



Cafeteria charges arm and leg for meals



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH BAKSTER

Doctors stand by to bandage hungry students

SUSAN BAKSTER VIII
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Starting this week, the cafeteria will charge Lane Community College an arm and a leg for lunch – literally.

LCC has a history of making sure that students don't suffer from budget cuts by making sure that any rollbacks in the college involve personnel and no academic programs. But in the face of a budget cut of \$15 million made this weekend by the legislature, the LCC administration had to make some serious decisions.

"We're not quite sure why the money was cut," said Red Phoxx, Director of Petty Cash at LCC. "When our representative called and told us about it, we were just devastated."

Shortly after the phone call, Phoxx was approached by the Oregon Limb and Organ Donor Association.

"They offered to fill in the gap if we made certain adjustments here at Lane," said Phoxx.

Students who wish to eat at the cafeteria must now sacrifice parts of their bodies, specifically one arm and one leg, to pay for any one of the specials offered by the cafeteria. Should a student want more than a slice of pizza and a 20 ounce drink, other organs must be given up.

"Something like a salad costs a cornea or an inner ear. The Pasta of the Day, depending on

Tim Thamst leaves the cafeteria disappointed. Having to lose an arm and leg was more than he expected for a simple box of Chinese food.

how good it is, can cost as much as an entire frontal lobe," Phoxx said.

"It's really not that bad of a deal when you think about it," Phoxx said. "I mean, it's not like the arms and legs are going to waste. We're using them to help out veterans and stuff."

"The amputation process is relatively painless," explained Dr. Marcus Fliescher, MD. "We use local anesthetic and bandage the patients properly. We offer this surgery for free, of course, although the anesthetic does cost marginally more and is not offered to students without medical insurance."

The amputations are performed at the entrance of the cafeteria in an area enclosed by white plastic curtains. The more extensive surgeries are performed with the assistance of nurses and require that the student pay for intravenous morphine.

Dr. Fliescher said the limbs that are incompatible for transplant are disposed of through medically safe means. However, upon investigation, it was discovered that a UARS Kitten Flavored Dog Food representative picks up the medical hazard bin the unusable limbs are stored in each week.

There are those who are taking advantage of the situation. Betty Potter, a vendor and Business major at LCC for two years, has started selling peg legs, hook arms and glass eyes next to her assortment of useless baubles.

"Hey, I mean, if there is an opportunity, why not use it to make some cash? Where there's demand there has to be supply, right?" Potter said. "I'm selling them cheap, and at least mine are decorated. You won't get nearly as interesting prosthetics from the hospital."

Students flee from tiny terrors

Small plastic toys attempt to take over campus

ELIZABETH BAKSTER

PHOTO OP

At the beginning of Winter Term, small plastic toys began to show up around campus. The tiny insignificant objects went unnoticed by most students until they began their attacks.

Several students have sustained serious injuries when trying to stop the toys from causing damage to campus property.

"I just didn't want the toys to break the fish tanks. There are so many important experiments happening in them," said LCC marine biology major Lisa Wernar.

Wernar suffered from serious damage to the lungs when the toys tried to drown her in the water spilled from the broken tanks. All the tanks were broken in the episode and the science department fears that it will not be financially able to recover from the blow.

"Those tanks were very expensive, not to mention how expensive all the equipment and marine life inside them were," said James Heart, Coordinator for the Science Department.

In addition to storming through buildings, destroying everything in their paths, the toys began harassing students walking around campus. On his way to his car, LCC student Miles Richmond

was attacked by one of the plastic terrors.

Richmond was not found until the morning after. He was unconscious and badly beaten. He was immediately transported to Sacred Heart Medical Center where his condition has not improved. Doctors hope he will wake soon, but warn his family that his condition is very serious.

"Why did they come here? What could these toys possibly want at LCC?" said Richmond's mother as she grieved over her incapacitated son.

After causing havoc around campus the toys continued to the Center Building, where they set up camp in a Pepsi vending machine after emptying the contents into a nearby freezer. When the cans froze, they burst, causing serious damage to the kitchen.

While hiding within the vending machine, the toys had free range to attack unsuspecting students walking by.

"I was on my way to class and out of



PHOTO BY ELIZABETH BAKSTER

Student Shawna Busgsler is caught off guard by a flying demon on her way to class.

nowhere one of those things came flying at me," said Ryan Butcher, an English instructor. "It nearly took off my head."

"Something has to be done about these toys. Our students need to feel they are in a safe environment when

they come to school," said Allen Roberts, Executive Security Officer brought to LCC to help deal with this crisis. "We are hoping the toys will leave peacefully, but if necessary we are ready to take forceful action."

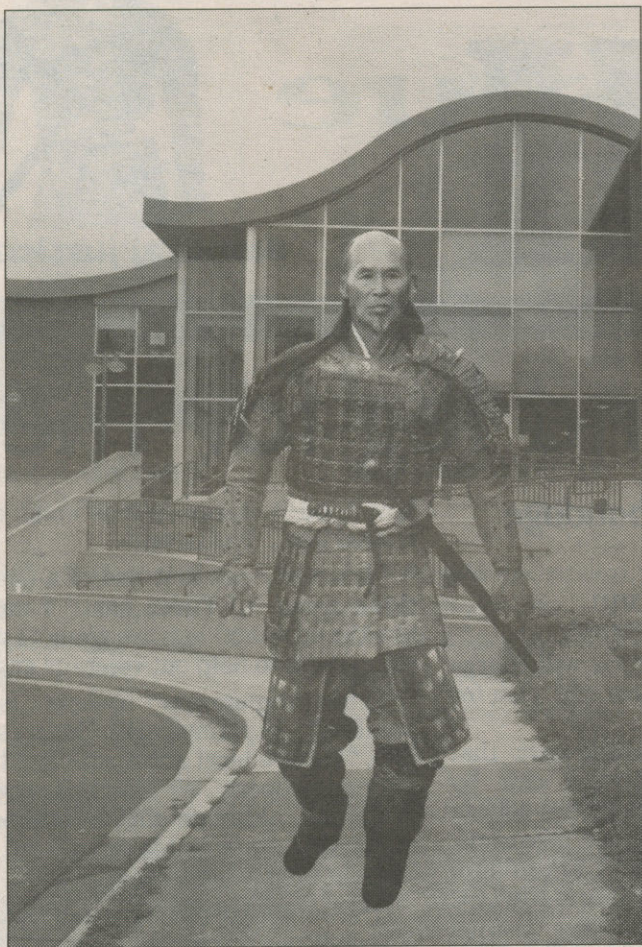


PHOTO BY BIG AL BAKSTER

Samurai Shimazu Hisahide responds to an incident in the west parking lot. Hisahide arrived earlier this term and has had quite an impact on campus crime.

New zero tolerance policy led by honor and dignity

BY MATTHEW BAKSTER SR.
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Winter Term marked the beginning of a new security policy at Lane Community College. Vice President Barry Bindle began writing the reform Fall Term when crime rates became intolerable to many. The new policy implemented on Jan. 3 allows for zero tolerance of crimes on campus.

"Initially, I was going to allow for progressive levels of punishment," said Bindle "But I saw an opportunity for a crime-free campus."

The new policy only has one form of punishment — beheading.

The new policy has its share of opposition though. Mark "Can't Catch Me" Stealer, a professional thief, has had to practice his craft elsewhere.

"I loved Lane; the parking lots were so isolated and spread apart," Stealer commented, "Now there's some sort of ninja getting in my way."

The opposition doesn't end there though. Former human rights activist Fred Tréhugger saw the reforms as vulgar and unnecessary. According to eye witness reports, Tréhugger brought his complaints directly to Bindle, hoping to convince him to repeal the new security policy. Unfortunately, Tréhugger hadn't read the new policy all the way through.

The policy clearly states "Initiating any effort that conflicts college policy is considered a crime." Tréhugger was immediately beheaded.

"I really liked the guy; he was very passionate" said Bindle regarding the incident. "However,

policy is policy and there are no exceptions."

Surprising to many, there are no complaints from the old security staff and officers. The old security staff has been repositioned as Post-Incident Cleaning Crew Members. Mary Walker who used to process offenders at the security office said, "You get a lot less guff from these criminals than the criminals we've dealt with in the past."

Security officers can still be seen around campus, but don't expect to receive a fine next time you speed through the parking lot.

"We act as the samurais' eyes and ears, notifying them if they're needed" said Chief Security Officer Jeff Cutwright.

The college hired the three samurais at the end of Fall Term. It is unclear where the college found true samurai warriors this day and age. What is known is that they execute their jobs with precision.

"The 20 or so offenders affected by the new policy haven't seen their punishments coming," said Samurai Shimazu Hisahide. This is an accomplishment, considering they wear full armor and brandish a 44 inch Katana sword while on duty.

While the samurais follow the new policy to the letter, their duties do weigh on their minds daily.

Samurai Uesugi Terutora said, "All the samurais here wish we were not needed, but until that day dawns, we will stay and serve the college."

Current funding for the policy extends through Spring Term 2008. An evaluation at the end of Winter Term 2008 will determine if the college will need to extend funding past June 30, 2008.

* Some crimes covered under new security policy

- Smoking in Child Development Center
- Spitting into the wind
- Skipping with glee
- Dishonoring your ancestors
- Purposely leading instructors off topic
- Spending more than \$10 at cafeteria
- Using sidewalk chalk
- Possession / Use of Western cutlery
- Cutting in line
- Actually going 20 mph on Eldon-Schaffer
- Opposing college policies in any way
- Exposing thong in public

* Complete listing might be available on Express Lane.

A little late to class

Psych instructor survives on old french fries and unrecognizable food products

HEATHER BAKSTER-BAKSTER
NEWS COOK

Psychology instructor Charles Sharlec spent the last 91 days looking for the perfect parking spot on campus.

At the beginning of Winter Term, Sharlec arrived on campus at 8 a.m. to find the parking lots overcrowded.

"Trying to find a parking space on this campus has always been a gamble," said Sharlec.

It started out as a normal day for Sharlec but turned into a long psychotic episode.

After hours of searching, Sharlec began to give up hope.

"Life seemed meaningless; there was nothing I could do. At first, I felt like giving up. But then it struck me: I should start stalking people," said

Sharlec.

Sharlec proceeded to follow a woman for what he said felt like "miles" before he gave up and continued the search on his own.

He traveled lane by lane for several days until he came upon a parking space. According to Sharlec, he could not settle for just any space now.

"I can afford to be picky now that I have been fired," said Sharlec.

Lane Community College President Bob Obb has made no comment. However, security officer Sarah Haras said that the reason was obvious.

"He is driving around campus scaring the students," said Haras.

Students have felt bothered by Sharlec's

caveman like appearance and obscene gestures. "My friend and I saw him stop his car, jump out, and pee on a security vehicle," said Andrew Neward, formerly a student in one of Sharlec's Psychology classes. "I thought he was a good teacher, just a bit obsessed with the parking situation on campus," said Neward.

According to Sharlec, he has survived all this time by eating old food found in his car and by licking the morning dew off his windshield.

"Kills two birds with one stone, my windshield never looked better," said Sharlec.

At night, Sharlec siphons gas from any remaining vehicles on campus before falling asleep in his car.

Sharlec has become a self-proclaimed expert on campus parking.

Spring is in, Mackworld is out Veteran columnist retires after six years at Torch

In the Torch paper it says today's forecast as April showers.

Finally, the May flowers and coming up. A moving truck plant will drink a lot of water, and the flowers will wilt.

I ate too many crackers and now I have too much sodium in my body. The woman has too much sodium in her body too. We'll have to start eating low sodium crackers.

All humans are the same being, man or woman. Be good to yourself, or you will get sick and not feel up to being a good journalist. My writing looks a lot

better on the screen, and that puts me in a better mood.

This is my last year at the Torch paper. I missed two tests, but I almost got a job at the grocery store.

In April I will be in a much better mood because my spirits will be up.

Right now, though, I am very unhappy because I am leaving the Torch.

I don't feel like eating because I am so sad. I have a lot of classes to go to. My last day will be Monday, March 28. Good bye, everyone. Always be careful. I will always feel like writing an essay, until my last pay day. I am unhappy that this is my last word in the Torch. Thank you for everything. Mackworld is off the air. April fools!



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OSPIRG protests everything

Campus covered in chalk graffiti, butcher paper signs

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This week students may find it hard to get into the Center Building without having to dislodge several signs from the doors first.

Due to a recent decision made by OSPIRG to hold a rally protesting everything, every available surface on campus has been covered in chalk drawings and signs.

"We felt that, overall, everything needs to be protested. We need to stop everyone from doing anything. People just don't realize that everything they do is environmentally unsafe, socially unjust and economically damaging," explained George McSchwalm, Vice President of Sidewalk Chalk

Purchasing.

"What we're really here to protest is air pollution. Air pollution and logging. And gingerbread cookies. We're here to protest air pollution, logging, gingerbread cookies; and cutting in line. Among other things," said an OSPIRG official who later asked to remain anonymous.

McSchwalm says that OSPIRG members spent almost 40 hours covering the sidewalks, buildings and planters on campus with sidewalk chalk messages detailing the list of atrocities they are protesting. Another team worked simultaneously to tear off, paint and distribute over 10,000 butcher paper signs.

"We're really hoping it doesn't rain anytime soon," McSchwalm said. Currently, the weather predictions do not include rain, but just to make sure, OSPIRG is holding an anti-rain dance in Bristow Square

on Wednesday, March 32. A number of its members will be protesting the event.

"We feel it is insulting to figments of the imagination to hold an event on a day that doesn't exist. The people need to know about this," said Happel Sydeer, long-time OSPIRG volunteer and local defender of imaginary rights. "We will also be protesting the spelling of Wednesday and grass longer than two inches."

OSPIRG is not planning on stopping its protest at the LCC campus.

"This is just the first step, see," said Vincent Charburd, an OSPIRG member and political activist in Eugene. "We're going to move out into the community as soon as the funding comes through for the rest of the chalk. We're hoping to cover every sidewalk in Eugene."

Charburd and a bevy of other

OSPIRG volunteers will be out in force during the coming weeks looking for signatures for a series of petitions. The petitions, which seek to ban anything from toxic waste to frogs, will be mailed out to politicians all over the world.

"There are several ways to get people to sign petitions. Our most favored method is staring at people until they give in. If we really need signatures we will stand around in groups and look pathetically hopeful. That usually works," Charburd said.

In the future, OSPIRG hopes to move on to protesting in other countries, and, if the opportunity should arise, possibly even in outer space.

"My cousin knows this guy whose sister's boyfriend's daughter's husband works for the accountant of a publicist who works in a building close to NASA," McSchwalm said. "It could totally happen. Does sidewalk

New art exhibit praised for creativity

Artists claim they never lost childish style

SUSAN BAKSTER VI
CHIEF COOK & BOTTLE WASHER

A revolutionary new art exhibit came to the LCC art gallery in Building 11 this week. The featured paintings are drawing praise from all over the world for their skill, imagination and content.

The two artists, who go by the aliases Space Cadet and Daisy, attended school at Julliard and have spent the last three years in London. They are twin sisters who say that most of their inspiration comes from their interactions.

"I like poking her [Daisy] with forks and coloring bottles purple," Space Cadet said when asked to describe her relationship with her sister. Daisy, who refused to comment in anything other than hand gestures and grunts, appeared to agree with her sister about coloring bottles purple.

Their artwork, a series entitled "Figures," was placed in the gallery in the light of the full moon. Daisy and Space Cadet insisted upon this as well as a few other conditions, including that the Figure pieces be glued to the wall with paste and that their finger paintings, all entitled "George," be mounted with magnets and displayed on the front of a refrigerator.

"We feel so privileged to have so much creative genius in one place," said Albert Bortson, Coordinator of Artistic Expression at LCC. "We had no clue as to the magnitude of the twins' abilities."

"Their work is invigorating, obscene, slightly fuzzy and outrageous," said renowned art critic Francis Snoote. Snoote appeared to be paying the art a compliment.

"It's as though they never lost that imagination and creativity that most children lose at twelve. Their drawings are so raw, so provocative, so involving," said Bortson. "You just can't believe these paintings are for real." Although the world art community agrees that the exhibit is one of the best ever seen, students at LCC seem to disagree.

"Does no one else notice that this stuff sucks? It looks like a bunch of kids drew some pictures and stuck them on the wall," said Peen Siell, a math major at LCC.

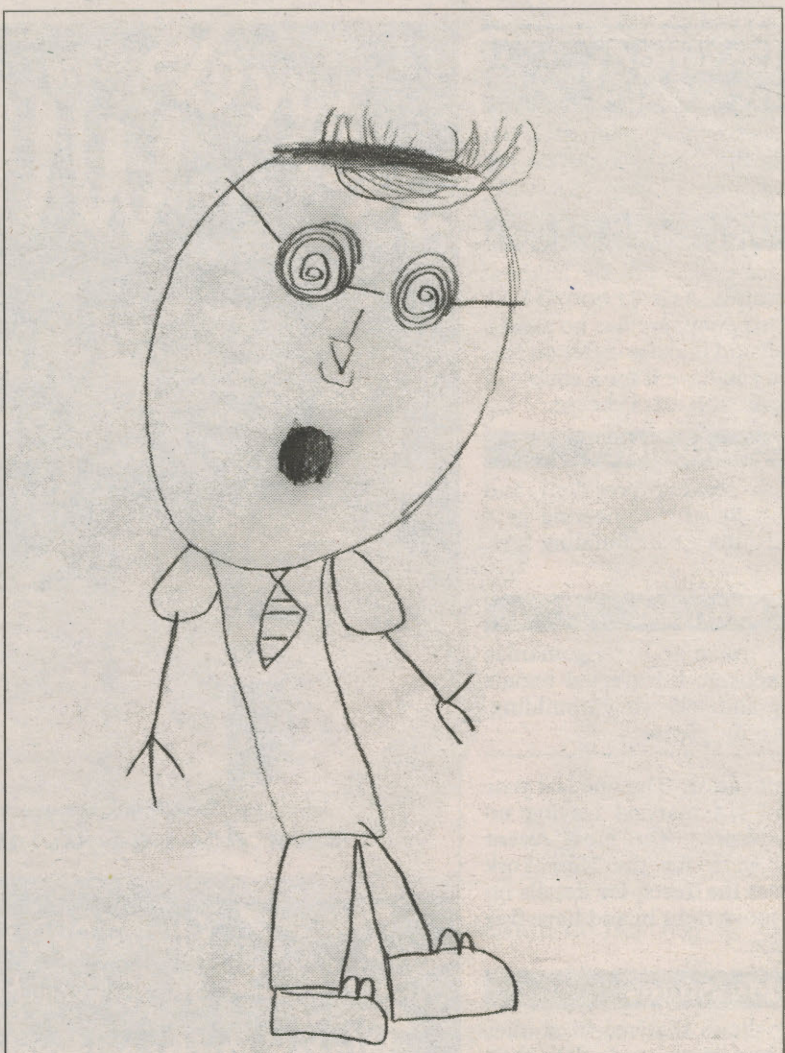
Siell, who supplied this quote while standing in the art gallery, was later found unconscious behind Building 11, covered in paste and purple ink.

"I don't know what happened. One minute I was doing some logarithmic equations, and then I heard some giggling, and then I blacked out. When I woke up I was like this," Siell said. Public Safety is investigating the matter.

Space Cadet and Daisy plan on taking their show on the road after the exhibit has completed its planned two-week run at LCC. They have already received invitations from the Smithsonian and the Louvre to display their work.

"I'm hungry. Can we eat? When can we eat? She just hit me! I didn't start it," said Space Cadet when questioned about how she and her sister are dealing with their sudden fame.

Upon further investigation it was discovered that, in fact, Daisy started it.



"Bilde von eine Kinde" (above) will appear at the LCC Art Gallery from March 23 to April 24. Space Cadet and Daisy will speak on April 7 from 12-12:05 p.m. and 1-2 p.m. (nap time from 12:05-1 p.m.)

4 How do you like working for The Torch?



Shawn Bakster
ROCKET SCIENCE

I loathe it more than you will ever know. Everyone can go to hell.



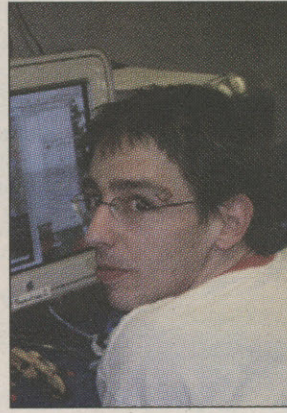
Heather Bakster
WATER WEAVING

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



Keri Cut-out
DUST COLLECTOR

I used to love it, but now I just feel like I am stuck here, going nowhere.



Matt Bakster Sr.
METH COOKING

I hate it, but my parole officer insists I have a job.



Susan Bakster VIII
CHEESE MAKING

I enjoy being the dictator, I mean Editor in Chief. It's a very important step in my quest for world domination.

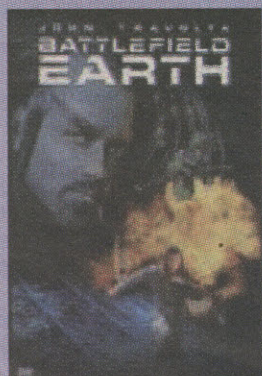
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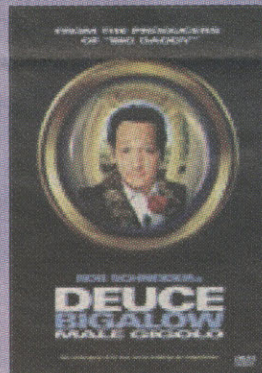


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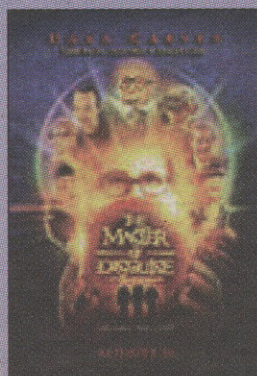
Battlefield Earth (2000)

This epic tale of a young man fighting for the survival of the human race against the powerful Psychlos is an instant classic that was not, unfortunately, recognized for the brilliant film it is when it first hit the box office. The acting from John Travolta is stellar, and the plotline, based off of Scientologist dogma, rivals that of Casablanca or even Saving Private Ryan.



Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo (1999)

One of the sterling classics written by and starring Rick Schneider, this is the lonesome tale of a man searching for love while temporarily filling in for a male gigolo. Soon, Schneider begins to realize the dehumanizing elements of his new profession in this profound picture about love, life, and doing what it takes not to get killed for ruining someone's fish tank.



The Master of Disguise (2002)

This spy-thriller reminds the watcher of the good old days when Bond flicks were actually good. Dana Carvey stars as a hunky waiter in an Italian restaurant who inherits the amazing ability to change his appearance into just about anything from his family. When his parents are brutally kidnapped, Carvey has to use his skills to save them from certain death. This touching film about the struggles of immigrants in the New World is sure to make the film history books.



Gigli (2003)

Pronounced Giggly, this film explores the brutality of working for the Mafia and the struggles of one homosexual woman (Jennifer Lopez) to resist the charms of an emotionally shut off, unintelligent, and boring hit man (Ben Affleck). The plot is so likely and believable it's hard to think that no one thought of it before now, and the on-screen chemistry of that adorable pair, Lopez and Affleck, makes this movie a must see for all ages.

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Wanted

Overbearing maniacal egomaniac seeking soft spoken, introverted female for friendship and self-esteem building. Non-smokers only, please.

Looking for an editor. The one last year ran away and got married leaving no forwarding address. The most recent one went to work for the New York Times. Contact the Torch for details on how you can move right in and have free Domino's Pizza.

Messages

Recent study shows that recent studies have greater impact on study data than past studies. Future data also brought into question.

Squirrels gone
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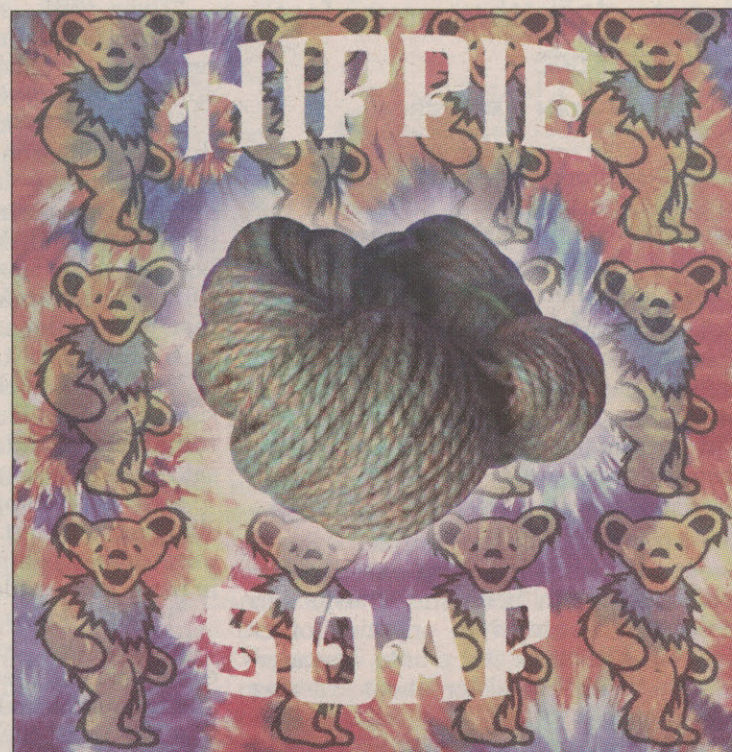


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