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WHAT A CATCH

When the City of Eugene needed art to go with the new bike bridge over the Delta Ponds wetlands, art instructor Lee Imonen was more than happy to oblige.



STORY BY MIKE PARTEE • PHOTOGRAPHY BY JAVIER MAGALLANES

It stands 30 feet high and on a sunny day the shimmering scales attached to the stainless steel netting draw the eye of passing motorists on the nearby highway.

Faculty instructor Lee Imonen's "Bountiful" is a series of poles jutting from the ground meant to symbolize the corral used by Native Americans to catch fish and lead them into their nets. The crimson array stands near the entrance to the new bicycle bridge in the Delta Ponds wetlands. ■ SEE ART » 8

PUBLIC SAFETY

Recent vehicle burglaries have campus on alert

By WARREN HOLLINSHEAD • Reporter

Remember those new textbooks that just drained your financial aid? Those could be someone else's to return if they're left sitting in plain view inside your car.

A series of vehicle burglaries struck in various parking lots last week on campus. In one week, three different incidents were reported to Public Safety. Department officials ask students and staff to keep an eye open for any suspicious activity. With campus parking lots consistently full in the mornings, some thieves see the college as an easy opportunity to make a quick buck.

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Think About It — Do you feel that your stuff is safe on campus?



"I don't have a lot. But I heard that a guy picked up a bag in the restroom and some students chased him down."

— Kevin Sailors, undecided

Man behind the camera suspended

Garrett: Solicitation of explicit photos not 'safe and welcoming'

By BRETT STANLEY • News Editor

The predatory pornographer spotted on the college campus in past weeks has been suspended by college officials.

The man responsible, who may not be named due to a provision in the college's disciplinary policy, for soliciting nude and explicit photos will not be allowed back at the college until Fall term 2012, according to Dean of Student Affairs Helen Garrett.

Previously, the man had asked two female students to accompany him back to a "garage or storage area," and pose for explicit photos, according to Public Safety Manager Jace Smith.

Though there was no violation of the law or college policy, the college does have a mission of providing a "safe and welcoming environment."

"Is there any policy that says someone can't ask to take your picture? No," Garrett said. "Approaching students and asking to take explicit photographs is not endorsing a safe and welcoming environment."

The student code of conduct and disciplinary procedures were followed after the man was identified and subsequently suspended for violating that mission, Garrett said.

A Lane Alert was sent Jan. 13 to students to notify of the suspicious man.

According to Smith, anyone approached, solicited, or asked to leave campus in a similar way, should immediately contact Public Safety.

"They should not go with them," Smith said. "If [a student] feels like they're being followed, they should go to a public place with lots of people in it."

Trumpeting harmoniously



EUGENE JOHNSON / THE TORCH

The Pleasant Hill High School Band performs to a sold-out house at the Oregon Jazz Festival in the college's Performance Hall last Saturday night. "That was probably the best jazz festival we've had," John Watson, Performing Arts marketing and house manager, said.

ON CAMPUS

Preview Night to 'alleviate confusing college woes'

Organizer hopes 2,000 prospective students will attend Feb. 2 event

By **KELLY POWELL** • Reporter

The gymnasium in Building 5 will be abuzz with prospective students when Lane Preview Night celebrates its sixth anniversary on the college's main campus Feb. 2.

For recent high school graduates and their parents, the process of applying for financial aid and considering the right college can be a confusing and daunting experience. David Van Der Haeghen, the college's student outreach coordinator and Preview Night organizer, says this event is meant to help alleviate those woes.

"For one night we can kind of show off to students and parents of students coming to Lane for information," he said.

The event provides prospective students and their parents a chance to meet college staff and faculty and learn about support services, vocational and academic programs available. Preview Night also provides students and parents with valuable information about financial aid and scholarships.

Van Der Haeghen has organized the event for the last three years. He says Preview Night is a great opportunity to showcase LCC.

"Preview Night is basically the only event of its kind this year," Van Der Haeghen said. "It's a time when we can say 'This is who we are

and this is what we are proud of, and this is why you should consider choosing LCC to start your college experience.'"

Van Der Haeghen says the event has steadily drawn larger crowds over the last three years. Attendance grew from 900 to 1,150 between 2009 to 2010. He hopes this year's iteration of the event draws 2,000 prospective students and parents.

Karen Wygle, an administrative specialist who assists in planning Preview Night, says the event is the college's only recruitment event of the year and praises Van Der Haeghen for the work he does to pull it off.

"There are months of behind-the-scenes preparations to put on an event of this size," Wygle said. "In November, David confirms his

speakers for the breakout sessions, usually between six and eight choices for students and parents to attend."

The itinerary for this year's event opens with a check-in and a general information fair at 6 p.m. During this time, attendees can visit campus representatives from the college's transfer, career and vocational programs and learn about the array of student support resources offered here.

College President Mary Spilde and ASLCC President Mario Parker-Milligan will share the stage during a presentation for prospective students at 7 p.m. Several informational sessions will take place in various locations on campus at 7:20 p.m.

The event will close with a prize drawing at 8:15 p.m.

CHANGING LANES



ANDY ROSSBACK

Wondering about you

I've been wondering about you for some time now.

Wondering what you eat and where you eat it. Wondering who you are and what you believe.

I see you on campus everyday — in the hall, in class and wandering the abysmal concrete pathways that connect us.

If you're anything like me, you are wondering, too. Wondering who the people who attend to this college are. You could probably ask and find out their names, but I want to know who they really, honestly are.

In fact, I'm obsessed with finding out more about students here. I've observed that we are an incredibly diverse crowd. Some of us wear polo shirts while others brandish guitars and piercings.

Obviously, there is much that we don't have in common when it comes to appearance. I have long sought to cultivate a bit more conversation about how students interact here. Outsiders, myself included, have called the campus "cold."

Maybe we avoid one another because we are so different.

No matter how different we are, we must have some things on which we agree.

If we know what we agree on, we might find it easier to interact with one another. If we have some tangible evidence that we do actually have something in common, then we might change.

We must have some common ground. I'm seeking to find out what that is.

Over the next several weeks, I'll be working with people at the college to put together a survey. It will run on ExpressLane (or myLane) — I'm not exactly sure how it works yet.

However, I'm here to ask you to participate wholeheartedly and honestly in this survey. Please do, for the sake of making the school socially warmer and servicing my obsession with who we are.

Let's put our differences aside and focus on what we have in common.

You've got (jail) mail

I have received two letters from the Pennsylvania prisoner since I last wrote.

Out of 210 letters he's sent, I am the only person to ever respond.

He informed me that he has no connection to the college. He's never even been to Oregon.

He is just a guy who likes to write college security and newspaper offices.

Without a tie to the campus, I can't do much for him.

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These two photos by Rich Bergman are among many others on display at the David Joyce Gallery in Building 19. The gallery features work by various photographers.

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Gallery presents ‘Front of House’

Photography exhibit runs through March 7

By Mike Partee • Reporter

Another term means another art exhibit at the David Joyce Gallery in Building 19. The gallery’s showcase for winter term is “FOH: Front of House” and will be shown through March 7. The exhibit features works by artists and photographers from around Oregon. The theme for “FOH” is the art of dining architecture, hospitality and service. Fine art photographer Rich Bergeman has submitted samples of his hand-inked imagery using an SX 70 camera while traveling in

Paris, Italy and England. “I usually shoot in black and white and look for things past their prime like fruit on trees in the winter or old buildings,” Bergeman said. “When I shoot in color, I aim for more touristy types of things or things that are outside the norm or different.” With the demise of the Polaroid company in 2008, Bergeman’s usage of the SX 70 has come to an end with the lack of available film. He now delights in using a pinhole camera made from a cigar

box fitted with a 5 inch-by-7 inch back. Bergeman is looking forward to an upcoming photography exhibit at the Emerald Arts Center in Springfield as well as a trip to Europe set later this year. Photography instructor Dan Welton also brings pictures of Italy and Austria to the gallery allowing viewers to see new horizons. “My son and his wife live in Italy,” Welton said. “Whenever we visit, I like to wander around and take pictures of what I see.”

New course reconnects students with nature

By Victoria Stephens • Web Editor

A new 12-credit learning community will focus on the importance of reconnecting with nature. The series, which is now open to students eligible for advanced registration, will consist of three different courses that meet different requirements for the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer degree in ecology, religion and political science. Jerry Hall, a retired faculty instructor, spearheaded the program’s creation. Hall, a Native American, offers a cultural perspective central to the themes within the sequence. Stan Taylor, chairman of the Lane Peace Center, teaches the Environmental Politics course in the module said that students studying in learning communities have a very unique learning experience. “Students in learning communities form lasting relationships. The experience for many is very transformative,” Taylor said. Clif Trolin, who teaches the Nature, Religion and Ecology class, said the course of study includes a Native American perspective and has both a scientific and cultural view that fits well with his religion class.

“The course develops empathy with the Earth,” Trolin said. “There is a lot of pain that the Earth feels.” Trolin cited the political and economic greed that is destroying the Earth. “If you view the Earth as a being, as contemporary and ancient views hold, this pain is because of human mistreatment of it,” Trolin said. Two field trips are conducted during the term. One is to an old growth forest, a clear-cut area and a replanted tree farm. The other trip is to a coastal location or to a prairie wetland environment. A tour of the college’s new Longhouse is also on the agenda. Trolin says that rather than considering itself superior to nature, the human race should try to support the web of life that spreads throughout the Earth. “In fact if you don’t support that web of life, it will be detrimental to all those pieces including humans,” Trolin said. Melissa Kilgore will teach the scientific point of view in the Global Ecology class. She says the goal of the class is to introduce students to ecological and environmental concepts while keeping a variety of cultures in mind.

“There is a strong emphasis on American Indian ways of seeing nature, visiting and enjoying being with nature. It is an all-encompassing experience,” she said. Students will look at the effects of global warming on the island nation of Tuluvu, the first island likely to disappear due to rising sea levels. The island’s inhabitants are seeing the impact on their culture and how to preserve it and where to relocate as seawater permeates their ground water, according to Kilgore. “The goal is to get students to rethink their view on nature and how it is related, to consider and minimize our impact as an individual, and to consider ourselves visitors on the planet where we take what we need, not consume all that is available,” she said. All of the instructors agreed that the courses are empowering when taught together and that the learning community environment fosters a culture of unity among the students involved. “We all have the same focus. It is nice to connect them together,” Kilgore said. “Students that take learning communities have an incredible experience. They find others with the same interests and make life long friends.”

NEWS BRIEFLY

The French and Culinary Arts and Hospitality programs will host Candlemas Feb. 1-3 in the cafeteria. Students from both programs will sell crepes from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at \$1 each. For more information, contact Karin Almquist at 541-463-5140.

Biology instructor Joe Russin will host an informational session for those interested in taking BIO3B in Costa Rica over the summer. The course is designed to satisfy four credits of lecture science credits for the AAOT. For more information, contact Russin at 541-463-5452 or russinj@lanecc.edu.

Applying for a scholarship or want to? There are workshops Wednesdays from 3:30-5 p.m., Feb. 2 and 23. For more information contact Jackie Bryson at brysonj@lanecc.edu or 541-463-5164.

Jam The Gym is this Saturday, Jan. 29, in the Gymnasium. The first 500 Titan fans that show up will win a free t-shirt. Saturday’s games are against Clackamas Community College with the women playing at 4 p.m. and the men at 6 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring non-perishable food items for donation to Food for Lane County. Admission is free.

Steve Candee’s U.S. Government and Politics class will host Congressman Peter DeFazio Monday, Jan. 31 from 1–1:50 p.m. in the Center Building, Room 401. Seating is limited. For more information contact Steve Candee at 541-463-5188

A benefit concert for the college’s “Women in Transition” program will be Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Ragozzino Performance Hall. The event will feature Soromundi and the Lesbian Chorus of Eugene. General admission is \$10 and \$8 for students and seniors. An all day choral workshop will also be earlier that day. There is a \$25 registration fee for the workshop. For more information, contact Barbara Delansky at 541-463-5667.

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Can the men make it five?

Titans continue strong with fourth straight win

By **ALAN K. FOX** • Sports Editor

The Titans are starting to come together as the team that head coach Bruce Chavka had hoped entering this season. The team is on a four-game winning streak after the team's 87-75 victory over Southwestern Oregon in front of a rowdy crowd in Coos Bay Jan. 22.

"It was a pretty rowdy atmosphere, but we were able to play through it," freshman point guard Matt Juillerat said.

Sophomore guard Mat Delaunay continued to be a force to be reckoned with on the scoring end. He finished the game with 30 points, his season-high and he has been the leading-scorer for LCC during the winning-streak.



Mat Delaunay contributed 30 points, helping the Titans overcome the Lakers of Southwestern Oregon in overtime.

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ALAN K. FOX

It's a week too soon

When NFL commissioner Roger Goodell took over for Paul Tagliabue, he promised to make the game more interesting and better for both the players and the fans.

One of the first things he changed was when the NFL Pro Bowl was played, so he changed it to the Sunday before the Super Bowl, instead of the week after.

How is this better for us?

He also tried to move the location to Miami from Hawaii. That change only lasted for one season.

The changing of the week in no way favors the fans.

With the Pro Bowl the week before the Super Bowl, it cheats fans of the opportunity to watch athletes who are playing in the Super Bowl. If your favorite player was Drew Brees or Peyton Manning last year, you were unable to watch them play in the Pro Bowl since they were preparing for the big game.

In the years before Goodell, you would have been able to see those guys play in the all-star game and see how they perform against a team of the best players at every position from the opposite conference.

Sorry to tell you Packers and Steelers fans but you won't be able to watch any of your players in the Pro Bowl — but you can watch everybody else's.

Then there has always been the speculation from a lot of the media that the players don't like to play in the game because of all of the travel. But every year when you watch the game everybody is having nothing but fun.

These guys have all types of free swag handed their way, get to spend time with their friends and make even more money. The bonus for the winning team is a decent chunk of change.

But don't get me wrong, I will be sitting in front of my television on Sunday watching the game, and enjoying it as if it was played after the Super Bowl. Then again, my team couldn't even make the playoffs.

I may not be too stressed about missing any of my guys out there on the field, but I know that there are many Steelers and Packers fans who may feel differently.

I guess until Goodell moves the Pro Bowl back to the week after the Super Bowl, we're stuck watching it the week before.

Maybe then the last moment we see our favorite players isn't when they're bummed out after losing the Super Bowl.

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WHAT'S ON TV?

NBA

Jan. 27 — Miami Heat @ New York Knicks 5 p.m. on TNT: A match-up of two of the top teams in the Eastern Conference and a possible Eastern Conference Finals match-up.

Jan. 30 — Miami Heat @ Oklahoma City, 10 a.m. on KEZI: A young up-and-coming team out of the Western Conference against Miami's big-three. A match-up of possible MVP candidates (LeBron James and Kevin Durant.)

Jan. 30 — Boston Celtics @ LA Lakers 12:30 p.m. on KEZI: Two teams that have been long-time rivals and played against each other for the World Championship many times, and most recently in 2008 and 2010.

NFL

Jan. 30 — Pro Bowl 4 p.m. on KLSR: The last chance to see a lot of your NFL favorite players until next season.

Buzzer-beaten.

Women lose at last second

By **ALAN K. FOX** • Sports Editor

The second-ranked Lady Titans traveled to Coos Bay Jan. 22 to play the seventh-ranked Lakers of Southwestern Oregon and were able to overcome a 17-point second half deficit but fell short when SWOCC's Kelly Millager hit a buzzer-beater to give LCC it's first league loss, 66-64.

MaKenzie Ficek, who led the team in scoring with her 15 points, tied the game with 10 seconds left in the game when she hit a three-pointer.

"We didn't play the way we normally do and SWOCC played good defense and made it hard for us outside shooters to get open looks," Ficek said. "It felt good to hit the 3 at the end of the game, but didn't really matter since we played bad defense and let them score to win the game."

Before that the Lady Titans (14-3, 4-1 Southern Region) dug away at the 17 point lead that the Lakers had with 13 minutes remaining in the game.

The Lakers (13-4, 3-2) had trouble with the size inside, which once again proved to be a benefit for head coach Greg Sheley's team. Both Ashley Smith and Kristen Huff earned themselves double-doubles.

Smith, who leads the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges in scoring with 25 points a game, finished the game with 14 points and 12 rebounds, and

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Titan teams collect food

Event is free to everyone

By **ALAN K. FOX** • Sports Editor

The Titan women and men's basketball teams will host LCC's 4th annual "Jam the Gym" event during their double-header against Clackamas on Jan. 29.

The first 500 fans through the door will receive a t-shirt sponsored by Bi-Mart.

The women's team will kick off the double-header with a 4 p.m. tip-off and the men's game starts at 6 p.m.

The athletic department is also encouraging all fans to bring in non-perishable food items to help out the Food for Lane County program. All items donated will be collected at the door when entering the games.

The Student-Athlete leadership committee thought of the idea of involving Food for Lane County.

"Jam the Gym is an event that we hope will get the student body involved in Lane athletics," Kiki McDonagh, who is a defender on the soccer team and a member of the committee, said. "Not only would the spectators get a sense of our athletic program, but by bringing canned foods for admission they would also be helping Food For Lane County."

Both coaches expressed excitement as well.

"I believe that being a part of a team at the community college level is about having a good experience and I am very appreciative

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Sophomore guard MaKenzie Ficek finished as the top scorer against Southwestern Oregon on Jan. 22.

WOMEN

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Huff finished the game with 12 points and 14 rebounds. “I think as a team we learned that we have to go out every day and work our butts off,” Smith said. “We aren’t a

good enough team to just think we are the best and go out there and not play like it.” Sheley voiced his disappointment with the team’s performance. “We struggled offensively to start the second half, but scored 2 points in first 8 minutes of the second half and found ourselves down 17,” Sheley said. “We had numerous opportunities

to get the score closer or take the lead between the four minute and two minute mark of the second half but missed some easy scoring opportunities, and we needed to find a way to win that game.” The Lady Titans return to the court on Jan. 28 when they play Chemeketa in Salem, and then play host to Clackamas on Jan. 29 with a 4 p.m. tip-off.

“I think as a team we learned that we have to go out every day and work our butts off.”

— Ashley Smith, sophomore forward

FOOD

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that LCC does this for the student athletes,” men’s basketball head coach

Bruce Chavka said. “This event makes them feel special, loved and proud to be here. Plus, it’s also giving back to our community. LCC athletic director and women’s basketball head coach Greg Sheley also was happy to reach out to the

community. “Jam the Gym is a great opportunity to reach out to the community and hopefully develop a new fan base,” Sheley said. “This is a win-win for our basketball programs and the community.”

MEN

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“Delaunay had a great game. He is the big reason why we got the win,” freshman point guard Darrel Breazell said. “The team’s chemistry is there and that’s why we are on a four-game winning streak.”

The Titans (9-7, 4-1 Southern Region) sent the game to overtime when sophomore power forward, Robbie Allen tipped-in a missed shot with six seconds left in regulation making the score at 75 going into overtime.

Allen finished the game with a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

The Lakers (5-12, 0-5) were unable to respond to the last second tip-in and the Titans defense held SWOCC to three points in the overtime period.

“Once we went to overtime, everyone just knew we weren’t going to lose with the momentum we had,” Juillerat said. “We executed flawlessly in the overtime and pulled away.”

Kyle Warner scored 19 points, shooting 8-for-12 from the field including 3-for-5 from behind the arc. He also added eight rebounds. “The game was great we played really good as a team, and we had players step up and make crucial shots down the stretch to get us to overtime,” Warner said. “In overtime we just out-hustled and outlawed SWOCC.”

Chavka couldn’t hide his excitement after the game.

“I told my team that my baby is growing up and there is nothing like being a teacher or coach and seeing your team grow up right before your eyes,” Chavka said. “I am really proud of them but more importantly I told them I was happy for them to get the job done on the road.”

The Titans play on back-to-back nights when they travel to Salem to play Chemeketa Jan. 28 and then return home to play Clackamas Jan. 29.

Tip-off for the home game against Clackamas will be at 6 p.m.

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— Matt Juillerat, freshman point guard



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EDITORIAL

Nation is capable of doing big things

President Obama wants to invest in education and clean energy. He says lawmakers should focus on closing tax loopholes and enhancing the nation's infrastructure.

During his State of the Union address Tuesday night, Obama emphasized the need for America to adapt in order to remain competitive in an ever-changing global economy.

As with most presidential addresses, the speech was heavy on ideals but light on concrete plans and program outlines.

The biggest takeaway from Obama's speech, however, is the spirit of bipartisanship the president hoped to inspire in members of Congress.

For the first time in recent memory, Senators and Representatives were not divided by political ideals — at least according to the event's seating arrangement.

Republicans and Democrats were scattered across the full house instead of being sectioned off into the right and left, respectively.

Obama recognizes that the nation must rapidly embrace

new economic policies in order to remain relevant on the world stage.

"How long should we wait? How long should America put its future on hold?" the president asked members of Congress.

As the president said time and time again, "We can do big things."

He also put an emphasis on winning the future, a mantra that may seem familiar to college sports fans in Oregon.

The speech was as much an update on the state of the

nation as it harkened back to the mantra that put Obama in office: "Yes, we can."

That's certainly still true. We can do big things, but we must do them together.

The key to the nation's success lies in the ability of its citizens and lawmakers to recognize that bipartisanship is essential.

"Neither party should delay or obstruct every single bill just because they can," Obama said. "We still need to govern."

Let's hope everyone gets the message.

COMMENTARY

Natural disasters require preparation

Queensland flooding reminds us of nature's devastating power

Less than two years have passed since Australia's "Black Saturday," a massive fire that ripped through the nation, killing almost 200 people, injuring 414, and displacing almost 200,000.

Now, they face a new disaster: a flood the size of France and Germany is swallowing the state of Queensland whole.

That's roughly 850,000 square kilometers.

The flood, started in December 2010, has already consumed 20 towns, according to BBC News.

And, eerily, 200,000 people have been affected — parallel to Black Saturday.

Though Black Saturday was not a natural disaster — it was started by a series of bushfires set by arsonists — the weather conditions ignited a firestorm that lasted for two months, destroying more than 1.1 million acres.

A natural disaster is a phenomenon of nature, a display of the formidable power wielded by the elements, and the destruction they can wreak.

Floods, fires, hurricanes, tornados and

more — the unmitigated forces of nature, they cause massive amounts of damage and loss of life.

In the United States, floods do about \$6 billion worth of damage and kill about 140 people every year, according to the National Geographic.

Worldwide, many countries have been hit recently with deadly disasters:

Brazil has been victim to flooding and mudslides, with 763 dead and more than 400 missing near Rio de Janeiro, according to Reuters.

Four decades ago, flooding in Brazil killed 785 people, Associated Press reports show. The recent mudslides are Brazil's worst natural disaster since 1970, and the death toll is expected to rise — far exceeding the comparable casualties of the Recife and Pernambuco floods.

In July 2010, Pakistan was hit with deadly floods following intense monsoon rains. At least 1,500 people died, with 20 million affected, according to the Pakistani

government.

A nation still reeling from the flood's destruction, Pakistan was struck with a 7.2 magnitude earthquake Jan. 19. Minimal damage was reported despite the strength of the earthquake — any earthquake over 7.0 is classified as "major."

Just last week, scientists tested a hypothetical storm in California that could produce up to 10 feet of rain, cause extensive flooding and result in more than \$300 billion in damage. The storm, computer-generated, is a plausible scenario aimed at preparing the state, according to Science Daily.

How do we deal with natural disasters? By being prepared. A flood might take several days to begin, or 15 seconds. The more prepared we are, the better equipped — and safer — we will be.

There are three simple steps to being prepared, according to 72hours.org, a site maintained by the Department of Emergency Management: make a plan,

build a kit, get involved.

Services we take for granted such as electricity, potable water and communication devices could be unavailable during a disaster. By anticipating such an event, we greatly reduce our risk of being injured — or worse.

So what do natural disasters teach us?

Yes, they remind us of our fragility, of our tenuous existence, but they also teach us something more: how to overcome, together, any disaster.

No matter how great the catastrophe, we move forward. We band together, recoup, heal, and keep living.

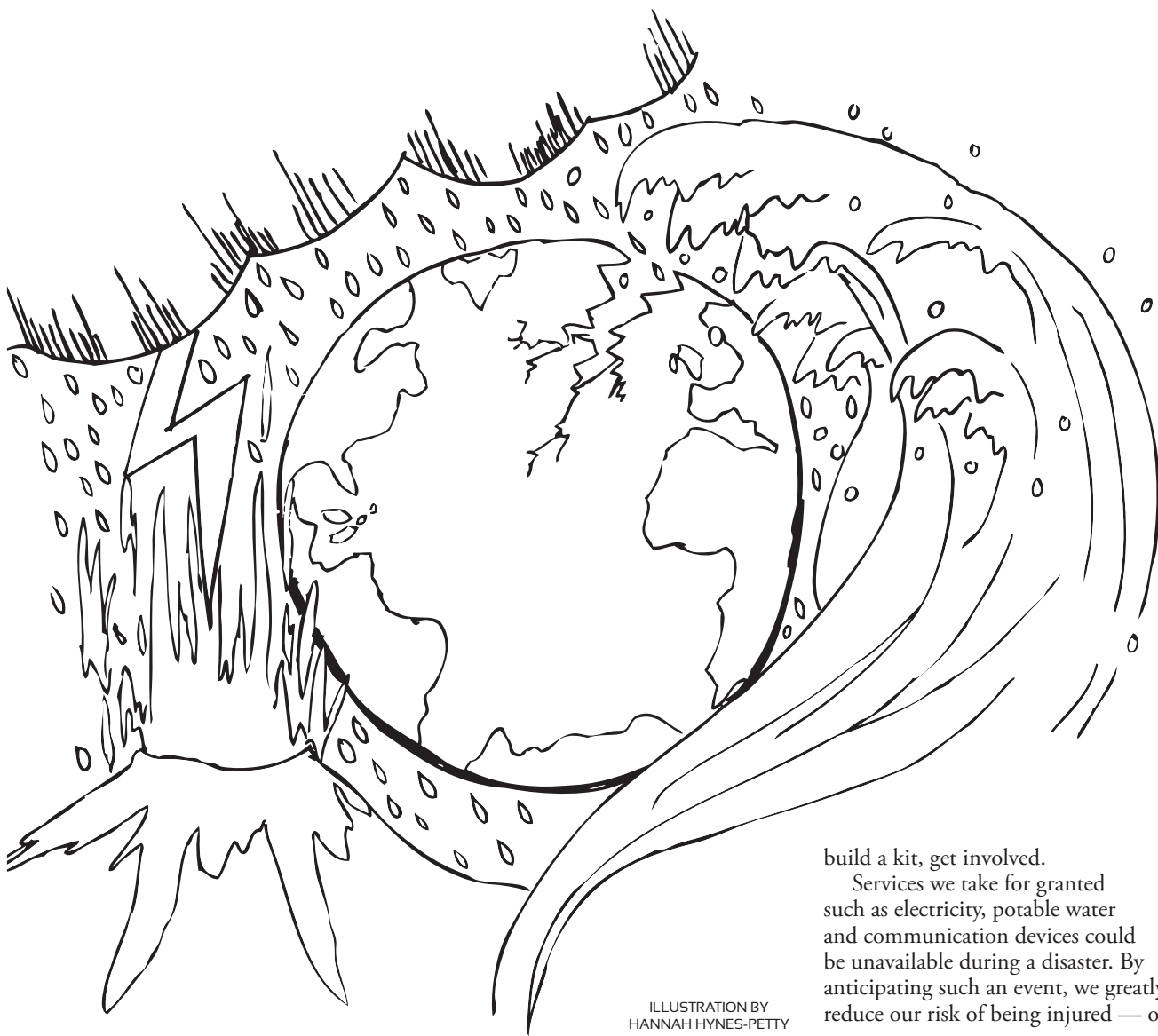
The point is we're a resilient race.

In the midst of adversity, we are able to bounce back. We form plans, safety procedures and warning systems — though we cannot control nature, we can prepare for disasters.

Though the Queensland waters have started to recede, a new set of flood warnings has been issued. With three-quarters of the state already declared a "disaster zone," Australia now faces extensive clean up and recovery.

"We're the ones that they knock down, and we get up again. Together we can pull through this," Premier of Queensland Anna Bligh said.

Natural disasters happen. We can't live in fear, but we can be prepared.



Hannah Hynes-Petty

ON CAMPUS

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Author and journalist to speak at college today

By **MIKE PARTEE** • Reporter

As a correspondent for various publications, Reese Erlich braved battlefields in order to catch a scoop. Jan. 27 he'll be speaking about those experiences at LCC.

The Lane Peace Center is hosting the event, slated for 1 p.m. in Building 17, Room 309.

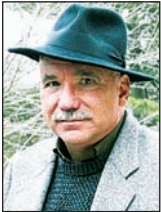
Erlich, a veteran reporter who covered stories in Cuba and Iran as well as Iraq, will talk about his most recent book, “Conversations with Terrorists.”

In “Conversations,” Erlich profiles six Middle East leaders like Geula Cohen who have at one time or another been labeled as terrorists by the U.S. government.

Cohen is a member of Israeli parliament and was a former member of Lehi, more commonly known as the Stern Gang.

“The Stern Gang was responsible for many intentional bombings of Palestinian citizens,” Erlich said.

There will also be presentations on Grand Ayatollah Muhammad Hussein Fadlallah, a Lebanese cleric who was a former leader of Hezbollah, as well as Khaled Meshal of Hamas, once known



Reese Erlich
Speaker

as the most wanted man in the Middle East. Erlich will also profile Mohammad Nizami, the golden voice of the Taliban.

According to Peace Center Director Stan Taylor, Erlich's thesis is that painting all of the enemies of the U.S. with a broad brushed label like terrorists is a poor approach to foreign policy.

“Some of the people that we are labeling as terrorists are really groups that are fighting for emancipation for their people as a whole and are really revolutionaries,” Taylor said. “As far as terrorism goes, it is inappropriate to characterize them as such.”

Erlich concludes that the War on Terror has succeeded in diverting public attention from the U.S. government's real goal, which is to expand corporate interests in the Middle East.

“By falsely labeling virtually every opponent a ‘terrorist’, the U.S. creates countless enemies,” Erlich writes in “Conversations.” “Which makes defeating the real terrorists far more difficult.”

Reese's lecture is open to the public and is free of charge.

Erlich will travel to Gaza next month with another trip to Cuba scheduled after that.

His speech at LCC is scheduled to last until 2:30 p.m. and Erlich will open the floor to questions afterward.

Copies of “Conversations With Terrorists” will be on sale for \$15 and “Dateline Havana” will be available for \$25.

Think About It — Do you feel that your stuff is safe on campus?



“I watch them! I had an English teacher whose laptop was stolen.”

— **Cindy Simmons**, human services



“I don't see where you could get your stuff taken.”

— **Austin Booker**, business



“I'd say 80 percent safe. Anywhere you go you're going to have a bad element. It's the 20 percent you have to watch out for.”

— **Steve Ferrari**, computer networking

Do you feel that your stuff is safe on campus? **Take the poll** at lcctorch.com.

THEFT

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“It goes in cycles,” Public Safety officer Jim Harris said.

There may be weeks or even months between incidents, but it's something Public Safety officials say they have to keep a constant eye on. With textbooks, cameras, iPods and even stereos out in the open, parking lots on campus are a prime attraction for thieves.

“Cluttered vehicles are targeted most often,” Public Safety officer Jake Ryker said. “It takes about a minute for a person to break in, take items and walk away.”

For local authorities, it's no surprise that these thefts occurred at LCC. Springfield police officers consider college campuses high-risk areas.

“When we have things like this happen, this is where we typically happen to have them,” Michael Harman, services bureau manager for the Springfield Police Department said.

A number of thefts have occurred in vehicles that had items on display for anyone to see.

With a cluttered vehicle there is a greater chance the owner has something of value in it. It could be a forgotten camera or something else of value the driver is trying to hide. A simple jacket toss over your nice shiny new laptop won't do the trick, Public Safety officials said.

Perpetrators seem to be attracted to early '90s Honda vehicles. Two of last week's three incidents occurred to similar models.

Public Safety officials say the main items missing are backpacks, books, GPS units and aftermarket stereo units with the faceplate attached. Without the faceplate the stereo becomes much harder to sell.

Ryker advises against leaving bookbags, backpacks, electronics, or even change in the open.

In order to prevent break-ins, Public Safety officials have provided a list of precautions:

- Don't leave valuables in your car or lock valuables in a glove box.
- Eliminate signs that your vehicle may contain valuables, such as docking stations or connector cables.
- Park in well-lit, high-traffic areas.
- Lock all doors and secure windows.
- Set any alarm or anti-theft device.
- Avoid using hide-a-keys. Thieves know the most popular hiding places.

Public Safety asks students, staff and faculty keep their eyes open for anything out of the ordinary.

“Anything that feels suspicious, let us know,” Harris said.

Suspicious activity may be reported to Public Safety at 541-463-5558. The emergency number for the department is 541-463-5555.

ART

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When bids for the proposed bridge came back lower than expected, the City of Eugene put out a call for sculptors and artists to design an art piece.

The chosen item would provide beauty and a message of renewal for the surrounding wetlands.

Isaac Marquez, the city's visual arts coordinator, considered “Bountiful” to be the submission most relevant to the message the city was trying to convey.

City administrators agreed and Imonen won the commission.

“Essentially, we wanted a piece of art that represented the decades of hard work and rehabilitation that have gone into the Delta Ponds wetlands,” Marquez said. “Relevant public art references our natural and cultural history.”

Attached to the top of the poles is a net with the shimmering effect of a mass of wriggling salmon and other fish native to the area. The project was also in scale with the bridge and completely different from other pieces of art scattered throughout the city.

“Bountiful” took six months and \$100,000 to build. Forty-thousand dollars was set aside for lighting and powder-coated railings. Eighty percent of the remainder went into local jobs and sales to Oregon companies like Coyote Steel.

“My idea for ‘Bountiful’ is about the return of a viable habitat and a renewing of bounty to the wetlands and to Oregon,”

Imonen said. “The city has made the restoration of the Delta Ponds a long-term investment. My piece is a metaphor of that.”

While Imonen loves art and sculpting projects like “Bountiful,” his true passion is in the classroom with students.

Eric Shultz, a former LCC student who recently graduated from the University of Oregon, worked on the piece with Imonen throughout the six month production phase.

“Lee is a fantastic sculptor and a wonderful teacher,” Shultz said. “He pushes you in a way he knows you are capable of handling.”

Shultz has taken on shop assistant duties at LCC and works one-on-one with students. He also collaborates with Imonen often.

“Collaboration is a huge part of Lee's practice,” Shultz said. “He isn't one to hog the credit. He always makes sure everyone gets the credit and praise they deserve.”

Many sculptures already adorn the college's main campus. One of the most notable is the fountain located in the labyrinth adjacent to Building 1.

Now that a campus-wide ban on smoking has been enacted, several areas on campus that were once reserved for smoking shelters are now open for art and sculptures. And a lack of art isn't an issue.

“Over the years, we have been trying to fill the campus with sculpture,” Imonen said. “There are plenty of more spaces on campus for art, but our hands are tied unless funding and resources allow for new pieces.”



**Associated Students of
Lane Community College**

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Contest!*

Lane Community College Student Groups

ASLCC Student Government	Weekly, Monday 3:30-5:30	Bldg. 3, Room 216
Council of Clubs **on Feb. 8**	Every Other Tuesday 3:30-5:30	Bldg. 1, Room 206
BSU – Black Student Union	Weekly, Wednesday 1:00-2:00	Bldg. 1, Room 201
LSU – Latino Student Union	Tuesday 11:30 & Friday 1:00	Bldg. 1, Room 201
NASA – Native American Student Assn.	Weekly, Friday 3:00-4:00	Bldg. 31, Longhouse
LASA – Lane Arts Student Association	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday 1:30-2:30	Bldg. 11, Alcove
SPA – Student Productions Association	Thursday 4:15	Bldg. 6, Blue Door
Geology Club	Weekly (Field Trip Coming Soon)	TBA
Jazz Club	Weekly, Wednesday 3:15-4:15	Bldg. 6, Band Room
Table Tennis Club	Weekly, Thursday 6:30-9:00 PM	Cafeteria (South wall)
LCC XYZ (formerly QSA)	Weekly, Tuesday 4:00-5:00	Bldg. 1, Room 212
LCC Dance Club (LCCDC)	2 nd & 4 th Friday 1:00-2:00	Bldg. 1, Room 206
Learning Garden Club	Time/Day TBA	In the Garden
Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Zeta Chapter	Weekly, Thursday 4:30 ish	Bldg. 19, Room 246
ADDA (American Design & Draft Assn.)	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday 1:00	Bldg. 18, Room 206
lanestock Annual Celebration Club	lanestock2011@gmail.com	Bldg. 1, Room 206
APISU (Asian - Pacific Island Student Union)	Weekly, Wednesday 11:30	Multicultural Center
LCC Smokers Club (Clean-up Crew)	TBA	Cafeteria
Veterans Club of LCC	Weekly, Tuesday 12:00-1:00	Bldg. 19, Room 250
OSPIRG	Weekly, Wednesday 2:00	Center, Basement
Lane Student Democrats (LSD)	2 nd & 4 th Thursday	Forum Bldg. 17, 310

Attention Graphic/Arts Students: ASLCC Logo Contest!

Contact the Student Government office at 541-463-3171 or come to Building 1, Room 210.

Visit the Facebook page and click events <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=326433213529>

Council of Clubs – Student Group participation is requested in the information fair @

Lane Preview Night – February 2, 2011 in the Gymnasium. 6:00-8:00 PM

<http://www.lanecollege.edu/es/previewnight.html> Contact David Van Der Haeghen



Student Leaders!

Would you like to participate in this year's North West Student Leadership Conference?

Applications will be available in the student govt. office: look on the president's door, ask OSA Field Organizer Phil Shilts, or ask a student govt. member in Building 1, Room 210. ASLCC budget is paying.

We have a goal of 24 Lane leaders on this trip. Approximately half of those will be ASLCC members who are going for the trainings on Feb. 18th - 20th at Portland State Univ.

The early-bird registration deadline for NWSLC is January 28th!