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This Week's Motivational Quote

"The man who complains about the way the ball bounces is likely to be the one who dropped it."

-Lou Holtz, former NCAA football head coach

[If you're motivated to book a hotel room, click here!](#)



Weekly Contest

Last Week's Question:

How many points will the Ducks score against Fresno State on Saturday?

Last Week's Answer:

52

Congratulations to Dianne Olson of the Ford Family Foundation for winning last week's contest. Dianne wins 2 Tickets to the Civil War football game on December 1st. Dianne was the only entrant to guess the score correctly! GO DUCKS!

Every week we give our subscribers a chance to win GREAT prizes from Valley River Inn. To enter, simply click on the link below and complete the form. The submission closest to the actual answer wins! If there is a tie, we will randomly draw a winner.

Deadline to Enter:

Saturday, September 22nd @ 10AM

GOOD LUCK!

THIS WEEK'S PRIZE:

VRI Teddy Bear with VRI Hoody

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Valley River Inn is the home hotel for the visiting Pac-10 Teams that come into Eugene to play the Oregon Ducks and we host some of the teams that are playing the Beavs.

In 2007, we are hosting all but 2 of the Pac-10 football teams.

What two teams are not staying at VRI in 2007? (Other than Oregon, obviously.)

**ENTER
NOW TO
WIN!**

[Click Here To Enter](#)

TRAVEL NEWS YOU CAN USE - TRAVELZOO®

If you like to travel whether by land, air or sea, you'll love Travelzoo®.



The Travelzoo Top 20 is the definitive list of the week's best travel deals around the country and around the world. Every week, the Travelzoo team researches, evaluates and recommends hundreds of airfare, hotel, vacation package, cruise and rental car deals. Only the most competitive make the Top 20. The Travelzoo Test Booking Center confirms the accuracy and availability of every deal before the list goes out.

So basically, the Travelzoo Team goes out and finds really GREAT deals and emails the Top 20 deals on to you once a week. And there are some really outstanding deals to be found. Most of the deals are last minute, so you need to be somewhat flexible, but I've found other deals on Travelzoo with almost no date restrictions.

It's really easy to sign up for their weekly Top 20 Newsletter of deals. Simply follow the link below to sign up.

<http://valleyriverinn1.c.topica.com/maahT1TabBkEgaaaaaacaehiw/>

I've copied and pasted this week's Top 20 below for you to see the types of offers the Travelzoo Team sends out on a weekly basis:

This Week's Top Travel Deals on the Internet *
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\$89-\$99 Las Vegas 4-Diamond Hotel w/\$25 Credit MGM Grand Las Vegas

\$599 Caribbean 9-Night Cruise; Lowest Price We've Seen Anchors Away Cruises & Tours

\$185 Ft. Lauderdale from Portland (Roundtrip) Orbitz

\$679 Rio de Janeiro Vacation w/Air, Save \$400 TAM Vacations

\$78 & up Fall & Winter Fares Across the U.S., Roundtrip American Airlines

\$564 Aruba 5-Night Vacation w/Air, \$200 OFF CheapCaribbean.com

\$89 Miami Beachfront Resort w/Breakfast Miami Beach Resort & Spa

\$89 Cancun All-Inclusive Oceanview Suite w/\$50 Credit BookIt.com

\$99 Helicopter Transfers to New York Airports (each way) US Helicopter

\$184 Philadelphia from Seattle (Roundtrip) Orbitz

\$95 Maui: Stay Beachfront at 40% OFF ResortQuest Hawaii

\$199 NYC 4-Star Hotel in Times Square w/Upgrade Millennium

Broadway Hotel

\$24 & up Las Vegas Shows incl. 'Le Reve,' up to 50% OFF Las Vegas Shows

\$1099 China 3-City Package: 8 Nights, Tours & Air Friendly Planet

\$129 Monterey (California) B&B Package, incl. Weekends Casa Munras Hotel

\$399 & up Fly to Iceland: Stay 2 Nights FREE Icelandair

\$89 Nantucket B&B Package at Half-OFF The Beachside at Nantucket

\$2399 Cruise Australia & New Zealand: 14 Nights incl. Air CruiseDeals.com

\$2 & up Spirit Launches New Fall Fares Spirit Airlines

\$999 Morocco: 6-Night, 4-City Escorted Tour w/Air Gate 1 Travel

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Upcoming Area Events

There's always something going on in Eugene so here's a small sampling of things going on in the area over the next few months. Why not make it a mini vacation and stay with Valley River Inn while you attend these events?!



September 29
Oregon Ducks vs. California at Autzen Stadium

Times: 12:30 PM
www.goducks.com
Location: Autzen Stadium
2727 Leo Harris Parkway; Eugene
Phone: (800) 932-3668
Admission: varies

October 2
Jethro Tull

8 p.m.
Silva Hall at the Hult Center, Eugene
Don't miss this live opportunity to experience the instrumental virtuosity and theatrical flair of Jethro Tull!
Cost: \$35 - \$45
For more information, call: (541) 465-9600

October 3
Widespread Panic

7:30 p.m.
Silva Concert Hall, The Hult Center, Eugene
Widespread Panic is still thriving and creating new rock music after two decades. In addition to more than 3 million albums sold, they have a fan base that follows them around the globe.
Cost: \$40

For more information, call: 682-5000

October 4 - October 6
Eugene International Film Festival

Times: Full Day Activities
www.eugenefilmfest.org
Location: Eugene Regal Cinemas & Valley River Inn
Phone: (541) 485-8203
Admission: \$7 - \$35, additional packages available on web site

Eugene International Film Festival is a juried event bringing to you three days of independent films from around the world. Join us at the new Regal Cinemas for screenings and adjacent venues for receptions and film industry-led workshops on topics such as sound design and screen-writing.

October 10
An Evening with B.B. King

7:30 p.m.
Silva Hall at the Hult Center, Eugene
The "King of the Blues" returns to Eugene! For more than half a century, B.B. King has defined the blues for a world-wide audience. He's light on his feet, singing and playing the blues with relentless passion.
Cost: \$47 - \$57
For more information, call: (541) 465-9600

October 13
8th Annual Art Glass Auction & Benefit Dinner

5:30 p.m.
Valley River Inn, Eugene
The Eugene Glass School's Annual Auction and Benefit dinner is their largest fundraiser of the year. Your attendance and support help continue to maintain and upgrade the facility and equipment so that they can offer quality classes to the public, and help support the many artists who have chosen the Eugene Glass School as their location for art glass education. 11:00 a.m. - Artist Demo at the Eugene Glass School, 5:30 p.m. - Silent Auction, 7:30 p.m. - Live Auction and Benefit Dinner
Cost: \$65, Includes Friday's Lecture
For more information, call: (541) 342-2959

October 13
Oregon Ducks vs. Washington State at Autzen Stadium

Times: 12:30 PM
www.goducks.com
Location: Autzen Stadium
2727 Leo Harris Parkway; Eugene
Phone: (800) 932-3668
Admission: varies

October 15
An Evening With Jake Shimabukuro

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., showtime is at 7:30 p.m.
Richard E. Wildish Community Theater, Springfield

Jake Shimabukuro is widely recognized as one of the world's top ukulele musicians. Renowned for lightning-fast fingers and revolutionary playing techniques, Jake has toured with Jimmy Buffett and other top performers. Be prepared for a jaw-dropping performance. "To say that Shimabukuro plays the ukulele is like saying that Tiger Woods plays a little golf".

Cost: Reserved - \$30 General Admission (open seating) - \$20
For more information, call: (541) 515-3768

October 20-21
Oregon Wedding Showcase

Times: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
www.oregonweddingshowcase.com
Location: Lane Events Center
796 W 13th Ave.; Eugene
Admission: \$8

Whether you are planning a small, intimate affair or large glamorous event, you will benefit from attending this elegant Bridal Show. From dresses and flowers, to food and music, find vendors to fit all your nuptial needs.

October 27
Oregon Ducks vs. USC at Autzen Stadium

Times: 12:00 Noon
www.goducks.com
Location: Autzen Stadium
2727 Leo Harris Parkway; Eugene
Phone: (800) 932-3668
Admission: varies

November 3
Oregon Ducks vs. Arizona State at Autzen Stadium

Times: 3:30 PM
www.goducks.com
Location: Autzen Stadium
2727 Leo Harris Parkway; Eugene
Phone: (800) 932-3668
Admission: varies

November 3
OSAA/U.S. Bank/Les Schwab Tires Cross Country State Championships

Times: All Day
www.osaa.org/crosscountry/
Location: Lane Community College
4000 East 30th Avenue; Eugene
Admission: Tickets - Adults \$7, Students \$5

The best high school cross country runners in the state come together at Lane Community College for the 2007 OSAA/U.S. Bank/Les Schwab Tires Cross Country State Championships. Team and individual champions will be crowned in eight races.

November 9-10
OSAA/U.S. Bank/Les Schwab Tires 4A-3A Volleyball State

Championships

Times: All Day

www.osaa.org/volleyball/

Location: Lane Community College

4000 East 30th Avenue; Eugene

Admission: Prices vary by session

The state's best 4A and 3A high school volleyball teams will compete for the title of State Champion at Lane Community College on November 9-10 at the OSAA/U.S. Bank/Les Schwab Tires 4A-3A Volleyball State Championships. Matches take place throughout each day in the main gym at Lane CC.

Festival of Trees at Valley River Inn

Wednesday, November 21, 9-6 p.m.

Thursday, November 22, 10-7 p.m.

Friday, November 23, 9-9 p.m.

Saturday, November 24, 9-2 p.m.

Sunday, November 25, 9-6 p.m.

For many people, Festival of Trees has become a holiday tradition. Scheduled over six days during the Thanksgiving week, Festival attracts approximately 18,000 people every year. Proceeds from its fourteen years of operation have exceeded all expectations, netting over \$5,700,000 to support our community's health. We hope you will join us this year.

For more information email mbrooks@cascadehealth.org or call (541) 228-3003.

[Click Here for our Calendar of Events](#)

HOTEL NEWS - VRI TURNS 34!!!

The year was 1973. The Watergate hearings were underway. Elton John's Crocodile Rock topped the pop charts. Archie Bunker was America's favorite TV curmudgeon. Gas cost 39 cents a gallon. Pete Rose and Reggie Jackson were baseball's MVPs.

And, on Sept. 26 of that year, a stately new hotel opened its door on the banks of the Willamette River in Eugene.

A local family made wealthy by harvesting timber built the Valley River Inn to give back to the community. Today, as then, the Inn's lobby pays homage to its historical roots in the area's fabled forests—from chandeliers created from vintage parts used in lumber mills, to towering wooden beams and a circular seven-foot saw blade that hangs on the wall. Works by Northwest sculptors are scattered throughout the lobby and surrounding gardens, many depicting the region's native birds and fauna.

Over the past three decades, the Valley River Inn has hosted many celebrities, including Elvis Presley, President Gerald Ford, Wilt Chamberlain, Mikhail Baryshnikov, Michael Johnson and Bill Cosby. But instead of becoming star-struck, the Inn has developed a reputation for giving each guest the star treatment.

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Did you know...

The MGM Grand Hotel Casino in Las Vegas is the world's largest hotel.

You can't help but experience a jaw-dropping moment when you gaze on this, the largest hotel in the United States, for the first time.

Four 30-story towers, massive video screens and an enormous gold lion are outside, while inside are live lions, nine restaurants, two food courts and 5,690 guest rooms, including fifty-one two-story SKYLOFTS and 29 private villas.

The Signature at MGM Grand, a 576-suite hotel, is the most recent addition. A great Strip location and affordable rates make this one of the must-see hotels in the United States.



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