then I did 250 and they ran out. This year I have made 350 and they ran out."

Ellison is offering free tickets to the inaugural University of Oregon women's lacrosse game on Feb. 12 against Stanford.

"I am opening that game up because I have ran out of bowling, ice skating, hockey and swimming," Ellison said.

A ski trip originally slated for Jan. 29 has been rescheduled for Feb. 19. There are approximately 10 spots remaining for the trip to Willamette Pass. It costs as low as \$30, which includes bussing and a lift ticket.

The recreation department is also looking for students interested in filling an open roster for women's volleyball and men's basketball for spring. The teams will compete beginning the week after spring break.

For more information, contact Ellison at 463-5293 or in Building 5, Room 204. Ellison is also open for suggestions on new program ideas.

Titans unanimous #1

Lane nabs all eight first-place votes in search for league championship

SHAWN MILLER
SPORTS EDITOR

There is no doubt who the top women's basketball team in the NWAACC (Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges) is after Lane received each of the eight first-place votes in the Feb. 3 coaches' poll.

In the first poll of the season (early Jan.) the Titans held a slim margin of six votes over Southern region rival Umpqua to earn first place for the first time in school history.

"The fact that we were able to go on the road and beat the number two team, who was undefeated, is why it is unanimous," Lane head coach Greg Sheley said.

Umpqua (64 votes) placed second in the poll. Walla Walla is third (42), Centralia fourth (40) and Clackamas fifth (31).

The final poll is scheduled to be released Feb. 28.

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in three hours we were able to raise over \$400," said Brandi Minogue, project coordinator for Hunger and Homelessness. Minogue continued to state that there was over \$20 in loose change alone.

They are still working on other ideas to raise more money for relief efforts.

"Our goal is \$500,000," Scholl said. "We are also going to talk with Mary Spilde, LCC President, to see if we can get other Oregon community colleges involved, but we haven't set a new goal yet."

The Students for Tsunami Relief Coalition is donating the funds they raise to Oxfam America, an international relief organization.

According to information that was received from Oxfam America, Doctors Without Borders, and Action Against Hunger, tsunami relief funds can accomplish a lot. Twenty dollars could pay for one month supply of soap for 120 people, or a basic hygiene kit for two families. Five thousand dollars can pay for emergency health kit aid to 10,000 displaced people for three months.

Those interested in getting involved in the coalition efforts can contact either Scholl or Mingue in the campus OSPRIG office or at 541-463-5166.

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Get to Know

Kim Vetter

Dance prof finds place, role in dance department

Vetter sees job at LCC as an opportunity to express her personality, character, dancing

LINDA CORIELL
STAFF WRITER

Five months ago, Kim Vetter danced her way into becoming LCC's Faculty Instructor of music and dance.

"I'm finally getting to do everything I love," Vetter said. "I love teaching, I love dancing, I loving sharing the love of dance with people."

Vetter, originally from New Jersey, spent about six years creating a dance community in New Mexico.

She taught dance at the University of New Mexico before moving to Los Angeles to complete her professional MSA graduate degree.

After receiving her MSA, Vetter searched the internet for jobs when she located an opening for a Faculty Instructor, Music — Dance & Theatre Arts Dept. at LCC. Vetter said that was "right up [her] alley," According to Vetter, her reason for coming here was because of this particular job.

Before accepting the position here at LCC, Vetter had always worked freelance, so this was an entirely new environment in every aspect. She had never been in this area before, did not know anyone when she moved here, and would no longer be working for unsecured freelance pay.

When asked if moving here was what she expected she said, "I'm waiting for the rain."

Vetter teaches five classes per term, which is equal to what an instructor at a university would teach, but she does not mind the higher workload. "Those five classes are five different things that are five sides of myself that I've been able to do at various times of my life. And now I'm doing them all at the same time," Vetter said.

However, dancing took awhile to catch a hold of Vetter. She didn't start dancing until the age of 16, when she was exposed to the "hustle," a disco favorite from another era. Once she experienced the choreographed steps, she was hooked. For Vetter, dancing is a way of "connecting the mind and the body."

Vetter has also earned an MA degree, during which she focused on African dance, and enjoyed the opportunity of spending six months in Brazil. She also made annual trips to California from New Mexico to learn the Congo dance. Vetter also holds a BSA in Dance.



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Kim Vetter new to LCC this year not only teaches dance, but participates in performances as well.

Rick Williams

New Art chair comes to campus

Long-time Texan Rick Williams finds Lane impressive, open to community

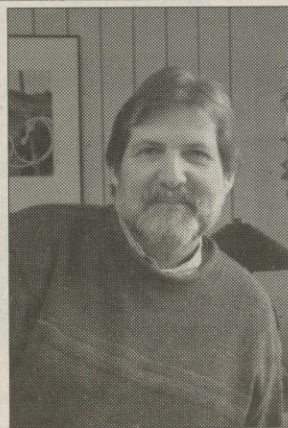
GASTON FIGUEROA
STAFF WRITER

Rick Williams has been the new Division Chair of the Arts Department of LCC since the beginning of winter term. Williams is originally from Houston, Texas, and has lived in Austin, Tex. for the last 30 years.

He taught at Texas University and worked as a freelance photographer until he moved to Eugene in 2002. Before he obtained the position at the Arts Department at LCC he was a part-time teacher at the University of Oregon.

Williams explained that before moving to Oregon, he and his wife had considered moving to other states but "were attracted to Eugene."

He said that one of the biggest changes in coming to Oregon was working at Lane. He added that he is "immensely impressed with Lane" for serving students and educating people of diverse backgrounds and ages. The sense of community and unified goals at Lane, according to Williams, is "stronger than I have experienced in other institutions."



Rick Williams

College Tour 2005

The following college representatives will be in the Lane Community College cafeteria on Thursday, February 10, 2005 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lane students and staff, as well as local high school students and staff are invited to stop by their tables for admissions/program information.

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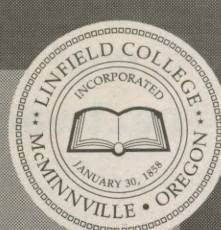
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Valentine's Day gifts on \$20 bucks

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BY HEATHER SERAFIN AND ELIZABETH KAHL
NEWS EDITOR, ASSISTANT PHOTO EDITOR

Finding valentines gifts on a college student's budget can be a challenging task. The Torch sent two staff members, Heather Serafin and Elizabeth Kahl out to buy as many valentine gifts in one place as they could with only \$20 each.

Heather Serafin: Targeting Cupid

For my gifts, I choose to go to Target. With my \$20 in hand, I set a goal to find at least three gifts I would want to give to the people that I love.

Located in a very convenient spot close to the check out lines was a whole section dedicated to Valentines Day.

The first gift I grabbed was for my mother who likes to collect cute and annoying toys for her desk at work. It didn't take me long to spot a dancing mouse wearing a black tux and sun glasses and holding a red rose that sang David Cassidy's "I think I Love you." The regular price for the mouse was \$9.99 but I got it on sale for \$5.99.

Next, I set out to find a couple gifts for two of my closest girl friends. For the first of the two gifts, I found a wide variety of Valentine candles on sale. At regular price, they cost \$4.99 but I found a set of four small red and pink heart shaped votive candles placed on a white tray on sale for \$3.50.

For my second friend, I found a purple picture frame shaped like a heart

for \$4.24. Of course, a picture to fill the frame is not included, but it will cost me nothing to put in an old picture from when we were in first grade together.

Finally, you can't have Valentines Day without candy, especially if you have kids. My last gift was candy for my three children. For \$4.99, I bought a heart shaped box of Dove chocolates for them to share. Then for 88 cents, I got a large bag of big heart candies that have cute sayings on them like, "You're cute," that I will divide three ways on Valentines Day.

The grand total for all five gifts was \$19.60. Even as a poor college student, I exceeded my goal of finding at least three gifts that I would be proud to share with my family and friends. Target had a reasonable selection that was easy on my wallet.

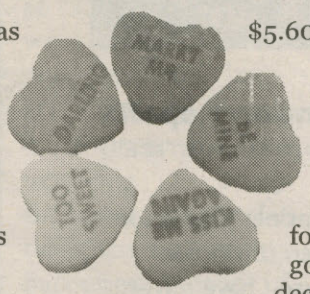
Elizabeth Kahl: Mall Madness

For my gifts, I chose to explore the wide array of stores in ValleyRiver Center.

At first I was met with disappointment when I found out that most of the stores were going to be too expensive, but when I dug in and really looked I found four great presents for under \$20.

My first present was purchased at The Disney Store. I was looking for my five-year-old cousin who is in love with the Disney princesses.

For her I found a candy holder that has a globe for a lid. In the globe is a sparkling Aurora, from Sleeping Beauty. This gift maybe small, but it's got a princess in it and its pink so for a little girl it's perfect and I got it on sale for \$2.99 and in the bag was also some Disney stickers.



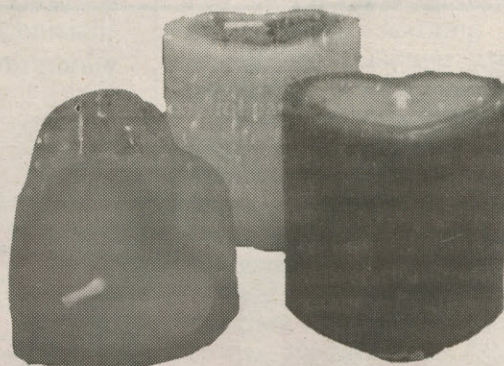
Next, I went to SunCoast where I got my younger sister a Betty Boop DVD. The DVD was also on sale and only cost \$5.99. SunCoast had quite a few DVD's that were on sale including a few love stories.

After leaving SunCoast, I went searching for my mom. For her I found the perfect store, Cascade Candles. This store is all about candles. They have every size, sent, and color I could have hoped for. For my moms gift a chose a round watermelon scented pillar candle. It's bright pink and perfect for Valentines Day and I paid

\$5.60.

Last, I went to Seas where there are lots of tempting treats for a possible Valentine. I chose to get a candy cane that has four colored hearts on top. It's cute more for a girl than a boy, but a possible gift for any candy lover for \$1.99. I also got a bag of milk chocolates that has a decent amount of candy in it for \$3.

All in all, I thought my gifts are great and were very reasonable priced. I was able to get gifts for four different people and only spent \$19.57. Going into the mall was discouraging at first, but if you really take the time to look you can find some good deals on great gifts.



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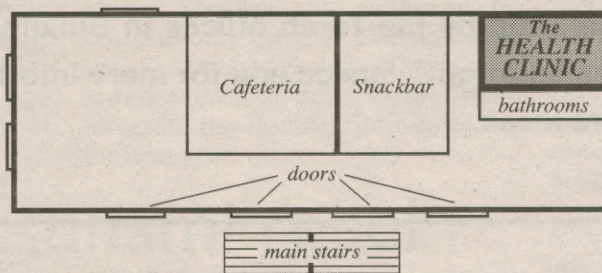
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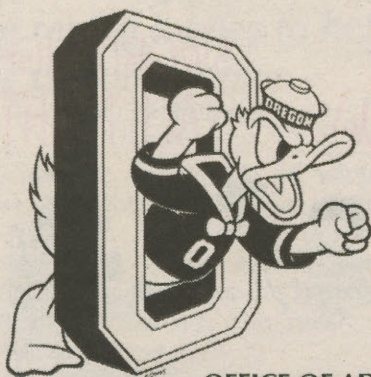
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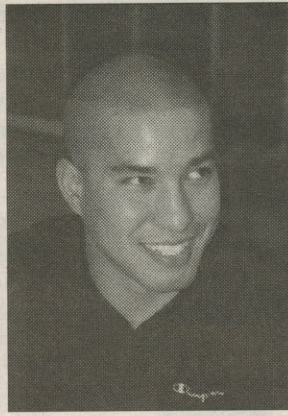
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What's the worst Valentine gift you have ever received?



Amy Hurlocker
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"I got nothing at all."



Brandon Rapolla
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"Valentines Day is for women obviously, because I have never been given a valentines gift."



Caleb Mocabee
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"A girl I had a total crush on in middle school gave me my box of chocolates and valentines back."



Rebecca Johnson
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"I got unceremoniously dumped."



Shelly Caldwell
HUMAN SERVICES/
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"My husband forgot Valentines Day, so he had his sister pick up some flowers. I got cauliflower, baking flour. I didn't speak to him for a week."

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