



A troop of young marines marches along during an early Veterans Day parade in Springfield Nov. 7. Two LCC Veterans Club members were in attendance.

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THE TORCH

A brigade of motorcycles leads the way in a parade honoring those who served. Hundreds were in attendance during the event on 21st Street in Springfield.

## IN THEIR HONOR

HUNDREDS GATHERED IN SPRINGFIELD DURING A VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION LAST WEEKEND

**ALANDO BALLANTYNES** | Reporter

Red, white and blue. Neatly trimmed uniforms. Motorcycles and horses.

All of these came together Nov. 9 on 21st Street in Springfield during an early Veterans Day celebration.

In addition to various patriotic and military-themed community groups such as the local Boy Scouts and a bagpipe and drum corps, veterans of all ages organized themselves into multiple formations.

In total, 25 veteran and veteran-related groups participated in the event. Among them was LCC's newly-founded Veterans Club.

The club is led by ASLCC Sen.

Mark Saxton.

"Being a veteran and knowing that there's a high veteran population and knowing that there's a bunch of veterans overseas who will be discharged, this gives them a place to start and co-mingle with other veterans," he said.

Marching in the parade were club founder and Marine veteran Saxton as well as Carey White, who served in the Air Force for six years.

During his time with the Air Force, White was deployed on a five-month tour of duty to Iraq where he worked as a weapons loader for F-16s and F-15s.

White, a second year computer

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## Titan Store bought back nearly \$1 million worth of textbooks

**HANNAH HYNES-PETTY** | Reporter

The Titan Store bought 28,593 textbooks for \$963,394.50 from 12,258 students last year.

The store sees an average of 5,000-6,000 buy back textbooks per term, with over 3,000 transactions on the first few days of buy backs.

That doesn't include the 2,000-3,000 textbooks that will not be used during the term, according to Lisa MacDonald, student services coordinator at the store. The unusable textbooks are shipped to wholesale textbook companies.

In 2009, 10,194 unusable textbooks were shipped to the three to four wholesale companies that the Titan Store rotates with. Eighteen thousand three hundred and ninety-nine textbooks were bought for retail.

Last year the Titan Store implemented year-round textbook buy backs. Receipts and photo ID are a stipulation, unlike during the Finals week buy backs, due to the high level of textbook theft. "It's so hard to tell if books are stolen, and there's no way to track a stolen book," said MacDonald. She cites leaving backpacks in cars as one of the top causes of textbook theft.

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### NEAR CAMPUS

## Deceased pedestrian was former student

Lane County Sheriffs officials have released the name of the woman fatally struck Wednesday night Nov. 3 in front LCC.

Starly Susan Pupke, 57, was struck by two cars traveling westbound on 30th Ave. between 6:25 and 6:30 p.m. Nov. 3.

According to deputy Sheriff Paul Vitus, Pupke was not a current LCC student and lived in Eugene. Pupke She was also a student at LCC between 1971 and 1985, according to public information officer Joan Aschim.

"Basically, a lady stopped on the side [of the road] to pick something up and was struck by vehicles traveling westbound on 30th," said Vitus, last Wednesday.

That something happened to be a stray cat.

Two separate cars struck Pupke, including a white Honda Civic and a black Pontiac Fiero.

The crash is still under investigation, however, drugs and alcohol are not considered factors in Wednesday's accident and no criminal charges have been filed.

"There's nothing criminal in nature, no drugs or alcohol involved," Vitus said.

Pupke's pet cat was in her vehicle when she was fatally struck. The animal was taken to the Lane County Animal Shelter and picked up by a relative on Friday, Nov. 5.







PHOTOS BY EUGENE JOHNSON / THE TORCH

Members of the Student Production Association rehearse scenes from "All The Great Books." The play begins Friday.

# Take all the greats and press 'shuffle'

NEW PLAY TAKES THE BEST OF THE CLASSICS AND MIXES IT UP

AMANDA WOOLDRIDGE | Features Editor

The Student Production Association has big plans for its upcoming play, which premieres Friday night in the Blue Door Theatre. "All The Great Books" encompasses more than 86 books in the span of 105 minutes from works such as "The Odyssey" and "Huckleberry Fin" all the way to "Dracula" and "Sherlock Holmes." With practice, determination and a large quantity of high energy, S.P.A. has thoroughly prepared themselves to put on a show.

"We are aiming very high this year," public relations rep Jordon Nowotny said. "'Rent' was one of the most successful plays that we have ever put on and we expect 'All The Great Books' to be just as successful if not even more successful."

With such high expectations, S.P.A. has thought of the box in order to promote the play. Students may run into a Trojan horse galloping around campus with the intentions to intrigue students and encourage them to attend the show.

The production centers on three teachers who are attempting to interest their students in classic literature. In order to do so, they devise unique ways to bring the stories to life.

"We took these classic books that most people are required to read in school and put a modern twist on it that is going to be hilarious," Nowotny said.

S.P.A. has made efforts to produce a show that is unique. Actors and producers hope audience-generated content helps spice things up a bit.

A full list of the books that will be interpreted during the play will be handed out before it begins. The audience fills out midterm reports just before intermission to submit to the actors. The cast then uses these suggestions to modify the remainder of the performance.

"There are going to be designated splash zones throughout the audience where people may get a little wet, but why you're going to get wet is going to be a surprise," Nowotny said.

The performance will be largely student-produced, from the costumes and acting to the tech and stage crews.

"This is typically our one slot that is completely student produced, built, and made," Nowotny said. "We really did our best to bring this slot back to the students and bring creativity to the stage."

Adam Lenard will direct the play and is one of the first LCC students to do so on his own. With plans to leave the organization after Fall term, Lenard has high hopes for "All the Great Books."

"I think everyone should come and check out this play. It is going to be a very unique experience with a lot of audience participation," Lenard said. "If you are to see any show this year it should definitely be this one."

Although the nature of the production is silly and humorous, it will take a more serious tone on Nov. 18. Dance instructor Margo Van Amerson has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer. To help her cause, S.P.A. has announced that admission for that performance will be donation only. All proceeds will go directly to helping Van Amerson achieve recovery.

S.P.A. will host a reception on opening night and the group encourages anyone who attends the show to stick around. The play opens Friday, Nov. 12, and will start at 8 p.m.

"'All the Great Books' is kind of like my good-bye to Lane and my good-bye to S.P.A. We have an amazing cast and crew and want everybody to come and see what we do. LCC and S.P.A. have changed my life and I would like to show that through this play," Lenard said.

## CHANGING LANES



ANDY ROSSBACK

## It's the little things in life

Ouch.  
Wow.  
That's horrible.

It was Tuesday morning when the pain hit. I was in the middle of writing last week's column.

I could barely talk. Walking was out the question. My skin turned pale. Sweat poured from my brow. Nausea.

Coworkers called the Health Clinic and Public Safety to inform them of my ailment.

Meanwhile, my pain rose to a 10 on The Pain Scale. Nondescript aching.

I laid back on the couch imagining the irony sure to ensue had I croaked at LCC.

I could see The Torch's headline:

COLUMNIST KICKS  
BUCKET IN MIDST OF BEST  
WORK

Maybe the follow-up story is:  
SNARKY EDITOR  
REMEMBERED AS POT  
STIRRER

A public safety officer arrived and began asking the tough questions.

"Name? Birth date? What day is it? What time is it?"

I looked at the clock.

The pain was too great. I wanted to be done with the questions but I was afraid I might be arrested for resisting.

The next thing I knew, I was in a wheelchair on my way to the Health Clinic. More questions ensued.

I needed to go to the hospital. (The Health Clinic recommended that I go to Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend. The farthest hospital away.)

The Torch's Bravest Staffer of The Week Award goes to News Editor Brett Stanley for driving me. Props, Brett.

At RiverBend, some giant needle relieved my pain, but I had no conclusive evidence about what might be wrong. The doctor had his suspicions.

On Wednesday, the pain subsided and I started to write it off as a fluke.

The pain woke me up Thursday morning and I convinced my roommate to take me to the emergency room once again.

Another giant injection. This time of what I am told is a new-age morphine. Several hours later, I gave birth.

It's the little things in life that we have to pay attention to.

Like a 2 mm kidney stone.

(I'm not ruling out the possibility that the Native American medicine bag had something to do with this).

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### If you go

#### All the Great Books

Blue Door Theater,  
Building 6  
Nov. 12 and 13: 8 p.m.  
Nov. 14: 2 p.m.  
Nov. 19 and 20: 8 p.m.

Admission: \$10 general,  
\$8 for students and staff.

Rhea Gates  
rehearses  
Monday  
afternoon for  
the opening  
performance  
this Friday.





CLUB SPOTLIGHT

# Resurrected

## ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS STUDENT UNION RETURNS AFTER 15-YEAR HIATUS

AMANDA WOOLDRIDGE | Features Editor

After 15 years, the Asian and Pacific Islander Student Union is back at LCC. Club president Maki Doolittle and vice president James Lee have been working since the beginning of Fall term to get the student union ratified by the college. They finally succeeded in resurrecting the long-absent organization in mid-October.

“We really want to create a presence on campus amongst the student unions,” Doolittle said. “There has not been an Asian or Pacific Islander student union in fifteen years and we are really striving to return a sense of community back to campus.”

Doolittle, a Korean-American, didn’t feel that it was right not to have an Asian and Pacific Islander student union at LCC. With the passion she possessed to re-create the student union, Doolittle set out to gather students who were interested in becoming part of the union.

“Some people wait for things to happen and others actually go out and make them happen,” she said. “I didn’t want to stand by and wait for the student union to return on its own, so I started the process to get it ratified.”

In order to get the student union ratified, Doolittle and Lee had to go through the motions of getting people interested in joining the union, and present the names and L numbers of the students to the ASLCC.

Although it has taken awhile to get the union on its feet, students have already shown interest and enthusiasm at the concept of having an Asian and Pacific Islander student union. With 20 members, APISU is already on its way to a successful turnout.

Doolittle’s inspiration to re-create

APISU came from her mother, a retired teacher in Eugene, who was aware of the absence of an Asian and Pacific Islander presence on the LCC campus. With all of the different student unions putting on events, that have drawn attention to their groups, it is hard to really pay attention to the groups of people who haven’t developed a student union or club.

“She was the first person to implant the idea in my head and make me realize that there was no Asian presence here at LCC,” Doolittle said.

The long-term goal Doolittle has for APISU is to keep the student union alive after all the current members have moved on from LCC. The students and staff involved with APISU are the keys to continuing the student union in the future.

“We need to develop a strategy that will continue APISU after we have left. Making connections with current students and starting a Facebook page are ways we can do this,” Doolittle said.

APISU would like to encourage anybody to come and join their student union. Ethnicity or orientation has nothing to do with joining the union.

“We would love for anyone who wants to be in APISU to stop by and join. A strong sense of community and friendship is what we are aiming for,” Doolittle said.

APISU hopes to be participating in The Asian Celebration and also has some things in the works for The DisOrient Film Festival in April, as well as NASA’s Dec. 1 Pow Wow. APISU will be meeting on Mondays in the Multi-Cultural Center.

“We would like to thank the other student unions for their support and encouragement that gave us the ability to get us on our feet,” Doolittle said.

# Twists. Turns. Brad Pitt. Will Ferrell. It’s Megamind 3D.

LISA BALL | Reporter

Everyone loves a hero.

They give us someone to look up to, someone to save us from evil. But really, they’re nothing without a nemesis. Isn’t the bad guy nothing without a good guy? “Megamind” asks these questions and gets you laughing throughout in this animated comedy starring the voices of Will Ferrell, Tina Fey and Brad Pitt.

Somewhere in the universe, two planets are in peril. Two pairs of parents send baby pods towards Earth, in hopes that their kind will survive. The resulting pods contain the young Megamind and the young Metro Man. And unlike the Superman story, little Megamind lands in a prison, where Metro Man gets taken in by kindly, well-to-do folk. The luck of some bumps in space sets up their fate in a story full of nods to classic superhero tales.

The fun begins immediately, thanks to the sharply written script, and to Will Ferrell’s wonderful wordplay. Who else would call Metro City “metrah-sit-y?”

Surprising twists and turns begin right away, too. The first battle between Megamind and Metro Man ends with the good guy losing! Soon, Megamind is bored, and decides with his amazing cohort, Minion (David Cross), a fish in a bowl-head on a robot, to create a new hero.

Just by accident, this new hero is created from the geeky camera guy (Jonah Hill of Superbad fame) who becomes Titan. But

Titan’s been lovesick for reporter Roxanne (Tina Fey) and her rejection prompts him to decide to take over the world by becoming another evil guy. This gives Megamind the motivation he needs to become what he’s probably always been on the inside, the good guy.

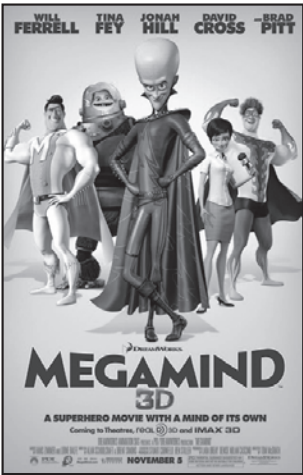
Dreamworks’ inventive animation plays a part in the enjoyment of this film. Creative characters, hilarious scenes and

hero and villain props and lairs all give the movie its special charm. The character voice-overs all work well, with the surprising exception of Brad Pitt as Metro Man. I think even George Clooney would have been a better choice here. His voice is miscast, and too stereotyped.

Ferrell’s work is genius here, though. His adorable mispronunciations and characterization give the viewer more laughs than any other aspect of the film. You know – and love – Megamind.

Oddly enough, in the middle of this film I began to see an underlying theme of today’s world. Since so much of this movie takes place in Metro City, the scenes of the heroes battling around the skyscrapers gave me a chill as I thought of the Twin Towers. Unlike “WALL-E,” the film doesn’t go into a deeper message here. Even without addressing issues, films like these can allow you to look

at good and evil in a less scary context. This film is offered in 3-D, but I didn’t see that version. I don’t think it would add to the film. I loved hearing kids of all ages and adults laugh out loud all around me. Way to go, Megamind.



### At a glance

**MPAA rating:** PG

**Running time:** 96 min.

**Starring:** Will Ferrell, Tina Fey, Jonah Hill

**Directed by:** Tom McGrath

**Studio:** Dreamworks

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Lane Community College Student Groups		
ASLCC Student Government	Weekly, Monday 3:30-5:30	Bldg. 3, Room 216
Council of Clubs (Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup> , 30 <sup>th</sup> )	Bi-Weekly, Tuesday 3:00-5:00	Bldg. 1, Room 206
BSU – Black Student Union	Weekly, Wednesday 1:00-2:00	Bldg. 1, Room 201
LSU – Latino Student Union	Weekly, Tuesday 11:30-12:30	Bldg. 1, Room 201
NASA – Native American Student Assn.	Weekly, Friday 3:00-4:00	Bldg. 1, Room 201
LASA – Lane Arts Student Association	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 1:30-2:30	Bldg. 11, Alcove
SPA – Student Productions Association	Every other Thurs.- 11 <sup>th</sup> @ 4:15	Bldg. 6, Blue Door
Geology Club	Weekly, Monday 1:00-2:00	Bldg. 16, SRC
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)	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 4:00-5:30	Bldg. 1, Room 212
LCC Dance Club (LCCDC)	Every Other Thurs.- 4 <sup>th</sup> 3:00-4:00	Bldg. 1, Room 206
Learning Garden Club	Weekly, Monday 12:00-1:00	Bldg. 1, Room 206
Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Zeta Chapter	Weekly, Thursday 4:00-5:30	Bldg. 19, Room 232
ADDA (American Design & Draft Assn.)	November 12 <sup>th</sup> 10 AM *movie	Bldg. 18, 206
Lanestock Annual Celebration Club	Weekly, Friday 1:00-2:30	Bldg. 1, Room 206
APISU (Asian - Pacific Island Student Union)	TBA	Multicultural Center
LCC Smokers Club (Clean-up Crew)	TBA	Smoking Sections
Veterans Club of LCC	Weekly, Tuesday 12:00-1:00	Bldg. 19, Room 241



Thank You! To our armed forces  
Veterans, we appreciate all your  
dedication and service.

### Attention Graphic/Arts Students: ASLCC Logo Contest!

All LCC students are welcome to attend the weekly student government meetings. If you have any concerns or issues that need to be brought to the attention of student government, visit us! If you have any questions regarding how the student fees are allocated, please come to the student government general meeting on Mondays in Building 3, Room 216 @ 3:30-5:30.

The Latino Student Union & the ASLCC will sponsor a screening of “Papers” documentary on November 17<sup>th</sup> in the Forum Building, Room 308 from 12:00-2:00 PM. This is a free event.



NEWS BRIEFLY

**The Performing Arts department will host a series of concerts** starting Nov. 11 in the Performance Hall. The series ends Dec. 3. Tickets for all performances are \$5 general admission, \$3 for students and seniors. The shows and times are as follows:  
**Nov. 11:** Lane Chamber Orchestra and Lane Symphonic Band, 3 p.m.  
**Nov. 23:** Lane Symphonic Band and Lane Faculty Jazz Sextet, 7:30 p.m.  
**Dec. 1:** Lane Gospel Choir, 3:43 p.m.  
**Dec. 2:** Spectrum Vocal Jazz, Lane Chamber Choir and Lane Concert Choir, 7:30 p.m.  
**Dec. 3:** Lane Jazz Ensemble, 7:30 p.m.  
For more information, contact John Watson at 541-463-5161.

**Donations for the Whiteaker Community Thanksgiving Dinner are currently being accepted** by Beverly Farfan in Building 19, Room 231. For \$15, staff and students may sponsor sleeping bags to be distributed during the dinner. For more information, contact Farfan at 541-463-5395.

**Phi Theta Kappa** will host its annual roadside cleanup on Nov. 11 on 30th Avenue from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact the club at 541-463-3238.

**The ‘Meet the Titans’ spirit rally will take place Nov. 10 in the Center Building.** Ty the Titan, LCC’s official mascot, will introduce himself to students at this time and outstanding players will be honored at this event. For more information, contact ASLCC Multi-Cultural Program Coordinator Eric Richardson at 541-463-5332.

**A scholarship workshop** hosted by Michelle Holdway, scholarship coordinator for the University of Oregon, will take place Nov. 16 from 3:30-5 p.m. in Building 19, Room 241. The workshop will focus on the creation of a successful scholarship application to the university. To register, contact Jackie Bryson at 541-463-5164.

DOWNTOWN CENTER

College buys 'Pit' from city for \$1

FROM STAFF REPORTS

LCC’s \$1 real estate deal is complete.  
Plans to erect a new downtown campus in the pit adjacent to the Eugene Public Library moved forward on Oct. 29 when Eugene City Manager Jon Ruiz signed the deed over to the college.  
The next step, according to LCC President Mary Spilde, is for the college to continue a series of neighborhood advisory meetings with downtown business owners in order to be a “good neighbor.”  
The first such meeting was conducted in mid-October.  
Business owners had one major concern for the college: how to deal with early rising downtown residents who need to use certain facilities?  
“We face similar problems at the Downtown Center already,” Spilde said. “It’s nothing new.”  
The Board of Education has had its sights set on the empty lot — known by many as “The Pit” — since last year, when it was decided to move forward with plans to build a new downtown campus.

The current Downtown Center, located two blocks away at the corner of 11th Avenue and Willamette Street, was an old Sears store the college acquired more than 30 years ago.  
Until last year, credit classes were not offered at that campus.  
The college does not yet have plans for the old building once the new downtown campus project is completed.  
One of the plans for the new building is to incorporate living quarters for students, a first for LCC.  
Ground is expected to be broken on the pit site by the end of Spring term, and the project is being developed on a fast-track schedule.

The new downtown campus’ grand opening is expected to occur by Fall term 2013.

ON CAMPUS

Let the rain begin



ANDY ROSSBACK / THE TORCH

Water drips from a gutter on the Forum Building. Showers and clouds will fill the sky for the remainder of the week, according to weather.com. We may see some sun by Friday.

Memorial held for faculty member

Kris Tupper remembered by co-workers and friends on Oct. 29

ALANDO BALLANTYNE | Reporter

Dental assisting instructors, staff and students met Oct. 29 in Building 5 to honor the memory of program coordinator Kris Tupper.

Tupper passed away Sept. 9 after a snorkeling accident while on vacation with her family in Hawaii. She was born Feb. 17, 1957 as Kristi Stewart in Myrtle Point and married J. Craig Tupper in Eugene just under 30 years later on Jan. 2, 1987.

At the beginning of the memorial service, staff and co-workers told Tupper’s family that they wanted to share with them the side of Tupper that they knew.

“The biggest thing that is a huge void is that every day Kris filled our lives with humor,” dental assisting instructor and co-worker Leslie Greer said.



CONTRIBUTED

Kris Tupper, 1957-2010

In addition to current staff and co-workers, recent graduates and a few of Tupper’s former students attended the service to share memories. A common sentiment among all in attendance was Tupper’s ability to inspire, motivate and spread joy.

Monique Baker, one of Tupper’s former students, currently works in the dental assisting department and had worked alongside her as well.

“Kris was my very favorite instructor at LCC,” Baker said.

“She touched hundreds of lives of dental assistants at Lane.”

Dental assisting usually employs five instructors. There are currently four, three of whom — Dona Smalley, Kim Peterson and Baker — were former students of Tupper’s. As of yet, no new permanent staff has been found for the program.

Before a slide show depicting Tupper at LCC, dental school faculty presented a plaque to be hung in the department. Underneath a smiling photo of Tupper, the plaque read: “1978-2010, Friend, Mentor, Teacher and Colleague.”

After 32 years teaching at LCC, Tupper touched the lives of co-workers and students alike, a fact illustrated by the large and diverse group that attended the memorial.

When the gathering ended, students, faculty and friends lingered, sharing personal stories of Tupper in small groups.

“Kris was in everybody’s corner. She was just wonderful,” Peterson said. “She had a way of understanding.”



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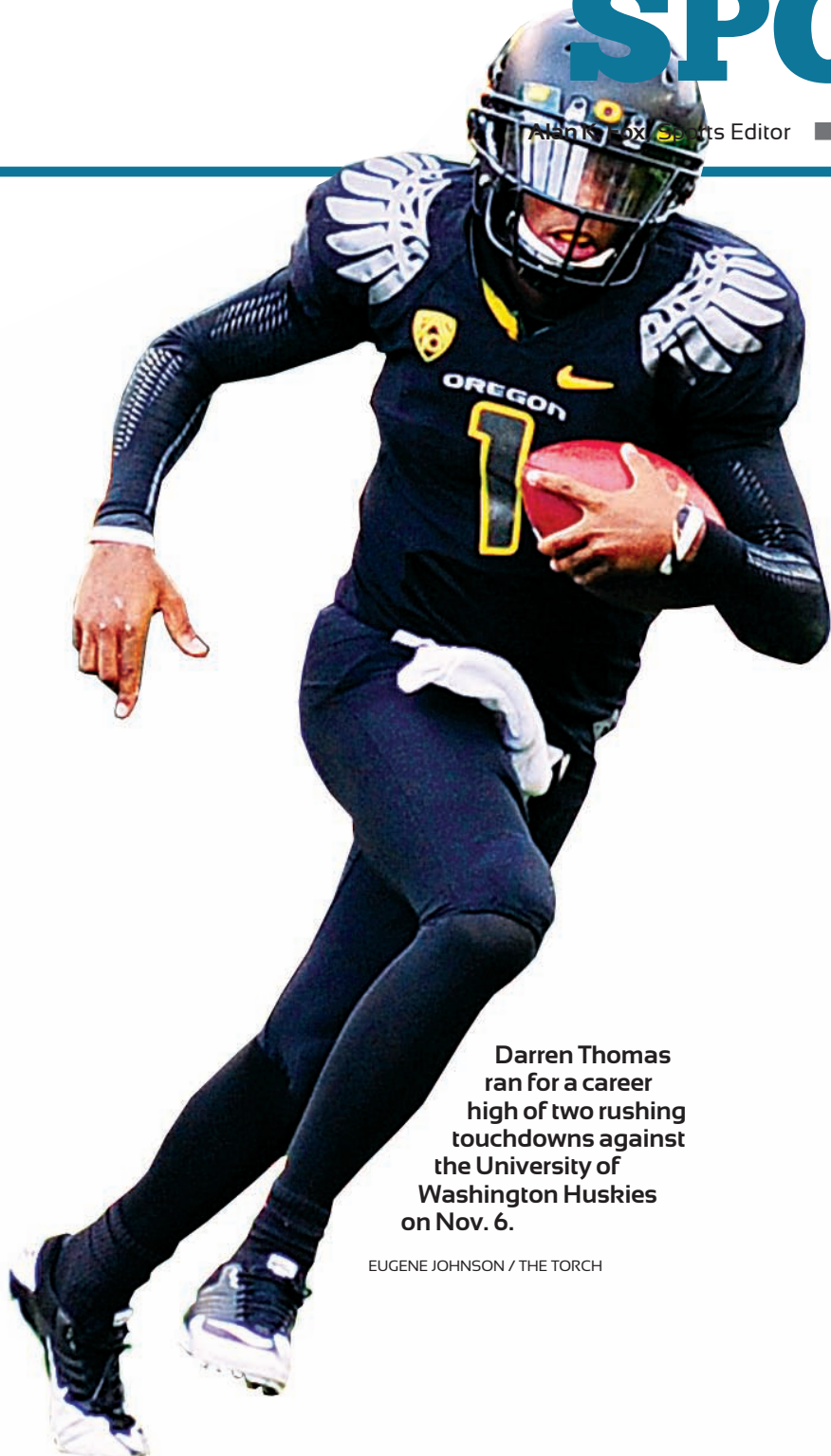
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Darren Thomas ran for a career high of two rushing touchdowns against the University of Washington Huskies on Nov. 6.

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OREGON 56, WASHINGTON 13

## DUCKS TAME HUSKIES

Oregon remains at top of all national polls

ALAN K. FOX | Sports Editor

The No. 1 Ducks overcame an uncharacteristically slow start against Pac-10 rival Washington for the team's homecoming game on Nov. 6. Oregon came away with a 53-16 win at Autzen.

Running back LaMichael James and other players felt as if something was missing in the beginning of the game.

"I don't know, it was something," James said. "We weren't really playing up to standards the first two quarters."

For the first time this season the Ducks (9-0, 6-0 Pac-10) were unable to put any points on the scoreboard during the first quarter. The team's 9-0 record so far this season is the best

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### THE FOXTROT



ALAN K. FOX

## Come on, Blazers

Everyone who knows me knows that I am a huge Blazers fan and always will be, win or lose.

But as I sat in my fairly priced 200 level front row seat at the Rose Garden Thursday to watch the Blazers play the Thunder, I began to think about the decisions that the team has made.

Especially, as I watched the NBA's last year's leading-scorer Kevin Durant treat the Blazers' defense like it was a bunch of eighth-graders playing a high school varsity squad.

I was asking myself, "Why the hell did we draft Greg Oden?"

I remember back in June of 2007 when the draft was coming up and Portland had the first pick. They were quick to say that they wanted Oden.

At the time I was excited but worried.

I knew that the Blazers needed a center and there was no better new talent than Oden. Then again, he showed a lot of immaturity and couldn't stay healthy.

A red flag, maybe? Hmm.

On the other hand, there was Durant. He was a tall skinny kid who could really score and could shoot the ball from anywhere in the gym. He'll also cross you over and dunk on you as if he was Dominique Wilkins.

I know that they needed an inside presence, but having one of the better scorers that the NCAA had seen in quite a while would have been nice to have.

So, here we are present day.

Oden can't seem to stay healthy still and probably hasn't played a whole season's worth of games — he's currently sitting at 82 — in his whole NBA career.

Durant, on the other hand, is already considered one of the top five players in the league. Some would argue top three with Kobe and LeBron.

He also led the USA to a championship in the FIBA World Championships in Turkey this summer. He was also named the tournament's MVP.

So, as we sit here and wait for Oden to suit up and get on the court, we get to sit back and watch the Duranchula get the opposing defenders caught up in his webs.

Back in the 1984 draft, the Blazers made the biggest mistake any team could have made when they chose the big man over the scorer.

They selected Sam Bowie over Michael Jordan.

Enough said.

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## Titan soccer shutout by Clackamas

ALAN K. FOX | Sports Editor

The Titans traveled to Oregon City to take on Clackamas in a match-up of the top two teams in Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges' Southern Region on Nov. 10 in the teams' last regular season game.

The Cougars (15-2, 14-0 Southern Region) outplayed LCC to a 3-0 shutout.

The NWAACC leading-scorer sophomore forward Jennifer Jackson, who had two goals in the game, led Clackamas to the victory.

The Titans (10-5-2, 8-4-2) fought hard for the first 20 minutes before the Cougars proved why they're undefeated in the region.

"I told the girls today if we won the physical battle and aerial battle we would win the game," head coach Dave Ellis said. "I think that we did that for 20 minutes."

We made a silly mistake and for the rest of the game we weren't there

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## HIGH SCHOOLERS ON THE RUN



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Runners begin the first race of the day during the Oregon School Activities Association cross country final on Nov. 6. The competition celebrated its 40th anniversary on LCC's main campus. Jesuit's Annamarie Maag took home the top honor in the 6A class for the third year in a row, an OSAA record. South Eugene's Amelia Helmick took fourth behind Maag, the highest a local participant placed in the competition.

### TITANS OF THE WEEK

#### MaCayla Claver CROSS COUNTRY

Claver was selected as Titan Athlete of the Week for the second time this year. She took home the individual championship at the NWACC Southern Regionals. She beat out the second-place runner by more than 20 seconds.

#### Marissa Morris SOCCER

Morris was selected for Titan Athlete of the Week based on her outstanding defensive performance for the Titans soccer team as of late. She was a defensive force in the game in Oregon City against Clackamas Nov. 5.







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Kiki McDonagh looks for a teammate in a 3-0 shutout loss to Clackamas in Oregon City on Nov. 5. The Titans host first-round playoffs against Shoreline on Nov. 10 at 3 p.m.

SOCCER

Coach: ‘We weren’t committed’

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and we weren’t committed,” Ellis said.

The Cougars got their first goal of the game from Jackson inside of the 22nd minute off an assist from sophomore defender Lindsay Bauman.

Clackamas was quick to score again with a goal off a header by sophomore midfielder Gabby Nevell. The assist was issued to freshman forward Yasmina Cota,

who performed the corner kick.

The second half was much of the same with crisp passing and ball control by the Cougars.

The third and final goal of the game was scored by Jackson inside of the 52nd minute from an assist by freshman defender Aryn Rayford.

The Titans look to return to their winning ways when they host Shoreline in a first round match on Nov. 10 at 3 p.m.

“All thoughts are to our Wednesday [playoff] game and getting a win there and then moving on to Walla Walla,” Ellis said. “All that really matters is Wednesday and that’s what our thoughts are on.”



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Kenjon Barner scores during Oregon’s game against Washington Nov. 6. It was his first touchdown since being injured during the Washington State game Oct. 9.

DUCKS

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any football team has done in the university’s history.

The Huskies (3-6, 2-4) played a defensive strategy against the Oregon run in the first half other than a 34-yard rushing touchdown with less than two minutes left in the half by quarterback Darron Thomas.

“They did a great job stopping the run in the first quarter and the second quarter,” James said. “They did a good job of not missing tackles.”

James continued to make his mark on Oregon football history with his 121-yard and three-touchdown performance on 26 carries. He’s scored a touchdown in every game since the Ducks played Tennessee on Sept. 11.

James’ 100-yard effort extended his Oregon school-record to 16 games and it was also his seventh of

the season.

James moved into third spot on the Oregon all-time rushing list with 2,877 yard for his career so far.

Thomas has started to receive national recognition for his performance and continued to play strong for the Ducks offense.

He threw for 243 yards on 24 for 33 passes and a touchdown, and he also added 89 rushing yards and a career-best two rushing touchdowns.

The 24 completions were a career best for Thomas and his 33 attempts tied a career high.

“He missed a couple, but that’s the thing about Darron, he bounces right back. He gets better every game,” head coach Chip Kelly said. “I’m really happy where he is at right now. He’s one of the great quarterbacks in this league.”

While the Oregon defense played a strong game, the team was unable to force a turnover for the first time this season. However, the Ducks were able to hold the Husky

offense to 2-16 on third down.

“2-16 on third down, that’s the money down, that’s a pretty good stat,” Kelly said.

The Ducks’ defense shut out the Huskies in the fourth quarter making the scoring differential 87-7 for Oregon in the final quarter this season.

This game was also the return of running back Kenjon Barner, who took a nasty hit during the Washington State game that left him with a concussion.

Barner had 60 rushing yards on nine carries, including a 30-yard touchdown with under five minutes left in the fourth quarter.

“It felt great. I was a little nervous with it being my first game in weeks. It felt good to be out there and help my team,” Barner said. “I got tired a lot faster after being out a month. I have to focus on conditioning.”

When asked about being hit for the first time after the injury he said he couldn’t hesitate.

“I saw three guys coming and I thought, ‘This is how it’s going to be, huh?’ But I didn’t think about it much after that. I didn’t hesitate because that’s how you get hurt,” Barner said.

Washington has not beaten the Ducks since 2001.

The game also hosted a state of Oregon attendance record for any sporting event with 60,017. This was the 73rd straight sell-out for Autzen.

Oregon will travel to Berkeley, Calif. to take on the Cal Bears on Nov. 13 at 4:30 p.m.



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**Eliminate phantom power consumption by unplugging devices that aren’t in use.**

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EDITORIAL

Oregon legislature can't afford roadblocks

Although the Oregon legislature will be under the direction of a Democrat for the next four years, the close race between Republican Chris Dudley and Governor-elect John Kitzhaber has proven one thing: Oregonians are fed up with business as usual in Salem.

It will be to our advantage to have less partisan bickering and more collaboration and compromise in the coming years.

During a small victory speech in Portland's Pearl District, Kitzhaber admitted

the margin by which he won was razor-thin.

"Can we swim upstream or what?" he said as he took to the podium.

It was an uphill battle for the blue party this election season, indeed. While only one Democrat incumbent was unseated by a GOP newcomer — Judy Steigler of House District 54 — the Oregon legislature is just as divided as its counterpart in Washington, D.C.

But the Beaver State has hope yet.

While GOP leaders in

D.C. are already laying plans to limit President Obama to one term — Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell being the most outspoken on this subject — Oregon is experiencing no such turbulence.

Sure, Republican legislators are disappointed that the state will be run by a Democrat again, but nobody's openly waging war against anyone else.

And we hope that this attitude will carry on through next election season.

Besides, we're all facing the

same problems: the seventh-highest unemployment rate in the nation, a struggling public education system and rising health care costs.

Kitzhaber said it best: "The challenges aren't blue, the challenges aren't red. Hell, they're green."

Let's hope the rest of the legislature is on the same page.

Oregon, like the rest of the nation, cannot afford two years of roadblocks. Even if we cannot fully agree on solutions to our problems, we should be able to compromise.

COMMENTARY

Food? Clothes? What are you donating this season?

Today's mail brought "the season of giving." Meals-On-Wheels was requesting a donation from me. For \$35, I could provide five senior citizens with home-delivered meals.

Heifer International sent me their gift catalog. Their mission is to end hunger and poverty. They operate on the idea that a live animal is more beneficial to a poverty-stricken community, calling the livestock "living loans."

"In exchange for their livestock and training, families agree to give one of its animal's offspring to another family in need. It's called Passing on the Gift — a cornerstone of our mission that creates an ever-expanding network of hope and peace," according to their website.

The glossy pages advertise a melange of domesticated animals, including success stories from families who received animals. For \$20, I could supply a impoverished family with a flock of chicks, ducks or geese.

Or, for \$850 I could buy a camel.

Heifer International also has an option in which you buy a "share" of an animal. A share of a camel is substantially less than a whole camel, just \$85.

With the start of November, giving begins for many. The shift into winter weather leaves me scrambling for heavier clothing — not everyone can afford it.

In December 2008, a homeless man froze to death. KVAL reported Thomas Lawrence Egan, 60, was found dead and partially covered in snow.

Clothing drives provide a basic, yet vital, necessity for homeless or those in need — warmth.

Warmth is great, but surviving requires food.

The annual Whiteaker Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner puts food on the table and clothes on people's backs.

The LCC Culinary Arts and Hospitality program provides volunteer chefs who help prepare the meal from the tons of donated food, according to the Whiteaker website.

Those in need can pick clothes, blankets, sleeping bags and more for free.

"Children of all ages enjoy special activities such as arts and crafts and face painting. Talented and generous musicians spend the day sharing songs and music, and help

to make the day a festive celebration for everyone," the website reads.

Culinary Arts students aren't the only Titans working to feed those in need.

Phi Theta Kappa, a Chapter of Sigma Zeta, is also organizing a food drive to help provide holiday meals to student families this Thanksgiving. They are accepting donations of non-perishable items until Nov. 17.

Last year, they provided food baskets for 26 of 50 student families that applied, according to Phi Theta Kappa Vice President Tracy Weimer.

This year, let's provide all the applicants with food baskets. At the grocery store, pick up a few extra cans of soup. On your way to class, drop them off in Building 17, Room 312. Canned soup is usually no more than a few dollars, and visiting the chapter office will take less than five minutes.

More than 240,000 people per month in Oregon ate meals from emergency food boxes, according to the Oregon Food Bank. That's 40,000 more people than in 2008. The recession caused a 17 percent increase in food box distribution, according to the food bank's website.

The Oregon Food Bank is a network of 947 agencies throughout Oregon and Clark County in Washington working to fight hunger.

The recession has caused financial struggles and many families are unable to provide meals. The food bank reports that 33 percent of those receiving emergency meals are children.

Each year the Feeding America network of food banks distributes more than two billion pounds of food and grocery products to hungry and needy Americans in communities across the country, according to the hunger-relief charity Feeding America website.

You know who else gets hungry this time of year? Pets.

The Greenhill Humane Society accepts pet food donations to help supplement other shelters.

The organizations exist. The food exists. It's up to us to donate.

Charity organizations are constantly requesting money, food or clothes.

Every donation is important, whether it's a flock of geese or canned foods. They are all benefitting someone who is in need.

The act of donating is easy.

I might not buy the camel but my donations will have an impact.

LETTERS

DeFazio thanks voters

I wanted to extend my thanks and utmost appreciation to the voters of Southwest Oregon for electing me to serve another term in Congress.

Time has come to put the divisiveness of the campaign season behind us and draw together to meet the challenges that lie ahead. I will continue the work to bring needed living-wage jobs home to our district and to Oregon through my position on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. I will also fight to reform job killing trade agreements that have shipped millions of jobs overseas, and tilt the playing field against American workers.

I am committed to bringing down the massive deficit so our children and grandchildren are not stuck with a big pile of debt. And I plan to continue my work on implementing a sustainable timber harvest in our forests and renew critical federal programs that support our schools and counties.

In the upcoming "lame duck" session of Congress, I have been promised a long overdue vote on a cost-of-living-adjustment for Social Security recipients. Congress must also act before Jan. 1 to extend tax relief for middle income wage earners and families.

Improving Oregon's economy, our schools, and standing up for the interests of my constituents is my priority. Thank you for your support.

Peter DeFazio

Congressman, 4th Congressional District

Election funding policies must change

Should we call it "moneyocracy?" This surely wasn't an election in a true democracy. Money flowed secretly from all parts of the world into campaigns with no way to discover who would benefit from the candidate being elected. We need some big changes!

The League of Women Voters has stated that secret money and incivility leave a lasting impact. They call on Congress to fix secret cash in American elections and say it is a recipe for scandal. Voters were overwhelmed by millions of dollars in negative ads but didn't know who paid for many of them. Pay-to-play politics won't change until we know who the special interests are who are pouring money into our elections."

Do join their call to our elected Congressmen and demand a change in election funding.

Ruth Duemler

Eugene Resident



IN YOUR WORDS

Select comments from our website.

Response to "Just one of those weeks," 10/28

"I lost my job, lost my friends, I am in a class that's 60 something degrees but feels like 80, and I'm sitting here writing a stupid comment to this story instead of doing my work which is due Thursday. Yeah I'm "having one of those weeks."

Matt Ferrari

Response to "From Army tanks to blood banks," 10/21

"The premise that a precious resource is going to waste when it could be used somewhere in the world is right on. I also liked your point that no medical procedure is without risk. It is unusual to see that point made in this context. Thank you for moving the discussion forward."

Doug Engel

Response to "Context conundrum," 10/21

"I think that people were unfair to Huhn and I think that her art should stay it's her right to express herself and I think that she did a great job of doing that."

Corey Beagley

Response to "I've got it in the bag," 10/14

"There are many things in this world we don't believe or understand, but that doesn't mean they aren't true. The ways and roads are many, so keep your mind open next time."

Teresa Young



THINK ABOUT IT

“Are you a member of a student union or club?”



“No. Not enough time, I suppose. I’d like to be involved with the Peace Center but I haven’t had time to look into it yet.”

Shabd Khalsa, Biochemistry



“No. I’ve thought about joining Student Arts or student government but I just don’t have the time and most of the meetings are scheduled during class.”

Christopher Wright, Graphic design



“No. With my schedule I don’t have the time. If I did I would join the Dance Club.”

Lindsey Gentzkow, Business



A member of Asian and Pacific Islanders Student Union, “because I am from Asia, I can meet other Asian people like Chinese or Japanese people.”

Jiyoung Kim, Computer Network Operations



“No. I’ve thought about working for the Torch but I just don’t have the time. My schedule is a little ridiculous.”

Maya J. Dworsky, English Literature



“No. I thought about joining OSPIRG but I just haven’t had a lot of time lately.”

Mikala Urban, Undeclared



“I am not. I just got here so I haven’t really thought about it.”

Steven Moore, Architecture

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VETERANS

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science student, stumbled across the club by accident, but signed up immediately.

“I showed up to class an hour early, where they were holding the veterans’ meeting and joined on the spot,” White said.

The veterans club currently boasts 13 members.

This number is expected to grow as word spreads

among the college’s veteran population. There are currently 862 students at LCC who receive VA educational benefits. Of those students, 175 are not veterans themselves, but family members of those who have served.

Ex-Navy Michael Sámano is the adviser for the veterans club and was in attendance. He marched with Veterans For Peace.

“I’ve marched in the parade with different groups over the years,”

Sámano said. “Since I was marching with not just a veterans group, but a veterans group with a specific message, I was happy that there were many times when people were clapping and calling out support for our group. We were very happy with the overall positive environment.”

Veterans Services of Lane County estimates that there are approximately 35,000 veterans living in the county.

TEXTBOOKS

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In 2009 the store experienced its biggest summer buy back, according to MacDonald. “There were more people than the buyer expected for the amount of funds he brought,” she said.

“We had to turn people away. Most of them were very good about it,” she said. MacDonald attributes the large turnout to increased advertising from stapling buy back information to receipts.

MBS Textbook Exchange, one of LCC’s largest wholesale partners, has a new on-line buy back option on the Titan Store’s website.

In just three steps, a textbook can be sent directly to the wholesaler for free. MBS supplies students with a free pre-paid shipping label, though they do not insure the packages and will not replace or refund lost or damaged textbooks, according to the website.

Additionally, if the textbooks received are deemed to be unable to meet the “minimum standards of quality” they will be discarded or returned at the student’s expense.

MacDonald says to check with the Titan Store before selling back to wholesalers. The Titan Store buys “retail” first, which means that the textbooks they buy back will be stocked directly on the shelves. Selling directly to wholesalers could potentially return less money to the student.

Retail buy backs apply to textbooks that are currently in use. They’re usually textbooks from core classes such as math, biology and English. “Keys For Writers, a supplemental book, is a staple,” said MacDonald.

Retail buy back also means that students will get 50 percent back of what they paid, according to MacDonald. This is more than what wholesalers will pay. “If you paid \$100 for a textbook and you brought it for buy back, you would get 50 percent back which is \$50.”

“We would love to have all of our books be sold back. We would rather sell used books than new,” said MacDonald. Every three to four years a new edition of a textbook is published, negating any value on previous editions. “The more we buy from [wholesalers] the better rate we get. It restocks them and we get access to more of their books,” she said.

However, student reaction to buy backs are mixed.

“Smith Family Bookstore gives better deals,” Eddie Berlett said. He prefers to sell his textbooks outside of campus. “At Smith Family I can get \$50 [back] per textbook, but only about \$25 here,” he said.

“At times students get very, very frustrated that they’re not getting more back. It’s hard because the economy is not very good and students need money. It’s hard to turn away students cause I’ve been there, too,” MacDonald said.

“It’s hard to turn someone away who could really use the money.”

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