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YCCD debates armed security

By MARIA LONG
STAFF WRITER

Code three: lights and sirens. The SWAT team, special op forces. "Move! Move! Move!" Visions of Columbine at Columbia.

It could happen; and if it did, how prepared would Columbia College be to deal with such a situation?

Although the worst-case scenario hasn't happened, the Yosemite Community College District Council has been discussing the issue of armed security on campus.

A survey done by Los Rios Community College District found that 60 to 70 percent of community colleges have armed security, with more colleges moving in that direction. Some are contracted solely through their county sheriff's department, some combine unarmed campus security with certified law enforcement.

Since 1968, Columbia College has served the campus with professional

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Heidi Sharp
Student

security officers. It consistently ranks as one of the safest community colleges in the United States.

James H. Williams, Interim Chancellor of Yosemite Community College District, which runs Modesto Junior College and Columbia College, said armed campus security is worth talking about.

"We need to begin the planning stages," he said. "I'm not in favor of arming security officers, as they do not have the training required to

carry firearms, but I am in favor of hiring sworn police officers. It is a sign of the times."

In recent years there have been two incidents at MJC that required immediate police response.

For Columbia College, that jurisdiction lies with the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Dick Rogers said his department is up to the task.

"If it ain't broke, don't fix it," Rogers said. "Do you need to be

armed? No. Unarmed security is low key and works very well. If anything serious were to happen- the sheriff's department would respond immediately."

Despite the discussion at the District level, there are no plans to put armed security on the Columbia campus.

"The key is we hire quality personnel," says Greg Elam, lead campus security officer at Columbia College. "Staff comes well equipped with years of experience and a mandated 24-hour campus security training, as required by the state. We provide excellent, superior customer service."

From emergency call-boxes, free shuttle and escort services during all campus hours, jump starting vehicles and assisting people who've locked their keys in the car - the security department at Columbia College provides services that average

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Auto students ratchet up skills

By ARIEL SCHNEIDER
STAFF WRITER

The most diverse variety of students on campus can most likely be found in the automotive technology class. Ranging from high school drop-outs to students in their 80s, the auto tech class has 31 students and they meet five days a week for general training in the automotive field.

Auto tech is nationally accredited by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) and there are eight areas that instructors are required to train their students in. The training areas are engine repair; automatic transmissions and transaxles; manual drive trains and axles; suspension and steering; brakes; electrical and electronic systems; heating and air conditioning systems; and engine performance.

Merlin Bart and Erik Andal are the automotive vocational education program instructors. They split the



ARIEL SCHNEIDER/PANHANDLER PHOTO

Student Chris Winters works on the fuel system on a Ford F250.

class into two sections for training: beginning and advanced students. Next year they will incorporate all the students into one class for a team teaching.

Bart and Andal explain that their

job in auto tech is to prepare students for the job market and industry.

"There is a profile need; a high demand for trained and certified

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OPINION

Royal Thoughts

ROYAL H. GARRISON



We're a little too conservative to call ourselves "open-minded" here in the Mother Lode. I say this being a long-term Tuolumne County resident myself.

Sometimes I'm afraid I may be the only one who feels this way. So I set out to interview the very people I speak of. This quest led me to the nationally known Nesler family.

You remember the Nesler court cases that gave Sonora its unwanted publicity. I was overjoyed to be granted an interview from one Nesler family member.

I met with Kandy Nesler. She wanted the interview in my office, without tapes and notes. "How racist is the Mother Lode?" I asked. After a long pause, and in a soft whispering voice, she answered.

"We have a lot of skinheads and generations of isolated people here, with a very narrow-minded view point. Even my own family is very racist, one of the most racist in the community. We've prided ourselves on our racist belief in this county, always have since my father ran the Columbia Airport in the late '60s."

I asked why she agreed to an interview.

"You're a nice guy who's been here a long time," she said. "You asked for an interview with the Red & White families of this mountain, you have our respect enough to talk to you and give our viewpoint firsthand."

I had to ask: "Does your family have ties to any such groups?"

She looked me dead in the eye.

"Remember, we have ties to them all, from biker, to redneck and everything in between."

Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor:

I agree with Kirsti Dyer, you have chosen a lame name, with a myriad of negative connotations. While we are rethinking names consider "Claimjumpers." During the goldrush, claimjumpers were criminals, who commonly met their fate at the hands of

lynch mobs. "Prospector," on the other hand, refers to the diverse population of workers from all over the world who came here seeking their fortune.

George Melendrez
Fire Tech.

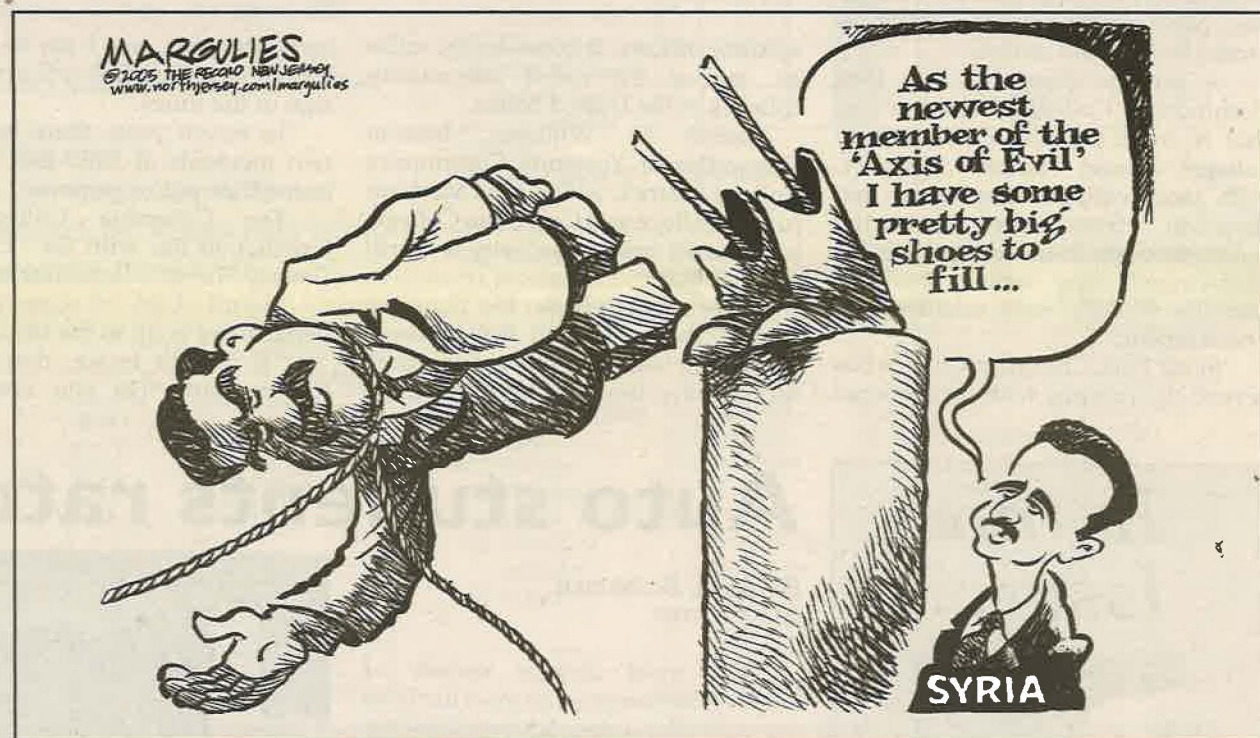
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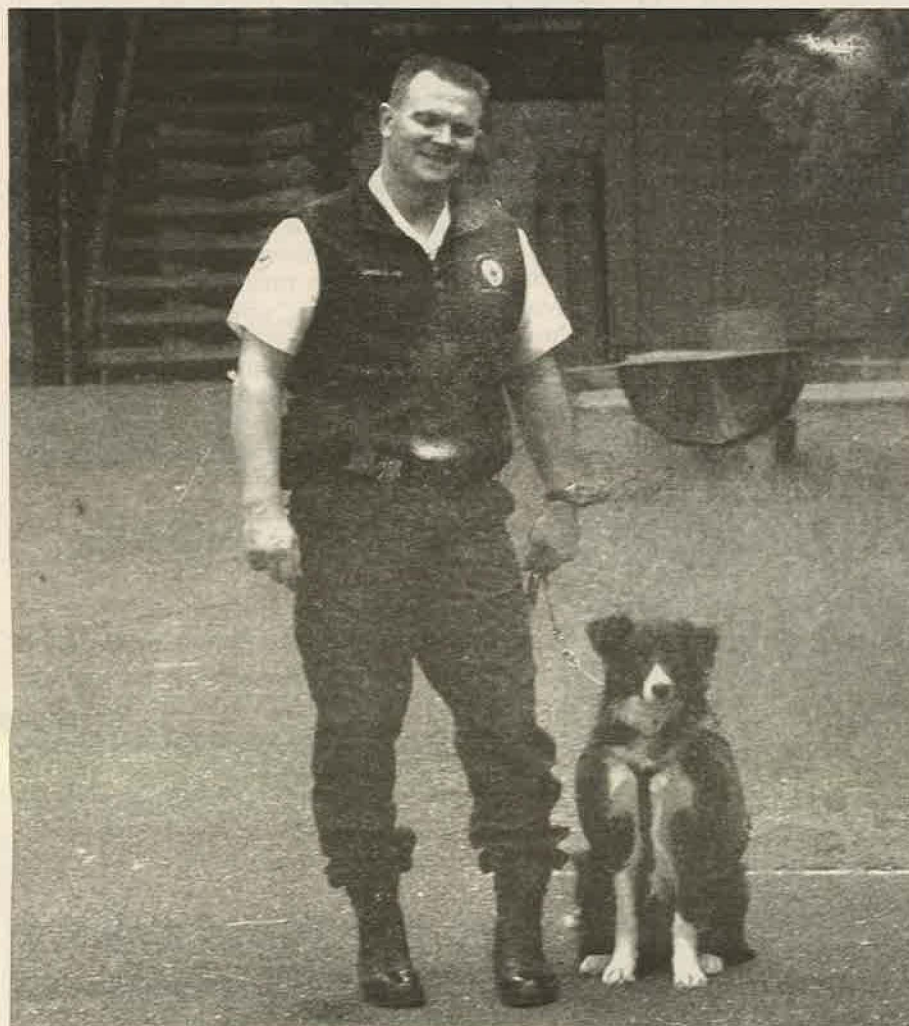
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NEWS

Wild goose chasing is Penny's job



ROYAL H. GARRISON/PANHANDLER PHOTO

Public Safety officer Greg Elam poses with Penny.

By ROYAL H. GARRISON IV
STAFF WRITER

This is a job for the dogs.

Good thing Penny is one.

This well-trained officer has her work cut out for her here at Columbia College.

Penny's specialty is goose-herding, earning the title, "Goose Buster."

The sleek black-and-white Border collie seen running around the campus is not a stray, but the nemesis of the geese that have establish residence at Columbia College's San Diego Reservoir.

For many years, the lake has been invaded by hundreds of geese and other migratory waterfowl.

Penny is a project of Greg Elam, head security officer, who paid for the six month goose-chasing training academy out of his own wages. Penny is a volunteer staff member seven days a week here on campus.

And she's already making the media scene. Penny has already her own video, which is featured on the college's web page. It was produced last summer by the Disabled Students Program and Services Coordinator Dean Kelly Marshall to introduce Penny's arrival.

Watching Penny work is a pleasure in itself.

Penny doesn't move until being told by Elam to do so. Then Penny

will start after the waterfowl until they take to the air. Her keen sight can spot a single goose at over 300 yards and will alert Elam to the intruder.

At the begging of last spring school year, the campus had over 99 wild geese and domestic pets left to run wild, here at the college reservoir. Thanks to Penny, there are now but a few. The school has tried many different things over the year to rid the lake of old geezers, but nothing worked as well as a dog.

This dog is not trained to catch

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Supplemental Instruction helps with hard classes

By SUSAN TINSLEY
STAFF WRITER

There is a special program on campus that helps students succeed in difficult classes, and not many students know about or make use of it.

It's called Supplemental Instruction (or SI for short.) It is an academic resource for all students enrolled in Math 100B, 101, 104, Business Math 163, Chemistry 10 and Biology 60.

Patricia Harrelson, Karin Rodts and Casey Bonavia are Columbia College's SI trainers.

Each of these courses has an individual SI leader who has successfully completed the class and special training prior to becoming a

leader, said Rodts.

SI offers a unique approach to incorporate course material with reasoning and study skills, according to Harrelson. It enhances student performance and retention of difficult subjects.

"SI works because it targets historically difficult courses in an informal setting that is facilitated by trained leaders," said Rodts.

SI motivates students to become active with each other by discussing the course material, said Harrelson. SI leaders do not teach or lecture. They facilitate the group by using organizational tools to review class notes, and areas of weakness, as well as preparing for tests.



SUSAN TINSLEY/PANHANDLER PHOTO

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Justin Kelley works a Math 100B problem at the board in an SI session.

New dean brings a wealth of experience



SUSAN TINSLEY/PANHANDLER PHOTO

Dr. Carolyn Buck is the new Dean of Learning Support Services.

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campuses do not. This is what fits the community.

Connie Mical, Chief Operations Officer at Columbia College, agrees.

"We seek to enhance, rather than improve, the high standards on campus that we take very seriously. We have very high professional standards for every security officer on duty, with the highest levels of skills."

With surveillance cameras, an emergency lock-down system in classrooms, evacuation procedures for emergencies, and a Fire Department with 24-hour dispatch on campus, Columbia College is constantly planning for and assessing security needs.

Other community colleges are making a different choice.

Steve Standefer, director of public relations with Antelope Valley Community College District for North Los Angeles County, believes in the bottom line.

"Antelope Valley College has had a blended force of a certified police officer and unarmed security the past couple of years, he said. "Although nothing serious had happened, our concern was to keep anything from happening. It's good to allow law enforcement on campus for everyone's safety."

Lieutenant Raymund Box of

the Compton Community College District agrees.

"We keep the threat out. We know our campus. Compton College has 90-acres, and having certified police officers on campus leaves no margin for error."

He gave an example of its advantage.

"About a month ago there was a stabbing on campus. We were able to check the perimeter and make an ID," Box said. "Within one week we made an arrest, because we work here every day."

A student service officer at San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton says the combination of police and unarmed security helps out a lot and serves its purpose—especially with a bigger college of about 15,000 students.

Heidi Sharp, a student at Columbia College, likes things just as they are.

"I honestly don't like the idea of having guns on campus at all. I feel pretty safe about walking around campus and I think people will be sketchier if they see security guards with guns," she said. "I never feel threatened; I like walking around campus."

Mical also feels the campus is doing well.

"Our types of crimes do not warrant having police officers on campus," she said.

BY SUSAN TINSLEY
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Carolyn Buck has been named Dean of Learning Support Services.

She will give guidance to the college's learning support office by managing articulation, curriculum, college catalog content, enrollment, institutional accountability, staff and student development, as well as the class schedule.

Buck took her new position on February 22 and is looking forward to the opportunities that await her at Columbia.

She has an extensive career in education. She has been involved in secondary education for the past 23 years, said Buck. Her most recent appointment was with San Diego Mesa College where she served as articulation officer for the past 14 years.

Buck also worked as the Equal Employment Opportunity representative for the past seven years in the San Diego Community College District.

Buck attended Bennett College to attain a bachelor's degree in psychology, a master's degree in counseling and guidance from North Carolina A&T State University. She also holds a joint doctorate in education from San Diego State and Claremont Graduate Universities.

"We welcome Dr. Carolyn Buck to our college campus and look forward to the addition of her professional expertise to further our institutional effectiveness," said Columbia College President Jim Riggs.

"Throughout her career, she has demonstrated the administrative leadership needed to facilitate student transition through higher education," he said.

SI: Students value the sessions

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Hannah Miley and Marilyn MacGregor are enrolled in Math 100B and attend Lisa Aldabe's SI lab.

"SI helps you learn better," said Miley. "The group is smaller than in class; it is more interactive, and it's easier to ask questions here."

"I can't live without SI lab," said

MacGregor.

There are currently six SI leaders for math, chemistry and biology, said Harrelson: Lisa Aldabe, Russ Hess, Paul Crotty, Carol Cruz, Matiel Holloway and Patricia Horsthuis.

"We will be needing new SI leaders in the fall, all of these are leaving us," she added.

AUTO: Students get hands dirty

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automotive technicians," says Bart. "We're hoping to get students to train better to get an AA or and AS degree."

But, in order to get such devoted and skilled automotive techs, students cannot be afraid to get their hands dirty.

"It's very stressful and rough at times," Bart says. "It's not an easy job. We would like there to be a more community-wide interest in occupations in technology; hopefully to increase students' awareness in auto tech."

Along with being a rough and dirty job, in auto tech class a student has to have knowledge and skills in reading technical data through an information management system. A free Internet source is available from NATEF for use by students in auto tech. Bart and Andal are state-licensed smog instructors as well, and they explain that they do interact

with the community as a whole. They are required to attend a mandatory Advisory Board meeting twice a year.

The auto tech class receives donations and Vocational Training funds which enables them to make major purchases for items that they need.

And they do have a fully equipped shop, but the best thing that has happened to the auto tech students and instructors this year has been the pass on Measure E; which has given \$1.5 million to auto tech to expand their facilities.

With this expansion, the future looks good for the automotive technology class. Bart notes that hopefully there will be better quality students, better equipment, and more funding.

"It'd be nice to have a pool of educated people come in here that want to be doing this," he said.

With a bright future in store, anything can happen.



The Spot

Good section!

Arts & Entertainment

A.C.C.L.A.I.M. earning its name

By DANIEL SHEPHERD
STAFF WRITER

From drama to film, ecology to chemistry, there's been a club on campus for every interest.

However, it takes more than just enthusiasm to make a good club. It takes commitment, experience and a certain amount of fanaticism. The drama club, playfully calling itself A.C.C.L.A.I.M. -- Actors at Columbia College Lackadaisically Acting In Minimalism -- is an excellent example of those traits. According to Tony DePage, A.C.C.L.A.I.M. president, they were fortunate to find a devoted core and experienced officers, and even a mascot.

The most difficult part of forming their club, according to DePage, was getting chartered. Absences in the Student Senate were a major barrier.

"Someone wasn't there once because they had to birth a goat," said DePage.

Despite the setbacks, A.C.C.L.A.I.M. has become a blooming organization, making students aware of the club through fundraisers as well as being part of the Race for the Cure on May 7.

A.C.C.L.A.I.M. will also be putting on a production of James McLure's 1959 *Pink Thunderbird* later in March. It is a two-part slice-of-life play set in the American South.

The show runs from March 25 to April 2, every Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. in Dogwood with a 2 p.m. matinee on April 2.



Lisa Aldabe tries on her costume for 1959 *Pink Thunderbird*.

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Who has the time for clubs?

By DANIEL SHEPHERD
STAFF WRITER

Being part of a club is a rewarding task, taking hard work and no small amount of luck to get it off the ground. A.C.C.L.A.I.M. has an abundance of both.

But some clubs aren't as lucky.

One such club is the Film Club. Jacob Conger, founder of the Film

Club, explained that conflicting schedules and a lack of interest are major obstacles yet to be overcome.

"We mainly wanted to get the club started so we could have more access to the editing room," Conger said, "But everybody's too busy to be able to give any time to it."

Other clubs have suffered because of lack of participation. Among the lost clubs are the

Writing Club, Environmental Club, Dance Club, and Intercultural Club. Doralyn Foletti of Student Outreach described the problems of maintaining an active club.

"The major problem is the staff is spread so thin already, nobody has enough time to be an advisor, and the core is always graduating. That's a problem with the two-year system."

Some play to win, some gamble for fun

By ROYAL H. GARRISON IV
STAFF WRITER

Weighing the odds of winning and losing when it comes to student gambling at the casino, is it worth the risk?

This story just might make you believe so, but remember you always play at your own risk.

Danica Stanesic of Columbia College has racked up total earnings of more than \$12,527 on her last four visits to the Black Oak Casino. With a loss totaling \$1,280 in the last two years, Stanesic has stacked up a \$20,027 grand total with receipts to prove it.

With earnings in the thousands, some wonder, what is the secret to her

game? What is the key to the winning combination?

"My secret is simple, take no more than what you have to play with, don't carry nothing but your I.D. and your spending money, no credit cards, no ATM cards, not even your check book," she said. "That's the easy way to set your limitation."

She starts her trip in the bowling alley referred to as the "Mill," her lucky spot to have a drink before she hits the slots upstairs. The red bricks bring her luck, she says, but she's not really sure why.

Stanesic is a part-time waitress in Sonora at the Minor Shack restaurant down town. She doesn't make much, and along with going to school, she has very little money to spin. So

Stanesic saves up until she has \$45 in tips.

Then it's off to the slots.

As for picking the slot machines themselves, Stanesic says "You just have to have a feel for it, and set your limitations beforehand."

If you don't believe you have the feel for it or the money to take the chance, there is always the friendly game up at Long-Hair Dave's dorm room here on campus. This is not one those "spend all of your parent's money on the late night poker game while drinking a bottle of Crown Royal".

Not here on Columbia campus; here campus dorms are a drug-and-alcohol free zone. This is your early Friday evening, local students get

together with pots equaling nothing more than \$20 a good night, in change of course. But it's not all about the money, it's all about having a good time with friends and taking a break from classes.

According to Bryce Megee, dorm resident, this is a lot better than losing money at some big fancy casino like Chicken Rancheria.

"All we have is chicken scratch to begin with," he said. "At least whoever wins here buys the other a piece of apple pie."

Phi Theta Kappa chapter opens

Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society of two-year colleges, has established a local chapter at Columbia College. George Melendrez, coordinator/instructor of the college's fire science program, has been named as the chapter's faculty advisor.

Phi Theta Kappa began with six charter members in 1910 at Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri. Membership in the organization was originally limited to women's junior colleges but by 1924, an amendment to its constitution included all junior colleges. The American Association of Community Colleges recognized the organization as the official honor society for two-year colleges in 1929.

Today, Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education with more than 1.5 million members and 1,200 chapters located in all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canada and Germany.

Approximately 100,000 inductees join the honor society each year. Eligibility is based on completion of a minimum of 12 hours of associate degree course work and a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Students must maintain high academic standing throughout their two-year college enrollment with generally a 3.25 GPA.

Average age of new members is 29 with ages ranging from 18 to 80. Part and full-time students are eligible. In 2004, the most popular major was nursing, followed by education and business.

"Becoming a chapter of Phi Theta Kappa is really a great honor for Columbia College," said Melendrez. "Along with the benefits of educational seminars and scholarship information, those who qualify are our best students and should be recognized for their hard work and

efforts in achieving excellence in academics."

Dr. Dennis Gervin, Columbia College's vice president for student learning also endorses and encourages membership in the Phi Theta Kappa society.

"This is a very exciting opportunity for many of our students. Under the leadership of George Melendrez, we are anticipating strong campus involvement and look forward to a vigorous and productive chapter here," said Dr. Gervin.

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Environmental Club plans a thistle-pull in the Red Hills

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Join Wildlife Biologist Kim Bunn

on Saturday, March 26 for a thistle pull, wildflower tour and lunch in the beautiful Red Hills. Seed yourself at the meeting March 24 at 1:30 p.m. in Sequoia 10, or call Brandon at 559-3859. We welcome all breathing bodies, and hope to see you there! Thank you.

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Cleavage and kilts cheered at Celtic Faire

By NOELLE RAFFERTY
STAFF WRITER

It was a time of cleavage, swords, jousting, and beer.

It was the Celtic Faire that was in Angels Camp, of course, and it brought out a different side of people. There were men walking around with swords, woman walking around with (most of) their breasts showing, people walking around with brimming cups of beer. Some even had flasks tucked in their belts or between their breasts.

Brian Rafferty, 23, a Columbia College student and volunteer at the Faire, had a lot of fun.

"It's amazing how many people walk by and say, 'Hey you want a beer?'" Rafferty said. He had received three free beers during the weekend.

There were people of all ages there and many students from the college. April Shadden worked at one of the vendors selling women's clothing. Josh Clark was spotted checking out a sword at one of the vendors.

One little girl who looked about three, had a shirt on that read 'kilt inspector,' but even scarier for the men was an elder woman missing teeth wearing the same shirt. There were elderly ladies wearing the big



formal renaissance dresses with hoop skirts with men in there formal gear. Even the babies were in costume.

After all the visitors left, the Celtic Faire workers and volunteers got together and partied. There were fire eaters, fire dancers, belly dancers,

drummers, and a man played the bag pipes. People hung out and some danced. There were many people drinking beer.

During the day there were many entertainers. Lord Rusty whose real name is Christopher Yates walked on

stilts dressed as a pirate and also did some street shows. Thomas Wood lit his nipple on fire, ate fire, and juggled machetes. There were belly dance troops, one even had a very large pregnant woman. These are some of the performers there this year.

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Top: A pipe band performs.

Bottom: Revelers get into the spirit of the faire with costumes.

Give Geminis space, party with Rams instead

ARIES ♈ March 21st - April 19th
-Spring fever has all Rams wanting to run, play and party, but something is tugging at your leash. Free yourself and enjoy, after all it is your birthday. Take control of your confinements, but keep responsibility in mind. You will have no one to blame if you run amuck. You keep hearing this foreign nagging word "patience." No matter how you feel about it holding you back, it isn't a punishment. Single? That's OK with you right now, it just supports your need for freedom. Attached? Your partner has seen a new side of you that is a little controlling and intimidating, keep it up they secretly like it. This week is a positive 9.

TAURUS ♉ April 20th - May 20th -The full moon of the 25th means its time for change. Make these adjustments yourself, or you will be unhappy with who and what has been altered. Don't think twice about it, pondering will only make it more unclear. Make up your mind and stay with your decision. Single? Pounce on the first person who takes interest in you. A strong minded Capricorn or Cancer will know how to handle your power. Attached? Lately odd disruptions in your life have been taking a huge toll on your relationship. Put your foot down and be greedy. Disappear with your partner for a retreat even if it's just for a drive, movie or private dinner for two. This week is a shifting 4.

horablesopes

by Susan Tinsley



GEMINI ♊ May 21st - June 21st -You need time and space for yourself. You can't help everyone, and especially those who don't want to be helped. It is more important to take care of you first. To do this you may need to disconnect for awhile. Turn off all your connective electrical devices; your friends and family can leave messages for you to deal with later. Single or attached its time to tune out and vegetate. Meditation is in order to realign your thoughts and wonderful wit that you possess. This week is philosophical 7.

CANCER ♋ June 22nd - July 22nd -Step back and take a good hard look around. Get beyond the "he said-she said" and go directly to the root of the problem. There is no right or wrong side to be on, the simple truth is what matters, and will eventually calm the ridiculous strife. You don't have to be the referee or the peacemaker—it's not your fight. Get outside and soak up some sun. The sunshine will enlighten you and show you how petty this really is. Single? Take a boat trip or swim with a Pisces, the reflective sun or moon light on the water will increase your clarity. Attached? Your bond with your loved one is especially important

to you during these trying times. Look to them for loving support. This week is a vigilant 6.

LEO ♌ July 23rd - Aug. 22nd - You are being pulled and influenced in two different directions. You have found a new interest, hobby or sport that is taking up too much of your time. Your dilemma is you feel like you are slacking on your commitments a bit. Well, you are. You can juggle both play and performance if you are careful. Go see a Libra friend who can show you the balancing act. Single? Quit trying so hard, be your lovable self and true love will find you. Attached? Keep the play up with your partner, when the time comes for work, do it together. This week is a sensible 7.

VIRGO ♍ Aug. 23rd - Sept. 22nd - You're walking on sunshine! If things haven't been going your way lately they will soon. Keep that smile up, it looks good and makes people wonder what you've been up to. Things just seem to fall right in place for you over the next week. Ride that winning horse until it drops. If haven't been in the winner's circle, remember it is easier to ride in the same direction that the steed is going. Single? No problem, you're having such a good time, drink up the blissful private reserve alone. Attached? Share your wealth with your partner and family, it will pay out even longer. This week is an intelligent 9.

LIBRA ♎ Sept. 23rd- Oct. 22nd -The craving for affection is driving you insane. You must break away from the tedious monotony and be with your favorite people. You have worked hard and now you want to play hard. Escape on the weekends and forget what you left at home. It will definitely be there when you get

back. With Venus leading you, you insatiable desires are in full bloom. Single? Dating is dangerous for you, dear Libra, they will all fall in love with you. Attached? Secretly play hard to get, this may take some doing because you're just holding back what you really want. This week is a flirtatious 5.

SCORPIO ♏ Oct. 23rd - Nov. 21st -With Venus on her way out, your usual routine falls back in place nicely. Get a grip, you tend to be a romantic, so why are you struggling with this? Stop playing hard to get, when all you really want is to be had. Your tough outer armor only shields your true tender self which loves to snuggle and be passionate. Single? Call that Cap who is always following you. Attached? Be forceful and show your partner your domineering stamina, make them beg you to stop! This week is a determined 8.

SAGITTARIUS ♐ Nov. 22nd - Dec. 21st -You just can't sit still. Energy is swarming around you. You of all people are wanting to get things done. Your usual procrastinating mood is being put on hold. You have big places to go and celebrated people to see. Watch out world, the Sagittarians could take over, and there's no one willing or able to stop them. Being at the top of your game is an understatement for the week. Single? You might be for awhile, longer, no one can keep up with you. Attached? Slow down just enough to let your partner be there with you. This week is a physical 10.

CAPRICORN ♑ Dec. 22nd - Jan. 19th -Your practicality will get you noticed by a supervisor or instructor next week. Your discipline and careful habits will be rewarded quietly, but you prefer it that way. No big display, just a simple nod of approval is enough. Single? Quietly celebrate your recent endorsement with a Virgo or Scorpio friend, when

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Trivia Answers

1. GEORGIA
2. HARTFORD, CONN.
3. JEAN HARLOW
4. 1,000
5. TERMINUS
6. "MORNING GLORY"
7. DISMAS AND GESTAS
8. THE FOUR SEASONS
9. 1,728 (A DOZEN GROSS)
10. U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT

SPORTS

Ultimate Frisbee anyone?

By MATT CUSHMAN
STAFF WRITER

Spring has started and there is nothing better than finding a reason to get outside and have some fun. One of the ways some students have found to release some of the tensions of classes is to play some Ultimate Frisbee.

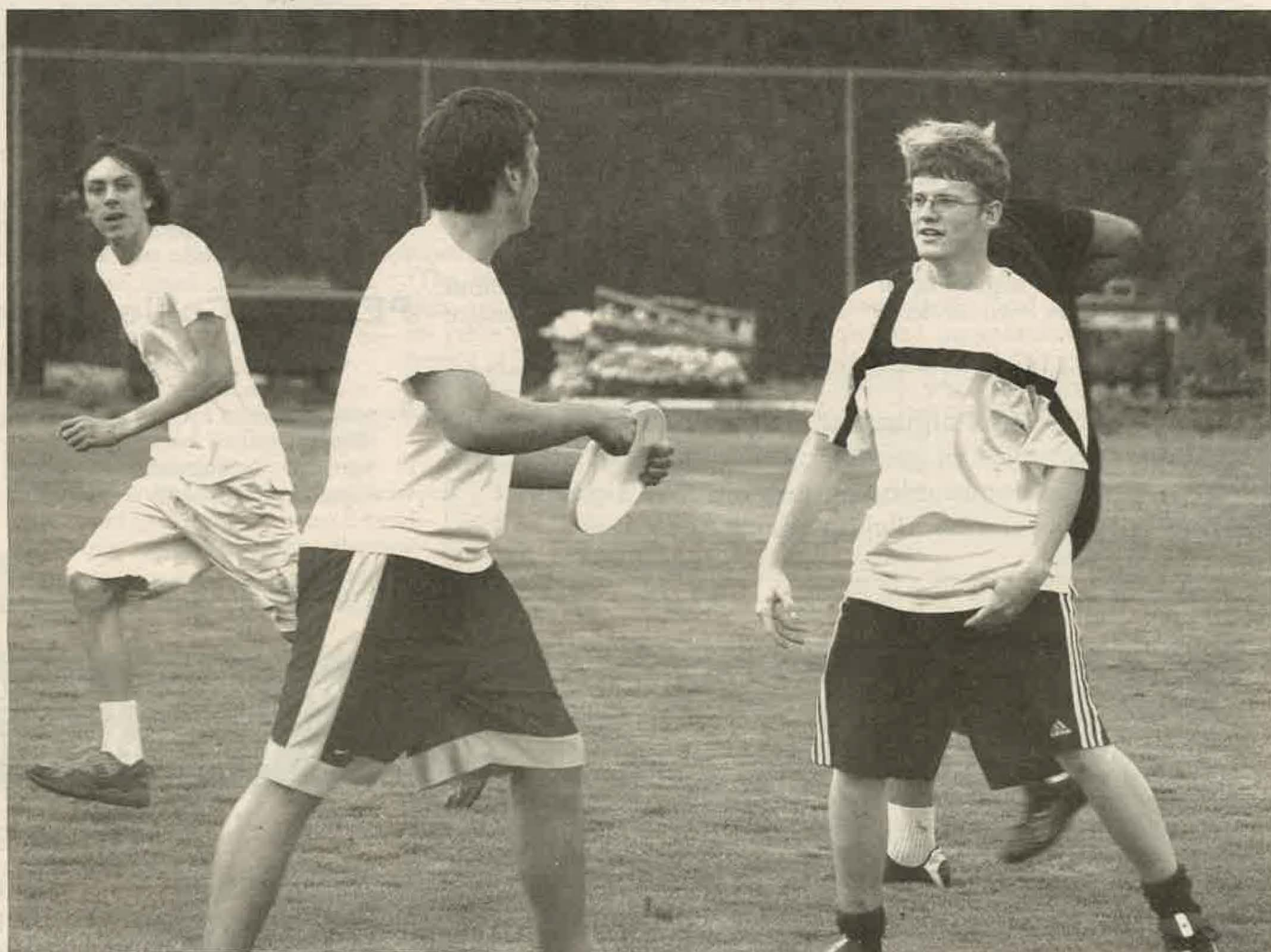
Columbia College does offer an Ultimate Frisbee class, but some students have taken it upon themselves to form their own squad that will be competing in Santa Cruz on March 26 and 27 and will have another tournament in Davis in early April.

We will call them the Columbia College Ultimate Frisbee team for now because they have not come up with a name for the team yet. There are some names being thrown around though.

Student Rex Roberts is the president of the club, which will take 12 players to the tournament in Santa Cruz.

"Teams and clubs from all over California will be competing," Roberts said, "It's a great non-contact sport."

Ultimate Frisbee is kind a cross between soccer and football, but it is played with a Frisbee. There are seven players from each team on the



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Salvador Espinosa (left) breaks free while Scott Kindy looks to pass in a recent scrimmage.

Students petitioning for open gym

By MATT CUSHMAN
STAFF WRITER

It seems a shame that the Oak Pavilion and all of its equipment is sitting idle at times when students could be using the facilities to work out or play pick up basketball games or volleyball games.

A petition is being passed around, and is at the coffee kiosk, for students who think that opening the gym is a good idea. There are already about 100 signatures on the petition but it still falls well short of the 500 needed to get some serious attention for the issue.

Student Mariah Matthews is

helping to get the signatures for the petition.

"Once we get the signatures there will be a meeting with the administration and we will work out times and red tape. It may take time though," Matthews said.

The issue is whether to open the gym to students who wish to pay a \$5 to \$10 student activities fee in order to use the gym. That fee increase would go towards general maintenance and upkeep of the equipment and to help pay for teachers to be there.

Since a normal gym membership can range from \$60 to \$80 a month, students could save over \$150 over

the semester.

The gym is fully equipped and offers most, if not all, of the machines and equipment that the other local gyms have. There are free weights, running machines, nautilus equipment, two full size basketball courts, and a running track upstairs. All of this equipment can only be used by students who are currently signed up for the schools health classes.

Health teacher and volleyball coach Morgan McBride is in favor of the open gym, but realizes that the open gym policy has been tried twice before and didn't work out.

"The problem was that students

would show up at first, then they would stop showing," McBride said.

This was frustrating to the teachers who were spending their time watching an empty gym. A certified teacher has to be on site at all times of student use due to liability issues.

Right now the gym hours are from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. for student classes. With the open gym, students would only be able to use the gym two afternoons a week when there is a gap between classes.

"I'd love to see it happen for the students in student housing if anything," McBride said.

Letters to the Editor

Student wants Christian content in student paper

To the Editor

This is a letter to question why the paper has articles on marijuana and astrology, yet doesn't have anything for the Christian believers or others of any faiths. All I'm asking for would be maybe an encouraging scripture or things that are free going on in the community. For example at Christian Heights Church on March 24, 25, and 26 there is a free outdoor performance of Road to Calvary beginning at 6:30pm. Some of our own students

are involved in this play. On the 26 there is a free Easter egg hunt for all kids that start's at 10am. There will be a bounce house and puppets for all to enjoy. This is only two examples I know that there are more churches that have stuff planed and I know I'd like to read about it. I don't mind the other stuff but can we make it a paper for all of the readers?

Thank-you and God Bless All

Mystery Bradford
Student

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you aren't paying attention they'll show you how to spice up the night. Attached? Extend your happiness to your faithful partner, your success is a definite product of their devotion to you. This week is a reliable 9.

AQUARIUS ♒ Jan. 20th - Feb 18th - Someone has been rubbing you the wrong way. The bad part is you don't want to be stroked in a good or bad way. One more abnormal thing is going to set you off. This is not your nature, you are usually the humanitarian in the group. It will all smooth over by the 27th when you realize who is honest and loyal to you. Single? "Girls night out" doesn't matter if you are male or female, you will be in the middle of the action.

PENNY: Collie already has her own video

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the roadrunner.

Border collies have been used in Scotland for hundreds of years working as sheep herding dogs and have a natural instincts to herd other animals without being aggressive and injuring them.

Attached? Get together with your partner this weekend and discuss some very long term plans. This week is a taxing 5.

PISCES ♉ Feb. 19th - March 20th. — Be careful what you say this week, your imagination has run away with you again. When a Leo calls you on the validity of your story you will be doing plenty of back-peddling to get them to believe your grandiose tale. Your heart is the right place, but you are stretching reality. Single? The city night life is where you what to be. A Capricorn or Taurus wants your phone number, give them the real one this time! Attached? Spend the night in each others arms and wake up happy. The days may be warming up, but the moonlit nights are still chilly enough for you and your partner to be very close. This week is a practical 8.

Dogs like Penny enjoy herding geese, it's just a natural instinct they have, and running 30 to 60 miles a day at speed up to 30 miles an hour is considered a normal workday.

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"Juiced up" and ready to go

No more football. There never was any hockey. Thank God for April and the beginning of baseball.

Sports junkies like me can't get by on just basketball.

We need constant stimulation. Sportscenter just hasn't seemed right lately. It feels bland with just basketball highlights and fluff pieces. They have to fill the time with something.

Finally, baseball has come to save the day. Spring training has already started in Arizona and Florida and the season will officially start on April 3.

This season will be interesting to watch. Former and current major leaguers have come out and admitted to using performance-enhancing steroids. This forced Major League Baseball to start testing players on a random basis in an effort to rid major league baseball of the stigmata of steroids.

This season is sure to start with a

Off Sides

MATT CUSHMAN



bang. The very first game of the year is a rematch of last year's American League Championship Series between the defending Boston Red Sox and their hated archrival New York Yankees.

I don't think I even have to explain a series like that.

Both teams are stacked again. The Yankees went out and traded for future hall of famer Randy Johnson to lead their pitching staff, while the Red Sox lost a future hall of famer

in Pedro Martinez, who signed as a free with the New York Mets. The Sox did re-up though and signed all-stars Wade Miller from the Houston Astros and David Wells from the San Diego Padres.

The American League East will be a fun division to watch and don't forget about the Baltimore Orioles who signed Sammy Sosa and should score about a million runs this year.

Then we get into our local teams. Both the Oakland Athletics and San Francisco Giants had busy off seasons, but they went in opposite directions.

The A's surprised everyone in baseball when they traded two of "The Big Three" pitchers that have been a staple in the starting rotation for years. The low-budget A's had to get rid of the salaries of Tim Hudson and Mark Mulder and decided to go for a younger, cheaper team.

Never count the A's out though. They are young and always play hard. Their bullpen looks deep and

they should be a lot of fun to watch.

The Giants on the other hand went the other way in the off season and got older signing 38-year-old Moises Alou and 37-year-old Omar Visquel as well as others.

The signing of Alou not only reunites Moises with his father, manager, Felipe Alou, but also finally gives slugger Barry Bonds some protection in the lineup.

Bonds is nursing an ailing knee right now but insists he will be in the lineup on opening day. Bonds will more than likely pass Babe Ruth in home runs this year, it just comes down to when and if he gets pitched to. Bonds will be watched very carefully this year after his name has popped up numerous times in the steroid scandal. It doesn't seem to faze Bonds, who maintains his innocence and just wants to concentrate on baseball.

Steroids or not, I'm still watching.

FRISBEE: Team prepares for Santa Cruz

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field and players call their own fouls. The game is played on a 70-yard long field that is 40 yards wide with two 25-yard long end zones. The teams play two 24 minute halves with a ten minute halftime.

Teams score by advancing the Frisbee between players down the field. If a player catches the Frisbee in their end zone they receive on point and the winners have to win by two.

The catch to the game is that players can only advance three steps with the Frisbee on the run before they have to pass it so strategy and

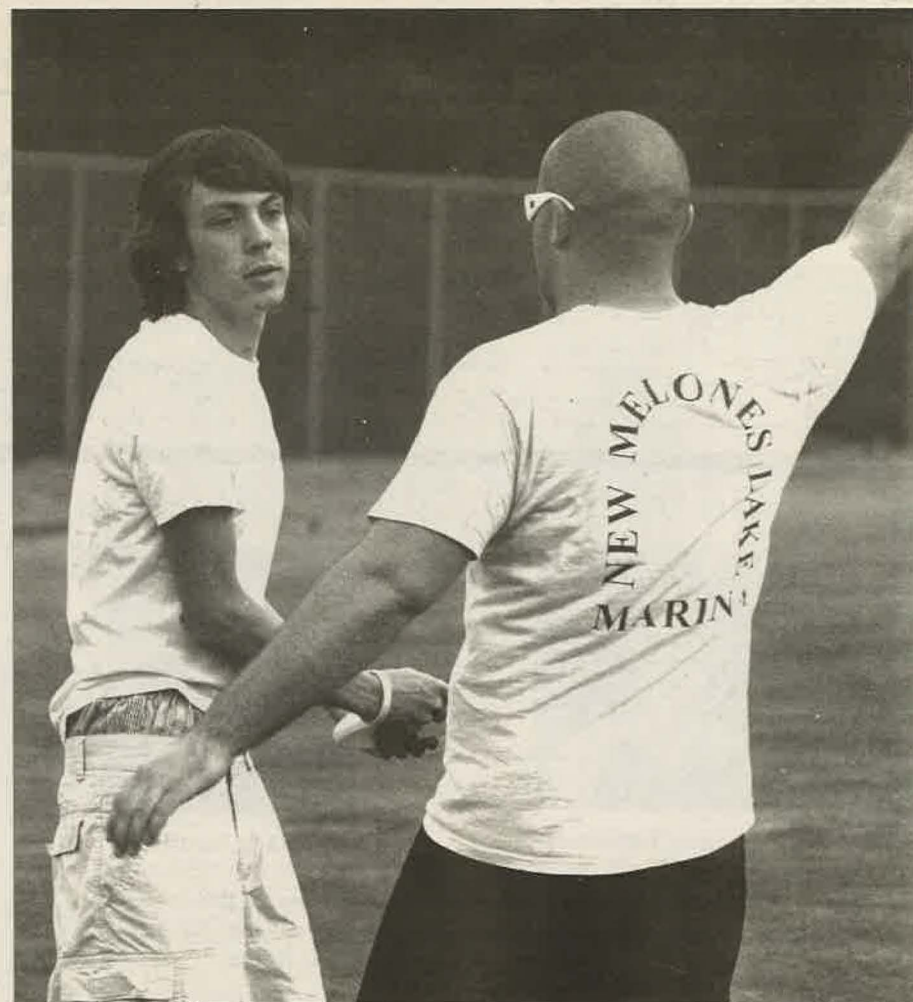
playing with your head is important.

The team practices every Tuesday and Thursday at 3 p.m. and people are always invited to come out and play at Symons Field.

This is the first year that an Ultimate Frisbee team will compete in a tournament and the team has received no help from the school at all.

They are currently looking for any staff or credible person to be a road advisor for the team when they play in the tournaments.

Any one interested is encouraged to call the Panhandler and ask for the Sports Editor.



Salvador Espinosa tries to get his pass by defender Joey Sparks.

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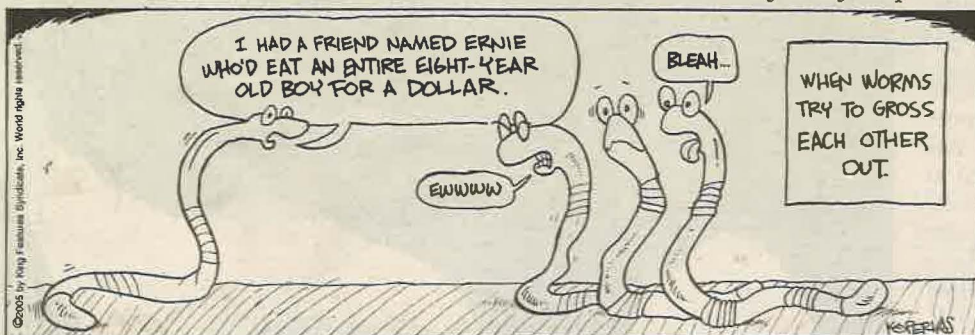
By FIFI RODRIGUEZ

- GEOGRAPHY:** IN TERMS OF LAND AREA, WHAT IS THE LARGEST U.S. STATE EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER?
- U.S. CITIES:** WHAT CITY IS KNOWN AS THE INSURANCE CAPITAL OF THE WORLD?
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- MATH:** WHAT IS THE ARABIC EQUIVALENT OF THE ROMAN NUMERAL "M"?
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- MEASUREMENTS:** HOW MANY ITEMS ARE IN A "GREAT GROSS"?
- HISTORY:** FOR WHICH U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY DID ALGER HISS WORK BEFORE HE WAS ACCUSED OF BEING A SECRET COMMUNIST AND A SPY?

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Out on a Limb

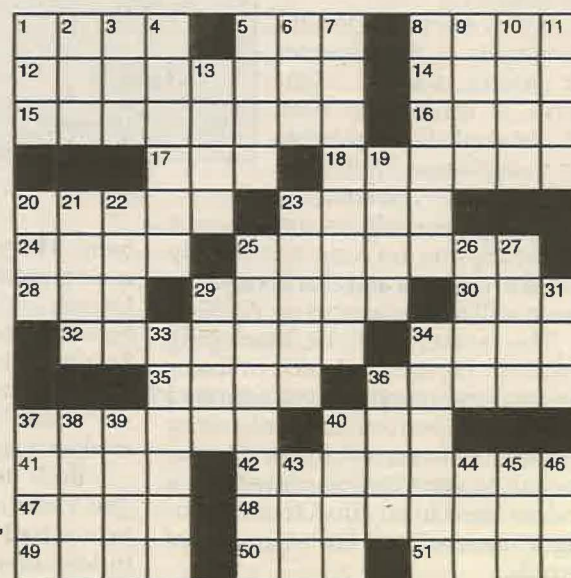
by Gary Kopervas



King Crossword

ACROSS

- Love (Lat.)
- Cranberry territory
- Fizz predecessor?
- Labyrinth beast
- Ethereal
- Opening night
- Approach
- Apiece
- Small lump
- This list
- Judicial garb
- Contain
- "Pretty Woman" star
- Charged bit
- With 23-Down, bakery buys
- "Undeniably"
- Due
- St. Louis landmark
- Responsibility
- "Murder, She -"
- Economist's concern
- St. Bernard's burden
- Beige
- Baked, Indian-style
- Winged
- Last Supper group
- Damon or LeBlanc
- Author



DOWN

- Pump up the volume
- Orbiter until 2001
- Undivided
- Cavorted
- Boxer Max
- "- Town"
- 1968
- Olympics city
- Cater to the masses
- Wallace
- Eve's third son
- Stead
- Exam format
- Burning heap
- Neckwear
- Do as you're told
- Greek X
- Aerobic maneuver
- Arm bone
- See 29-Across
- Debater's answer
- Novice
- Denomination
- Tarzan's wife
- "- Stoops to
- Conquer
- Dairy-case item
- Special vocabularies
- Marries
- Smile broadly
- Bruins' sch.
- "Phooey!"
- Recognize
- Gorilla
- Flamenco cheer
- On pension (Abbr.)
- Somewhat (Suff.)

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On the Street: What will you miss most about winter?



Heather Bartelson

Christmas.



Mark Aquilino

I miss all the exciting rides down Kewin Mill Road.



Erica Ramirez

I'll miss wearing lots of layers of clothes. And hot coco!



Brandon Taylor

Cold Weather.