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Thieves hit parking lot on campus

By SARAH JONES
PANHANDLER CORRESPONDENT

On March 6, between 8 and 8:30 a.m. thieves broke into several cars in the Oak Pavilion parking lot, stealing purses and a guitar among other items.

Greg Elam, head of campus security, theorizes that the thieves were looking for valuables to steal and not the cars themselves. He would like students to know that there are steps they can take to insure their belongings are safe and help campus security help them better.

"Place any important belongings in the trunk or under a seat," said Elam. "The key is to hide them from the view of passers-by."

If students see any suspicious activity (be it people or cars) they can call security from one of the many call boxes scattered around campus, or call 588-5767 from their cell phone.

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It's pretty and all, but enough already!

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MySpace: Harmless fun or a dangerous place?



SHANNON MCPHERSON/PANHANDLER PHOTO

Danielle Cottingham, both in real life and on her Myspace page.

By SHANNON MCPHERSON
PANHANDLER STAFF

MySpace.

It's everywhere; in the news, on the radio, even in movies. Anyone who's anyone has a profile on the website.

Those who haven't heard of the MySpace website are considered out of date. And for those few out of date folks, MySpace is a website where people create profiles and their own personal page and ask other people on the site to be their "friends." MySpace users can leave each other comments or little messages. They can post up to 10 pictures, talk about their favorite movies and what type of music

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and books they like. They can also design their page to reflect their personal creativity.

A person can also become a member of a group, search for people who live in their area and visit a page dedicated to their school and rate their professors. Also, bands can create a page where people can download and listen to their music and list where and when their next concerts will be.

Columbia College student Fill

Suliman says she uses Myspace "to see all the latest gossip on my friends." MySpace is also a good way to find friends from your past.

"I've found people that I was friends with from junior high," she said. "It helps me keep in touch with all my friends since we've all gone to different colleges."

But lately this website that has been in the spotlight of teenagers across the world has also been caught in hubbub caused by concerned citizens. Some people believe predators will use this website to prey on young girls or boys. They can pose as someone in a certain age group, start chatting with their

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EDITORIAL

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Rain, rain go away.

And for that matter, take the snow, hail and wind with you.

For the past three weeks Tuolumne County and the rest of Northern California has been hammered with all sorts of extreme weather. Areas that usually never see snow have been getting covered with the white stuff. It seems that there has been no break from the constant onslaught from the elements.

Coming from Salinas, a coastal town where it is 65 degrees and foggy all year around, it is interesting to experience seasons. This year the seasons have really expressed themselves. Spring-like weather, temperatures in the 80s and the next day nine inches of snow.

The snow levels were so low during one storm, it even snowed in Jamestown. Low snow means low elevation chain requirements. People that usually don't drive in these conditions don't have the experience to navigate icy roads. This leads to a lot of cars sliding off the road or doing those unexpected 360s. These inexperienced drivers, with no chains or four wheel drive, can be hazardous to your commute – they just don't get it.

At Cedar Ridge, at 4,200 feet, we had about nine inches of snow in the storm on March 3. Our picnic table outside looked like a huge frosted doughnut.

The winds reached extreme speed during these storms. There's nothing I love more than sitting in the living room of my new house and watching my windows flex back and forth.

Snowy and rainy weather can be fun if you can stay inside – sit in front of a blazing fire with a cup of hot chocolate while reading a book

AIDS, like everything else, is evolving

To the Editor:

Phillip Johnson, a lawyer and the "father" of intelligent design, will speak at Columbia College on April 7. Johnson denies both evolution and the science behind the viral cause of AIDS.

How can people deny that HIV causes AIDS? Perhaps it is due to the fact that prior to our understanding that AIDS is a viral disease, it was considered by some to be a disease sent by God to smite gays for their "lifestyle."

How could a disease like AIDS arise? If it evolved, it's not a "gay disease," it's just another disease like influenza. However, if you believe in intelligent design, you might believe that the "intelligent designer" was the source of AIDS. "HIV deniers" can point to the "immorality" of victims as the cause of their illness.

Even though condoms are highly effective in preventing HIV infection, heterosexual sex is now the most common means of transmission of the HIV virus to women in the U. S.

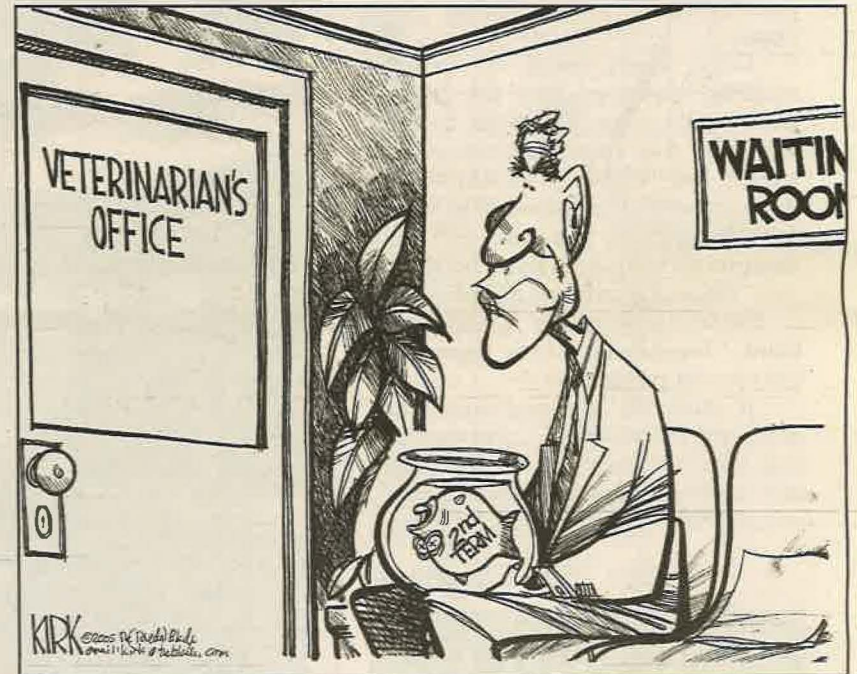
Africa has had about 14 million people die of AIDS, and more than half were women. AIDS patients have children, who

are often stigmatized, and their communities have great difficulty caring for them. Hospitals are full of people wasting away from AIDS, and the orphanages are overwhelmed.

Debates over nonscientific causes of AIDS are deeply troubling because human lives are at stake. I know people who have died of

AIDS. The knowledge of the viral cause of AIDS allows us to prevent it. Denying the scientific evidence behind the cause of AIDS and the ways it can be prevented leads to unnecessary misery and death.

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Professor of Biology



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OPINION

MySpace is a soul-sucking time waste

DANNY SHEPHERD
SPECIAL TO THE PANHANDLER

Our library is a wonderful resource, rife with opportunity to explore the vast annals of knowledge.

However, most people are just on MySpace.

MySpace, for those of you living without the Internet (if you can call that living), is a soul-sucking, time-wasting, monument to self-

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indulgence. If you can navigate past the plethora of ads, avoid the webcam redirects, and successfully ignore the Add Friend requests from "ForBidden", who has 763,278 "friends," you can keep in contact with your close friend, who is sitting less than five feet away, updating her profile.

Another popular activity on this site is to keep a public online journal, or "blog." People can write anything they want, and usually do. Why bother even messaging a friend to ask how their day went, when you can just read their blogs? After that, you can message them, just to make sure you didn't miss anything.

Of course, you may be saying

to yourself, "Wow, I'm just not interesting enough to put myself out there on the Internet." Well, you're wrong! There are plenty of people not worth knowing on the Internet, and you can be one of them! The secret is to act cool. The more distracting graphics, stupid songs and annoying catch phrases, the cooler you are. It also helps if you don't have any aesthetic sense at all. At least this is the philosophy of many MySpacers.

And again, some of you might think you're just too much of an outcast to be on MySpace. In that case, you're in a perfect position to start a group! There are plenty of people who share your leather/albino/midget fetish, and they're waiting for you! Remember, being an outcast means you're outside the mainstream, and therefore are very cool. With all of these wonderful things waiting for you, why not sign up today? Tom will thank you.

By the way, for more, go read my blog at <http://blog.myspace.com/putitonaposter>.

An update from the Associated Students

To all students:

On behalf of the Associated Students of Columbia College (ASCC), I am pleased to inform you "so far so good!" We started this year with outstanding Student Body representation and as student leaders we hope to keep driving this force until the wheels fall off! As you may know, in order to keep the flame alive we need your undivided support and participation. It is getting closer to the end of the spring semester with major "school spirit" events such as finals, graduation, the annual Student Senate elections and spring break.

We want you to know that the Student Senate is as alert as ever. We encourage you to stop by the office (Manzanita 15) anytime between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. ASCC meetings are held each Friday at 11 a.m. to noon and all are invited to attend. If you have questions or concerns regarding any

issues on campus, or need assistance in any way, feel free to contact us. We are always there waiting to receive you with both hands and all fingers ready to make a strong fist for now and the future.

If you are interested in Student Government and would like to run for an official position or volunteer to support the Senate in different activities, please feel free to come by and inquire about guidelines. New and returning students are welcome to participate and the Election Committee members are working on setting dates, times and venues for the upcoming campus election. Maybe this will be the best extracurricular activity you ever dreamed of. You can also inquire about joining or starting a club - we have over a dozen different clubs on campus that you can get involved with.

Ibrahim Kamara
ASCC President

CENTS: Stop already!



Even late Sunday, the snow was heavy on campus.

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or watching a movie and let the snow fall outside.

Don't get me wrong, I enjoy the feeling of sharp snowflakes hitting my face, huge wind gusts tearing

at my umbrella and dodging inexperienced drivers on my way to work; it's one of the joys of living in Tuolumne County.

I'm just ready for some joys that involve sunshine and shorts.

NEWS

Tutors help students figure it out

By DEBORAH WINTERS
PANHANDLER STAFF

Becoming a more successful student may be easier than you think.

Tutoring assistance is available in the Academic Achievement Center – just stop by or make an appointment.

R.C. Cavagnaro specializes as a math tutor, but he does some computer science tutoring too.

"I've been working as a tutor for a year now," said Cavagnaro. "I enjoy knowing I'm assisting other students in their academic pursuits."

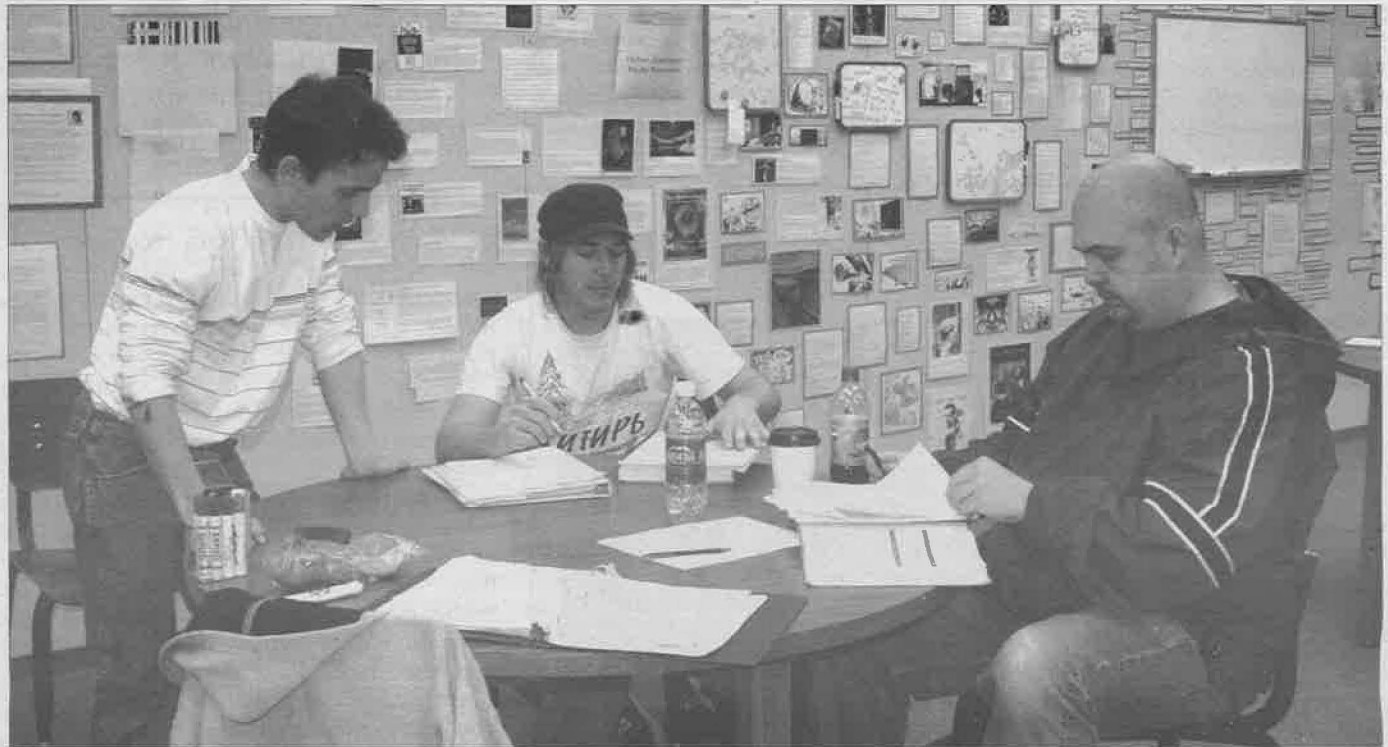
Paul Crotty has been tutoring and giving supplemental instruction in math for a year and a half. Two of his current students, Ishmale Walker and Aaron Savage, are learning the ins and outs of math 100B.

"Paul's a really good instructor," said Walker.

"The instructor totally helps – every little bit helps," said Savage.

Heather Gillis was a tutor for 18 months when she was student at Columbia College.

She now works full-time as coordinator for tutoring services, a position she's held for the past two years.



DEBORAH WINTERS/PANHANDLER PHOTO

Paul Crotty shows Aaron Savage and Ishmale Walker the ins and outs of math 100B

"We have 12 tutors this semester and they are available by appointment to help students," said Gillis. "We offer assistance in the

core subjects, English, math, science, history, anthropology and computer science."

Tutoring may be available for

other courses, just ask.

For more information, stop by the Academic Achievement Center, Manzanita 18-2, or call 588-5088.

High schoolers show off job-based skills

This year, the 19th Annual Occupational Olympics will be held at Columbia College on Thursday, March 16. This program is a way for Tuolumne and Calaveras County high school students to demonstrate

their vocational skills.

More than 220 students ages 16 and up from schools such as Sonora, Summerville, Bret Harte and Calaveras High Schools will compete in ten rigorous categories.

The categories for this year's competition are: automotive technology, child development, computer business applications, computer-assisted drafting, digital photography, food services,

floral design health services, law enforcement and welding technology.

Through the Occupational Olympics, students get the opportunity to showcase their work skills and pit their talents against the best in the region. It is supported by the Partners in Education, Tuolumne County Office of Education, Calaveras County Office of Education, and Columbia College.

Events will be taking place all over campus from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

MYSPACE: Kids like it

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victim, and suggest they meet and end up luring the innocent person into a dangerous situation.

Should parents be worried if their teenage son or daughter has a MySpace account?

"Dangerous things won't happen to you unless you let it," said Danielle Cottingham, a student at Columbia College. "You can set your profile to be viewed by people who are only your

friends. If you put all your personal information out there, people can see it and come after you."

Suliman agrees.

"People who criticize MySpace haven't experienced it for themselves," she said. "They don't completely understand what it's all about. There are always a select few that ruin things for everyone else because they abuse the privilege."

Visit www.myspace.com to check it out.

THIEVES

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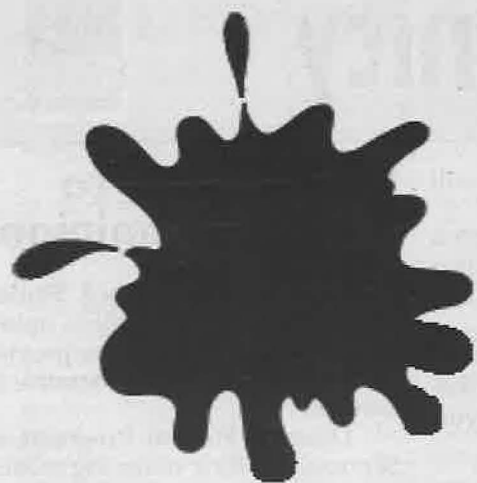
There are also several red colored phones that work the same way.

The number to reach the security pager is 708-7101.

Keeping watch can work: People saw a suspicious vehicle on campus just before the break-ins, and there were several cars broken into in a similar fashion in downtown Sonora. Authorities believe the two cases may be related.



A baking competitor last year.



The Spot

Good section!

Arts & Entertainment

Native America art adorns Rotunda

By JIM LEITZELL

SPECIAL TO THE PANHANDLER

If you truly enjoy Native American artifacts, you don't want to miss the colorful William Walter exhibit in the Columbia College Rotunda, in the Manzanita building, through March 22. The extensive collection consists of fine weavings, kachina dolls, beadwork, basketry and pottery.

Walter started his collection about 1930 when he worked as a trader in the Southwest. They represent various tribes, among them the Mission tribes of Southern California and some Plains tribes, notably Cheyenne and Apache. The collection was donated to the Columbia College Foundation by Walter in 1974, and has been exhibited, all or in part, every year since.



The intricate weavings include shoulder blankets, rugs, saddle blankets, and an attractive kachina blanket – all dating from the turn of the century, before the Navajo began

making rugs for the tourist trade.

Using a variety of geometric patterns by skillfully spacing line and color, Navajo women created each weaving as an individual, unique design with no two alike. While these fabrics were originally intended for clothing, enterprising traders convinced the artisans to turn their efforts toward making floor rugs to sell to tourists. Once they were no longer made for personal use, the quality of weaving quickly deteriorated.

The exhibit also has numerous kachina dolls carved in the likeness of various supernatural beings, personifications of different natural forces, as invoked by the Hopi and Zuni tribes. Each incorporates the substance of the kachina, expressing in painted wood the personality of the god it represents.

Examples of beadwork, dating from the early 1800s to the middle of the 20th century, are also part of the exhibit. They were made by the Sioux, Cheyenne and other Plains tribes. Tiny seed beads from Czechoslovakia and a string of Bavarian glass beads point to the extensive trading



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This weaving is one of many artifacts on display.



Campus and Community



Drama club plans next improv show

After a successful improv show "Enter the Dogwood," A.C.C.L.A.I.M., the Columbia College Drama Club, will return on March 24, at 7:30 p.m. with their second improv, "The Dogwood Strikes Back."

Columbia speaker dies suddenly

Garrett Scott, the filmmaker of the documentary Occupation: Dreamland that was shown at Columbia College just a few weeks ago, died on March 3. He had flown out of California to his home in Brooklyn to attend the Independent Spirit Awards, where his film was nominated for the "Truer than Fiction" category. While swimming laps, he had a heart attack and died. When his film was shown on campus, he answered questions afterwards for hours. People of all

political beliefs were impressed with his intellect, his pursuit of truth, his ability and willingness to answer questions about the Iraq war.

Volunteers needed for flu exercise

Tuolumne County Health Department will sponsor a pandemic flu mass vaccination exercise to assess local response capabilities.

This exercise will train staff in mass vaccination procedures and will focus on the operation of a clinic during a pandemic flu scenario.

Tuolumne County Health Department is looking for volunteers to participate in the exercise – as both staff members and patients.

Medical staff positions include triage screeners, vaccinators, counselors, physicians, pharmacists, as well as greeters and line monitors. There may be other positions.

Volunteer patient participation will take approximately one hour.

This is an exercise, participants will not be given a real shot.

The pandemic flu mass vaccination exercise is scheduled April 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mother Lode Fairgrounds.

For more information, or to register as a volunteer, call 209 533 7401. In order to participate, you must sign up by March 24.

Robert Kennedy Jr. to speak at MJC

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a resolute defender of the environment, will speak at Modesto Junior College on March 31 at 7 p.m.

Time magazine named Kennedy "a hero for the planet" for his success in helping Riverkeeper lead the fight to restore the Hudson River.

Tickets for the presentation are for sale at the Manzanita Bookstore for \$8 for students and seniors and \$10 for others.

DSPS wants to hear your opinion

Let your voice be heard. Students are invited to voice their opinion on the quality of services provided by Disabled Student Programs and Services.

Disabled Student Programs and Services is asking returning students to attend a meeting on Friday, March 17 to provide feedback. The meeting will be held in Manzanita, Room 18-1 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Those attending will be asked to complete a simple survey on the quality of services.

Attendees will then break into small focus groups to discuss the effectiveness of the August 2005 orientation and discuss directions for improvement of services.

Those attending will also be able to request services and alternative media needs for spring 2006.

Contact Cindy Rose at 588-5130 to reserve a seat.

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Effective Summer 2006, the Board of Governors Fee Waiver will no longer waive the Health Fee. All students will be responsible for the \$14 fee.

Upcoming Financial Aid Workshops

located in the FA Office

Tuesday, March 21 10-11am
 Wednesday, March 29 11am-Noon
 Thursday, April 6 1-2pm

Columbia scholarship winners announced

Melissa Marshall
Kevin Tidwell
Teri Olivas
Jamie Paquin
Bryce Megee
Mystery Bradford
Yuodde Kauk
Samantha Romano
Michelle Rumery
Maureen Kennedy-Sparks
Aretha Battiste
Melanie Harris
Diane Wentworth
Jungsoo Thery
Shaun Sanders
Victoria Hoffmann
Sherah Hernandez
Edward Leers
Kimberly Lorenzen

Brian C. White Scholarship
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Soroptimist Int'l Kay Collins Memorial
CA Native Plant Society
Corydon Carlson Memorial
Guy Finis O' Neal Turner Sr. Memorial
Native Daughters of the Golden West
Irving Cobb Memorial
Aronos Research Women's Club-Teaching
Aronos Research Women's Club-Nursing
Sonora Lions Club-Vernon McDonald Memorial
Sonora Lions Club-Judge Carkeet Sr. Memorial
Columbia College Classified Senate
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Marie Ellen Lingren Memorial
The Kala Makana Scholarship
Lee Peterson Memorial Scholarship
Columbia College Foundation Scholarship
MCLADO Scholarship

Sharylynn Trent
Sunha Tallakson
Oka Takefumi
Yumi Yagishita
Jaime Paquin
Corey Peters
George Van Buskirk
Shaun Sanders
Rory Anderson
Jason Reavis
Shannon Fountain
Brenda Wyatt
Bill Gentry
Kyle Cox
Rhonda Woodlief

Eugene "Babe" Foletti Scholarship
Judith Ann Haefer Memorial
International Diversity Scholarship
International Diversity Scholarship
Lee Family Foundation Scholarship
Lee Family Foundation Scholarship
Lee Family Foundation Scholarship
Dr. W. J. James Culinary Arts
Estanilao Jack Brotherton Memorial
Estanilao Walter S. Hardgrove Memorial
Mark Santos Memorial
Florence A. Moisan Scholarship
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Hospitality Management Grant Scholarships*:

David Aalfs
Jeanelle Hendrickson
Jayme Johnson
James Stickney

Chi Eng Lim
Julia Ingalls
Amber Mote
Pamela Tobeck

Elias Ruiz
Brandi Johnson
Shaun Sanders
Juanita Zamarripa

ART: Many tribes included

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these tribes by early pioneers.

The woven and sewn baskets on display are examples from the Pima, Jicarilla Apache, Hopi and California Mission Indian cultures. Baskets were used to carry all kinds of foodstuff as well as for cooking. They were made by a variety of weaving and sewing techniques, some fine enough to carry water.

Several pieces of pottery are on display ranging from a double-

spouted wedding vase to a plate depicting a man with a cane. Their dates of manufacture range from 1930 to as late as 1960 and have been identified as works of four tribes: Hopi, Keresan, Navajo, and Tewa.

The rotunda is located on the second floor of the Manzanita Building and is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Jim Leitzell is the Columbia College art exhibit coordinator.

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Truly Trivial Answers

1. Oct. 29
2. Wild herb
3. Benjamin
4. Kurt Vonnegut
5. Alaska
6. Egypt
7. France
8. 1923
9. Alexander Pope
10. "Cactus Flower"

King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

P	L	E	A	R	A	M	S	I	L	O
D	O	W	N	S	I	D	E	A	V	O
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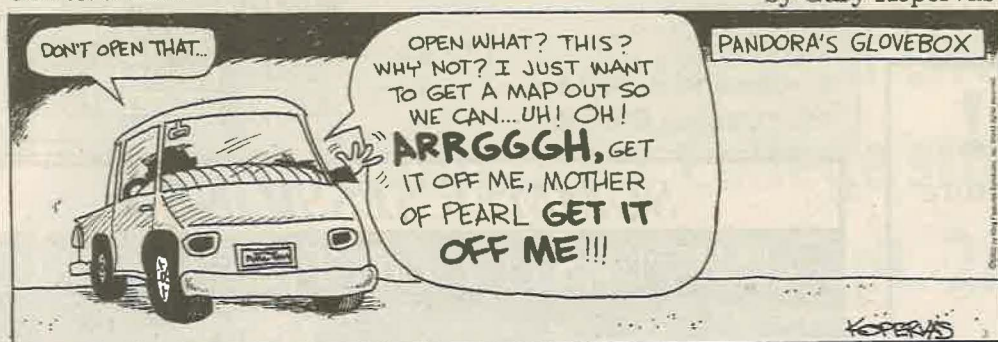
By FIFI RODRIGUEZ

- 1. HISTORY:** WHAT WAS THE DATE OF THE STOCK MARKET'S "BLACK TUESDAY" IN 1929?
- 2. LANGUAGE:** WHAT IS A FORB?
- 3. TELEVISION:** ON "M*A*S*H," WHAT WAS THE REAL FIRST NAME OF THE CHARACTER CALLED HAWKEYE PIERCE?
- 4. LITERATURE:** WHO WROTE THE NOVEL "BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS"?
- 5. GEOGRAPHY:** WHERE IS PRUDHOE BAY?
- 6. RELIGION:** WHERE IS THE COPTIC ORTHODOX CHURCH BASED?
- 7. FASHION:** THE EMPIRE STYLE OF FURNITURE ORIGINATED WHERE?
- 8. MEDIA:** IN WHAT YEAR DID HENRY LUCE LAUNCH TIME MAGAZINE?
- 9. POETRY:** WHO WROTE "THE DUNCIAD"?
- 10. MOVIES:** FOR WHICH MOVIE DID GOLDIE HAWN WIN AN OSCAR AS BEST SUPPORTING ACTRESS IN 1969?

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Out on a Limb

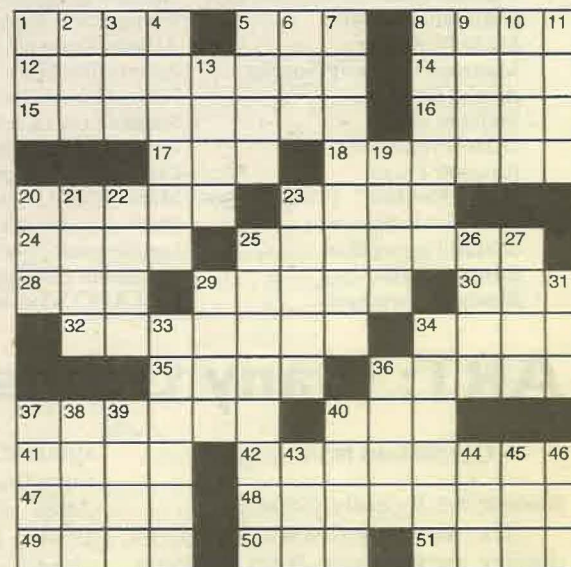
by Gary Kopervas



King Crossword

ACROSS

- Entreaty
- Aries
- Grain storage site
- Disadvantage
- Acknowledge
- It may be popped
- Doily fabric
- Existed
- "Much obliged"
- Westminster, for one
- "The King and I" setting
- Burn a bit
- Spicy pork sausage
- Chum
- Mutton cut
- Locka, Fla.
- Little accidents
- Freshly
- Clinton hometown
- Where the action is
- Main course
- Melody
- Gilpin of "Frasier"
- See 4-Down
- Egg
- Skipper's result?
- Leak slowly



- Greek consonants
- Punch
- Has bills
- Command to Rover
- "Listen!"
- Cleo's slayer
- Shaft of light
- Java Sea island
- Form
- School-dance overseer
- Region
- Admitting customers
- Old woman's home?
- Idolater's
- emotion
- Prawn
- Not this way!
- Tokay
- Classic poetry
- Actress Campbell
- Verifiable
- Unrepaired
- Ostrich's kin
- Goose egg
- Old French coin
- H.S. subj.

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On the Street: What are your St. Patrick's Day plans?



Josh Kelly

I plan on drinking lots of green beer.



Jen Pastre

I'm going to eat traditional Irish food.



Ben Andrews

I plan on going to the Epperson House in Twain Harte.



Cindy Gilbert

I'm definitely going to drink some green beer.