

# Political firebrand invokes Dr. King



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**Nina Turner speaks about** Our Revolution's vision during a keynote speech in honor of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in The Center for Meeting and Learning on Lane's main campus.



**Nina Turner  
calls for community  
activism in MLK  
celebration speech**

MAREK BELKA  
REPORTER

Greg Evans, director of African-American student programs at Lane, calls her "a woman who inspires action." Matt Keating, a member of the Lane Board of Education, calls her "a champion of labor and women's health rights." She is president of the political action committee Our Revolution, as well as a former Ohio state senator, Cleveland city councilwoman and college professor.

But Nina Turner has never believed her own hype.

As the keynote speaker at Lane's annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration on Jan. 17, Turner gave a speech honoring the legacy of Dr. King. Over 200 people turned out to the event, which was held in the Konnie Conference Center at the Center for Meeting and Learning on campus. The speech, which lasted just over an hour and got numerous standing ovations also touched on the importance of greater access to higher education and community activism.

After being greeted by a thunderous standing ovation, Turner began her speech by praising Lane President Margaret Hamilton for her commitment to the tenets of "access, equality and inclusion" at the college. Turner shared her own experiences as a student at Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, Ohio, where she initially struggled academically.

"I had a negative GPA at one point," Turner recalled during her speech. "But I came full circle and eventually became the first member of my family to get a degree. I am living testimony to the effect of community college."

Turner also reflected on her experience at Cuyahoga Community College in an interview with The Torch after her speech.

"It wasn't until I joined a speech club at Tri-C that I began to develop my speaking style," Turner said. "I also wrote for the school paper, The Mosaic, and eventually became the editor, which gave me a hunger for justice and the truth."

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support of Measure 101..."**

-Nina Turner

Equality, social justice and oppression were prevailing themes throughout the evening. During her speech, Turner called on the audience to understand that the fight for equality is not over. She cited the ongoing water crisis in Flint, Michigan as evidence of the continuing oppression of African-American communities that Dr. King fought to overcome. She drew parallels between the Rev. King's views on injustice in healthcare and the current state of healthcare in the country.

"If Dr. King were alive today, I believe he would stand in support of Measure 101," Turner said, to which the crowd exploded with cheers and applause.

When asked about how the message of Dr. King aligns

with the goals of Our Revolution, Turner responded excitedly.

"Our Revolution absolutely carries on King's legacy. We fight against income inequality, we support Medicaid-for-all, and we are bringing to life the grassroots of America. These are all things Rev. King fought and died for, so we are continuing his fight."

The audience responded positively to Turner's energy and enthusiasm, especially as she descended from the stage and marched through the aisles. Her motivational speaking skills were on display as she repeatedly encouraged the crowd to make their voices heard in the community.

"We want an America as good as its promise!" Turner exclaimed to another round of applause.

Turner concluded her speech with a call to action for those in attendance. "We can't just tweet support anymore," Turner said. "There's been enough talk, it's time for action." Those words had barely left her mouth before she was given another generous standing ovation. Audience members took this message of love and activism to heart.

"That was one of the most moving speeches I've heard in years," said Rebëcca Bradvica, a Eugene resident, in the lobby outside the Konnie Conference Center. "I was in tears."

"She's such a great speaker," added Michael Brennan, who is in Eugene to work on a political campaign. "Her speeches remind me of Dr. King himself."

After her speech, Turner held a short Q&A with audience members, many of whom raced to the two microphones to seize the opportunity to be the first to ask the question on everyone's mind.

"Will you be running for office in 2020?"

According to Turner, she currently has no plans to run for public office.



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# Senator Wyden holds town hall at Lane

*Statesman addresses environment, Russia probe, and other topics*



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Senator Ron Wyden held a town hall meeting on Friday, Jan. 12 where over 100 community members gathered to speak with the Senator in Lane Community College's Center for Meeting and Learning. While there were a few attendees who seemed unhappy, the overall reception was positive with cheers and applause after most things the senator said.

The event started off contentiously with one man accusing Wyden of forgetting about veterans. This led to a back and forth between the two men where they touched on a range of topics from the senator not working with the president to pharmaceuticals. Eventually, the man stated, "Sanctuary cities are the cause of the opiate problem." He was then booed by the crowd and promptly left.

The main topic of discussion was the Jordan Cove Pipeline. The project will create a 200+ mile pipeline which will be used to transport natural gas from Malin, OR. to Coos Bay, OR.

The project itself is very controversial, with some people arguing that it will cause environmental damage, eminent domain problems and safety concerns, while others say that it will create jobs and boost the economy. The pipeline was brought up three times over the night to which Wyden said "If there's one thing I know, you all are persistent."

The second most discussed topic was Russia's interference with the 2016 election. "Number one, if there is any effort to interfere with Bob Mueller and his charge, this is going to, in my view, trigger a constitutional crisis," Senator Wyden said. "Number two, as long as I am Oregon's guy on the Senate Intelligence Committee, this matter is going the distance. It is



photo by Annie Smith / photojournalist

**People listen intently as Ron Wyden** speaks about the harmful impact of instances of violence and hatred during a town hall meeting on Lane's main campus.

not going to be swept under the rug."

Many other topics were covered over the course of the evening including social programs for Oregonians in need, hate crimes being on the rise and the president's declaration of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

After the meeting ended, Wyden addressed the rise of hate groups at University of Oregon and LCC leaving some students and community members feeling unsafe, "I'm seeing it everywhere we go and we have got to beef up our outreach and effort to welcome people who are just seeking their legal rights against the far-right."

Wyden also recently held town halls in Tillamook, Astoria and Scappoose.

## Citizen groups propose spray ban



*Fight to ban aerial herbicides heats up ahead of special election*

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REPORTER

The fight to ban aerial herbicide spraying in Lane County continued at the Board of County Commissioners meeting on Jan. 9. Dozens of impassioned citizens turned out to express support for the long-contested bill and condemn the board for their inaction on the issue.

The initiative, known as the "Lane County Freedom from Aerial Spraying of Herbicides Bill of Rights," would ban all spraying of aerial herbicides on timber forests within Lane County. Despite public support for the initiative, it has faced several challenges on its path to the ballot.

The initiative was drafted by the Freedom from Aerial Herbicides Alliance, and gathered the required petition signatures in Oct. 2017. However, it was quickly blocked by the county because of a separate vote requirement, which demands that all initiatives focus on one issue.

"That requirement is one that's only before been applied to state constitutional amendments. Never in my knowledge been applied to a local, county initiative," Rob Dickinson, a member of FAHA who helped draft the initiative said, "and we think they're wrong."

Another challenge the initiative faces is the pushback from timber companies in Lane County that use aerial herbicides to control unwanted plant growth on forest clearcuts. Timber companies can spray their vast tracts of land in a fraction of the time using helicopters and planes, keeping costs down.

"It's one thing to spray herbicides on flat farmland, where you can fly low, spray, and have relatively little drift, but another to spray on rugged terrain like the Coast Range," says a forestry expert at Oregon State University, on condition of anonymity. "When you spray from 1000, 2000 feet, however, most of those herbicides aren't going where you want them to, and that's how contamination occurs."

It's this contamination that most Lane County citizens are concerned about. Carol Scheer, who attended the Jan. 9 meeting, called aerial herbicide spraying "Eugene's Flint, Michigan."

Representatives from Weyerhaeuser and Seneca Jones Timber Company did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

If the board agrees to refer this initiative to the ballot, Lane County residents will have the opportunity to vote on the ban in the May special election.

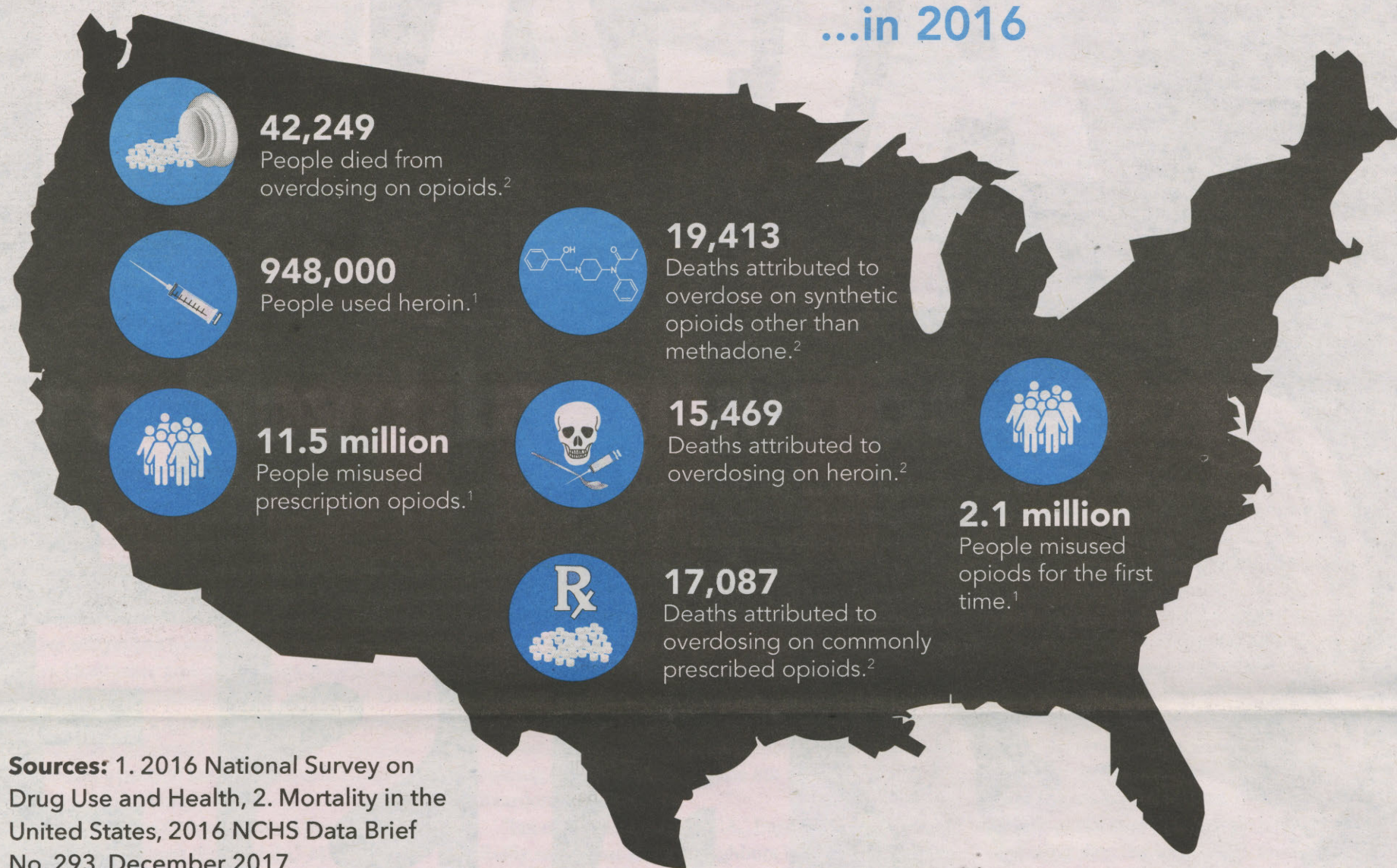


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# New opioids complicate crisis

## The Opioid Epidemic In The U.S.

...in 2016



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### Synthetic opiates linked to increasing overdoses

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On November 7, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention published an article detailing the findings of a study that uses toxicological evidence to test the heroin found at overdose scenes across ten states. The study found that Fentanyl, an opioid that is often 10 times stronger than heroin, was found in over fifty percent of the heroin tested.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, roughly 90 Americans die from opiate overdoses every day.

Lane Community College counselor Mark Harris, who acts as the coordinator for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Recovery Center, isn't surprised by the uptick in opioid-related deaths.

"I'd say the majority of the people I talk to struggle with opiate addiction. But it switches between meth and heroin," Harris said.

"So far, that I know of, nobody has ever overdosed on LCC property. Not yet, at least."

Harris has a sharps container for dirty needles in his office at all times. The custodians and janitorial staff have grown accustomed to finding used needles littered about the bathroom and surrounding bushes near the bus stops.

Lane County Chief Deputy District Attorney Erik Hasselman says that while opiates have remained an increased concern among law enforcement, the detection of synthetic opioids such as Fentanyl has remained difficult.

"As a prosecutor, we've seen a few Fentanyl possession cases come in, but a lot of times it's taking us months and months to get lab results, so often-times we're a little behind

on the curve," Hasselman said.

In January of 2018, the toxicology report from an overdose back in August revealed Lane County's first encounter with a synthetic derivative of Fentanyl called Cyclopropyl.

"We got our first case of these Fentanyl offshoots this month," Hasselman said. "From what I understand, the person taking it didn't think it was Fentanyl. They thought it was something else."

Back in November, 2017 the United States Drug Enforcement Agency published a temporary order to place Cyclopropyl Fentanyl in the same categories as meth and heroin. The change officially makes Fentanyl a Schedule 1 drug, with no medical use.

According to Hasselman and statistics kept by the medical examiner's office, in 2016 Lane County had 57 fatal drug overdoses. Of those 57, three had Fentanyl in combination with other drugs in their systems and one person had only Fentanyl present.

Marc Douthit, Program Manager for Eugene's Buckley Detox Center, says that in 2014, Buckley only admitted opiate addicts three days a week. Since then, it's changed to five full days of admissions.

"Opiate detoxes make up the bulk of our business. I'd venture to say that some months, 70 to 80 percent of our admissions are here for opiates," Douthit said.

Douthit admits that it's tough to gauge the amount of Fentanyl users coming into the facility. The 12-panel drug tests given to new admissions don't test for synthetic opiates like Fentanyl. And with Fentanyl increasingly being used as a cutting agent for street heroin, a lot of users may not know that they're even taking it.

"We don't do a Fentanyl specific screening and I'd venture to say that most treatment centers in Lane County don't either," Douthit said. "We don't get a large volume of Fentanyl only users, and it's tough to know what's exactly in the heroin our patients have been consuming."

Breanna Tupper is a current Lane Community College student and recovering heroin addict who helped bring meetings of Heroin Anonymous to Lane County in May 2016.

"I think that heroin and opiate addiction is a widespread epidemic that not only destroys the lives of the people addicted, but also the family members and friends that surround them," Tupper said.

Tupper is among a small group of individuals who bring HA meetings into local jails and detox facilities.

"Finding a constructive community of recovering addicts is vital to finding a way out of isolation and hopelessness," Tupper said.

Tupper, who has over two years clean from opiates, is currently studying psychology with an interest in becoming a marriage and family counselor.

As the nation attempts to address the rising number of opioid-related deaths, certain counties have taken a harm reduction approach to addiction. Lyndsie Leech, the development director for Eugene's needle exchange program through the HIV Alliance, believes in treating addicts with compassion.

"Our harm reduction philosophy is that we are not judgemental. We try and empathize with each individual that comes through our doors," Leech said.

According to the North American Syringe Exchange Network, as of 2015 there are about 200 needle exchange programs across 33 states.

"Studies have shown that needle exchange programs reduce the likelihood of spreading diseases through sharing needles," Leech said.

Leech says that they also offer support groups and meal assistance for people experiencing homelessness and addiction-related issues.

"We try to build a sense of community without the need for opiates and other substances. However, we know that drug use exists, and that's where harm reduction comes into play," Leech said.



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# AGAIN THEY RISE

Second women's  
march rallies for  
votes and activism

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photo by Annie Smith / photojournalist

**Damini Branen leads a** chant of, "Show me what democracy looks like," at the end of the Women's March for Action in downtown Eugene.

Lane County women and their supporters gathered at the Wayne Morse United States Courthouse in downtown Eugene on Saturday, Jan. 20 for a second annual protest march, called the Women's March for Action.

Indivisible Eugene, the group organizing the march, planned the pre-march rally, the march route and the post-march entertainment with the theme, "Power to the Polls." The rally featured local leaders including NAACP Program Coordinator Brittany Judson, Field Director for Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon Nichi Masters Linder, Oregon State Representative Julie Fahey, and Oregon Congressman Peter Defazio.

Rough estimates from the Women's March for Action Facebook page say between 5000 and 7000 people marched.

March organizer Lin Woodrich explained the positive shift in focus from last year's march.

"This year, a sense of national dread is being replaced with a national sense of

optimism that the pendulum is swinging back toward democracy, civility, fairness and decency," Woodrich said.

Speakers at the rally reflected on successes of people working together to bring political change. Linder talked about being overwhelmed after the Nov. 2016 election, then being encouraged by the support from her community.

"Since day one, this administration has been attacking women's health and rights, and now they're putting decades of progress for women in their crosshairs," Woodrich said, "Fortunately, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Oregon and our supporters are resisting and persisting. We helped to defeat Trumpcare, which is the worst bill for women in a generation! We helped to pass Oregon's Reproductive Health Equity Act, the nation's most progressive reproductive healthcare policy!"

Along with the "Power to the Polls" theme, the organizers hoped to encourage voting and participation in government and community. "We vote, we win!" was one



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photo by Annie Smith / photojournalist

**Demonstrators with signs** gather outside the Federal Courthouse in downtown Eugene to hear people speak during the Women's March for Action on Saturday.

of the chants at the march.

Rep. Defazio noted how people showed up to stop the Muslim ban and confronted sexual harassment with the #MeToo movement, and he encouraged people to continue working.

"In the year ahead, with women continuing to lead the way, we will protect a woman's right to choose; fund Children's Healthcare and community health centers; create a path to citizenship and the American Dream for 800,000 Dreamers; and organize a wave movement to take back the Congress!" Defazio said.

Jessica Miller, a political science major at LCC, marched with concerns about human rights.

"Anybody can make their voice heard by voting. That's the most important thing they can do," Miller said.

While voting and political action were overarching themes, numerous political issues brought people to the march. Many were there to protest policies and efforts by the federal government and President Donald Trump to

affect environmental policy, health care policy, education systems and LGBTQ+ rights. Hundreds of signs poked up from the crowd of thousands of people.

Kathy Reardon, a resident of Eugene for over 16 years, not only had a sign with a picture of the earth and the words, "Plastic, Plastic, Everywhere," but also wore plastic trash on her hat and all over her jacket. A large sign on her back said, "One week's worth of trash." She was concerned about how the large amounts of plastic produced by people were damaging the Earth.

"For all the children of the world and those that are coming after, we need to figure out what to do with it," Reardon said.

"I'm concerned about DACA," Eugene resident Carleen Reilly said. "Our Latino neighbors have been in limbo for so many years. We can't separate families. We white people need to accept all people as human beings. We have our views broadened by immigrants."

"I'm here to resist everything Trump does," Lane

County resident Becky Northrop said. "There are a lot more people here than at other protests I've been to. People want to make America a democracy again, make America nice again. I like that this protest has people of all ages."

This year, Woodrich made a few changes to make the march more organized and accessible. Congressman Peter Defazio provided professional sound equipment so the rally speakers reached more ears. Spanish translations and ASL interpretations were provided. Soromundi Lesbian Choir, Rise!Dance!Resist!, the Raging Grannies and Cross Current performed after the march at Whirled Pies. Samba Ja Drumming Group performed in the street in front of the building, inspiring dancing and conga lines among the march participants.

"People standing up for themselves and others will make the change," said University of Oregon student Marin Nagle.

# 'Indivisible made us invisible'

**Activist coalition marches for greater visibility**

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REPORTER



A coalition of activists held a silent march during the Women's March for Action on Jan. 20 to protest the exclusion of transgender women and people of color from the planning of the march.

The march was led by the Lane Community Defense Network, which describes itself as "an intersectional network organizing with our community against Nazi aggression." Several groups marched in support, including members of the Eugene chapter of the Democratic Socialists of America.

The coalition's protest centered around their claim that Indivisible Eugene, the organizing body of the Women's March for Action, lacks representation of transgender women and women of color. A banner carried by members of the group during their march read: "Women of color and trans women were excluded from the planning of this event but are expected to do the emotional work. This is not an inclusive event. Shame on Indivisible Eugene."

Members of LCDN declined to comment for this article. However, a statement posted on Facebook after the march criticized Indivisible Eugene for allowing "eurocentric and transphobic attitudes to become forefront in their political organizing."

They also criticized the decision to have Rep. Peter Defazio speak at the rally, citing his support of Kate's Law, which increases penalties for undocumented immigrants who re-enter the U.S. During Defazio's speech, members of LCDN could be heard shouting

"DeFazio doesn't support undocumented women!"

Indivisible Eugene addressed the criticism in an email to The Torch.

"While Indivisible Eugene's intention was to be inclusive and to honor our allies of color, LGBTQ+ communities, and intersecting members of both communities, our process did not entirely carry out that intention, although we have had a lot of affirmation from vulnerable individuals and groups for their experience of the rally and march. We realize that reaching out to the person who raised the issue in seeking a speaker and ASL interpreter was tokenizing."

Indivisible Eugene also aims to "welcome input, interaction, and participation from people of all backgrounds, and look forward to finding ways in the coming year of supporting each other in our social justice work and resistance to the oppression of the current administration."

Although LCDN's march was attended by roughly two dozen people, it did not prevent them from attracting attention. At the end of the march, the coalition broke their silence with a sustained chant of "Indivisible made us invisible." They were confronted during their chant several times by attendees of the main march, many of whom expressed dismay at the timing of the group's messaging.

"I understand where they're coming from, but this is neither the time nor the place to voice your concerns," Leslie Goodwaithe, a marcher waving a rainbow flag, said. "Today, we're all women, and we should all stand together."

Others were more understanding of the group's message.

"I think it's great," said Perry Bream, who used his truck as a loudspeaker during the rally. "The opportunities are few to get your message out to a mass audience, and days like today create a Niagara Falls of protest feelings."

Despite the criticism, the LCDN's statement expressed hope "for a more inclusive, less eurocentric women's march in the coming years."



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# Enamored by glamor



## All-ages drag show held in downtown Eugene

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On the evening of Jan. 14, an all-ages drag show called the Glamateur Hour was held at the Wayward Lamb in downtown Eugene. About 30 to 40 people crowded into the lounge room throughout the performances. The chairs scattered throughout the room were quickly filled, leaving most of the visitors standing or dancing to the music.

Purple, pink and blue lights leaped off of the disco ball hanging from the ceiling, illuminating different areas of the lounge room and its variety of attendees. As visitors, from infants to the elderly, trickled into the room, pulsing music and cheerful chatter blended into a single, energetic, unintelligible din of noises. Strangers struck conversations with each other and parents held their babies as they waited for the drag performances to commence.

Andrea Herrera and Kat Herrera, a queer couple who attended the event with their young child, valued and practiced "gender-creative parenting," giving their child the opportunity to grow up with options as to their gender identity and expression. They found solidarity at drag performances like Glamateur Hour, they said.

Theresa Bleisch attended the event for her daughter, Victoria, one of the teen performers that night. To Bleisch, events like Glamateur Hour are especially important "because everyone supports each other." After taking

medication to cope with her anxiety, Victoria was encouraged to participate in more activities, including drag performances, Bleisch said.

The first performance was carried out by Cookie Glacier, whose purple dress matched her eyeshadow and whose sparkling silver bow glittered in the lounge's flashing lights. Her long brown hair swayed as she danced and lip-synced to upbeat music. Her colorful makeup and clothing, combined with her charismatic energy, transformed the audience's thrill into claps and cheers. Some stretched out their arms and offered dollar bills to the performer, who gracefully accepted them while mouthing song lyrics directly to their grinning faces.

Various performers followed Cookie Glacier, each one

**"...Drag performances  
are more of an achievement  
than a contest."**

-Freyja Valkyrie

with a shared passion but a unique aura. Even the music, from Katy Perry's "Roar" to David Bowie's "Lady Stardust," projected different styles, themes and eras.

Babe, who wore a short, brown wig and black dress, was soon followed by Sassy Hero, who donned a cowboy hat, plaid shirt and a silver chain that hung from a pair of jeans and bounced to the rhythm of the music. 17-year-old Mai Flowers' artfully blended pink contours, crisp eyeliner, long eyelashes and glittery eyeshadow, combined with her

floral skirt, backless top, red lipstick and wig hinted at a doll-like character with both a delicate and an assertive persona. One of the last drag performers to take the stage was 7-year-old Del Taco Rio, who wore her hair in a high ponytail with a subtle pink tint. She gently spun and sang along to a cover of John Legend's "All of Me," taking dollar bills from outstretched arms before handing them to an adult in the audience.

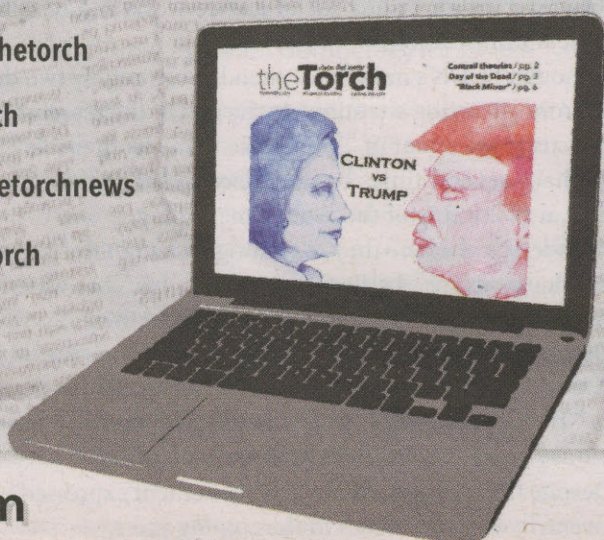
Each drag performer took complete control of the room, captivating the audience and making the stage their own, but a message of community and support remained at the center of their work.

Performer Freyja Valkyrie, who wore a sparkling black dress with matching heels, said that events like Glamateur Hour attract her because they do not revolve around competition but, rather, support from fellow drag queens and kings. These events are different from the beauty pageants that played a significant role in sparking her interest in drag. Drag performances are "more of an achievement than a contest," she said.

Nicky Serene, drag performer and host of Glamateur Hour, ended the show in a long wig, fierce makeup and a silver-sequined dress lined with black feathers at the bottom. Her goals as a drag performer lie beyond goals for herself. Young, aspiring drag performers who are not of age to perform in bars often turn to online outlets to express their art, but "the Internet is not always a safe place" for young performers in need of encouragement, she said. Shows like Glamateur Hour are especially important, she added, because they give drag performers who are not yet 21 the chance to display their talents in an uplifting environment.

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# Chef's got jokes



**Lane cook  
reflects on his  
year on the line**

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Just another day in the Titan Food Court, where silverware clinks and students study while enjoying their meals. On the other side of the counter is Tim Hannigan.

Hannigan, head chef at Campus Burgers as well as New Leaf and Lime Fresh stations in the food court, is known around campus as a goofball. Born and raised in Springfield, when it was just a small logging town, Tim has always believed in providing great food and even better service.

"I started as a dishwasher when I was 16 and I have been doing it since. I've gone from place to place learning what I can and getting the most of everything. I have never gone to culinary school, but it is something that I love to do," Hannigan said.

Hannigan was working at Wild Duck catering in Eugene when a co-worker, Mat Kline, the former dean of the culinary program at Lane, called and offered him a job at Lane. Hannigan had worked with Kline in Arizona but had not heard from



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**Hannigan** shows passion for his job and even more for the students.

him for over a decade before he received the phone call.

"I had not heard from Mat in over twelve years, so to get that phone call," Hannigan said. "The funny thing is he had been a line cook for me when I was a sous chef in Arizona, so I had been his boss. I guess it's just one of those things I've kind of always tried to do is leave a good lasting impression on whoever because you never know what's going to happen."

"It was a great opportunity," Hannigan said about his job at Lane. "It's a great job to

have and I love being around people. I love the interactions and I love to have fun and it seemed like a good place to do it. I like to brighten people's day here, especially in an environment like this where it is stressful for students. They have a lot going on and if I can bring a smile to someone's face, then I have done right."

Many of Hannigan's co-workers say how much fun it is to work with him.

"Everyday he starts with a smile. As long as you know Tim is here, you know you are going to have a good time," said

his co-worker Robert Toler, a chef at Lime Fresh, who met Hannigan six years ago when Hannigan was working at Wild Duck Catering. "Work goes by so much smoother when he is around. He puts a smile in everybody's heart. He works incredibly hard and expects nothing less from you. He is just a real down-to-earth kind of guy."

"He has always been good at entertaining. When he sees people having a bad day, he will go out of his way to make them smile. I've known Tim for a long time and he and I joke around all the time. He is a jokester, but he also knows when to be professional and does his job very well," co-worker Jason Taylor said.

"Tim tends to bring a lot of happiness to everyone's day. He make everybody smile, makes them feel good about themselves and he jokes around with you. He is just a great guy," Kaitlin, a music major at Lane, who knows Hannigan on a personal level, said.

Hannigan will have worked at Lane for a year in February, and in that time he has made a lasting impression on the students and staff that have come to know him. When some students did not have enough money for their meals, he said, he sometimes would put in the rest. In fact, he does this as often as he can. He says he tries to utilize the food instead of throwing it in the recycle bin. "It would be better served for the students," he said.

## Flu outbreaks continue to affect Lane County



**Health experts cautious  
about new strain**

**McKENZY GAUSNELL**  
REPORTER

Every year influenza affects hundreds of people in Lane County. However, the flu has caused two deaths this season, according to the Lane County Health Department. The two victims were adults, one a resident at an assisted living facility and the other a 36-year-old woman in Springfield.

In the past two weeks, the Oregon Public Health Division has recorded a total of 361 flu-related hospitalizations, 153 last week. There may be more to come with 31 reported outbreaks this week across the state.

Even though fatal cases this year are lower in comparison to last year, there is a new strain emerging this season. Dr. Patrick Luedtke at Lane County Public Health warns that the H3N2 flu strain has affected 46 states already. Even with the flu shot, this new strain is only partially covered. Luedtke reports that Oregon is one of the four

states that the new strain has not affected. The H1N1 strain is the main player in this year's flu season so far. With a potential new threat to the community, residents are on high alert to remain healthy this flu season.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Dr. Brenda Fitzgerald reports in a media release, "So far this season, influenza A, H3N2, has been the most common form of influenza. These viruses are often linked to more severe illness, especially among children and people age 65 and older. When H3 viruses are predominant, we tend to have a worse flu season with more hospitalizations and more deaths."

The CDC website also lists common flu symptoms: fever or feeling hot/cold, cough, sore throat, runny nose, body aches, headaches, fatigue, vomiting or diarrhea. In extreme cases, they advise that anyone experiencing difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, pain or pressure in their chest or abdomen, sudden dizziness or confusion, severe or persistent vomiting, symptoms that improve but then return with a fever and cough to receive emergency medical attention.

As the flu circulates around the county, Lane students attempt to avoid illness to keep up with the new term.

While many students have been successful at staying flu-free so far this term, some students haven't been as fortunate.

Ryan Downey, a sophomore at Lane, started off winter term with the flu.

"I woke up one morning with a little bit of a sore throat, the next morning I had a really bad headache and light sensitivity and muscle aches," he said. "The next day I had a really bad sore throat and my neck was swollen. I went to Urgent Care and tested positive for Influenza B and prescribed an antiviral that soothed the symptoms."

Downey added, "Since I missed the first day of winter term, I've been playing a little bit of catch-up. Fortunately, I didn't catch it midterm because I would have missed more school and classes are more vigorous by that time."

The Lane Health Clinic recommends that students frequently wash their hands and get the flu shot to avoid contracting the virus. The health clinic offers flu shots to anyone who hasn't received one yet for a fee. If someone has already come down with the flu, the clinic urges students to stay home for at least 24 hours after a fever to hydrate and rest.

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## SPORTS

## Cougars pounce on Titans



*Lane drops back-to-back games for first time this season*

NOAH NOTEBOOM  
REPORTER

Lane came into Saturday's game against Clackamas losing in overtime to Southwestern Oregon Community College in Coos Bay on Jan. 10. Lane hasn't lost two games in a row all season.

"That was a tough one. I think regrouping is the theme of the day," said Lane head coach Bruce Chavka on Saturday night's loss.

In the first half, the Cougars had the advantage in the height department, which forced Lane to rely on their outside shooting. Sophomore returner, Patrick Goodard came off the bench and provided that shooting. Goodard converted five of his seven attempts from behind the arc.

Lane point guard Tre' Var Holland got ahead of the defense and converted on the other end with an and-one play. Which tied the game at 38 with less than five minutes to go in the first half.

"Last shot, last shot!" chanted the Lane bench telling their teammates to get the last shot of the half.

The ball movement opened up Kieron Goodwin alone on the wing with a larger, slower defender on him. He made his move and spun around the defender in the post and sunk a tough layup. That bucket gave the Titans a slim 50-48 advantage going into halftime. Goodard led all scorers at halftime with 14, followed by Keaton McKay who contributed 11 and Goodwin with 9.

At the start after halftime, both teams switched to a zone defense, hoping to slow the other team down. To begin the half it was all Lane, who scored seven straight points, but their lead was short-lived.

Isaiah Gentry, forward for the Cougars, caught fire and hit six 3-pointers in the second half. That gave Clackamas momentum who took an eight-point lead with 11 minutes remaining.

Down the stretch, the Titans struggled to get rebounds and defend the Clackamas offense. The Titans fell by a score of 100-96 and conceded their second straight game.

This game featured four different Titans who played 34+ minutes. Goodwin who played the entire game scored 27 points and grabbed five rebounds. Lane center Kylor Kelley had 11 points to go along with 11 rebounds and three blocks. Holland had 15 points to go along with 8 assists. Goodard provided scoring off the bench with 18 points and three rebounds.

Lane plays last-place Mt. Hood on Jan. 20 who are winless through three conference games. The Titans will look to break the three-way tie between Linn-Benton and SW Oregon for third place in the Southern Region standings.



Titans point guard Tre'var Holland goes in for a shot against Mount Hood Saints, and is blocked by Saints guard and forward Ryan Wheat.

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Titans guard Amber Lease blocks out a Mt. Hood guard from getting the rebound after another Saints guard misses a shot. Lease attended high school in Klamath Falls before coming to Lane.

## Advance in standings

*Lane beats Mt. Hood by a score of 74-52*

NOAH NOTEBOOM  
REPORTER

The Lane Titans women's basketball team took on Mt. Hood Community College in the first game of a double-header which also featured the men's team. The Lane women came into Saturday losing their first and only game at home this season when they fell to Clackamas Community College.

Lane head coach Greg Sheley, 5-time NWAC Champion, decided to try a different approach to the game this weekend.

"We're going to start a smaller, more athletic lineup and then bring in our size and strength," Sheley said.

The strategy seemed to work for Sheley and the Titans as they started the game on a 12-2 scoring outburst. But the defensive pressure was what Sheley was most pleased with.

"The first half was very exciting; I thought it was really well," Sheley said in praise of his team's energy on defense.

Freshman guard Megan Stills hit two 3-pointers on back-to-back possessions for the Titans.

With 24 seconds remaining, Sheley called a timeout

to set up a play for the last shot of the first quarter. Taelli Carrillo managed to get off an open 3-pointer but couldn't sink the shot as the first quarter buzzer sounded.

Despite the missed shot, the Titans had a 25-7 advantage heading into the second quarter. The Saints and Titans traded baskets for most of the second quarter, but Lane still managed to increase their lead, 47-23 at halftime.

Lane continued to put the pressure on, forcing 30 Mt. Hood turnovers. The Titans scored 26 of their points off turnovers, while Mt. Hood only scored four points off Titan turnovers.

Carrier, a 5'11" sophomore, was able to use her height advantage to create a mismatch in the post area and tried to make a move. Another MHCC defender came in to help but instead fouled Carrier and sent her to the free-throw line to try and extend the Lane lead to 30. Carrier missed one and made one, which gave the Titans a comfortable 29-point lead.

Coming into the fourth quarter Lane sharpshooter, Carrillo, had yet to make a 3-pointer. She continued to shoot after missing her previous attempts and sank two three pointers. Carrillo has made at least two 3-pointers in 15 of the 17 games she has played this year.

The Titans coasted to a 74-52 win against Mt. Hood. Lane is now third in the Southern Region standings behind Umpqua and Clackamas who have won five straight conference games. Lane will play at Linn-Benton on Wed. Jan. 24, then they are back home for a matchup with Portland Community College on Saturday Jan. 27.