Shakespeare’s “Twelfth Night” Seen in a New Light

By Madelyn Hutchison of the Pathfinder

Presented by The Silverthorne Theatre Group with help from LCSC’s Humanities Division, William Shakespeare’s “Twelfth Night” is reimagined by LC students.

The following is the director's, Lane Richins, statement in regard to this retelling:

“When I was presented with the opportunity to direct “Twelfth Night” I must admit I was a bit daunted. Shakespeare can be handled so many ways, and there have been thousands of iterations of this play. I did not know what I could add. Soon, though, I realized the best thing I could do was to set “Twelfth Night” here at home, in Lewiston and on the LCSC campus.”

Richins succeeded in his vision. Lewiston’s own “She’s the Man” was wonderfully performed on November 2-4 and again from November 9-11, starting at 7:30 pm at the Silverthorne Theater on campus. The story goes as follows: Orsino, played by Roland Wilson, plays for LCSC’s baseball team. Orsino is madly in love with Olivia, played by Mackenzie Dimond, who plays for LCSC’s volleyball team. The only thing is Olivia doesn’t return Orsino’s affections, this unfolds hilariously as Viola, played by Camrynn Kernan, enters the picture. Viola, dressed as a man, finds herself in between Orsino and Olivia, falling for Orsino while she must convince Olivia to fall for him as well. Things only get more complicated when Olivia falls for Viola, as she believes that Viola is a man named Cesario.

OP:ED: Having just read “Twelfth Night” for my Shakespeare class, I couldn’t be more excited to see this play, and as usual when it comes to Silverthorne’s plays, I was not disappointed. I thought placing the characters in the current time Lewiston was not only interesting but also added a bit to the play’s hilarity that the script is relatively close to the original language. I think the casting for this play was perfect, every actor I saw brought their all for their characters, adding more energy to the whole atmosphere.

Another thing that I thought was a cool choice was the lack of background props. There were simply a series of boxes, each side of the box a different color which could then be flipped around to show the differences between the locker rooms, the clock on Main Street and so on. And all the boxes made the perfect outline of Idaho state. When they had to change the box arrangement many actors would break into song and dance so the audience could laugh rather than have us wait in silence. All in all, I loved it!
The LCSC Trap and Skeet team started its first season this fall, and for those on the team, it has been a blast (no pun intended). Their first “fun shoot” was with the University of Idaho last Saturday. The competition consisted of 50 singles (one clay target thrown at a time) and 50 doubles (two targets thrown at a time in opposite directions). UI took the top three spots with scores of 93, 88, and 85. Dax Wareham took 5th overall and had the high score for LCSC with 74. “Considering the top three shooters have been shooting competitively for years and this was my first try, I’m pretty happy with how I did. I also consider it a win that no one on our team finished last.”

Kade Koberstein, who serves as the club’s president, got his start on his high school’s trap team. When he found out LCSC was putting together a team he simply said, “Where do I sign up?” For him, the chance to continue competing at the college level is both serious and fun. Safety is always the top priority, and getting better takes concentration and dedication, but ultimately it is all about the enjoyment of the sport. “We always have a good time, even when I don’t do as well as I’d like. My teammates are fun to work with, and the old timers at the club are a great source of wisdom and sage advice.” That advice worked as Kade shot his first 25 straight two weeks ago. “I’ve shot lots of 24s but getting that first 25 is a big milestone.”

Following the competition both teams got together for a tailgate lunch while they waited for the scores to be totaled. Brian Mahoney has been shooting competitively most of his adult life and coaches the UI team. “This was a great event,” he said, “Just look at them all talking, congratulating each other, enjoying a hot dog from the grill, and making new friends.” Though the teams compete on the field, at the end of the day it’s all about having a good time and helping each other get better. “We are glad to see LC starting a team,” said Mahoney, “We practice amongst ourselves all the time, so it is great to be able to have another team nearby for these fun shoots.”

For those interested in getting involved the process is simple. Since it is a club team everyone is welcome to join, and everyone gets to participate. One advantage to this sport is you don’t have to be big, quick, strong, or athletic to do well. And it’s not just for the guys either. Kim Rhode is the most successful clay target shooter in Olympic history, with a total of three gold, two silver, and six bronze medals. She is also the only Olympic medalist on five different continents and made history when became the first woman to medal in six consecutive Olympics (only one person has done it on the men’s side).

Dr. Wareham is the team’s advisor and teaches a class in shotgun shooting. “If you’re interested or curious, but not quite ready to join the team, you can register for the class and learn how to safely enjoy the sport.” The first three weeks are spent going over safe gun handling and rules of the game; the rest of the class is spent shooting at the Colton Gun Club (it should be noted that students living on campus must store any firearms in the security office, and there are no cost loaner shotguns at the gun club for those who need them.) According to Dr. Wareham, one of the best things about the class is the wide range of students it draws. “Typically, half the class is made up of women, and there are usually three to five foreign students—who have never even touched a firearm in their home county—that sign up and are doing quite well by the end.” One of his favorite students was a girl from Japan who hit one target on her first day. Two weeks later she met her goal of making it into double-digit by hitting ten out of twenty-five. On the last day, she had a personal best of seventeen. For those interested the class is KIN 140M Shotgun Shooting.

The next fun shoot will be on December 2nd at the Walla Walla Gun Club and consists of teams from LCSC, UI, Eastern Oregon University, Boise State, and Utah State. Though it is a fun shoot, it is also a qualifier for this year’s ACUI SCTP West Coast Conference Championship event to be held in Las Vegas, NV in January. EOU won the West Coast championship last year and finished 4th in the national championship.
On Saturday, November 4th the LC Warriors volleyball team took on the C of I Yotes in an epic 5-set match, unfortunately, the match didn’t go as planned for the Warriors as their senior night was ruined losing to the Yotes 3 out of the 5 sets with scores of 21-25, 23-25, 25-22, 25-16, 15-11 the warriors put up a good fight as they were able to control the game on the defensive end with more blocks than the Yotes having 12 to their 9 the warriors were led by Karissa Linder & Missy Mortenson as they both had 6 blocks each. Juliana Aguilar led the contest with 15 kills and Kenzie Dean led both teams in digs with 26 total for the game. The Warriors recognized three seniors last Saturday Kirstyn York, Ashlee Batchman, & Kenzie Dean.

Warriors came out on a hot start taking a 4 - 1 lead on the Yotes with kills by Mortenson and Aguilar. Some good plays from Anna Merrill and Gianni Anderson gave the Warriors an 8 to 4 lead right before Gianni Anderson was able to get 2 more swings giving the Warriors a 10 - 5 lead and forcing the Yotes to call a timeout to try and slow down the pressure the warriors were causing they came out the timeout and were able to cut the deficit to one 11 - 10 a kill by Linder gave them the 12 - 10 lead the Warriors were able to withstand the comeback from the Yotes and ended up taking the first set 25 - 23.

Start of the second set the Warriors were able to take a 3 - 2 lead on the Yotes until they were able to make a 9 - 3 run on the Warriors giving them a 12 - 6 lead on that warriors that until the Warriors were to go on an 8 - 1 run themselves putting them ahead 14-13 back and forth the two teams go as C of I was up on the Warriors 23 - 21 until the Warriors took four straight points giving them the 25 - 23 win over the Yotes.

As the third set got way the Yotes came out swinging and took the 4 - 1 lead on the Warriors, which was no problem for the Warriors as they were prepared for a dog fight, they were able to capitalize on multiple Yotes errors giving them and 7 - 6 advantage warriors were able to take that momentum and go up on the Yotes with a 14 - 10 lead. With their backs on the line, the Yotes understood it was either now or never to make a run and try and avoid the sweep, so they rallied up and were able to take an 18 - 17 lead carrying the momentum they took the 25 - 23 win on the third set. The Yotes were able to carry that momentum of winning the third set and got the next two sets on the Warriors with finishing scores of 25 - 16 in the fourth set and 15 - 11 in the last and final set. As it is the last game at home for the team it is not their last game of the season as they get ready for the conference tournament where the Warriors earned the 8th seed and will face off on Tuesday against the Northwestern Eagles in Kirkland Washington.
Should Turf be Banned?

By Damian Demier
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Four-Time MVP and 19-year veteran Aaron Rogers has a season-ending injury in week one of this year’s NFL season. He tore his Achilles tendon due to his foot getting caught in the grass during their week one opener. Time and time again athletes have endured major injuries and have thought that the reason is because of artificial grass. Athletes across the nation have strong opinions about what they play on, whether it is natural grass or artificial turf.

The NFL has gone back and forth between turf and real grass since the ’70s. It started with Astroturf and has made the change to more of an artificial turf. Currently, 15 NFL teams are using natural grass fields, and 17 teams with artificial turf. The NFL started using artificial turf for some teams because of how hard it was to grow grass and thought that there would be more injury prevention too.

Owners across the league have claimed that turf is durable and level which should lead to fewer injuries. Grass fields get torn up due to rough play which can lead to more ankle injuries. Grass fields require a lot of maintenance and time to keep the fields looking good. Looking at it from a financial standpoint you’d assume that that grass is cheaper, but that isn’t the case. The installation of turf can be expensive, but you will end up saving more money due to you not having to water or fertilize the grass to make it look good. On top of that, they are easier to maintain. Similarly, college stadiums aren’t being used like NFL stadiums so it is easier to have all grass stadiums. NFL stadiums are being used for concerts or other events and having turf fields makes it easier to remove and put back before and after events.

After Rogers’ injury, there was a huge debate over whether the injury was caused by artificial turf. There have been other injuries that have been blamed on turf yet these same injuries are happening on natural grass fields too. There hasn’t been any significant evidence that proves that turf grass causes more injuries than natural grass fields. Whether there is a debate or not players prefer the natural grass fields over artificial turf grass. It is an issue that many players have had concerns about and made their opinions public as seasons go on.

Many NFL players believe that injuries occur due to turf fields. There is no significant evidence that proves that the injury right, as the same amount of non-contact injuries that occur in games and practice are about the same. But as more injuries occur the debate for whether to remove turf fields will continue to rage across the NFL.

McCarthy Voted Out

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An unexpected turn of events led to the now former Speaker of the House, Kevin McCarthy, being voted out, leaving a power vacuum at the top of the House.

In addition to raising questions about the future leadership of the House, this sent shockwaves through the political landscape. Eight Republicans joined Democrats in a historic 216-210 vote to oust House Speaker Kevin McCarthy. McCarthy said he was done running for speaker and would not do it again.

McCarthy said, “I may have lost this vote today, but as I walk out this chamber, I feel fortunate to have served.” McCarthy leaves with no regrets and walks out feeling he was the best version of himself.

Without a speaker, the House cannot conduct any legislative work. Members must select a new House speaker before being able to go back to their day-to-day work. This also includes funding that goes to the government and needs to be done within the next 43 days so they can avoid a government shutdown. The Financial Services Committee chair and North Carolina Rep., Patrick McHenry, has been named interim speaker with limited authority.

“McHenry’s authority is untested. There is no manual. There is not a book. This has never been done before,” said Rep. Garret Graves. This is a new thing for everyone, everyone will have to learn to adjust while the search for a new speaker has begun.

The Speaker was removed after a vote of no confidence. Montana Rep. Matt Rosendale and many other GOP members who opposed McCarthy viewed McCarthy’s support of the bipartisan bill to fund the government and avoid a shutdown as the final straw.
Minimum Wage Ebb and Flow

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Most students at LC State work part-time or full-time jobs to pay for tuition and living expenses while pursuing their degrees. While some students can work jobs in their preferred career fields, many only have the opportunity to work in entry-level positions. In many places, they would be paid close to the minimum wage, but that is usually not the case in Lewiston.

The first official minimum wage was set in 1938 by the Fair Labor Standards Act which established it at $0.25 an hour. Throughout the years it has been raised numerous times, but the most recent was July 24, 2009, where it was raised to $7.25 an hour. Despite many efforts, the federal minimum wage hasn’t seen an increase since.

Many states across the country have changed their minimum wage. Washington state will increase its minimum wage by 54 cents to bring it to $16.28 an hour, unlike Idaho whose minimum wage matches the federal rate at $7.25 an hour.

Even though wages within a state seem like they would be consistent, states will have different wages depending on the area. In Washington state some areas like Seattle and SeaTac have minimum wages as high as $18.69 an hour and $19.06 an hour, respectively. Businesses will increase their starting wages to keep up with other businesses or in some cases for LC students to keep up with the wages across the bridge.

We sat down with current LC student, Connor Alexander, to discuss the differences in pay for low skilled jobs between here and his hometown of Bonners Ferry located in the Idaho panhandle. He described how in Bonners Ferry he worked at Les Schwab and made $12.75 an hour, he then mentioned how if he were to get a job at Les Schwab in Lewiston they would start him out at around $18.00 an hour.

He also brought up the point about Lewiston businesses having to match Washington’s minimum wage due to the proximity to Clarkston. He mentioned, “The Clarkston Taco Bell is paying 17 bucks an hour, so the Lewiston Taco Bell has to pay 17 bucks an hour or they’re only going to get the bottom of the barrel workers.”

This does not come without its downsides. Because wages are a lot higher, that has a significant impact on the cost of living. As the majority of us know, it can be difficult to find housing in Lewiston that is affordable. Wages and housing costs are correlated, and this is at the heart of the discussion around minimum wage and housing costs.

The debate about minimum wage will always have different arguments based on different views. Some individuals argue that raising the minimum wage can benefit more than it can hurt. But ultimately finding a solution that both supports workers and sustains a healthy economy will remain an issue for a while.
Overcoming Burnout

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Students of all ages, across the country, suffer every year from end-of-semester burnout. As stress and the workload increases towards the holidays, it is important to manage one's time while optimizing comfort.

Every student knows the feeling of dreading going to class as the weather gets colder and the finals roll around. Forty-four percent of college students suffer from depression and/or anxiety, according to the website Best Colleges, and this number only increases as the seasons change and classes become more difficult. Despite the alarming feeling we all face this time of year, there are ways to shrink the anxiety.

According to the website, Psychology Today, the best technique is to imagine watching another student in the library and think about what you would say to this student who is being hard on themselves or getting stressed over a final paper.

“Remember stress doesn’t come from what’s going on in your life,” said stress expert, Andrew Bernstein, “It comes from your thoughts about what’s going on in your life.”

Maintaining a present and mindful attitude will also alleviate stress. While working on hours of homework, it’s easy to let your mind wander and worry. Worrying will only make you both mentally and physically exhausted according to psychologist Brad Waters. It is best to try to fully engross yourself in the work you have in front of you, and realize that breaks are coming.

Reminding yourself that deadlines will come and pass, and classes will soon be over.

Additionally, prioritizing all aspects of your life will reduce stress. When there is so much going on and your mind is racing over everything, nothing can get done productively. Simply getting your thoughts onto paper, and organizing them by importance can be a help in easing your mind, according to Psychology Today.

It’s vital to understand that not everything can be done, and sometimes putting off work that isn’t pressing to prioritize yourself can be the best practice. Rest is extremely important, so don’t short yourself and be realistic with the time that you have.

Subsequently, if the stress does become too much, never isolate yourself. Don’t be afraid to talk to your peers or others around you about what you’re struggling with. Many of your peers are dealing with the same struggles, and being able to talk through it allows for much needed breaks.

Having shared connections often helps us not feel alone, and reassures us that we can get through the stress.

Our self-care is our responsibility, and as other responsibilities rise it’s key to not let our self-care slip. Not managing your own stress can lead to anger, loss of clarity, increased frustration, and many long-term physical and emotional effects according to Psychology Today. Enduring stress should not be a normalcy of getting older, and it’s up to us to ensure that we manage it appropriately.
The Vinyl Record Revival

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In recent years, vinyl records and record players have returned since the late 2010s and continue into the early and mid-2020s. Sales of vinyl records and record players have risen for the first time since the late 1980s. Today, many people, especially younger populations, purchase and play their favorite hit artists on vinyl records, such as artists like The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, and Elvis Presley.

The initial decline of vinyl began at the end of the late 1980s. Between 1988 and 1991, the CD began to take over as the mainstream substitute, with TV shows like Home Improvement, Boy Meets World, and Saved By The Bell featuring CD players. Older generations and populations continued to use vinyl records, but the unification of East and West Germany witnessed a surge in CD sales as CD production factories in West Germany attempted to rejuvenate wealth in the poorer East Germany and provide jobs for youth from the former East Germany. This production also generated greater wealth for CD retailers in the United States.

After nearly 40 years of minimal use, the youth of Gen Z, Gen X, and Millennials began seeking interest in vinyl and vinyl record players. According to the website The Manual, the vinyl revival began due to modern technology and recording equipment creating a more artificial sound in music and a lack of authenticity. Vinyl provides a warmer and often clearer sound that computers and modern recording studios lack. Another reason is many younger generations are beginning to embrace the nostalgia of their parent’s generation and pursue new interests in learning East Swing and many other dance forms, to which vinyl records add to the sense of nostalgia. As such, the enjoyability of dancing to fan favorites like The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, and Elvis Presley continues to appeal to younger generations since their legacies are so impactful or these individuals are still alive. In addition, most artists before the 1980s provided danceable music, including later artists like Billy Joel and Kenny Loggins, despite more musically aggressive hard rock sounds. Lastly, vinyl records are easily collectible for relatively cheap prices, as CDs and online music-playing resources are still in mainstream use. There is a wide availability of vinyl records, record players, and newly made nostalgic ones.

Next time you think of your favorite musician or band of old, consider listening or dancing to their music with vinyl records or a vinyl record player rather than a computer or radio.
“Friends” Star Dies

By Damian Demler

Matthew Perry, best known for playing Chandler in the hit TV show “Friends,” passed away on Oct. 28, 2023. Perry was just 54 years old and had much life to live but was taken from us too soon.

Perry was one of six stars on the show “Friends” which ran for 10 seasons from 1994 to 2004. It was about the never-too-dramatic dramas and in-jokes and exploits of a group of six young friends living in New York City.

Chandler was the comedian of the group, with a well-paying businessman job his friends did not entirely understand. He wore sweater vests but also moodily smoked cigarettes and cracked many memorable jokes that made his character loveable.

Perry, like his co-stars, eventually earned $1 million per episode. He was rich, famous and handsome. But behind the scenes of “Friends,” his substance abuse was already an issue. He had publicly struggled with drinking and drug use for decades, leading to hospitalizations for a range of ailments. By his own account, he had spent more than half his life in treatment and rehab facilities.

A Jet Ski accident in 1997 helped set in motion Mr. Perry’s addiction to painkillers. A year and a half later, he was taking 55 pills a day. He checked into a rehab facility weighing a gaunt 128 pounds.

Matthew Langford Perry was born Aug. 19, 1969 in Williamstown, Mass. His parents divorced when he was just a baby so he grew up with his mother and his step-father. While living with his mother he was one of the top ranked junior tennis players in Canada. When he was 15 he moved to Los Angeles hoping to devote more time to tennis and leave behind unhappiness he felt about his place in his mother’s second family.

After a couple of years in Los Angeles, Matthew decided that he had figured out what would make him happy. “Fame would change everything, and I yearned for it more than any other person on the face of the planet,” he wrote in his memoir. “I needed it. It was the only thing that would fix me. I was certain of it.”

In 1988, while he was still a teenager, he made his film debut, starring alongside River Phoenix in, “A Night in the Life of Jimmy Reardon.” He would also appear on several sitcoms for a few episodes, and it was clear that he was an up-and-coming actor.

When he was 24, alone in his small Los Angeles apartment, he got on his knees and prayed to become famous, no matter what else would happen to him in the process. Just three weeks later his life would change for the better and he was added to the cast of “Friends.”

Matthew Perry showed us that life has its ups and downs and that you shouldn’t let that hold you back, as he starred in one of the most viewed shows of all time and how he spoke time and time again to help people with their addictions and to overcome their adversity.
Lowenstein Brings Light to How Easy it is to Coerce Someone into Confession

By Madelyn Hutchison of the Pathfinder

Today’s review mentions mental illness, murder, police brutality, and drugs. While I won’t go into all of it in this article, if anyone decides to read the book later, those are the content warnings.

Thomas Lowenstein, the author, is the founder of the New Orleans Journalism Project, which according to the Chicago Review Press, works with students studying journalism focusing on stories related to criminal justice. While his only book is “The Trials of Walter Ogrod,” Lowenstein has written for a few magazines including American Prospect and Philadelphia City Paper. Lowenstein was also a former investigator at Innocence Project in New Orleans and editor for the DoubleTake magazine. Currently, Lowenstein teaches at Harvard.

“The Trials of Walter Ogrod: The Shocking Murder, So-Called Confessions, and Notorious Snitch That Sent a Man to Death Row,” tells the unbelievable story of four-year-old Barbara Jean Horn being abducted from her front yard in 1988 and less than two hours later found murdered in a box at the side of a busy road. It explains how to this day this crime is still unsolved and just how easy it is to coerce certain people into confession.

Walter Ogrod was considered to be “odd” by those in the neighborhood in 1988, we now know with more accurate testing that Ogrod was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, severe social anxiety, difficulty reading social cues, and the maturity of a teen rather than the 27-year-old he was. The fact that his mother had abused him into believing that things that weren’t there in front of him were there because of her undiagnosed schizophrenia, the fact that he had Munchausen by proxy, and at the time of his confession he had been awake for over a day and a half straight on top of his other diagnoses, according to the book, which quoted the Gudjonsson Testability Scale, Walter Ogrod was “was more suggestible and more easily manipulated than 95% of the population.” For those unaware, the Gudjonsson Testability Scale was created to understand those who are at risk for giving false confessions.

This is just the tip of the iceberg because despite the only evidence being a sixteen page confession that made no sense, Ogrod was sentenced to death until he was exonerated on June 5, 2020, spending 28 years in prison for a crime he didn’t commit. After his exoneration Barbara Jean Horn’s case was reopened, and to this day there have been no updates.

OP:ED: I loved this book, easy five out of five stars. I listened to the audiobook for this story, and all ten hours and forty-seven minutes were chock-full of amazing detail. Lowenstein went over every transcript with a fine tooth comb and interviewed many people, even Ogrod himself. It was incredibly enlightening how people can be coerced into confessions because no matter how many times we tell ourselves that couldn't be us, it is incredibly easy to confuse the human brain and give it false memories.

When I researched this case, this was the only source that didn't repeat the same, short facts. It had more information about Barbara Jean, how she could entertain herself easily through her vivid imagination, and when that wasn't enough, she had made plenty of friends on her block of matching cookie-cutter houses. She loved riding her bike, roller skating, jumping rope, and playing with Barbie dolls. She also loved watching herself in a mirror as she sang songs from “The Sound of Music” and “The Wizard of Oz.”

It also explains what was going on in Philadelphia at the time, who had control over the police in the ‘80s thus leading to department corruption, and why this case is still unsolved due to the less-than-great investigation. All in all, this book is a wealth of knowledge on this case, and if you find true crime morbidly fascinating like I do, I suggest you check out this book.
ACROSS

4. A holiday celebrating harvest and other blessings of the past.

6. Used to scare birds away from corn.

7. Group of tree leaves.

9. Plant and water them.

DOWN

1. A large orange squash that people carve faces into.

2. Have five of these a day.

3. A dessert that usually has fruit or pumpkin in it.

4. Bird eaten on Thanksgiving.

5. Squirrels love them.

8. A crisp, red fruit.
Word on the Street

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“Who is your biggest role model?”

“My mom.”

“This is a tough one, probably my mom.”

“I will say my granpa, because he is loved by all.”

“Umm give me a second to think about that. My highschool band director.”

“My fiance.”

Last week before break! I am looking forward to days off with my family.

I am also excited to eat Thanksgiving food. This might be an unpopular opinion but I am a big fan of the sweet potatoe casserole with marshmallows.

- Liz