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College fighting new road plans

By DEBORAH WINTERS
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Columbia College Drive, the only access road to the college, may soon become a traffic nightmare.

The Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors recently issued a grading permit to adjacent property owners allowing them to develop a 1,500-foot road that dumps out directly onto Columbia College Drive.

Columbia College Drive is a private road that is owned and maintained by the Yosemite Community College District for access to Columbia College by students, staff and visitors.

The property in question was originally owned by one family, who maintained a single easement onto Columbia College Drive from when the District developed the campus property in the 1960s. Since then, the property has been subdivided into four parcels with each of those property owners claiming access to



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The college is concerned about possible traffic using this road that connects to Columbia College Drive.

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Socratic classes are a challenge

By SKY KAUFMAN
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Marcus Cicero, a statesman of ancient Rome, wrote that a Socratic dialogue could happen at anytime between two people, when both people seek out an answer by asking all kinds of questions.

It's a method of learning that's been used since 400 B.C, but is this approach to teaching effective in the junior college environment?

This philosophy has been applied to teaching for many years at private universities, but not commonly at small community colleges such as Columbia.

But Professors Ted Hamilton and Paula Clarke, who have been called the college's "Dream Team," have been successfully using the Socratic dialogue method in their classrooms for almost seven years. Both have received recognition for successfully bringing this technique

to all their classes including history, anthropology and sociology. There are no quizzes, no grade curves, and no extra-credit assignments.

Sounds good, huh?

Here's how it works: The class is given questions about different topics related to the class subject at least a month before the due date. The student must create outlines from readings, class discussions and their notes for each question. Next, they make an appointment to have their notes and outlines approved.

If a student has his or her outline approved, he or she can write a paper on the question of their choosing and get more time to finish. However, if those outlines are not approved by the due date, the professor will pick the paper topic and the student has less time to complete the paper.

Another element of the class is this: If the entire class stops asking questions about the assigned questions, then the teacher has the

option of assigning the paper and making it due the next class session.

Students have different reactions to the classes.

Jessica Potts believes she is a good student, but felt like she was in the dark about her first Socratic Method class.

"I had no idea," she said. "The teacher expected that we should have gone to the website and to know all the information before the first day. If you knew what was expected of you, it wouldn't be so bad."

Potts tried to follow the class structure and keep up, but dropped the class so that she could spend more time on required classes.

Clarke is aware of the crisis situation that occurs on the first day of class.

"Learning how to learn means effectively encountering novelty," she said. "That's what gives students

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EDITORIAL

The Gripe

DEBORAH WINTERS

I'm sitting on a bench visiting with a friend when all of the sudden I think someone is choking. But that's not the case, it's just some guy hacking up (whatever it is that gets hacked up) getting ready to spit. Jennifer Carrier thinks that is so disgusting, "why do guys spit, it sure doesn't impress the girls!"

When did the campus turn into a skate-park? I stepped out of the elevator in the Manzanita building the other day and almost got run over by a guy on a skateboard. A couple of days later a guy was practicing skateboard tricks on the patio in front of the library – must be annoying – there you are enjoying the mid-October sunshine, doing homework or studying for that test, and some bozo is racing around the tables on a skateboard.

Cell Phones! Cell Phones! Everywhere I go are Cell Phones! They ring in the store, they ring on the bus, they even ring in the classroom. They probably ring in the bathroom too! It seems like everywhere I go people are talking, talking, talking -- and some of the ring tones these days? James Merten sits in class taking a test, concentrating to get that information from his brain to the paper, he's just about got it when suddenly someone's phone starts playing London Calling by The Clash!

Point made -- point taken. Thanks smokers for putting your butts where they belong. There's still a few of you that need a pick up lesson though.

Panhandler praised, should go on-line

To the Editor,

I want to compliment the newspaper staff on the Panhandler. I love the addition of color. I think it will increase circulation. I have a BS in Journalism & Mass Communication with an emphasis in Magazine Production from San Jose State University so I can relate to the production process and the hard work the

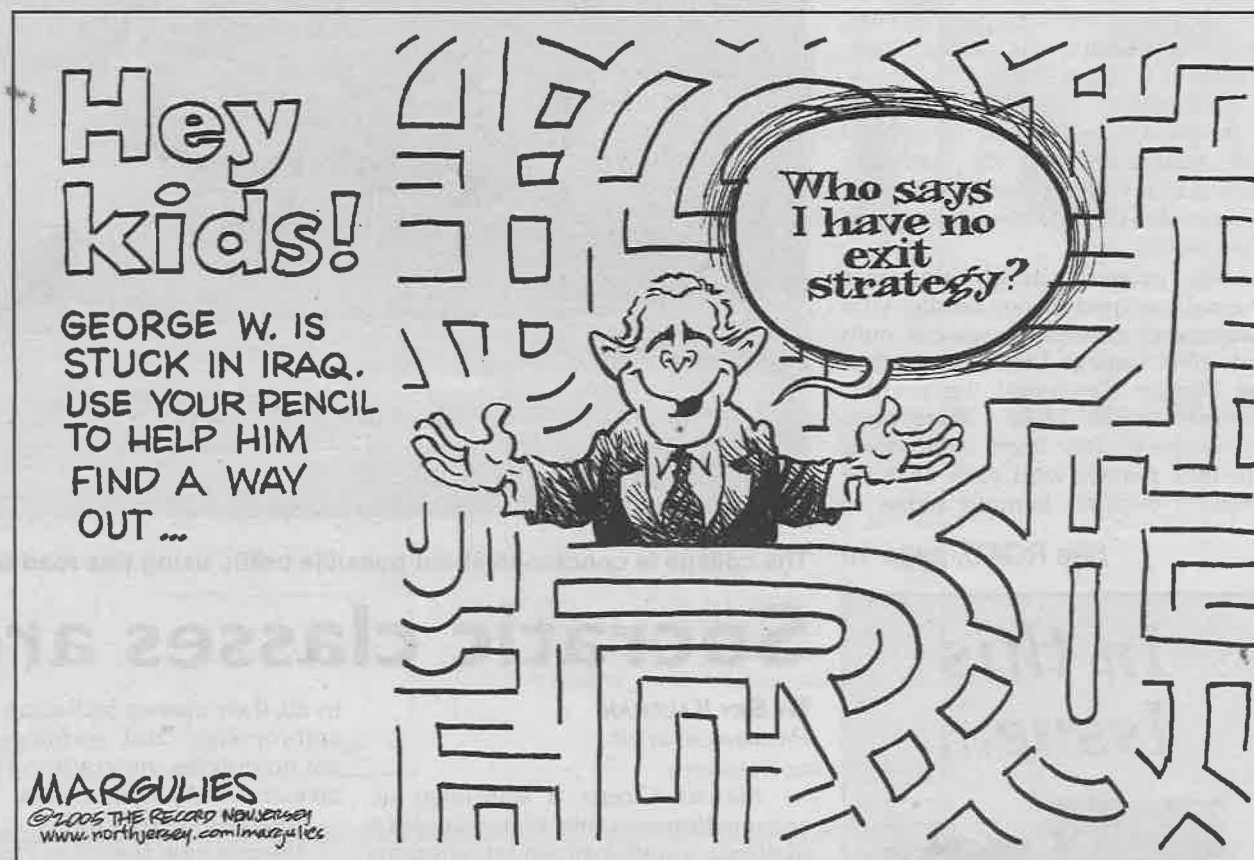
Letters to the Editor

students are obviously dedicating to this project. You and your staff should be proud of your publication. Have you thought about putting the newspaper online? It would take some work

to get it started, but if you have a few students who are interested in web/graphic design it would be a great opportunity for them and the newspaper. Having an online addition may attract more students from the computer graphics/design area. Just a thought...

Keep up the good work!

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OPINION

Everything is a link in the chain

Life on this planet is in a very fragile state at this moment. We are close to depleting all of our natural resources. Greenhouse gases in the atmosphere are making the planet overheat, and the looming possibility of nuclear war remains an ominous threat.

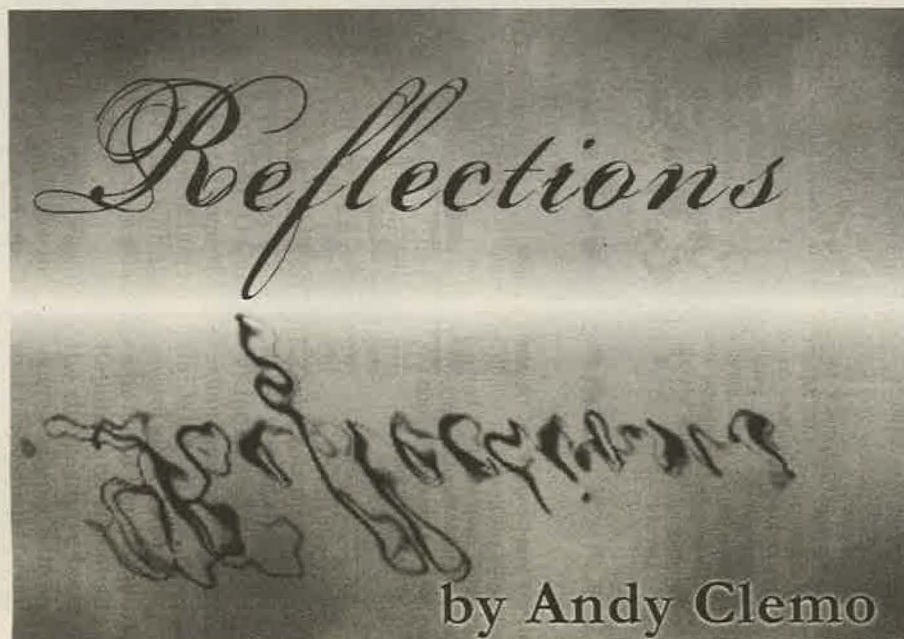
However, it is also a very exciting time to be alive. The spiritual balance could tilt either way at any moment. Our ideas about science, religion, politics and culture are rapidly changing. We are on the verge of a major paradigm shift which will change the way we think about everything.

In what used to be Mesopotamia, the cradle of civilization, Bush is engaged in a holy crusade against the Muslims, excuse me, terrorists, but the war on terror is a war without borders. Terrorism is the new communism. Anyone who is suspected of having anything to do with terrorism is public enemy number one. You are with us or against us. Black or white. Bush happens to be a fundamentalist evangelical Christian.

When you believe in any religion, there are certain things you just have to take on faith. The same is true with science, the empirical religion of modernism.

Let's start with one of the basic assumptions of Western empiricism: Knowledge can be quantified and categorized into smaller and smaller sub-divisions. When you ask one question it can raise more and more questions which narrows it down from the general to the specific.

The same principle applies on the molecular level. Matter is made up of tiny particles called atoms, which can be divided into electrons and protons, which are made up of smaller and smaller particles that scientists are still in the process of discovering. We used to believe that atoms were the smallest unit of matter and that they were indivisible, but then we learned to split the atom and the results were explosive. Now it is clear that everything is infinitely large and everything is infinitely small so, on that token, everything is relative,



including time, because perception is reality.

According to Einstein's theory of relativity, time slows down as you get closer and closer to the speed of light. They say that the moment before you die, your life passes before your eyes. In a dream, what feels like hours can pass in the blink of an eye. When the Big Bang happened, everything was moving so fast that time was at a virtual standstill. Because there are more possible connections in our brains than there are particles in the universe, it is possible that everything we experience is in our imagination and it is all a dream.

Want to hear something else crazy? Nuclear scientists never know exactly where an electron will show up, but they can calculate that it will appear within a certain range based on probability. Using an electron microscope, scientists have photographed the same electron appearing in two places at the same time. How is that possible? You tell me.

What we are finding is that electrons are like thoughts. They appear at random, showing up in bursts of energy. As we delve deeper into the understanding of the brain, we find that thoughts are caused by electrical impulses, and the connections between neurons are

strengthened every time an electrical signal is transmitted. Thoughts bond together to create more and more abstract concepts, like atoms forming molecules.

As we further our understanding of the universe, we come closer and closer to understanding the true nature of reality. In their search for the Theory of Everything, some brilliant mathematicians came up with String Theory. According to String Theory, everything is made of tiny, vibrating strings which create the appearance of matter. So instead of being made up of indivisible particles as taught by quantum physics, matter is made up of strings, and another dimension exists, raveled up, in each little string. Each string is like a wormhole into another dimension, and when two strings collide or cross over, another universe is born. Notice how all these ideas are like strings all tangled up in a huge web of ideas, the loose ends trailing off like streamers in the wind.

Part of Einstein's understanding of the universe inspired Stephen Hawking (you know, the wheelchair guy) to theorize that wormholes can exist within black holes, which means that a straight line is not always the shortest route between two points. The fabric of reality can stretch or rip when a powerful physical force, such as gravity, is exerted. If reality can

bend and stretch then that means that we have the power to mold reality into any shape or form that we like.

You can also elevate your energy level. Just as atoms have different states of excitement which radiate at different frequencies, giving off colored light, you can raise your energy level to achieve higher levels of consciousness and change the color of your aura. One way is through music. Shamanism is the oldest known form of religion in the world. Shamans use music and sometimes take psychedelic drugs to enter into a trance state, where they can communicate with the spirit world. When you sing at different frequencies, it vibrates different parts of your body, concentrating energy at the chakras. The vowel sounds of our alphabet derive from these holy sounds, which are used in shamanic chants.

Another fundamental truth of the world is that nothing is ever lost. The amount of energy in the universe is always constant. Matter cannot be created or destroyed. Similarly, memories are never really lost. Everything that has ever happened to you is stored somewhere in your collective unconscious.

There will always be questions without answers. You can try to understand everything, but in the end you will fail as others have tried and failed before you. Only God knows everything. However, there will be One who will understand everything, and when he or she comes it will be the "Second Coming," the reincarnation of Christ. You never know. It could be you. It could be me.

Many scholars now believe that Jesus studied Buddhism during the "lost years" of his childhood, which makes sense because Jesus' message was one of love, and when you achieve nirvana, everything you do becomes an act of love. In order to achieve nirvana, you must transcend illusion. Every day your senses are bombarded by corporate advertisements and government propaganda that they force down your throat. That is one

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Socratic: Students learn how to learn

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the beginning of a firm architecture for learning – like a foundation of a building. When it's not there, it's like the absence of a foundation of a building."

Trish McGettigan has also been exposed to the Socratic Method and had mixed opinions.

"It's overwhelming and there are high expectations," she said. "It seemed to take a lot of time to do the outlines and to go to appointments."

McGettigan had a full load and tried taking two Socratic Method classes at once. She found it was too much.

"I had no choice," she said. "I had to drop one of the classes."

She did complete the other class and is glad she did.

"I'm a better student because I learned how to study," said McGettigan.

Gary Mendenhall is the Dean of Instructional Services for vocational programs at Columbia. According to Mendenhall, the Socratic Method is being used at Columbia so students can get exposure to higher-learning skills before they transfer to a four-year college. He said the high expectations of the class are by design.

"You must do things that are expected of you if you want to excel at a higher level," he said.

Some students have avoided



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Professors Paula Clarke and Ted Hamilton use the Socratic Method in a political science class.

taking Socratic classes and opt to drive to Oakdale to take the same class taught with a different teaching style. Those styles include:

The "Sage on a Stage" method, where the teacher lectures

to the student and the students take notes.

The "info-tainment" method where the teachers show a lot of videos and slide show presentations while the students sit, watch and take notes.

Some teachers divide the class into small groups that discuss class topics among themselves.

All of these styles usually test the student on the subject and expect the students to regurgitate specific answers in quizzes or exams.

The Socratic Method hopes the student will get a more thorough understanding of the subject by question-and-answer sessions backed up by research, asking questions about questions, taking notes, creating outlines and writing papers using primary and secondary sources.

Heather Gillis is the Tutor Coordinator for the Academic Achievement Center and specializes in helping students become successful in classes that are taught with the Socratic Method.

"Some people need help more than others," she said. "It's a common feeling to be overwhelmed. Don't let that stop you."

Gillis helps students with taking better notes, pulling apart questions, and analyzing evidence to support a question.

She offered this advice on how to be successful in a Socratic Method

class: Take baby steps, stick with it, seek out help at the Academic Achievement Center, manage your time properly, start the reading early, make rough outlines right away, get notes and outlines approved by deadlines, and most importantly don't procrastinate!

Hamilton and Clarke also gave some advice on how to be successful:

- Talk to successful students outside your peer group.

- Read "Dear Incoming Student" letters.

- Go to the teacher web sites and explore the site before the first day of class.

- Ask the teachers questions about the class structure and where you can get more help and information.

History 17 is taught by Derek Cowell using the Socratic Method.

Potts, who dropped her first Socratic Method course, is enrolled in the class and feels more comfortable now that she has an understanding of what the teacher expects. She said she feels like she is learning more about U.S. history and the class is more interesting than if the teacher just lectured the whole period.

Clarke sees that as success. "A lot of students don't know what a student is," she said. "They need to learn what being a student is and make a commitment to be a student."

Reflections: We need love

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level of illusion. The concept of self is another illusion. Carl Jung called the self a "delirium of voices." We learn to talk by listening to what other people say so everything we say comes from something someone else said.

In Eastern philosophy, there is a focus on a holistic view of life and health. Here in the West, we tend to be more myopic. We pursue short-term wealth and ignore the health of the planet. No one is looking at the big picture.

In Greek times, the ideal man was a philosopher, a mathematician, a poet, and an athlete. Today, knowledge is broken up into programs and majors based on areas of focus. You can still get a degree in liberal studies, but it is not what is considered a marketable major.

Religion can be a guiding light, but it can also be a force of oppression. In Egypt, the pharaohs thought that

they were gods and expected the people to worship the ground they walked on because they were born into the royal bloodline, but the Hebrew slaves rose up against the tyranny of the pharaohs because it was wrong. Today, we are ruled by a man who thinks he can do no wrong because he was born into the royal bloodline of the Bush dynasty.

Take a look at a dollar bill. The pyramid, a symbol of hierarchy and oppression, is still there. The all-seeing eye is Big Brother, the government watching everything you do. In God We Trust.

The question is who's God?

Maybe we should start trusting in ourselves. We need to think outside the box of hierarchical structure and realize that the shortest route between two points is not always a straight line, and not everything is black and white. If we are going to survive, we will have to come together so we can expand, and we need to have love.

NEWS

Students not too enthused by the November ballot

BY DANNY SHEPHERD
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The commercials and the bumper stickers can only mean one thing; it's election time.

But around Columbia College, there appears to be a lack of interest and participation on the part of many students. Many students say they will not vote, while others will merely decide once they get in the booth.

Students, for the most part, simply don't have the time or patience to make sense of these propositions.

So, here is a brief overview of the propositions:

Proposition 73, would require a physician to notify parents two days before a minor gets an abortion. The supporters of this proposition say that the parents have a right to know what their child is doing. Opponents of the proposition have argued that this notification could result in abuse for teens living in troubled families.

Proposition 74 lengthens a teacher's probationary period. This proposition would expand a teacher's probation, the period before a teacher becomes a permanent employee, from two years to five years. It would also make it easier to dismiss teachers who are given poor performance evaluations. Supporters say that this would strengthen the educational system by eliminating ineffective educators. Critics argue that two years is long enough to recognize unproductive instructors and the proposition gives school administrators too much power.

Proposition 75 would unions to obtain written permission from their members before using union dues for anything political. Supporters claim that this would allow individual members to opt out if they disagreed with how their funds would be used. Opponents say that this proposition is designed to weaken union, both by costing them money to administer

the new requirements, and by costing them the dues of those opting out.

Proposition 76 would increase the governor's power to limit spending when state revenue drops below a certain level. Supporters say that California's economy cannot afford to pay for all it has promised for, even with increases in taxes. Opponents say that Proposition gives the governor too much power and one of the first areas to face cuts would be schools, which take a significant percentage of state spending.

Proposition 77 would take the power to draw legislative districts in California out of the state legislature and give that power to a panel of three retired judges. Supporters say this would reduce the ability of politicians to gerrymander districts, but opponents say it gives too much power to three unelected people who are not responsive to the voters.

Propositions 78 and 79 are competing measures that establish prescription drug benefits for Californians. Proposition 78 is sponsored by pharmaceutical companies and supporters say it will reduce drug costs for low-income Californians by 40 percent. Proposition 79 is sponsored by consumer and senior groups and supporters say it would provide larger drug discounts to a larger number of people.

Proposition 80 re-regulates California's electric industry, subjecting electricity providers to regulation by the state Public Utilities Commission. Supporters say it would prevent a repeat of the market manipulation and blackouts that followed deregulation, but opponents say it limits the ability of companies to pursue environmentally friendly energy technologies.

More information can be found at www.voterguide.ss.ca.gov, and www.calvoter.org.

Water outage leaves campus high and dry



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Coolers provided water when a pipe break turned off the taps.

BY ROYAL H. GARRISON IV
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For two days last week, "Out of Water" and "No Potable Water" signs appeared on campus after a broken water line left campus water unsafe to drink.

The water line was broken Monday when crews were working on a propane line behind the Redbud building.

Fixing the pipe only took an hour - but before the water was deemed safe to drink it had to be flushed out, tested and certified.

It caused a few inconveniences on campus.

"The broken line cause the Culinary Arts Program laboratory students to not be able to complete laboratory assignments on time," said lab assistant Charles Rice.

Not having water changed the

menu at the Snack bar as well.

Cook Dean Zaharias and his staff spent the morning making cold sandwich instead of the hot food students are use to.

"The broken water main didn't hurt sales in the student cafeteria," Zaharias said. "Overall sales were the same as any day. The student bought cold sandwiches instead of hot ones and we sold a lot more bottled water than normal."

The college also provided free drinking water at locations throughout the campus.

The water tested clean on Tuesday and the faucets were back on. But not everyone was comfortable drinking it.

"The water tastes funny all over campus," said student Stacy Lindsey. "I hope it was all in my mind subconsciously from reading the signs."

Students learn about AIDS, other STDs

By ANDY CLEMO
PANHANDLER STAFF

Last week in front of the library, students took surveys testing their knowledge of AIDS and HIV to get a free miniature Frisbee, stress balls, key chains or collapsible cups.

And they learned about the disease.

As part of AIDS Awareness Week, representatives from the Student Health Center answered questions and informed students on facts about AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

There was also a display of AIDS-related artwork drawn by kids from around the world that was lent by Sierra Hope, an organization based in Angel's Camp that provides local services to patients.

There are many myths

surrounding AIDS and HIV.

One of the theories put forth by conspiracists is that AIDS is a manmade disease designed as a biological weapon by the government during the Vietnam War. However, the most accepted theory is that AIDS came from people eating monkeys or birds in Africa in the 1970s.

In Africa, some people thought that AIDS could be cured by having sex with a virgin so a lot of innocent virgins got the disease from men who thought they would be cured.

Another common misconception is that AIDS can only be transmitted through sexual intercourse, but the truth is it can be contracted through anal or oral sex as well.

Latex condoms used properly can effectively prevent infection, but only use water-based lubricants with latex condoms.

Originally, AIDS was called the "gay disease," but today the most common form of contraction in the world is through heterosexual sex.

In America, roughly a million people are living with HIV or AIDS, and there are about 40,000 new infections every year.

Fortunately, new treatments are letting them live longer and stay healthier. AIDS patients can get vaccines for other diseases that people with AIDS often get and benefit from regular checkups.

There are also treatments for pregnant women that will reduce the risk of passing on the disease to their child. This has brought the rate of mother-to-child infection rate down from 35 to 50 percent to about one percent.

Al Hansen, a Columbia College student, said his uncle died from

AIDS.

"He was 34 years old when he died back in 1989," Hansen said. "I had a dream that he died, and I woke up in the middle of the night. My mom and dad both had the same dream so we called the hospital and he had just died. That's how close we were to him."

AIDS continues to take a toll on many Americans who live with the disease. All we can do is educate ourselves and be aware of the problem. Tuolumne County Health Program Technician Jan Potter said there are still answers out there.

"It's a fairly new disease and we know a lot about it, but we still have a lot to learn," she said. "What we know now is just the tip of the iceberg."

For more information, visit Columbia College Health Services in Juniper 2, or call 588-5204.

New faces on campus

There are many new faces among the Columbia College administrative and faculty members. Three of the new administrative staff members hold doctoral degrees.

Dr. Mario Cordova, interim director of special programs, has worked for the past 30 years in postsecondary education and most recently, was lead counselor at the Community College of Southern Nevada.



Cordova holds a doctorate in education policy and

management from the University of Oregon.

Dr. Tan Phan is Columbia College's new articulation officer and research specialist. Her prior post was at San Diego State University where she was involved with curriculum



instruction and was also an assistant professor of education at that institution. Dr. Phan has worked

for the past 16 years in counseling services, psychological testing, special education and research.

Phan has a Ph.D. in research/special education/counseling from the University of British Columbia.

Dr. Brian Jensen comes to Columbia College as a special programs counselor after seven at College of Marin. While there, he provided counseling services in the

re-entry, CalWORKs, veterans' and DSP&S areas, as well as general counseling.

He has also been involved in teaching guidance courses and worked closely with instructors in the school's basic skills department.

Jensen a master's degree in counseling psychology from Sonoma



State University; and a doctorate in psychology from the Southern California University for Professional

Studies. He is currently pursuing an M.A. degree in somatic psychology from the California Institute of Integral Studies.

The newly faculty members at Columbia College are Randy Barton (business/economics), Joseph Doherty (fire technology), Tim Elizondo (speech/forensics advisor), Shannon Hassett (psychology), Rick Rivera (English), Donald Smith (computer science), and Guy Van Cleave (biology).

In addition, the following faculty members have returned: Jeff Fitzwater (counseling), Raelene Juarez (health and human performance), Nathan Rien (health and human performance), and Adrienne Webster (child development) have accepted full-time positions at the college.

Juarez is also head coach of the women's volleyball team and Rien is head coach of the men's basketball team.

Prospective transfers get the inside scoop at Transfer Day tables

By ANDY CLEMO
PANHANDLER STAFF

Phil Summers, a freshman at Columbia, says he is already thinking about transferring to Cal Poly or U.C. Santa Cruz after studying at Columbia College, hopefully to go into the medical field.

"Somewhere by the beach," he said.

Summers was one student who went to Transfer Day, held October 21 at Columbia College.

Representatives from several universities, as well as military recruiters, showed up to help students get an idea of where they might go after finishing up at Columbia College.

Most students look at the programs they are interested in studying when deciding on a transfer school.

Chris Brady plans to transfer to Humboldt for the forestry program. He said he is looking forward to getting paid to do something he enjoys and recognizes the fact that he will make more money with a college degree.

"Getting a Bachelor's Degree can definitely help your career,"

said Brady. "By putting in two more years you'll be making a lot more money because employers recognize that you have more qualification for the job."

Some students also consider the sports programs where they will go to college.

Brandan Taylor, a sophomore, says he's wanted to go to Georgetown University for as long as he can remember. He wants to play for the basketball team and get a degree in business.

Family considerations can also be a factor.

Peter Guissr, a prospective journalism major, plans to transfer to San Francisco State. He says he likes the City, and his family lives there so he will be able to live with them.

Josh Jagoda, a sophomore, plans to apply to San Diego State next semester to study occupational therapy. He knows one of his friend's sisters that went there who liked it a lot.

For more information on transfer requirements, contact the Career/Transfer Center at 588-5111.



The Spot

Good section!

Arts & Entertainment

Band jazzes up area nightlife

By WHITNEY PAYNE
PANHANDLER STAFF

Jazz and Big Bands go together like peanut butter and jelly – both have been around forever and both are thoroughly enjoyed by many.

But being a part of the Columbia College Big Band is not as easy as simply running to the store and picking up a jar of Smucker's. To be a member takes dedication, talent, spirit and a desire for success and enjoyment.

The Columbia College Big Band was started in 1999 by Rod Harris, who has taught at Columbia College for the past 26 years.

The Big Band is a once-a-week night class with 25 members – two-thirds of them community members and the remaining third full time college students.

"It doesn't matter if you're a beginner or an advanced member you just have to be able to play an instrument to be in the band," said Harris.

Even though the band's emphasis is jazz, they have a play list of over a 100 songs from 1920s swing to 1960s hits.

"Sometimes we have people dancing, clapping and singing along," said Harris. "It can get pretty rowdy at times."

There is such a demand for the Big Band; it performs both free and paid concerts at the jazz series at Columbia College, in the community and even in the surrounding areas.

"The free concerts are usually packed – especially when we perform at our sponsor the Snowshoe Brewery," Harris said. "But no matter what, we always have a good turnout."



Members of the Columbia College Big Band toot their own horns.

The audience does skew toward an older demographic.

"It's just not cool for a teenager to go to a Big Band concert and college students seem to like more of the rap, hip hop music, not jazz."

But the band's love of performing and energy has translated into a following of over 200 people and fans. Guest singers and musicians like to have the Big Band behind them.

The Big Band is very self-sufficient, and the money and donations from its performances pays the band's expenses and also allow Harris to give between two to six scholarships every year.

Everyone in the Big Band wants

"Sometimes we have people dancing, clapping and singing along. It can get pretty rowdy at times."

- Rod Harris

to learn jazz and most are music majors and the concerts are the band's highlights.

The Columbia College Big Band performs one to two concerts a month and have people coming from Modesto to hear them play.

"Word of mouth seems to travel and that's how people know and join the Big Band," said Harris. "We are as popular as we want to be and we do what we love."

The next opportunity to see the Big Band in action is Saturday, November 5, when the band performs with world recording artist Paul Contos from Monterey, who plays the saxophone and flute.

The concert begins at 8 p.m. in the Dogwood Forum. Tickets are \$10 and available in the Bookstore.

Things to do and places to go

Go to Europe, see cool stuff and earn units

A special summer course will be offered by Columbia College to explore the art, music and culture of Austria and Italy.

The travel class will be taught by Laurie Sylwester and Rod Harris.

This class will include 14 days of travel to Vienna, Salzburg, Florence and Rome.

Adventurers will leave on May 11 and will attend museums, concerts, city tours and view some of the most famous sites in the world with guidance and teaching from the professors.

An information and sign-up meeting will be held Friday, November 4 at 10 a.m. in the Manzanita Conference Room. Aspects of the trip and a preview of the tour sites will be discussed.

The trip cost will be between \$2,600 to \$2,900 and includes hotels, transportation, most meals and admission fees. Space is limited to 30 people.

Students can earn up to nine units in art history, music appreciation and humanities (pending District approval).

For more information, contact Rod Harris at 588-5211 or by e-mail at harrisr@yosemite.cc.ca.us



Campus and Community

Learn how to identify birds

Biology 158 a short term 1.5 unit course on identifying Central California birds by sight and sound is being taught by Guy Van Cleave and starts November 16.

Students can use the skills they have learned as tools for other related biology fields including anatomy, physiology, behavior and ecology.

Biology 158 consists of both lectures that include three Wednesday evenings from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and also three field trips one on a Sunday and two on a Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Enrollment is now open. For additional information, contact the college's admissions and records office at 588-5231 or 588-5233. This

Rotunda art goes on display

The art of Dawn Duino Leitzell and Jim Leitzell will be on display through November 9 in the Rotunda of the Manzanita building.

Dawn, whose work is influenced by Orientalia, works in collage and brush and ink while Jim works in oil paint.

Dawn creates powerful visual imagery from a monoprint technique using old computer motherboards. The centerpiece of Dawn's work is a photograph of her mother at age 12 along with two other pieces of art, one by Dawn and the other by her mother. Dawn's piece is an assembly of buttons from her mother's estate and is entitled "Homage to Muriel."

Jim's inspiration of oils comes from the movement of an object in space that is seen from two different points. Jim has tried to explore the disturbance of humans into the natural world and the implications of the intrusion.

The art is on display in the Rotunda from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Accreditation team visits

As part of its on-going accreditation effort, Columbia College hosted a visiting accreditation on the campus last week.

The team's mission is to evaluate the college and to determine

if Columbia College has been satisfying its educational mission.

Two meetings were held that were open to the public to allow people to discuss various aspects of campus life with the visiting team members.

In addition, members of the accreditation team held individual meetings with several administrators and faculty.

Snoopy about to take stage

Now in the final two weeks of rehearsal, the drama department and the drama club, A.C.C.L.A.I.M. are readying the production of Snoopy for its performances on Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, November 19 and Sunday, November 20 at 2 p.m.

The musical features the familiar characters of the Peanuts comic strip. Included in the group are Snoopy, played by Tom Taylor, Charlie Brown, played by Sam Tune, Linus, played by Anthony DePage, Peppermint Patty, played by Elena Clark, Sally, played by Dara Phillips, Lucy, played by Taryn Smith and Woodstock, played by Tom Heath, who also doubles as a band member on the bass guitar.

Students are designing and building the set as well as assembling the costumes and properties and are designing and running the lighting and sound for the production.

A live band, under the direction of Dennis Brown, will be featured. The show has been directed by Ellen Stewart, with musical direction by Dennis Brown and choreography by Dorothy Sturdivant.

Tickets are on sale at \$5 for students and \$8 for general admission. Tickets can be purchased at Manzanita Bookstore on campus or at the Mountain Bookstore and Beat Music in Sonora and at Murphys Music Co in Murphys.

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SPORTS

Basketball prepares for tip-off

By ROYAL H. GARRISON IV
PANHANDLER STAFF

The Claim Jumpers men's basketball team is ready for a new season with a fresh squad this year.

The Jumpers open their season November 8 against Chabot College, and they'll be facing former Columbia coach Danny Aye and his league-famous "step-through" offense, the technique that took the Claim Jumpers to a 1993 state championship.

New head coach Nathan Rien has been rebuilding the Columbia basketball program – and it's been an uphill battle.

"The Columbia College basketball program had to forfeit games for the past four seasons prior to my taking over the team," said Rien. "That same year the whole team was made ineligible for further league play, so it's been a rebuilding and restructuring of the overall basketball program here at the college."

But this year, players are showing up.

"This will be our first real season to have a squad to compete with the other colleges in our division," Rien said.

The Claim Jumpers will rely on a mostly new squad this season with only two returning players: Gavin Jones at small forward and Mostafa Asefi at point guard. Asefi, from Tracy, played for West High School.

"We have a whole new squad this season with a few red shirts finally off the bench," said Asefi. "We have been waiting to see them do their thing."



SKY KAUFMAN/PANHANDLER PHOTO

A few of the Claim Jumpers warm up in a two-on-two game before practice in the Oak Pavillion.

Asefi is confident the new team will gel.

"We should make the playoff this year," he said.

Oakland Skyline High product Brandon Taylor, a 21-year-old sophomore, is the shooting guard. He led his last league with a 16-point

per game average, and will have his hands full in the upcoming game against Chabot.

"Danny Aye is the only coach to lead this college to a state championship," said Taylor. "He is one of the best coaches in the league and he'll have a hard team to beat."

Sharing time at point guard this season is Manoah Low of Summerville High, who had a 14-point average from the field.

"I'm glad I get to play ball this season here at Columbia," he said.

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Lady Jumpers focus on remainder of season

By SKY KAUFMAN
PANHANDLER STAFF

The Lady Jumpers volleyball team has five games left in its tough schedule and a tough week on the road.

The team's beaten West Hills (twice), Merced and Modesto, but lost to College of the Sequoias (twice), Taft, Porterville and Reedley.

Last week, Coach Raelene Juarez prepared her team for its upcoming games.

"This week is tough with Merced and Modesto on the road," she said.



"We beat them the first half and I expect to do it again. It will be even tougher to play Reedley, Porterville, Fresno and Taft, but if the Lady Jumpers play to their fullest potential anything is possible."

The team can still finish with

a winning record, and Juarez said several players have stepped up.

Holly Barton is the setter for the team and runs the entire offense and averages 7 assists a game. Casey Geyer leads the both the team and conference in ace serves with 1.44 aces a game.

Jessica Fernandez leads the team in kills with a 3.78 kills per game and is currently number six in the conference.

Other top hitters include Kim Lorenzen who averages 1.98 kills per

game and Casey Geyer who averages 1.76 kills per game. Kayla Rodgers leads the team in digs with 2.41 digs a game and is also the team's best serve receive passer.

Juarez remains focused on the team's future.

"The team is always developing and getting better," she said. "The more we play, the more we learn and refine our game play. Most of our growth was at the beginning of the season, but that is typical. Right now the focus is fine-tuning individual skills for game play."

Road: New traffic seen as safety issue

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the roadway easement.

Columbia College President Jim Riggs is concerned for the safety of students, faculty and visitors to the campus.

"Several hundred students and staff enter and exit on Columbia College Drive daily," he said. "Adding a dangerous entrance onto the College's road is a recipe for tragedy."

There is limited visibility from the access road onto Columbia College Drive, and concern about student and staff safety if any future development on the next-door properties increases traffic onto Columbia College Drive.

The College is troubled that the property owners, Jeff Willis, Roy and Davina Lane, Bud Ferrell and Frank Pogacar, may be developing several dozen multi-family and single-family housing units on their properties.

"No final plans to develop this property have been made," said one owner, Davina Lane. "We have owned the property for about two years and are working on improvements only at this time - clearing dead trees and

erosion control."

But the permit for the access road does suggest development is coming.

"The property will be developed," Lane said. "We just don't know when and none of the property owners have made any plans at this time."

Under current zoning, the owners could only build a few housing units. But that could change.

Tuolumne County Supervisor Dick Pland said there have been no plans submitted to the county to improve the property.

"Current zoning for this property is restricted to one structure on each parcel, with that one structure being limited to a single family home, a duplex or a triplex," he said.

That's a maximum of four triplexes - 12 housing units.

But the property owners could apply to change the usage rules on their parcels, theoretically allowing them to build up to 15 units per acre - or a total of 465 new housing units.

According to Bev Shane at the County Planning office, any such development plans would require a long and intense review process. Pland agreed.



SKY KAUFMAN/PANHANDLER PHOTO

Traffic could get much worse on Columbia College Drive.

"If plans were to be submitted for multiple housing units on these parcels, issues of land, traffic and safety would certainly be a consideration and the county would fully address these issues," said Pland.

Riggs appeared before the Board of Supervisors to ask the supervisors to rescind the grading permit the county had issued, but the supervisors declined. Riggs warned them of the danger if too many cars suddenly

appear on Columbia College Drive.

"These new residents would be entering onto Columbia College Drive by turning left in an area where there is almost no ability to see oncoming traffic from the College campus," he said. "A split-second mistake on the part of any driver would most likely cause a serious accident that could result in one more headline declaring another fatal auto accident in Tuolumne County."

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Cross Country team makes improvements

By SKY KAUFMAN
PANHANDLER STAFF

The Cross Country team took steps in the right direction in its inaugural year.

It made improvements all year, but still usually placed in the bottom third at invitational meets.

"It's a learning experience, and the kids like it and are having fun," said Head Coach Tony O'Geen.

Male runners Brian Forbes and



Arthur Crest continually improved their times and placements.

O'Geen said Jeanette Massey has

been the best female runner, even though this was her first year running on a cross country team. She has a soccer background and is still getting used to the sport of running.

The team went to several invitational meets and spent a lot of time on the road, traveling to Salinas, Fresno, San Mateo and Santa Rosa.

All of these schools have better recruiting possibilities and are very competitive.

"We're the smallest school,"

said O'Geen. "We're still learning what it takes to compete with bigger schools."

O'Geen said the team traveled so much to get to know as many meets as possible.

"Maybe next year we won't go to all of them," he said. "We're trying to see what they are all about."

Next year, O'Geen also hopes to recruit runners from outside the tri-county area and begin training earlier.

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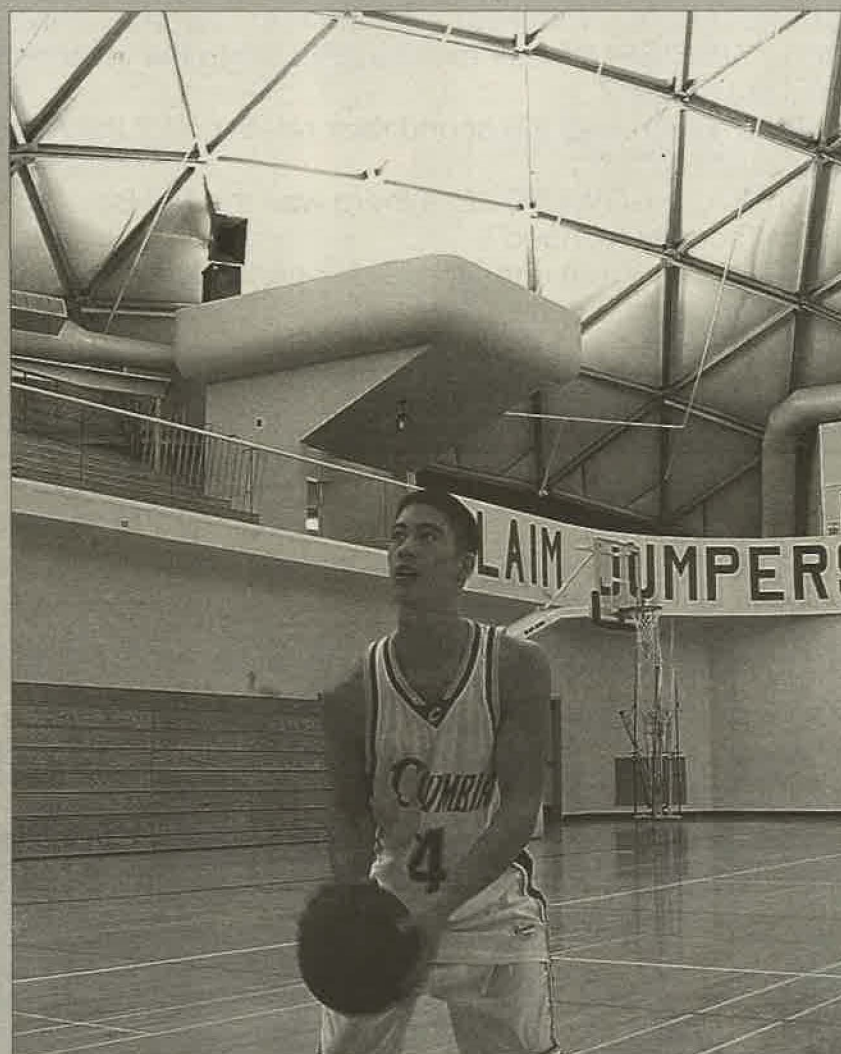
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Basketball: Players ready



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Manoah Low will split time at point guard this year.

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season here at Columbia," he said. "This is my home, the place I love and the place I plan to win at."

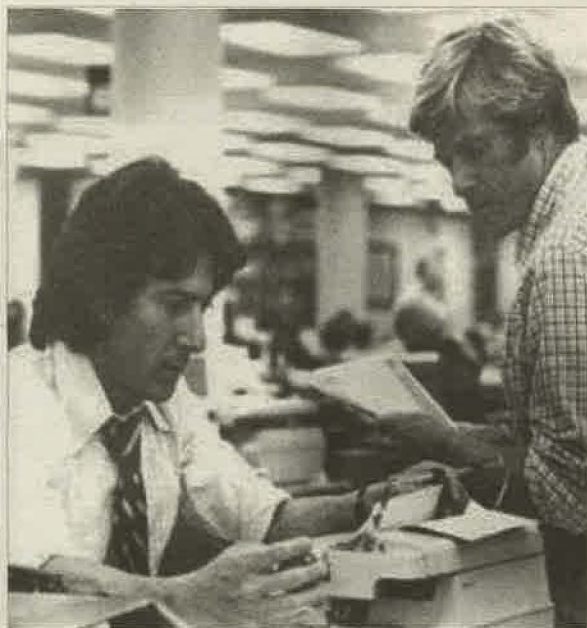
Columbia is anchored at center by Gaberail Clark, a 6-foot-7, 21-year-old freshman. The big man, who's already proven himself to be a team player is a valuable asset to the Columbia squad.

Clark was the high-point scorer at Modesto High with a 16-point-per-game, 14 rebounds and two blocks a game.

"I took a year off and worked at Save Mart then decided I would like to attend school and to play ball," Clark said. "I searched for a place where my skills would be needed, and Columbia was the best choice."

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PASTIMES

Truly Trivial

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. HISTORY: In what century did Peter the Great become czar of Russia?
2. NATURAL WORLD: What is the longest-living mammal?
3. ENTERTAINERS: Who has a company called Harpo Productions?
4. SPACEFLIGHT: When was the first space shuttle flight?
5. GEOGRAPHY: What river runs through Florence, Italy?
6. DISCOVERIES: Whose experiments led to the invention of vulcanized rubber?
7. MUSIC: When was the soundtrack released for the movie "The Sound of Music"?
8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Where was the Phi Beta Kappa honorary society founded?
9. LANGUAGE: What does the Greek prefix "logo" mean?
10. LAW: What is a codicil?

Answers are on page 8

Out on a Limb

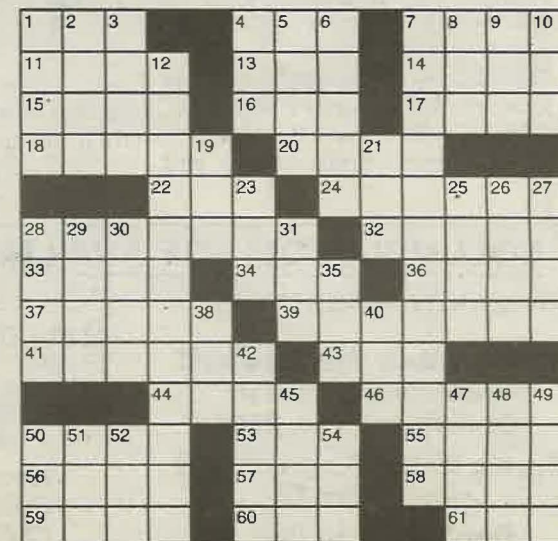
by Gary Kopervas



King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Scepter topper
- 4 One in a suit?
- 7 "- Factor"
- 11 Pinball problem
- 13 Carton
- 14 New York city
- 15 Stravinsky or Sikorsky
- 16 911 responder (Abbr.)
- 17 Cameo stone
- 18 Chocolate tree
- 20 Cereal selection
- 22 Officeholders
- 24 Moose feature
- 28 Knaves
- 32 Tolerate
- 33 Speedy steed
- 34 "Absolutely"
- 36 Works with
- 37 Fashion
- 39 Authorization
- 41 Emerson's output
- 43 Dress in
- 44 Enthusiasm
- 46 Amazon.com founder Jeff
- 50 Gilligan's home
- 53 Longing
- 55 Portrayal
- 56 Burn some
- 57 - Paulo
- 58 Malt-shop order
- 59 Evergreens



- 60 Frequently
- 61 Chaps

DOWN

- 1 Ear-related
- 2 Latvia's capital
- 3 United nations?
- 4 Rushmore figure
- 5 Barbershop item
- 6 Additional
- 7 Positions of priority
- 8 A billion years
- 9 Grant or Irving
- 10 Tyrannosaurus -
- 12 Pioneers
- 19 Inseparable
- 21 Literary collection
- 23 Pigpen
- 25 Sax-playing Simpson
- 26 Paradise
- 27 Everything else
- 28 Rose's place?
- 29 Letters' partners
- 30 Beams of light
- 31 Tend a tear
- 35 Despondent
- 38 CBS emblem
- 40 Filch
- 42 Permission
- 45 Symbol on Canada's flag
- 47 Move hastily
- 48 Shoppe description
- 49 Penn or Astin
- 50 Gelid
- 51 That woman
- 52 Matlock's field
- 54 "- to worry"

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On the Street: How much do you think voting matters?



Cody Cooper -
I think it's extremely important because it's our civic duty.



Susan Medeiros -
Voting matters a lot. It's participatory and it's democratic.



Teri Olivas -
I think it matters a lot, but I don't do it.



Dewey Turner -
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